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CENSUS RECORDS

A census of the population has been taken every ten years since 1801, except 1941, although returns containing personal details only survive from 1841 onwards.

The returns for 1841 include the names of all household members, address, ages (usually, but not always, rounded down to nearest 5 years for those over 15) and occupations. From 1851 birth place, exact age and relationship to head of the household are also given for each person.

Original census returns are held at the National Archives in London. **Tyne & Wear Archives Service holds copies of the returns for Tyne & Wear for 1841 – 1901 on microfilm or microfiche. Tyne & Wear covers the districts of Newcastle and North Tyneside (included as part of the county of Northumberland in the census returns) and Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland (included as part of County Durham in the census returns).** On some census the coverage overlaps slightly the Tyne & Wear border into areas of Northumberland and Durham – please check before your visit.

A microfilm reader should be booked in advance to look at census records. At present microfiche readers are not booked in advance.

Numbers in brackets (MF) refer to census available on microfilm.

Numbers in brackets (FC) refer to census indexes available on microfiche.

Numbers in brackets [] refer to printed census indexes available in searchroom library.

HO and RG references in brackets are the National Archives' document references.

Pre 1841 Census

Give statistical information only, eg numbers of males/females, numbers of each type of occupation

Census of Sandgate Ward, Newcastle 1811 **Ref 465/8** (on MF340)

Census of Pilgrim Ward, Newcastle 1821 **Ref 465/9** (on MF340)

Census of All Saints Parish, Newcastle 1831 **Ref 465/10**

1841 Census (taken 6 June 1841)

On microfilm
Street index available

No name index except for Walker (HO107/822/4-5 – on FC425)

1851 Census (taken 30 March 1851)

On microfilm

Street index available

Name indexes as follows:

NB Some of these indexes relate to areas outside Tyne & Wear for which we do not hold copies of the census returns. These are marked * and will be available at either Northumberland Record Office or Durham Record Office

Northumberland

Alnham, Alwinton, Holystone & Longframlington [160]
(HO107/2423, folios 1-332) *

Bedlington [107]
(including Hepscott, Sleekburn, Choppington & Cambois)
Registration District 558/2
(HO107/2418, folios 293-460) *

Belford & Bamburgh [162]
Registration District 560/1
(HO107/2420, folios 1-250) *

Berwick-upon-Tweed, Part 1 [161]
Registration District 561/2
(HO107/2421, folios 243-436) *

Castle Ward Superintendent Registrar's District (FC426)
Registration District 554 (Ponteland/Stamfordham Sub-Districts)
(HO107/2413)

Chirton, Preston & Murton (FC423-424)
Registration District 553/2
(HO107/2409, folios 184-304, 550-597)

Embleton, Longhoughton, Howick, Edlingham, Whittingham (part), Eglington (part)& Ellingham (part) [164]
Registration District 559/3
(HO107/2419, folios 564-820) *

Hartburn, Netherwitton, Longhorsley & Hebburn, Mitford, Meldon & River Green [106]
Registration District 558/1
(HO107/2418, folios 1-292) *

Holywell, Hartley, Seaton Delaval (part)& Blyth (part) (FC431)
Registration Districts 553/5 & 6 (part)
(HO107/2412, folios 153-328)

Longbenton, Walker, Killingworth & Weetslade [104]
Registration District 553/4
(HO107/2411, folios 1-288)

Newcastle, All Saints Ward [101]
Registration District 552/4
(HO107/2407, folios 1-731)

Newcastle, Byker Ward [102]
(including Heaton & Jesmond)
Registration District 552/5
(HO107/2408, folios 1-367)

Newcastle, St Andrew's Ward [99]
Registration District 552
(HO107/2405, folios 1-507)

Newcastle, St Nicholas's Ward [100]
Registration District 552/3
(HO107/2406, folios 1-470)

Newcastle, Westgate Ward [98]
Registration District 552/1
(HO107/2404, folios 1-630)

Newsham, Cowpen, Bebside, Horton, East & West Hartford & Cramlington (FC429-430)
Registration District 553/6 (part)
(HO107/2412, folios 329-580)

