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This document represents data covering the Liverpool City Region – Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St.Helens and Wirral – the geographic ‘footprint’ covered by the Combined Authority.

Overall Summary

The following document provides an understanding of the Liverpool City Region population according to the protected characteristics including age, disability, sex, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

Liverpool City Region population overview (*Mid-year population estimates 2015*)

- The 2014 population estimates place 1.52 million people living in the Liverpool City Region, this is 0.5% higher than the previous year and 2.4% higher than ten years ago.
- Over this ten year period:
 - Liverpool's population increased 6% to 478,600.
 - Halton's population increased 5% to 126,500.
 - Wirral's population increased 2% to 320,900.
 - The population of Knowsley dropped 1% to 147,200.
 - The population of Sefton dropped 1% to 273,700.
 - St.Helens' population increased 1% to 177,600.

Age (*Mid-year Population Estimates 2015*)

- Almost 10% of the Liverpool City Region's population are aged 18 to 24. The district with the highest proportion of young people is Liverpool at 14.2% whilst the smallest proportion is in the Wirral at 7.4% of the population.
- 18.4% of the Liverpool City Region's population are of pensionable age (65 or over); the highest proportion in this age group can be found in Sefton (22.6%) and lowest in Liverpool (14.6%).
- Less than a fifth of the Liverpool City Region's population are aged 0-15 (17.9%) and Halton has the highest proportion at higher than the national average (19.9%).

Disability (*Census 2011*)

- 17.6% of Liverpool City Region residents of working age have a long term limiting illness and almost one in ten (9.2%) are 'limited a lot' in their day to day activities by disability or health problems.

Sex (*Census 2011*)

- Over half (51.2%) of the population of the Liverpool City Region are women and nearly half (48.8%) are men.
- 55.7% of the population that are of pensionable age (65+) are women.

Gender reassignment (*GIRES*)

- An estimated 250 people in the Liverpool City Region will have changed their gender, or be in the process of doing so, to that of their birth.

Pregnancy and Maternity (*Live Births, 2015*)

- Some 17,460 women in the Liverpool City Region were pregnant (in terms of a pregnancy resulting in a birth) during 2015, providing a rate of 60.2 per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

- The maternity rate was highest in Knowsley at 66.5 per 1,000 women (aged 15-44) and lowest in Liverpool (53.9 per 1,000 women aged 15-44, in part possibly influenced by the high student population in the city).

Race (*Census 2011*)

- Over nine in ten (92.2%) of the Liverpool City Region population are White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British.
- Ethnic minority groups make up 7.8% of the Liverpool City Region population, with the largest groups being Other White (1.6%), Irish (0.9%) and Chinese (0.8%).

Religion or Belief (*Census 2011*)

- Almost three quarters (74.1%) of the Liverpool City Region population are Christian.
- Other religious dominations include Muslim (1.3%), Buddhist (0.3%) and Hindu (0.3%) and Jewish (0.2%).
- 17.4% of the Liverpool City Region population state that they have no religion.

Sexual orientation (*Sexual Identity 2015*)

- The Office of National Statistics (ONS) publishes data on self-perceived sexual identity from the APS. Nationally it is estimated that 1.7% of the population are Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual.

Marriage or Civil Partnership (*Census 2011*)

- 40.9% of Liverpool City Region adults described their marital status as 'married', with 0.2% in a same-sex civil partnership.
- In total, 51.3% of adults in the Liverpool City Region were living as a couple; 40.6% as married or in a same-sex civil partnership, with 10.7% cohabiting.
- 2.3% were 'separated', with 7.3% being divorced or a legally dissolved same-sex partnership.
- Some 30.9% were single, and 7.3% were widowed or a surviving partner.

Socio-economic status (*Annual Population Survey, Claimant data, DfE*)

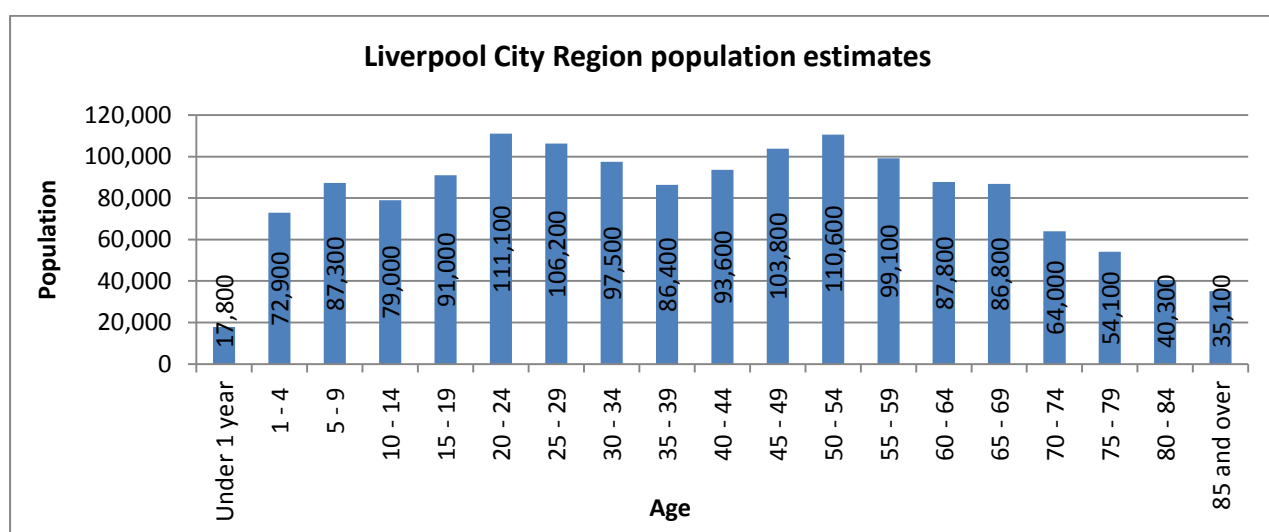
- Almost three quarters (72%) of the Liverpool City Region working age population are economically active.
- 5.5% of the Liverpool City Region working age population are unemployed.
- Currently 2.9% of the Liverpool City Region resident working age population are claiming unemployment benefits (Source: DWP).
- 2,980 (5.7%) young people in the Liverpool City Region (age 16-18) are classed as NEETs – not in education, employment or training (Source: DfE).

