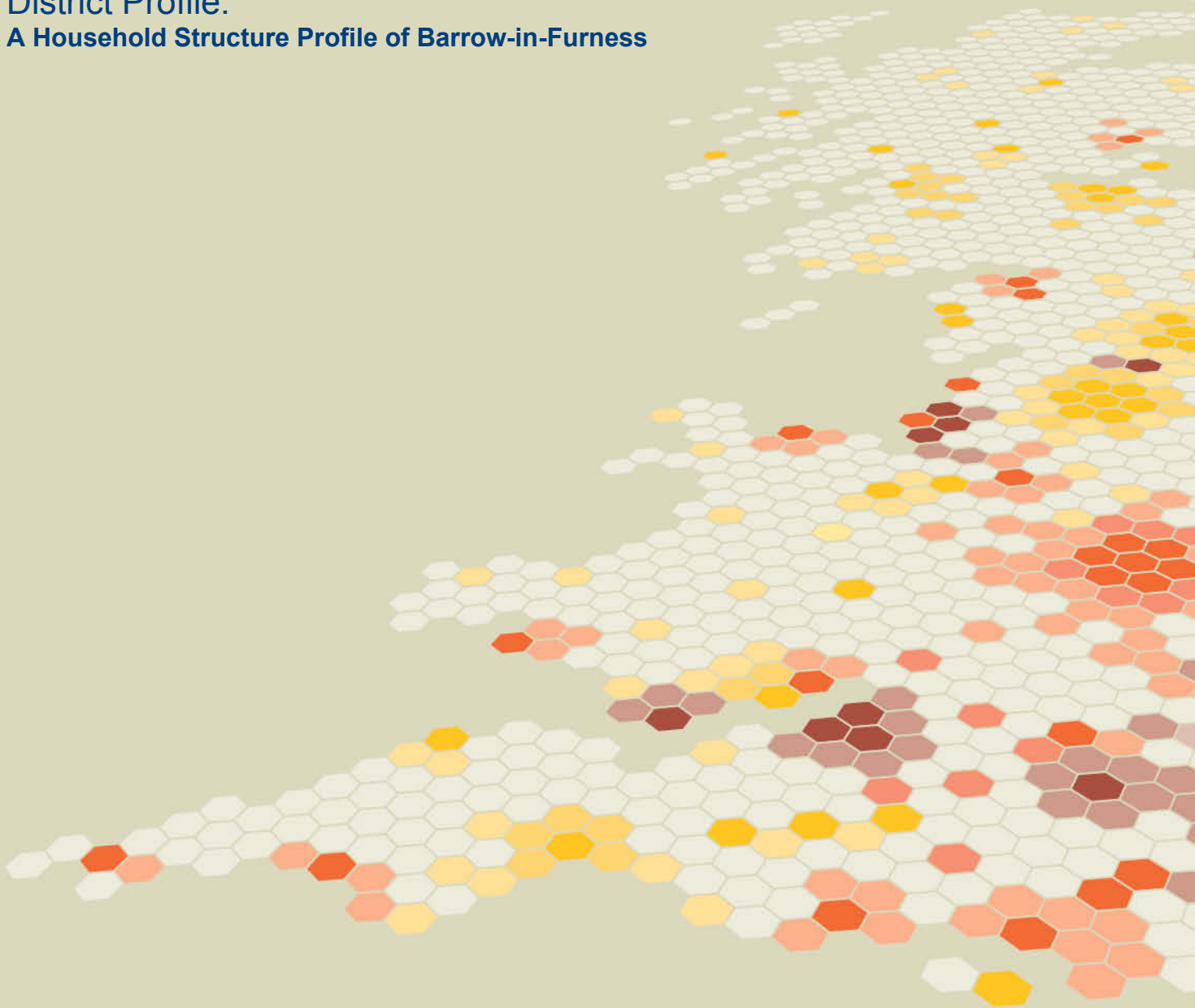


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## District Profile: A Household Structure Profile of Barrow-in-Furness



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## Household Structure Profile: Barrow-in-Furness

### Introduction

Demographic characteristics have a fundamental influence on the social and economic development of an area. The size and structure of households has implications for planning, housing demand and entitlement to benefits. This household structure profile assesses Barrow-in-Furness according to household composition; overall average household size; and projections of change in the number of households.

Barrow-in-Furness is ranked 281 out of 408 districts on the average household size, placing the area in the lowest 40% of districts nationally.

With an average household size of 2.36 people, Barrow-in-Furness is below the national median. This is shown in the map, where areas with darker shadings have higher average household sizes and those with lighter shadings have lower averages.

The proportion of one person households in Barrow-in-Furness was 29.85% in 2001. By comparison, the Cumbria figure was 30.06%, the North West figure was 30.94% and the national figure was 30.27%.

A glossary of the terms and definitions used in this profile are included at the end of the report.

