

# TYNE & WEAR KEY FACTS

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## PEOPLE

| Population          | (Source: ONS Mid-2007 estimate) | Area                | (sq km) |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Tyne & Wear         | 1,089,300                       | Tyne & Wear         | 538     |
| Gateshead           | 190,500                         | Gateshead           | 142     |
| Newcastle upon Tyne | 271,600                         | Newcastle upon Tyne | 113     |
| North Tyneside      | 196,000                         | North Tyneside      | 82      |
| South Tyneside      | 151,000                         | South Tyneside      | 64      |
| Sunderland          | 280,300                         | Sunderland          | 137     |

| Households          | (Source: CLG est. for 2004) |                |         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Tyne & Wear         | 474,000                     | North Tyneside | 85,000  |
| Gateshead           | 86,000                      | South Tyneside | 67,000  |
| Newcastle upon Tyne | 116,000                     | Sunderland     | 120,000 |

## ECONOMY

### WORK FORCE

**Employees in Employment** 499,200 (2006 workplace-based. Source: ABI on NOMISweb)

**Labour Force** 513,700 (Resident yr end June 2007. Source: APS on NOMISweb)

| Employment by Industry   | (2006, % of total) |                       |       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Primary & Utilities      | 0.9%               | Finance/Business      | 19.1% |
| Manufacturing            | 11.6%              | Public Administration | 8.8%  |
| Construction             | 4.7%               | Education             | 9.4%  |
| Retail/Wholesale         | 15.8%              | Health/Social Care    | 13.4% |
| Hotel/Catering           | 6.0%               | Other Services        | 5.1%  |
| Transport/Communications | 5.3%               |                       |       |

[Note: Primary & Utilities consists of sections A-Agric., hunting & forestry, B-Fishing, C-Mining & Quarrying and E-Elec.Gas & Water]. (Source: Annual Business Inquiry on NOMISweb)

| Unemployment        | (Claimants, Unadjusted: August 2008) |     |        |     |        |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|--------|
|                     | Male                                 | %   | Female | %   | Total  |
| Tyne & Wear         | 17,855                               | 6.9 | 6,211  | 2.8 | 24,066 |
| Gateshead           | 2,745                                | 6.0 | 1,011  | 2.6 | 3,756  |
| Newcastle upon Tyne | 4,618                                | 7.7 | 1,457  | 2.8 | 6,075  |
| North Tyneside      | 2,808                                | 5.9 | 1,013  | 2.4 | 3,821  |
| South Tyneside      | 3,051                                | 8.4 | 1,150  | 3.8 | 4,201  |
| Sunderland          | 4,633                                | 6.9 | 1,580  | 2.7 | 6,213  |

[Note: Rates shown are calculated against the economically active resident population, at 2001 Census © Crown Copyright.]

| Gross Average Earnings | (ASHE 2007) |         |                         |
|------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Average                | Annual      | Weekly  | Hourly (excl. overtime) |
| Men                    | £26,501     | £510.30 | £12.62                  |
| Women                  | £21,660     | £424.60 | £11.45                  |
| Total                  | £24,477     | £475.30 | £12.16                  |
| Median                 |             |         |                         |
| Men                    | £23,082     | £432.00 | £10.59                  |
| Women                  | £18,697     | £355.50 | £9.48                   |
| Total                  | £21,026     | £399.40 | £10.15                  |

**Household Disposable Income** (Source: Regional Household Income, ONS, May 2008)  
(2006) Gross Disposable Household Income in North East = 86% of United Kingdom average.

### Highest Qualifications

| Area      | Tyne & Wear | Gateshead | Newcastle | North Tyneside | South Tyneside | Sunderland | England & Wales |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Level 4/5 | 107,400     | 16,100    | 36,800    | 20,500         | 12,000         | 22,100     | 6,726,900       |
| % of PWA  | 16.3%       | 13.9%     | 22.6%     | 17.7%          | 13.3%          | 12.7%      | 21.1%           |

Level 4/5 means First Degree; Higher Degree; NVQ levels 4-5; HNC; HND; Qualified Teacher Status; Qualified Medical Doctor; Qualified Dentist; Qualified Nurse; Midwife; Health Visitor.