1. Age

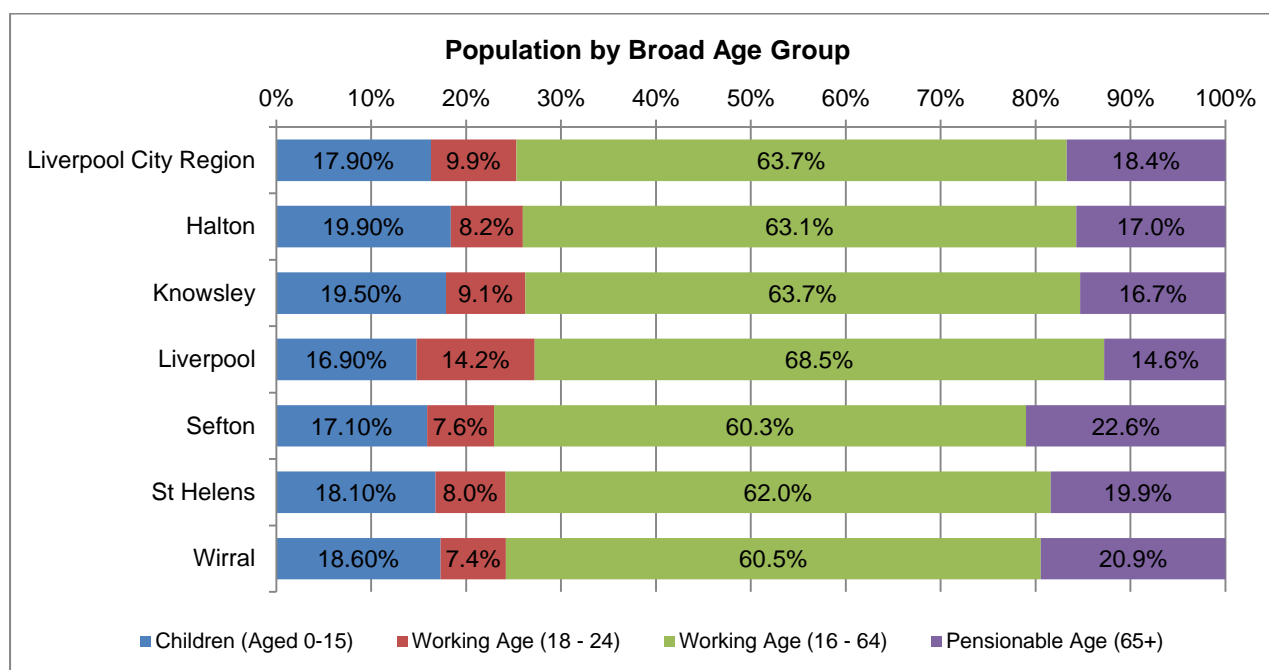
Mid-year population estimates 2015: Usual Resident Population by 5 year age groups (Thousands)

Age	Liverpool City Region	Halton	Knowsley	Liverpool	Sefton	St Helens	Wirral
0-14	257.0	23.7	27.0	76.2	44.0	30.0	56.0
15-24	202.1	14.9	18.9	82.8	30.1	20.4	35.1
25-34	203.7	16.2	19.2	79.7	30.3	22.1	36.5
35-44	180.0	16.0	16.7	57.8	30.0	21.7	37.8
45-54	214.4	18.0	21.9	60.9	40.7	26.0	47.1
55-64	186.9	16.3	19.0	51.4	36.9	22.0	41.3
65+	280.3	21.5	24.6	70.1	61.8	35.3	67.1
All Persons	1524.6	126.5	147.2	478.6	273.7	177.6	320.9

Source: ONS: [Mid-year population estimates](#), published 23rd June 2016



Source: ONS: [Mid-year population estimates](#), published 23rd June 2016



Source: ONS: [Mid-year population estimates](#), published 25th June 2015

2. Disability

Indicator	Liverpool City Region	Source	Date
No. of people age 16-64 with a long term limiting illness	172,416	Census, NOMIS	2011 Released 11/12/12
% of people age 16-64 with a long term limiting illness	17.6%		
No. of Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disability Allowance Claimants	3,510	DWP, NOMIS	Aug 16 Updated 15/03/17
% of Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disability Allowance claimants (% adult population)	0.2%		
No. of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)* Claimants	95,570	DWP, NOMIS	Aug 16 Updated 15/03/17
% of ESA claimants (% adult population)	7.6%		

**Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) replace Incapacity Benefit and Income Support paid on the grounds of incapacity for new claims from the 27th October 2008.*

Disability / health problems by limiting effect on day to day activities (Census)

Area	Not limited	Limited a little	Limited a lot
Halton	82.6%	8.5%	9.0%
Knowsley	80.1%	8.7%	11.1%
Liverpool	82.1%	8.2%	9.7%
Sefton	83.7%	8.2%	8.1%
St.Helens	82.5%	8.6%	8.9%
Wirral	82.8%	8.5%	8.7%
Liverpool City Region	82.4%	8.4%	9.2%
North West	84.5%	8.0%	7.5%
England	87.3%	7.1%	5.6%

% Working Age Population. Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS. Released 11/12/12

Conditions of claimants Aug 2016

Conditions affecting at least 0.1% of City Region adult population	Number	% of adult pop
Mental and behavioural disorders	50,030	4.0%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	12,150	1.0%
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings	9,580	0.8%
Diseases of the nervous system	5,620	0.5%
Diseases of the circulatory system	3,950	0.3%
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	3,950	0.3%
Diseases of the respiratory system	3,050	0.2%
Neoplasms	2,070	0.2%
Diseases of the digestive system	1700	0.1%
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	1320	0.1%
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	1180	0.1%

