INCOME

In looking at income, there are a number of nationally recognised indicators which are effectively 'means tested' including people or households in receipt of particular benefits and as such provides a reliable picture of income deprivation. Some of the indicators used are clearly inter-related, yet each tells a distinctive story identifying different problem areas.

Despite not being a measure of low income on its own, the number of single parent households is included as an indicator due to its close links to low income and consequently deprivation.

Ward	Low Income Households		Children in Low Income Households		Income Support Households		Single Parent Households		Free School Meals	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Bank Top	45.8	4	78.3	4	28.5	4	12.2	7	24	9
Central	52.5	1	88.8	2	32.7	2	12.3	6	27	5
Cockerton East	15.1	17	14.6	23	11.5	15	10.8	12	12	14
Cockerton West	44.8	5	53.0	5	33.1	1	15.0	4	29	3
College	14.4	18	14.0	24	8.3	19	5.4	20	1	24
Eastbourne	48.4	2	90.7	1	25.9	7	15.3	2	26	7
Faverdale	10.6	24	15.0	22	7.6	20	6.2	19	5	18
Harrowgate Hill	19.3	14	31.7	13	10.1	16	8.2	15	7	16
Haughton East	33.6	8	35.3	12	27.7	5	15.7	1	30	2
Haughton North	15.5	16	16.9	19	12.6	14	8.7	14	17	11
Haughton West	20.3	12	20.3	17	17.4	11	11.0	11	16	12
Heighington and Coniscliffe	10.8	23	18.9	18	5.6	23	5.1	21	2	20
Hummersknott	13.8	21	30.4	14	5.8	22	4.2	24	2	22
Hurworth	18.2	15	39.2	9	8.7	18	6.4	18	4	19
Lascelles	40.2	6	52.1	6	30.5	3	13.1	5	27	6
Lingfield	24.5	10	29.5	16	20.2	10	11.6	9	19	10
Middleton St George	23.7	11	36.1	11	14.3	12	7.8	16	6	17
Mowden	14.2	20	50.3	7	4.0	24	5.1	22	1	23
North Road	33.3	9	37.2	10	24.7	8	11.3	10	26	8
Northgate	46.9	3	81.6	3	22.8	9	10.6	13	28	4
Park East	36.9	7	47.5	8	26.7	6	15.1	3	37	1
Park West	11.4	22	16.3	20	6.5	21	4.5	23	2	21
Pierremont	20.2	13	29.8	15	13.1	13	12.1	8	15	13
Sadberge and Whessoe	14.3	19	16.3	21	9.1	17	6.9	17	8	15
Darlington	**27.8**		**41.2**		**18.1**		**10.4**		**18**	
Tees Valley	**34.2**		**46.3**		**22.1**			**-**	**-**	**-**
Great Britain	**23.5**		**34.6**		**16.3**			**-**	**-**	**-**

- Low income households are those receiving either Job Seekers Allowance, Family Credit or Income Support (JSU 2000-02)
- Children in low income households represents the % of children in households in receipt of the above benefits (JSU 2000-02)
- Income Support households are those in receipt of Income Support (JSU 2000-02)
- Single parent households are those where the head of the household is a lone parent (ONS 2001)
- Free School Meals represents the % of people eligible for free school meals (JSU 1999)
- All figures are estimated for the new ward boundaries from existing information

EMPLOYMENT

The issue of employment is best looked at in terms of who is without employment and who is seeking employment in each area. The indicators therefore reflect the number and circumstances of people without employment.

Ward	Unemployment						Job Demand		Joblessness	
	Total		Youth		Long Term					
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Bank Top	3.4	9	12.0	9	11.6	11	14.1	9	29.3	8
Central	7.1	1	34.3	1	13.6	8	19.3	1	38.6	1
Cockerton East	1.8	13	4.7	20	9.8	17	10.1	13	21.3	19
Cockerton West	3.9	6	15.9	7	16.2	6	16.6	2	36.3	2
College	1.2	20	4.6	21	7.7	21	9.4	18	22.5	14
Eastbourne	4.2	3	20.2	2	10.6	15	15.8	5	32.6	5
Faverdale	1.5	19	7.9	15	18.8	3	6.3	24	12.2	24
Harrowgate Hill	1.8	15	10.3	11	9.6	18	9.6	16	19.1	23
Haughton East	3.5	8	17.3	5	10.8	13	15.2	7	32.9	4
Haughton North	1.8	14	9.5	13	8.5	19	9.8	15	21.0	20
Haughton West	2.2	12	9.8	12	8.0	20	11.0	11	23.4	11
Heighington and Coniscliffe	0.8	24	4.7	19	5.0	22	8.9	23	22.5	15
Hummersknott	1.1	23	2.0	23	11.5	12	9.0	21	22.4	16
Hurworth	1.2	21	5.8	18	4.8	23	9.4	19	21.9	18
Lascelles	3.9	7	11.4	10	10.5	16	15.4	6	32.2	6
Lingfield	2.3	11	17.3	4	14.7	7	12.3	10	26.7	10
Middleton St George	1.6	16	7.3	17	12.8	10	9.0	22	19.4	22
Mowden	1.1	22	2.0	22	4.5	24	9.6	17	22.3	17
North Road	4.1	5	13.8	8	18.8	2	14.1	8	28.9	9
Northgate	5.9	2	16.9	6	17.2	5	16.3	3	32.1	7
Park East	4.2	4	19.5	3	13.3	9	16.0	4	34.9	3
Park West	1.5	18	7.5	16	10.7	14	9.9	14	23.3	12
Pierremont	2.6	10	8.8	14	17.3	4	10.9	12	22.7	13
Sadberge and Whessoe	1.5	17	1.3	24	28.6	1	9.0	20	20.5	21
Darlington	**2.8**	-	**12.0**	-	**13.1**	-	**12.3**	-	**26.3**	-
Tees Valley	**3.7**	-	**-**	-	**14.3**	-	**10.5**	-	**24.2**	-
National	**2.3**	-	**-**	-	**14.6**	-	**10.6**	-	**26.3**	-

