

Constituency Explorer Area Profile

Belfast West

2011 Census of Population (Office for National Statistics, General Register Office for Scotland, NI Statistics and Research Agency)

Table numbers refer to published Census output tables; Ranks are highest=1 to lowest=650 (for UK)

Table KS101: Usual resident population

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	93,986	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Males	44,532	47.4%	49.0%	49.1%	645
Females	49,454	52.6%	51.0%	50.9%	6
People living in households	93,176	1.0%	98.8%	98.2%	590
People living in communal establishments	810	0.9%	1.2%	1.8%	471
Students living away from home ¹	...	-	-	-	-
Population density (people per hectare)	20.8	-	-	-	215

1. Schoolchild or full-time student aged 4 and over at their non term-time address.

Table KS102: Age structure

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	93,986	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
0 to 15	21,628	23.0%	20.9%	18.8%	28
16 to 24	13,923	14.8%	12.6%	11.9%	74
25 to 44	24,952	26.5%	27.5%	27.3%	302
45 to 64	21,704	23.1%	24.4%	25.6%	524
65 and older	11,779	12.5%	14.6%	16.4%	558

Table KS105: Household composition

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All households	36,580	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
One person	10,445	28.6%	27.9%	30.6%	415
Aged 65 and older	3,560	9.7%	11.1%	12.5%	584
Aged under 65	6,885	18.8%	16.8%	18.1%	202
One family	22,415	61.3%	64.7%	61.7%	439
Lone parent with dependent children	6,971	19.1%	9.1%	7.2%	1
Other	3,720	10.2%	7.4%	7.7%	114

Table KS106: Households where adults are not in employment

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All households	36,580	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No adults in employment in household	16,621	45.4%	35.5%	33.9%	5
With dependent children	4,522	12.4%	5.8%	4.2%	2
Without dependent children	12,099	33.1%	29.7%	29.7%	162

Table KS201: Ethnic group

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	93,986	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
White	92,319	98.2%	98.2%	87.2%	85
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	...	...	...	80.5% ¹	
Irish	...	...	...	0.9% ¹	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	158	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	
Other White	...	...	...	4.4% ¹	
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	290	0.3%	0.3%	2.0%	609
White and Black Caribbean	...	...	...	0.8% ¹	
White and Black African	...	...	...	0.3% ¹	
White and Asian	...	...	...	0.6% ¹	
Other Mixed	...	...	...	0.5% ¹	
Asian/Asian British	972	1.0%	1.1%	6.9%	509
Indian	311	0.3%	0.3%	2.3%	
Pakistani	24	0.0%	0.1%	1.9%	
Bangladeshi	17	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	
Chinese	171	0.2%	0.3%	0.7%	
Other Asian	449	0.5%	0.3%	1.4%	
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British²	178	0.2%	0.2%	3.0%	547
African	...	...	...	1.8% ¹	
Caribbean	...	...	...	1.1% ¹	
Other Black	...	...	...	0.5% ¹	
Other ethnic group	69	0.1%	0.1%	0.9%	624
Arab	...	...	...	0.4% ¹	
Any other ethnic group	...	...	...	0.6% ¹	

... Data not available

1. UK rate not available, rate for England and Wales is shown for illustrative purposes.

Differences in the terminology and data collection of the country specific Scotland question make these categories difficult to compare.

2. The 'African' category in the Scottish question is presented in a separate section to the 'Caribbean' or 'Black' category, however, under the harmonised output these two categories are output as part of Black/African/Caribbean/Black British'.

Table KS204: Country of birth

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	93,986	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
United Kingdom	90,332	96.1%	93.4%	87.3%	107
England	1,571	1.7%	3.6%	71.9%	650
Scotland	399	0.4%	0.9%	8.2%	632
Wales	55	0.1%	0.1%	4.4%	650
Northern Ireland	88,307	94.0%	88.8%	2.9%	1
United Kingdom (not specified) ¹	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	563
Ireland	1,298	1.4%	2.1%	0.7%	71
Other European Union	836	0.9%	2.5%	3.5%	621
Member states in March 2001	257	0.3%	0.5%	1.6%	649
Accession states: April 2001 to March 2011	579	0.6%	2.0%	1.9%	530
Other countries	1,520	1.6%	2.0%	8.4%	587

Table KS205: Passports held

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank ²
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	England and Wales	
All usual residents	93,986	...	1,810,863	...	...
All passports ³	77,841	...	...	...	...
No passport	18,006	19.2%	18.9%	16.9%	229
United Kingdom	40,040	42.6%	59.1%	75.2%	589
Republic of Ireland	36,286	38.6%	20.8%	1.4%	2
Other Europe: EU countries	666	0.7%	2.2%	3.4%	534
Other Europe: Non EU countries	45	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	544
Africa	70	0.1%	0.1%	0.9%	578
Middle East and Asia	437	0.5%	0.5%	2.0%	421
North America and the Caribbean	221	0.2%	0.3%	0.6%	376
Central America	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	515
South America	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	551
Antarctica and Oceania	64	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	533

