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Key Statistics for Chester District

Chester in Context



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Comparing key statistics for Chester District with Cheshire, North West and England & Wales

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Commentary

Resident population

The usual resident population for Chester District in the 2001 Census was 118,210, which represents 17.5% of the Cheshire County total, 1.8% of the North West population and 0.2% of the England & Wales total. The gender split of approximately 48% males to 52% females is similar across all administrative levels.

Age Structure

Just over 8% of Chester's resident population are aged 75 years or over compared to 7.4% for the North West region. Chester also has a lower proportion of those aged between 0 and 29 years (35.5%) compared to a rate of almost 38% for England & Wales.

Ethnicity

Both Chester District and Cheshire County have low non-white populations (2% or less) compared with the North West (approximately 6%) and England & Wales (approximately 9%). Less than 1% of Chester's resident ethnic population are of Asian or Asian British origin compared with over 4% for England & Wales. The England & Wales Black / Black British population is 2% higher than that for Chester District.

Religion

This topic was introduced for the first time in the 2001 Census questionnaire for England & Wales, returning some 179 classifications. Over three-quarters (78%) of Chester residents described themselves as Christian compared with approximately 72% for England & Wales. Other major world religions recorded for Chester District accounted for less than 1% of the total population, contrasting with England & Wales where 3% of the population describe themselves as Muslim and 1.1% Hindu. The Muslim population for the North West region is also 3% compared with 0.5% for Chester District.

Health

Approximately one in five (18%) of both Chester District and England & Wales residents suffer from a limiting long-term illness. Approximately 21% of residents in the North West region suffer from a limiting long-term illness.

Economic Activity

Economic activity is measured among residents of working age (16-74 years). The 2:1 ratio of economically active to inactive is reflected across all geographic levels with approximately four in ten in full time employment. Chester District recorded the lowest unemployment figure at 2.4% compared to 3.6% for the North West. The District also enjoys a higher proportion of self-employed (9%) compared with 7% for the North West. In both areas, 4.7% of residents aged 16-74 years are economically inactive students.

The proportion of those recorded as sick or disabled in the North West region is almost 8% compared with 5% in Chester District. The proportion of retired residents in Chester District (15.4%) is almost 2% higher than the rate for England & Wales.

Qualifications

Over three-quarters (76%) of Chester District residents aged 16-74 years are recorded as having qualifications. This is in contrast with 68% of working age residents with qualifications in the North West region and 71% for England & Wales. Almost one in three (32%) of working age residents in the North West region are recorded as having no qualifications. Please note that the definition for qualified resident was broadened in the 2001 Census to include school level certification (See note 7 below).

Travel to Work

The travel to work question was answered by residents in employment. Driving by car remains the most popular mode of transport to and from work in the Chester District (over 60%) compared with just over 55% for England & Wales. The proportion of Chester District residents using the train as a means of transport to their place of work is 1.3% compared with over 4% in England & Wales. Similar proportions for Chester District and England & Wales are recorded for those who work mainly from home and those who walk to work (approximately 10%).

Housing Types

The distribution of housing types are expressed as a percentage of all household spaces in the administrative area (See Note 8 below). Semi-detached housing is the most common residential property type in Chester District (over 34%) followed closely by detached properties (approx. 29%). The proportion of detached properties in the North West region is less than 18% and less than 23% for England & Wales. Terraced housing accounts for almost one-third of property types (32%) in the North West region as compared with 23% in Chester District. Purpose built flats or tenements account for approximately 14% in England & Wales compared with just under 10% in Chester District.

Housing Tenure

Almost three-quarters of households in the Chester District are owner occupied (73%) compared with 69% for England & Wales. Almost one in five (19.2%) of households in England & Wales are socially rented compared with just under 15% for Chester District. Less than 6% of households in Cheshire are in the private rented sector compared with approximately 9% in both Chester District and England & Wales.

Household Characteristics

The average household size ranges between 2.32 persons per household in Chester District to 2.37 for Cheshire County. Almost 8% of households in the North West region are lone parent with dependent children compared with just over 5% in Chester District.

Car ownership

Just over 28% of households in Chester District have 2 cars or vans compared with 21% in the North West region. Approximately 7% of households in the Chester District and 8% in Cheshire County have 3 or more cars or vans.

