

Area Profile for Colne and District



Population

The total population in the Colne & District area is 22,757 people, based on mid-2009 Office for National Statistics estimates.

The age breakdown in the area varies quite markedly between the 5 wards. In Foulridge just 15.6% of the population are aged 0 to 15, compared to 21.2% in Vivary Bridge. The overall average proportion of 0-15 year olds in Colne & District is 18.18%, which is lower than both the Pendle and national averages. The older age group in the area (60 and over for females, 65 and over for males) is higher than the Pendle and national averages at 19.98%. The highest proportions in the wards of Colne & District are in Foulridge and Horsfield.

The Colne & District average for the proportion of people married is 40.21%, which is below the Pendle and national averages. There is quite a difference between the wards in the area in terms of the highest and lowest proportion of married residents. 49.72% of Foulridge residents are married, whereas only 34.04% of the Waterside population are married. Conversely, the proportion of the Colne and District area that are single is 27.9% which is above the Pendle average but below the national level. Broken down by wards, only 22.21% of the Foulridge population are single compared to 32.46% of Waterside residents.

97.3% of the Colne & District area population are of white ethnicity. This is higher than the Pendle and national averages of 84.94% and 90.92% respectively.

Labour Market

In the Colne & District area, 74.3% of the population are economically active. This is above the Pendle and national averages of 70.7% and 74% respectively. In Boulsworth 81% of residents are economically active, whereas in Vivary Bridge the figure is 69.1%.

There are a greater proportion of working-age residents in Colne & District in managerial or senior officials than the rest of Pendle, but it is lower than the Great Britain average. On average in the area 2.79% of residents have never worked, which is lower than the Pendle average but slightly below the Great Britain average. The ward with the highest proportion of people who have never worked is Clover Hill.

In Colne & District 3.24% of the working-age population were claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) in November 2010. This is above the Pendle average but below the national average. Looking at the figures for the wards in the area, 5.1% of the Vivary Bridge population were claiming JSA.

Health

20.32% of the Colne & District population have a limiting long-term illness (according to the 2001 Census). This is above the national average of 17.93% but below the Pendle average of 20.95%. In Horsfield over 25% of the population have a limiting long-term illness, which is the highest figure in the Colne & District area.

Of those claiming disability living allowance in the area, only 8% are aged 16 or under. This is over 2% lower than the Pendle and national averages.

The under 18 conception rate in the Colne & District area is 50.55 per 1,000 population. This is above the Pendle and national averages of 44.1 and 41 respectively. In Waterside the rate is 74.5. This is much higher than the lowest rate in the area, which is 16.9 in Boulsworth.

Crime

The total recorded crime rate of 90.8 in the Colne & District area (per 1,000 population) is higher than the Pendle and Lancashire averages. Waterside has the highest crime rate in Pendle with 149.7 crimes occurring per 1,000 population.

Waterside also has the highest rate in the borough for calls about anti-social behaviour and all types of burglary. Likewise, the Colne & District averages for these crime types are higher than the Pendle and Lancashire averages.

The rate of calls to the police where domestic violence was involved in the area is above the Pendle average but below the Lancashire average. However, in Waterside the rate is double the Lancashire average.

Housing

The most common type of household in the area is terraced housing, with 57% of all households in Colne & District terraced. The ward with the greatest proportion of terraced houses in the area is Waterside with 67.7%. Only Foulridge has a great percentage of detached houses than the national average, with the overall area average above the Pendle average but 9% below the national average.

In the Colne & District area 40% of the households are owned through a mortgage. This is above both the Pendle and national averages. The ward with the highest proportion of houses owned through a mortgage is Boulsworth, with the lowest proportion in Horsfield and Waterside. 33.1% of the area population own their household outright, which is below the Pendle average but above the national average.

4.7% of households in the Colne & District area are vacant, which is below the Pendle average but above the national average. The ward with the greatest proportion of vacant properties is Waterside with 6.6%, which is 0.3% above the Pendle average.

Education

In the Colne & District area the percentage of the working-age population with no qualifications is 41%, which is 3% below the Pendle average but over 5% higher than the national average. Broken down by wards in the area, the lowest figure is 33.4% in Foulridge and the highest is 46.6% in Horsfield.

15% of the Colne & District area population have higher level qualifications, which is above the Pendle average but below the national figure. The ward percentages range from 10.4% in Horsfield to 20.9% in Foulridge.