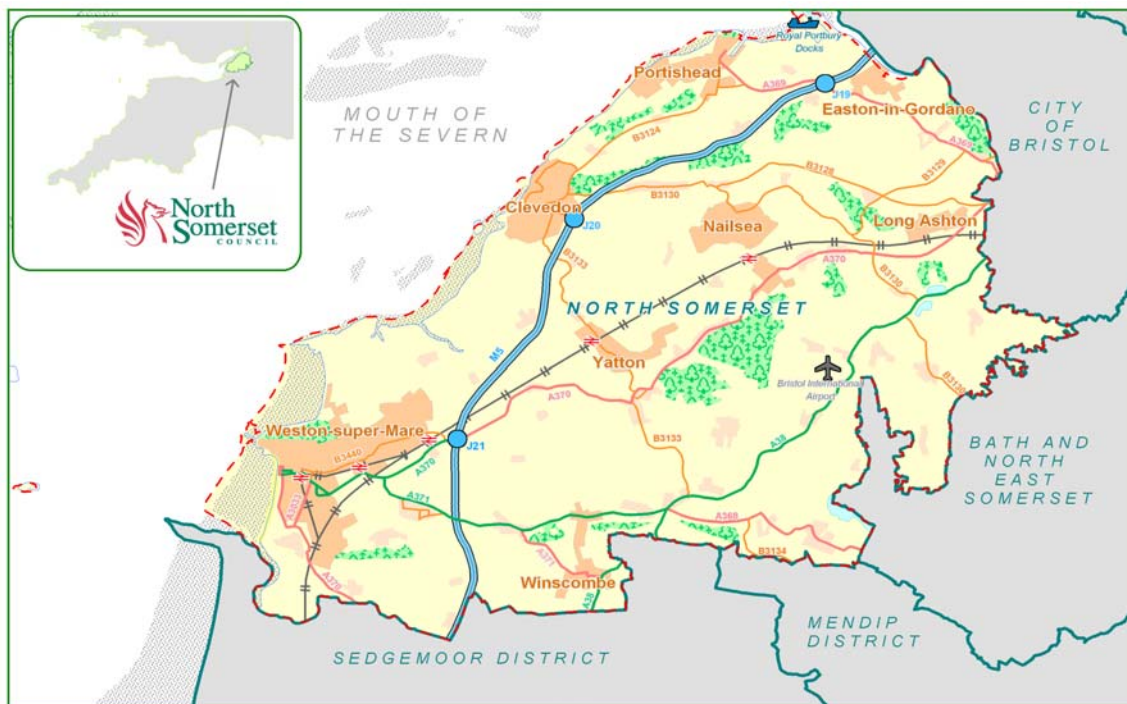


North Somerset profile

Location



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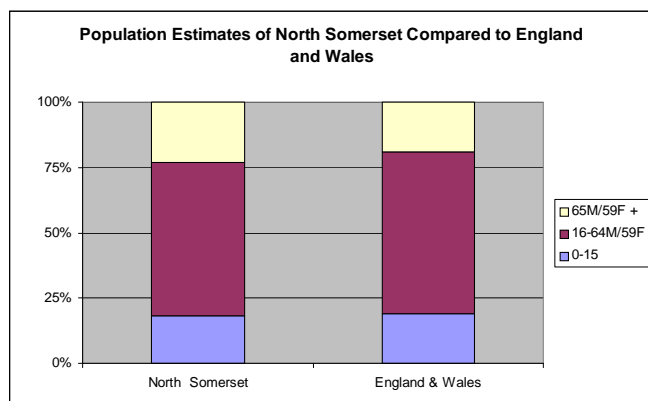
Key facts

- The geographical size of North Somerset is 38,955.74 hectares.
- The average life expectancy for the residents of North Somerset is 83 years for females and 79 years for males.
- Around 4% of the population of the South West live in North Somerset.
- The population of North Somerset accounts for 0.38% of the population of England and Wales.

Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics and ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates (2007)

Population

- The population of North Somerset is 204,700 people.
- There are 100,300 males (49%) and 104,400 females (51%).
- 58.9% of the population of North Somerset are of working age (16-60F/65M).
- 18% of the population are aged 0-15 years and 22.9% are aged 60+F/65+M.



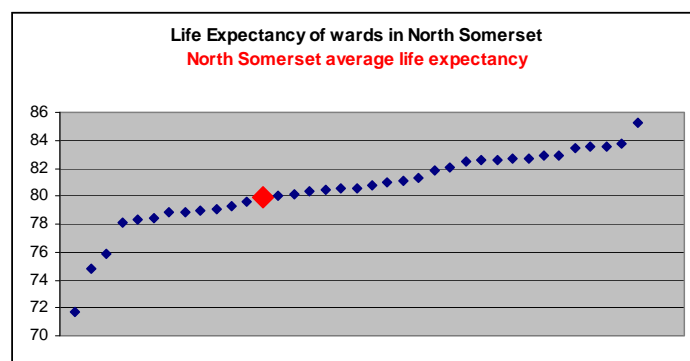
Source: ONS 2007 Mid-year Population Estimates

Health

- The average female life expectancy is 82.7 years and the average male life expectancy is 79 years.
- In England the average life expectancy is, 81.6 for females and 77.3 for males.