1. England, Wales and Northern Ireland only. Scottish census does not collect data on passports.

2. Of 591 constituencies in England, Wales & Northern Ireland

3. Total number of passports held by people living in the constituency. One person may hold more than one passport.

Table KS206: Household language¹

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank ²
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	England and Wales	
All households	36,580	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
All people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	35,369	96.7%	96.4%	0.0%	231
At least one but not all people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	594	1.6%	1.2%	3.7%	340
No people aged 16 and over in household but at least one person aged 3 to 15 has English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	84	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%	355
No people in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	533	1.5%	2.1%	4.3%	362

... No data available

1. For England, Wales and Northern Ireland only. Scottish census does not provide comparative data.

2. Of 591 constituencies in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Table KS209: Religion

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank ¹
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	England and Wales	
All usual residents	...	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Christian
Buddhist
Hindu
Jewish
Muslim
Sikh
Other religion
No religion
Religion not stated

1. Due to differences in the respective census questions, results for England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland are not directly comparable. Consequently, constituencies are ranked within their respective census areas.

Table KS301: Health

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	93,986	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Very good health	41,706	44.4%	47.7%	47.6%	504
Good health	26,430	28.1%	31.8%	33.6%	640
Fair health	15,887	16.9%	14.9%	13.2%	11
Bad health	7,577	8.1%	4.4%	4.3%	8
Very bad health	2,386	2.5%	1.2%	1.3%	5

Table KS402: Tenure

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All households	36,580	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Owned	20,005	54.0%	66.9%	63.5%	555
Owned outright	7,062	19.3%	32.1%	30.6%	599
Owned with a mortgage or loan	12,673	34.6%	34.8%	32.9%	280
Shared ownership (part owned & rented)	270	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	226
Social rented¹	11,865	32.4%	14.9%	18.2%	37
Rented from council (Local Authority)	8,668	23.7%	11.5%		29
Other social rented	3,197	8.7%	3.4%	8.3%	240
Private rented	3,717	10.2%	15.1%	16.3%	570
Private landlord or letting agency	3,289	9.0%	13.5%	14.8%	570
Other private rented	428	1.2%	1.5%	1.4%	432
Living rent free	993	2.7%	2.5%	1.4%	16

1. Public social housing in Northern Ireland is owned and administered by the regional Northern Ireland Housing Executive, rather than local authorities.

Table KS404: Cars or vans

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All households	36,580	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No cars or vans in household	16,314	44.6%	22.7%	26.0%	46
1 car or van in household	14,924	40.8%	41.4%	42.2%	507
2 cars or vans in household	4,382	12.0%	27.0%	24.5%	604
3 cars or vans in household	760	2.1%	6.3%	5.4%	602
4 or more cars or vans in household	200	0.5%	2.6%	1.9%	604

Table KS501: Highest level of qualification

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 and older	72,358	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No qualifications	27,546	38.1%	29.1%	23.2%	6
Level 1 qualifications	10,094	14.0%	11.5%	14.1%	314
Level 2 qualifications	11,002	15.2%	14.9%	15.2%	417
Apprenticeship ¹	2,646	3.7%	4.2%	...	341
Level 3 qualifications	8,158	11.3%	12.3%	12.1%	442
Level 4 qualifications and above	10,818	15.0%	23.6%	27.0%	629
Other qualifications ¹	2,094	2.9%	4.3%	...	...

... Not available

1. Categories not used in the Scottish census.

Table KS601: Economic activity

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74	67,002	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Economically active	38,843	58.0%	66.2%	69.5%	646
Employee: Part-time	9,804	14.6%	13.1%	13.7%	225
Employee: Full-time	18,848	28.1%	35.6%	38.5%	640
Self-employed	2,684	4.0%	8.9%	9.5%	649
Unemployed	4,672	7.0%	5.0%	4.4%	39
Full-time student	2,835	4.2%	3.7%	3.5%	117
Economically inactive	28,159	42.0%	33.8%	30.5%	5
Retired	7,479	11.2%	12.9%	13.9%	522
Student (including full-time students)	4,641	6.9%	6.2%	5.8%	129
Looking after home or family	4,267	6.4%	4.4%	4.3%	27
Long-term sick or disabled	9,001	13.4%	7.3%	4.3%	1
Other	2,771	4.1%	2.9%	2.2%	17
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In employment	31,336	46.8%	57.6%	61.6%	639
Unemployed	4,672	7.0%	5.0%	4.4%	39
Unemployed: Age 16 to 24	1,557	2.3%	1.4%	1.2%	9
Unemployed: Age 50 to 74	654	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	101
Unemployed: Never worked	1,188	1.8%	0.8%	0.7%	14
Unemployed: Long-term unemployed	2,064	3.1%	2.2%	1.7%	25