(Source: Census 2001 © Crown Copyright)

## BUSINESSES AND MAJOR COMPANIES & INDUSTRIES

| Businesses (VAT Registered) |        | Net Change    |      |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------------|------|
| Stock at start of:          | 2006   | (during 2006) | 2007 |
| Tyne & Wear                 | 18,675 | 465           | 2.5% |
| Gateshead                   | 3,745  | 80            | 2.1% |
| Newcastle upon Tyne         | 5,535  | 115           | 2.1% |
| North Tyneside              | 3,155  | 140           | 4.4% |
| South Tyneside              | 1,990  | 60            | 3.0% |
| Sunderland                  | 4,250  | 70            | 1.6% |

May not sum due to rounding

**Gross Value Added**  
£17.9 bn (2005); TWRI estimate for 2008 is £21.3 bn

[Gross Value Added (GVA) is the official measure of output in the UK economy and replaces the old GDP series. It can broadly be described as GDP minus taxes (mainly VAT) plus subsidies]

| Manufacturing                  |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Output (Gross Value Added) →   | £2,538m (2000) |
| Manufacturing Establishments → | 2,221 (2005)   |

### Principal Industries and Major Companies Include:

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Automotive</b><br>Nissan<br>Tanfield Group                                      | <b>Printing &amp; Publishing</b><br>Trinity Mirror, De la Rue                               | <b>Business Services</b><br>Ward Hadaway*<br>Dickinson Dees                              |
| <b>Engineering</b><br>McNulty offshore<br>British Engine*<br>Domnick Hunter        | <b>Food &amp; Drink</b><br>Findus, Nestlé,<br>Greggs*                                       | <b>Airport &amp; Avionics</b><br>British Airways<br>EasyJet                              |
| <b>Mechanical Engineering</b><br>Siemens Power Generation<br>Rolls-Royce plc       | <b>Software/E-commerce</b><br>Sage plc*, BT Syntegra, TSG*                                  | <b>Construction</b><br>Barratt, Bellway*   |
| <b>Biosciences</b><br>Rhodia Pharma Solutions<br>International Centre for Life     | <b>Electronics/Semi-conductors</b><br>Siemens Power Transmission,                           | <b>Retail</b><br>Fenwick, ASDA<br>(Distribution Centre)                                  |
| <b>Culture</b><br>Includes seven theatres,<br>Northern Sinfonia & ITV<br>Tyne Tees | <b>Tourism &amp; Hospitality</b><br>Hotels inc. Copthorne, Hilton,<br>Marriott and Swallow. | <b>Financial Services</b><br>Northern Rock plc*<br>AA Insurance, Royal<br>& Sun Alliance |
| <b>Other Major Companies:</b>  |   |  |
| AKZO-Nobel (Paints)  | J. Barbour & Sons* (Clothing)   |  |
| Arriva plc* (Public Transport)   | Procter & Gamble (Detergents) *   |  |
| BAE Systems Land Systems (Tanks & Defence)   |   |  |

Call Centres include: Electricité de France (EDF), BT, and Orange

\* = HQ E = European HQ # = Siemens Power Transmission & Dist. Ltd (from 2005)

## HOUSING & COMMERCIAL

### Average House Prices

August 2008 (Source: HM Land Registry)

|                 | Detached | Semi-Detached | Terraced | Flat/Maisonette | Overall  |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Tyne & Wear     | £253,400 | £135,200      | £106,300 | £88,800         | £129,700 |
| England & Wales | £264,700 | £164,000      | £136,700 | £162,600        | £174,500 |

### Council Tax (for 2008/09)

| Band D              | (£)   |
|---------------------|---|
| Gateshead           | 1,525.17                                    |
| Newcastle upon Tyne | 1,447.77                                    |
| North Tyneside      | 1,414.73                                    |
| South Tyneside      | 1,370.88                                    |
| Sunderland          | 1,288.75                                    |
| England average*    | 1,373.00 (* Source: www.communities.gov.uk) |

## TRANSPORT

### Car Ownership (Source: Census 2001 © Crown Copyright)

|                       | All Cars or vans in the area | % of households with at least 1 car or van |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| England & Wales       | 23,936,300                   | 56   |
| Metropolitan Counties | 6,817,421                    | 64 (Avg)                                   |
| Tyne & Wear           | 361,500                      | 58   |
| Gateshead             | 64,200                       | 57   |
| Newcastle upon Tyne   | 81,600                       | 55   |
| North Tyneside        | 71,800                       | 63   |
| South Tyneside        | 48,300                       | 56   |
| Sunderland            | 95,600                       | 60   |