Source: Benefit payments – IB/SDA, ESA, [NOMIS](#), Aug 2016, updated 15/03/17

General Health (Census)

Area	Very good/good health	Fair health	Very bad/bad health
Liverpool City Region	77.4%	14.4%	8.2%
North West	79.3%	13.9%	6.8%
England	81.4%	13.1%	5.5%

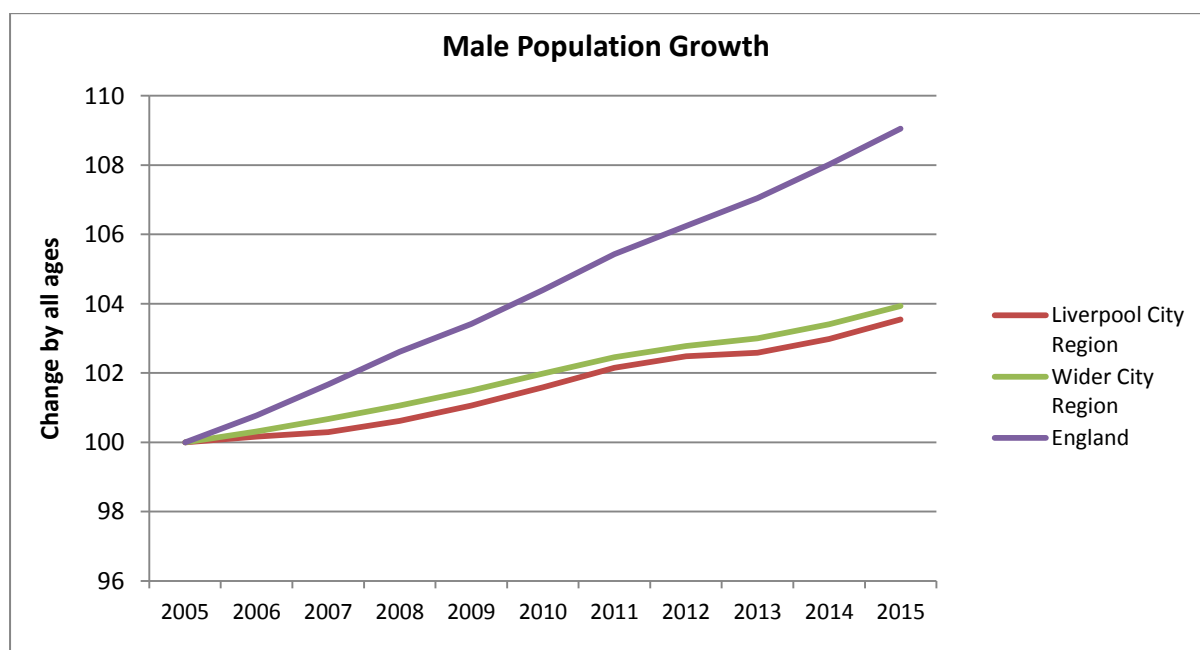
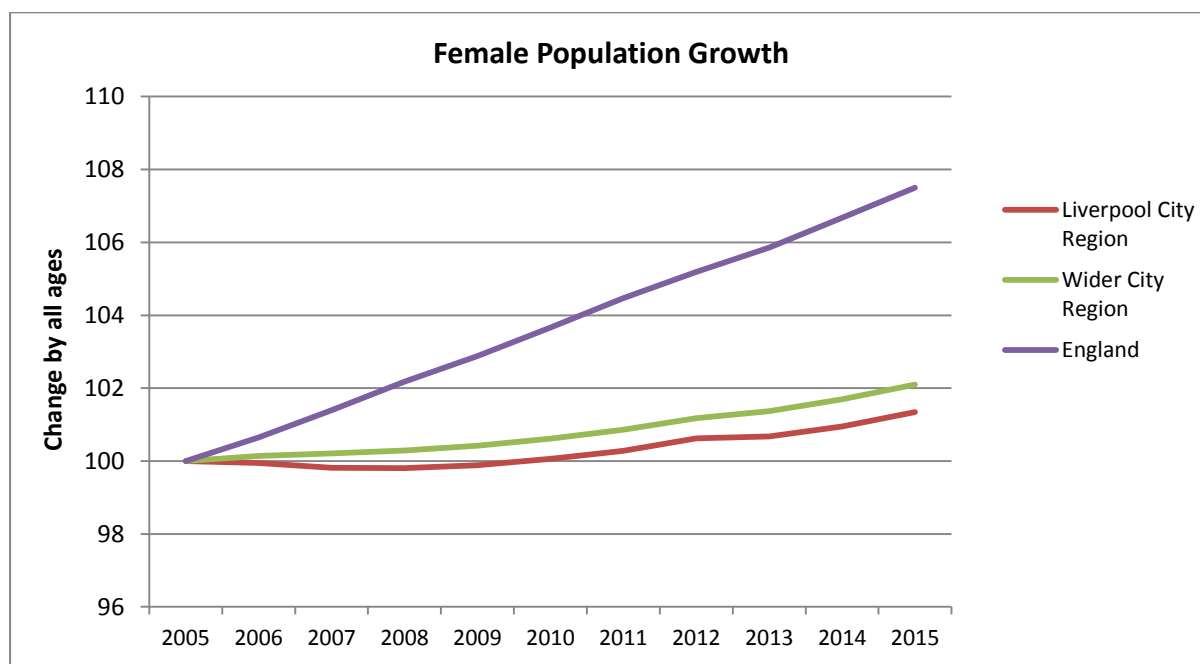
Source: Census 2011, [ONS](#). Released 11/12/12

3. Sex

Population by sex 2015

Area	Males		Females		Persons	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Halton	61,800	48.8%	64,800	51.2%	126,600	100%
Knowsley	70,000	47.6%	77,200	52.4%	147,200	100%
Liverpool	237,000	49.5%	241,600	50.5%	478,600	100%
Sefton	131,500	48.0%	142,200	52.0%	273,700	100%
St Helens	87,200	49.1%	90,400	50.9%	177,600	100%
Wirral	154,800	48.2%	166,100	51.8%	320,900	100%
Liverpool City Region	742,300	48.7%	782,300	51.3%	1,524,600	100%

