



# Regional Report Yorkshire & The Humber

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 Fact Sheet

- Yorkshire & The Humber has a population of 5.2 million people, almost 9% of the national population.
- Almost 19% of residents in the region are under 16 years of age.
- Real estate, renting and business activities, which produces 19% of output, is the largest contributor to the area's output.
- Regional output per head is £16,670, 18% 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.

has the 'oldest' population, with over 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, just over 62% of the population are of working age, in line with the national average.

## Population trends

Yorkshire & The Humber's population increased almost 4% from 2003 to 2008, while the UK's population increased just over 3% over the same period. In 2008, Yorkshire & The Humber had a population of approximately 5.2 million, which is equivalent to almost 9% of the total population of the UK. The region ranks sixth out of all the regions in terms of population.

## Households

There are almost 2.2 million households in Yorkshire & The Humber, an increase of 10% since the early 1990s. Of these households, 69% are owner occupied, compared to a UK average of 70%, while 11% are rented from the local authority, above the UK average of 10%. Average weekly earnings were £452 in the period up to April 2009, which is below the UK average of £489. This is the fourth lowest average earnings recorded across the whole of the UK. Average weekly household spending is estimated at £415, which is less than the UK average of £460. The Department for Communities and Local Government estimates that the average house price in the region was £151,645 at the end of 2009, implying that Yorkshire & The Humber is the third cheapest region in the UK. The average house price for the UK as a whole was £200,307.

Within Yorkshire & The Humber, the population of North East Lincolnshire has fallen 0.3% but Leeds' population has increased almost 7% and York's population has grown by just over 6%. The region has a population density of 338 people per sq km which is 34% higher than the UK average of 253 people. Kingston upon Hull is the most densely populated city in the region, with 3,620 people per sq km.

## Age profiles

In 2008, 19% of the population was 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

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## Regional Income

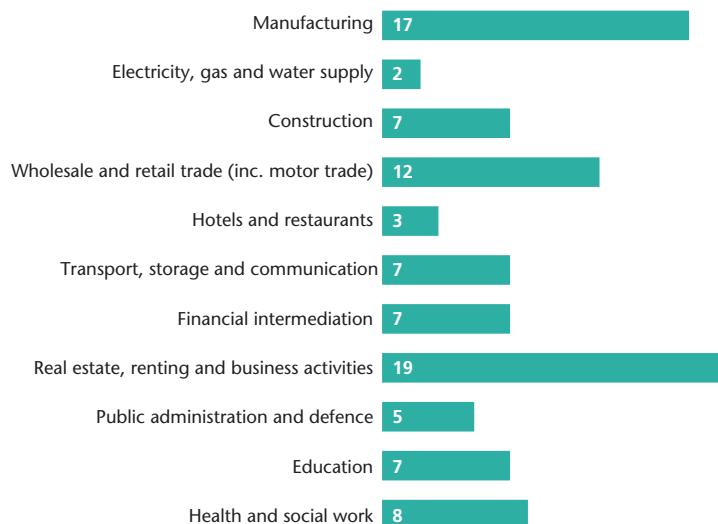
Regional output is commonly measured in terms of gross value added (GVA). Total GVA for the UK increased by 6% in 2007 to £1,246bn. Yorkshire & The Humber produced output worth £86.3bn, which is equivalent to 7% of national output, ranking it eighth out of the 12 UK regions. The region's output has increased by 58% since 1997, below the national average of 69%. Within Yorkshire & The Humber, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham experienced the fastest growth, rising 67%, while North and North East Lincolnshire reported the smallest gain, of only 37%. 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 2007 the national average for GVA per head was £20,430, while for Yorkshire & The Humber it was £16,670, which is 18% below the UK average. The region's GVA per head has increased 51% since 1997, which is slower than the UK's average growth of 61%. Across the region, GVA per head ranges from just £13,055 in East Riding of Yorkshire to £22,387 in Leeds. Over the last 10 years the largest increase in GVA per head was recorded in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham, at 65%, while North and North East Lincolnshire recorded the lowest growth, at just 34%.

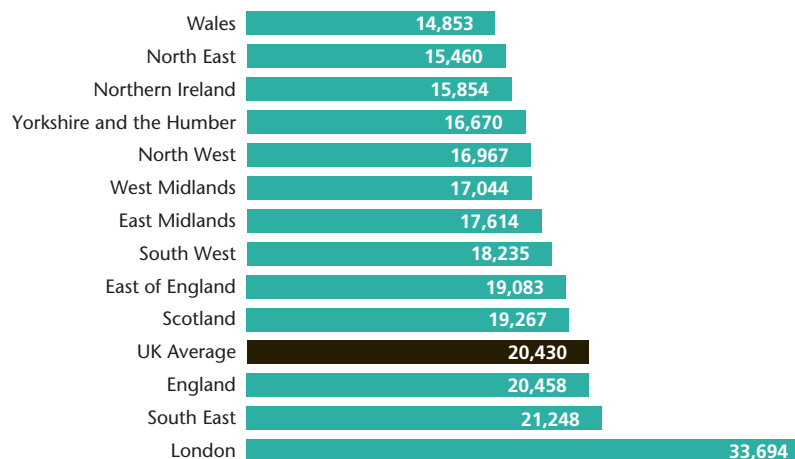
## Major Industries

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

## Major Regional Industries (% of output)



## Regional output per head in 2007 (£)



17%, and wholesale & retail, which accounts for a further 12% 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 7% of total output, which is lower than the national average of 9%.

## Exports

Exports from Yorkshire & The Humber amounted to £11.7bn in 2009, which is equivalent to 5% of all UK exports. Machinery and transport exports accounted for 29% of the region's total. The other main sector was manufactured goods which accounted for 19%. At present 61% of Yorkshire & The Humber's exports go to Europe, 15% of exports go to North America and 11% to Asia.

## Workforce

Yorkshire & The Humber has the seventh 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%.

At the end of 2009, almost 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 almost 47% of jobs, while the public administration, education and health sectors employed just under a further 35% of people in work. Manufacturing employed 13% of the total workforce, which is above the national average of 10%, whilst construction jobs accounted for only 5% of the total, which is lower than the national average.

At the end of 2009, Yorkshire and the Humber had an unemployment rate of 9.1%, considerably higher than the UK average of 7.8%. Within Yorkshire and The Humber, almost 4% of all employees have a second job to supplement income which is marginally lower than the UK average. Almost 5% of women have a second job compared to just under 3% of men.

Sources: ONS Regional Trends 2010 Edition, ONS Labour Market Statistics, Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)