

North Dorset in Profile

Key facts and figures about the area



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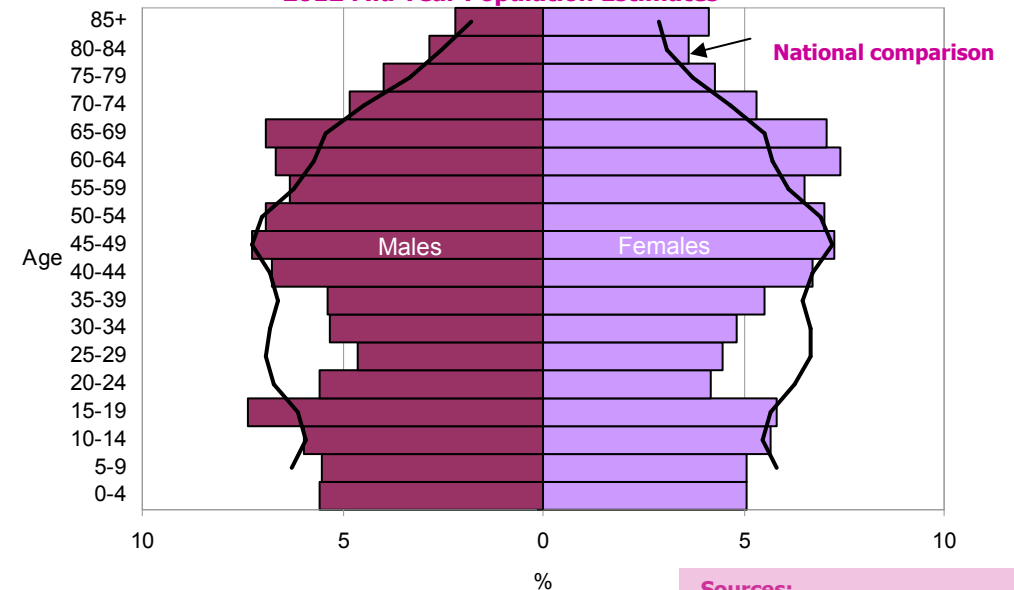
Keyfacts



- The population of North Dorset has increased significantly over the last decade.
- The 65+ age group has increased the most.
- Continued population growth is projected.

- The total population of North Dorset is 69,300 up from 62,900 a decade ago. **1**
- The population has increased by ten per cent over the past ten years. **1**
- The total population is expected to grow by four per cent to 72,100 by 2021. **2**
- The population aged 65+ has increased the most whilst the 0-15 age group is decreasing. **1**
- In 2012, there were more births than deaths in North Dorset giving a net increase of 19. **3**
- 2.3% of the population are Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) compared with 14% in England & Wales. **4**

North Dorset Population Pyramid with National Comparator
2012 Mid Year Population Estimates



- The graph above shows the slight over representation in North Dorset of those aged 60+ and significant under representation of those aged 20-39. **1**
- Population continues to increase due to in-migration from outside the local area. **5**

Sources:
 1 Mid-year population estimates (2012), ONS
 2 Interim 2011-based sub national population projections, ONS
 3 Vital Statistics (2012), ONS
 4 Census of Population, 2011
 5 Internal Migration Estimates (2012), ONS



Housing

Economy

- Average house prices in North Dorset are slightly below the national figure.
- Detached dwellings are the predominant housing type in North Dorset.
- The number of households is projected to increase by six per cent by 2021.
- 22% of houses being built are 'affordable'.

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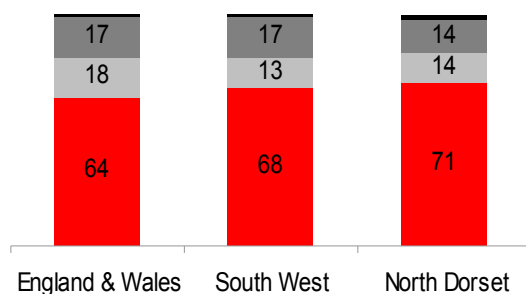
- There are 30,397 dwellings in North Dorset. **6**
- 39% of homes in North Dorset are owned outright—significantly higher than the average for England & Wales where it is 31%. **6**
- 41% of houses in North Dorset are detached, 29% are semi-detached, 20% are terraced and 11% are flats. **6**
- The number of households is projected to increase by six per cent by 2021—less than nationally (10%). **9**

- In 1998/99 19% of houses were built at a density of 50 or more houses per hectare whereas in 2012/13 this figure was only nine per cent. **10**

- 22% of all houses built in 2012/13 were affordable compared with just 14% ten years ago. **10**

- The average house price in North Dorset for Oct—Dec 2013 was £244,736, below the Dorset average of £264,066. Over the same period the national figure was £247,584. **7**

Tenure in North Dorset (% of all properties)



■ Owned ■ Social rented ■ Private rented ■ Living rent free

- House prices are 9.9 times higher than earnings in North Dorset compared with 6.59 in England. **8**



Sources:

- 6 Census of Population, 2011
- 7 HM Land Registry, Oct – Dec 2013
- 8 Lower quartile house prices to lower quartile earnings, DCLG (2012 provisional)
- 9 Household projections for England and local authority districts (2011 based), DCLG
- 10 Environment Directorate, Dorset County Council

- The unemployment rate in North Dorset is low compared with the national rate.
- Earnings are lower than average.
- North Dorset has a high proportion of small firms.
- 45% of employees are working in knowledge-driven industries.

