

TYNE & WEAR LABOUR FORCE 1999
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This broadsheet presents estimates of the resident labour force in Tyne & Wear and its constituent districts at mid-1999 (Table 1). The labour force is the same thing as the 'economically active population'. This is the number of people in the labour market, or labour supply. The estimated residential labour force in each ward is shown in tables 7a to 7e.
- 1.2 The labour force estimates are based on the mid-1999 resident ward population estimates (Ref: PE01/1). The economic activity rates, which have been applied to the population figures, are based originally on the ward economic activity rates recorded in the 1991 Census. These Census rates have been updated to reflect the change in the county economic activity rates since the 1991 Census, as measured by the Labour Force Survey.
- 1.3 Labour force estimates by age band are shown for districts and the county (Tables 2-4). Economic activity rates are presented for both the '16 and over' and the 'working age' labour force at district, county and national levels (Tables 5 and 6).

2. Labour Force

- 2.1 In 1999 the estimated Tyne & Wear labour force, aged 16 and over, was 499,700. This represents a 0.2% increase on the 1991 figure. Men accounted for 56% of the total labour force (Table 1).

Table 1 : Estimated Labour Force (16 and over) 1999

	Men	Women	Total
Gateshead	50,500	41,500	92,000
Newcastle	68,300	55,100	123,400
North Tyneside	48,500	41,300	89,800
South Tyneside	37,500	29,000	66,500
Sunderland	71,300	56,700	128,000
Tyne & Wear	276,200	223,500	499,700

Source : Tyne & Wear Research.

Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Table 2 : Estimated Labour Force By Age Band 1999, Men

	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Gateshead	7,100	14,600	13,000	15,400	400
Newcastle	14,500	14,900	18,600	19,600	600
North Tyneside	6,500	13,100	12,500	15,900	400
South Tyneside	5,600	9,800	10,100	11,600	300
Sunderland	14,200	16,800	18,900	20,800	500
Tyne & Wear	48,500	69,000	73,200	83,300	2,200

Source : Tyne & Wear Research.

County figures are calculated using county activity rates and are not the sum of the district figures.

Table 3 : Estimated Labour Force By Age Band 1999, Women

	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-59	60+
Gateshead	5,800	11,900	10,900	11,700	1,000
Newcastle	12,400	11,500	15,000	14,700	1,400
North Tyneside	5,400	11,200	11,500	12,100	1,100
South Tyneside	4,400	7,500	8,100	8,200	800
Sunderland	11,300	13,100	15,400	15,400	1,300
Tyne & Wear	39,900	55,100	60,900	62,000	5,600

Source : Tyne & Wear Research.

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Table 4 : Estimated Labour Force By Age Band 1999, Total

	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-59/64	60/65+
Gateshead	12,900	26,500	23,900	27,100	1,400
Newcastle	26,900	26,400	33,600	34,300	2,000
North Tyneside	11,900	24,300	24,000	28,000	1,500
South Tyneside	10,000	17,300	18,200	19,800	1,100
Sunderland	25,500	29,900	34,300	36,200	1,800
Tyne & Wear	88,400	124,100	134,100	145,300	7,800

Source : Tyne & Wear Research.

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3. Economic Activity Rates

- 3.1 The overall economic activity rates reflect both the age structure of the population and the proportion in each age group who participate in the labour market. People are classified as economically active if they are either employed or seeking employment. The four main groups of economically *inactive* are retired people, those looking after their home and family, people with long-term illness and full-time students.
- 3.2 Economic activity rates for the resident population *aged 16 and over* are shown in Table 5. The economic activity rates in each district in Tyne & Wear are lower than the equivalent United Kingdom rates. Of the districts in Tyne & Wear, Newcastle has the lowest men's activity rate (63.5%) and North Tyneside the highest (65.8%). Newcastle's activity rates are depressed by its large student population. South Tyneside has the lowest women's and total activity rates, 45.9% and 54.6% respectively. Gateshead has the highest women activity rate (50.4%) and, with North Tyneside, has the joint highest total activity rate (57.5%).
- 3.3 Table 6 shows the estimated *working age* economic activity rates for Tyne & Wear districts, the county and the United Kingdom. Working age activity rates diverge more across districts than do the 16 and over rates. Men's, women's and total rates are highest in North Tyneside. Men's and total rates are lowest in Newcastle. Sunderland has the lowest women rate.
- 3.4 At county-level, women's economic activity rate is higher than in 1991, more than off-setting a fall in men's economic activity.

