

Cities Outlook 2011: Blackburn

Cities Outlook 2011 – the annual flagship report from the Centre for Cities – charts the economic fortunes of the largest cities and towns in the UK, by evaluating their performance on employment, population growth, skills and incomes. **How has Blackburn fared in Cities Outlook 2011?**

	Blackburn	GB	Ranking
City performance			
Annual population growth rate: 1999-2009	0.12%	0.51%	51/64
% of working age population in employment: Jul 2009-Jun 2010	64.9%	70.4%	56/63
Average weekly earnings: 2010	£404	£491	59/64
Real growth in average weekly earnings: 2006-2010	0.5%	-0.2%	8/63
% of working age population with NVQ4+: 2009	21.2%	29.9%	48/64
% of working age population with no formal qualifications: 2009	18.2%	7.9%	58/63
Business stock per 10,000 population: 2009	281.3	334.7	25/64
Change in JSA claimant rate: Nov 2009-Nov 2010	-0.7%	-0.4%	20/64

City welfare

Total welfare bill: 2009	£445 million	
Welfare bill per capita: 2009	£3,184	58/63
Welfare bill as % of 2008 GVA: 2009	20%	
Welfare cuts per capita: 2014/15	-£192	60/63
Welfare cuts as % of 2008 GVA: 2014/15	-1.2%	

Public sector cities

Job losses calibrated to 490,000 UK public sector job losses: 2014/15	-1,400 (-2.3%)
Job losses calibrated to 330,000 UK public sector job losses: 2014/15	-1,000 (-1.6%)

The data in the report draws on the most recent releases from Government sources, covering the years 1999-2010. Blackburn PUA is the equivalent of the **Blackburn with Darwen** local authority.

We have used data for Primary Urban Areas (PUA) – a measure of the ‘built-up’ area of a city, rather than individual local authority districts. PUA data only exists for English cities. For Welsh and Scottish cities, we have used the corresponding local authority area, with the exception of tightly-bounded Glasgow, where we have defined the city as an aggregate of five local authorities. Belfast has been defined as the aggregate of Belfast City, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and North Down.

The full **Cities Outlook 2011** report, data sources and methodology are available from:
www.centreforcities.org/outlook11

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