

Bradford West Parliamentary Constituency

This is the second 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



ONS figures show that in the year ending in June 2015, there were 33,000 people aged over 16 years old in employment (51.6%) in Bradford West. There are 67,000 jobs in the constituency which equates to 0.90 jobs per 16-64 year old compared to 0.74 across Yorkshire and the Humber.



Experimental Jobseekers Allowance and out of work Universal Credit statistics produced by Jobcentre Plus shows that there were 2,645 such claimants in November 2015 (3.5% of 16-64 year olds), which is a 1.6% fall on the previous year. This compares to 2.2% of people in the region (a 0.5% decrease).



The latest Government data shows that there were 35,535 children in low income families in the constituency in August 2013 (26.3% of all children). Over three-quarters were in families in receipt of Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance while 15.6%, in families in receipt of Council Tax Credit and with less than 60% of median income.



Manningham ward (30.2%) had the greatest concentration of such children followed by City (29.3%). Clayton and Fairweather Green has a higher than average proportion of children living in a family in receipt of Income Support or JSA (83.6%).

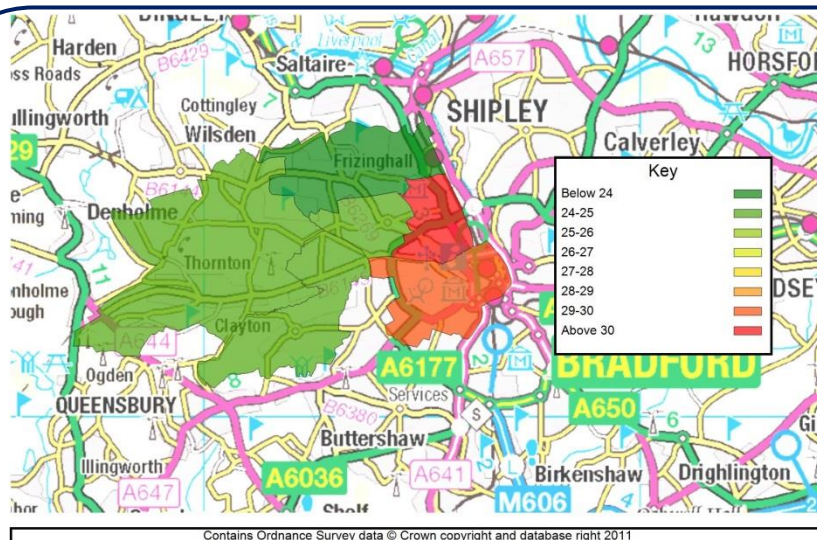


Figure 1: Percentage of children in low income families

Housing Market



In 2014/15, there were 304 homeless acceptances by Bradford Council. This is a 169% increase on the 113 acceptances in 2009/10. Of these, 64 households were found temporary accommodation and there were 55 cases of a duty being owed but no accommodation found.



In October 2014, the total number of vacant homes was 9,778. This is a 28.7% fall from 13,720 in 2009 compared with the 26.6% fall in West Yorkshire. Long-term vacants fell by over two-fifths (46%) over the same period. There was a total of 961 social housing vacants and 220 were classed as long-term vacant (22.9%) which is a decrease from 509 in the previous year.



As at April 2014, there were 15,058 households on the housing waiting list in Bradford LA. This is a 1.5% increase on the previous year of 14,832. However, the long-term trend is downwards with a fall of 73.1% on 2009 figures.



There are clear signs of a recovery in the housing market in the constituency with an overall increase in sales between 2009 and 2014 (39.6%) with greatest increase in sales of flats and maisonettes (ONS). Notwithstanding this, house prices fell between 2013 and 2014 and reached their lowest level since 2004.



As figure 2 shows, median house prices and pay (ASHE) have not grown at the same rate. Although house prices fell in 2011, they recovered in 2013 while pay fell. As a result, the affordability ratio grew to 6.4 from 5.7 between 2012 and 2013. Median pay data is not available for 2014.



Figure 2: Annual % change in house prices and pay

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