Source: ONS: [Mid 2015 Population Estimates](#), published 23rd June 2016



Source: ONS: [Mid 2015 Population Estimates](#), published 23rd June 2016

Population by sex and broad age group (figures) 2015

Area	Children (under 16)			Working Age (18 to 24)			Working Age (16 to 64)			Pensionable Age (65+)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Halton	12,800	12,300	25,200	5,200	5,100	10,300	39,000	40,800	79,800	9,900	11,600	21,500
Knowsley	14,700	14,000	28,800	6,600	6,800	13,500	44,400	49,400	93,800	10,800	13,800	24,600
Liverpool	41,200	39,600	80,800	33,000	35,100	68,100	164,300	163,400	327,700	31,500	38,500	70,000
Sefton	24,100	22,900	46,900	10,700	10,000	20,800	80,600	84,400	165,000	26,800	35,000	61,800
St. Helens	16,400	15,700	32,100	7,200	7,000	14,200	54,700	55,500	110,100	16,100	19,300	35,400
Wirral	30,600	29,200	59,800	12,200	11,500	23,700	94,300	99,800	194,100	29,900	37,100	67,000
City Region	139,800	133,700	273,600	75,000	75,500	150,500	477,400	493,200	970,600	125,100	155,400	280,400

Source: ONS: [Mid 2015 Population Estimates](#), published 23rd June 2016

Population by sex and broad age group (percentage) 2015

Area	Children (under 16)			Working Age (18 to 24)			Working Age (16 to 64)			Pensionable Age (65+)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Halton	20.8%	19.1%	19.9%	8.4%	7.9%	8.2%	63.1%	63.0%	63.1%	16.1%	17.9%	17.0%
Knowsley	21.1%	18.2%	19.5%	9.5%	8.8%	9.1%	63.5%	63.9%	63.7%	15.4%	17.9%	16.7%
Liverpool	17.4%	16.4%	16.9%	13.9%	14.5%	14.2%	69.3%	67.6%	68.5%	13.3%	16.0%	14.6%
Sefton	18.3%	16.1%	17.1%	8.2%	7.1%	7.6%	61.3%	59.3%	60.3%	20.4%	24.6%	22.6%
St. Helens	18.8%	17.3%	18.1%	8.2%	7.7%	8.0%	62.7%	61.3%	62.0%	18.5%	21.3%	19.9%
Wirral	19.8%	17.6%	18.6%	7.9%	6.9%	7.4%	60.9%	60.1%	60.5%	19.3%	22.3%	20.9%
City Region	18.8%	17.1%	17.9%	10.1%	9.7%	9.9%	64.3%	63.0%	63.7%	16.8%	19.9%	18.4%

Source: ONS: [Mid 2015 Population Estimates](#), published 23rd June 2016

4. Pregnancy and Maternity

Maternity 2015

Maternity 2015		
Area	Absolute number amongst women all ages	Rate per 1,000 women all ages
Halton	1,481	61.9
Knowsley	1,910	66.5
Liverpool	5,823	53.9
Sefton	2,758	60.5
St. Helens	1,957	60.7
Wirral	3,531	63.4
Liverpool City Region	17,460	60.2
North West	84,980	62.3
England	661,496	61.7

*Source: [Live Births by Area of Usual Residence](#), ONS, 2015.
Updated 23/11/2016.*

Based on all pregnancies resulting in the birth of one or more children, including stillbirths, amongst all women

Rates use as the basis population levels for those age 15-44

5. Race

Ethnic Group (Census)

Ethnic Group	Liverpool City Region		Halton		Knowsley		Liverpool		Sefton		St. Helens		Wirral		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
White	English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	1,389,487	92.2	121,210	96.4	140,135	96.1	395,485	84.8	259,629	94.8	169,346	96.6	303,682	95.0
	Irish	13,996	0.9	654	0.5	747	0.5	6,729	1.4	2,312	0.8	887	0.5	2,667	0.8
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	498	0.0	41	0.0	6	0.0	185	0.0	120	0.0	69	0.0	77	0.0
	Other White	24,363	1.6	1,136	0.9	970	0.7	12,272	2.6	4,680	1.7	1,575	0.9	3,730	1.2
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	White & Black Caribbean	6,860	0.5	465	0.4	683	0.5	3,473	0.7	830	0.3	445	0.3	964	0.3
	White & Black African	5,147	0.3	253	0.2	517	0.4	3,164	0.7	488	0.2	167	0.1	558	0.2
	White & Asian	4,968	0.3	330	0.3	375	0.3	2,283	0.5	760	0.3	271	0.2	949	0.3
	Other Mixed	5,335	0.4	308	0.2	338	0.2	2,836	0.6	742	0.3	296	0.2	815	0.3
Asian/Asian British	Indian	8,178	0.5	282	0.2	467	0.3	4,915	1.1	666	0.2	504	0.3	1,344	0.4
	Pakistani	2,610	0.2	44	0.0	81	0.1	1,999	0.4	127	0.0	133	0.1	226	0.1
	Bangladeshi	2,426	0.2	60	0.0	10	0.0	1,075	0.2	308	0.1	122	0.1	851	0.3
	Chinese	11,862	0.8	308	0.2	446	0.3	7,978	1.7	965	0.4	512	0.3	1,653	0.5
	Other Asian	6,272	0.4	249	0.2	399	0.3	3,436	0.7	653	0.2	493	0.3	1,042	0.3
Black / African / Caribbean / Black British	African	9,887	0.7	95	0.1	297	0.2	8,490	1.8	464	0.2	152	0.1	389	0.1
	Caribbean	2,200	0.1	134	0.1	127	0.1	1,467	0.3	223	0.1	60	0.0	189	0.1
	Other Black	2,725	0.2	31	0.0	81	0.1	2,351	0.5	109	0.0	36	0.0	117	0.0
Other ethnic group	Arab	6,433	0.4	54	0.0	98	0.1	5,629	1.2	327	0.1	117	0.1	208	0.1
	Any other ethnic group	3,688	0.2	92	0.1	116	0.1	2,648	0.6	387	0.1	123	0.1	322	0.1
Total		1,506,935		125,746		145,893		466,415		273,790		175,308		319,783	

