

GATESHEAD KEY FACTS

Updated: February 2011

PEOPLE

Population 190,800 (Source: ONS Mid-2009 estimate) **Area** 142 sq km

Households 85,000 (Source: CLG est. for 2008)

ECONOMY

WORK FORCE

Employees in Employment 91,500 (2009 workplace-based. Source: ABI on NOMISweb)

Labour Force 124,000 (Resident yr end June 2010. Source: APS on NOMISweb)

Unemployment

(Claimants, Unadjusted: December 2010)	Male	Female	Total
	3,983	1,525	5,508
	8.5%	3.8%	6.4%

[Note: TWRI rates shown are calculated against the estimated economically active resident population, at 2009.]

Employment by Industry

Primary & Utilities	1.2%	Information & communication	3.2%
Manufacturing	14.0%	Financial & insurance	1.7%
Construction	7.3%	Property	1.3%
Motor trades	1.7%	Professional/Scient./Techn.	4.5%
Wholesale	4.8%	Business admin/supp. services	7.1%
Retail	12.1%	Public admin & defence	9.3%
Transport & storage	5.6%	Education	6.3%
Accommod. & food services	5.3%	Health	11.5%
		Arts/entertain./other services	3.2%

Note: Primary & Utilities consists of sections A–[Agric., Forestry & Fishing], B, D, E- [Mining, Quarrying & Utilities]. (Source: Annual Business Inquiry on NOMISweb)

BUSINESSES AND MAJOR COMPANIES & INDUSTRIES

Active Enterprises

	2008	2009	Net Change
Gateshead	5,180	5,175	-5 -0.1%

Source: ONS Business Demography: Active Enterprises

Principal Industries and Major Companies Include:

Finance Royal Bank of Scotland (Card HQ)	Telecommunications Virgin Media
Energy Npower Northern Ltd	Food & Drink Kavli Ltd
Mechanical Engineering Parker-Domnick	Electrical Engineering AEI Cables Ltd
Machinery & Metal Goods Manufacture Komatsu (UK) Ltd Baxi*	Chemical Manufacture AKZO Nobel Elementis Pigments Ltd
Business Services BT Syntegra (e-commerce)	Retail Debenhams House of Fraser

* = HQ

TRANSPORT

Car Ownership

All cars or vans in the area: 64,200
57% of all households have at least 1 car or van
(Census 2001 © Crown Copyright)

Communications

Roads A1(M) or A19 (from the South), A69 (from the West), A1 (from the North)

Flights (Scheduled flights from Newcastle Airport. Source: Timetable January 2010)

Aberdeen (4)	Alicante (5)	Amsterdam (4)	Barcelona (2)
Belfast City (2)	Belfast International (6)	Birmingham (3)	Bristol (4)
Brussels (4)	Cardiff (4)	Chambery (1)	Copenhagen (2)
Corfu (1)	Cork (1)	Dalaman (1)	Dubai (1)
Dublin (2)	Dusseldorf (2)	Exeter (3)	Faro (2)
Geneva (4)	Hanover (1)	Ibiza (1)	Irakleion (1)
Isle of Man (1)	Jersey (1)	Lanzarote (1)	Las Palmas (1)
Limoges (1)	London Gatwick (4)	London Heathrow (7)	
London Stansted (5)	Malaga (4)	Malta (1)	Manchester (1)
Menorca (1)	Monastir (1)	Murcia (4)	Newquay (2)
Nice (1)	Palma (6)	Paphos (1)	Paris (8)
Pisa (1)	Plymouth (1)	Rhodes (1)	Rome (1)
Sharm El Sheikh (1)	Southampton (6)	Split (1)	Stavanger (3)
Tenerife (1)	Toronto (1)		

Metro

Frequent services operate between stations in all five Tyne & Wear Districts.

Major stations on the system include:

Gateshead: Gateshead and Heworth

Newcastle: Monument; Central; Haymarket; South Gosforth; Regent Centre and Airport

North Tyneside: Four Lane Ends; Northumberland Park; Whitley Bay and North Shields

South Tyneside: South Shields; Chichester and Jarrow

Sunderland: Sunderland, Park Lane, Seaburn and St. Peter's

Ferry services to North Shields run every half hour from the ferry landing at South Shields.

Rail

Fastest times from Newcastle Central Station: (to nearest 5 minutes), January 2010

Aberdeen	4h 05m	London	2h 50m
Birmingham	3h 00m	Leeds	1h 20m
Edinburgh	1h 25m	Manchester	2h 20m
Glasgow	2h 30m		

International Ferry

Ferry services depart from the International Ferry Terminal, North Shields to the following destination:

IJmuiden, Amsterdam, Holland (Daily).

Source: DFDS, January 2011.

HOUSING & COMMERCIAL

Average House Prices

November 2010. (Source: HM Land Registry)

Detached	Semi-Detached	Terraced	Flat/Maisonette	Overall
£227,100	£124,800	£93,500	£64,400	£102,100

Council Tax (for 2010/11) (Source: Gateshead Council)

Band	Total Charge (£)	Band	Total Charge (£)	Band	Total Charge (£)
A	1,046.74	D	1,600.00	G	2,616.84
B	1,221.18	E	1,919.02	H	3,140.22
C	1,395.65	F	2,267.93		

EDUCATION

Higher Education

Gateshead College, Quarryfield Road, Baltic Business Quarter, Gateshead, NE8 3BE
Tel: (0191) 490 0300

RETAIL

Shopping Centres (2009)

MetroCentre (168,900 sq m); Retail World; Gateshead Town Centre

Net Retail Floor space (2009)

224,304 sq m
Source: Gateshead Council.

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