

Locality Profile

The results of the 2011 census have now become available on the NCC website and with the assistance of NCC officers information has been made available in respect of:

- The Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Area as a whole (administrative areas of Morpeth, Mitford, Hebron, Pegswood and Hepscott town/parishes)
- Morpeth Town (Research Summary on Population of Northumberland Towns)
- Morpeth North, Morpeth Kirkhill, Morpeth Stobhill and Pegswood (Census Ward Fact Sheets)

The Plan Area

The population of the plan area is **19,546**; there are **8,582 households** in the plan area; 14,000 live in Morpeth; 3,870 live in Pegswood; and 1680 live in Mitford, Hebron and Hepscott

There are **9383 economically active people** in the plan area (66.83%) Economic activity is measured against all usual residents aged 16 – 74)

There were **522 unemployed persons** (3.72% - less than the county rate of 4.43%)

There were **2,878 retired persons** (20.5% - more than the County rate of 18.82%)

Of the **8,813 persons aged 16-74 in employment** the number of employees in key industrial categories was as follows:

1604 (18.20%) in human health and social work activities

1188 (13.48%) in wholesale and retail trade / motor vehicle repairs

1097 (12.45%) in education

916 (10.39%) in public administration and defence

588 (6.67%) in manufacturing

579 (6.57%) in professional, scientific and technical activities

487 (5.53%) in accommodation and food service activities

6,028 persons (aged 16 – 74) had the highest level of educational qualifications (36.92 %; above the county % of 25.57%)

Car or van was the most common method of travel to work - 6,374 persons (45.37%)

Of the 8582 households in the plan area:

6,265 were private households (73% - county figure 65.84%)

1301 were social rented (15.16 – county figure 18.65%)

856 were private rented (9.97% - county figure 13.29%)

4256 households (49.59% - county figure 43.64%) were not deprived in any dimension

Of the 8885 dwellings in the plan area:

2613 detached dwellings (29.41% - county figure 25.17%)

3322 semi-detached dwellings (37.39% - county figure 35.31%)

2047 terraced dwellings (23.04% - county figure 28.14%)

889 flats/ maisonette and apartments (10.12% - county figure 11.12%)

Morpeth Town

The population of Morpeth was estimated at **14,000** (rounded); this represents a **1% increase since 2001** (Prudhoe had increased by 5%; Alnwick, Blyth, Hexham and Bedlington by 4%)

16% of the population is aged 0 -15 (along with Ponteland and Haltwhistle this is the lowest % in the county)

60% of the population are aged 16 -64 (only Ponteland has a lower percentage)

25% of the population are aged 65 years and above (exceeded only by Ponteland)

Ward data

5,207 people live in **Morpeth Kirkhill**;

867 are 15 years and under (16.7%)

3,090 are 16-64 years (59.3%)

1,250 are 65 years and over (24%)

47.4% of residents consider their health very good

98.7% of residents are white

57% of residents are married; 23% are single

66.4% of residents aged 16-74 are economically active; 33.6% economically inactive

25.9% (of those aged 16 – 74 in employment) are in professional occupations

13.1% are in associate professional and technical occupations

11.4% are in administrative and secretarial occupations

11.1% are managers, directors and senior officials

4,115 people live in **Morpeth Stobhill**

685 are 15 years and under (16.6%)

2,507 are 16-64 years (60.9%)

923 are 65 years and over (22.4%)

44.7% of residents consider their health very good

97.4% of residents are white

52.2% of residents are married; 25.5% are single

66.3% of residents aged 16-74 are economically active; 33.7% economically inactive

21.5% (of those aged 16 – 74 in employment) are in professional occupations

14.7% are in associate professional and technical occupations

11.2% are in administrative and secretarial occupations

10.4% are managers, directors and senior officials

4,416 people live in **Morpeth North**

584 are 15 years and under (13.2%)

2,579 are 16-64 years (58.4%)

1,253 are 65 years and over (28.4%)

43.9% of residents consider their health very good

98.4% of residents are white

50.3% of residents are married; 26.6% are single

62.5% of residents aged 16-74 are economically active; 37.5% economically inactive

31.9% (of those aged 16 – 74 in employment) are in professional occupations

13.0% are in associate professional and technical occupations

10.1% are in administrative and secretarial occupations

14.9% are managers, directors and senior officials

3,869 people live in **Pegswood**

729 are 15 years and under (18.8%)

2,550 are 16-64 years (65.9%)

590 are 65 years and over (15.2%)

45.7% of residents consider their health very good

98.4% of residents are white

49.5% of residents are married; 29.5% are single

71.4% of residents aged 16-74 are economically active; 28.6% economically inactive

16.8% (of those aged 16 – 74 in employment) are in professional occupations

11.6% are in associate professional and technical occupations

9.5% are in administrative and secretarial occupations

9.8% are managers, directors and senior officials

12.0% are in skilled trade occupations

12.2% are in caring leisure and other service occupations