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS. Released 11/12/12

% Ethnic Minority Population (October 2015 – September 2016)

Area	White UK national		White not UK national		Ethnic minority UK national		Ethnic minority not UK national	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Halton	121,300	96.3	3,100	2.5	1,200	1.0	~	0.3
Knowsley	140,700	96.6	2,900	2.0	1,400	1.0	600	0.4
Liverpool	395,000	84.3	16,300	3.5	33,100	7.1	24,000	5.1
Sefton	254,500	94.4	8,300	3.1	5,900	2.2	900	0.3
St. Helens	170,100	96.1	4,700	2.7	1,700	1.0	~	0.3
Wirral	300,300	94.3	6,300	2.0	8,200	2.6	3,600	1.1
Liverpool City Region	1,381,900	91.8	41,700	2.8	51,600	3.4	30,000	2.0
North West	6,095,900	85.9	240,600	3.4	549,500	7.7	209,100	2.9
England	42,935,700	79.0	3,178,500	5.8	6,047,300	11.1	2,196,700	4.0

Source: APS, [NOMIS](#), October 15 to September 16 Updated 15/03/17

~ Estimate is less than 500.

6. Religion or belief

(Census)

Religion	Liverpool City Region		Halton		Knowsley		Liverpool		Sefton		St. Helens		Wirral	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Christian	1,117,025	74.1	94,314	75.0	117,991	80.9	331,217	71.0	210,184	76.8	138,172	78.8	225,147	70.4
Buddhist	4,124	0.3	216	0.2	165	0.1	2,017	0.4	504	0.2	317	0.2	905	0.3
Hindu	4,580	0.3	194	0.2	266	0.2	2,437	0.5	525	0.2	416	0.2	742	0.2
Jewish	3,058	0.2	44	0.0	58	0.0	2,157	0.5	486	0.2	48	0.0	265	0.1
Muslim	19,514	1.3	267	0.2	435	0.3	15,209	3.3	1,189	0.4	605	0.3	1,809	0.6
Sikh	1,010	0.1	55	0.0	37	0.0	531	0.1	105	0.0	46	0.0	236	0.1
Other religion	3,393	0.2	303	0.2	167	0.1	1,122	0.2	568	0.2	403	0.2	830	0.3
No religion	261,741	17.4	23,543	18.7	18,439	12.6	82,701	17.7	43,196	15.8	25,653	14.6	68,209	21.3
Religion not stated	92,490	6.1	6,810	5.4	8,335	5.7	29,024	6.2	17,033	6.2	9,648	5.5	21,640	6.8
Total	1,506,935		125,746		145,893		466,415		273,790		175,308		319,783	

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS. Released 06/12/12

7. Sexual Identity

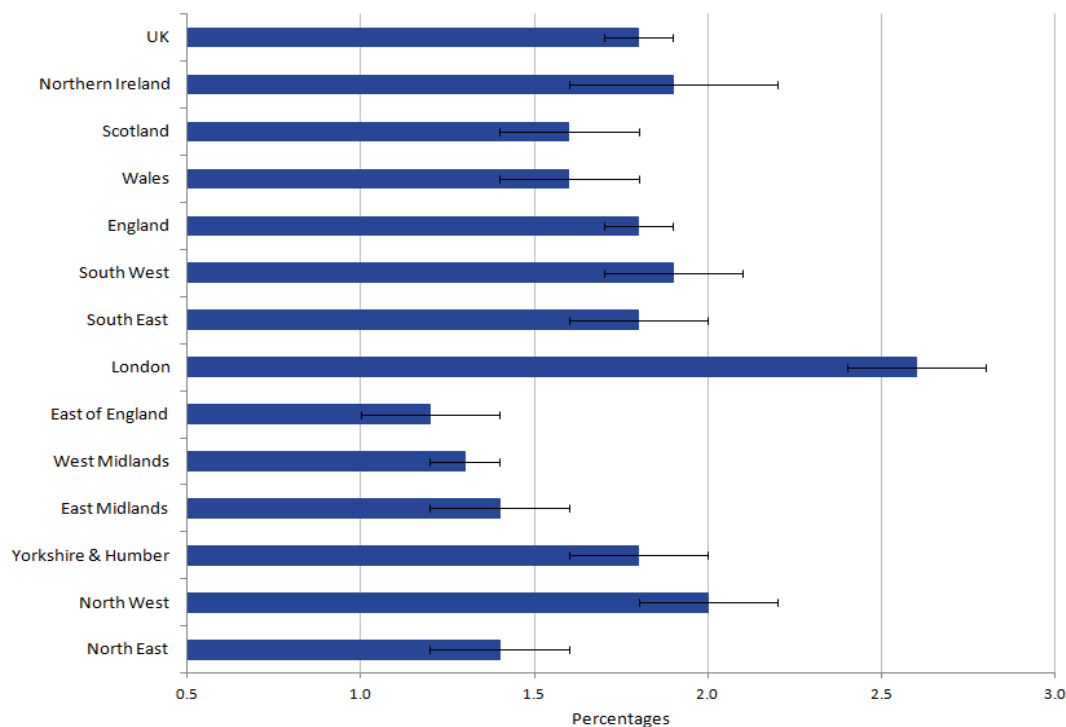
Note: sexual identity estimates are based on survey data collected from the Annual Population Survey (APS). The questions collect information on self-perceived sexual identity from the household population aged 16 and over in the UK. At present there is no further breakdown of the category “Other”.

