

2011 Census Update – Health and Care

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1 Introduction

Telford and Wrekin is similar to the regional and national picture when considering the health of the population. As in 2001, the majority of residents report a good standard of health and are not limited in their daily activities by a health problem or disability.

What is this data telling us?

- The majority of residents in Telford and Wrekin (80.2%) reported good health at the 2011 Census, similar to the regional figure and slightly lower than nationally.
- Just under a fifth (18.6%) of the Borough's population have a long-term health problem or disability that limits their daily activities in some way.
- Around one in ten residents of Telford and Wrekin (10.8%) provide some level of unpaid care, slightly higher than the 9.9% seen in 2001.

2 General Health

The majority of Telford and Wrekin residents (80.2%) reported their health as good or very good, similar to the regional figure and slightly lower than nationally.

Table 1: Self reported health in Telford and Wrekin, West Midlands and England

	Telford and Wrekin		West Midlands	England
	Count	%	%	%
Very good health	76,439	45.9%	45.1%	47.2%
Good health	57,198	34.3%	34.8%	34.2%
Fair health	22,609	13.6%	14.0%	13.1%
Bad health	8,023	4.8%	4.7%	4.2%
Very bad health	2,372	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%
Total good health	133,637	80.2%	79.9%	81.4%
Total bad health	10,395	6.2%	6.1%	5.4%
All usual residents	166,641	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

3 Long-term Health Problem or Disability

In total, 30,995 people in Telford and Wrekin, some 18.6% of the population, reported a long-term health problem or Disability that limited their day-to-day activities in some way.

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Table 2: Long-term health problem or disability that limits daily activities for Telford and Wrekin, West Midlands and England

	Telford and Wrekin		West Midlands	England
	Count	%	%	%
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	15,060	9.0%	9.1%	8.3%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	15,935	9.6%	9.9%	9.3%
Day-to-day activities not limited	135,646	81.4%	81.0%	82.4%
<i>All usual residents</i>	<i>166,641</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Source: Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

Around half of those reporting a limitation to their day-to-day activities (51%) were aged 16-64. Of these 16-64 year olds, 14.7% reported a long-term health problem or disability that limited their daily activities in some way.

Table 3: Long-term health problem or disability that limits daily activities for 16-64 population in Telford and Wrekin, West Midlands and England

	Telford and Wrekin		West Midlands	England
	Count	%	%	%
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	7,199	6.6%	6.1%	5.6%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	8,739	8.1%	7.8%	7.1%
Day-to-day activities not limited	92,413	85.3%	86.2%	87.3%
<i>All residents aged 16-64</i>	<i>108,351</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>

Source: Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

4 Provision of Unpaid Care

At the time of the Census, a total of 17,944 people in Telford and Wrekin provided unpaid care to others, some 10.8% of the population. More than a quarter of these (4,978 people) were providing 50 or more hours of unpaid care a week.

Table 4: Provision of unpaid care in Telford and Wrekin, West Midlands and England

	Telford and Wrekin			West Midlands	England
	2011		2001	2011	2011
	Count	%	%	%	%
Provides no unpaid care	148,697	89.2%	90.1%	89.0%	89.8%
Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week	10,313	6.2%	6.3%	6.8%	6.5%
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	2,653	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%	1.4%
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week	4,978	3.0%	2.4%	2.7%	2.4%
Total providing unpaid care	17,944	10.8%	9.9%	11.0%	10.2%
<i>All usual residents</i>	<i>166,641</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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5 Further information

Further information on Economy and Skills for other areas in England and Wales is available at www.ons.gov.uk/census.

Additional data for small areas such as wards will be released by ONS at the end of January 2013, with further data allowing analysis by characteristics such as age released from spring 2013 onwards. Delivery & Planning will produce local analysis of this data as it becomes available and will publish these reports on www.telford.gov.uk/factsandfigures.