

# Cheshire East – Area Profile (spring 2015)

## Introduction

Cheshire East is the third biggest unitary authority in the North West and the thirteenth largest in the country. It therefore has a wide breadth of social grades, age profiles and ranges of affluence. There is a clear link between these measures and the likelihood of a person gambling. It also needs to be acknowledged that there are clear differences between the type of person who gambles responsibly and the type who is identified as a problem gambler. This profile with therefore concentrate on the on the measures that can contribute to gambling and problem gambling.



## People

Cheshire East an estimated population of 372,700<sup>1</sup>, the population density is 3.2 residents per hectare<sup>2</sup>, making Cheshire East less densely populated than the North West (5.0 per hectare) and England (4.1 per hectare).

Between the 2001 and 2011 Census, the median age of residents has increased from 40.6 years to 43.6 years<sup>3</sup>. Between the same years, the number of over 65s has increased by 11,700 residents or 26%, which is a greater increase than the North West (15%) and England & Wales (20%).

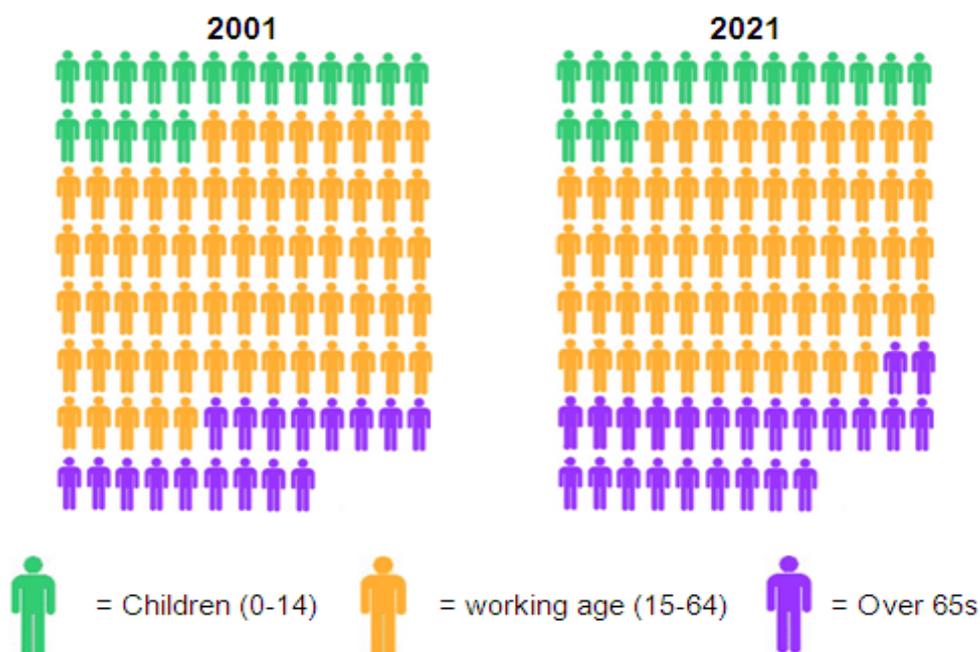
<sup>1</sup> 2013 Mid-year population estimates, Office for National Statistics, NOMIS, Crown Copyright

<sup>2</sup> 2011 Mid-year population estimates and UK Standard Area Measurements (SAM) 2011, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright

<sup>3</sup> 2001 and 2011 Census, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright

From 2011 to 2021 the population is expected to increase by 15,700 people (4.2%) to 385,800, a greater increase than the North West (3.7%) but less than England (7.5%)<sup>4</sup>. The number of children (aged 0-14) is estimated to increase by 4%, with a slight decrease (-2%) in those of working age (15-64). The number of residents over the age of 65 is expected to increase substantially by 19%, however this increase is similar to England (20% increase). Caution should be exercised when using any predictions about the future population, as they assume trends in recent years will continue into future years.

**Figure 1: Proportion of residents by broad age groups – change over 20 years<sup>5</sup>**



## Economy

Cheshire East contains 5.1% of the North West region’s working-age residents<sup>6</sup>, but accounts for an even greater share (5.7%) of the region’s employees<sup>7</sup>. In terms of economic output, its contribution is much greater still, at 6.9%<sup>8</sup>.

