

## Lone Parent Households, 2011 Census of Population

This short article has the Lancashire lone parent households with dependent children results from the 2011 Census of Population. The numbers are available by gender of parent and by full-time, part-time and not in employment categories. 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 figures are a count of lone parent households with dependent children where the lone parent is aged 16 to 74 (census table KS107). 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). It does not include any children who have a spouse, partner or child living in the household.

### The 2011 results for Lancashire

Table 1 reveals that the Lancashire-14 area had 45,837 lone parent households on the day of the census: March 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. In comparison to the England and Wales average, the county had slightly higher percentages of households in part-time and full-time employment than the national average, but this still left 36% of lone parent households in the Lancashire-14 that were not in employment.

Burnley, Pendle, Preston, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool were the Lancashire authorities with over 40% of lone parents not in employment.

The percentage of lone parents in full-time employment was particularly high in Ribble Valley (42.7%) and was also well above the national average of 26% in Chorley (34%) and South Ribble (36%). The rates of lone parents not in employment in these three authorities were significantly below the national average.

**Table 1. Lone parent households with dependent children**

Area	Total lone parent households		Part-time employment:	Full-time employment:	Not in employment:
	Number	% of all households with at least one usual resident	Percentage		
Burnley	3,225	8.6	33.6	23.6	42.8
Chorley	2,967	6.6	35.4	34.0	30.6
Fylde	2,064	5.9	37.7	31.8	30.5
Hyndburn	3,064	8.9	32.4	28.0	39.6
Lancaster	3,955	6.8	39.0	26.0	35.0
Pendle	2,686	7.2	34.5	25.4	40.1
Preston	4,429	7.7	32.5	24.8	42.7
Ribble Valley	1,320	5.5	35.1	42.7	22.2
Rossendale	2,211	7.6	33.0	32.5	34.6
South Ribble	3,139	6.8	35.3	36.0	28.7
West Lancashire	3,386	7.5	34.6	26.4	39.0
Wyre	2,677	5.7	38.0	28.5	33.5

<b>Lancashire-12</b>	<b>35,123</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>36.0</b>
Blackburn with Darwen	5,009	8.7	30.7	24.8	44.5
Blackpool	5,705	8.9	35.0	23.0	42.0
<b>Lancashire-14</b>	<b>45,837</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>36.0</b>
North West	241,336	8.0	33.0	26.4	40.6
England and Wales	1,662,205	7.1	33.4	26.0	40.6

Source 2011 Census of Population

Table 2, not surprisingly, emphasises the dramatic differences between lone parent households by gender of parent. The Lancashire-14 area did have a higher percentage of male lone parent households (11.5%) than the national average, but it still left 88.5% of lone parent households headed by a female.

Burnley was the only Lancashire authority with over 90% of lone parent households headed by a female, whilst Chorley, Ribble Valley and South Ribble had over 13% of lone parent households headed by a male.

**Table 2. Lone parent households with dependent children (gender of households and by employment category)**

Area	Total	Part-time	Full-time	None	Total	Part-time	Full-time	None
	Male (percent of all households)				Female (percent of all households)			
Burnley	9.7	1.5	5.0	3.3	90.3	32.1	18.6	39.5
Chorley	13.5	2.0	7.6	3.8	86.5	33.3	26.4	26.8
Fylde	10.8	1.7	5.9	3.2	89.2	36.0	25.9	27.2
Hyndburn	12.7	1.9	6.0	4.9	87.3	30.5	22.1	34.7
Lancaster	10.7	1.6	5.4	3.7	89.3	37.3	20.6	31.3
Pendle	10.9	1.9	5.4	3.7	89.1	32.7	20.1	36.4
Preston	10.9	1.4	5.1	4.4	89.1	31.1	19.8	38.2
Ribble Valley	13.3	1.9	9.2	2.3	86.7	33.2	33.6	19.9
Rossendale	12.0	1.5	6.5	4.1	88.0	31.5	26.0	30.5
South Ribble	13.2	1.3	8.6	3.4	86.8	34.1	27.4	25.3
West Lancashire	11.5	1.4	6.3	3.8	88.5	33.1	20.1	35.2
Wyre	10.2	1.7	5.5	3.1	89.8	36.3	23.0	30.4
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North West	9.9	1.4	4.9	3.6	90.1	31.6	21.4	37.0
England and Wales	9.7	1.4	5.1	3.2	90.3	32.0	20.9	37.4

Source 2011 Census of Population

Ward level data is no longer available in the form of interactive maps. All percentages shown were calculated using total lone parent households as the denominator, so these do not illustrate values as either percentages of all households with residents, or all households with dependent children.

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