



Regional Report Yorkshire & The Humber

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Fact Sheet

- Yorkshire & The Humber has a population of more than 5 million, approximately 8% of the national population.
- Almost 19% of residents in the region are under 16 years of age.
- The real estate, renting and business activities sector, which produces 19% of output, is the largest contributor to the area's output.
- Regional output per head is £16,114, 17% less than the national average.

Yorkshire & The Humber

Yorkshire & The Humber covers an area of 15,408 sq km, stretching from Sheffield and Rotherham in the south to Richmondshire, Hambleton and Scarborough in the north and inland from the east coast, to Craven, Calderdale and Kirklees in the west.

under 26% being of pensionable age, while Bradford has the largest percentage of under 5s at almost 8%. The region has a high proportion of young people as almost 19% of residents in the Yorkshire & The Humber region are under 16. Across the region, 62% of the population are of working age, in line with the national average.

Population trends

Yorkshire & The Humber's population has increased over 4% since 1997, while the UK's population increased almost 5% over the same period. In 2007, Yorkshire & The Humber had a population of 5.2 million, which is equivalent to 8% of the total population of the UK. The region ranks seventh out of all the regions in terms of population.

Within Yorkshire & The Humber, the population of Kingston upon Hull has fallen 2% but Richmondshire's population has increased almost 17% and York's population has grown by almost 11%. The region has a population density of 336 people per sq km which is 34% higher than the UK average of 251 people per sq km. Kingston upon Hull is the most densely populated city in the region, with 3,597 people per sq km.

Age profiles

In 2007, 19% of the population were of pensionable age, in line with the national average. The region also has a similar proportion of under 5s as the UK average, at just under 6%. Scarborough has the 'oldest' population, with just

Households

There are almost 2.2 million households in Yorkshire & The Humber, an increase of almost 10% since the early 1990s. Of these households, 69% were owner occupied, compared to a UK average of 70%, while 11% were rented from the local authority, above the UK average of 10%. Average weekly earnings were £444 in the period up to April 2008, which is below the UK average of £479. This is the fourth lowest average earnings recorded across the whole of the UK. Average weekly household spending is estimated at £417, which is less than the UK average of £454. The Department for Communities and Local Government estimates that the average house price in the region was £148,527 at the end of 2008, implying that Yorkshire & The Humber is the second least expensive region in the UK just ahead of the North East. The average house price for the UK as a whole was £195,317.

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Regional Income

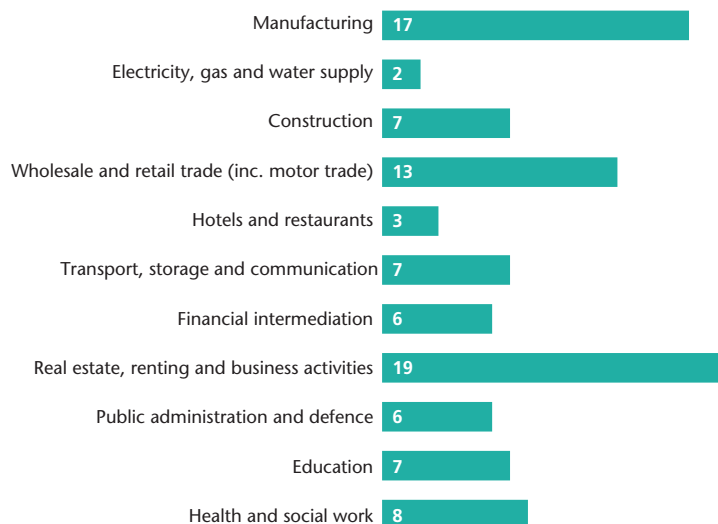
Regional output is commonly measured in terms of gross value added (GVA). Total GVA for the UK increased by 6% in 2006 to £1177.2bn. Yorkshire & The Humber produced output worth £82.9bn, which is equivalent to 7% of national output, ranking it eighth out of the 12 UK regions. The region's output has increased by only 60% since 1996, well below the national increase of 69%. Within Yorkshire & The Humber, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham experienced the fastest growth, rising 69%, while North and North East Lincolnshire reported the smallest gain, of only 38%. West Yorkshire is responsible for 45% of the region's total output.

