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## CAR OWNERSHIP IN TYNE \& WEAR

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## KEY POINTS

## Tyne \& Wear Car Ownership:

- Tyne \& Wear's car ownership rate is very low at $58.2 \%$. Rates are around 15 percentage points higher nationally (73.2\%) (§1.1)
- However, Tyne \& Wear’s growth rate 1991-2001 was the fastest of all comparator areas. Cars available to Tyne \& Wear private households have risen very rapidly (up nearly $30 \%$ in the decade to 2001, $+26 \%$ nationally). (§1.1)

By District:

- Car ownership in 2001 was highest in North Tyneside and Sunderland, with $63.2 \%$ and $60.1 \%$ of households respectively having access to one or more cars. (§1.1)
- Newcastle’s car ownership rate was the lowest of all Tyne \& Wear districts, with just under $55 \%$ of all households having access to a car. (§1.1)

Further analyses:

- People living alone [particularly pensioners] and lone parent households, are least likely to have access to a car or van. Households of one couple family have the highest rates of car ownership, and if there are children in the household [particularly dependent children], rates are higher still. (§2)
- Almost three quarters of Tyne \& Wear households living in social rented accommodation had no access to a car or van, in contrast, well over three quarters of households who own their home had access to a car or van. Over a fifth of these households had access to two cars. (§3)
- Car ownership rates are lowest amongst those economically inactive for 'Other reasons' and the unemployed. Rates are highest amongst the self-employed, $93.6 \%$ in Tyne \& Wear - of which $12.7 \%$ had access to three or more cars - and the employed, at 81.3\%. (§4)
- In comparison with Tyne \& Wear's figure for all households (58.2\%) about three-quarters of Tyne \& Wear's Indian and Pakistani households had access to at least one car or van. For Indian households, around half of these car-owning households had two or more cars. Chinese car ownership in Tyne \& Wear is also very high, at $70 \%$ of households.
- Car ownership rates in Tyne \& Wear are lower than Overall for Black, Mixed and Bangladeshi groups. Perhaps these low rates for Mixed and Bangladeshis can be explained by their very young age structures with about twice the overall proportion of children ( $39.7 \%$ of the Mixed population in Tyne \& Wear are aged $0-15,41.9 \%$ for Bangladeshis).

Quantification of the drivers or car ownership:

- Certain factors have been shown from this analysis to affect car ownership rates. The rough numerical effect of these are shown in Appendix 1: A Car Ownership Function.


## INTRODUCTION

This report presents data from Census 2001 on car ownership and on the characteristics of the people and households that either have or do not have cars. The Tyne \& Wear data is presented alongside comparator areas at various regional scales, and data for the five Tyne \& Wear districts is presented to give an indication of variations within Tyne \& Wear. For basic car ownership (i.e. car ownership by all households), data is presented for Tyne \& Wear Census wards in a series of thematic maps.

There was one Census question in 2001 on the topic of car ownership, asking:
How many cars or vans are owned, or are available for use, by one or more members of your household? (Note: include any company car or van if applicable for private use). Respondents could choose from:

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more (please write in number)


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## Data Discussion

## Response Rate and Underenumeration

The overall response rate for England \& Wales was $94 \%$, meaning that $6 \%$ of the population was imputed from the Census Coverage Survey (CCS) results rather than being counted by the Census. The undercount varied by age and sex, with the group most poorly enumerated being men aged 20 to 24; $15 \%$ were missed by the Census. The overall pattern is that young children and those in their twenties and thirties were most likely to be missed and the elderly least likely. Generally, men were more likely to be missed than women.

The problem of underenumeration in the 1991 Census led the UK Census Office to develop and implement a One Number Census (ONC) project to integrate the census counts with the estimated levels of underenumeration. The 2001 Census post-enumeration survey was known as the Census Coverage Survey (CCS). The CCS in England \& Wales achieved a response from $91 \%$ of the households identified by interviewers.

## Comparisons with 1991 Census

Any comparison of results from the 2001 Census with those from the 1991 Census must be treated with caution as they are affected by three main factors:

- Firstly, changes in definition. There are a number of differences in definitions and information collected between the 1991 and 2001 Census (including codes used for occupation, industry, socioeconomic classification and social grade.)
- Secondly, changes in the geographic base. Changes in the geographic boundaries between 1991 and 2001 may mean that results which apparently relate to the same named area actually relate to different boundaries. (Boundary changes in Tyne \& Wear have been minor. The effect in other metropolitan counties may have been more significant.)
- Thirdly, adjustment for underenumeration. Results of the 2001 Census have been adjusted, via the One Number Census process, to account for underenumeration. As results of the 1991 Census were not subject to the same adjustments, direct comparisons with the 1991 results must be undertaken with caution.

Furthermore, students were registered at their term-time address in the 2001 Census, while in 1991 they were allocated to their vacation (home) address. This will have affected the demographics for metropolitan areas significantly and, in the case of Tyne \& Wear, Newcastle and Sunderland will have been particularly affected.

Nevertheless, an attempt has been made to undertake analysis of change between Censuse in this Census Topic Report. Census 1991 asked a similar question to that presented above, with one exception. Instead of having a category for 'four or more' cars as in 2001, the maximum number of cars was 'three or more.' This minor change still allows us to undertake analysis of change, and this will focus generally on changes in the numbers of cars by ward 1991-2001.

## Using Census 2001 data on Car Ownership to validate the reliability of DVLA data

The DVLA Car Ownership data [end-2000], supplied by DfT (then DTLR) is the closest we can get to Census date. Both the 2001 Census and the DVLA data give counts of the number of cars in a given area. The Census data used in this report goes as low as ward-level and the DVLA data locates cars by the postcode of the registered keeper. There are some issues with the DVLA data particularly concerning the postcode that a car is registered to. It is interesting to try to validate its reliability by comparing it with the Census 2001 figures:

1. Firstly the 'registered keeper,' this is understood to be normally the driver of the car; however the postcode may be the employer's for a company-owned or leased car [with a large fleet of company vehicles they will be registered at the employer's HQ, but may be used nationwide].
2. In some cases, the postcode given may be the leasing company's.
3. The figures also appear to include pre-registrations by motor retailers.

Census 2001 gives the total number of cars in Tyne \& Wear (in April 2001) as 361,469. The DVLA data for the end of 2000 gives a count of 320,633 (a difference of more than 40,800 cars). Data for 2003 for the North East [DVLA as reported in the press] showed that there were around 64,000 unlicensed vehicles in the North East ${ }^{1}$, which suggests that the Census is picking up people that own a vehicle, but are untaxed.

## Car Ownership

This section refers to the ONS series on Living Standards published in December 2004 and an ONS report entitled 'Difficulty in Accessing Key Services' by Dave Ruston.

## As an indicator of living standards

Ownership of consumer durables provides an indicator of real living standards. We might expect Tyne \& Wear's car ownership rate to be low because we know living standards in Tyne \& Wear are low:

Tyne \& Wear scores low on the Index of Deprivation 2004 (ID 2004). In terms of income deprivation, Tyne \& Wear has 301 SOAs (about half) in the most deprived quintile (most deprived fifth) of SOAs in England (the most deprived quintile is comprised of 6,496 SOAs).
ID 2004 provides ranks of the most deprived SOAs for each domain index. These domain indices combine to give the overall ID 2004; Tyne \& Wear has 14 of the 200 most deprived SOAs in England.

[^0]Incomes are low in Tyne \& Wear, made worse by:

- The low ‘Employment Rate’. Tyne \& Wear is 5 percentage points below the UK average (source: APS April 2004-March 2005).
- Low Earnings (about $10 \%$ below the GB average) for those in work.
- An age structure with relatively more people beyond working age.
(For further details, see TWRI's annual 'Household Expenditure and Income' report)

Data relating income to car ownership is available from the DfT (via ONS). In 2002 in GB, 59\% of households in the lowest income quintile did not have access to a car. This was around seven times the proportion in the top quintile (at 8\%). Households in the lowest income quintile that do have a car spend nearly a quarter of their weekly household expenditure on motoring costs, this compares to $15 \%$ of weekly expenditure for all households. (Social Exclusion Unit, 2003).

## As an indicator of accessibility

Car ownership also has an impact on social inclusion and accessibility. People living in households with a car made nearly $50 \%$ more trips per person per year in 2002 than people in households without a car (1,079 compared with 730) (source: DfT National Transport Statistics).

One indicator of accessibility linked to car ownership is ease of access to key services. 'For many people, lack of access to a car can cause difficulties in getting to the shops or health services.' Households without access to a car are almost twice as likely (at $38 \%$, compared to $21 \%$ with access to a car) to say they face difficulties accessing at least one local service:

Perceived difficulty in getting access to key services, by household car ownership, GB (\%)

|  | Household <br> Access to a car | No household <br> access to a car |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Post office | 2 | 5 |
| Chemist | 2 | 6 |
| GP | 4 | 11 |
| Main Food Shopping | 5 | 13 |
| Local Hospital | 17 | 31 |
| At least one service | 21 | 38 |

Source: ONS Omnibus
(ONS Omnibus, Jan and March, 2000-01, From 'Difficulty in Accessing Key Services')
Key findings from the Social Exclusions Unit's 2003 report 'Making the Connections’ support the Omnibus findings on the impact of car ownership on social exclusion:

- Health $-31 \%$ of people without a car have 'difficulties' getting access to their local hospital. In excess of 1.4 m people missed, turned down, or chose not to seek medical help over a 12 month period because of transport problems.
- Affordable food shops $-16 \%$ of people without cars have difficulties accessing supermarkets (and thus affordable and nutritious food).
- Social and cultural travel - of people without cars, $18 \%$ have difficulties visiting family and friends. They also face significant difficulties accessing social, cultural and leisure sites such as libraries and leisure centres.


## 1 CAR OWNERSHIP AND NUMBERS OF CARS - ALL HOUSEHOLDS

### 1.1 Car Ownership in 2001

Tyne \& Wear's car ownership rate is very low at $58.2 \%$. Rates are around 15 percentage points higher nationally ( $73.2 \%$ ), and around 6-7 percentage points higher in the North East and Mets ( $64.1 \%$ and $65.6 \%$ respectively).

Differences are also pronounced for the proportion of households with two cars (Table 1.1). The proportion for Tyne \& Wear is almost 10 percentage points lower (at 14.1\%) than in England \& Wales (at $23.5 \%$ ), and the proportion of households with two or more cars, at $16.6 \%$ is little above half the proportion in England \& Wales (29.4\%).

