

Socio-economic classification, 2011 Census of Population

Introduction

This short article contains some of the socio-economic classification results from the 2011 Census of Population that have been downloaded from the [Office for National Statistics](#) website.

The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. To assign a person aged 16 to 74 to an NS-SEC category their occupation title is combined with information about their employment status, whether they are employed or self-employed and whether or not they supervise other employees. Full-time students are recorded in the 'full-time students' category regardless of whether they are economically active or not.

The 2011 results for Lancashire

Table 1, 2011 census: national statistics socio-economic classification

Classification	Lancashire-12		Lancashire-14		England and Wales	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations	78,151	9.1%	90,277	8.5%	4,220,766	10.3%
Large employers and higher managerial and administrative occupations	19,284	2.2%	22,382	2.1%	967,013	2.4%
Higher professional occupations	58,867	6.9%	67,895	6.4%	3,253,753	7.9%
Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations	174,053	20.3%	207,572	19.4%	8,571,458	20.8%
Intermediate occupations	111,327	13.0%	137,172	12.9%	5,240,440	12.7%
Small employers and own account workers	83,531	9.7%	105,212	9.9%	3,872,779	9.4%
Lower supervisory and technical occupations	64,097	7.5%	80,573	7.5%	2,857,185	6.9%
Semi-routine occupations	127,535	14.8%	162,765	15.2%	5,789,519	14.1%
Routine occupations	102,392	11.9%	132,000	12.4%	4,564,916	11.1%
Never worked and long-term unemployed	41,914	4.9%	59,714	5.6%	2,301,614	5.6%
Never worked	29,411	3.4%	42,435	4.0%	1,594,690	3.9%
Long-term unemployed *	12,503	1.5%	17,279	1.6%	706,924	1.7%
Not classified	76,130	8.9%	92,075	8.6%	3,707,863	9.0%
Full-time students	76,130	8.9%	92,075	8.6%	3,707,863	9.0%
Total	859,130	100%	1,067,360	100%	41,126,540	100%

Source: 2011 Census of Population. Key Statistics table KS611EW

* A person is defined as long-term unemployed at the time of the 2011 Census if they were unemployed and the year they last worked was 2009 or earlier.

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