

Scarborough and Whitby Parliamentary Constituency

This is the first bulletin of 2016 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

Economic Activity



Neighbourhood Statistics shows that there are 71,124 residents in the constituency aged between 16 and 74. Of these, 66.6% are economically active (this includes unemployed and actively looking for work) which compares to 71.4% in North Yorkshire and 68.4% for the region as a whole.



The latest economically active figures are an increase on those from the 2001 Census. In 2001, there were 64.3% of residents aged 16 to 74 classed as economically active. This coincides with an increase in the number of people aged 16 to 74.



Figure 1 below shows that the economically active are concentrated in Central (75%) and Newby (70.6%) wards having the highest proportion of economically active 16 to 74 year olds.



Of the economically active total, 46.8% are full-time employees, while 24.4% work part-time employees. A further 17.6% are self-employed and 6.5% are unemployed (and looking for work). The proportion of those in employment has fallen by 2.2% since 2001.

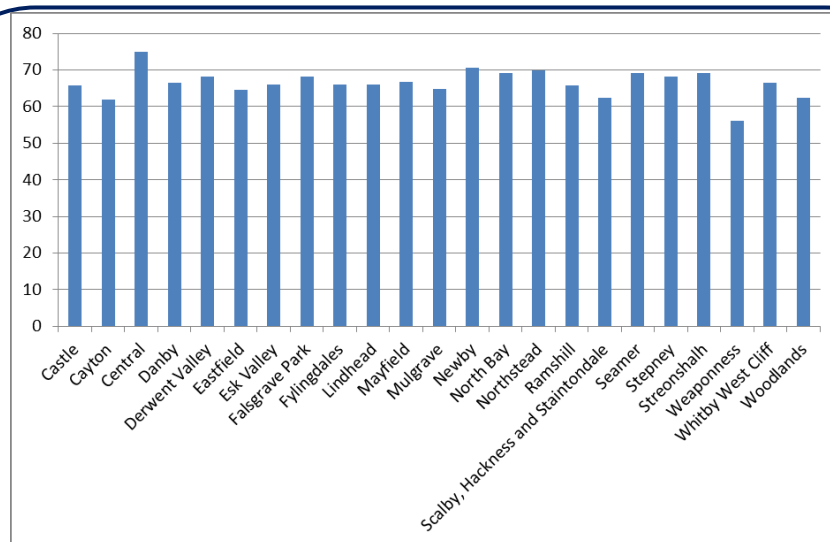


Figure 1: Economically Active by ward

Benefits and affordability



Nomis data showed that in June, there were 900 Universal Credit and Job Seekers Allowance claimants in the constituency, a decrease from 925 at the same point in 2015. This represents 1.6% of people aged over 16 in the constituency.



Using these indicators, it would appear that the Government's aim of a lower welfare country is being achieved. Furthermore, annual survey of hours and earnings data shows that hourly pay for full-time workers grew between 2014 to 2015 from £10.86 to £11.70 – delivering on the higher wage 'settlement'.



Coinciding with the rise in hourly earnings, total possession claims in Scarborough local authority area fell by 40% between the first quarter of 2015 and the first quarter of 2016. However, over the same period total actual possessions grew from none to nine.



There were significant reductions in claims in all three tenures of social landlord (-44%), private landlord (-45.5%) and mortgage (-28.6%).



All nine possessions outlined above were in the social rented sector. There had been no other possessions in the remaining tenures in either 2015 or 2016.

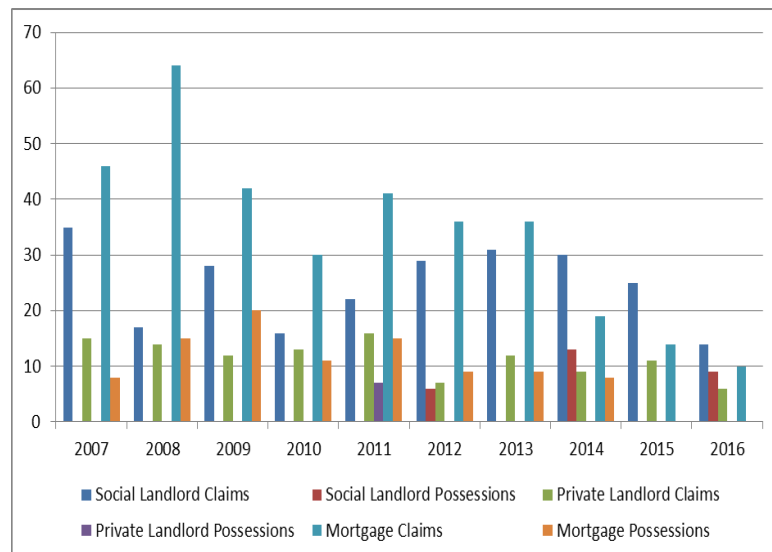


Figure 2: Possession claims and possessions

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