These low ownership rates in Tyne \& Wear mean, however, that the potential for growth in car ownership is high; indeed Tyne \& Wear's growth rate 1991-2001 was the fastest of all comparator areas. Cars available to Tyne \& Wear private households have risen very rapidly (up nearly $30 \%$ in the decade to 2001). This is significantly faster than growth in England, even though the latter had significant population growth (Tyne \& Wear experienced a fall in population) (see §1.2).

Tyne \& Wear's 2001 cars:10,000 households ratio ${ }^{2}$ (at 7,810) is about $13 \%$ lower than in the North East $(8,959)$ and about $30 \%$ lower than in England \& Wales $(11,048)$.

Table 1.1 - Levels of Car Ownership - TW in Context

|  | Tyne \& Wear | North East | Met. Counties* | England | England \& Wales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All households | 462,824 | 1,066,292 | 4,492,111 | 20,451,427 | 21,666,475 |
| None | 193,630 | 383,219 | 1,547,025 | 5,488,386 | 5,802,183 |
| One | 192,217 | 459,288 | 1,918,464 | 8,935,718 | 9,486,366 |
| Two | 65,199 | 186,519 | 849,855 | 4,818,581 | 5,095,959 |
| Three | 9,345 | 29,469 | 139,258 | 924,289 | 976,438 |
| Four or more | 2,433 | 7,797 | 37,509 | 284,453 | 299,529 |
| All cars/vans in area | 361,469 | 955,305 | 4,201,093 | 22,607,629 | 23,936,250 |
| None | 41.8\% | 35.9\% | 34.4\% | 26.8\% | 26.8\% |
| One | 41.5\% | 43.1\% | 42.7\% | 43.7\% | 43.8\% |
| Two | 14.1\% | 17.5\% | 18.9\% | 23.6\% | 23.5\% |
| Three | 2.0\% | 2.8\% | 3.1\% | 4.5\% | 4.5\% |
| Four or more | 0.5\% | 0.7\% | 0.8\% | 1.4\% | 1.4\% |
| Cars per 10,000 h/holds | 7,810 | 8,959 | 9,352 | 11,054 | 11,048 |

*Excludes London
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Proportions sum vertically
Car ownership in 2001 was highest in North Tyneside and Sunderland, with $63.2 \%$ and $60.1 \%$ of households respectively having access to one or more cars (Table 1.2). Sunderland also had the highest proportion of households owning two or more cars, at $18.2 \%$ and by far the highest proportion with three or more cars, at $3.0 \%$.

Newcastle's car ownership rate was the lowest of all Tyne \& Wear districts, just under $55 \%$ of all households having access to a car. It was South Tyneside, however, that had the lowest proportion of households owning two or more cars, at 14.6\%.

[^1]Table 1.2 - Levels of Car Ownership - TW Districts

|  |  |  | North |  | South |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |

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Proportions sum vertically

### 1.2 Ownership 2001, Ward Maps - Key Points

The map below, showing all TW households without access to a car or van, largely corroborates what was suspected about the links between car ownership and incomes ${ }^{3}$.

- Areas which we know to have high incomes generally have higher rates of car ownership (very high in purple), these include St. Mary's (just $12.3 \%$ of households do not have access to at least one car/van) and Monkseaton wards (22.2\%) in North Tyneside, Cleadon \& East Boldon ward in South Tyneside (13.6\%), Whickham South ward in Gateshead (19.0\%) and Newcastle's Castle ward ( $21.3 \%$ ). These wards all have gross average weekly incomes between about $£ 520-£ 570^{4}$.
- In North Tyneside, $36.8 \%$ of households do not have access to a car or van, the lowest rate of all Tyne \& Wear districts. As the map below shows, North Tyneside is indeed the only district not to have a single ward falling within the orange and red $(53.3 \%+$ ) categories.
- Very low rates of car ownership (i.e. wards with $60 \%+$ households without access to a car or van) can be identified in red. These wards are predominantly in Newcastle - West City ( $73.7 \%$ of households have no access to a car or van), Walker (68.9\%), Byker (68.5\%), Monkchester (67.5\%) and Moorside (67.7\%) wards - and Gateshead - Bensham (63.5\%), Bede (66.6\%) and Felling ( $63.5 \%$ ) wards - and generally have very low average weekly incomes of around $£ 280$ £320.
- This clustering of very low car ownership rates (as indicated in red, below) extends further to cover the remainder of Newcastle's West End (i.e. in orange) (excluding Wingrove ward); Scotswood (55.5\%), Elswick (60.6\%) and Byker (68.5\%).

[^2]

Proportions of households with one car or van:

- For ownership rates for one car or van, every Tyne \& Wear district has wards with rates that are above the England \& Wales average (43.8\%). Indeed, three of Tyne \& Wear’s wards significantly outperform this average, with over $50 \%$ of households having access to at least one car or van; Monkseaton and Weetslade wards in North Tyneside, and Fulwell ward in Sunderland.
- North Tyneside has the highest car ownership rates of all TW districts. As the map below shows, North Tyneside's wards generally have between $46.2 \%+$ of households owning one car.
- Four wards in Tyne \& Wear fall within the lowest level of ownership (where ownership of one car only applies to about a quarter of households). These wards are all in Newcastle; in Walker, Byker and Moorside just 26\% of households have access to one car, in West City this is less than a quarter (22.6\%).


Two cars or vans:

- Ownership of two cars or vans is very high for St Mary's ward (32.5\% of households) in North Tyneside, and higher still for Cleadon \& East Boldon ward (34.5\%) in South Tyneside.
- As we would expect, this map shows widespread low ownership for two cars [and indeed for two or more cars as maps below show] except in North Tyneside and Sunderland. About two-thirds of Gateshead's, Newcastle's and South Tyneside's wards have (two car) ownership rates below $13.6 \%$ [thus below the TW average of $14.1 \%$ ].


Three or more cars or vans:

- Again, the highest rates of car ownership occur in St Mary's in North Tyneside, Cleadon \& East Boldon in South Tyneside, and Whickham South in Gateshead. In these wards, 5.5\%+ of households have access to three or more cars.
- Jesmond ward in Newcastle can be added to these high ownership wards; $6.8 \%$ of households have access to three or more cars or vans.
- Two-fifths of TW wards have (three or more) car ownership rates below $1.8 \%$ (indicated in red) and three-quarters of TW wards have ownership rates of below $3.0 \%$ (red and orange together). Of these two-fifths below $1.8 \%$, around $30 \%$ are in Newcastle, and a quarter in South Tyneside.


Cars or vans per 10,000 households, 2001:

- Of the ten wards with less than 5,000 cars per 10,000 households, the five bottom wards for ownership are in Newcastle (West City, Walker, Byker, Monkchester and Moorside wards all with just 3,100 -3,950 cars per 10,000 households). The remaining five are in Gateshead - Bede, 3,987; Bensham, 4,375; and Felling, 4,459 - and South Tyneside - Reckendyke, 4,364; and Bede, 4,937.
- Of the 16 wards with over 10,000 cars per 10,000 households:
- Five are in Newcastle (South Gosforth, Castle, Jesmond, Westerhope and Dene wards)
- Five in Sunderland (Washington South, St. Michael's, Fulwell, Washington West and Shiney Row wards)
- Three in North Tyneside (St Mary's, Monkseaton and Seatonville wards)
- One in Gateshead (Whickham South ward)
- One in South Tyneside (Cleadon \& East Boldon ward).
- With 13,829 cars per 10,000 households, Cleadon \& East Boldon ward's ownership was the highest of all TW wards, followed by St. Mary's in North Tyneside with 13,558 cars.



### 1.3 Changes in car numbers and car ownership 1991-2001

Tyne \& Wear's growth in the number of cars available to households, between Censuses 1991-2001, at $29.5 \%$, was faster than in the North East by just over one percentage point (28.3\%) (Table 1.3). Tyne \& Wear's growth was significantly faster than in England and England \& Wales (25.9\% and $26.0 \%$ respectively, or around 3.6 pp faster, even though England had significant population growth of 4.4\% 1991-2001, Tyne \& Wear's population fell by $-1.8 \%$ ) and almost 4.5 percentage points faster than in the Mets.

Table 1.3 - Changes in numbers of cars - TW in context

|  | Tyne \& Wear | North East | Met Counties* | England | England \& Wales |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Cars in Area 1991 | 279,176 | 744,377 | $3,359,015$ | $17,960,233$ | $19,000,462$ |
| Total Cars in Area 2001 | 361,469 | 955,305 | $4,201,093$ | $22,607,629$ | $23,936,250$ |
| Change | 82,293 | 210,928 | 842,078 | $4,647,396$ | $4,935,788$ |
| \% Change | $29.5 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ | $25.1 \%$ | $25.9 \%$ | $26.0 \%$ |

* Excludes London

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Gateshead and Newcastle had the slowest rises in Tyne \& Wear (at $27.0 \%$ and $27.8 \%$ respectively) 1991-2001 (Table 1.4). North Tyneside, which had the highest car ownership in 2001, has also experienced the fastest rise in the number of cars available to households. At $33.2 \%$ its growth was faster than Tyne \& Wear's. South Tyneside (30.8\%) outperformed Sunderland (29.2\%) in terms of growth 1991-2001, although its car ownership rate is very low ( $55.7 \%$ of households have access to at least one car). Numerically its growth was significantly smaller than in all other Tyne \& Wear districts.

Table 1.4 - Changes in numbers of cars - TW districts

|  | Gateshead | Newcastle | North Tyneside | South Tyneside | Sunderland |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Cars in Area 1991 | 50,545 | 63,839 | 53,882 | 36,941 | 73,969 |
| Total Cars in Area 2001 | 64,206 | 81,617 | 71,748 | 48,334 | 95,564 |
| Change | 13,661 | 17,778 | 17,866 | 11,393 | 21,595 |
| \% Change | $27.0 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ | $33.2 \%$ | $30.8 \%$ | $29.2 \%$ |

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## Cars or vans per 10,000 households 1991:

Comparison of this map [1991, below], with the 2001 map for cars/vans per 10,000 households, confirms Tyne \& Wear's high growth rates. The highest ward number of cars per 10,000 households in 2001 is about three times that (about 12,000) of 1991 (about 4,000).

