

Labour's pockets of deprivation

8 in ten on out of work benefits

Analysis by the Conservatives shows more than sixty areas in England and Wales where more than half of the working age population is claiming out of work benefits.

The table published with this document shows the sixty lower layer superoutput areas in England and Wales where more than half of the population is claiming out of work benefits.

Region	Local/Unitary Authority name	Ward of LLSOA*	Working age population (LLSOA)	Out of work benefit claimants (LLSOA)	% of people claiming out of work benefits (LLSOA)
North West	Rochdale	Central and Falinge	1074	820	76
Wales	Denbighshire	Rhyl West	895	610	68
North West	Blackburn with Darwen	Wensley Fold	917	605	66
North West	Manchester	Harpurhey	1278	810	63
London	Enfield	Edmonton Green	245	155	63
North East	Middlesbrough	Middlehaven	743	470	63
Wales	Swansea	Castle	868	545	63
North West	Liverpool	Breckfield	768	465	61
North West	Oldham	Coldhurst	902	545	60
North West	Liverpool	Granby	865	510	59
East of England	Tendring	Golf Green	942	555	59
North West	Wirral	Birkenhead	1117	655	59
North West	Liverpool	Vauxhall	1133	660	58
North West	Wirral	Bidston	807	465	58
North West	Liverpool	Breckfield	840	475	57
North West	Wirral	Birkenhead	756	425	56
North West	Sefton	Linacre	957	535	56
North West	Blackpool	Park	868	485	56
North West	Liverpool	Everton	887	495	56
North	Bolton	Central	888	495	56

West					
West Midlands	Birmingham	Brandwood	794	440	55
West Midlands	Birmingham	Sparkbrook	833	460	55
London	Tower Hamlets	Limehouse	1019	555	54
North West	Salford	Langworthy	829	450	54
East Midlands	Leicester	Spinney Hills	765	415	54
North East	Redcar and Cleveland	Grangetown	887	480	54
North West	Rochdale	Balderstone	1178	635	54
Yorkshire and The Humber	North East Lincolnshire	East Marsh	855	460	54
Wales	Caerphilly	Twyn Carno	748	400	53
East Midlands	Leicester	Spinney Hills	751	400	53
North West	Salford	Langworthy	782	415	53
West Midlands	Birmingham	Aston	1275	675	53
North East	Wear Valley	Woodhouse Close	874	460	53
Yorkshire and The Humber	Kingston upon Hull, City of	Myton	960	505	53
Yorkshire and The Humber	North East Lincolnshire	East Marsh	843	440	52
North West	Wirral	Birkenhead	853	445	52
Yorkshire and The Humber	Kingston upon Hull, City of	Orchard Park and Greenwood	923	480	52
North East	Newcastle upon Tyne	Kenton	873	450	52
North West	Rochdale	Central and Falinge	971	500	51
Wales	Swansea	Penderry	914	470	51
North East	Stockton-on-Tees	Portrack and Tilery	1392	715	51
North West	Liverpool	Melrose	873	445	51
Wales	Denbighshire	Rhyl West	981	500	51
North West	Liverpool	Everton	795	405	51
West Midlands	Coventry	Henley	727	370	51
North East	Gateshead	Bede	1015	515	51
Wales	Swansea	Townhill	858	435	51
North West	Knowsley	Longview	809	410	51
South	Plymouth	Devonport	918	465	51

West					
Wales	Caerphilly	St. James	921	465	50
North West	Bolton	Central	882	445	50
North West	Wirral	Seacombe	803	405	50
West Midlands	Sandwell	Soho and Victoria	974	490	50
North East	Newcastle upon Tyne	Walker	916	460	50
East of England	Great Yarmouth	Nelson	891	445	50
Yorkshire and The Humber	Doncaster	Conisbrough	871	435	50
Wales	Wrexham	Queensway	722	360	50
East of England	Southend-on-Sea	Kursaal	913	455	50
North East	Sunderland	Thornholme	925	460	50
South West	Plymouth	St Peter and the Waterfront	1057	525	50
<i>* Lower level super output area</i>					

Data used in production of this analysis

Population estimates

The population estimates at Lower Layer Superoutput area are experimental and taken from the Office of National Statistics, for more information please go to: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=14357&More=Y>.

The data used here are 2005 mid year population estimates for LSOA/DZ, the most recent available.

To estimate the working age population the following fields have been added together: 16-29, 30-44, 45-64 males, 45-59 females.

Out of work benefit claimants data

These data are from the Department of Work and Pensions' Neighbourhood Statistics for Ward and Superoutput area/Data zone, working age client group, May 2007. This data is available from <http://83.244.183.180/NESS/WACG/wacg.htm>.

For more information about the WACG metadata link please go to: <http://83.244.183.180/NESS/WACG/Working%20Age%20Client%20Group%20metadat a%20for%20ORC.htm>.

To estimate the out of work benefit population the following fields have been added together: Incapacity Benefits; Lone parent; Carer; Others on Income related benefit.

What are Lower layer superoutput areas?

Lower layer superoutput areas (LLSOAs) are smaller than council wards and refer to small collections of streets, the technical definition from the ONS is shown below.

“The 34,378 Lower Layer SOAs in England and Wales (32,482 in England, 1896 in Wales) were generated by a computer programme which merged OAs taking into account measures of population size, mutual proximity and social homogeneity. The boundaries were released to the public in February 2004”, Office of National Statistics website.

For more information about superoutput areas go to:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/soa.asp#3layers>