Table 5 : Economic Activity Rates - 16 And Over

	Men	Women	Total
Gateshead	65.1	50.4	57.5
Newcastle	63.5	48.7	55.9
North Tyneside	65.8	50.0	57.5
South Tyneside	64.0	45.9	54.6
Sunderland	64.2	47.6	55.6
Tyne & Wear	64.4	48.6	56.2
United Kingdom	72.0	54.9	63.3

Source : Labour Force Survey, Tyne & Wear Research.

United Kingdom data is taken from the Labour Force Survey Summer 1999 quarter Seasonally adjusted.

Table 6 : Economic Activity Rates - Working Age¹

	Men	Women	Total
Gateshead	78.5	70.2	74.6
Newcastle	74.5	65.9	70.4
North Tyneside	80.1	71.4	75.9
South Tyneside	78.2	65.5	72.2
Sunderland	76.2	64.7	70.7
Tyne & Wear	77.3	67.4	72.6
United Kingdom	84.6	72.6	78.9

Source : Labour Force Survey, Tyne & Wear Research.

*United Kingdom data is taken from the Labour Force Survey Summer 1999 quarter
1. Working Age is defined as 16-64 for men and 16-59 for women.*

Table 7A Labour Force Estimates (mid-1999) : Gateshead.

Ward Name	Men	Women	Total
Bede	1,990	1,430	3,420
Bensham	1,530	1,130	2,660
Birtley	2,280	1,920	4,200
Blaydon	2,390	1,950	4,340
Chopwell and R. Gill	2,350	1,960	4,310
Chowdene	2,240	1,920	4,160
Crawcrook & Greenside	2,580	2,180	4,760
Deckham	1,990	1,590	3,580
Dunston	2,630	2,160	4,790
Felling	1,850	1,370	3,220
High Fell	1,800	1,490	3,290
Lamesley	2,030	1,590	3,620
Leam	2,540	2,070	4,610
Low Fell	2,610	2,260	4,870
Pelaw & Heworth	2,090	1,710	3,800
Ryton	2,460	2,080	4,540
Saltwell	2,230	1,830	4,060
Teams	2,250	1,760	4,010
Whickham North	2,660	2,250	4,910
Whickham South	3,270	2,890	6,160
Winlaton	2,050	1,710	3,760
Wrekendyke	2,730	2,240	4,970
Gateshead	50,500	41,500	92,000

Source: Tyne & Wear Research.

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Table 7B Labour Force Estimates (mid-1999) : Newcastle.

Ward Name	Men	Women	Total
Benwell	1,970	1,510	3,480
Blakelaw	3,320	2,670	5,990
Byker	2,040	1,640	3,680
Castle	3,430	2,920	6,350
Dene	3,880	3,400	7,280
Denton	2,560	2,180	4,740
Elswick	1,770	1,270	3,040
Fawdon	2,550	1,930	4,480
Fenham	2,600	2,050	4,650
Grange	2,860	2,480	5,340
Heaton	3,150	2,650	5,800
Jesmond	3,620	3,100	6,720
Kenton	2,470	1,910	4,380
Lemington	2,970	2,440	5,410
Monkchester	2,010	1,320	3,330
Moorside	2,250	1,740	3,990
Newburn	2,450	1,990	4,440
Sandyford	3,140	2,600	5,740
Scotswood	1,490	1,070	2,560
South Gosforth	2,930	2,430	5,360
Walker	1,960	1,390	3,350
Walkergate	2,740	2,210	4,950
West City	1,830	1,180	3,010
Westerhope	3,870	3,420	7,290
Wingrove	2,460	2,040	4,500
Woolsington	2,010	1,500	3,510
Newcastle	68,300	55,100	123,400

Source: Tyne & Wear Research.