The patterns of car ownership in 1991 as shown in the map below are very close to those for 2001 as indicated, in particular, by low ownership in red, and high in blue and purple. Newcastle's West End and East Gateshead had very low car ownership rates across most wards in 1991; rates in many of these wards have risen in the decade to 2001 [see below].


## Change in numbers of cars or vans per 10,000 households, 1991-2001:

Wards with low ownership [in 2001] tend to have the fastest rates of change in car numbers per 10,000 households 1991-2001. The opposite is true of wards with high levels of car ownership (with the exception of Saltwell Ward which has had both low ownership and a slow rate of change).

|  | \% change <br> 1991- <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | \% h/holds with access <br> to at least one car |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Riverside Ward | 87.6 | 47.2 |
| West City Ward | 75.8 | 26.3 |
| Teams Ward | 72.1 | 47.8 |
| Scotswood Ward | 60.8 | 44.5 |
| Walker Ward | 55.6 | 31.1 |
| Longbenton Ward | 53.7 | 47.2 |
| St Mary's Ward | 8.4 | 87.7 |
| Cleadon \& East Boldon Ward | 8.9 | 86.4 |
| Whickham South Ward | 10.5 | 81.0 |
| Saltwell Ward | 11.7 | 45.7 |

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## 2 CAR OWNERSHIP BY HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

People living alone [particularly pensioners] and lone parent households, are least likely to have access to a car or van. Conversely, households of one couple family have the highest rates of car ownership. If there are children in the household, particularly dependent children, car ownership rates are higher still.

### 2.1 One person households

Amongst one person households, car ownership is particularly low for pensioner households. Among one person pensioner households it is significantly low in Tyne \& Wear (Table 2.1 - just 18.6\% had access to one or more cars in Tyne \& Wear). Across all one pensioner households, Tyne \& Wear's proportions were generally 13-17 percentage points lower than in England and about 4-6 percentage points lower than in the North East and the Mets.

Table 2.1 Car Ownership: One Person Households, Tyne \& Wear in Context

|  | Tyne \& Wear | North East | Metropolitan Counties* | England | England \& Wales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| One Person Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 150,879 | 327,734 | 1,399,391 | 6,150,264 | 6,502,612 |
| No Car | 68.2\% | 63.5\% | 61.3\% | 52.6\% | 52.6\% |
| 1 Car | 30.1\% | 34.3\% | 36.4\% | 44.0\% | 44.0\% |
| 2 Cars | 1.3\% | 1.7\% | 1.8\% | 2.8\% | 2.8\% |
| 3 Cars | 0.2\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% |
| One Person Pensioner Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 75,248 | 166,717 | 677,358 | 2,939,465 | 3,126,340 |
| No Car | 81.4\% | 77.8\% | 76.2\% | 68.2\% | 68.1\% |
| 1 Car | 17.8\% | 21.4\% | 22.9\% | 30.5\% | 30.6\% |
| 2 Cars | 0.3\% | 0.5\% | 0.5\% | 0.9\% | 0.9\% |
| 3 Cars | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% |
| One Person Other Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 75,631 | 161,017 | 722,033 | 3,210,799 | 3,376,272 |
| No Car | 55.1\% | 48.8\% | 47.4\% | 38.2\% | 38.2\% |
| 1 Car | 42.3\% | 47.6\% | 49.0\% | 56.3\% | 56.4\% |
| 2 Cars | 2.2\% | 3.0\% | 3.0\% | 4.5\% | 4.5\% |
| 3 Cars | 0.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.6\% | 0.6\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% |

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Proportions sum vertically

For Tyne \& Wear districts (Table 2.2), again rates are highest in North Tyneside. Gateshead and Sunderland generally have the lowest rates for all forms of one person household.

Table 2.2 Car Ownership: One Person Households, Tyne \& Wear Districts

|  | Gateshead | Newcastle | North <br> Tyneside | South <br> Tyneside | Sunderland |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| One Person Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Car | 28,176 | 39,101 | 28,027 | 21,438 | 34,137 |
| 1 Car | $70.5 \%$ | $68.2 \%$ | $63.2 \%$ | $70.6 \%$ | $69.0 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $27.8 \%$ | $30.1 \%$ | $35.1 \%$ | $27.9 \%$ | $29.2 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $1.3 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
|  | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
| One Person Pensioner Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 13,935 | 18,014 | 14,258 | 11,463 | 17,578 |
| No Car | $84.0 \%$ | $81.2 \%$ | $78.0 \%$ | $81.6 \%$ | $82.4 \%$ |
| 1 Car | $15.3 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $21.4 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ | $16.9 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $0.3 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
| One Person Other Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 14,241 | 21,087 | 13,769 | 9,975 | 16,559 |
| No Car | $57.3 \%$ | $57.1 \%$ | $47.9 \%$ | $58.0 \%$ | $54.9 \%$ |
| 1 Car | $40.0 \%$ | $40.4 \%$ | $49.3 \%$ | $39.6 \%$ | $42.4 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $2.3 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $0.3 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.2 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |

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Proportions sum vertically

### 2.2 One family and no other households

Car ownership is significantly higher than overall for one family households (over 70\%) and couple family households (over 80\%) (Table 2.3). In Tyne \& Wear, almost three-quarters (71.9\%) of one family [\& no other] households have access to at least one car, and nearly a third of these households have access to two cars (20.6\%). This compares with a rate of $85.3 \%$ in England \& Wales. For ownership of one car per household, the proportions are similar across comparator areas. However for households with two or more cars, the rate for England \& Wales is 1.71 times (at $40.8 \%$ ) the rate in Tyne \& Wear (at 23.9\%).

Car ownership is higher still for couple family households. A breakdown for this household type, by couple families with/without children, and with non-dependent children, will be given below. Over $80 \%$ of couple family households have access to at least one car ( $83.2 \%$ ) and a third of these households have access to two or more cars. The proportion for England \& Wales is almost 10 percentage points higher than for Tyne \& Wear at 92.3\%. Indeed, in England \& Wales, ownership of two cars is more prevalent amongst couples (41.9\%), than ownership of just one car (40.2\%).

For one family pensioner households in Tyne \& Wear, $40.6 \%$ of households do not have access to a car, exactly half the proportion for single pensioner households (81.4\%). This Tyne \& Wear proportion is also half the proportion for England \& Wales (21.2\%).

Table 2.3 Car Ownership: One Family \& No Other Households, Tyne \& Wear in Context

|  |  |  | Metropolitan |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Counties* |  |  |  |$\quad$ England |  |
| ---: |
| Wales |

*Excludes London
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Proportions sum vertically
Across all types of one family household, the highest rates of car ownership are seen again in North Tyneside and Sunderland, and the lowest generally in Newcastle and South Tyneside (Table 2.4). Interestingly Sunderland's rates of ownership for three or more cars are very high. At $3.1 \%$ for all one family households, and $4.3 \%$ for couple family households, both are significantly higher than in Tyne \& Wear $2.7 \%$ and $3.8 \%$ respectively).

Table 2.4 Car Ownership: One Family \& No Other Households, Tyne \& Wear Districts

|  | Gateshead | Newcastle | North <br> Tyneside | South <br> Tyneside | Sunderland |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| One Family \& No Other Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 52,534 | 61,539 | 53,704 | 41,491 | 76,464 |
| No Car | $28.7 \%$ | $31.4 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ |
| 1 Car | $47.8 \%$ | $46.0 \%$ | $50.6 \%$ | $48.0 \%$ | $47.9 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $20.2 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $22.9 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $2.7 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.7 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One Family \& No Others - All Pensioners |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 7,208 | 8,337 | 7,945 | 5,790 | 9,598 |
| No Car | $42.1 \%$ | $41.3 \%$ | $35.2 \%$ | $43.4 \%$ | $41.8 \%$ |
| 1 Car | $52.8 \%$ | $52.3 \%$ | $58.6 \%$ | $52.3 \%$ | $53.2 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $4.7 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.2 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One Family \& No Others - Couple Family Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 35,672 | 41,460 | 37,006 | 26,951 | 52,863 |
| No Car | $17.4 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ |
| 1 Car | $50.5 \%$ | $49.1 \%$ | $51.6 \%$ | $52.0 \%$ | $50.3 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $27.5 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ | $30.6 \%$ | $25.5 \%$ | $28.5 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $3.7 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.9 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Proportions sum vertically

### 2.3 One family and no others - couple and lone parent families

Amongst all couple families, rates of car ownership are very high, $82.6 \%$ in Tyne \& Wear had access to at least one car or van (Table 2.5). This proportion decreases to $81 \%$ for couple families with no children, but increases for couple families with children. This is true of couples with dependent children where the Tyne \& Wear proportion increases to almost $85 \%$, but still 8.4 percentage points lower than England \& Wales (at 93.2\%). Generally proportions across all couple families are around 8.5-10 percentage points above Tyne \& Wear in England \& Wales.

Amongst couples with dependent children, the rate of ownership of two cars is [remarkably] higher than the rate of ownership of just one car in England \& Wales [and England]. For Tyne \& Wear, as in the NE and the Mets, the proportion with one car is highest. For couple families with non-dependent children however, only Tyne \& Wear has a higher proportion of families with just one car than with two cars.

Conversely, amongst all lone parent households, car ownership rates are very low (39.6\% in Tyne \& Wear), brought down by lower rates amongst lone parent families with dependent children. Just a third (33.9\%) of these families have access to at least one car, and they are over two-and-a-half times less likely as couple families with dependent children to have access to a car.

Amongst Tyne \& Wear districts (Table 2.6), North Tyneside has the highest rates of ownership, and Newcastle the lowest. Newcastle's car ownership rate is very low for lone parents, and particularly with dependent children. Under $30 \%$ of these lone parent families have access to at least one car or van. [Newcastle residents' proximity to services and its being relatively well-served by public transport may well be important factors in lone parents choosing to live in Newcastle - Ed.]

