



## TWRI launches a new look website

TWRI's much improved, easier to navigate, new look website went live on 14th May 2007. It can be accessed via a new domain name :

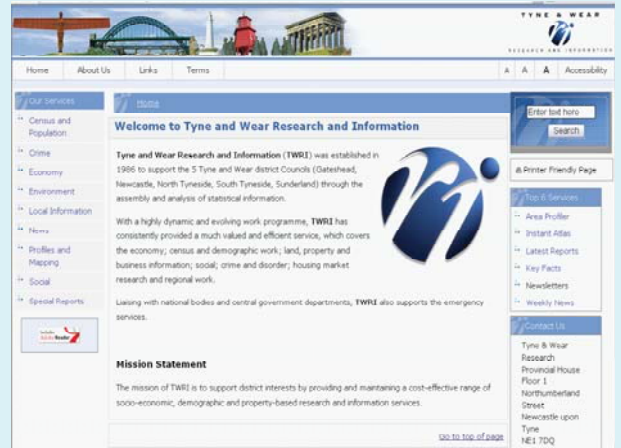
[www.twri.org.uk](http://www.twri.org.uk)

The new website is structured around the TWRI work areas: Census & Population; Crime; Economy; Environment and Social. It also features sections on local information; news; profiles & mapping and special reports.

To help make communication simpler, TWRI also has a new email address.

[tyne-wear-research.gov.uk](mailto:tyne-wear-research.gov.uk) has been replaced by [twri.org.uk](mailto:twri.org.uk)

Simply prefix the address with your usual contact name to keep in touch.



## ONS' Indicative Revised Mid-Year Estimates

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Mid-2005

	Original MYE	Indicative Revised MYE*	Cumulative effect of change	% Change
Tyne & Wear	1,095,200	1,085,400	-9,800	-0.9
Gateshead	191,500	190,300	-1,200	-0.6
Newcastle	276,400	269,500	-6,900	-2.5
North Tyneside	192,300	194,000	1,700	0.9
South Tyneside	151,300	151,000	-300	-0.2
Sunderland	283,700	280,500	-3,200	-1.1

Source: Office for National Statistics

\*Indicative revised MYE shows the effect of cumulative change on the original MYE

Note: the ONS definition of population (following UN standards) excludes short-term international migrants staying for under 12 months.

In April 2007, ONS released their 'indicative' revised mid-year estimates (MYEs) for 2002-2005.

These are due to be published in August alongside the new 2006 mid-year estimates which incorporate the new methodology. The cumulative reduction in the population of Tyne & Wear is -9,800 against the original 2005 mid-year estimate. Population is reduced in all Tyne & Wear districts with the exception of North Tyneside. (Figures for 2002-2005 can be found on the TWRI website.)

## Job Gains Slowed in 2006

Net job gains in Tyne & Wear in 2006 dropped about 80% (from a very high level of +8,700 – the second highest level in the last 16 years), to 1,800 (as reported in the Press). This was due mainly to 'Banking & Finance', where net job gains dropped 98%, from 3,368 in 2005. In 2005, large gains in 'Banking & Finance' were at Northern Rock (in Newcastle +1,000 and Sunderland +2,500). Call centre net gains dropped 76%, to 165. In 2006, North Tyneside had the largest gain from call centre jobs, with +600 at EMAX Consulting, announced in November.

The largest gains (in any industry) in Tyne & Wear in 2006 were from EMAX and Tanfield Electronics (+400 in Sunderland). The largest losses were from HM Revenue & Customs (-790 across Tyne & Wear), Goodyear Dunlop (-585 in Sunderland) and Stag Furniture (-550 in Sunderland).

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## Earnings in Tyne & Wear 2006

Average earnings reached almost £25,000pa (£24,780) – 11% less than in the UK. Men, on average, earn about £2,000pa more and women about £3,000 less than the overall average.

Median earnings are about £4,000 lower than the overall average (at £20,880).

Over the 8 years since 1998, average earnings have kept up with the UK, rising by 36-37% in both cases.

- Growth of these average earnings, in real terms, was about 13% (in both TW and the UK).
- This is believed to be quite slow growth of real earnings (and thus living standards for people in work) compared with the 1980s and 1990s.

There is evidence of widening earnings gaps:

- The pay of the top 10% of earners has been rising more quickly than the average, by a margin of over 4 percentage points since 1998 (or by about ½ a percentage point annually).

- Also, median earnings have risen about 4 percentage points less quickly than the average (or mean).

- In fact for the middle earner (or median) in Tyne & Wear, earnings – in real terms - have risen only about 9% since 1998. For the median man, real earnings have risen by only about 6%. For the median woman, however, real earnings have risen by about 18%.

Public sector (hourly) earnings were about 15% higher than in the private sector.

The full report is available on the **TWRI** website.

## Office for National Statistics in the North East

Since the beginning of April, ONS Statisticians and Analysts have been based in each of the regions of England. Their purpose is to improve the ONS' understanding of the economy and society in the regions. It is the first time that official government statisticians have been based permanently in the nine English regions, and they will work in close partnership with the Regional Development Agencies.

In the North East, the ONS Regional Statistician, Nigel Brough, and Regional Analyst, Ian Gouldson, have been co-located with the North East Regional Information Partnership (NERIP) at the offices of One North East (ONE).

Nigel has experience of working with Neighbourhood statistics (NeSS), Benefit Statistics, claimant count,

Geographic Information System (GIS) and Low Income Statistics.

Ian has experience of working with the Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR), Annual Business Inquiry, PRODCOM and other ONS business survey data.

Since April, Nigel and Ian have been on a whirlwind tour of the region, acquainting themselves with the various organisations driving the regional agenda and developing their programme of work, which will include collaborative projects and quality assurance of IDBR, ABI and Regional Accounts data.

Nigel and Ian can be contacted via;

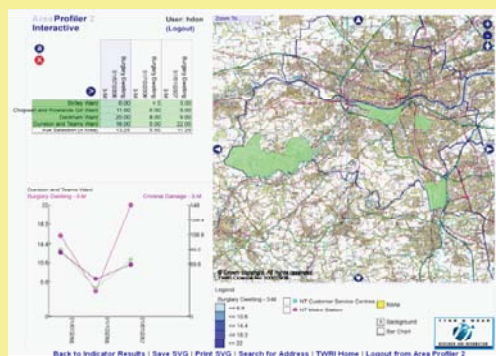
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## AreaProfiler2

North Tyneside Council ICT department has completed the enhancements and improved functionality of AreaProfiler2. These incorporate scaleable vector graphics (svg) capabilities and improved thematic mapping.



AreaProfiler2 is due to 'go live' on 16 July 2007.

The latest annual crime and antisocial behaviour related incidents (2006/07) have been uploaded to AreaProfiler2, along with fire data for April – December 2006.

For a user name and password, contact Angie Smith at **TWRI**.

## Reports

Reports published by **TWRI** are accompanied by new, stand-alone 'Summary Sheets' or 'Bulletins'. 'Summary Sheets' provide a snapshot of key findings from a featured publication and may include a graphic or map to illustrate the most significant findings of a report. **TWRI** also produce more detailed 'Bulletins' for key reports, providing a more detailed summary of key points and findings.

### Weekly News

Keep up to date with a weekly summary of economic and other stories which affect Tyne & Wear.

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