



This profile contains a selection of key statistics taken from the 2001 Census for the Pontefract area. The 2001 Census was taken on the 29th April 2001 and the subsequent results provide the most comprehensive survey of the UK population. Detailed data is available down to small area levels, the smallest being census output areas which contain around 125 households. The Pontefract area lies within the Pontefract North and Pontefract South electoral wards and the boundaries used to create this profile are illustrated in the adjoining map. Please note that the statistics in this profile are based on a non-standard geographical area and are derived by amalgamating Census Output Areas.

The following data tables compare the neighbourhood profile of Pontefract to that of the Wakefield District and national averages. Percentages are calculated on a base figure for each category or sub-category, which appears in italic type at the top of each appropriate section. Please note that in some cases the data shown in this summary may have been rounded and figures shown may differ slightly from those published elsewhere. Due to rounding of percentages, the addition of categories may not sum to exactly 100 per cent in all cases. It should also be noted that in some cases, different tables might show different counts for the same population, due to disclosure protection measures used to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information about identifiable individuals. Figures quoted should therefore be used for guidance only.

A series of area profiles has been prepared by the Council's spatial policy group, for further information

regarding availability, please contact the spatial policy group or visit www.wakefield.org.uk/census2001. Further profiles and data can be found at the National Statistics website at www.statistics.gov.uk.

CENSUS 2001 KEY STATISTICS

	Pontefract	%	Wakefield District %	England %
POPULATION				
<i>All People</i>	28,250			
Residents in households	28,029	99.2	98.7	98.2
Residents in communal establishments	222	0.8	1.3	1.8
Males	13,722	48.6	48.6	48.7
Females	14,528	51.4	51.4	51.3
Aged 0-4	1,558	5.5	5.7	6.0
5-15	4,173	14.8	14.8	14.2
16-24	2,700	9.6	10.0	10.9
25-44	8,285	29.3	29.4	29.1
45-59	5,408	19.1	19.7	18.9
60-74	3,981	14.1	13.4	13.3
75 and over	2,143	7.6	7.1	7.5
HEALTH				
<i>All People</i>	28,250			
Limiting long-term illness ⁱ	6,408	22.7	22.4	17.9
General health ⁱⁱ 'not good'	3,416	12.1	12.3	9.0
General health 'fairly good'	6,440	22.8	23.1	22.2
General health 'good'	18,394	65.1	64.6	68.8
People providing unpaid care ⁱⁱⁱ	3,083	10.9	11.1	9.9
Providing unpaid care 50+ hours per week	725	2.6	2.7	2.0

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CENSUS 2001 NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE**

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	Pontefract	%	Wakefield District %	England %
PEOPLE PLACES AND FAMILIES				
Marital status (all people aged 16 and over)	22,512			
Single people (never married)	5,705	25.3	26.1	30.2
Married or re-married people	12,191	54.2	53.4	50.9
Separated or divorced	2,641	11.7	11.7	10.6
Widowed	1,975	8.8	8.8	8.3
Transport (all households)	11,983			
Households without car/van	3,753	31.3	30.6	26.8
Household with 1 car or van	5,423	45.3	44.6	43.7
Household with 2 or more cars/vans	2,807	23.4	24.8	29.5
Composition (all households)	11,961			
One person households	3,331	27.8	28.3	30.0
Married couple households	4,697	39.3	39.6	36.5
Cohabiting couple households	1,132	9.5	9.4	8.3
Households with dependent children ^{iv}	3,639	30.4	30.9	29.4
Lone parent households	1,157	9.7	9.7	9.5
Lone parent households with dependent children ^{iv}	808	6.8	6.6	6.4
Pensioner only households	2,928	24.5	23.6	23.7
Pensioners living alone	1,730	14.5	14.5	14.4
ETHNICITY AND RELIGION				
<i>All People</i>	28,223			
Ethnic Group				
White	27,885	98.8	97.7	90.9
Mixed	97	0.3	0.5	1.3
Asian or Asian British	134	0.5	1.4	4.6
Black or Black British	25	0.1	0.1	2.3
Chinese or other Ethnic Group	82	0.3	0.3	0.9
Country of Birth				
Born in UK	27,670	97.9	97.5	90.7
Born elsewhere in EU	195	0.7	0.8	2.4
Born outside EU	394	1.4	1.7	6.9
Religion				
Christian	22,806	80.7	78.2	71.7
Muslim	90	0.3	1.1	3.1
Other	137	0.5	0.5	2.9
No religion	2,797	9.9	11.7	14.6
Religion not stated	2,425	8.6	8.3	7.7
WORK				
<i>All people aged 16-74</i>	20,360			
Economically active	13,068	64.2	64.3	66.9
Full-time ^v employees	8,345	41.0	40.1	40.8
Part-time ^{vi} employees	2,597	12.8	12.9	11.8
Self-employed	1,076	5.3	5.8	8.3
Unemployed	680	3.3	3.5	3.3
Full-time student	323	1.6	1.9	2.6
Economically inactive	7,339	36.0	35.7	33.1
Retired	3,163	15.5	14.4	13.5
Permanently sick or disabled	1,649	8.1	8.3	5.3
Looking after home/family	1,306	6.4	6.5	6.5
Student	514	2.5	3.1	4.7
Other	707	3.5	3.4	3.1
Qualifications	20,378			
Degree level or higher ^{vii}	2,704	13.3	12.5	19.9
No qualifications	7,873	38.6	39.1	28.9
Travel to work (all people aged 16-74 in employment)	12,337			
Car, van, motorcycle, taxi	8,446	68.5	68.1	62.7
Public transport ^{viii}	1,168	9.5	11.5	14.9
Bicycle or foot	1,879	15.2	12.2	12.8

