



Introduction

Key findings from the 2001 census have now been released. This report gives an overview of the findings for Eden, and highlights some of the most frequently requested results. It does not cover everything that the census provides, and there will be other more detailed reports made available over the coming months.

Guidance for comparing results to previous studies

Where possible, figures have been included from the 1991 census. Although they have been included, any comparisons **must** be treated with caution as the comparison of results between census' are complicated by a number of issues. Firstly, there are a number of differences in definitions and the information collected. Secondly, the results of the 2001 census have been adjusted for under enumeration. The results of the 1991 census were not subject to the same methodology so caution must be used at all times. As a result, it is often more appropriate to compare percentages rather than the difference between actual counts.

One of the most important results the census shows is the total population. However, the 2001 census information was collected only on usual residents. This contrasts to the 1991 census, which measured both usual residents and visitors who were present on census night. This can create difficulties in comparing the change in population. To address this, it is more appropriate to compare census 2001 population figures to the revised Mid-Year Estimates of population for 1991 as this follows a much similar methodology.

If you require further help or assistance in comparing census figures please contact us. Details of how to do this can be found at the end of the report.

Population and Density

Eden's population, as measured by the 2001 census, stood at 49,777. In 1991, the revised Mid Year Estimates of population was 45,800. This means that throughout this time, Eden's population has increased by 3977, or 8.7%. The total population for England & Wales increased by 2.5%, although the population within the North-West region decreased by 1.7%. Cumbria's population increased slightly by 0.3%.

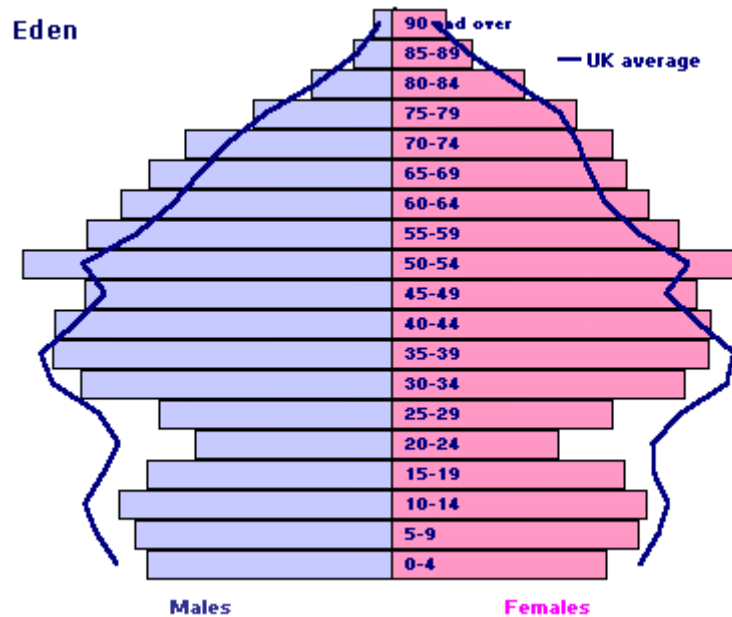
Of the total population of Eden, 48,997 people live in households. This is equivalent to 98.4% of the population. The remaining 780 (1.6%) people live in communal establishments.

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Cumbria remains one of most sparsely populated counties in England & Wales, and has an area of 676,780 hectares. This is equivalent to 0.7 persons per hectare. Eden makes up 214,241 hectares, and this equates to 0.2 persons per hectare. In fact, Eden is one of the most sparsely populated district in England & Wales.

Figure 1



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Figure 1 gives an indication of the age profile of Eden, broken down by gender, compared to the picture for the whole of the UK.

It can be seen that the profile for Eden is considerably different to that for the UK. There are considerably less people in Eden from aged 0-4 through to 35-39 for both genders than for the whole of the UK. Conversely, Eden has a greater proportion of its residents falling into the older age groups (40 upwards). In particular, there are considerably more residents of Eden falling into the 50-54 age group for both genders than the UK profile.

Households and Household Composition

In 2001, there were 23,369 household spaces in Eden. Of these, 21,143 had residents (90.5%), 775 or 3.3% were vacant, and a further 1,451 were holiday homes or second residences (6.2%) – this is almost double the proportion for the whole of Cumbria (3.3%)

Of all the households with residents in Eden, 5,659 or 26.8% were ‘pensioner households’. Lone pensioners made up 15.2% of overall households with

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residents. Overall, pensioner households in Cumbria make up 26.7% of households.

There are 823 households with lone parents in Eden. This is equivalent to 3.9% of households with residents. This is lower than the corresponding figure for Cumbria, which is 5.5%. The proportion of lone parent households for the whole of England & Wales is 6.5%.

Housing Tenure

Table 1 shows the tenure in percentage terms of all the households in Eden. It can be seen that the majority of households in Eden are owner occupied, with 73.2%. A further 19.5% are either privately rented, or rented from housing associations. This is higher than the figure for Cumbria, which is 14.8%. Only 1.2% of households in Eden are rented from the local authority and this is considerably lower than the average for the county, which stands at 9.1%.