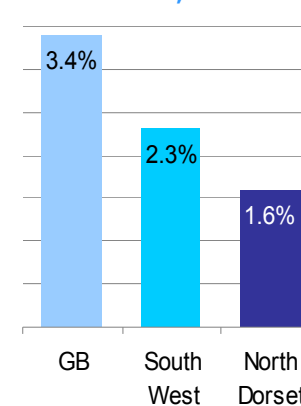
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- There are around 23,200 employees in North Dorset. **11**
- 45% of North Dorset's employees are working in knowledge-driven industries. This is less than the regional and national figures (51% and 53% respectively). **11**
- 85% of the nation's employees work in the service sector. In North Dorset, this figure is smaller at 76%. The highest proportion is in Weymouth & Portland (91%). **11**
- North Dorset has a high proportion of firms employing fewer than ten people (88%) in comparison with the figure in England & Wales (83%). **14**

- Average gross weekly earnings are lower than nationally. Residence based weekly pay is £425 compared with £519 in England & Wales. **13**

Unemployment Rates, 2013



- The average unemployment rate for 2013 was 1.6% (of all aged 16-64) - nationally the figure was higher at 3.4%. **12**
- The average GVA per resident head is approximately £15,310 in North Dorset—England £21,350. **17**

- Around 11% of North Dorset's residents (aged 16-64) are self-employed) - slightly higher than in GB (10%). **16**
- Three per cent of all North Dorset employees work in tourism with the highest proportions seen in Weymouth & Portland (14%) and Purbeck (13%). **11**
- The number of new businesses surviving after one year is slightly higher in North Dorset at 96% compared with 95% in England & Wales. **15**

Sources:

- 11 BRES (2012), ONS
- 12 Job seekers Allowance, ONS Claimant Count, Jan—Dec 2013, 13 Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (2013), ONS
- 14 UK Business: Activity, Size and Location (2013), ONS
- 15 Business Demography (2012), ONS
- 16 Annual Population Survey (Jul 12-Jun 13), ONS
- 17 Dorset County Council estimates

Learning and knowledge

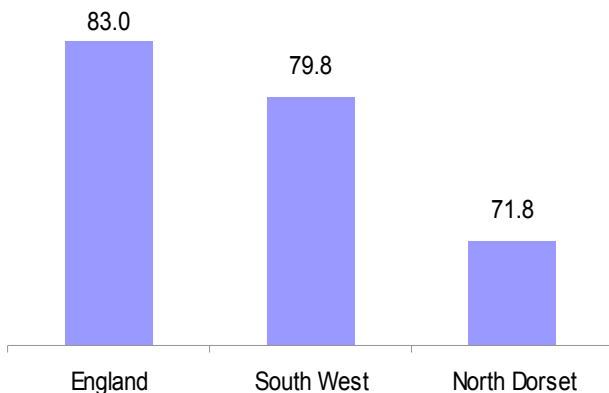
- Just under 9,000 pupils are educated in mainstream state schools in North Dorset.
- The number of adults with no qualifications has decreased.
- The percentage of young people who are not in employment, education or training is much lower than nationally.

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- 72% of pupils in North Dorset schools gained 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE in the academic year 2011/12. **18**
- 8,827 pupils are educated in mainstream North Dorset state schools. The main secondary schools in the area are:
Blandford School—1,067 pupils
Gillingham School—1,737 pupils
Shaftesbury School—1,060 pupils
Sturminster Newton High 561 pupils **22**
- The number of adults with no qualifications has decreased by 35% over the past decade to 12% of the total population aged 16-64. **19**
- Over the past ten years the number of adults with degree level qualifications or higher has increased by 70% to 29% of all people aged 16-64 in North Dorset. **19**
- Around nine per cent of North Dorset's 16-18 year olds are in jobs without training. In comparison with five per cent in England. **21**
- None of North Dorset's 'Super Output Areas' are in the 20% most deprived in England on the education domain of the Index of Deprivation. **20**

Percentage pupils gaining 5+ A*-C GCSEs



Sources:

- 18 Office for National Statistics (Neighbourhood statistics)
- 19 Census of Population, 2001 and 2011, ONS
- 20 Index of Deprivation (2010), DCLG
- 21 Ansbury (as at November 2013)
- 22 Dorset County Council, 2013

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Access

- Around 66% of residents live in rural areas of North Dorset.
- Nine per cent of people in employment work from home.
- There are high levels of car ownership.

