

Health, 2011 Census of Population

This short article contains some of the health results from the 2011 Census of Population. The figures have been downloaded from the [Office for National Statistics](#) website and complement a range of other census data sets that have been added to our website.

The 2011 results

On the day of the census, March 27th 2011, a total of 8.5% of people in England and Wales had some major form of limiting long-term illness. For the Lancashire-12 area, the percentage was higher at 9.8% whilst for the Lancashire-14 area, the figure was 10.3% (see Table 1). Ribble Valley (7.1%) was the only Lancashire authority to record a rate that was below the national average, whilst in South Ribble, the percentage was on a par with the England and Wales figure. Nine Lancashire authorities recorded rates in excess of 10% including Blackpool where the percentage was a substantial 13.5%.

For England and Wales, 82.1% did not have their day-to-day activities limited by health. The Lancashire-12 and 14 area percentages were 79.9% and 79.4% respectively. Once again, Ribble Valley (83.3%) was the only authority to record a percentage in excess of the national average. In comparison, Wyre and Blackpool recorded the lowest percentages in Lancashire of 76.2% and 74.4%.

Table 1, 2011 Census: Day-to-day activities limited by health

	Population	Number			Percentage		
		A lot	Little	Not Limited	A lot	Little	Not Limited
Burnley	87,059	10,090	9,517	67,452	11.6	10.9	77.5
Chorley	107,155	9,626	10,112	87,417	9.0	9.4	81.6
Fylde	75,757	7,849	8,714	59,194	10.4	11.5	78.1
Hyndburn	80,734	9,153	8,400	63,181	11.3	10.4	78.3
Lancaster	138,375	12,751	14,176	111,448	9.2	10.2	80.5
Pendle	89,452	9,280	9,428	70,744	10.4	10.5	79.1
Preston	140,202	12,605	12,880	114,717	9.0	9.2	81.8
Ribble Valley	57,132	4,076	5,470	47,586	7.1	9.6	83.3
Rossendale	67,982	6,818	6,692	54,472	10.0	9.8	80.1
South Ribble	109,057	9,227	10,409	89,421	8.5	9.5	82.0
West Lancashire	110,685	11,212	10,926	88,547	10.1	9.9	80.0
Wyre	107,749	12,656	12,945	82,148	11.7	12.0	76.2
Lancashire-12	1,171,339	115,343	119,669	936,327	9.8	10.2	79.9
Blackburn with Darwen	147,489	15,563	14,278	117,648	10.6	9.7	79.8
Blackpool	142,065	19,247	17,084	105,734	13.5	12.0	74.4
Lancashire-14	1,460,893	150,153	151,031	1,159,709	10.3	10.3	79.4
North West	7,052,177	724,045	702,760	5,625,372	10.3	10.0	79.8
England and Wales	56,075,912	4,769,712	5,278,729	46,027,471	8.5	9.4	82.1

Source: 2011 Census of Population

Table 2 indicates that 45.9% of residents in Lancashire-12 described themselves as being in very good health, whilst 6.3% describe themselves in bad or very bad health. For Lancashire-14, the percentages were 45.3% and 6.7%. For England and Wales as a whole, a higher percentage of 47.1% were said to be in very good health and 5.6% in bad or very bad health.

The results in Table 2 naturally show a similar pattern to Table 1. Ribble Valley was the only Lancashire authority where over 50% of people considered their health to be very good. Chorley and South Ribble were the only other two areas to record rates in excess of the national average. Blackpool was the only Lancashire authority where under 40% said they were in very good health. With 9.5% of people in Blackpool in bad or very bad health, the rate was more than double the 4.1% recorded in Ribble Valley.

Table 2 All categories: long-term health problem or disability

Area	All Persons	Health Condition, Percent				
		Very good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very bad
Burnley	87,059	42.9	33.6	15.7	6.0	1.7
Chorley	107,155	47.9	33.3	13.3	4.3	1.2
Fylde	75,757	44.6	33.8	15.3	4.9	1.4
Hyndburn	80,734	43.1	34.2	15.1	5.9	1.7
Lancaster	138,375	46.7	33.8	13.7	4.5	1.3
Pendle	89,452	43.6	34.5	15.0	5.5	1.5
Preston	140,202	46.6	34.1	13.3	4.7	1.3
Ribble Valley	57,132	51.5	32.2	12.3	3.2	0.9
Rossendale	67,982	46.2	33.1	14.1	5.1	1.4
South Ribble	109,057	47.7	34.1	13.1	4.1	1.0
West Lancashire	110,685	47.6	32.7	13.4	4.9	1.4
Wyre	107,749	43.2	33.6	16.0	5.5	1.7
Lancashire-12	1,171,339	45.9	33.7	14.1	4.9	1.4
Blackburn with Darwen	147,489	45.4	33.2	14.1	5.7	1.6
Blackpool	142,065	39.8	33.8	16.9	7.3	2.2
Lancashire-14	1,460,893	45.3	33.6	14.4	5.2	1.5
North West	7,052,177	46.5	32.8	13.9	5.3	1.5
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