- Total unemployment represents the number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance divided by the JSU's estimate for working age people (JSU July 2004)
- Youth unemployment represents the unemployment rate for people under 24 (JSU February 2004)
- Long term unemployment represents the proportion of unemployed people who have been unemployed over 12 months (JSU February 2004)
- Job demand is the % of working age people *seeking* a job (JSU July 2004)
- Joblessness is the % of working age people without a job (JSU July 2004)

HEALTH

When examining health issues at ward level, the indicators chosen reflect the most appropriate and available measures of health from birth (low birth weight babies) through to death (mortality rates). Some of the health data used needs to be examined with a note of caution, as the numbers involved can be significantly lower than with other themed indicators and therefore are more susceptible to uncharacteristic variations. Others are also affected by the location of particular facilities such as sheltered accommodation.

Ward	People Needing Care		Pregnancies Under 18		Birth Weight <2500g		Mortality Rate (per '000)		Dental Health of 5 year olds	
	%	Rank	Rate	Rank	%	Rank	Rate	Rank	Mean	Rank
Bank Top	7.5	3	6	6	6.2	17	11.2	2	2.7	3
Central	9.3	2	7	5	6.6	15	9.0	4	2	14
Cockerton East	4.3	16	0	15	4.5	23	6.8	18	2.6	5
Cockerton West	9.6	1	6	6	7.5	10	8.6	6	3.2	2
College	3.4	21	0	15	7.2	13	6.8	19	1.6	21
Eastbourne	6.4	8	10	1	5.6	18	7.9	8	3.5	1
Faverdale	3.1	24	0	15	8.5	5	7.2	14	2.4	9
Harrowgate Hill	4.2	18	4	10	7.9	8	7.1	15	2.2	11
Haughton East	7.4	4	8	3	8.0	6	7.8	9	2	14
Haughton North	5.2	13	3	11	8.0	7	7.8	10	2	14
Haughton West	5.7	10	0	15	8.5	4	8.9	5	2	14
Heighington and Coniscliffe	3.3	23	0	15	11.0	2	5.6	21	1.6	21
Hummersknott	3.8	19	0	15	5.5	19	5.3	22	1.2	23
Hurworth	4.4	15	0	15	5.3	20	5.9	20	1.7	19
Lascelles	6.9	5	6	6	7.4	11	9.3	3	2.2	11
Lingfield	6.8	7	3	11	6.5	16	7.7	12	2.5	8
Middleton St George	5.5	12	0	15	5.0	21	13.5	1	2	14
Mowden	3.6	20	3	11	4.7	22	4.8	24	1.7	19
North Road	4.9	14	6	6	10.2	3	7.1	16	2.4	9
Northgate	6.9	6	8	3	11.2	1	7.9	7	2.7	3
Park East	5.9	9	10	1	6.9	14	7.1	17	2.6	5
Park West	5.6	11	0	15	2.7	24	5.3	22	0.9	24
Pierremont	4.3	17	3	11	7.7	9	7.8	11	2.6	5
Sadberge and Whessoe	3.3	22	0	15	7.2	12	7.6	13	2.2	11
Darlington	**5.6**	**-**	**3**	**-**	**7.4**	**-**	**7.6**	**-**	**2.3**	**-**
Tees Valley	**6.3**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
England and Wales	**5.0**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

- People needing care represents the percentage of people who are in receipt of Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance benefits (JSU 2002)
- Teenage pregnancies represents the number of pregnancies per '000 under 18 year old females, note 0 means fewer than 3 (Darlington PCT 2000)
- Birth weight <2500g represents the percentage of babies born weighing less than 2500g ($5^{1/2}$lbs) (Darlington PCT 1996-2000)
- Mortality rate represents the number of deaths per '000 population (Darlington PCT 1997-2001)
- Dental health of 5 year olds represents the average number of decayed, missing or filled teeth in five year old children (Darlington PCT 2000)
- All figures except people needing care are estimated for the new ward boundaries from existing information

EDUCATION

The data compiled to reflect the education and skills of the population of each ward has focussed on formal education and the progression from school to university, which is increasingly linked to other factors such as family incomes.