Keyfacts



- 34% of residents in North Dorset live in urban areas—compared with 82% in England & Wales. **24**
- Car ownership is high in North Dorset. Only 12% of households do not own any cars, compared with 26% in England & Wales. **24**
- 46% of all North Dorset households have 2 or more cars, with a total of 43,506 cars/vans available for households to use. **24**
- 15 of North Dorset's 35 'Super Output Areas' are classified as being deprived for access to services. **25**
- The proportion of people who get to work via public transport is low (one per cent) compared with nationally (11%). **24**
- A relatively high proportion of residents work from home (nine per cent in comparison with five per cent nationally). **24**



- Most of the main facilities are located in the towns.

Towns and larger settlements by population size

Town	Population
Weymouth	52,223
Christchurch	47,987
Dorchester	19,143
Ferndown	17,981
Verwood	14,985
Bridport (built up area)	14,697
Portland	12,806
Gillingham	11,871
Blandford Forum	10,541
Swanage	9,556
Sherborne	9,581
Lytchett Minster & Upton	8,078
Shaftesbury	7,707
Wimborne Minster	6,901
Chickerell	5,524
Wareham	5,490
Sturminster Newton	4,355
Lyme Regis	3,637
Beaminster	3,087
Stalbridge	2,719

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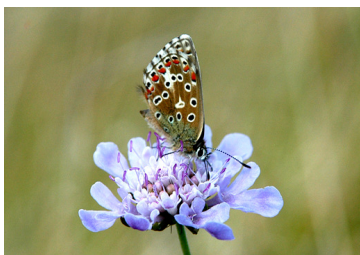
- 23 Mid-year population estimates (2012), ONS
- 24 Census of Population, 2011
- 25 Index of Deprivation (2010), DCLG

Source: **23**

- 60% of waste in North Dorset is recycled.
- Around 350 new homes are built each year.
- Traffic has increased in North Dorset over the past ten years.

Dorset has:

- 85% of all species of mammals living in Britain
- 90% of all birds,
- 80% of all butterflies
- 70% of all dragonflies,
- and nearly all reptiles and amphibians. **26**



- Around 840 hectares of North Dorset are designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). **28**

- North Dorset has a rich historic environment, with just over 1,900 listed buildings and 156 scheduled ancient monuments. This includes nationally important monuments such as Hambleton Hill, Hod Hill and Shaftesbury Abbey. **28**



- Traffic has increased in all three of North Dorset's main towns over the past ten years. **26**

- 39% of North Dorset is covered by an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation. **26**
- Around 350 new homes are built in North Dorset every year. **26**
- Between the years 2000 and 2013 54% of all new homes have been built on greenfield sites with 46% built on brownfield land. **26**

- Currently 56% of sites committed to housing development are greenfield sites. **26**



- The Dorset Waste Partnership collected around 101 kg per head of waste in all of Dorset in the quarter January to March 2013. **27**



- 60% of all waste in North Dorset is recycled. (June-Nov 2013). **27**

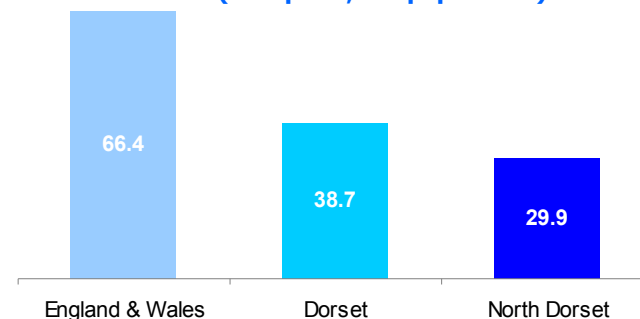
Sources:
 26 Environment Directorate, Dorset County Council
 27 Dorset Waste Partnership
 28 Heritage Counts, 2013

- North Dorset has low crime rates compared with national figures.
- Life expectancy is around three years longer than national.
- The teenage conception rate is low.



- North Dorset has a low overall crime rate of 29.9 per 1,000 of the population (nationally = 66.4). **29**
- In 2012/13 there were 1.5 burglaries per 1,000 households. **29**
- There were 5.4 violent crimes per 1,000 of the population in North Dorset. **29**

Crime rates (rate per 1,000 population)



North Dorset Road Casualty Statistics

Year	Killed or Seriously Injured			All Casualties		
	2005/09 av	2012	2013	2005/9 av	2012	2013
Annual Total	44	28	39	302	155	167

- The number of road casualties has reduced in North Dorset. **32**



- Life expectancy is around three years longer in North Dorset at about 82 years for males and 86 years for females. **30**

- There were 19.4 conceptions per 1,000 young people under 18 in 2011 — compared with 30.9 nationally. **31**

- Eight per cent of reception children were classed as obese in North Dorset in 2011/12 — marginally less than the national picture. **33**

Sources:
 29 Dorset Police and Dorset County Council
 30 Life expectancy 2009-11, ONS
 31 Conception statistics (2011), ONS
 32 Dorset County Council
 33 NCMP Local Authority Profile 2011/12

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