Sexual Identity: by Gender 2015 (United Kingdom)

Sexual identity	Percentage of adult population		
	Men	Women	All Adults
Heterosexual/Straight	93.5%	93.9%	93.7%
Gay/Lesbian	1.6%	0.7%	1.1%
Bisexual	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%
Other	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Don't know/Refusal	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%

Source: [Sexual Identity 2015](#), ONS. Published 5th Oct 2016

Sexual Identity by Region 2015



Source: [Sexual Identity 2015](#), ONS. Published 5th Oct 2016

Sexual Identity: by Age Group 2015 (United Kingdom)

Age groups	16-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Heterosexual / Straight	92.1%	92.5%	93.6%	94.6%	94.8%
Gay / Lesbian	1.5%	1.8%	1.3%	1%	0.3%
Bisexual	1.8%	0.9%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
Other	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Don't know / Refusal	4.1%	4.5%	4.3%	3.7%	4.2%

Source: [Sexual Identity 2015](#), ONS. Published 5th Oct 2016

8. Marriage or Civil Partnership

Marital status as a number of resident adults (Census)

Status	Halton	Knowsley	Liverpool	Sefton	St.Helens	Wirral	Liverpool City Region	Northwest	England
Single	35,659	47,288	193,012	74,992	47,055	88,202	486,208	2,040,367	14,889,928
Married	45,287	46,981	125,326	104,250	67,661	116,267	505,772	2,563,427	20,029,369
Same-sex civil partnership	217	167	636	373	233	466	2,092	11,188	100,288
Separated	2,470	3,541	11,738	5,367	3,709	6,681	33,506	152,447	1,141,196
Divorced or legally dissolved	9,880	9,805	31,538	21,124	13,259	26,806	112,412	532,490	3,857,137
Widowed or surviving partner	7,306	9,443	26,065	20,329	11,455	22,076	96,674	427,710	2,971,702

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS, released 06/12/12

Marital status as a % of resident adults (Census)

Status	Halton	Knowsley	Liverpool	Sefton	St.Helens	Wirral	Liverpool City Region	Northwest	England
Single	35.4%	40.3%	49.7%	33.1%	32.8%	33.9%	39.3%	35.6%	34.6%
Married	44.9%	40.1%	32.3%	46.0%	47.2%	44.6%	40.9%	44.8%	46.6%
Same-sex civil partnership	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Separated	2.4%	3.0%	3.0%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Divorced or legally dissolved	9.8%	8.4%	8.1%	9.3%	9.2%	10.3%	9.1%	9.3%	9.0%
Widowed or surviving partner	7.2%	8.1%	6.7%	9.0%	8.0%	8.5%	7.8%	7.5%	6.9%

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS, released 06/12/12

Living arrangements as a number of resident adults (Census)

Status	Halton	Knowsley	Liverpool	Sefton	St.Helens	Wirral	Liverpool City Region	Northwest	England
Living in a couple	56,905	58,112	158,540	123,648	82,860	140,406	620,471	3,145,130	24,321,304
<i>Married / same sex civil partnership</i>	44,282	45,700	119,604	101,436	66,272	113,377	490,671	2,480,115	19,296,455
<i>Cohabiting</i>	12,623	12,412	38,936	22,212	16,588	27,029	129,800	665,015	5,024,849
Not living in a couple	43,048	58,212	213,542	98,765	59,202	116,734	589,503	2,460,958	17,756,052
<i>Single</i>	26,260	37,562	148,685	58,045	35,052	68,324	373,928	1,500,803	10,862,019
<i>Married / same sex civil partnership</i>	781	1,000	4,733	2,052	1,070	2,250	11,886	64,921	613,991
<i>Separated</i>	2,036	3,041	10,040	4,424	2,991	5,543	28,075	123,948	898,194
<i>Divorced or legally dissolved</i>	7,301	7,825	25,991	16,184	9,668	20,865	87,834	390,206	2,745,873
<i>Widowed or surviving partner</i>	6,670	8,784	24,093	18,060	10,421	19,752	87,780	381,080	2,635,975

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS, released 06/12/12

Living arrangements as a % of resident adults (Census)

Status	Halton	Knowsley	Liverpool	Sefton	St.Helens	Wirral	Liverpool City Region	Northwest	England
Living in a couple	56.9%	50.0%	42.6%	55.6%	58.3%	54.6%	51.3%	56.1%	57.8%
<i>Married / same sex civil partnership</i>	44.3%	39.3%	32.1%	45.6%	46.7%	44.1%	40.6%	44.2%	45.9%
<i>Cohabiting</i>	12.6%	10.7%	10.5%	10.0%	11.7%	10.5%	10.7%	11.9%	11.9%
Not living in a couple	43.1%	50.0%	57.4%	44.4%	41.7%	45.4%	48.7%	43.9%	42.2%
<i>Single</i>	26.3%	32.3%	40.0%	26.1%	24.7%	26.6%	30.9%	26.8%	25.8%
<i>Married / same sex civil partnership</i>	0.8%	0.9%	1.3%	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.2%	1.5%
<i>Separated</i>	2.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%
<i>Divorced or legally dissolved</i>	7.3%	6.7%	7.0%	7.3%	6.8%	8.1%	7.3%	7.0%	6.5%
<i>Widowed or surviving partner</i>	6.7%	7.6%	6.5%	8.1%	7.3%	7.7%	7.3%	6.8%	6.3%

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS, released 06/12/12

9. Socio-economic status

A range of indicators exist to provide equalities data around socio-economic status. Although data from the Census presents a robust picture, this can quickly become outdated, and figures on later pages from the Annual Population Survey and other sources represent more recent trends.

