



## 10 big numbers

Commission for  
Rural Communities  
Tackling rural disadvantage

**9.7 million** people lived in rural England in 2007.

Net internal migration to rural areas was **87,200** in 2006/07.

In 2008 **695,000** rural households live more than 2 km from a Post Office.

**700,000** rural households lived below the poverty line in 2006/07.

The full-time weekly wage for a rural workplace was **£404** in 2008.

**672,000** rural households lived in fuel poverty in 2006.

The average rural house cost **6.8** times the average annual rural household income in 2007.

**499,000** rural businesses were registered for VAT in 2007.

There are **93,000** second homes in rural England in 2008.

Between 2001 and 2007 the number of people in rural areas aged over 60 rose by

**406,600**

## Annex

### Mid-year all persons population estimates by age group and by area definition, mid-2007 (National)

Area definition		All Ages
Less sparse	Village, hamlet and isolated dwellings	4,477,277
	Town and fringe	4,650,342
	Urban >10K	41,235,305
Sparse	Village, hamlet and isolated dwellings	374,793
	Town and fringe	246,822
	Urban >10K	107,493
Rural	Rural	9,749,234
	Urban >10K	41,342,798
	England	51,092,032

Source: ONS, 2008. Mid-2007 Population Estimates for Lower Layer Super Output Areas in England and Wales by Broad Age.

### Net migration, 2001-07 (National - Thousands)

Classification	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Rural 80	44.3	56.4	59.0	59.3	42.2	41.4	48.5
Rural 50	35.5	42.6	44.7	45.8	32.8	32.6	38.7
Significant rural	19.6	28.5	28.4	29.0	24.6	21.8	22.9
Other urban	-3.7	-4.7	-4.0	-7.5	-4.5	-5.4	-8.4
Large urban	-5.3	-6.5	-7.2	-8.3	-6.9	-5.1	-12.6
Major urban	-101.7	-132.4	-143.1	-147.2	-110.4	-101.6	-107.7
Predominantly rural	79.8	99.0	103.7	105.1	75.0	74.0	87.2
Significant rural	19.6	28.5	28.4	29.0	24.6	21.8	22.9
Predominantly urban	-110.7	-143.6	-154.3	-163.0	-121.8	-112.2	-128.7

Source: ONS, 2008. Resident Population Estimates, All Persons, Mid 2007. ONS, 2008. Internal Migration within the United Kingdom during the year to June 2007.

**Households within 2km and greater than 2km from a Post Office, 2008  
(National)**

<b>Area classification</b>	<b>Total address points</b>	<b>Address points 0-2km</b>	<b>Address points &gt;2km</b>	<b>% &gt;2km</b>	<b>% 0-2km</b>
Hamlet and isolated dwellings - Less sparse	575,627	374,760	200,867	34.9%	65.1%
Hamlet and isolated dwellings - Sparse	66,279	30,618	35,661	53.8%	46.2%
Villages - Less sparse	1,442,551	1,043,382	399,169	27.7%	72.3%
Villages - Sparse	122,727	92,532	30,195	24.6%	75.4%
Town and fringe - Less sparse	1,944,234	1,915,673	28,561	1.5%	98.5%
Town and fringe - Sparse	113,853	113,421	432	0.4%	99.6%
Urban >10K - Less sparse	17,719,738	17,668,153	51,585	0.3%	99.7%
Urban >10K - Sparse	49,917	49,609	308	0.6%	99.4%
Rural	4,265,271	3,570,386	694,885	16.3%	83.7%
Urban >10K	17,769,655	17,717,762	51,893	0.3%	99.7%
England	22,034,926	21,288,148	746,778	3.4%	96.6%

Source: CRC, 2008. Rural Services Series.

**Mean gross total weekly pay by workplace, 2005 to 2008 (National)**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Rural 80	354	372	380	393
Rural 50	383	401	407	418
Significant rural	392	413	424	444
Other urban	401	415	435	452
Large urban	389	406	420	434
Major urban	465	482	494	510
Predominantly rural	366	384	391	404
Significant rural	392	413	424	444
Predominantly urban	426	442	456	473
England	400	417	429	444

Source: ONS, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, 2008.

### Household income to house price ratio by area definition, 2007 (National)

Area definition		Ratio
Less sparse	Hamlet and isolated dwellings	8.27
	Village	7.59
	Town and fringe	6.08
	Urban >10K	5.75
Sparse	Hamlet and isolated dwellings	9.81
	Village	8.40
	Town and fringe	7.15
	Urban >10K	6.44
	Rural	6.79
	Urban >10K	5.76
	England	5.91

Source: Price Paid, HM Land Registry, 2008. Paycheck, CACI, 2008.