Table 2.5 Car Ownership: Couple and Lone Parent Households - Tyne \& Wear in Context

|  | Tyne \& Wear | North East | Metropolitan <br> Counties* | England | England \& Wales |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Couple Family No Children |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 179,890 | 204,737 | 710,376 | $3,633,319$ | $3,838,056$ |
| No Car | $14.2 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |
| 1 Car | $53.3 \%$ | $45.4 \%$ | $50.6 \%$ | $45.4 \%$ | $45.2 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $29.6 \%$ | $40.3 \%$ | $33.3 \%$ | $40.3 \%$ | $40.4 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $2.4 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $4.4 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.6 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ |

Couple Family Dependent Children

| All Households | 218,928 | 251,847 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| No Car | $11.9 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ |
| 1 Car | $48.3 \%$ | $39.9 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $34.9 \%$ | $44.8 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $4.0 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.9 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ |

Couple Family Non-Dependent Children

| All Households | 76,901 | 82,912 | 302,563 | 1,284,543 | 1,367,455 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Car | 12.4\% | 6.9\% | 10.8\% | 6.9\% | 7.0\% |
| 1 Car | 34.6\% | 26.6\% | 32.6\% | 26.6\% | 26.5\% |
| 2 Cars | 34.7\% | 36.7\% | 35.3\% | 36.7\% | 36.6\% |
| 3 Cars | 14.8\% | 22.3\% | 16.9\% | 22.3\% | 22.4\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 3.6\% | 7.4\% | 4.4\% | 7.4\% | 7.5\% |
| Lone Parent Family |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 114,718 | 128,608 | 511,278 | 1,934,878 | 2,063,486 |
| No Car | 55.2\% | 41.6\% | 51.6\% | 41.6\% | 41.6\% |
| 1 Car | 37.9\% | 46.5\% | 40.5\% | 46.5\% | 46.5\% |
| 2 Cars | 6.0\% | 9.8\% | 6.7\% | 9.8\% | 9.8\% |
| 3 Cars | 0.8\% | 1.7\% | 1.0\% | 1.7\% | 1.7\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% |
| Lone Parent Family with Dependent Children |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 78,371 | 87,965 | 352,893 | 1,311,974 | 1,399,939 |
| No Car | 60.7\% | 46.4\% | 56.9\% | 46.4\% | 46.3\% |
| 1 Car | 36.4\% | 48.0\% | 39.7\% | 48.0\% | 48.1\% |
| 2 Cars | 2.6\% | 4.7\% | 2.9\% | 4.7\% | 4.7\% |
| 3 Cars | 0.3\% | 0.7\% | 0.4\% | 0.7\% | 0.7\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% |
| Lone Parent Family with Non-Dependent Children |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 36,347 | 40,643 | 158,385 | 622,904 | 663,547 |
| No Car | 43.3\% | 31.5\% | 39.7\% | 31.5\% | 31.6\% |
| 1 Car | 41.1\% | 43.3\% | 42.4\% | 43.3\% | 43.2\% |
| 2 Cars | 13.4\% | 20.5\% | 15.2\% | 20.5\% | 20.5\% |
| 3 Cars | 1.8\% | 3.9\% | 2.3\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.4\% | 0.8\% | 0.5\% | 0.8\% | 0.8\% |

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Proportions sum vertically

Table 2.6 Car Ownership: Couple and Lone Parent Households, Tyne \& Wear Districts

Gateshead Newcastle $\quad$\begin{tabular}{c}
North <br>
Tyneside

$\quad$

South <br>
Tyneside
\end{tabular}$\quad$ Sunderland

## Couple Family No Children

| All Households | 13,739 | 15,995 | 14,547 | 9,468 | 18,423 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| No Car | $19.2 \%$ | $22.6 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ | $20.6 \%$ | $18.4 \%$ |
| 1 Car | $56.2 \%$ | $52.4 \%$ | $56.6 \%$ | $56.6 \%$ | $55.4 \%$ |
| 2 Cars | $22.7 \%$ | $23.3 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ | $21.0 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ |
| 3 Cars | $1.5 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ |
| 4 Cars \& Over | $0.4 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ |

## Couple Family Dependent Children

| All Households | 15,879 | 19,174 | 16,815 | 12,636 | 24,702 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Car | 16.1\% | 18.1\% | 11.8\% | 16.1\% | 14.4\% |
| 1 Car | 50.3\% | 48.9\% | 51.7\% | 53.7\% | 52.0\% |
| 2 Cars | 29.9\% | 29.6\% | 33.0\% | 26.8\% | 29.7\% |
| 3 Cars | 3.0\% | 2.8\% | 2.8\% | 2.8\% | 3.2\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.7\% | 0.6\% | 0.8\% | 0.6\% | 0.7\% |
| Couple Family Non-Dependent Children |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 6,054 | 6,291 | 5,644 | 4,847 | 9,738 |
| No Car | 16.5\% | 18.9\% | 13.8\% | 18.2\% | 15.0\% |
| 1 Car | 38.1\% | 41.6\% | 38.1\% | 38.6\% | 36.4\% |
| 2 Cars | 32.0\% | 28.3\% | 32.9\% | 31.3\% | 33.3\% |
| 3 Cars | 10.9\% | 9.3\% | 12.8\% | 9.9\% | 12.7\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 2.6\% | 1.8\% | 2.5\% | 2.0\% | 2.6\% |
| Lone Parent Family |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 9,654 | 11,742 | 8,753 | 8,750 | 14,003 |
| No Car | 60.8\% | 65.0\% | 54.4\% | 62.2\% | 58.9\% |
| 1 Car | 33.9\% | 30.7\% | 39.1\% | 32.8\% | 34.9\% |
| 2 Cars | 4.6\% | 3.7\% | 5.7\% | 4.4\% | 5.5\% |
| 3 Cars | 0.5\% | 0.5\% | 0.6\% | 0.5\% | 0.6\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% |
| Lone Parent Family with Dependent Children |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 6,503 | 7,895 | 6,007 | 5,929 | 9,342 |
| No Car | 66.5\% | 71.0\% | 59.7\% | 68.2\% | 64.6\% |
| 1 Car | 31.3\% | 27.4\% | 38.0\% | 29.8\% | 32.9\% |
| 2 Cars | 1.9\% | 1.4\% | 2.1\% | 1.7\% | 2.3\% |
| 3 Cars | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% |
| Lone Parent Family with Non-Dependent Children |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 3,151 | 3,847 | 2,746 | 2,821 | 4,661 |
| No Car | 49.0\% | 52.9\% | 42.9\% | 49.5\% | 47.6\% |
| 1 Car | 39.3\% | 37.5\% | 41.7\% | 39.1\% | 39.0\% |
| 2 Cars | 10.2\% | 8.4\% | 13.4\% | 10.0\% | 11.8\% |
| 3 Cars | 1.2\% | 1.0\% | 1.7\% | 1.1\% | 1.4\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.3\% | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 0.2\% | 0.3\% |

[^3]Proportions sum vertically

### 2.4 Other households - Student households

Note: Tables 2.7 and 2.8 present data for all other households; however, the most notable group, 'all student households', will be discussed here. Generally, the proportions of 'other households' with three or more cars are higher than for 'all households' probably because of larger household sizes in these 'Other' groups.
'All student households' are the only type of household where car ownership rates are very similar across all comparator areas (Table 2.7). Tyne \& Wear's ownership remains a little low for this group. At $55.6 \%$ this is two percentage points lower than in England \& Wales, however the lowest rate was not in Tyne \& Wear but in the Mets at $55.3 \%$. Ownership of two cars for Tyne \& Wear student households (at $16.3 \%$ ) is higher than for all households at (14.1\%), and higher than in the NE and Met counties ( $15.9 \%$ and $15.7 \%$ respectively). [This is an indirect indicator of the prosperity of Tyne \& Wear's student intake, which is entirely confined to Newcastle - Ed.] The proportion of Tyne \& Wear student households with three or more cars, at $9.8 \%$ is very close to England \& Wales and England, at about $10 \%$ of student households.

Table 2.7 Car Ownership: Other, Tyne \& Wear in Context

|  | Tyne \& Wear | North East | Metropolitan Counties* | England | England \& Wales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 26,214 | 53,673 | 287,169 | 1,369,562 | 1,441,874 |
| No Car | 39.3\% | 34.5\% | 30.7\% | 25.2\% | 25.4\% |
| 1 Car | 37.2\% | 38.0\% | 38.3\% | 36.5\% | 36.5\% |
| 2 Cars | 17.4\% | 20.1\% | 22.4\% | 26.0\% | 25.9\% |
| 3 Cars | 4.7\% | 5.6\% | 6.5\% | 8.9\% | 8.9\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 1.5\% | 1.8\% | 2.1\% | 3.3\% | 3.3\% |
| Other Households with Dependent Children |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 9,315 | 20,506 | 115,680 | 458,369 | 484,067 |
| No Car | 38.1\% | 32.6\% | 28.2\% | 21.5\% | 21.6\% |
| 1 Car | 39.5\% | 39.9\% | 41.0\% | 38.4\% | 38.5\% |
| 2 Cars | 17.0\% | 20.4\% | 22.5\% | 27.2\% | 27.2\% |
| 3 Cars | 4.3\% | 5.7\% | 6.4\% | 9.5\% | 9.5\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 1.0\% | 1.5\% | 1.9\% | 3.3\% | 3.3\% |
| Other Households - All Students |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 3,044 | 4,415 | 24,159 | 79,143 | 84,277 |
| No Car | 44.4\% | 44.0\% | 44.7\% | 42.0\% | 42.5\% |
| 1 Car | 29.5\% | 31.2\% | 31.0\% | 30.4\% | 30.4\% |
| 2 Cars | 16.3\% | 15.9\% | 15.7\% | 17.4\% | 17.2\% |
| 3 Cars | 6.2\% | 5.6\% | 5.9\% | 6.9\% | 6.8\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 3.6\% | 3.3\% | 2.8\% | 3.2\% | 3.2\% |
| Other Households - All Pensioners |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 1,918 | 4,373 | 17,350 | 82,384 | 88,785 |
| No Car | 62.6\% | 56.7\% | 54.4\% | 42.4\% | 42.7\% |
| 1 Car | 31.9\% | 35.6\% | 37.6\% | 43.8\% | 43.6\% |
| 2 Cars | 4.9\% | 6.9\% | 7.0\% | 12.1\% | 12.0\% |
| 3 Cars | 0.4\% | 0.5\% | 0.7\% | 1.3\% | 1.3\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 0.2\% | 0.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% |
| Other Households - Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 11,937 | 24,379 | 129,980 | 749,666 | 784,745 |
| No Car | 35.2\% | 30.4\% | 27.1\% | 23.8\% | 24.1\% |
| 1 Car | 38.1\% | 38.2\% | 37.3\% | 35.2\% | 35.1\% |
| 2 Cars | 20.0\% | 23.1\% | 25.5\% | 27.8\% | 27.7\% |
| 3 Cars | 5.2\% | 6.3\% | 7.6\% | 9.6\% | 9.5\% |
| 4 Cars \& Over | 1.6\% | 2.1\% | 2.5\% | 3.6\% | 3.6\% |

* Excludes London

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## Proportions sum vertically

Car ownership rates are highest in the two university cities of Newcastle and Sunderland (Table 2.8). In both cities the majority of 'all student households' had at least one car. Rates are higher in Newcastle at $56.8 \%$ (Sunderland 53.3\%). [Note: of the 'all student households' in Tyne \& Wear over $2,400(\mathrm{c} 80 \%)$ are in Newcastle and $15 \%$ in Sunderland] The rate for students with two or more cars is also higher, at just over a $1 / 4$ of all students (Newcastle 27.7\%) and Sunderland also over a $1 / 4$ (at 26.0\%). Newcastle's rate was raised by its much larger proportion of student households with access to four or more cars at 4.3\% (Sunderland 1.0\%).