Economic Activity Status (Census)

Economic activity	Liverpool City Region		North West		England	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Economically active						
Employee: Part-time	155,572	14.0%	722,453	13.9%	5,333,268	13.7%
Employee: Full-time	396,745	35.6%	1,943,526	37.5%	15,016,564	38.6%
Self-employed	73,936	6.6%	423,916	8.2%	3,793,632	9.8%
Unemployed	64,344	5.8%	242,499	4.7%	1,702,847	4.4%
Full-time student	41,074	3.7%	183,516	3.5%	1,336,823	3.4%
Economically inactive						
Retired	164,051	14.7%	765,759	14.8%	5,320,691	13.7%
Student (including full-time students)	70,227	6.3%	292,848	5.6%	2,255,831	5.8%
Looking after home or family	43,127	3.9%	204,342	3.9%	1,695,134	4.4%
Long-term sick or disabled	79,211	7.1%	291,195	5.6%	1,574,134	4.0%
Other	26,084	2.3%	114,162	2.2%	852,450	2.2%
Unemployed						
Unemployed: Age 16-24	18,622	1.7%	71,662	1.4%	471,666	1.2%
Unemployed: Age 50-74	11,162	1.0%	42,140	0.8%	315,863	0.8%
Unemployed: Never worked	11,512	1.0%	39,249	0.8%	276,121	0.7%
Long-term unemployed	26,355	2.4%	95,724	1.8%	668,496	1.7%
Total	1,114,371		5,184,216		38,881,374	

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS. Released 11/12/12

Economic Activity Status (Census)

Economic activity	Halton		Knowsley		Liverpool		Sefton		St Helens		Wirral	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Economically active												
Employee: Part-time	13,102	14.1%	15,173	14.3%	44,816	12.6%	29,799	15.0%	18,169	14.0%	34,513	15.0%
Employee: Full-time	37,219	40.1%	38,065	35.9%	116,778	32.7%	71,019	35.8%	49,968	38.6%	83,696	36.3%
Self-employed	5,420	5.8%	6,218	5.9%	20,676	5.8%	16,267	8.2%	8,021	6.2%	17,334	7.5%
Unemployed	5,151	5.6%	6,926	6.5%	23,980	6.7%	9,708	4.9%	6,640	5.1%	11,939	5.2%
Full-time student	2,519	2.7%	3,235	3.0%	20,020	5.6%	6,219	3.1%	3,323	2.6%	5,758	2.5%
Economically inactive												
Retired	13,332	14.4%	14,415	13.6%	41,070	11.5%	34,329	17.3%	22,144	17.1%	38,761	16.8%
Student (including full-time students)	3,858	4.2%	5,127	4.8%	36,781	10.3%	8,676	4.4%	5,294	4.1%	10,491	4.5%
Looking after home or family	3,900	4.2%	4,822	4.5%	13,683	3.8%	6,705	3.4%	4,971	3.8%	9,046	3.9%
Long-term sick or disabled	6,451	7.0%	9,333	8.8%	28,453	8.0%	11,612	5.9%	8,638	6.7%	14,724	6.4%
Other	1,756	1.9%	2,841	2.7%	10,619	3.0%	3,863	1.9%	2,416	1.9%	4,589	2.0%
Unemployed												
Unemployed: Age 16-24	1,648	1.8%	2,065	1.9%	6,416	1.8%	2,799	1.4%	2,056	1.6%	3,638	1.6%
Unemployed: Age 50-74	878	0.9%	1,165	1.1%	3,647	1.0%	2,009	1.0%	1,087	0.8%	2,376	1.0%
Unemployed: Never worked	799	0.9%	1,342	1.3%	4,727	1.3%	1,460	0.7%	1,190	0.9%	1,994	0.9%
Long-term unemployed	1,993	2.1%	2,841	2.7%	9,889	2.8%	4,015	2.0%	2,752	2.1%	4,865	2.1%
Total	92,708		106,155		356,876		198,197		129,584		230,851	

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS. Released 11/12/12

NS-SEC Grade (Census)

National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification (NS-SEC) Social Grades	Liverpool City Region		North West		England	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1. Higher managerial, admin & professional occupations	82,900	7.4%	461,159	8.9%	4,045,823	10.4%
2. Lower managerial, admin & professional occupations	206,811	18.6%	1,007,834	19.4%	8,132,107	20.9%
3. Intermediate occupations	151,679	13.6%	678,759	13.1%	4,972,044	12.8%
4. Small employers & own account workers	78,791	7.1%	442,941	8.5%	3,662,611	9.4%
5. Lower supervisory & technical occupations	80,739	7.2%	381,432	7.4%	2,676,118	6.9%
6. Semi-routine occupations	178,278	16.0%	785,174	15.1%	5,430,863	14.0%
7. Routine occupations	142,110	12.8%	640,250	12.3%	4,277,483	11.0%
8. Never worked and long-term unemployed	84,131	7.5%	320,712	6.2%	2,180,026	5.6%
Full-time students	108,932	9.8%	465,955	9.0%	3,504,299	9.0%
Total	1,114,371		5,184,216		38,881,374	

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS. Released 11/12/12

NS-SEC Grade (Census)

NS-SEC Social Grades	Halton		Knowsley		Liverpool		Sefton		St. Helens		Wirral	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1. Higher managerial, admin & professional occupations	6,148	6.6%	5,317	5.0%	24,568	6.9%	16,679	8.4%	9,229	7.1%	20,959	9.1%
2. Lower managerial, admin & professional occupations	16,019	17.3%	16,642	15.7%	58,605	16.4%	42,028	21.2%	24,666	19.0%	48,851	21.2%
3. Intermediate occupations	12,930	13.9%	15,037	14.2%	43,131	12.1%	31,111	15.7%	17,180	13.3%	32,290	14.0%
4. Small employers & own account workers	5,996	6.5%	7,275	6.9%	21,618	6.1%	17,421	8.8%	8,922	6.9%	17,559	7.6%
5. Lower supervisory & technical occupations	8,838	9.5%	8,159	7.7%	21,757	6.1%	13,154	6.6%	10,846	8.4%	17,985	7.8%
6. Semi-routine occupations	16,624	17.9%	19,775	18.6%	52,800	14.8%	30,723	15.5%	21,994	17.0%	36,362	15.8%
7. Routine occupations	14,066	15.2%	15,856	14.9%	44,186	12.4%	21,248	10.7%	20,100	15.5%	26,654	11.5%
8. Never worked and long-term unemployed	5,862	6.3%	9,920	9.3%	34,436	9.6%	11,273	5.7%	8,233	6.4%	14,407	6.2%
Full-time students	6,225	6.7%	8,174	7.7%	55,775	15.6%	14,560	7.3%	8,414	6.5%	15,784	6.8%
Total	92,708		106,155		356,876		198,197		129,584		230,851	

Source: [Census 2011](#), ONS. Released 11/12/12

The Annual Population Survey (APS) is the source recommended by ONS for certain employment related statistics (e.g. estimates of people in employment or unemployment). It is also a key source of economic inactivity.