North Shields (FC433-435)
Registration District 553/2
(HO107/2409, folios 305-549)

Rothbury & Elsdon [160]
Registration District 535
(HO107/2423, folios 1-332) *

Seghill (including part of Seaton Delaval), Backworth, Burradon & Earsdon (part)
[105]
Registration District 553/5 (part)
(HO107/2412, folios 1-153)

Tynemouth, Cullercoats, Monkseaton & Whitley Bay [103] (also FC427-428, FC1054-1055, FC1253-1254, FC1355-1356)
Registration District 553/3
(HO107/2410, folios 1-233, 237-499)

Wallsend, Willington & Howden (FC436-437)
Registration District 553/1
(HO107/2409, folios 1-183)

Warkworth, Shilbottle, Lesbury & Felton [163]
Registration District 559/1
(HO107/2419, folios 1-275) *

Whittingham, Longhorsley & part Netherwitton [160]
(HO107/2423, folios 1-332) *

Durham

Bishopwearmouth South part 1 (FC1255-1256, FC1357-1358)
(HO107/2396, folios 4-236)

Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland parts 1 & 2 [91-92]
(HO107/2395, folios 62-542)

Chester le Street and adjacent parishes [90]
(including Cocken, part Great Lumley, South Biddick, part Bournmoor, Edmondsley, Little Lumley, part Washington, part Usworth, Birtley, Harraton, Ouston, Witton Gilbert, Pelton, Plawsworth, Waldrige & Lamesley)
(HO107/2394, complete)

Gateshead [96]
(HO107/2402, folios 1-742)

Gateshead, Heworth Registration District [95]
(HO107/2401, folios 1-278)

Houghton-le-Spring (FC1251-1253, FC1352-1354)
(including Coxgreen, Hetton le Hole, Herrington, Newbottle, Penshaw, Rainton & Silksworth)
(HO107/2393, folios 1-611)

Jarrow, South Shields St Hilda & Holy Trinity, Westoe, Monkton & Hedworth [94]
(HO107/2400, complete)

Monkwearmouth Township (FC2026-2027)
(HO107/2398, folios 1-104)

Monkwearmouth Shore Township (FC2028-2031)
(HO107/2398, folios 105-407)

Monkwearmouth – Fulwell, Hylton & Southwick (FC2032-2033)
(HO107/2398, folios 411-511)

South Hylton & Ford (FC2038)
(HO107/2395(part), folios 1-61)

South Shields, Boldon, Westoe, Cleadon, West Boldon, St Hilda, Harton, East Boldon, Union Workhouse, Harton Colliery, Whitburn, East Jarrow, West Harton [93]
(also FC432)
(HO107/2399, complete)

Whickham, Winlaton etc [97]
(including Blaydon, Chopwell, Crawcrook, Greenside, Ryton & Swalwell)
(HO107/2403, complete)

1861 Census (taken 7 April 1861)

On microfilm

Street index available

Name indexes as follows:

Monkwearmouth Shore (FC1246-1248, FC2000-2002)
(RG9/3782-3783)

Monkwearmouth Shore & Fulwell (FC1249-1250, FC1457-1458, FC1998-1999)
(RG9/3784)

Southwick [195]
(RG9/3781)

1871 Census (taken 2 April 1871)

On microfilm

Street index available

Name indexes as follows:

Newcastle

Benwell (FC 1231-1232,1245)
(RG10/5082-5083)

Byker (FC1209-1212, FC1219-1220) [177]
(RG10/5105-5108)

Elswick (FC1238-1245) [117]
(RG10/5075-5082)

Fenham (FC1231-1232)
(RG10/5083)

Gosforth (FC1417, 1440) [214]
(RG10/5125-5126, 5137)

Jesmond (FC1212) [177]
(RG10/5108)

Newburn [214]
(RG10/5139-5140)

Newcastle, All Saints (FC1221-1226)
(RG10/5094-5102)

Newcastle, St Ann's & St Anthony's, Byker (FC1218-1220)
(RG10/5103-5105)

Newcastle, St Andrew's (FC1231-1237)
(RG10/5083-5089)

