

## Families with dependent children, 2011 Census of Population

This article has the Lancashire families with dependent children results from the 2011 Census of Population. The numbers are available by age band of the youngest child in the family. The figures have been downloaded from the [Office for National Statistics](#) website.

The figures are a count of families with dependent children. A dependent child is a person aged 0-15 in a household (whether or not in a family) or aged 16-18 in full-time education and living in a family with his or her parent(s).

### The 2011 results for Lancashire

Table 1 reveals that the Lancashire-14 area had 313,767 dependent children living in 176,528 families on the day of the census: March 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. 28.6% of households were families with dependent children. Lancashire had an almost identical percentage of households with dependent children as is the average across England and Wales.

The percentage of households across the Lancashire-12 area with dependent children was 28.1%. This was slightly lower than the percentage across Lancashire-14 because the latter was increased as a result of a noticeably higher rate of households with dependent children in Blackburn with Darwen (35.1%).

**Table 1 Families with dependent children**

Area	Total dependent children	Total families with dependent children	
		Number	% of all households
Burnley	19,591	10,968	29.2%
Chorley	22,434	13,130	29.2%
Fylde	13,925	8,133	23.3%
Hyndburn	19,064	10,581	30.8%
Lancaster	25,907	14,965	25.9%
Pendle	20,852	11,147	29.9%
Preston	30,466	16,827	29.2%
Ribble Valley	12,079	6,763	28.2%
Rossendale	15,257	8,662	29.8%
South Ribble	22,906	13,512	29.3%
West Lancashire	23,269	13,227	29.1%
Wyre	20,116	11,645	24.6%
<b>Lancashire-12</b>	<b>245,866</b>	<b>139,560</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
Blackburn with Darwen	39,059	20,122	35.1%
Blackpool	28,842	16,846	26.2%
<b>Lancashire-14</b>	<b>313,767</b>	<b>176,528</b>	<b>28.6%</b>
North West	1,521,288	865,283	28.8%
England and Wales	12,077,665	6,773,991	29.0%

Source: 2011 Census of Population

As already stated, the percentage of households that were families with dependent children was particularly high in Blackburn with Darwen. It was also higher in Hyndburn (30.8%). The rate was lowest in Fylde (23.3%) and also low in Wyre (24.6%), Lancaster (25.9%) and Blackpool (26.2%).

**Table 2 Number of families with dependent children by number of children and age band of youngest**

Area	Families with:											
	1 dependent child:				2 dependent children:				3 or more dependent children:			
	aged 0 to 4	aged 5 to 11	aged 12 to 18	% with 1 child	Youn -gest aged 0 to 4	Youn -gest aged 5-11	Youn -gest aged 12-18	% with 2 children	Youn -gest aged 0 to 4	Youn -gest aged 5 to 11	Youn -gest aged 12 to 18	% with 3+ children
Burnley	1,826	1,217	2,265	48.4	1,617	1,378	767	34.3	1,145	648	105	17.3
Chorley	2,074	1,497	2,694	47.7	1,991	2,115	1,069	39.4	921	675	94	12.9
Fylde	1,198	887	1,849	48.4	1,094	1,279	723	38.1	596	420	87	13.6
Hyndburn	1,693	1,291	2,202	49.0	1,440	1,324	739	33.1	1,085	683	124	17.9
Lancaster	2,509	1,724	3,080	48.9	2,021	2,183	1,245	36.4	1,197	843	163	14.7
Pendle	1,917	1,237	2,024	46.5	1,616	1,299	746	32.8	1,370	804	134	20.7
Preston	3,008	1,746	3,028	46.2	2,552	2,223	1,195	35.5	1,769	1,099	207	18.3
Ribble Valley	794	657	1,402	42.2	922	1,292	677	42.7	528	416	75	15.1
Rossendale	1,412	980	1,781	48.2	1,238	1,213	658	35.9	765	519	96	15.9
South Ribble	2,248	1,575	2,797	49.0	1,908	2,094	1,126	38.0	940	694	130	13.1
West Lancashire	1,760	1,447	2,778	45.2	1,940	2,153	1,196	40.0	1,019	776	158	14.8
Wyre	1,634	1,306	2,660	48.1	1,520	1,829	1,019	37.5	875	680	122	14.4
<b>Lancashire-12</b>	<b>22,073</b>	<b>15,564</b>	<b>28,560</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>19,859</b>	<b>20,382</b>	<b>11,160</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>12,210</b>	<b>8,257</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>15.7</b>
Blackburn with Darwen	3,086	2,093	3,598	43.6	2,768	2,440	1,330	32.5	2,708	1,795	304	23.9
Blackpool	2,924	2,271	3,641	52.5	2,101	2,211	1,179	32.6	1,478	876	165	15.0
<b>Lancashire-14</b>	<b>28,083</b>	<b>19,928</b>	<b>35,799</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>24,728</b>	<b>25,033</b>	<b>13,669</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>10,928</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>16.6</b>

