

# Workington 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 Workington, 77.3% of working aged people were working full-time and 22.7% 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), 32.3% of all employee jobs paid below the Living Wage in 2014 (£7.65ph), an increase from 25.9% in 2013. This compares to 23.6% regionally and 21.7% nationally.

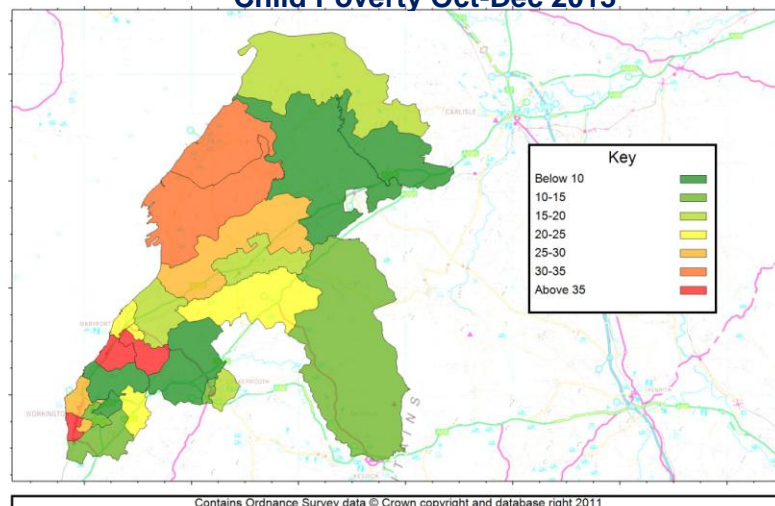


In the constituency, between September 2013 and September 2014, total Benefit sanctions fell by 38.3%. Employment and Support Allowance sanctions have fallen from 11 to 10 (-9.1%) over this period. Meanwhile, Job Seekers Allowance sanctions fell from 83 to 48 (-42.2%).



In a previous edition of the Constituency Profiles, we reported that in Workington, 18% of children live in poverty. One year on, we can report that figure, before housing costs, stands at 13.8%. However, when housing costs are taken into account, 22% of children live in poverty (End Child Poverty) and the map below shows that Flimby (38.1%) is the worst affected ward.

**Child Poverty Oct-Dec 2013**



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## Housing Market



After a general downward trend between Q1 2013 to Q2 2014, social landlord possession claims fell further between Q2 2014 and Q4 2014 in Allerdale by 26.7% (from 45 to 33). Social landlord possessions fell from 9 to none and mortgage claims also fell over this period.



In the final quarter of 2014, Allerdale Council made 20 homelessness decisions and accepted 6 households as being homeless and in priority need. At the end of 2014, there were 12 households housed in temporary accommodation, a similar figure as in the quarter ending in June.



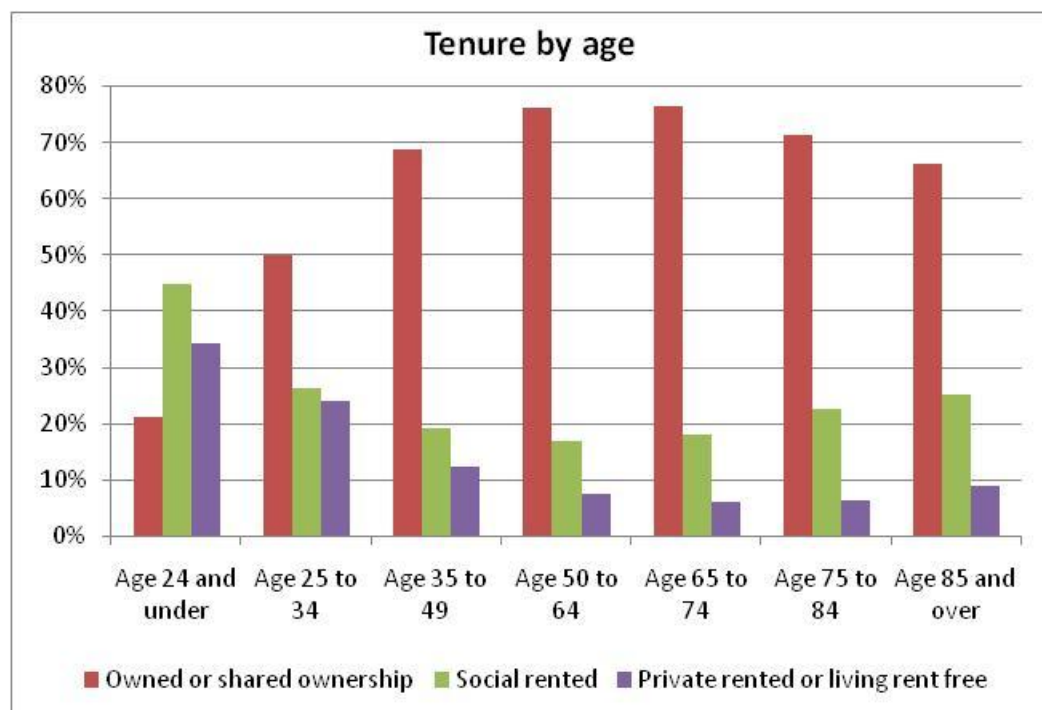
Some have pointed to a lack of new affordable homes being built as the reason behind the increase in homelessness. The latest annual figures show that in Allerdale, while the number of new homes started and dwellings completed have increased (2012/13 to 2013/14), the proportion of homes started and completed in the social sector fell over the same period.



Looking at quarterly building statistics, in the final quarter of 2014, there were 90 dwellings started and 100 completed in Allerdale. While there 11.1% of started dwellings were in the social sector, none were in the completed homes.



Nomis data (2011) shows that in the constituency, 69% are owner-occupiers, 20% rent from a social landlord and 11% 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 50 to 64 year age bracket (76%) before falling to 66% 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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