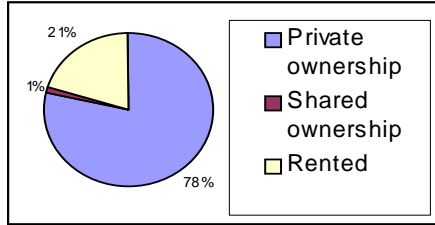
Source: North Somerset Primary Care Trust (Jan04-Dec06)

- 34,915 people have a limiting long-term illness, 18.5% of the North Somerset population. This compares to 17.9% of people in England.



Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics/North Somerset Primary Trust

Housing



- 80.7% of the dwellings in North Somerset are houses and 18.2% are flats. This is very similar to the national figures.

Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics

- The average house price in North Somerset in March 2008 was £197,512. This is 7.5% higher than the average price for all England and Wales was £184,033.

Source: Land Registry, House Price Index

Employment and unemployment

Of the 120,600 people of working age in the district, 84.8% are economically active. In the South West the figure is 81.5%, nationally 78.4% of working age people are economically active.

Source: ONS annual population survey and 2007 mid-year population estimates

	% of economically active				
	Full time employed	Part time employed	Self employed	Unemployed	Full time student
North Somerset	58.8%	20.5%	14.1%	3.1%	3.5%
England & Wales	60.9%	17.7%	12.4%	5.0%	3.9%

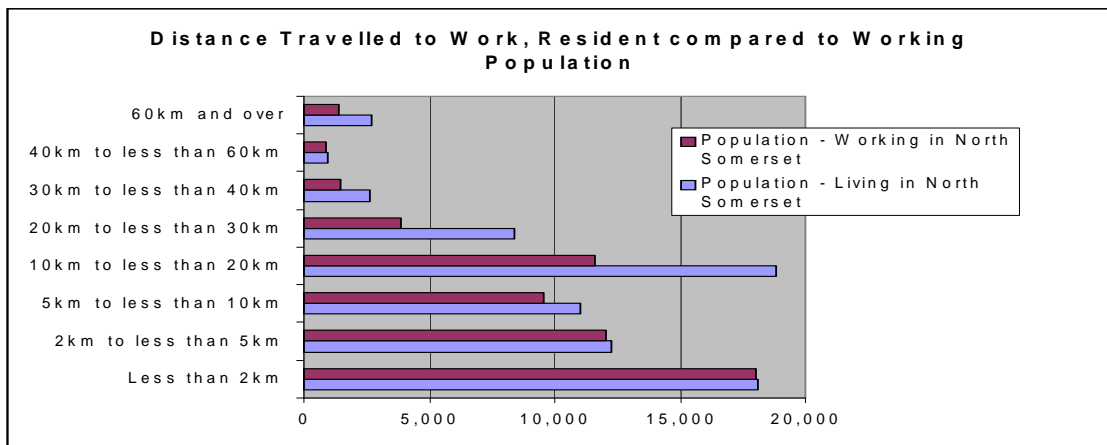
	% of economically inactive				
	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Permanently sick/disabled	Other
North Somerset	50.9%	8.8%	19.1%	14.5%	6.7%
England & Wales	40.7%	14.0%	19.5%	16.5%	9.3%

Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics

Transport

Car ownership

18% of households in North Somerset do not own a car, 44% of households own 1 car, 30% of households own 2 cars, 6% of households own 3 cars and 2% of households own 4+ cars.



Source: 2001 Census Travel to Work Statistics

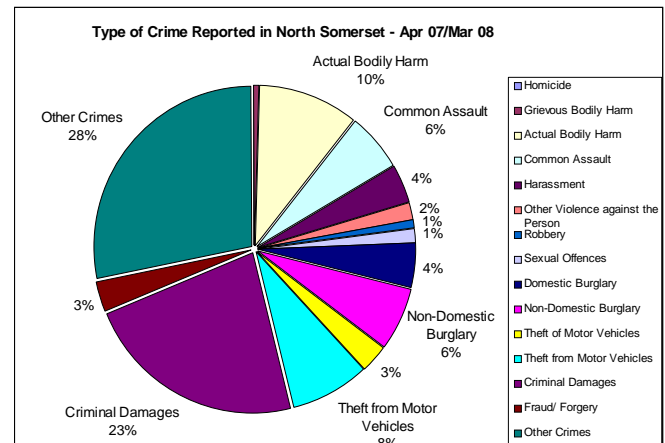
Education

- 95% of the 3 year olds in North Somerset attended a pre-school or nursery in 2007, this is in line with national figures.
- 60.3% of the GCSE pupils in North Somerset in 2007 achieved 5+ A*-C grades.
- There are 78 schools across the district, which deliver education to approximately 28,000 pupils. 65 of these schools are primary, 3 are special schools and 10 are secondary schools.
- 19.2% of the working age population of North Somerset are qualified to degree level or above. 23.5% of the working age population do not have any formal qualifications.

Source: North Somerset Council Education and DfES/ 2001 Census Key Statistics/ Dept for Children, Schools and Families

Crime

There were 13,888 incidents reported in 2007/08, a 21% decrease on 2006/2007.



Source: Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Deprivation

There are 124 super output areas (SOAs) across North Somerset. 14 SOAs (11%) are within the most deprived 25% of areas nationally. A further 11 SOAs (9%) are between the average and the most deprived 25% of areas. Again, most of these areas are in Weston-super-Mare, but one is in Banwell and Winscombe ward and one is in Pill. The remaining 99 SOAs (80%) are between the average and the least deprived of all areas across the country. The chart below shows where each of the 124 SOAs within North Somerset fall in terms of deprivation.

Source: Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004