Ward	Key Stage 2 Attainment		GCSE Attainment		University Progression		Adults with Poor Literacy		17+ in Further Education	
	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Rate	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Bank Top	**81.4**	9	32.9	5	1.3	3	28	6	6.0	3
Central	**82.3**	11	31.3	3	3.9	13	24	13	6.9	16
Cockerton East	**87.3**	21	40.9	10	2.2	6	29	5	6.7	13
Cockerton West	**82.5**	13	35.5	7	1.7	5	33	3	6.6	11
College	**86.6**	20	61.1	22	7.6	21	18	20	8.7	24
Eastbourne	**78.3**	3	35.4	6	2.6	7	34	2	4.6	1
Faverdale	**80.5**	6	46.8	16	4.6	16	22	16	7.9	22
Harrowgate Hill	**84.9**	17	42.6	14	4.3	15	23	14	6.8	15
Haughton East	**80.6**	7	32.5	4	3.8	11	27	10	6.7	12
Haughton North	**86.1**	18	40.3	9	3.8	12	27	8	7.2	20
Haughton West	**83.8**	16	41.4	12	2.7	8	26	11	6.5	10
Heighington and Coniscliffe	**91.0**	23	51.7	19	7.7	22	17	23	6.2	5
Hummersknott	**86.4**	19	68.8	24	10.9	24	16	24	6.4	8
Hurworth	**82.4**	18	50.7	18	8.5	23	17	22	5.9	2
Lascelles	**79.5**	5	31.2	2	0.0	1	34	1	7.1	18
Lingfield	**82.9**	14	41.8	13	1.2	2	27	8	6.3	7
Middleton St George	**82.0**	10	51.7	20	7.0	20	21	17	7.1	19
Mowden	**91.1**	24	61.7	23	5.9	18	18	19	6.5	9
North Road	**79.3**	4	41.1	11	1.6	4	27	7	6.3	6
Northgate	**77.1**	2	36.6	8	3.2	9	24	12	8.6	23
Park East	**76.5**	1	29.4	1	3.2	10	31	4	6.1	4
Park West	**89.3**	22	55.8	21	6.9	19	20	18	6.8	14
Pierremont	**83.5**	15	44.3	15	4.2	14	23	15	7.0	17
Sadberge and Whessoe	**80.6**	8	47.5	17	5.5	17	17	21	7.3	21
Darlington		-	**41.5**	-	**4.0**	-	**25**	-	**-**	-
Tees Valley		**-**		**-**	**4.1**	**-**	**27**	**-**	**-**	**-**
England and Wales		**-**		**-**	**-**	**-**	**24**	**-**	**-**	**-**

- The first four indicators have been estimated for the new wards from existing information
- Key Stage 2 attainment is the average score for Maths, English and Science (JSU 2002)
- GCSE attainment is the average for uncapped GCSE points scores (JSU 2004)
- University progression rates are the number of successful applicants per '000 of population (ONS 1998)
- Adults with low literacy levels who are expected to encounter 'everyday problems' (Basic Skills Agency 1995)
- 17+ in further education represents the proportion of people between 17 and retirement age who are involved in LSC funded courses (Tees Valley LSC 2002)

CRIME

The link between deprivation and crime is well documented and particular types of crime are more prevalent in deprived areas than others. The indicators used cover a range of crimes, focusing on the main categories which affect the public. As Central ward contains the majority of shops, pubs and nightlife in Darlington, it is clearly a focal point for the majority of criminal activity, which needs to be taken into account when looking at non-domestic crimes.

