

Area Profile for West Craven



Population

The total population for the West Craven area is 17,447 (taken from the 2009 Office for National Statistics estimate). Of this population, 17.8% are aged 0 to 15 and 20.5% are aged 60/65 and over (female/male). The proportion of younger people (0-15) in the area is below the Pendle and national averages, but the elderly population is above the borough and national averages.

In terms of the marital status of residents of West Craven, 25.3% are single (have never been married). This is below the Pendle average and nearly 5% lower than the national average. Despite the proportion of residents single being lower in West Craven, the percentage of people who are married is very similar to the Pendle and national averages. The difference is made up by the greater number of the area population who have remarried or divorced, compared to the Pendle and national averages.

West Craven is a predominantly white area it seems, with 98.1% of residents of white ethnicity, and just 1.2% of Pakistani ethnicity (compared to 29.2% in Nelson).

Labour Market

Economic activity is higher in West Craven than it is across Pendle and England. 77.3% of the West Craven working-age population are economically active, compared to 70.7% across the borough and 74% throughout Great Britain.

In terms of the occupations West Craven residents hold, 12.6% are managers or senior officials. This is below both the Pendle and national averages. However, there are a greater number of residents in skilled trades occupations than in the borough and Great Britain (15.6% compared to 13.9% in Pendle and 11.6% in Great Britain).

The proportion of the West Craven population claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) is below both the Pendle and national averages. In November 2010, 2.1% of the area working-age population were claiming JSA compared to 3.1% in Pendle and 3.5% across Great Britain.

Health

The proportion of the West Craven population with a limiting long-term illness is 18.9%, which is below the Pendle average but above the national average. The figures for all 3 wards in the area are very similar, ranging from 18.7% to 19.2%.

The under 18 conception rate in West Craven between 2006 and 2008 was 39.9, which was below the Pendle and national averages of 44.1 and 41 respectively.

Crime

In the period between April 2010 and March 2011, the recorded crime rate in West Craven was 30.4 per 1,000 population. This is more than half the Pendle and Lancashire averages. Moreover, burglaries in the area occur at a rate half that of the borough and county averages. There are 9.9 burglaries per 1,000 households in West Craven. Calls to the police about anti-social behaviour are also low in comparison to the Pendle and Lancashire averages.

However, calls to the police about domestic violence are a worry in West Craven. 30.9 calls were made about domestic violence per 1,000 population in the area, compared to 20.1 in Pendle and 18.4 in Lancashire.

Housing

In terms of the types of households in West Craven, 58.1% of all households are terraced houses. This is very close to the Pendle average of 58.6%. 13.7% of households in the area are detached, which is above the Pendle average but below the national average.

36.2% of households in West Craven are owned outright, which is very close to the Pendle average and above the national average. A further 43.3% of households in the area are owned through a mortgage. This figure is above both the Pendle and national averages of 38.9%

Vacant households are common in some parts of Pendle. In West Craven 4.3% of all households are vacant, which is below the Pendle average but above the national average.

Education

Of the adults living in the West Craven area, 43.6% have no qualifications. This is below the Pendle average of 44.1% but above the national average of 35.8%. In terms of those with higher qualifications, 12.3% of the West Craven population have some. But this is lower than both the Pendle and national averages.