Table 2.8 Car Ownership Other, Tyne \& Wear Districts

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Gateshead | Newcastle | North | Syneside | Tyneside | Sunderland

Proportions sum vertically

## 3 CAR OWNERSHIP BY TENURE

The accessibility of cars or vans varies greatly across household tenure types. Almost three quarters ( $72.5 \%$ ) of Tyne \& Wear households living in social rented accommodation had no access to a car or van. Conversely well over three-quarters of households ( $77.7 \%$ ) who own their home have access to a car or van. Indeed over a fifth of these households (21.6\%) have access to two cars. (Table 3.1).

Amongst households that own their home, the car ownership rate in Tyne \& Wear is high at 77.7\%; however, the rate for England \& Wales is over seven percentage points higher at $85.1 \%$. The proportion of 'owned' households with two or more cars $(25.4 \%)$ is over one and a half times the proportion for all Tyne \& Wear households (16.6\%). However, the rate for England \& Wales is also one and a half times the proportion for Tyne \& Wear (at $38.0 \%$ ).

Ownership of two or more cars is very low amongst social renting households; the proportion for Tyne \& Wear, at just $3.0 \%$ of households compares with a proportion of $16.6 \%$, five and a half times that, for all households. This Tyne \& Wear ownership rate of $3.0 \%$ is less than half the rate for England \& Wales, at 6.7\%.

Car ownership rates for private rented (PRS) households were about 13 percentage points higher than for social rented households in Tyne \& Wear (still very low at 41.4\%), but 16.5 percentage points lower than in England \& Wales. For PRS tenure, Tyne \& Wear's proportion of households with two or more cars, at $8.7 \%$ was almost three percentage points below the North East at $11.6 \%$. This Tyne \& Wear proportion was almost half that for England \& Wales, at 16.3\%.

## District analyses

Previous analyses of the car ownership patterns of the Tyne \& Wear districts have shown big disparities amongst the districts. For 'owned' households however, the spread of no car rates is very narrow, $21.1 \%-23.7 \%$ (Table 3.2). This is not the case for social rented and private rented households. For social rented, Sunderland has the highest car ownership rate. At just $30.2 \%$ this is 1.2 percentage points higher than for North Tyneside. In Newcastle under a quarter (23.7\%) of social rented households had access to at least one car or van.

For private rented (PRS) households, Newcastle comes out top with $46.5 \%$ of households having access to at least one car or van. This is higher than in North Tyneside ( $42.2 \%$ ) and seven percentage points higher than in Sunderland (39.5\%). [This indirectly suggests greater prosperity in the PRS in Newcastle, than in the other Districts - Ed.]

Newcastle's proportion of private renting households with two or more cars is also relatively high, at $12.5 \%$; this is 1.7 times the proportions for North Tyneside (7.1\%) and Sunderland (7.4\%), and 2.3 times the proportions for Gateshead (5.3\%) and South Tyneside (5.6\%). Newcastle's rate is almost four percentage points higher than for Tyne \& Wear as a whole (8.7\%), but about three-quarters of England \& Wales’ rate (16.6\%).

Table 3.1 Car Ownership by Tenure, Tyne \& Wear in Context

|  | Tyne \& Wear | North East | Met. Counties* | England |  <br> Wales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OWNED |  |  |  |  |  |
| All households | 271,847 | 678,407 | 2,903,073 | 14,054,122 | 14,916,463 |
| None | 60,629 | 128,840 | 541,600 | 2,091,505 | 2,223,887 |
| One | 142,276 | 346,950 | 1,428,116 | 6,600,034 | 7,018,955 |
| Two | 58,650 | 169,054 | 772,974 | 4,274,756 | 4,524,928 |
| Three | 8,301 | 26,798 | 127,451 | 833,615 | 881,050 |
| Four or more | 1,991 | 6,765 | 32,932 | 254,212 | 267,643 |
| (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 22.3 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 14.9 | 14.9 |
| One | 52.3 | 51.1 | 49.2 | 47.0 | 47.1 |
| Two | 21.6 | 24.9 | 26.6 | 30.4 | 30.3 |
| Three | 3.1 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Four or more | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| SOCIAL RENTED |  |  |  |  |  |
| All households | 151,814 | 294,723 | 1,125,029 | 3,940,727 | 4,157,251 |
| None | 110,039 | 205,902 | 752,877 | 2,362,573 | 2,489,281 |
| One | 37,173 | 78,534 | 326,001 | 1,315,793 | 1,392,629 |
| Two | 3,874 | 8,703 | 39,172 | 220,151 | 231,120 |
| Three | 531 | 1,135 | 5,078 | 31,948 | 33,459 |
| Four or more | 197 | 449 | 1,901 | 10,262 | 10,762 |
| (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 72.5 | 69.9 | 66.9 | 60.0 | 59.9 |
| One | 24.5 | 26.6 | 29.0 | 33.4 | 33.5 |
| Two | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| Three | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Four or more | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| PRIVATE RENTED/LIVING RENT FREE |  |  |  |  |  |
| All households | 39,160 | 93,160 | 464,013 | 2,456,577 | 2,586,758 |
| None | 22,962 | 48,477 | 252,548 | 1,034,308 | 1,089,015 |
| One | 12,767 | 33,804 | 164,348 | 1,019,891 | 1,074,782 |
| Two | 2,676 | 8,762 | 37,713 | 323,674 | 339,909 |
| Three | 513 | 1,536 | 6,730 | 58,723 | 61,927 |
| Four or more | 242 | 581 | 2,674 | 19,981 | 21,125 |
| (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 58.6 | 52.0 | 54.4 | 42.1 | 42.1 |
| One | 32.6 | 36.3 | 35.4 | 41.5 | 41.5 |
| Two | 6.8 | 9.4 | 8.1 | 13.2 | 13.1 |
| Three | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Four or more | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 |

*Excludes London
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Proportions sum vertically

Table 3.2 Car Ownership by Tenure, Tyne \& Wear Districts

|  | Gateshead | Newcastle | North Tyneside | South Tyneside | Sunderland |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OWNED |  |  |  |  |  |
| All households | 48,975 | 59,314 | 56,336 | 37,143 | 70,082 |
| None | 11,219 | 14,073 | 11,869 | 8,712 | 14,753 |
| One | 25,365 | 30,852 | 30,245 | 19,730 | 36,090 |
| Two | 10,516 | 12,394 | 12,232 | 7,402 | 16,106 |
| Three | 1,489 | 1,612 | 1,613 | 1,060 | 2,527 |
| Four or more | 386 | 383 | 377 | 239 | 606 |
| (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 22.9 | 23.7 | 21.1 | 23.5 | 21.1 |
| One | 51.8 | 52.0 | 53.7 | 53.1 | 51.5 |
| Two | 21.5 | 20.9 | 21.7 | 19.9 | 23.0 |
| Three | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.6 |
| Four or more | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| SOCIAL RENTED |  |  |  |  |  |
| All households | 28,913 | 37,205 | 21,686 | 25,010 | 39,006 |
| None | 20,956 | 28,386 | 15,393 | 18,074 | 27,236 |
| One | 7,057 | 7,924 | 5,616 | 6,184 | 10,390 |
| Two | 759 | 733 | 595 | 638 | 1,149 |
| Three | 104 | 119 | 60 | 80 | 174 |
| Four or more | 37 | 43 | 22 | 34 | 57 |
| (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 72.5 | 76.3 | 71.0 | 72.3 | 69.8 |
| One | 24.4 | 21.3 | 25.9 | 24.7 | 26.6 |
| Two | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| Three | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Four or more | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| PRIVATE RENTED/LIVING RENT FREE |  |  |  |  |  |
| All households | 6,386 | 14,730 | 6,841 | 3,946 | 7,264 |
| None | 4,231 | 7,879 | 3,952 | 2,506 | 4,396 |
| One | 1,818 | 5,005 | 2,404 | 1,218 | 2,328 |
| Two | 293 | 1,332 | 423 | 178 | 453 |
| Three | 29 | 332 | 50 | 37 | 65 |
| Four or more | 15 | 182 | 12 | 7 | 22 |
| (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 66.3 | 53.5 | 57.8 | 63.5 | 60.5 |
| One | 28.5 | 34.0 | 35.1 | 30.9 | 32.0 |
| Two | 4.6 | 9.0 | 6.2 | 4.5 | 6.2 |
| Three | 0.5 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Four or more | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Source: 2001 Census © Crown Copyright (ST60) |  |  |  |  |  |

Proportions sum vertically

## 4 CAR OWNERSHIP BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Car ownership rates are lowest amongst those economically inactive for 'Other' reasons (44.5\% in Tyne \& Wear have access to one or more cars), and the unemployed (47.4\%) (Table 4.1). Rates are highest amongst the self-employed, $93.6 \%$ in Tyne \& Wear - of which $12.7 \%$ have access to three or more cars - and the employed, at 81.3\%.

Over three-quarters of Tyne \& Wear’s economically active population have access to one or more cars (79.3\%), in comparison with just over half (55.4\%) of the economically inactive population. Although this pattern of higher rates for the economically active can be seen across other comparator areas, the gap in Tyne \& Wear is much wider, particularly than nationally. In England \& Wales 88.4\% of economically active people have access to one or more cars; the rate for inactive people is just under three-quarters (72.5\%).