Source 2011 Census of Population

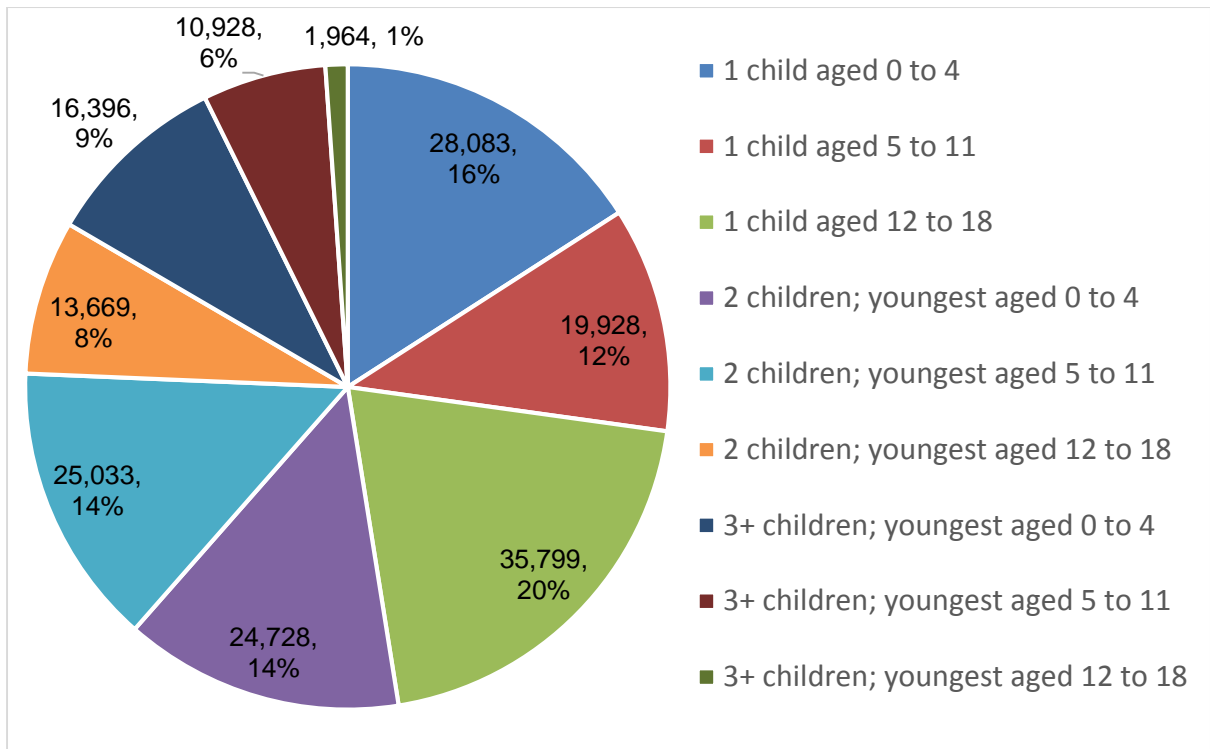
As shown in Figure 1, across Lancashire-14, almost half (48%) of families with dependent children only had one child. Just over a third of families with dependent children had two children and 17% had three or more families.

In Blackpool the proportion of families with dependent children that had only one child was higher (52%) than the wider Lancashire average. The proportion of families in this group was lower in Blackburn with Darwen (43.6%) and in Ribble Valley (42.2%).

In Ribble Valley and West Lancashire the proportion of families with dependent children that had two children (42.7% and 40% respectively) was higher than in wider Lancashire.

In Blackburn with Darwen the proportion of families with dependent children that had three or more children (23.9%) was noticeably higher than in other areas of Lancashire. It was also high in Pendle (20.7%). In Chorley, South Ribble and Fylde the proportion of families in this group was lower at 12.9%, 13.1% and 13.6% respectively.

**Figure 1 Number of families with dependent children by number of children and age band of youngest (Lancashire-14 area)**



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