Key Statistics (2001 Census)

Chester District

Chester in regional & national context

Population topics	Chester		Cheshire		North West		England & Wales		Charts																								
	Number	% of All Residents	Number	% of All Residents	Number	% of All Residents	Number	% of All Residents																									
All Resident population (See Notes 1-2)	118,210	100.0	673,788	100.0	6,729,764	100.0	52,041,916	100.0	<p>Age Distribution (Chester / England & Wales)</p> <p>The chart shows the percentage distribution of the population across age categories for Chester (dark blue) and England & Wales (light blue). The x-axis represents the percentage from 0 to 100, and the y-axis represents age categories from 0-14 to 85+.</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Age Distribution Data (Estimated from Chart)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Age Category (yrs)</th> <th>England & Wales (%)</th> <th>Chester (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>85+</td><td>~0.5</td><td>~0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>75 - 84</td><td>~1.5</td><td>~1.5</td></tr> <tr><td>60 - 74</td><td>~5.0</td><td>~5.0</td></tr> <tr><td>45 - 59</td><td>~10.0</td><td>~10.0</td></tr> <tr><td>30 - 44</td><td>~18.0</td><td>~18.0</td></tr> <tr><td>15 - 29</td><td>~18.0</td><td>~18.0</td></tr> <tr><td>0 - 14</td><td>~18.0</td><td>~18.0</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Age Category (yrs)	England & Wales (%)	Chester (%)	85+	~0.5	~0.5	75 - 84	~1.5	~1.5	60 - 74	~5.0	~5.0	45 - 59	~10.0	~10.0	30 - 44	~18.0	~18.0	15 - 29	~18.0	~18.0	0 - 14	~18.0	~18.0
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Males	56,951	48.2	328,012	48.7	3,258,954	48.4	25,325,926	48.7																									
Females	61,259	51.8	345,776	51.3	3,470,810	51.6	26,715,990	51.3																									
Age Structure																																	
People aged: 0 - 14	20,397	17.3	124,255	18.4	1,300,298	19.3	9,827,018	18.9																									
People aged: 15 - 29	21,535	18.2	109,975	16.3	1,241,465	18.4	9,774,528	18.8																									
People aged: 30 - 44	25,704	21.7	151,247	22.4	1,486,588	22.1	11,733,473	22.5																									
People aged: 45 - 59	23,720	20.1	139,510	20.7	1,282,607	19.1	9,849,369	18.9																									
People aged: 60 - 74	17,253	14.6	96,913	14.4	920,920	13.7	6,911,786	13.3																									
People aged: 75 - 84	7,140	6.0	38,763	5.8	373,723	5.6	2,933,337	5.6																									
People aged: 85+	2,461	2.1	13,125	1.9	124,163	1.8	1,012,405	1.9																									

Population topics	Chester		Cheshire		North West		England & Wales		Charts
	Number	% of All Residents	Number	% of All Residents	Number	% of All Residents	Number	% of All Residents	
Ethnicity									<p>% Ethnicity by administrative area</p> <p>England & Wales</p> <p>North West</p> <p>Cheshire</p> <p>Chester</p> <p>0 20 40 60 80 100 Percentage (%)</p> <p>■ White ■ Non-White</p>
White	115,901	98.0	662,794	98.4	6,355,495	94.4	47,520,866	91.3	
Non-White	2,309	2.0	10,994	1.6	374,269	5.6	4,521,050	8.7	
Asian / Asian British	802	0.7	3,336	0.5	229,875	3.4	2,273,737	4.4	
Black / Black British	201	0.2	1,076	0.2	41,637	0.6	1,139,577	2.2	
Chinese / Mixed / Other	1,306	1.1	6,582	1.0	102,757	1.5	1,107,736	2.1	
Religion									<p>Distribution of Religions by administrative area</p> <p>England & Wales</p> <p>North West</p> <p>Cheshire</p> <p>Chester</p> <p>0 20 40 60 80 100 Percentage (%)</p> <p>■ Christian ■ Muslim ■ Other Religions ■ No religion/Not stated</p>
Christian	92,377	78.1	542,413	80.5	5,249,686	78.0	37,338,486	71.7	
Buddhist	237	0.2	1,091	0.2	11,794	0.2	144,453	0.3	
Hindu	205	0.2	1,010	0.1	27,211	0.4	552,421	1.1	
Jewish	132	0.1	798	0.1	27,974	0.4	259,927	0.5	
Muslim	628	0.5	2,433	0.4	204,261	3.0	1,546,626	3.0	
Sikh	64	0.1	333	0.0	6,487	0.1	329,358	0.6	
Other	201	0.2	1,033	0.2	10,625	0.2	150,720	0.3	
No religion	15,342	13.0	79,754	11.8	705,045	10.5	7,709,267	14.8	
Religion not stated	9,024	7.6	44,923	6.7	486,681	7.2	4,010,658	7.7	
Health									
Residents with long-term limiting illness	20705	17.5	117251	17.4	1394609	20.7	9484856	18.2	