As well as for people inactive for Other reasons and the unemployed, car ownership rates are also slightly low for people looking after the family or home (LAF), permanently sick or disabled (PSD) or retired at between $52.0 \%$ and $56.2 \%$ in Tyne \& Wear. For Tyne \& Wear, as well as the NE and the Mets, rates are close for PSD, LAF and the retired. In England \& Wales however, the rate for people LAF is over ten percentage points higher (75.7\%) than for PSD and also well above 'Other' (62.5\%).

Tyne \& Wear’s rate of ownership amongst the self-employed is only 2 percentage points short of the $95.3 \%$ in England \& Wales. However, in England \& Wales a fifth of the self-employed have access to three or more cars, six percentage points higher than in Tyne \& Wear. Rates in the NE and Mets are about three percentage points higher for people with three or more cars.

## District Car Ownership

Many of the lowest rates of car ownership were in Newcastle, with many of the highest in North Tyneside (Table 4.2). North Tyneside generally exceeds Tyne \& Wear’s car ownership by about 4-8 percentage points for all types of economic activity/inactivity, with one exception. At $14.6 \%$, Sunderland's rate for self-employed with three or more cars is higher than in Tyne \& Wear 12.7\%. It is the only district to exceed Tyne \& Wear’s rate.

Table 4.1 Car Ownership by Economic Activity - TW in Context

|  |  | All Households | No Car/Van | One car | Two Cars | Three Cars | Four or more |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TYNE \& WEAR | All People | 775,457 | 29.9\% | 45.4\% | 20.1\% | 3.7\% | 1.0\% |
| Economically Active | Employed | 382,862 | 18.7\% | 49.4\% | 26.3\% | 4.6\% | 1.0\% |
|  | Self-employed | 36,742 | 6.4\% | 40.6\% | 40.3\% | 9.4\% | 3.3\% |
|  | Unemployed | 36,905 | 52.6\% | 35.4\% | 9.7\% | 1.9\% | 0.4\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 19,376 | 25.6\% | 40.2\% | 25.4\% | 7.0\% | 1.8\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 115,256 | 43.8\% | 47.0\% | 8.1\% | 0.8\% | 0.2\% |
|  | Student | 37,315 | 33.1\% | 38.2\% | 20.5\% | 5.8\% | 2.3\% |
|  | LAF | 50,318 | 44.3\% | 40.5\% | 12.6\% | 2.1\% | 0.5\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 70,181 | 48.0\% | 41.9\% | 8.5\% | 1.3\% | 0.3\% |
|  | Other | 26,502 | 55.5\% | 33.4\% | 8.8\% | 1.7\% | 0.6\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 475,885 | 20.7\% | 47.2\% | 26.1\% | 4.8\% | 1.2\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 299,572 | 44.6\% | 42.4\% | 10.6\% | 1.9\% | 0.6\% |
| NORTH EAST | All People | 1,806,760 | 24.4\% | 45.4\% | 24.1\% | 4.8\% | 1.3\% |
| Economically Active | Employed | 899,872 | 14.3\% | 47.1\% | 31.1\% | 6.0\% | 1.5\% |
|  | Self-employed | 96,296 | 4.7\% | 35.9\% | 43.5\% | 11.6\% | 4.3\% |
|  | Unemployed | 82,411 | 46.6\% | 37.8\% | 12.4\% | 2.5\% | 0.6\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 39,377 | 19.7\% | 39.3\% | 29.5\% | 9.2\% | 2.4\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 273,537 | 36.7\% | 51.0\% | 10.7\% | 1.2\% | 0.3\% |
|  | Student | 76,748 | 27.0\% | 39.2\% | 24.7\% | 6.7\% | 2.3\% |
|  | LAF | 120,366 | 37.2\% | 42.6\% | 16.5\% | 2.8\% | 0.8\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 158,990 | 41.4\% | 45.6\% | 10.8\% | 1.8\% | 0.4\% |
|  | Other | 59,163 | 49.7\% | 36.2\% | 11.1\% | 2.3\% | 0.7\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 1,117,956 | 16.1\% | 45.2\% | 30.7\% | 6.4\% | 1.7\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 688,804 | 37.9\% | 45.7\% | 13.4\% | 2.3\% | 0.7\% |
| MET COUNTIES* | All People | 7,665,090 | 23.0\% | 44.1\% | 25.9\% | 5.5\% | 1.6\% |
| Economically Active | Employed | 3,881,935 | 13.8\% | 45.2\% | 32.6\% | 6.7\% | 1.8\% |
|  | Self-employed | 467,120 | 5.0\% | 35.3\% | 44.1\% | 11.5\% | 4.1\% |
|  | Unemployed | 325,558 | 44.5\% | 38.3\% | 13.5\% | 2.9\% | 0.7\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 191,378 | 21.1\% | 38.2\% | 29.0\% | 9.1\% | 2.7\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 1,061,934 | 34.3\% | 50.9\% | 12.7\% | 1.7\% | 0.4\% |
|  | Student | 377,307 | 28.5\% | 38.9\% | 23.5\% | 6.8\% | 2.4\% |
|  | LAF | 512,265 | 35.5\% | 42.5\% | 18.0\% | 3.1\% | 0.9\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 567,406 | 41.6\% | 44.4\% | 11.5\% | 2.0\% | 0.5\% |
|  | Other | 280,187 | 46.6\% | 37.4\% | 12.5\% | 2.6\% | 0.8\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 4,865,991 | 15.3\% | 43.5\% | 32.3\% | 7.0\% | 2.0\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 2,799,099 | 36.4\% | 45.1\% | 14.9\% | 2.8\% | 0.8\% |
| ENGLAND | All People | 34,996,864 | 16.9\% | 42.1\% | 30.9\% | 7.5\% | 2.6\% |
| Economically Active | Employed | 18,591,178 | 11.0\% | 41.4\% | 36.1\% | 8.7\% | 2.8\% |
|  | Self-employed | 2,945,036 | 4.8\% | 31.6\% | 44.9\% | 13.3\% | 5.4\% |
|  | Unemployed | 1,177,487 | 36.6\% | 39.8\% | 17.8\% | 4.4\% | 1.4\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 863,276 | 16.4\% | 34.5\% | 32.3\% | 12.5\% | 4.3\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 4,790,451 | 25.1\% | 54.2\% | 17.5\% | 2.6\% | 0.7\% |
|  | Student | 1,468,341 | 23.6\% | 36.5\% | 27.2\% | 9.3\% | 3.4\% |
|  | LAF | 2,313,468 | 24.1\% | 41.9\% | 27.0\% | 5.2\% | 1.7\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 1,795,673 | 36.6\% | 45.6\% | 14.2\% | 2.8\% | 0.8\% |
|  | Other | 1,051,954 | 37.5\% | 39.5\% | 17.2\% | 4.3\% | 1.5\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 23,576,977 | 11.7\% | 39.9\% | 36.1\% | 9.2\% | 3.1\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 11,419,887 | 27.7\% | 46.7\% | 20.1\% | 4.2\% | 1.3\% |
| ENGLAND \& WALES | All People | 37,049,262 | 16.8\% | 42.2\% | 30.9\% | 7.5\% | 2.5\% |
| Economically Active | Employed | 19,574,833 | 10.9\% | 41.5\% | 36.2\% | 8.7\% | 2.8\% |
|  | Self-employed | 3,104,189 | 4.7\% | 31.5\% | 45.0\% | 13.4\% | 5.5\% |
|  | Unemployed | 1,249,699 | 36.4\% | 39.9\% | 17.9\% | 4.4\% | 1.4\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 908,080 | 16.3\% | 34.5\% | 32.4\% | 12.5\% | 4.4\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 5,096,571 | 24.9\% | 54.4\% | 17.5\% | 2.5\% | 0.7\% |
|  | Student | 1,564,685 | 23.3\% | 36.5\% | 27.4\% | 9.4\% | 3.4\% |
|  | LAF | 2,445,990 | 24.3\% | 42.1\% | 26.8\% | 5.2\% | 1.7\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 1,982,771 | 35.9\% | 46.1\% | 14.4\% | 2.9\% | 0.8\% |
|  | Other | 1,122,444 | 37.5\% | 39.6\% | 17.2\% | 4.2\% | 1.5\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 24,836,801 | 11.6\% | 39.9\% | 36.2\% | 9.2\% | 3.1\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 12,212,461 | 27.5\% | 46.9\% | 20.1\% | 4.1\% | 1.3\% |