Newcastle, St John's (FC1229-1230)
(RG10/5092)

Newcastle, St Nicholas' (FC1227-1229)
(RG10/5090-5091)

Westgate (part) (FC1244-1245) [116, 117]
(RG10/5070(part), 5071-5075, 5082)

Walker & Ships in Port (FC1416-1417, FC1455-1456, FC2020)
(RG10/5123-5125, 5127)

North Tyneside

Dudley, Weetslade, Seaton Burn, Wideopen (FC2020) [196]
(RG10/5127)

Earsdon, Burradon, Holystone, Backworth, New Backworth (FC2021) [196]
(RG10/5128)

Holywell, Hartley, Earsdon, Seaton Sluice (FC2022) [196]
(RG10/5129)

Earsdon, Seghill, Seaton Delaval and all of the places in the three above mentioned indexes (FC2020-2022) [196]
(RG10/5127-5131)

Howdon & Ships in Port (FC1336)
(RG10/5111)

Killingworth & Weetslade (FC1440, 2020) [196]
(RG10/5126-5127)

Longbenton (FC1417, 1440)
(RG10/5125-5126)

North Shields & Ships in Port (FC1161-1163, FC1213-1215, FC1303-1305, FC1334-1335, FC1338-1340, FC1442)
(RG10/5112-5116, 5118-5119, 5120)

Seghill (FC1997) [196, 201]
(RG10/5131)

Seghill (parts Earsdon), Cowpen, Blyth, Horton & Cramlington [201-202]
(RG10/5131-5134)

Tynemouth (FC1441, FC1443)
(RG10/5121, 5122)

Wallsend (FC1079-1980) [177]
(RG10/5109)

Willington & Howdon (FC1216-1217) [177]
(RG10/5110)

Northumberland

Ponteland, Newham, Bolam, Whalton, Morpeth, Stannington, Gosforth, Dinnington, Stamfordham, Kirkheaton, Kirkwhelpington, Matfen, Ovingham, Heddon on the Wall, Newburn [214]
(RG10/5136-5140)

1881 Census (taken 3 April 1881)

On microfilm (Tyne & Wear area)

Street index available

On CD-ROM (England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man & the Royal Navy): The Mormon Church (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) produced the 1881 census on CD-ROM. It contains a transcription of each entry with various indexes to allow searches to be made. The CD-ROM is available in the searchroom, and the counties of Northumberland and Durham are also available on microfiche.

This census is also available via the Family Search Internet Genealogy Service of the Mormons at www.familysearch.org. Access to this website is usually available to the public in the TWAS searchroom. [NB A declaration form must be signed before using the internet and users must be aged 18 years or older].

1891 Census (taken 5 April 1891)

On microfiche

Street index available

Name indexes as follows:

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Northumberland

Ford (including Carham, Wark, Ford, Etal, Lowick, Bowsden, Millfield, Kirknewton, Yeavinger) (FC2112-2113)
(RG12/4270) *

Haltwhistle (FC1424)
(RG12/4250) *

Newcastle, All Saints (FC2090-2097)
(RG12/4209-4212)

Newcastle, Westgate (part) (FC1444-1449, FC2098-2111)
(RG12/4191-4196, 4198, 4200)

North Shields (FC1425-1426)
(RG12/4223)

Stamfordham [225-226]
(RG12/4242-4243)

Tynemouth (includes part of North Shields) (FC2084-2089)
(RG12/4227, 4229)

Westgate (FC1444-1449)
(RG12/4191, 4192)

Tynemouth Union Workhouse & Northumberland Village Homes Industrial School for Girls (FC1181)

Durham

Bishopwearmouth South (FC2044-2046)
(RG12/4138)

Chester le Street (FC2012-2014)
(RG12/4120)

Gateshead (part) (FC1421-1423, FC2081-2083)
(RG12/4175, 4177)

Gateshead, Heworth (part), Windy Nook & Felling [222]
(RG12/4172)

Gateshead, St Cuthbert's parish (FC1359-1361, FC1418-20)
(RG12/4176)

Heworth (part), Bill Quay, Wardley, Felling, Felling Shore & ships [223-224]
(RG12/4173-4174)