### Number households below 60 per cent of median income by whether in rural or urban areas (millions), 2004/05 to 2006/07 (National)

Year	Area definition	Sparsity	Before housing costs	After housing costs
2004/05	Urban		3.1	3.7
	Rural	All	0.6	0.7
		Sparse	0.1	0.1
		Less Sparse	0.6	0.6
2005/06	Urban		3.2	3.8
	Rural	All	0.7	0.7
		Sparse	0.1	0.1
		Less Sparse	0.6	0.7
2006/07	Urban		3.4	4.1
	Rural	All	0.7	0.7
		Sparse	0.1	0.0
		Less Sparse	0.6	0.7

Source: DWP, 2008. HBAI.

### Number of households in fuel poverty by area definition, 2006 (National)

Area definition	Not in fuel poverty	In fuel poverty	Total
Rural	3,566	672	4,238
Urban >10K	15,223	1,760	16,983
England	18,789	2,432	21,221

Source: CLG, 2008. English Housing Condition Survey, 2006.

**Business stock at start of year, 1997-2007 (National - Number of VAT registered businesses)**

<b>Area classification</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Rural 80	251,305	255,300	259,740	263,905	269,030
Rural 50	212,345	216,675	220,605	224,530	230,025
Significant rural	228,170	232,425	237,345	242,065	248,655
Other urban	173,805	177,510	181,790	185,715	192,455
Large urban	184,340	187,400	191,505	194,925	200,700
Major urban	537,510	547,465	560,455	573,455	594,850
Predominantly rural	463,650	471,975	480,345	488,435	499,055
Significant rural	228,170	232,425	237,345	242,065	248,655
Predominantly urban	895,655	912,375	933,750	954,095	988,005
England	1,587,475	1,616,775	1,651,440	1,684,595	1,735,715

Source: BERR, 2008. VAT registrations and deregistrations.

**Change in population by age and area classification, 2001 & 2007 (National)**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Predominantly rural</b>			<b>Significant rural</b>			<b>Predominantly urban</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Broad group</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Broad group</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Broad group</b>
<1	10,000	0.0%		77,400	0.1%		438,000	0.2%	
1 - 4	-7,600	-0.3%		301,700	-0.2%		1,589,100	0.0%	
5 - 9	-33,200	-0.6%	-0.8%	379,800	-0.6%	-0.7%	1,816,900	-0.8%	-0.6%
10 - 14	2,700	-0.3%		416,600	-0.3%		1,922,500	-0.6%	
15 - 19	101,700	0.6%	0.3%	438,800	0.5%	0.2%	2,141,000	0.3%	-0.3%
20 - 24	70,000	0.4%		395,500	0.6%		2,474,600	0.9%	
25 - 29	-32,700	-0.5%	-0.1%	376,600	-0.4%	0.3%	2,422,400	0.1%	0.9%
30 - 34	-160,100	-1.6%		395,300	-1.5%		2,296,600	-1.1%	
35 - 39	-31,000	-0.6%		496,700	-0.5%		2,488,300	-0.4%	
40 - 44	118,400	0.7%	-0.1%	531,300	0.7%	0.3%	2,484,400	0.7%	0.9%
45 - 49	99,000	0.5%		480,700	0.6%		2,185,500	0.6%	
50 - 54	-86,600	-1.1%		426,300	-1.0%		1,868,700	-0.6%	
55 - 59	86,300	0.4%	-0.1%	440,700	0.3%	-0.1%	1,822,200	0.4%	0.4%
60 - 64	211,000	1.5%		419,100	1.2%		1,637,800	0.5%	
65 - 69	63,000	0.3%		312,300	0.1%		1,283,700	-0.1%	
70 - 74	27,500	0.0%		271,100	-0.1%		1,142,400	-0.2%	
75 - 79	18,100	0.0%		227,400	0.0%		963,800	-0.1%	
80 - 84	38,100	0.2%		168,300	0.2%		710,500	0.1%	
85 and over	48,900	0.3%	2.3%	152,400	0.2%	1.6%	637,200	0.2%	0.3%
Total	543,200	0.0%	0.0%	6,707,900	0.0%	0.0%	32,325,500	0.0%	0.0%

Source: ONS, 2008. Mid-year population estimates.

**Second homes as a percentage of total chargeable dwellings by area classification, 2007/08 (National)**

<b>Area classification</b>	<b>Second homes</b>	<b>Total chargeable dwellings</b>	<b>%</b>
Rural 80	65,406	2,634,295	2.5%
Rural 50	27,556	2,569,851	1.1%
Significant rural	25,331	2,864,403	0.9%
Other urban	23,978	2,981,265	0.8%
Large urban	26,072	3,198,793	0.8%
Major urban	70,593	7,567,015	0.9%
Predominantly rural	92,962	5,204,146	1.8%
Significant rural	25,331	2,864,403	0.9%
Predominantly urban	120,643	13,747,073	0.9%
England	238,936	21,815,622	1.1%

**Source:** CLG, 2008. Calculation of council tax base for formula grant purposes, October 2008.