[^4]Proportions sum horizontally

Table 4.2 Car Ownership by Economic Activity - TW Districts

|  |  | All Households | No Car/Van | One car | Two Cars | Three Cars | Four or more |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GATESHEAD | All People | 138,341 | 30.7\% | 45.3\% | 19.7\% | 3.5\% | 0.9\% |
| Economically Active | Employed | 70,029 | 19.5\% | 49.1\% | 25.9\% | 4.4\% | 1.1\% |
|  | Self-employed | 6,318 | 6.3\% | 38.9\% | 41.9\% | 9.6\% | 3.4\% |
|  | Unemployed | 5,625 | 52.9\% | 35.2\% | 9.3\% | 2.2\% | 0.5\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 2,797 | 22.7\% | 42.0\% | 26.3\% | 7.1\% | 1.9\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 22,062 | 44.5\% | 46.5\% | 8.0\% | 0.8\% | 0.2\% |
|  | Student | 4,470 | 30.9\% | 41.4\% | 21.4\% | 5.2\% | 1.1\% |
|  | LAF | 8,889 | 46.5\% | 39.3\% | 11.7\% | 2.0\% | 0.5\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 13,312 | 49.7\% | 41.0\% | 7.8\% | 1.2\% | 0.3\% |
|  | Other | 4,839 | 58.5\% | 32.1\% | 7.5\% | 1.5\% | 0.5\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 84,769 | 20.8\% | 47.2\% | 26.0\% | 4.7\% | 1.2\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 53,572 | 46.3\% | 42.2\% | 9.6\% | 1.5\% | 0.4\% |
| NEWCASTLE <br> Economically Active | All People | 187,019 | 34.0\% | 42.8\% | 18.6\% | 3.5\% | 1.2\% |
|  | Employed | 85,713 | 22.4\% | 48.4\% | 24.3\% | 3.9\% | 1.0\% |
|  | Self-employed | 9,712 | 7.5\% | 41.5\% | 39.0\% | 8.9\% | 3.0\% |
|  | Unemployed | 8,852 | 57.2\% | 32.2\% | 8.7\% | 1.5\% | 0.4\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 6,670 | 35.3\% | 36.4\% | 20.5\% | 6.0\% | 1.9\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 25,069 | 45.9\% | 45.2\% | 7.8\% | 0.8\% | 0.2\% |
|  | Student | 16,517 | 37.9\% | 33.8\% | 18.0\% | 6.5\% | 3.7\% |
|  | LAF | 11,780 | 47.2\% | 37.9\% | 12.4\% | 1.9\% | 0.6\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 15,679 | 55.7\% | 36.4\% | 6.7\% | 1.1\% | 0.2\% |
|  | Other | 7,027 | 58.6\% | 30.5\% | 8.5\% | 1.6\% | 0.8\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 110,947 | 24.7\% | 45.7\% | 24.1\% | 4.3\% | 1.2\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 76,072 | 47.5\% | 38.4\% | 10.6\% | 2.4\% | 1.1\% |
| NORTH TYNESIDE <br> Economically Active | All People | 108,733 | 31.7\% | 46.0\% | 18.3\% | 3.3\% | 0.7\% |
|  | Employed | 52,253 | 19.2\% | 51.0\% | 24.8\% | 4.2\% | 0.9\% |
|  | Self-employed | 4,684 | 6.8\% | 40.6\% | 40.2\% | 9.5\% | 2.8\% |
|  | Unemployed | 6,827 | 54.4\% | 35.0\% | 8.7\% | 1.6\% | 0.2\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 2,316 | 21.2\% | 44.9\% | 25.3\% | 7.3\% | 1.3\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 16,759 | 46.4\% | 45.7\% | 6.8\% | 0.8\% | 0.2\% |
|  | Student | 3,914 | 31.7\% | 43.7\% | 19.4\% | 4.2\% | 1.0\% |
|  | LAF | 7,986 | 47.4\% | 39.4\% | 10.9\% | 1.9\% | 0.4\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 10,175 | 48.8\% | 41.9\% | 7.7\% | 1.2\% | 0.4\% |
|  | Other | 3,819 | 57.1\% | 32.6\% | 8.1\% | 1.8\% | 0.5\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 66,080 | 22.0\% | 48.4\% | 24.2\% | 4.4\% | 1.0\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 42,653 | 46.8\% | 42.3\% | 9.1\% | 1.5\% | 0.4\% |
| SOUTH TYNESIDE <br> Economically Active | All People | 108,733 | 31.7\% | 46.0\% | 18.3\% | 3.3\% | 0.7\% |
|  | Employed | 52,253 | 19.2\% | 51.0\% | 24.8\% | 4.2\% | 0.9\% |
|  | Self-employed | 4,684 | 6.8\% | 40.6\% | 40.2\% | 9.5\% | 2.8\% |
|  | Unemployed | 6,827 | 54.4\% | 35.0\% | 8.7\% | 1.6\% | 0.2\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 2,316 | 21.2\% | 44.9\% | 25.3\% | 7.3\% | 1.3\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 16,759 | 46.4\% | 45.7\% | 6.8\% | 0.8\% | 0.2\% |
|  | Student | 3,914 | 31.7\% | 43.7\% | 19.4\% | 4.2\% | 1.0\% |
|  | LAF | 7,986 | 47.4\% | 39.4\% | 10.9\% | 1.9\% | 0.4\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 10,175 | 48.8\% | 41.9\% | 7.7\% | 1.2\% | 0.4\% |
|  | Other | 3,819 | 57.1\% | 32.6\% | 8.1\% | 1.8\% | 0.5\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 66,080 | 22.0\% | 48.4\% | 24.2\% | 4.4\% | 1.0\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 42,653 | 46.8\% | 42.3\% | 9.1\% | 1.5\% | 0.4\% |
| SUNDERLAND | All People | 202,867 | 28.1\% | 45.5\% | 21.2\% | 4.2\% | 1.0\% |
| Economically Active | Employed | 101,043 | 16.6\% | 48.6\% | 28.1\% | 5.5\% | 1.2\% |
|  | Self-employed | 8,770 | 5.7\% | 39.3\% | 40.4\% | 10.4\% | 4.2\% |
|  | Unemployed | 9,875 | 50.3\% | 36.6\% | 10.4\% | 2.0\% | 0.6\% |
|  | Full Time Student | 4,553 | 21.2\% | 39.4\% | 29.0\% | 8.5\% | 1.9\% |
| Economically Inactive | Retired | 29,348 | 43.8\% | 46.5\% | 8.5\% | 0.9\% | 0.3\% |
|  | Student | 7,883 | 30.5\% | 40.2\% | 22.3\% | 5.9\% | 1.2\% |
|  | LAF | 13,756 | 42.5\% | 42.1\% | 12.7\% | 2.2\% | 0.6\% |
|  | Perm.sick/disab. | 20,754 | 43.1\% | 44.7\% | 10.1\% | 1.7\% | 0.3\% |
|  | Other | 6,885 | 53.6\% | 34.7\% | 9.3\% | 1.8\% | 0.6\% |
|  | Economically Active (Total) | 124,241 | 18.7\% | 46.7\% | 27.6\% | 5.7\% | 1.4\% |
|  | Economically Inactive (Total) | 78,626 | 42.9\% | 43.6\% | 11.1\% | 1.9\% | 0.4\% |

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## 5 CAR OWNERSHIP BY ETHNICITY

Cautions: this analysis of car ownership by ethnicity may be distorted by big differences in the age structures of ethnic groups. In particular, ethnic minorities tend to have very few retired people (who have low car ownership). In Tyne \& Wear, most ethnic minorities (but not Bangladeshis and Blacks) have higher economic status than Whites and their same ethnic group in England \& Wales. For details see TWRI's Census Topic Report on Ethnicity \& Religion.

In Tyne \& Wear, car ownership rates are significantly higher for some ethnic groups than overall. Patterns are similar for England \& Wales, but the differences between ethnic groups and overall in England \& Wales are less striking. In comparison with Tyne \& Wear's figure for all households (58.2\%) about three-quarters of Tyne \& Wear's Indian and Pakistani households have access to at least one car or van ( $76.4 \%$ and $72.1 \%$ respectively) (Table 5.1). For Indian households around half of these car-owning households had two or more cars (39.2\%), five percentage points higher than for England \& Wales. The figure for the NE is higher still, $40.9 \%$ of Indian households have two or more cars. Chinese car ownership in Tyne \& Wear is also very high, at $70 \%$ of households.

Car ownership rates in Tyne \& Wear are lower than Overall for Blacks (45.1\%), Mixed (49.7\%) and, marginally, Bangladeshis (57.9\%). Perhaps these low rates for Mixed and Bangladeshis can be explained by their very young age structures ( $39.7 \%$ of the Mixed population in Tyne \& Wear are aged $0-15,41.9 \%$ for Bangladeshis). Given that car ownership is thought to be positively correlated with incomes which are reduced by low employment rates, these low car ownership rates could be an effect of the following [very low] employment rates: Bangladeshis $38.6 \%$, Blacks $45.6 \%$ and Mixed 49.0\%.

Although England \& Wales’ overall car ownership rate (73.2\%) is around 15 percentage points higher than in Tyne \& Wear, this gap is much narrower amongst the ethnic groups. Tyne \& Wear's proportions for Pakistanis and Bangladeshis ( $72.1 \%$ and $57.4 \%$ respectively) are actually slightly higher than in England \& Wales ( $71.9 \%$ and $57.0 \%$ respectively). Proportions are relatively close for Chinese (71.2\% England \& Wales, 70.0\% Tyne \& Wear) and Indians (79.6\% England \& Wales, $76.4 \%$ Tyne \& Wear). Generally, proportions for all other ethnic groups are about 9 percentage points higher in England \& Wales, although the difference for Other Asians is huge at 17 percentage points (73.2\% England \& Wales, 56.3\% Tyne \& Wear).

## Tyne \& Wear Districts

Patterns for Tyne \& Wear districts generally reflect patterns for Overall with higher rates in North Tyneside and Sunderland (Table 5.2). Ownership rates in North Tyneside for Indians and Chinese are exceptionally high, at $88 \%$ and $83.1 \%$ respectively. Oddly, given Tyne \& Wear's very low rate of ownership for Blacks, North Tyneside's proportion of $71.9 \%$ is very high. This could be because employment rates for Blacks in North Tyneside are significantly higher than for all other districts (by about 12pp). Also oddly, given very high rates of ownership for Indians in all other districts, South Tyneside's rate of $60.4 \%$ is also very low. Lower employment rates for Indians in South Tyneside (15-20pps lower than for all other districts) probably have an effect here too.