Table KS605: Industry

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census	33,464	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	36	0.1%	2.2%	1.0%	523
Mining and quarrying	20	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	508
Manufacturing	1,960	5.9%	9.7%	8.9%	509
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	97	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	531
Water supply ¹	251	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	297
Construction	1,788	5.3%	8.2%	7.7%	590
Wholesale and retail trade ²	6,168	18.4%	17.5%	15.9%	88
Transport and storage	1,785	5.3%	4.0%	4.9%	200
Accommodation and food service activities	2,148	6.4%	5.4%	5.6%	167
Information and communication	885	2.6%	2.5%	3.8%	385
Financial and insurance activities	1,313	3.9%	3.3%	4.3%	276
Real estate activities	364	1.1%	0.9%	1.4%	520
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1,216	3.6%	4.6%	6.4%	572
Administrative and support service activities	1,594	4.8%	4.1%	4.8%	282
Public administration and defence ³	2,858	8.5%	8.0%	6.1%	75
Education	3,131	9.4%	9.4%	9.8%	346
Human health and social work activities	6,089	18.2%	14.2%	12.8%	13
Other	1,761	5.3%	4.6%	5.0%	157

1. The full name for this category in the Standard Industrial Classification is "Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities".

2. The full name for this category in the Standard Industrial Classification is "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles".

3. The full name for this category in the Standard Industrial Classification is "Public administration and defence; compulsory social security"

Table KS608: Occupation

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census	33,464	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Managers, directors and senior officials	1,815	5.4%	8.0%	10.5%	649
Professional occupations	4,083	12.2%	17.2%	17.3%	564
Associate professional and technical occupations	2,669	8.0%	8.6%	12.6%	641
Administrative and secretarial occupations	5,773	17.3%	14.1%	11.5%	7
Skilled trades occupations	3,300	9.9%	14.0%	11.6%	507
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	3,894	11.6%	9.3%	9.4%	60
Sales and customer service occupations	4,586	13.7%	10.0%	8.6%	3
Process, plant and machine operatives	2,385	7.1%	8.0%	7.3%	351
Elementary occupations	4,959	14.8%	10.8%	11.2%	70

Table KS611: Socio-economic classification (NS-SeC)

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74	67,002	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Higher managerial, administrative and professional	2,601	3.9%	7.4%	10.0%	646
Higher managerial and administrative ¹	469	0.7%	1.4%	2.3%	648
Higher professional occupations	2,132	3.2%	6.0%	7.8%	636
Lower managerial, administrative and professional	8,973	13.4%	18.5%	20.7%	634
Intermediate	8,810	13.1%	12.6%	12.8%	287
Small employers and own account workers	3,222	4.8%	9.4%	9.2%	639
Lower supervisory and technical	4,260	6.4%	6.9%	7.1%	474
Semi-routine occupations	11,567	17.3%	15.3%	14.2%	128
Routine	11,087	16.5%	13.2%	11.3%	51
Never worked and long-term unemployed	9,151	13.7%	7.2%	5.6%	11
Never worked	7,087	10.6%	4.9%	3.8%	13
Long-term unemployed	2,064	3.1%	2.2%	1.7%	25
Not classified	7,331	10.9%	9.7%	9.0%	123
Full-time students	7,331	10.9%	9.7%	9.0%	123

1. The full name for this category in NS-SeC is " Large employers and higher managerial and administrative occupations".

Table QS701: Means of travel to work

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment	27,948	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Work mainly at or from home	2,353	8.4%	11.4%	5.9%	131
Train (Inc. Underground, metro, lightrail, tram)	361	1.3%	1.4%	8.5%	519
Bus or coach	4,496	16.1%	5.3%	7.5%	64
Car (inc. Taxi) or motorcycle	16,186	57.9%	71.4%	64.0%	530
Bicycle	269	1.0%	0.9%	2.7%	560
On Foot	4,133	14.8%	8.6%	10.6%	83
Other	150	0.5%	0.9%	0.7%	448

Table: Earnings and unemployment

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	£pw		Northern Ireland	United Kingdom	
Average earnings of full-time employees	390 ¹		85%	75%	644
	Number	% ²			
Unemployed (out of work benefits)					
Benefit claimants (Dec 2014)	4,225	11.1%	5.8%	2.7%	2
Change over 1 year		-14.4%	-15.6%	-30.0%	12
Change over 4 years		-14.6%	-13.7%	-41.0%	10

1. Earnings data are estimated from a survey with a "confidence" range and rounded to the nearest £10; % are calculated from rounded figures.

2. Unemployment rates are calculated as claimants as a percentage of the estimated economically active population aged 16-64.

Source: ONS *Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings*; NI *Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings and Hours*. Residence-based data

Further background and data for parliamentary constituencies, see House of Commons Library Research Papers:

14/10 Census 2011 Constituency Results:UK

Unemployment by Constituency (monthly)

10/36 *General Election 2010*

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