Employment and Unemployment (October 15- September 16)

	City Region (numbers)	City Region (%)	North West (%)	England (%)
All people				
Economically active [†]	713,100	71.7%	75.6%	78.1%
In employment [†]	674,500	67.7%	71.6%	74.1%
Employees [†]	597,700	60.6%	62.2%	63.1%
Self-employed [†]	73,900	6.9%	9.2%	10.7%
Unemployed [§]	38,300	5.5%	5.2%	5.1%
Males				
Economically active [†]	369,100	75.4%	80.3%	83.6%
In employment [†]	346,000	70.5%	75.7%	79.2%
Employees [†]	287,800	59.4%	62.8%	64.5%
Self-employed [†]	55,900	10.7%	12.7%	14.3%
Unemployed [§]	23,000	6.5%	5.7%	5.2%
Females				
Economically active [†]	344,000	68.2%	71%	72.7%
In employment [†]	328,600	65%	67.7%	69%
Employees [†]	309,900	61.7%	61.6%	61.6%
Self-employed [†]	18,000	3.2%	5.8%	7.1%
Unemployed [§]	15,200	4.6%	4.7%	5%
<i>Source: APS, NOMIS, October 2015-September 2016 (updated 15/03/17)</i>				
[†] numbers are for those aged 16 and over, % are for those aged 16-64				
[§] numbers and % are for those aged 16-64.				

Economic Inactivity (October 2015 - September 2016)

	City Region (numbers)	City Region (%)	North West (%)	England (%)
All people				
Economically inactive	272,200	28.3%	24.4%	21.9%
All economically inactive				
Of those economically inactive:				
Wants a job	50,600	18.6%	24.3%	24.1%
Does not want a job	221,600	81.4%	75.7%	75.9%
Of those economically inactive:				
<i>student</i>	71,300	26.2%	24.3%	26.4%
<i>looking after family/home</i>	53,800	19.8%	22.8%	25.6%
<i>temporary sick</i>	6,900	2.5%	2.8%	2.1%
<i>long-term sick</i>	81,500	29.9%	26.2%	21.6%
<i>discouraged</i>	900	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
<i>retired</i>	34,100	12.5%	13.4%	13.2%
<i>other</i>	23,800	8.7%	10%	10.8%
<i>Source: APS, NOMIS, October 15 to September 16 (updated 15/03/2017)</i>				
~ Estimate is less than 500				
Numbers and % are for those of aged 16-64				
% is a proportion of those economically inactive, except for the total economically inactive, which is a proportion of all those aged 16-64				

**Claimant Count:
Proportion of resident working age population (February 2017)**

Area	Number	Rate
Halton	2,630	3.3
Knowsley	3,100	3.3
Liverpool	11,100	3.4
Sefton	4,240	2.6
St. Helens	3,105	2.8
Wirral	4,115	2.1
Liverpool City Region	28,295	2.9
North West	107,390	2.4
England	646,370	1.9
<i>Source: DWP, NOMIS: Updated 15/03/2017</i>		
<i>Data is calculated from claimant count data for those aged 16+ for both genders</i>		

**Unemployment rate:
Aged 16-64 (October 2015- September 2016)**

Area	Number	Rate
Halton	2,800	4.6
Knowsley	4,300	6.4
Liverpool	14,400	6.6
Sefton	5,900	4.9
St. Helens	4,900	6.0
Wirral	5,900	4.2
Liverpool City Region	38,300	5.5
North West	177,400	5.2
England	1,372,900	5.1
<i>Source: APS, NOMIS, October 15- September 16 (Updates 15/03/17)</i>		

Statistics on those who are NEET (not in education or employment) comes from data published by the Department for Education, within the “Participation in education, training and employment” statistical first release.

Young people (16-18) not in education, employment or Training (NEET) 2015

Area	Number	% of all 16-18
Halton	240	5.1%
Knowsley	410	7.0%
Liverpool	970	6.3%
Sefton	450	4.9%
St. Helens	400	6.4%
Wirral	510	4.5%
Liverpool City Region	2,980	5.7%
North West	11,710	4.8%
England	73,900	4.2%

Source: [NEET data by local authority](#), 2015, DfE
(updated November 2016)

Glossary

APS	Annual Population Survey A quarterly survey conducted by the ONS, presenting a rolling 12 months of data. Questions revolve around economic aspects such as employment and economic activity levels, as well as skills and job grades. Data is available at both residence and workplace levels, with sample sizes typically of 250,000+.
DfE	Department for Education Government department which produces data around issues such as post-age16 skills levels, educational attainment and NEETs. Some data is made available through ONS distribution channels, although more detailed statistics are disseminated through the DfE's website.
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions Government department, producing data around benefits, etc., which is made available through ONS distribution channels.
ESA	Employment and Support Allowance ESA began replacing Incapacity Benefit and Income Support paid on the grounds of incapacity for new claims from the 27th October 2008. Therefore, it is necessary to view this dataset alongside that for Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disability Allowance to gain a full picture. Data for both sets is available on a quarterly basis.
GIRES	Gender Identity Research and Education Society
JSA	Job Seekers Allowance The data represents the numbers of people claiming job-seekers allowance on a monthly basis, and is available at small geographic areas (i.e., below local authority level). As this is the level of claimants, this is not the total number of people unemployed, although it is often used as a coefficient for measuring changes in unemployment levels.
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training Common terminology for those aged 16-18 in a low / none level of economic activity. Data is gathered by the DfE and is available at local authority level on an annual basis.
NOMIS	A web-based database of labour market statistics, run by the University of Durham on behalf of ONS. The database provides a portal to many statistical releases, such as the APS, Census, claimant data and mid-year population estimates.
ONS	Office for National Statistics UK official statistical institute, responsible for collecting and publishing statistics related to the economy, population and society at national, regional and local levels