The proportion of working age residents who are claiming job seekers allowance benefit is low (1.0%) when compared to the North West (2.0%) and England (1.9%) averages<sup>9</sup>. Within Cheshire East there are large disparities – from 0.1% in Adlington & Prestbury to 2.7% in West Coppenhall and Grosvenor. If all out-of-work benefits are included rather than just those actively seeking work, 7.8% of residents of working age receive an out-of-work benefit<sup>10</sup>, ranging from 1.4% in

<sup>4</sup> 2012 Sub-National Population Projections, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright

<sup>5</sup> 2001 and 2011 Census, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright & 2012 Sub-National Population Projections, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright

<sup>6</sup> 2013 Mid-year population estimates, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright

<sup>7</sup> 2013 Business Register and Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright

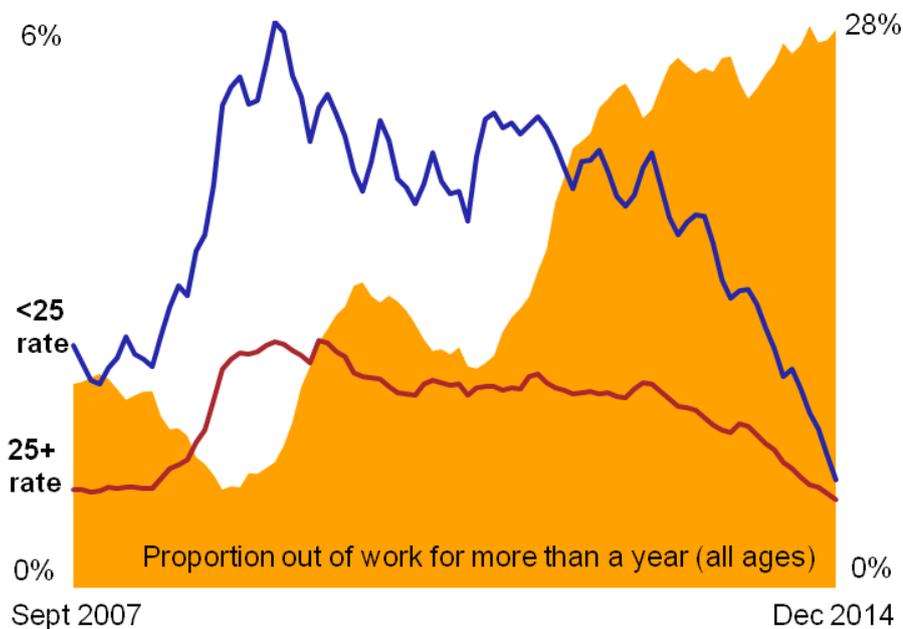
<sup>8</sup> Regional GVA NUTS3 (1997-2013), Table 3.1, Regional Gross Value Added (Income Approach), Office for National Statistics

<sup>9</sup> December 2014, JSA Claimant Count, DWP and 2013 mid-year estimates, Office for National Statistics, NOMIS, Crown Copyright

<sup>10</sup> Out-of-work benefits, 4 quarter average July 2013 – June 2014, Department for Work and Pensions. Calculations consistent with NI 152/153

Macclesfield Town Tytherington to more than one in four residents of working age (26.5%) in East Copenhall, Crewe.

**Figure 2: Job Seekers Allowance claimants (unemployment) for young people (under 25) and others (over 25), with the proportion of people of all ages claiming for more than one year<sup>11</sup>**



Average (median) household income levels are high (£33,000) compared to Great Britain (£28,500)<sup>12</sup>. However, there is a considerable range of average household income levels at ward level, from £18,800 in Crewe St Barnabas ward to £56,900 in Prestbury. Across Cheshire East there are 16 of 231 statistical areas (LSOAs)<sup>13</sup> which are within the top 20% of most deprived areas in England (figure 3), affecting 28,800 or 7.7% of Cheshire East's population<sup>14</sup>. 11 of these areas are in Crewe, with 2 in Wilmslow/Handforth, 2 in Macclesfield and 1 in Congleton. Overall, relative deprivation levels were worse in 2010 than 2007, as only 14 areas were within the top 20% of most deprived areas.

Acorn data is socio-economic data that analyses the residents and places them in classifications, depending on various factors such as demographics, affluence and spending habits. There are seventeen Acorn groups, with the 'Executive Wealth' group being the largest in Cheshire East (27%) a considerably higher proportion than the UK average (12%). There are also approximately five times more residents in the 'lavish lifestyles' groups within Cheshire East compared to the UK, although this group constitutes a small proportion of all Cheshire East's residents (6%).