### Communications

Roads A1(M) or A19 (from the South), A69 (from the West), A1 (from the North)

| Flights (Scheduled flights from Newcastle Airport. Source: Timetable October 2008) |                           |                 |                    |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Aberdeen (6)   | Alicante (7)              | Amsterdam (5)   | Barcelona (1)      |
| Belfast City (3)   | Belfast International (5) | Birmingham (4)  | Bristol (6)        |
| Brussels (1)   | Cardiff (4)               | Chambery (1)    | Copenhagen (3)     |
| Cork (1)   | Dubai (1)                 | Dublin (5)      | Dusseldorf (2)     |
| Exeter (2)   | Faro (3)                  | Geneva (3)      | Gerona (1)         |
| Hanover (1)  | Ibiza (2)                 | Isle of Man (2) | Jersey (1)         |
| Krakow (3)   | Lanzarote (1)             | Limoges (1)     | London Gatwick (3) |
| London Heathrow (7)  | London Stansted (6)       | Malaga (5)      | Murcia (4)         |
| Newquay (3)  | Nice (2)                  | Palma (6)       | Paphos (3)         |
| Paris (7)  | Pisa (1)                  | Plymouth (3)    | Prague (3)         |
| Rome (1)   | Southampton (7)           | Stavanger (2)   | Tenerife (1)       |
| Toronto (1)  |                           |                 |                    |

### Metro

Frequent services operate between stations in all five Tyne & Wear Districts.

Major stations on the system include:

Gateshead: Gateshead and Heworth  
Newcastle: Monument; Central; Haymarket; South Gosforth; Regent Centre and Airport  
North Tyneside: Four Lane Ends; Northumberland Park; Whitley Bay and North Shields  
South Tyneside: South Shields; Chichester and Jarrow  
Sunderland: Sunderland, Park Lane, Seaburn and St. Peter's

Ferry services to North Shields run every half hour from the ferry landing at South Shields.

#### Rail

Fastest times from Newcastle Central Station: (to nearest 5 minutes), April 2007

|            |        |            |        |
|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Aberdeen   | 4h 15m | London     | 2h 45m |
| Birmingham | 3h 00m | Leeds      | 1h 25m |
| Edinburgh  | 1h 25m | Manchester | 2h 25m |
| Glasgow    | 2h 25m |            |        |

#### International Ferry

Ferry services depart from the International Ferry Terminal, North Shields to the following destinations:

IJmuiden, Amsterdam, Holland (Daily);

*Source: Port of Tyne Authority, October 2008.*

## EDUCATION

#### Higher Education

##### Open University

Part-time students in Tyne & Wear registered on Open University courses in 2004= 2,414

| 2006/07 Academic Year   | University of Newcastle | Northumbria University | Sunderland University |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Undergraduate full-time | 13,940                  | 16,685                 | 7,820                 |
| Postgraduate full-time  | 3,470                   | 3,055                  | 1,995                 |
| Total full-time         | 17,410                  | 19,740                 | 9,815                 |
| Undergraduate part-time | 120                     | 6,135                  | 9,200                 |
| Postgraduate part-time  | 2,175                   | 3,755                  | 1,200                 |
| Total part-time         | 2,295                   | 9,890                  | 10,400                |
| FE Students             | 0                       | 220                    | 110                   |
| Total Students          | 19,700                  | 29,850                 | 20,325                |

#### Further Information

HESA website at [www.hesa.ac.uk](http://www.hesa.ac.uk)

## RETAIL

#### Retail Floorspace (net) (2006)\*

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Tyne & Wear         | 1,397,000 sq m ** |
| Gateshead           | 266,900 sq m      |
| Newcastle upon Tyne | 501,700 sq m *    |
| North Tyneside      | 201,200 sq m      |
| South Tyneside      | 83,900 sq m       |
| Sunderland          | 343,300 sq m      |

\*Mainly 2006 figures—Newcastle earlier

\*\*Combination of 2006 and earlier

#### Indoor Shopping Centres

|                            | Net Retail Space |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| The MetroCentre, Gateshead | 144,100 sq m     |
| Eldon Square, Newcastle    | 89,000 sq m      |
| The Bridges, Sunderland    | 34,000 sq m      |
| The Galleries, Washington  | 31,000 sq m      |
| Monument Mall, Newcastle   | 12,500 sq m ***  |

\*\*\* denotes Gross Retail Space

## MEDIA

#### TV

BBC TV NorthEast  
ITV Tyne Tees

#### Radio

BBC Radio Newcastle  
Metro Radio  
Great North Radio  
Century Radio  
SUN FM Radio  
Magic 1152  
Galaxy 105-106

#### Press

Journal  
Evening Chronicle  
Sunday Sun  
Sunderland Echo  
Northern Echo (Based in Darlington)  
Shields Gazette

#### Cable TV

Virgin Media

## SOURCES

Tyne & Wear Research and Information, Cities of Newcastle and Sunderland, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside MBC, Office for National Statistics (ONS), Dept. of Trade & Industry (DTI), HM Land Registry, Department of Communities & Local Government (DCLG), HESA, Port of Tyne Authority, NOMIS, Newcastle Airport.

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