Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle 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

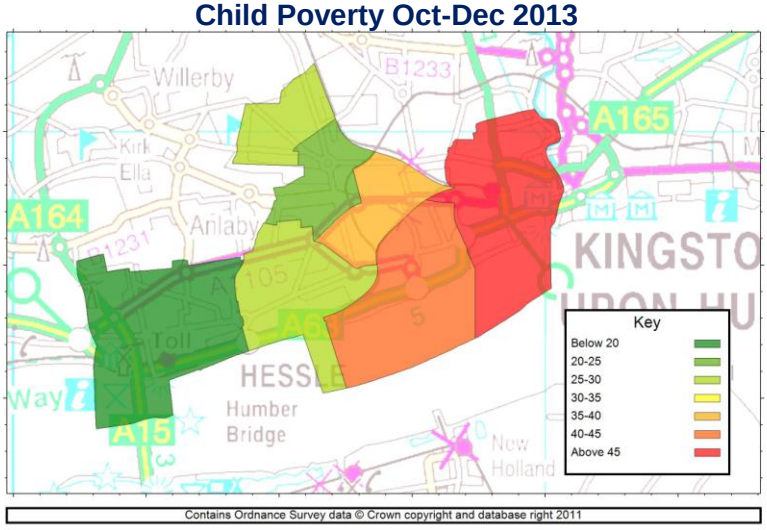
Census data shows that in Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle, 69.8% of working aged people were working full-time and 30.2% worked part-time. The corresponding figures for the region are 69.3% and 30.7%.

The Annual Survey of Salaries and Hours (ASHE) shows that in the constituency (as a place of work), 22.2% of all employee jobs paid below the Living Wage in 2014 (£7.65ph), an increase from 19.6% in 2013. This compares to 24.3% regionally and 21.7% nationally.

In the constituency, between September 2013 and September 2014, total Benefit sanctions fell by 44.1%. Employment and Support Allowance sanctions fell from 7 to none in the same period. Meanwhile, Job Seekers Allowance sanctions fell from 315 to 180 (-42.9%) in the period.

In a previous edition of the Constituency Profiles, we reported that in Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle, 26% of children live in poverty. One year on, we can report that figure, before housing costs, stands at 20.9%. However, when housing costs are taken into account, 32.6% of children live in poverty (End Child Poverty) and the map below shows that Myton (47.6%) is the worst affected ward.

Child Poverty Oct-Dec 2013



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Housing Market

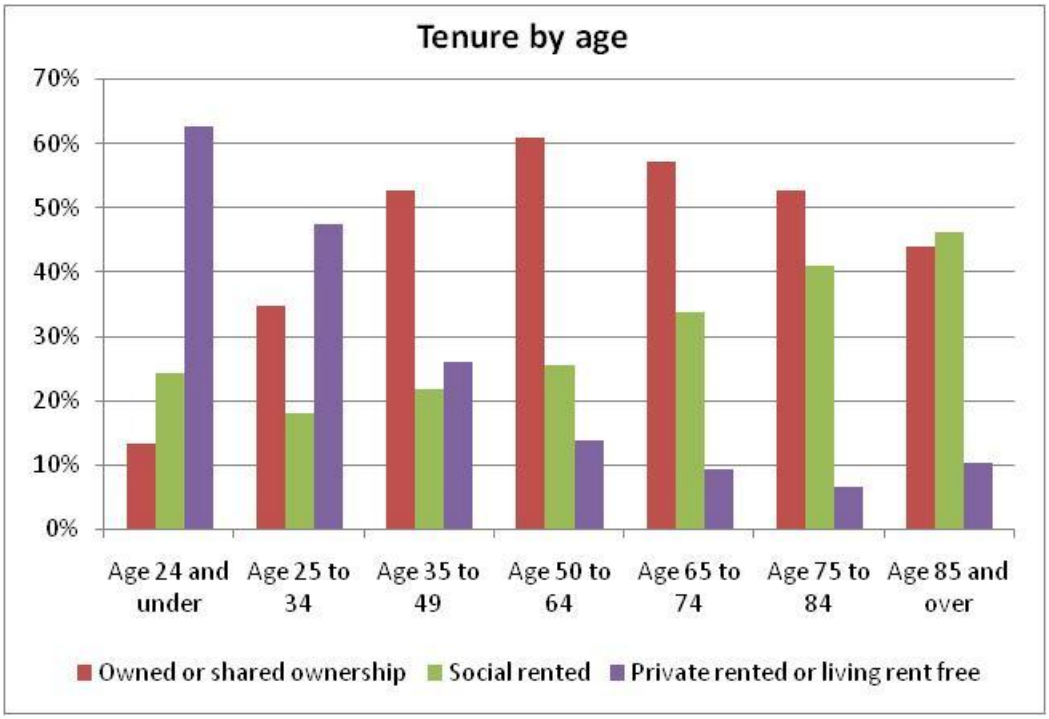
After a general upward trend between Q1 2013 to Q2 2014, social landlord possession claims fell by 18.1% between Q2 2014 and Q4 2014 in Kingston upon Hull (from 182 to 149). Over the same period, actual possessions fell by 38.6% to 35. Meanwhile, mortgage claims and possessions fell over the same period.

In the final quarter of 2014, Kingston upon Hull Council made 136 homelessness decisions and accepted 90 households as being homeless and in priority need (66.2%). At the end of 2014, 22 households were housed in temporary accommodation, a 33.3% decrease on the quarter ending in June.

Some have pointed to a lack of new affordable homes being built as a reason behind the increase in homelessness. The latest annual figures show that in Kingston upon Hull, while the number of new homes started and completions have increased, (2012/13 to 2013/14), there were no starts and completions in the social sector – only a slight reduction on the previous year when 1.6% of completions were social.

Looking at quarterly building statistics, in the final quarter of 2014, there were 150 dwellings started and 130 completed in Kingston upon Hull. No starts or completions were in the social sector – a similar picture to the one in the corresponding quarter of 2013.

Nomis data (2011) shows that in the constituency, 49% are owner-occupiers, 26% rent from a social landlord and 25% 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 (13%) and 50 to 64 year age bracket (61%) before falling to 44% for those aged 85 and over. Conversely, renting is more popular for those aged 24 and below (87%) before falling and then increasing slightly in later years.



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