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Occupation (all people aged 16-74 in employment)	12,308			
Managers and senior officials	1,482	12.0	12.3	15.3
Professional	1,006	8.2	7.6	11.2
Associate professional & technical	1,420	11.5	11.6	13.8
Administrative & secretarial	1,468	11.9	12.0	13.4
Skilled trades	1,446	11.7	12.3	11.5
Personal service occupations	933	7.6	7.1	6.9
Sales and customer service	1,082	8.8	8.7	7.7
Process, plant & machine operatives	1,612	13.1	11.9	8.4
Elementary	1,859	15.1	16.4	11.8
Industry (all people aged 16-74 in employment)	12,304			
Energy	465	3.8	2.3	1.0
Manufacturing	2,243	18.2	16.7	14.8
Construction	859	7.0	7.5	6.8
Wholesale, retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	2,293	18.6	21.7	16.8
Hotels & Catering	554	4.5	4.5	4.7
Transport, storage & communication	831	6.8	6.8	7.1
Finance & business services	1,468	11.9	12.4	18.0
Public administration & defence	657	5.3	5.8	5.7
Education	846	6.9	6.7	7.7
Health and social work	1,544	12.5	10.9	10.7
Other ^[ix]	544	4.4	4.7	6.7
HOUSING				
Households (all household spaces)	12,285			
Detached	2,450	19.9	20.1	22.5
Semi-detached	6,371	51.9	45.0	31.6
Terraced	1,883	15.3	24.5	25.8
Flat	1,578	12.8	10.3	19.7
Non permanent accommodation ^{ix}	9	0.1	0.2	0.4
Vacant households	310	2.5	3.1	3.2
Tenure (all household tenures)	11,958			
Owner-occupied	7,888	66.0	65.2	68.7
Rented from Council	3,108	26.0	25.7	13.2
Rented from Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord ^x	361	3.0	2.2	6.1
Private or other rented ^{xi}	601	5.0	6.9	12.0
Amenities (all occupied households)				
Households without central heating	490	4.1	6.6	8.5

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- i Limiting long-term illness covers any long-term illness; health problem or disability that limits daily activities or work.
- ii General health refers to health over the 12 months prior to Census day (29 April 2001)
- iii Provision of unpaid care: looking after; giving help or support to family members; friends; neighbours or others because of long-term physical or mental ill-health or disability or problems relating to old age.
- iv A dependent child is a person in a household aged 0 - 15 (whether or not in a family) or a person aged 16-18 who is a full-time student and in a family with parent(s).
- v working 31 or more hours a week
- vi working 30 or less hours a week
- vii First Degree, Higher degree; NVQ levels 4 and 5; HNC; HND; Qualified Teacher Status; Qualified Medical Doctor; Qualified Dentist; Qualified Nurse; Midwife; Health Visitor.
- viii Defined as Underground metro light rail or tram; train and bus minibus or coach.
- ix Households in non permanent accommodation (caravans, houseboats)
- x Includes Housing Co-operative and Charitable Trust
- xi Includes employer of a household member and relative or friend of a household member and living rent free