Economic Characteristics	Chester		Cheshire		North West		England & Wales		Charts
	Number	% of 16-74 year olds	Number	% of 16-74 year olds	Number	% of 16-74 year olds	Number	% of 16-74 year olds	
Economic Activity (See notes 3-6)									
<i>All people aged 16 - 74</i>	86,789	100.0	489,125	100.0	4,839,669	100.0	37,607,438	100.0	<p>Economic Activity by administrative area (%)</p>
Economically Active	57,757	66.5	332,030	67.9	3,093,186	63.9	25,022,204	66.5	
Employed full time	34,962	40.3	203,815	41.7	1,876,205	38.8	15,250,199	40.6	
Employed part time	10,608	12.2	61,231	12.5	574,505	11.9	4,430,831	11.8	
Self Employed	7,448	8.6	42,508	8.7	343,847	7.1	3,114,490	8.3	
Unemployed	2,097	2.4	12,357	2.5	175,549	3.6	1,261,343	3.4	
Full time Student	2,642	3.0	12,119	2.5	123,080	2.5	965,341	2.6	
Economically inactive	29,032	33.5	157,095	32.1	1,746,483	36.1	12,585,234	33.5	
Retired	13,379	15.4	75,063	15.3	691,072	14.3	5,118,950	13.6	
Student	4,083	4.7	17,337	3.5	223,770	4.6	1,766,784	4.7	
Sick/disabled	4,373	5.0	24,165	4.9	374,928	7.7	2,076,243	5.5	
Other	7,197	8.3	40,530	8.3	456,713	9.4	3,623,257	9.6	

Economic Characteristics	Chester		Cheshire		North West		England & Wales		Charts
Qualifications (See note 7)	Number	% of 16-74 year olds	Number	% of 16-74 year olds	Number	% of 16-74 year olds	Number	% of 16-74 year olds	<p>Qualified residents of working age by administrative area</p> <p>England & Wales</p> <p>North West</p> <p>Cheshire</p> <p>Chester</p> <p>0 20 40 60 80 100</p> <p>Percentage of 16-74 year olds (%)</p> <p>■ With qualifications □ No qualifications</p>
<i>All people aged 16-74</i>	86,789	100.0	489,125	100.0	4,839,669	100.0	37,607,438	100.0	
Qualified residents	65,957	76.0	363,621	74.3	3,296,145	68.1	26,670,396	70.9	
Residents with no qualifications	20,832	24.0	125,504	25.7	1,543,524	31.9	10,937,042	29.1	
Travel to Work	Number	% of employed	Number	% of employed	Number	% of employed	Number	% of employed	<p>Mode of transport to place of work (Residents in employment)</p> <p>Bicycle/On Foot/Other</p> <p>Private Transport</p> <p>Public Transport</p> <p>Work from home</p> <p>0 20 40 60 80 100</p> <p>Percentage of residents in employment (%)</p> <p>■ England & Wales ■ North West ■ Cheshire ■ Chester</p>
<i>Residents in employment</i>	55,383	100.0	318,586	100.0	2,900,020	100.0	23,627,754	100.0	
Work mainly from home	5,499	9.9	32,189	10.1	242,474	8.4	2,170,547	9.2	
Underground/Light Rail/Tram	59	0.1	367	0.1	15,955	0.6	710,083	3.0	
Train	721	1.3	5,025	1.6	54,356	1.9	964,642	4.1	
Bus / mini bus or coach	3,508	6.3	9,753	3.1	248,267	8.6	1,747,683	7.4	
Motorcycle/scooter/moped	474	0.9	3,263	1.0	26,731	0.9	258,344	1.1	
Driving a car or a van	33,328	60.2	206,424	64.8	1,694,380	58.4	13,050,529	55.2	
Passenger in car/van/taxi	3,616	6.5	21,505	6.8	240,959	8.3	1,599,689	6.8	
Bicycle	1,858	3.4	10,232	3.2	65,961	2.3	650,977	2.8	
On foot	5,997	10.8	28,263	8.9	297,720	10.3	2,364,633	10.0	
Other	323	0.6	1,565	0.5	13,217	0.5	110,627	0.5	

Housing & Households	Chester		Cheshire		North West		England & Wales		Charts
	Number	% of all Household Spaces	Number	% of all Household Spaces	Number	% of all Household Spaces	Number	% of all Household Spaces	
Housing Type (See note 8)									<p>Housing Type - by administrative area (%)</p> <p>Legend: England & Wales, North West, Cheshire, Chester</p> <p>Percentage (%)</p>
<i>All Household spaces</i>	52,434	100.0	290,833	100.0	2,950,241	100.0	22,538,641	100.0	
All households with residents	50,130	95.6	280,031	96.3	2,812,789	95.3	21,660,475	96.1	
No residents: (Vacant accommodation)	2,101	4.0	9,938	3.4	124,600	4.2	727,448	3.2	
No residents: (2nd Residence/Holiday home)	203	0.4	864	0.3	12,852	0.4	150,718	0.7	
Detached	15,047	28.7	97,860	33.6	520,125	17.6	5,131,821	22.8	
Semi-detached	17,987	34.3	100,840	34.7	1,078,301	36.5	7,117,662	31.6	
Terraced	12,254	23.4	63,305	21.8	936,267	31.7	5,869,878	26.0	
Purpose Built Flat/Tenement	5,038	9.6	20,725	7.1	301,931	10.2	3,069,566	13.6	
Converted / Shared dwelling	1,379	2.6	4,077	1.4	75,661	2.6	997,567	4.4	
In commercial building	486	0.9	2,472	0.8	29,738	1.0	258,303	1.1	
Caravan/Temporary Structure	243	0.5	1,554	0.5	8,218	0.3	93,844	0.4	

