

Marital Status, 2011 Census of Population

Table 1 has the Lancashire marital status figures from the 2011 Census of Population that have been downloaded from the [Office for National Statistics](#) website.

In total 32.6% of adults in the Lancashire-14 area classified themselves as single. This was marginally less than the national average of 34.6%. Preston, with 40.9%, recorded the highest proportion of single residents in the county, whilst the rate for Fylde was much lower at 26.4%. In total 46.6% of residents aged 16 or over were classified as married at the national level, which was just below the Lancashire-14 rate of 46.9%. Six Lancashire authorities recorded married rates of above 50%, including Ribble Valley where the percentage was 54.6%. In contrast, the rate for Blackpool was just 39.0%.

Fylde and Wyre are localities noted to be popular with an older age group, and both recorded rates of above 9% for residents who were widowed or were a surviving partner from a civil partnership.

Blackpool, with 0.5%, had the highest rate of people in a registered same sex civil partnership. The same authority also had the highest divorce rate (13.1%) in Lancashire. In comparison, the rate for Preston was just 8.7%.

Table 1. Marital Status 2011 Census (all usual residents aged 16 and over)

Area name	All categories : Marital and civil partnership status	Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership) (1)	Married	Registered same-sex civil partnership	Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Burnley	69,915	33.4	44.8	0.1	3.1	10.7	7.8
Chorley	87,532	30.2	50.3	0.2	2.5	10.0	6.9
Fylde	63,757	26.4	50.9	0.2	2.4	10.4	9.6
Hyndburn	64,092	33.0	45.7	0.1	3.2	10.5	7.4
Lancaster	115,405	37.3	43.2	0.3	2.2	9.5	7.5
Pendle	71,128	31.2	48.1	0.1	2.9	10.2	7.5
Preston	113,422	40.9	41.3	0.2	2.4	8.7	6.5
Ribble Valley	46,552	25.9	54.6	0.1	2.3	9.0	8.1
Rossendale	54,811	32.5	46.6	0.2	3.0	10.4	7.3
South Ribble	89,163	29.5	51.4	0.2	2.4	9.2	7.3
West Lancashire	90,712	31.2	50.1	0.1	2.3	8.6	7.7
Wyre	90,467	26.2	51.9	0.3	2.2	9.9	9.5
Lancashire-12	956,956	32.1	47.8	0.2	2.5	9.7	7.7
Blackburn with Darwen	113,122	33.6	47.6	0.2	3.0	9.0	6.6
Blackpool UA	116,699	35.3	39.0	0.5	3.2	13.1	8.9
Lancashire-14	1,186,777	32.6	46.9	0.2	2.6	9.9	7.7
North West	5,727,629	35.6	44.8	0.2	2.7	9.3	7.5

England and Wales	45,496,780	34.6	46.6	0.2	2.6	9.0	7.0
-------------------	------------	------	------	-----	-----	-----	-----

Source: 2011 Census

(1) Because single in the census refers to people who has never been married, or in a registered same-sex civil partnership, it does therefore include co-habiting couples.

Last updated, July 2013