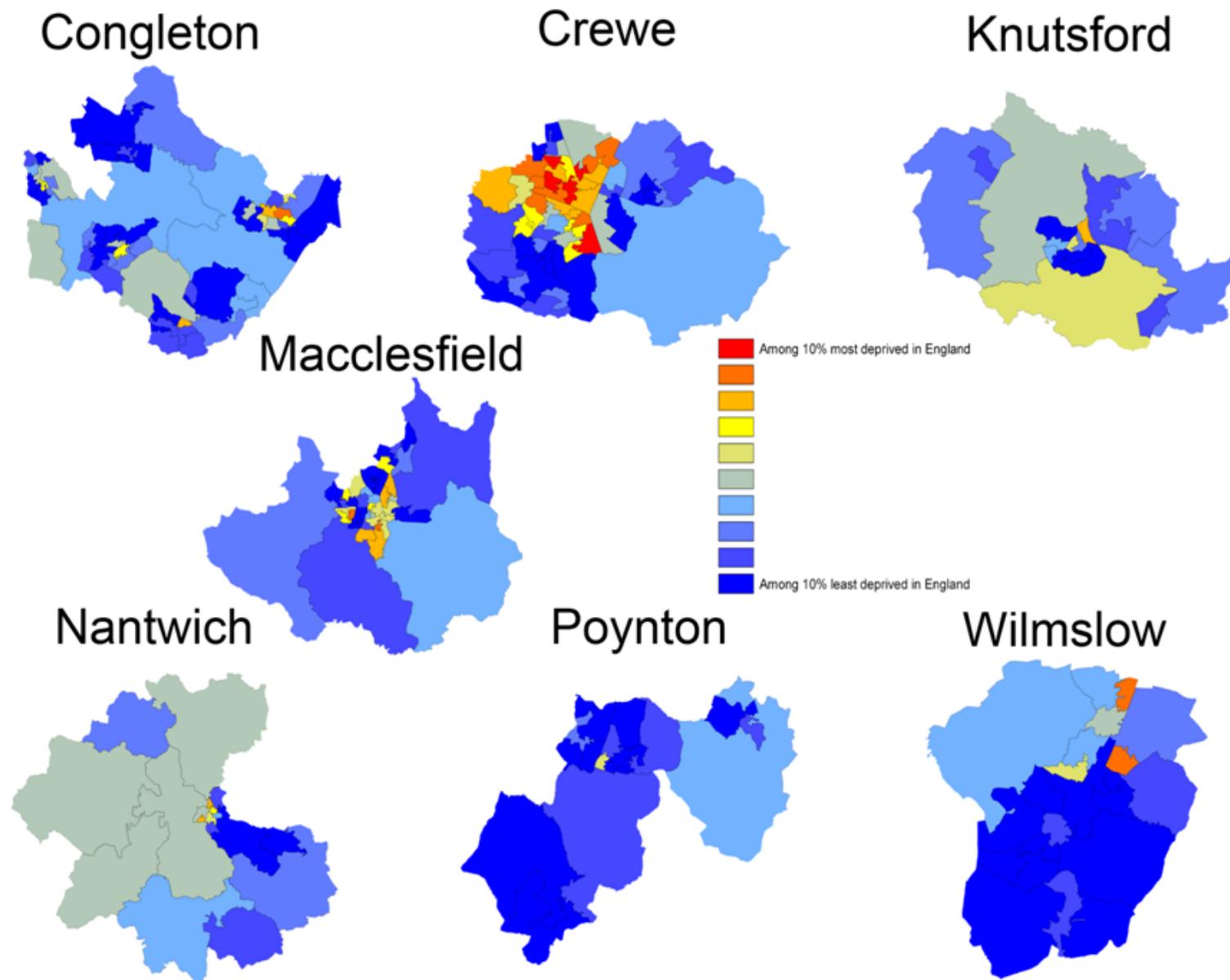
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<sup>12</sup> 2013/14 Paycheck, CACI Ltd. Figures are median values

<sup>13</sup> Lower Super Output Areas

<sup>14</sup> Indices of Deprivation 2007 and 2010, Department for Communities and Local Government with mid-year population estimates, 2013, Office for National Statistics

Figure 3 Deprivation by LAP, Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010



## Health

In the 2011 Census, 17.5% of residents reported they had a long term problem or disability which limited their day to day activities, an increase from 16.7% in 2001<sup>15</sup>. In a recent survey of the Council’s Citizens Panel, 74% of respondents described their general health as ‘good or very good’ and 5% described it as ‘bad or very bad’<sup>16</sup>.