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Table 7C Labour Force Estimates (mid-1999) : North Tyneside.

Ward Name	Men	Women	Total
Battle Hill	3,340	2,890	6,230
Benton	2,010	1,830	3,840
Camperdown	2,590	2,160	4,750
Chirton	1,910	1,480	3,390
Collingwood	2,190	1,920	4,110
Cullercoats	2,350	1,920	4,270
Holystone	3,520	3,010	6,530
Howdon	1,830	1,410	3,240
Longbenton	1,460	1,110	2,570
Monkseaton	2,720	2,400	5,120
North Shields	2,830	2,520	5,350
Northumberland	3,240	2,840	6,080
Riverside	2,040	1,520	3,560
St. Mary's	2,580	2,210	4,790
Seatonville	2,450	2,120	4,570
Tynemouth	2,320	2,010	4,330
Valley	2,330	1,920	4,250
Wallsend	2,070	1,780	3,850
Weetslade	2,550	2,300	4,850
Whitley Bay	2,240	1,960	4,200
North Tyneside	48,500	41,300	89,800

Source: Tyne & Wear Research.

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Table 7D Labour Force Estimates (mid-1999) : South Tyneside.

Ward Name	Men	Women	Total
All Saints	1,850	1,430	3,280
Beacon & Bents	1,980	1,420	3,400
Bede	1,670	1,140	2,810
Biddick Hall	1,560	1,140	2,700
Boldon Colliery	2,240	1,880	4,120
Cleadon & E. Boldon	2,470	2,040	4,510
Cleadon Park	1,680	1,200	2,880
Fellgate & Hedworth	2,320	1,850	4,170
Harton	1,470	1,080	2,550
Hebburn Quay	2,050	1,650	3,700
Hebburn South	1,350	1,080	2,430
Horsley Hill	1,910	1,390	3,300
Monkton	2,130	1,640	3,770
Primrose	2,140	1,630	3,770
Rekentyke	1,740	1,310	3,050
Tyne Dock & Simonside	1,410	1,060	2,470
Westoe	2,160	1,830	3,990
West Park	1,840	1,480	3,320
Whitburn & Marsden	1,730	1,380	3,110
Whiteleas	1,780	1,370	3,150
South Tyneside	37,500	29,000	66,500

Source: Tyne & Wear Research.

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Table 7E Labour Force Estimates (mid-1999) : Sunderland.

Ward Name	Men	Women	Total
Castletown	2,340	1,780	4,120
Central	3,060	2,210	5,270
Colliery	2,110	1,680	3,790
Eppleton	2,910	2,330	5,240
Fulwell	2,740	2,290	5,030
Grindon	2,120	1,530	3,650
Hendon	2,570	2,050	4,620
Hetton	2,640	2,150	4,790
Houghton	2,610	2,130	4,740
Pallion	2,710	2,100	4,810
Ryhope	3,260	2,780	6,040
St. Chad's	2,390	2,040	4,430
St. Michael's	2,800	2,440	5,240
St. Peter's	2,470	2,060	4,530
Shiney Row	3,490	2,650	6,140
Silksworth	3,150	2,640	5,790
South Hylton	2,310	1,610	3,920
Southwick	2,040	1,480	3,520
Thorney Close	2,360	1,720	4,080
Thornholme	2,580	1,950	4,530
Town End Farm	2,350	1,710	4,060
Washington East	4,220	3,460	7,680
Washington North	3,040	2,460	5,500
Washington South	5,480	4,570	10,050
Washington West	3,560	2,860	6,420
Sunderland	71,300	56,700	128,000

Source: Tyne & Wear Research.

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