Table 1

	Cumbria %	Eden%
Owner Occupied	71.8	73.2
Rented from LA	9.1	1.2
Rented from HA or private landlord	14.8	19.5
Rented: Other	4.3	6.1

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Living Arrangements

The table below shows the marital status of the residents of Eden, compared to the results for the whole of Cumbria. It can be seen that just over half of the residents of Eden who are over 16 are married (50.5%). This is higher than the average for Cumbria, which was 47.2%. 23.8% of Eden's residents are single (never married), lower than the 25.5% figure for Cumbria.

Table 2

	Cumbria %	Eden%
Single (never married)	25.5	23.8
Married	47.2	50.5
Re-married	7.8	7.8
Separated (but still legally married)	1.9	1.7
Divorced	8.2	7.2
Widowed	9.5	9.1

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Car ownership is often used to give an indication of the measure of deprivation in people's lives. Whilst in some cases this can be a useful measure, it is worth remembering that in many parts of rural Cumbria, having a car is a pre-requisite for obtaining work.

In Eden, only 15.4% of households have no access to a car or van. This is much lower than the figure for Cumbria as a whole, which is 24.4%. 45.9% of households in Eden had access to one car, while 29.9% had access to two, with 8.9% having access to three or more cars. In 1991, 20.3% of households did not have access to a car or van.

Amenities

The presence of central heating in households can also be used as a measure of deprivation. In Eden, 10.1% of households do not have central heating. This is slightly lower than the 12.4% average for the whole of Cumbria. In 1991, Eden had 23.1% of households that did not have central heating.

Only 0.5% of Eden's households were lacking or sharing use of a bath/shower or inside WC. This is higher than the corresponding figure for Cumbria as a whole, which stood at 0.3%.

Ethnicity & Religion

Eden's population is predominately white, with 99.6%. This is higher than the average figure for the whole of Cumbria, which is 99.3%. Of the 0.4% of Eden's population who were non-white, 0.1% were Chinese. Although the ethnic minority population of Eden remains very small, the proportion has doubled since 1991 when it was 0.2%.

For the first time in the 2001 census, a question was included on religion. This was a voluntary question, and respondents were not obliged to answer the question if they preferred not to.

In Eden, 81.4% of the population indicated that they were Christian. This is lower than the average figure across the county, which stood at 82.6%. 11.4% of respondents indicated that they followed no religion, while a further 6.8% chose not to answer the question.

Health

The census asks two questions on the general health of the population. Firstly, respondents are asked to indicate if they have a limiting long-term illness. This can be any disability, illness or health problem that limits daily

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activities or work. In Eden, 17.1% indicated that they had a limiting long-term illness. This is lower than the average for the whole of Cumbria, which stood at 20%. Looking specifically at respondents of working age, 12.1% indicated that they had a limiting long-term illness. This is lower than the corresponding figure for the whole of Cumbria.

Respondents were asked to indicate if their general health was good, fairly good or not good. Table 3 below shows the results for Eden, and for the whole of Cumbria. The general health of the majority of the respondents who live in Eden is good, with just under 70% indicating this. This is higher than the corresponding figure for Cumbria, which was 67.1%.

Table 3

	Cumbria %	Eden%
Good	67.1	69.7
Fairly Good	22.9	22.4
Not Good	10.0	7.9

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Work

The total population aged between 16-74 is 36,566. Table 4 shows the breakdown of the working status of these people for Eden and for the whole of Cumbria

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	Cumbria %	Eden%
Part Time Employees	13.6	13.4
Full Time Employees	36.9	35.7
Self Employed	9.9	16.8
Unemployed	3.4	2.0
Full Time Student	2.0	1.9
Economically Inactive*	34.2	30.2

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*Consists of retired, students, looking after home/family, permanently sick/disabled and other.

The table shows that Eden has 35.7% of the population that are in full time employment. This is slightly lower than the average figure for the whole of the county, which was 36.9%. 13.4% of Eden's population work part time, with a further 16.8% being self-employed. This is significantly higher than the proportion of self employed people for the whole of the county, which stood at 9.9%. According to the 2001 census, only 2% of the population who are aged 16-74 are unemployed.

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The industry of employment in Eden with the greatest proportion of the population is 'Wholesale & Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles' with 16.8%. A significant proportion work in 'Agriculture, Hunting & Forestry', with 10.1%.

54.7% of Eden's population travel to work by driving a car or van. This is marginally less than the proportion for the whole of Cumbria, which stood at 55.1%. 19.4% work from home – significantly higher than the average for the county, which stood at 12%. 14.4% of Eden's work force travel to work by foot. This is the same as the average for the whole of Cumbria.

Further Information

For further information on any of the topics contained in this report, please contact the Policy & Performance team, at the details below. Alternatively, visit the county council website (www.cumbria.gov.uk). The census 2001 pages will build up over the coming months to contain a library of reports designed to give both an overview of results, and detailed commentaries in particular areas.