

CENSUS BRIEFING
Focus on Children and Young Adults



This briefing examines the proportion of children and young adults in Cumbria at district and ward level. It also looks at how these proportions have changed since 1991.

Table 1: Age Structure of Cumbria's Districts, 2001

	Total	% 0-4	% 5-15	% 16-24	% 25-29	% 0-29
Allerdale	93492	5.1	12.4	9.0	5.4	31.9
Barrow	71980	5.7	15.1	9.2	5.9	35.9
Carlisle	100739	5.2	13.6	10.1	6.1	35
Copeland	69318	5.4	14.4	9.6	5.7	35.1
Eden	49777	5.2	12.9	8.4	5.1	31.6
South Lakeland	102301	4.7	12.6	8.4	4.9	30.6
CUMBRIA	487607	5.2	13.7	9.1	5.5	33.5

Source: Office of National Statistics, Census 2001, Crown Copyright

Just over 5% of Cumbria's population are under 5. There is, however, some variation between Cumbria's districts – the highest proportion of under 5's is in Barrow, (5.7%), whilst South Lakeland has only 4.7%. This reflects the differences in the overall age structure of Cumbria, with Eden and South Lakeland containing above average proportions of older adults.

Older children (5-15) account for 13.7% of the overall population of the county. Again, the highest proportion at the district level occurs in Barrow (15.1%). The lowest proportion of 5-15's are located in Allerdale, with only 12.4%.

The proportion of young adults in Cumbria (aged 16-29) was 14.6%. The highest proportion exhibited by a district was 16.2% in Carlisle. South Lakeland was the district with the lowest proportion, with 13.3%

Cumbria has proportionately less children and young adults in each age category when compared to the average for England and Wales. The total proportion of under 5's in England and Wales is 5.9%, whilst a further 14.2% fall into the 5-15 category. Young adults (aged 16-29) make up 17.5% of the overall population of England and Wales.

CHANGE IN THE PROPORTIONS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

Table 2 shows the percentage change in the number of people falling into age category when comparing results from 2001 to those from 1991.

The use of different population bases in the 1991 and 2001 census requires that any comparisons are done with care.

Table 2: Percentage Change, 1991 - 2001

	% 0-4	% 5-15	% 16-24	% 25-29
Allerdale	-13.5	-8.9	-28.5	-23.9
Barrow	-18.5	13.2	-31.4	-26.6
Carlisle	-14.6	4.3	-17.9	-17.2
Copeland	-21.4	-0.3	-25.4	-30.3
Eden	4.3	12.5	-23.7	-16.0
South Lakeland	-2.0	13.4	-23.5	-21.0
CUMBRIA	-12.4	4.6	-24.9	-22.8

Source: Office of National Statistics, Census 2001 & 1991, Crown Copyright

Looking specifically at the 0-4 age group, it can be seen that there have been substantial decreases in Allerdale, Barrow, Carlisle and Copeland. South Lakeland has also seen a small decline, whilst Eden has experienced an increase of 4.3%.

The pattern of change for older children shows substantial variations across the districts. Increases have been exhibited in Barrow (13.2%), South Lakeland (13.4%), Eden (12.5%) and Carlisle (4.3%). A small decrease has been experienced in Copeland (-0.3%), with a more substantial decrease exhibited in Allerdale (-8.9%).

There has been significant decline in all age groups in both young adult categories.

Birthing trends can explain some of the differences. In the 1970's and early 1980's there was a decline in births. As the 1980's continued, the number of births picked up. The 1990's have seen a significant decline in the number of births. It is also worth noting that the 1991 census measured students at their home address. In 2001, students were enumerated at their term time address. This will have had some impact on the differences in the older age groups. The extent of this will not be known until further analysis is carried out.

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Table 3: Percentage of Dependent Children living with a Lone Parent, 2001

	% Total Dep Children	% 0-4	% 5-15	% 16-17
Allerdale	20.5	18.9	21.3	19.7
Barrow	23.5	22.9	24.1	21.2
Carlisle	22.8	21.9	23.4	21.4
Copeland	23.5	22.9	24.4	19.4
Eden	14.4	10.6	15.5	16.7
South Lakeland	15.5	12.6	16.5	16.9
CUMBRIA	20.4	18.7	21.2	19.3

Source: Office of National Statistics, Census 2001, Crown Copyright

Table 3 illustrates the proportion of dependent children who are living with a lone parent. In England and Wales, 22.9% of all dependent children live with a lone parent. Cumbria has a slightly lower proportion, although there are still just over one in five dependent children who live with a lone parent. Barrow and Copeland have the greatest proportion – both with 23.5%. Eden and South Lakeland have considerably less than the national and county averages, with 14.4% and 15.5% respectively.