Kelloe, Wingate & Thornley (FC2010-2011)
(RG12/4110) *

Monkwearmouth (FC2047A-B, FC2048A-B, FC2050-2051)
(RG12/4146/4B, RG12/4145/4A, RG12/4150/4F)

South Shields (FC1427-1428, FC1989-1991, FC2023-2025, FC2070-2080)
(RG12/4152, 4164-4167, 4169-4171)

South Shields (Monkton, Jarrow & Hebburn) (FC1992-1994)
(RG12/4168)

South Shields (Westoe) (part) (FC1987-1988, FC2003-2005, FC2054-2069)
(RG12/4153-4159, 4162-4163)

Sunderland (part) (FC2052-2053)
(RG12/4144)

1901 Census (taken 31 March 1901)

On microfiche

Street index available

This census is also available on the National Archives website www.1901census.nationalarchives.gov.uk which covers all of England and Wales and allows you to search for a person, address, place, institution or vessel. There is a charge to view the census entries or transcripts on the website and this can be made either by using a credit card or a voucher. Vouchers can be purchased from the searchroom desk at a cost of £5.00 each. Access to this website is usually available to the public in the TWAS searchroom. [NB A declaration form must be signed before using the internet and users must be aged 18 years or older].

Census related documents held in the Archive

Census of Distribution Plans, 1970 Ref 1342

Gateshead, Newcastle (Byker & Jesmond), North & South Shields, Sunderland, Tynemouth (Central), Wallsend
(These show situation of shops and businesses)

Census Plans of Division Ref 82

Newcastle, Benwell Sub-District, 1911

Newcastle, Benwell & Elswick Sub-Districts, 1921

(These describe the division of each enumeration district and the streets included in each)

Miscellaneous Census Material Ref 82

Enumerator's memorandum and instruction book, 1911

Blank Schedule, 1921

Provisional Rules and Orders for 1931 Census, 1930

Further Instructions for Enumerators, April 1931

Circular on recruitment of unemployed as enumerators, 1930

Blank Enumeration Book for Dene Sub-District, 1931

Northumberland, census abstracts, 1901 **Ref 1547**

Census related documents in the searchroom library

A number of volumes giving statistical information extracted from various census returns, such as population by age and marital condition, households by size, and occupation by gender and age are available in the searchroom library:

Census of England & Wales 1891

Area, Houses & Population Vol 1

Census of England & Wales 1901

County Reports for Northumberland & Durham

Digest of the Results of the 1901 Census in England & Wales

Census of England & Wales 1911

County Reports for Northumberland & Durham
Preliminary Report
Vol 1 Administrative Areas
Vol 8 Tenements

Census of England & Wales 1921

County Reports for Northumberland & Durham
Preliminary Report
General Report
Index of Place Names

Census of England & Wales 1931

County Reports for Northumberland & Durham
General Tables

Census of England & Wales 1951

County Reports for Northumberland & Durham
Preliminary Report
General Tables
Housing Report
Occupation Tables
Report on Usual Residence & Workplace
One Per Cent Sample Tables Part 1
Populations of Ecclesiastical Areas (England)

Census of England & Wales 1961

County Report for Northumberland
Preliminary Report
Housing Tables Part 1
Population Dwellings Households – Cumberland,
Durham, Northumberland, Westmorland

Census of England & Wales 1971

County Reports for Northumberland & Durham

Other 'Census'

Census of Benwell & Elswick, June/July 1860 **Ref 277/1** (on MF308)
(Taken by Rev William Maughan and includes house numbers, names, occupations,
religion, numbers in family)

Census of the parish of St Bede Roman Catholic Church, Denton Burn, Newcastle, 1940
(includes streets, house numbers, names, some years of birth for children) **Ref C.NC99/6**

Census of the parish congregation of SS Mary & Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic
Church, Stella, 1858 (includes Lemington, Bells Close & Newburn) **Ref C.BL3/7**

South Shields School Board Census of Schoolchildren, 1887 (indexed by name) **Ref**
487/128-129

South Australian Vinegrowers 1891 census **[138]**

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