Regional output can be compared on a per head basis by dividing GVA by the region's population. In 2006 the national average for GVA per head was £19,430, while for Yorkshire & The Humber it was £16,114, which is 17% below the UK average. The region's GVA per head has increased 54% since 1996, which is slower than the UK's average growth of 62%. Across the region, GVA per head ranges from just £12,703 in East Riding of Yorkshire to £21,732 in Leeds. Over the last 10 years the largest increase in GVA per head was recorded in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham, at 68%, while North and North East Lincolnshire recorded the lowest growth, at just 35%.

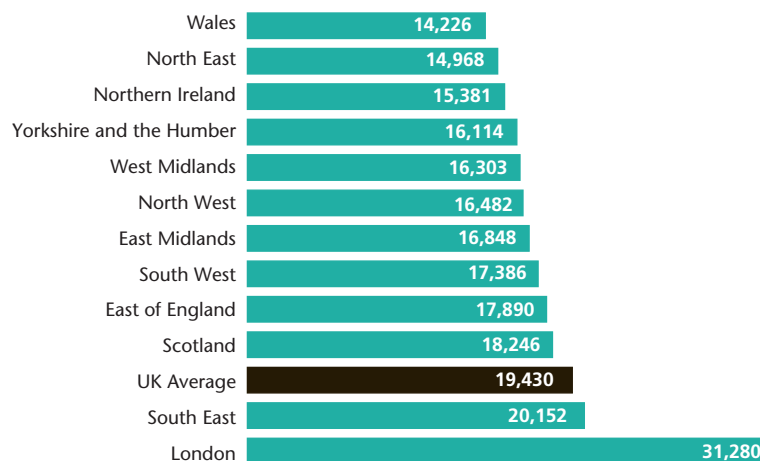
Major Industries

The largest contributor to the area's output is real estate, renting and business activities, which produces 19% of total output. This is followed

Major Regional Industries (% of output)



Regional output per head in 2006 (£)



by manufacturing, which accounts for 17% and wholesale & retail trade, which accounts for a further 13% of output. These three industries produce around half of regional output. Construction and manufacturing account for a larger proportion of the region's output than the UK average, as do both education and health and social work. Financial intermediation accounts for 6% of total output, which is lower than the national average of 8%.

Exports

Exports from Yorkshire & The Humber amounted to £13.9bn in 2008, which is equivalent to 6% of all UK exports. Machinery and transport exports accounted for 30% of the region's total. The other main sector was manufacturing which accounted for 22%. At present 59% of the region's exports go to Europe, 16% to North America and 13% to Asia.

Workforce

Yorkshire & The Humber has the sixth most active population in terms of economic activity. This measures the number of people either in work or actively seeking work. The economic activity ratio for the region currently stands at just over 78%, lower than the national average of just over 79%.

In 2008, over 2.4 million people were employed. The service sector accounted for 81% of total employment. Within that the distribution, transport, finance, and business sectors accounted for 47% of jobs, while the public administration, education, and health sectors employed a further 34% of people in work. Manufacturing employed 13% of the total workforce, which is above the national average of 10%, but construction jobs accounted for only 5% of the total, which is lower than the national average.

At the end of 2008, Yorkshire and The Humber had an unemployment rate of 6.6%, slightly higher than the UK average of 6.3%. The region also has one of the lowest percentages of the workforce employed in a second job. Just 3.4% of all employees have a second job to supplement income which is lower than the UK average of almost 4%. Almost 5% of women have a second job compared to just 2% of men.

Sources: ONS Regional Trends 2009 Edition, ONS Labour Market Statistics, Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), HMRC