Table 4: Percentage of Dependent Children living in 'Workless' Households, 2001

	% Total Dep Children	% 0-4	% 5-15	% 16-17
Allerdale	15.5	18.3	15.2	10.6
Barrow	20.9	24.7	20.4	13.9
Carlisle	14.7	18.9	14.2	7.9
Copeland	19.1	22.3	19.0	11.9
Eden	7.4	7.6	7.7	5.5
South Lakeland	8.3	9.6	8.1	6.2
CUMBRIA	14.6	17.3	14.4	9.3

Source: Office of National Statistics, Census 2001, Crown Copyright

Table 4 shows the percentage of dependent children who live in households where there is no adult in employment. In England and Wales, there are 17.6% dependent children who live in workless households. In Cumbria, the proportion is less with only 14.6%. Again, there are significant differences in these results on a district by district basis. Barrow has the highest figure with 20.9%, followed closely by Copeland with 19.1%. However, Eden has only 7.4% and South Lakeland exhibits only 8.3%.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CUMBRIA'S WARDS – 2001

Table 5: Summary of Children and Young People by Ward

Age	Total	% Total Residents	Average per ward	Lowest Ward %	Highest Ward %
0-4	25307	5.2	150.6	2.7	7.8
5-15	66624	13.7	396.6	8.2	18.3
16-29	71429	14.6	425.2	7.7	25.6
Total	163360	33.5	972.4	19.0	42.9

Source: Office of National Statistics, Census 2001, Crown Copyright

Table 5 gives a summary for each age range at ward level, showing the average number of children and young people for each age group by ward. The table also shows the substantial variation in the proportions among wards. The greatest degree of variation occurs in the 16-29 category, ranging from 7.7% to 25.6%

Table 6, shown overleaf shows the ten wards with the highest proportion of young people in each category.

Table 6: Wards with High Percentages of Children and Young Adults

Age 0-4 Years	%	Age 5-15 Years	%
Ulverston East	7.8	Kirkby Lonsdale	18.3
Kendal Underley	7.8	Risedale	18.1
Botcherby	7.5	Sandwith	17.8
Penrith West	7.3	Mirehouse	17.1
Ormsgill	7.1	Holme	17.1
Currock	7.0	Crosby Ravensworth	16.9
Sandwith	7.0	Kendal Parks	16.8
Central	6.9	Egremont North	16.5
Kendal Far Cross	6.8	Kendal Kirkland	16.4
Hindpool	6.8	Kirkby Thore	16.3
Age 16-29	%	Age 0-29	%
Castle	25.6	Sandwith	42.9
Haverigg	25.0	Botcherby	42.1
Lakes Ambleside	24.6	Currock	41.2
St. Aidans	23.1	Ormsgill	40.9
Denton Holme	21.2	Denton Holme	40.9
Penrith West	21.0	Kendal Parks	40.6
Botcherby	20.3	Castle	40.5
Lakes Grasmere	20.0	Penrith West	40.4
Windermere Bowness			
South	18.9	Ulverston East	40.4
Currock	18.5	Risedale	40.2

Source: Office of National Statistics, Census 2001, Crown Copyright

Table 7 overleaf shows the ten wards with the lowest proportion of young people in each category.

Table 7: Wards with Low Percentages of Children and Young Adults

Age 0-4 Years	%	Age 5-15 Years	%
Lakes Grasmere	2.7	Grange	8.2
Staveley-in-Cartmel	2.7	Windermere Bowness	
Kirkby Lonsdale	2.9	South	8.7
Hawcoat	2.9	Staveley-in-Cartmel	9.2
Arnside & Beetham	3.0	Haverigg	9.3
Grange	3.1	Ullswater	9.6
Lakes Ambleside	3.1	Penrith Pategill	9.6
Haverigg	3.3	Kendal Strickland	9.6
Gosforth	3.4	Lakes Grasmere	9.6
Levens	3.4	Greystoke	9.6
		Castle	9.6
Age 16-29	%	Age 0-29	%
Grange	7.7	Grange	19.0
Arnside & Beetham	8.2	Arnside & Beetham	20.9
Cartmel	8.7	Cartmel	23.4
Ulverston West	9.1	Ulverston West	25.4
Gosforth	9.2	Gosforth	22.8
Natland	9.5	Natland	24.8
Levens	9.5	Levens	23.5
Holker	9.7	Holker	27.4
Ravenstonedale	9.7	Ravenstonedale	30.3
Lazonby	9.8	Lazonby	30.2

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