

Ribble Valley 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 Ribble Valley, 71.7% of working aged people were working full-time and 28.3% 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), 18.2% of all employee jobs paid below the Living Wage in 2014 (£7.65ph), a decrease from 18.4% in 2013. This compares to 23.6% regionally and 21.7% nationally.

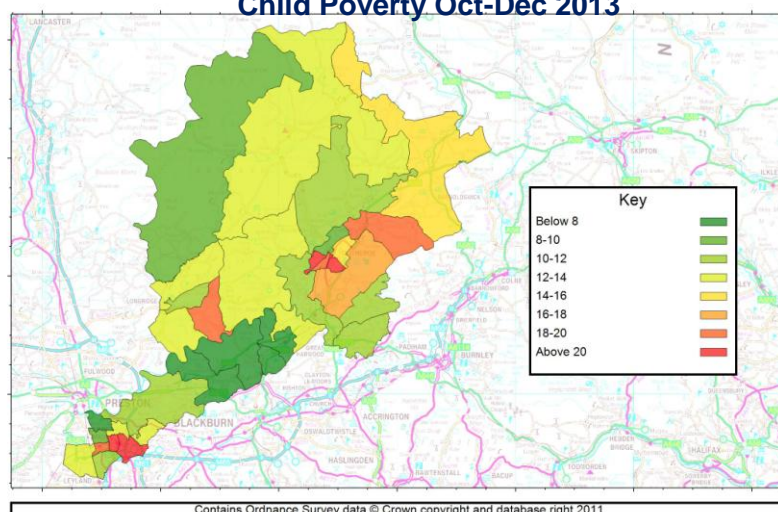


In the constituency, between September 2013 and September 2014, total Benefit sanctions fell by 45%. Employment and Support Allowance sanctions grew from none to 9 over this period. Meanwhile, Job Seekers Allowance sanctions fell from 40 to 13 (-67.5%).



In a previous edition of the Constituency Profiles, we reported that in Ribble Valley, 8% of children live in poverty. One year on, we can report that figure, before housing costs, stands at 8.8%. However, when housing costs are taken into account, 14.1% of children live in poverty (End Child Poverty) and the map below shows that Bamber Bridge East (28.1%) 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 risen by 66.7% between Q2 2014 and Q4 2014 in Ribble Valley LA (from 6 to 10). Over the same period, there have been no actual possessions. Meanwhile, mortgage claims have fallen over the same period.



In the final quarter of 2014, Ribble Valley Council made no homelessness decisions and so accepted no households as being homeless and in priority need. At the end of 2014, there were no households housed in temporary accommodation, a similar picture as in the quarter ending in June.



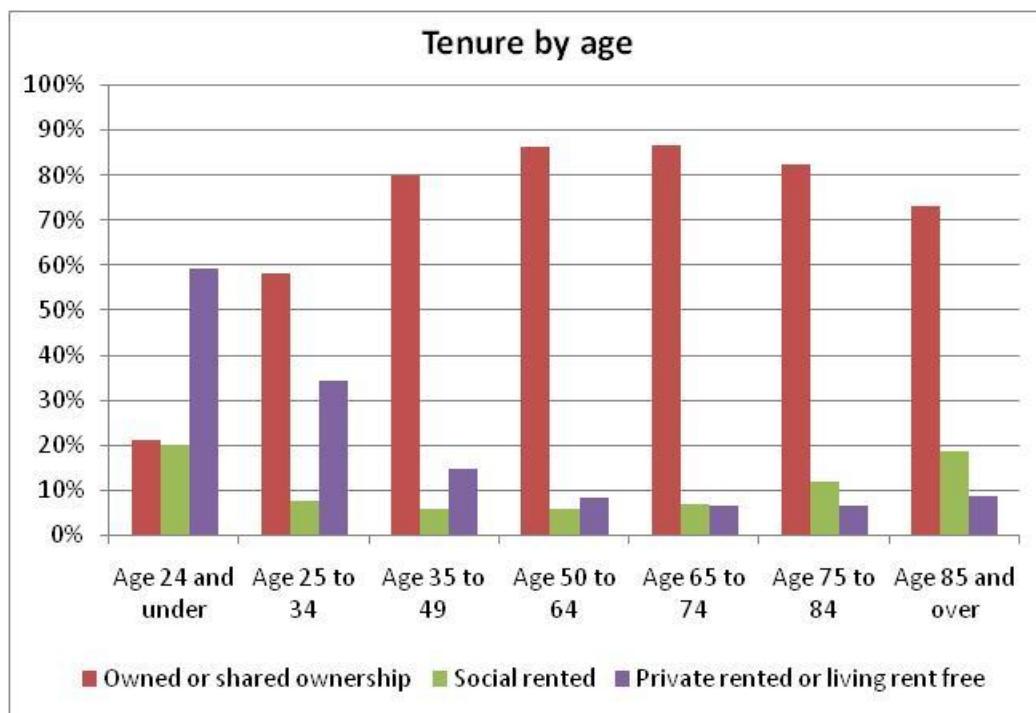
Some have pointed to a lack of new affordable homes being built as the reason behind the increase in homelessness in some areas. The latest annual figures show that in Ribble Valley LA, while the number of new starts and completed homes have risen (2012/13 to 2013/14), the proportion in the social sector has remained at 0% for both.



Looking at quarterly building statistics, in the final quarter of 2014, there were 40 dwellings started and 90 completed in Ribble Valley LA. No started or completed dwellings were in the social sector, a similar picture as in the corresponding quarter in 2013.



Nomis data (2011) shows that in the constituency, 79% are owner-occupiers, 7% rent from a social landlord and 13% 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 (21%) and 65 to 74 year age bracket (87%) before falling to 73% for those aged 85 and over. Conversely, renting is more popular for those aged 24 and below (79%) before falling and then increasing slightly in later years.



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