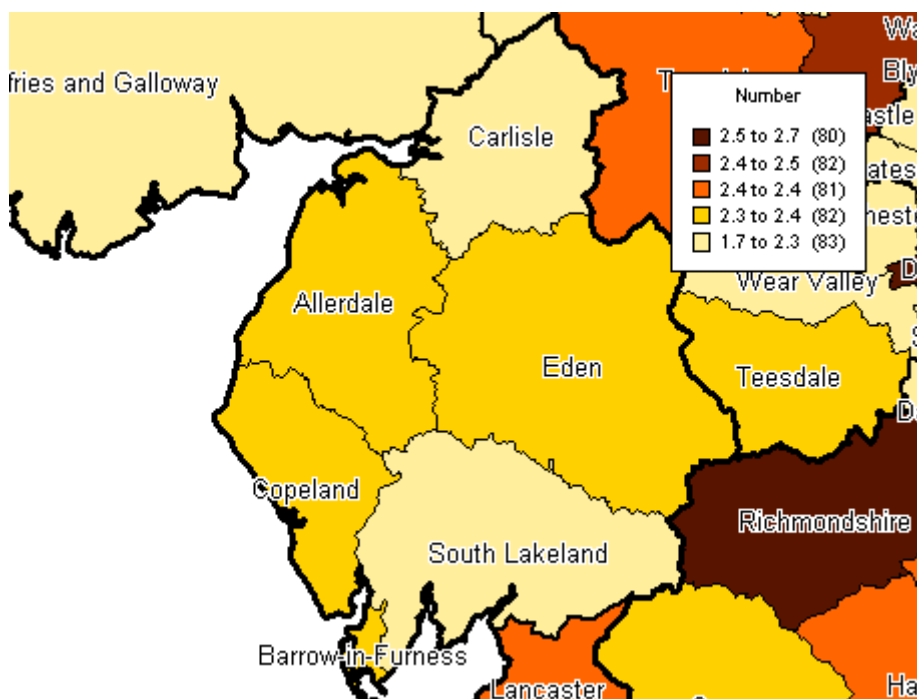
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## Average Household Size

The map shows the average household size in districts within Cumbria. The areas with very dark shading have higher averages and those with very light shading have lower averages.

With an average household size of 2.36 people, Barrow-in-Furness is in the lowest 40% of districts and is in a sub region that has an average age in the lowest 20% of sub regions nationally.

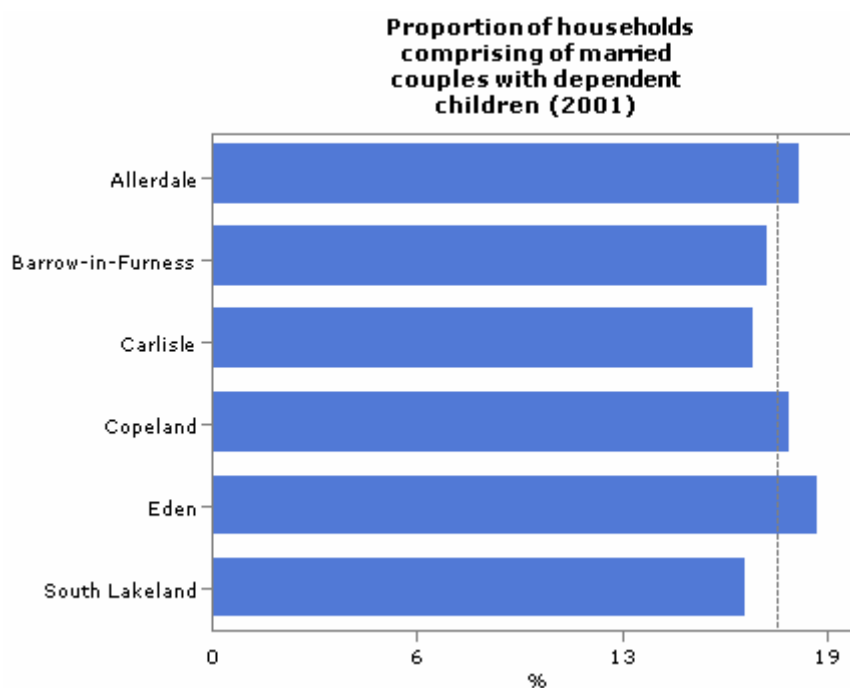


Source: Census 2001

## Proportion Of Households Comprising Of Married Couples With Dependent Children

The bar chart shows the proportion of households with married couples and dependent children in 2001, for districts in Cumbria.

The chart shows that at 17.18%, Barrow-in-Furness has a below average proportion of households with married couples and dependent children. By comparison, the Great Britain average, shown by the dashed line, is 17.48%.