Ward	Violent Crime		Domestic Burglary		Theft of/From Motor Vehicle		Criminal Damage		Total Theft	
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Bank Top	12	6	22	4	39	2	21	7	65	4
Central	104	1	25	3	93	1	65	1	330	1
Cockerton East	7	12	5	23	16	16	13	10	25	18
Cockerton West	20	3	18	9	15	18	21	6	30	16
College	6	14	25	2	26	8	5	20	45	10
Eastbourne	7	11	18	8	19	12	12	11	31	15
Faverdale	1	23	5	24	19	13	10	15	32	12
Harrowgate Hill	6	15	6	20	19	14	11	14	31	14
Haughton East	12	5	17	10	23	10	18	8	44	11
Haughton North	1	24	11	16	14	19	9	16	31	13
Haughton West	8	9	12	14	15	17	12	12	19	20
Heighington and Coniscliffe	2	21	7	18	9	21	3	24	19	22
Hummersknott	2	22	10	17	3	24	6	19	10	24
Hurworth	2	20	5	22	8	22	8	18	19	21
Lascelles	10	8	21	5	30	6	32	2	49	8
Lingfield	7	13	20	6	37	3	23	4	66	3
Middleton St George	5	17	7	19	34	5	4	23	48	9
Mowden	2	18	6	21	7	23	8	17	14	23
North Road	12	4	14	12	25	9	16	9	49	7
Northgate	42	2	19	7	35	4	25	3	77	2
Park East	11	7	29	1	28	7	22	5	61	5
Park West	2	19	14	13	11	20	4	22	24	19
Pierremont	8	10	16	11	16	15	11	13	27	17
Sadberge and Whessoe	5	16	12	15	22	11	5	21	58	6
Darlington	**12**		**14**		**23**		**15**		**50**	
Tees Valley	**18**		**27**		**23**		**22**		**51**	
England and Wales										

- All crime figures from Darlington Police 2003-04
- All figures are expressed as rates per '000 population, except for household burglaries which is expressed as per '000 households

ENVIRONMENT

The indicators chosen to represent environment are more to do with the population's immediate environment i.e. their homes and the link between low value housing and deprivation. The inclusion of no car households is intended to represent both the impact of financial deprivation and access to services.

Ward	No Car Households %	Rank	Household Tenure LA/HA %	Rank	Council Tax Bands A to B %	Rank	Average House Price £	Rank	House Affordability Score	Rank
Bank Top	44.3	4	18.2	11	96.9	1	66,100	3	0.6	3
Central	49.9	2	22.5	8	95.9	2	116,900	17	1.1	11
Cockerton East	27.9	12	19.6	10	80.6	11	94,600	12	1.2	15
Cockerton West	51.2	1	52.0	1	95.5	4	114,500	16	0.8	5
College	19.0	16	6.3	20	17.2	21	171,900	22	1.7	21
Eastbourne	42.0	7	33.2	3	88.1	8	67,600	4	0.9	7
Faverdale	6.1	24	0.9	24	40.1	16	94,200	11	1.6	17
Harrowgate Hill	22.1	15	4.3	21	80.2	12	99,600	13	1.1	12
Haughton East	39.8	9	40.5	2	78.6	13	79,500	8	1.1	13
Haughton North	22.4	14	17.5	12	58.1	15	104,700	14	1.1	14
Haughton West	26.9	13	21.4	9	72.8	14	89,300	10	1.0	10
Heighington and Coniscliffe	11.4	22	6.9	18	20.1	20	112,700	15	2.1	24
Hummersknott	14.2	21	8.1	14	8.1	23	186,100	23	2.0	22
Hurworth	15.2	19	7.7	17	26.4	18	168,600	21	1.5	16
Lascelles	44.9	3	33.2	4	94.1	5	65,500	2	0.7	4
Lingfield	35.7	10	24.4	6	95.9	2	69,300	5	0.9	9
Middleton St George	14.3	20	8.4	13	38.8	17	155,500	20	1.7	20
Mowden	15.8	18	4.3	22	6.5	24	124,000	18	1.6	18
North Road	43.7	5	23.9	7	88	9	86,500	9	0.6	2
Northgate	41.7	8	6.6	19	90.2	7	65,300	1	0.6	1
Park East	42.1	6	30.0	5	83.9	10	69,800	6	0.9	8
Park West	18.6	17	7.8	15	13	22	190,100	24	2.0	22
Pierremont	32.2	11	1.5	23	91.3	6	74,400	7	0.8	6
Sadberge and Whessoe	10.4	23	7.7	16	24.3	19	148,500	19	1.6	19
Darlington	**31.2**	**-**	**18.1**	**-**	**68.5**	**-**	**99,500**		**-**	**-**
Tees Valley	**34.2**	**-**	**23.4**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**87,000**		**-**	**-**
England and Wales	**26.8**	**-**	**19.2**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**160,400**		**-**	**-**

- No car households (ONS 2001)
- Household Tenure LA/HA represents the proportion of the areas housing stock which is rented from social landlords (ONS 2001)
- Council Tax Bands A and B represents the proportion of dwellings which are valued for Council Tax purposes at under £52,000 (ONS 2003)
- Average House Price represents the average price of houses sold within each area (JSU 2003/04)
- House Affordability represents an index where a score over 1 indicates average house prices exceed 3.5 times average household incomes, and has been estimated for the new wards from existing data (TVHP 2001)