

## **Profile of Cumbria's hard to reach groups**

The presentation on this website presents the ethnicity profile of Cumbria and compares it with England and the North West; and 7 other sparse counties throughout England. The presentation also includes information on population, religion, illness and general health of the county, and incapacity benefit/severe disablement allowance claimants.

The population figures provided are based on the 2004 Mid-Year Estimates; the ethnicity and religion figures are based on the 2001 Census, all of which are provided by the Office for National Statistics.

The areas covered in the presentation and charts are:

- England
- North West
- Northumberland
- North Yorkshire
- **Cumbria**
- Shropshire
- Devon
- Lincolnshire
- Wiltshire
- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

### **Key findings**

Population density – Cumbria's population density is just 0.72%, compared to England at 3.77% and the Northwest at 4.77%. This gives you some idea of exactly how sparse the county is. Northumberland is the most sparse county at just 0.61%.

Population break-down - Cumbria has an ageing population. It has a higher proportion in the 60yrs and over category at 24.8%, compared to the national average of 21%. All other sparse counties are experiencing the same effects. Conversely, Cumbria is experiencing decline in the proportion of children and young people living in the county. To give you some idea Cumbria is under represented in the under 4's category at 4.9% compared to England 5.7% and the North West at 5.6%. Similar results are found in the Under 14's, Under 19's and Under 24's. Again, these effects are the same in the other sparse counties.

Ethnicity Profile – Cumbria, along with the other sparse counties, has a relatively low proportion of ethnic minority groups. 99.3% of Cumbria's population are White. 0.3% are Mixed, 0.2% are Asian, 0.1% are black and 0.2% are Chinese.

The National picture – 90.9% of England's population are White; 1.3% are Mixed, 4.6% are Asian, 2.3% are black, and 0.9% are Chinese. 94.4% of the North West's population are White; 0.9% are mixed; 3.4% are Asian; 0.6% are Black; and 0.6% are Chinese.

Religion – Of the counties considered Cumbria has the highest percentage of its population who are Christian's at 82.2%. Lincolnshire was the lowest at 74.3%; 10.4% of are of no religion; 6.9% did not state their religion and 0.6% are classed as 'other'.

The National Picture - 71.7% of England's population are Christian; 14.6% are of no religion; 7.7% did not state their religion and 6% are classed as 'other'. 78% of the North West's are Christian; 10.5% are of no religion; 7.2% did not state their religion and 4.3% are classed as 'other'.

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