Table 5.1 Car Ownership by Ethnicity - TW in context

| Tyne \& Wear | All households | No car | One car | Two or more |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All HRPs | 462,826 | 41.8\% | 41.5\% | 16.6\% |
| White | 452,610 | 41.9\% | 41.6\% | 16.5\% |
| Mixed | 1,727 | 50.3\% | 36.2\% | 13.5\% |
| Indian | 1,980 | 23.6\% | 37.2\% | 39.2\% |
| Pakistani | 1,595 | 27.9\% | 42.9\% | 29.2\% |
| Bangledeshi | 1,127 | 42.6\% | 44.5\% | 12.9\% |
| Other Asian | 725 | 43.7\% | 37.1\% | 19.2\% |
| Black | 1,009 | 54.9\% | 33.0\% | 12.1\% |
| Chinese | 1,184 | 30.0\% | 43.8\% | 26.2\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 869 | 47.2\% | 33.9\% | 18.9\% |
| North East |  |  |  |  |
| All HRPs | 1,066,303 | 35.9\% | 43.1\% | 21.0\% |
| White | 1,048,790 | 36.0\% | 43.1\% | 20.9\% |
| Mixed | 2,998 | 46.2\% | 37.9\% | 15.9\% |
| Indian | 3,264 | 20.3\% | 38.8\% | 40.9\% |
| Pakistani | 3,483 | 28.2\% | 44.4\% | 27.4\% |
| Bangledeshi | 1,369 | 41.1\% | 44.4\% | 14.5\% |
| Other Asian | 1,273 | 37.5\% | 35.7\% | 26.9\% |
| Black | 1,836 | 49.2\% | 35.6\% | 15.2\% |
| Chinese | 1,848 | 25.9\% | 46.0\% | 28.1\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 1,442 | 42.4\% | 35.5\% | 22.1\% |
| Metropolitan Counties* |  |  |  |  |
| All HRPs | 4,492,111 | 34.4\% | 42.7\% | 22.9\% |
| White | 4,173,011 | 34.3\% | 42.6\% | 23.1\% |
| Mixed | 31,411 | 48.5\% | 37.4\% | 14.1\% |
| Indian | 71,867 | 21.9\% | 45.8\% | 32.4\% |
| Pakistani | 83,493 | 31.5\% | 51.0\% | 17.6\% |
| Bangledeshi | 14,167 | 46.8\% | 42.4\% | 10.9\% |
| Other Asian | 13,567 | 33.8\% | 43.4\% | 22.8\% |
| Black | 79,958 | 49.7\% | 38.2\% | 12.1\% |
| Chinese | 14,665 | 33.2\% | 42.3\% | 24.5\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 9,972 | 44.2\% | 38.9\% | 17.0\% |
| England |  |  |  |  |
| All HRPs | 20,451,427 | 26.8\% | 43.7\% | 29.5\% |
| White | 19,059,718 | 26.2\% | 43.7\% | 30.1\% |
| Mixed | 141,878 | 40.8\% | 40.6\% | 18.6\% |
| Indian | 312,190 | 20.4\% | 45.5\% | 34.1\% |
| Pakistani | 170,332 | 28.2\% | 50.8\% | 21.1\% |
| Bangledeshi | 60,708 | 43.1\% | 44.9\% | 11.9\% |
| Other Asian | 79,447 | 26.8\% | 45.6\% | 27.6\% |
| Black | 480,208 | 46.2\% | 40.6\% | 13.2\% |
| Chinese | 75,384 | 29.0\% | 44.5\% | 26.4\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 71,562 | 37.6\% | 43.2\% | 19.1\% |
| England \& Wales |  |  |  |  |
| All HRPs | 21,660,475 | 26.8\% | 43.8\% | 29.4\% |
| White | 20,250,117 | 26.2\% | 43.8\% | 30.0\% |
| Mixed | 146,309 | 40.7\% | 40.6\% | 18.6\% |
| Indian | 314,952 | 20.4\% | 45.4\% | 34.2\% |
| Pakistani | 172,510 | 28.1\% | 50.7\% | 21.2\% |
| Bangledeshi | 61,939 | 43.0\% | 45.0\% | 12.0\% |
| Other Asian | 80,748 | 26.8\% | 45.5\% | 27.7\% |
| Black | 483,282 | 46.2\% | 40.6\% | 13.2\% |
| Chinese | 77,384 | 28.8\% | 44.6\% | 26.6\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 73,234 | 37.4\% | 43.2\% | 19.3\% |
| * Excluding London |  |  |  |  |
| Source: 2001 Census | Copyright (ST111) |  |  |  |

Proportions sum horizontally

Table 5.2 Car Ownership by Ethnicity - TW districts

| Gateshead | All households | No car | One car | Two or more cars |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All HRPs | 84,258 | 43.2\% | 40.6\% | 16.2\% |
| White | 83,187 | 43.2\% | 40.7\% | 16.1\% |
| Mixed | 238 | 55.9\% | 30.3\% | 13.9\% |
| Indian | 171 | 21.1\% | 39.8\% | 39.2\% |
| Pakistani | 155 | 25.8\% | 45.8\% | 28.4\% |
| Bangledeshi | 40 | 55.0\% | 27.5\% | 17.5\% |
| Other Asian | 86 | 52.3\% | 33.7\% | 14.0\% |
| Black | 139 | 51.8\% | 30.9\% | 17.3\% |
| Chinese | 123 | 23.6\% | 48.0\% | 28.5\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 119 | 58.0\% | 31.9\% | 10.1\% |
| Newcastle |  |  |  |  |
| All HRPs | 111,225 | 45.2\% | 39.4\% | 15.4\% |
| White | 106,085 | 45.5\% | 39.4\% | 15.1\% |
| Mixed | 657 | 51.9\% | 37.0\% | 11.1\% |
| Indian | 976 | 23.7\% | 37.7\% | 38.6\% |
| Pakistani | 1,183 | 28.7\% | 43.2\% | 28.1\% |
| Bangledeshi | 587 | 44.5\% | 42.2\% | 13.3\% |
| Other Asian | 320 | 46.3\% | 38.1\% | 15.6\% |
| Black | 391 | 62.1\% | 28.6\% | 9.2\% |
| Chinese | 588 | 40.0\% | 38.6\% | 21.4\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 438 | 50.9\% | 34.2\% | 14.8\% |
| North Tyneside |  |  |  |  |
| All HRPs | 84,877 | 36.8\% | 45.1\% | 18.1\% |
| White | 83,628 | 36.9\% | 45.1\% | 18.0\% |
| Mixed | 273 | 47.3\% | 36.3\% | 16.5\% |
| Indian | 234 | 12.0\% | 44.4\% | 43.6\% |
| Pakistani | 62 | 27.4\% | 27.4\% | 45.2\% |
| Bangledeshi | 112 | 29.5\% | 52.7\% | 17.9\% |
| Other Asian | 63 | 44.4\% | 36.5\% | 19.0\% |
| Black | 153 | 28.1\% | 52.3\% | 19.6\% |
| Chinese | 236 | 16.9\% | 55.9\% | 27.1\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 116 | 47.4\% | 35.3\% | 17.2\% |
| South Tyneside |  |  |  |  |
| All HRPs | 66,103 | 44.3\% | 41.1\% | 14.6\% |
| White | 64,798 | 44.4\% | 41.1\% | 14.5\% |
| Mixed | 307 | 47.2\% | 40.1\% | 12.7\% |
| Indian | 318 | 39.6\% | 29.2\% | 31.1\% |
| Pakistani | 90 | 24.4\% | 48.9\% | 26.7\% |
| Bangledeshi | 165 | 49.1\% | 41.2\% | 9.7\% |
| Other Asian | 127 | 28.3\% | 47.2\% | 24.4\% |
| Black | 140 | 59.3\% | 31.4\% | 9.3\% |
| Chinese | 60 | 10.0\% | 51.7\% | 38.3\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 98 | 34.7\% | 43.9\% | 21.4\% |
| Sunderland |  |  |  |  |
| All HRPs | 116,339 | 39.9\% | 41.9\% | 18.2\% |
| White | 114,908 | 39.9\% | 42.0\% | 18.1\% |
| Mixed | 219 | 52.1\% | 36.1\% | 11.9\% |
| Indian | 282 | 17.0\% | 34.4\% | 48.6\% |
| Pakistani | 106 | 20.8\% | 39.6\% | 39.6\% |
| Bangledeshi | 223 | 37.7\% | 50.7\% | 11.7\% |
| Other Asian | 140 | 45.0\% | 28.6\% | 26.4\% |
| Black | 176 | 54.5\% | 30.7\% | 14.8\% |
| Chinese | 181 | 24.3\% | 42.5\% | 33.1\% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 104 | 31.7\% | 27.9\% | 40.4\% |

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## Appendix 1: A Car Ownership Function

Below is a broad attempt to infer the rough numerical effect of certain drivers of car ownership:
In 2001, the probability of a household owning a car, $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{c})$ was:
$\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{c})=\mathrm{K}+$ Inc $+\mathrm{k}($ Tenure $)+\mathrm{EA}+\mathrm{SE}+$ DepChild $+\mathrm{LP}+$ Pensioner +Single +Urb
K, the TW overall proportion or constant [which was $58 \%$ in 2001]
Inc; Income has a powerful positive effect, measured here as the District average. Thus NT has the highest car ownership and ST the lowest. This appears to have an effect where roughly an extra $£ 2,000+$ of income* raises household car ownership rates by about 5 percentage points.
[* Income is here measured by average full-time earnings (from ASHE).]
K(Tenure) is +25 pp for Owner-Occupied household and -25pp for Social Rented household
[Tenure presumably acts as a reasonably good proxy for income].
[Inconsistently, PRS tenure raises car ownership in Nc but lowers it elsewhere.]
EA; Economic Activity raise car ownership by about 20 percentage points.
SE; Self-employment raises car-ownership by another 15pp, independently of EA.
[Having a job raises car ownership by about five percentage points from EA.]
DepChild; Dependent children raise household car ownership rates by about 13 percentage points.
The following four variables lower car ownership rates:
LP; Lone parent lowers car ownership by about 40 percentage points (but this, in turn, is a function of being single [-10pp, below] and of low income.

Pensioner lowers car ownership by another 14 percentage points.
Single lowers car ownership by ten percentage points.
Unemployed lowers car ownership by ten percentage points.
Urb is the effect of being in a major urban centre District (e.g. Newcastle); effectively the captures the negative effect of good public transport on car ownership rates. Urb has a value of about minus three percentage points (for Nc relative to TW overall)

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ This data is not available from either the DVLA or DfT websites, but comes from an interview given by the DVLA in 2003 to the BBC at the time when the police joined forces with the DVLA to crack down on the owners of unlicensed vehicles. ‘Road Tax Cheats Charged’ BBC News Tuesday, 11 November, 2003.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ The cars:10,000 households ratio (C:10,000Hh ratio) is an aggregate, summary, indicator to show the level of car ownership of different areas on a single simple scale. It is more subtle than the simpler proportion of households with at least one car since the C:10,000Hh ratio picks up the rise in multiple car ownership.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ For further details of household incomes by ward, see TWRI's Income and Expenditure Report (2005).
    ${ }^{4}$ Modelled Estimates of Household Income for Wards, 2001/02, NeSS

[^3]:    Source: 2001 Census © Crown Copyright (ST62)

[^4]:    Source: 2001 Census © Crown Copyright (ST61)

[^5]:    All Student household has no effect in Newcastle, but is negative in other Districts. [There may well be an effect from parental income here].

    Caution: this function does not predict the number of cars, but only the approximate proportion of households with at least one car.

[^6]:    ${ }^{5}$ Being a Met county (other than London) lowers car ownership by about 7 percentage points relative to England \& Wales. This may be partly the effect of (lower) income and other social factors - besides the effect of being a large urban area (including denser public transport provision).