Source: Census 2001

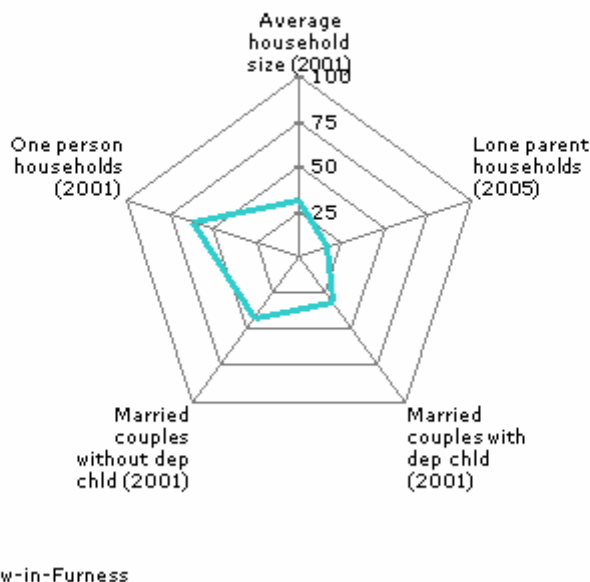
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## Household Structure Indicators

The spider chart is a way of showing how Barrow-in-Furness rates against the national median. Data for every district in Great Britain is converted into a percentile score, with the highest ranking area scoring 100 and the bottom area zero. The national median is shown by the 50th percentile.

The chart shows that Barrow-in-Furness has an average household size below the national median. The chart also shows a range of household structure indicators for Barrow-in-Furness.



Source: Census 2001

## Household Structure Indicators

Areas	One person households (%) 2001	Married couples without dep chld (%) 2001	Married couples with dep chld (%) 2001	Lone parent households (%) 2005	Average household size (Number) 2001	Rank
Barrow-in-Furness	29.85	13.97	17.18	3.80	2.36	281/408
Eden	28.06	16.67	18.71	6.80	2.35	289/408
Copeland	30.05	14.58	17.84	12.40	2.35	296/408
Allerdale	29.17	15.49	18.14	3.10	2.35	299/408
South Lakeland	29.92	16.78	16.50	4.70	2.32	343/408
Carlisle	32.10	13.75	16.72	6	2.29	366/408
<b>Cumbria</b>	<b>30.06</b>	<b>15.17</b>	<b>17.37</b>	<b>5.85</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>46/53</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>30.94</b>	<b>12.29</b>	<b>17.10</b>	<b>8.70</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>7/11</b>
<b>Great Britain Average</b>	<b>30.27</b>	<b>12.97</b>	<b>17.48</b>	<b>7.20</b>	<b>2.41</b>	

Source: Census 2001

The rankings in the table are based on the "Average household size" indicator

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## Household Structure Indicators Summary

Looking at some of the indicators from the table we find that:

- The proportion of one person households was 29.85% in 2001, which is high by national standards, with Barrow-in-Furness ranking in the top 40% of districts. By comparison, the Cumbria average was 30.06% and the national figure was 30.27%.
- The proportion of households with married couples but no dependent children was 13.97% in 2001, which is average by national standards, with Barrow-in-Furness ranking in the middle 20% of districts. By comparison, the Cumbria average was 15.17% and the national figure was 12.97%.
- The proportion of households with married couples and dependent children was 17.18% in 2001, which is low by national standards, with Barrow-in-Furness ranking in the bottom 40% of districts. By comparison, the Cumbria average was 17.37% and the national figure was 17.48%.
- The proportion of lone parent households was 3.80% in 2005, which is very low by national standards, with Barrow-in-Furness ranking in the bottom 20% of districts. By comparison, the Cumbria average was 5.85% and the national figure was 7.20%.

Source: Census 2001

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## Nearest Neighbours

For the indicators in the spider chart shown earlier, the areas in the country with the most similar profiles are shown on the right. These are statistically the nearest neighbours to Barrow-in-Furness, with Carmarthenshire in West Wales and the Valleys being the most similar on the household structure indicators.

Rank	Place Name	Sub Region
1	Carmarthenshire	West Wales and the Valleys
2	Bath and North East Somerset	West of England
3	Chester	Cheshire & Warrington
4	York City	North Yorkshire
5	Derwentside	County Durham
6	Hartlepool	Tees Valley
7	Wansbeck	Northumberland
8	Poole	Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole
9	Restormel	Devon & Cornwall
10	Warwick	Coventry & Warwickshire

Source: Census 2001

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## Glossary of terms

Average household size	The mean average number of people living within a household.
Projected total households	The likely change in the number of households over a twenty-five year period.
Proportion of households comprising of married couples with dependent children	The proportion of households with married couples with dependent children. Dependent children are those under 16, or are aged 16-18, studying full-time and living in a family.
Proportion of households comprising of married couples with no children	The proportion of households with married couples with no children, whether dependent or not.
Proportion of lone parent households	The proportion of households that contain lone parents with dependent children. A lone parent is defined as a parent with a dependent child living in a household with no other people (whether related to that dependent child or not).
Proportion of one person households	The proportion of households that are occupied by only one person.

## Data Sources and Definitions

Average household size	This indicator was supplied in this format by the source.
Projected total households	Household projections are calculated by the ODPM (now DCLG) and are based on population projections published by the ONS.
Proportion of households comprising of married couples with dependent children	The number of households containing married couples with dependent children as a proportion of all households.
Proportion of households comprising of married couples with no children	The number of households containing married couples with no children as a proportion of all households.
Proportion of lone parent households	This indicator was supplied in this format by the source.
Proportion of one person households	The number of households containing only one person as a proportion of all households.

Source: Local Knowledge; Census 2001; Regional Trends; Household Estimates and Projections.

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