

GATESHEAD KEY FACTS

Updated: May 2010

PEOPLE

Population 190,600 (Source: ONS Mid-2008 estimate) **Area** 142 sq km

Households 84,267 (Source: Census 2001 © Crown Copyright)

ECONOMY

WORK FORCE

Employees in Employment 92,400 (2008 workplace-based. Source: ABI on NOMISweb)

Labour Force 88,300 (Resident yr end June 2007. Source: APS on NOMISweb)

Unemployment (Claimants, Unadjusted: March 2010)	Male	Female	Total
	4,749	1,564	6,313
	10.1%	3.9%	7.3%

[Note: Rates shown are calculated against the economically active resident population, at 2001 Census © Crown Copyright.]

Employment by Industry - data currently under review

Primary & Utilities	%	Finance	%
Manufacturing	%	Business	%
Construction	%	Public Administration	%
Retail/Wholesale	%	Education	%
Hotel/Catering	%	Health/Social Care	%
Transport/Communications	%	Other Services	%

[Note: Primary & Utilities consists of sections A-Agric., hunting & forestry, B-Fishing, C-Mining & Quarrying and E-Elec, Gas & Water]. (Source: Annual Business Inquiry on NOMISweb)

BUSINESSES AND MAJOR COMPANIES & INDUSTRIES

Active Enterprises

	2006	2007	Net Change
Gateshead	4,845	5,190	345 7.1%

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 Allied Bakeries Gateshead
Mechanical Engineering BAE Systems (Royal Ordnance)	Electrical Engineering AEI Cables Ltd
Machinery & Metal Goods Manufacture Komatsu (UK) Ltd Myson Radiators Ltd*	Chemical Manufacture International Coatings Ltd Brett Oils 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: Port of Tyne Authority, January 2010.

HOUSING & COMMERCIAL

Average House Prices

March 2010. (Source: HM Land Registry)

Detached	Semi-Detached	Terraced	Flat/Maisonette	Overall
£227,500	£125,000	£93,700	£64,500	£102,400

Council Tax (for 2009/10) (Source: Gateshead Council)

Band	Total Charge (£)	Band	Total Charge (£)	Band	Total Charge (£)
A	1,046.74	D	1,570.10	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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