Housing & Households	Chester		Cheshire		North West		England & Wales		Charts
	Number	% of all Households	Number	% of all Households	Number	% of all Households	Number	% of all Households	
Housing Tenure									<p>Housing Tenure by administrative area (%)</p> <p>Car ownership by administrative area (%)</p>
All Households	50,130	100.0	280,031	100.0	2,812,789	100	21,660,475	100.0	
Owner Occupied	36,612	73.0	214,833	76.7	1,948,010	69.3	14,916,465	68.9	
Social Rented	7,248	14.5	40,503	14.5	564,573	20.1	4,157,251	19.2	
Private Landlord	4,456	8.9	16,623	5.9	215,464	7.7	1,888,696	8.7	
Other	1,814	3.6	8,072	2.9	84,742	3.0	698,063	3.2	
Household Characteristics									
Residents in households	116,352	..	664,929	..	6,615,672	..	51,107,639	..	
Total households	50,130	100.0	280,031	100.0	2,812,789	100.0	21,660,475	100.0	
Average household size	2	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	
Households with dependent children	13,519	27.0	82,571	29.5	856,185	30.4	6,388,261	29.5	
Lone parent households with dependent children	2,587	5.2	14,371	5.1	215,610	7.7	1,399,939	6.5	
Car Ownership									
All Households	50,130	100.0	280,031	100.0	2,812,789	100.0	21,660,475	100.0	
No car / van	11,096	22.1	52,958	18.9	849,769	30.2	5,802,183	26.8	
1 car or van	21,622	43.1	119,074	42.5	1,224,554	43.5	9,486,366	43.8	
2 cars or vans	14,063	28.1	86,123	30.8	605,586	21.5	5,095,959	23.5	
3 or more cars or vans	3,349	6.7	21,876	7.8	132,880	4.7	1,275,967	5.9	

Notes & Definitions

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¹ The 2001 resident count is based on where people usually live as opposed to where they are on Census night. As in 1981 and 1991 residents absent from home on Census night are required to be included on the Census form at their usual address. Wholly absent households are legally required to complete a Census form on their return. The 2001 Census will provide no information on people present, but not usually resident (i.e. persons present population base in 1991).

² The definition of a Communal Establishment Resident has changed since the 1991 Census where it was defined as any person who had spent 6 months or more in the establishment. The 2001 Census defines it as any person who has been resident *or intends to be resident* for 6 months or more in the establishment. In addition, absent residents were not left Census forms for completion on their return.

³ The definition of the 'economically active' population has changed since the 1991 Census where it was defined as all people aged 16 or over. Economic activity and all related sub-topics in the 2001 Census measured the economic activity of all people aged between 16 and 74 years. The category includes those in full and part-time employment, self-employed, unemployed and students who are economically active.

⁴ The definition of 'economically inactive' population can include residents of all ages who are not economically active either through retirement, full-time student status, looking after family / home, permanently sick/disabled and other categories.

⁵ For the 2001 Census; part-time is defined as working 30 hours or less a week. Full-time is defined as working 31 or more hours a week. These categories include those working on a Government Scheme.

⁶ 'Long-term unemployed' are those who stated they have not worked since 1999 or earlier.

⁷ The 1991 Census asked respondents of 18 years and above to write-in the title of any degrees, professional or vocational qualifications. The 2001 Census broadened the definition of qualification to include all school level certification from 'CSE / GCSE / O-Level / NVQ 1 / GNVQ Foundation' upwards. The 2001 question was also changed to apply to respondents aged between 16 to 74 years.

⁸ The 2001 Census defines a 'household' as either one person living alone or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address with common housekeeping (i.e. sharing either a living room or sitting room and at least one meal a day). A 'household space' is defined as the accommodation available for an individual household. Converted or shared dwellings can include bedsit accommodation.

⁹ A dependent child is a person in a household aged 0 - 15 (whether or not in a family) or a person aged 16 - 18 who is a full-time student and in a family with parent(s).

¹⁰ The 2001 Census defines a 'lone parent family' as either a lone father or mother living with his or her child(ren). It may also extend to a lone grandparent living with his or her grandchild(ren) but with no parents of the child(ren) living in the household.

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