

# Pendle Parliamentary Constituency

This is the first bulletin of 2015 produced by Northern Housing Consortium (NHC) providing analysis of housing-related data for the Parliamentary Constituencies in the North of England. The report provides analysis of the impacts of welfare reform and the housing market in the constituency.

We have used the following symbols to indicate your performance against the relevant regional or national statistics.



Above average



Reference point



Below average

## Financial Distress



Census data shows that in Pendle, 69.4% of working aged people were working full-time and 30.6% worked part-time. The corresponding figures for the region are 70.3% and 29.7%.



The Annual Survey of Salaries and Hours (ASHE) shows that in the constituency (as a place of work), 24.8% of all employee jobs paid below the Living Wage in 2014 (£7.65ph), a decrease from 25.9% in 2013. This compares to 23.6% regionally and 21.7% nationally.

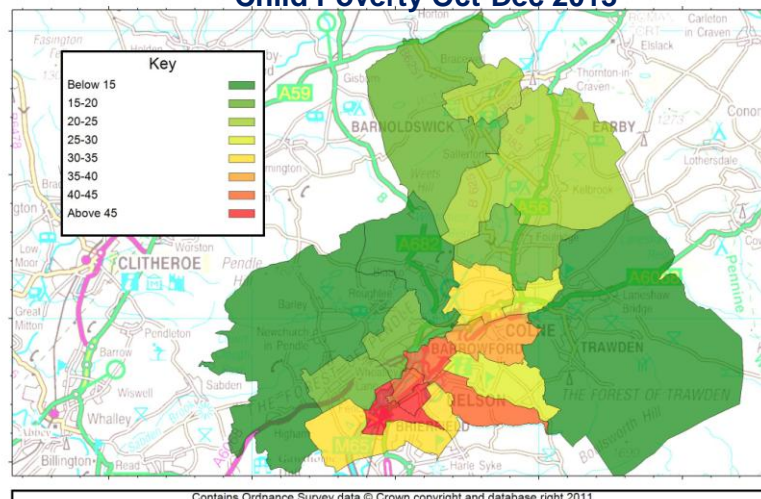


In the constituency, between September 2013 and September 2014, total Benefit sanctions fell by 57.1%. Employment and Support Allowance sanctions fell from 5 to none over this period. Meanwhile, Job Seekers Allowance sanctions fell from 158 to 70 (-55.7%).



In a previous edition of the Constituency Profiles, we reported that in Pendle, 23% of children live in poverty. One year on, we can report that figure, before housing costs, stands at 21.6%. However, when housing costs are taken into account, 32.8% of children live in poverty (End Child Poverty) and the map below shows that Brierfield (50.3%) is the worst affected ward.

### Child Poverty Oct-Dec 2013



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## Housing Market



After being on a general downward trend between Q1 2013 to Q2 2014, social landlord possession claims have fallen further by 10.3% between Q2 2014 and Q4 2014 in Pendle LA (from 15 to 13). Over the same period, there have only been actual possessions in the third quarter of 2014 (12). Meanwhile, mortgage claims have fallen over the same period.



In the final quarter of 2014, Pendle Council made 42 homelessness decisions and accepted no households as being homeless and in priority need. At the end of 2014, there were 7 households housed in temporary accommodation, a 40% increase on the quarter ending in June.



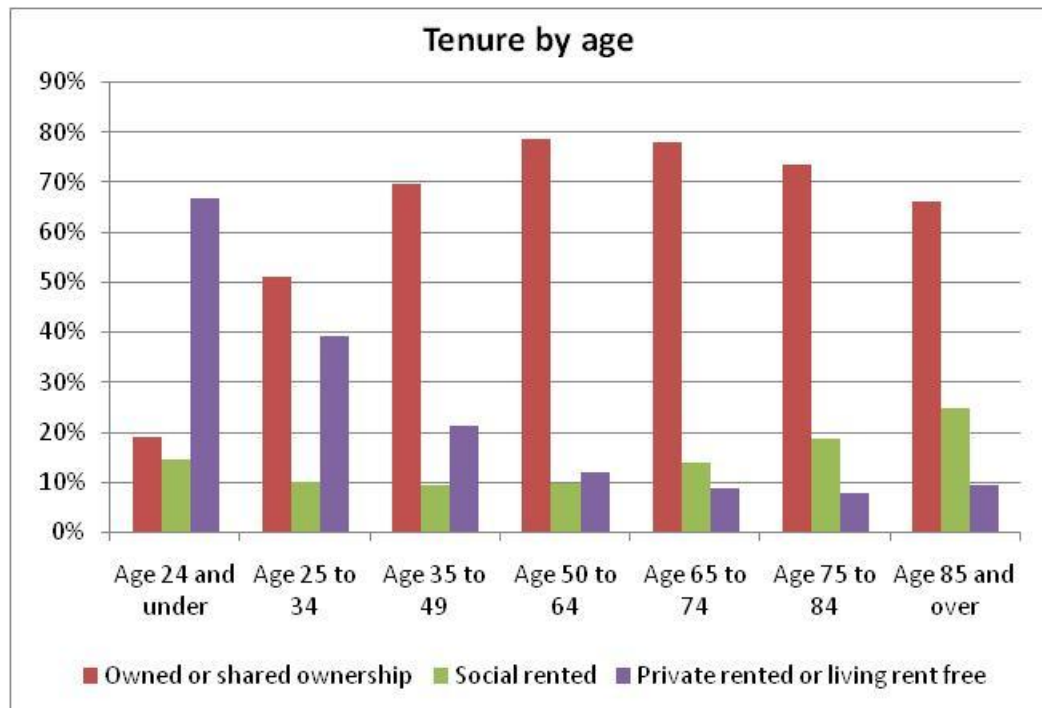
Some have pointed to a lack of new affordable homes being built as the reason behind the increase in homelessness in some areas. The latest annual figures show that in Pendle LA, the number of new starts have risen but completed homes have fallen (2012/13 to 2013/14), and that two-fifths of started dwellings were in the social sector, while there were no social completions.



Looking at quarterly building statistics, in the final quarter of 2014, there were 10 dwellings started and 30 completed in Pendle LA. No started dwellings were in the social sector, while 33.3% of completions were in the social sector. In the corresponding quarter of 2013, no starts or completions were in the social sector.



Nomis data (2011) shows that in the constituency, 69% are owner-occupiers, 12% rent from a social landlord and 19% are private renters. However, looking at tenure by the age of the household reference person shows changes by age. There is a steep increase in owner-occupation between the ages of 24 and under (19%) and 50 to 64 year age bracket (79%) before falling to 66% for those aged 85 and over. Conversely, renting is more popular for those aged 24 and below (81%) before falling and then increasing slightly in later years.



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