Life expectancy (LE) in Cheshire East is higher than regional (North West) and the national (England & Wales) averages. LE at birth for females is 83.6 years, compared to 81.8 years in the North-West and 83.1 years nationally<sup>17</sup>. LE at birth for males is 80.4 years, compared to 78.0 in the North West and 79.4 nationally.

There is a noticeable difference within the female population of around 14 years between the lowest rates in Central & Valley (Crewe) and the highest in Macclesfield Town Tytherington<sup>18</sup>. For males, there is an 11 year gap between the lowest rates in Alexandra and Crewe and the highest in Wilmslow Town South West.

**Figure 4: Male and Female Life Expectancy at birth<sup>19</sup>**



Smoking rates are generally relatively low. An estimated 16.6% of the adult population are current smokers, which is lower than the North West (23.6%) and England (22.2%). Rates vary from 7.9% in Adlington & Prestbury to 34.3% in St Barnabas<sup>20</sup>.

Healthy eating rates are relatively high, with an estimated 31.4% regularly consuming their ‘5 a day’, higher than both the North-West average (26.2%) and England (28.7%).

<sup>15</sup> 2001 and 2011 Census, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright  
<sup>16</sup> Autumn 2011 Survey, InfluenCE, Cheshire East Research and Consultation Team  
<sup>17</sup> Life expectancy at birth and at age 65 by local areas in England and Wales, 2011-13, Office for National Statistics. National refers to the figure for England  
<sup>18</sup> Life Expectancy at Birth for MSOAs, 2006-10, Department for Health  
<sup>19</sup> Life Expectancy at Birth for MSOAs, 2006-10, Department for Health  
<sup>20</sup> 2006-08 Estimates of Adults' Health and Lifestyles, Office for National Statistics (ONS)

## Education

The qualification levels of working age residents in the Borough (aged 16-64) is high. An estimated 31% have a degree level qualification or equivalent and above, much higher than the North West (21%) and England & Wales (25%)<sup>21</sup>. Conversely, the proportion of residents with no qualifications (9%) is lower than the region (12%) and nationally (11%).

## Prevalence of Licensed Gambling Premises

There are a total of 58 licensed gambling premises in Cheshire East, broken down into the following categories:

Town	Type	Number
Betchton	Adult Gaming Centre	2
Crewe	Adult Gaming Centre	3
Knutsford	Adult Gaming Centre	2
Macclesfield	Adult Gaming Centre	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>

Town	Type	Number
Alderley Edge	Betting Shop	1
Congleton	Betting Shop	4
Crewe	Betting Shop	17
Handforth	Betting Shop	1
Holmes Chapel	Betting Shop	1
Knutsford	Betting Shop	1
Macclesfield	Betting Shop	8
Middlewich	Betting Shop	2
Nantwich	Betting Shop	2
Poynton	Betting Shop	1
Sandbach	Betting Shop	3
Wilmslow	Betting Shop	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>45</b>

Town	Type	Number
Crewe	Bingo	1
Nantwich	Bingo	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>

There are no casinos and no licensed family entertainment centres.

The largest number of licensed premises are in the towns of Crewe and Macclesfield

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<sup>21</sup> Annual Population Survey January 2011 – December 2011, Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright

## Conclusion

According to NatCen's British Gambling Prevalence Survey of 2010 the rates of problem gambling in the general population are 0.9% and 0.5% (depending on the measures used). This would equate to a problem gambling population in Cheshire East of 33,543 and 18,635.

According to information available from the Gambling Commission there are 13,489 licensed gambling premises in the UK. Cheshire East's licences equate to 0.43% of this total.

Whilst gambling is prevalent across the country this prevalence appears to be concentrated in the main city areas and primarily in the London Boroughs. Compared to our neighbours Cheshire East has fewer licensed gambling premises per head of population:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Number of Premises</b>	<b>Number PH</b>
Cheshire East	372,700	58	0.00016
Cheshire West and Chester	331,000	79	0.00024
Stoke City	250,200	55	0.00022
Manchester	514,400	154	0.00029
Trafford	230,200	43	0.00019
Stockport	285,000	54	0.00019

As the persons most at risk from problem gambling are white, young males from a low income background this is most likely to affect the residents of Crewe and to a lesser extent Macclesfield. These are also the areas that already have the highest numbers of licensed gambling premises. It will therefore be incumbent upon applicants to demonstrate that they will take appropriate steps to follow the Gambling Commission's relevant Codes of Conduct and the Council's Statement of Gambling Principles to ensure that no one is exploited or harmed by gambling.