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DISTRICT COUNCIL AND PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY PROFILES

This paper contains comparative data for District Council and Parliamentary Constituency areas on the following: population characteristics (including age profiles and agricultural labour force); 2001 election results; and measures of deprivation (including data not previously published on income, employment, health, education, access, social environment and housing domains).

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District Council and Parliamentary Constituency Profiles

The attached profile tables provide a comparison between Northern Ireland's 26 District Council areas and also between the 18 Parliamentary Constituency areas. The profiles cover three main areas: population characteristics (including age profiles and agricultural labour force); 2001 election results; and measures of deprivation (including data not previously published on income, employment, health, education, access, social environment and housing domains).¹

The tables are colour coded to facilitate easy comparisons between areas. For example, areas with the highest levels of deprivation can be readily identified from the red shaded cells in the deprivation table. The marked contrast between West Tyrone and Lagan Valley constituency areas in this respect is readily apparent.

It is hoped that this information will provide a useful supplement to information already provided by the *Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA)* at ward and District Council level.² The information should be of interest to MLAs in connection with their constituency business and also to Committees within the policy context, particularly with regard to *New TSN* and the allocation of funding.

The available information relates to 1999 (except for election results). However, Research & Library Services hopes to work closely with *NISRA* to publish future updates as new information becomes available. We are also investigating the potential of geographical information systems to present future analyses of ward level data to the Assembly in a user-friendly format.

Notes:

1. See also <http://assist/services/rschlib/research/constits/constits.htm> for information on Assembly elections and elected representatives.
2. See for example <http://www.nisra.gov.uk/whatsnew/dep/index.html> on measures of deprivation and <http://gis.nisra.gov.uk/mapxtreme/intro.htm> for access to the NISRA Geographical Information System.

Northern Ireland District Council Area Profiles

Outline Map of Northern Ireland; District Council Areas



Map Source: *CAIN website*

DC Profile Tables (attached):

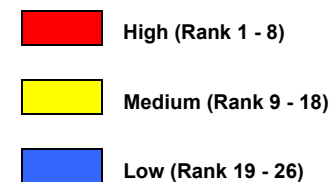
- **Population Characteristics**
 - Total Population
 - Young (age under 16) population
 - Old (age 60 and over) population
 - Agricultural labour force

- **Measures of deprivation (Noble)**
 - Multiple
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 - Housing
 - Child Poverty

- **2001 Local Government Election Results**
 - Main Parties' share of seats

District Council Area Profiles: Population Characteristics

	Total Population	Young (% under 16)	Old (% over 60)	Agricultural Labour Force (%)*
Antrim	50,726	23.7	13.7	5.9
Ards	71,401	21.8	17.8	4.7
Armagh	53,972	25.4	16.8	13.7
Ballymena	59,245	22.6	18.0	8.1
Ballymoney	25,865	24.6	17.1	11.6
Banbridge	39,862	23.0	16.2	10.5
Belfast	284,360	23.4	20.2	0.0
Carrickfergus	37,882	23.3	17.3	1.1
Castlereagh	66,764	20.8	21.4	0.8
Coleraine	55,682	22.0	18.8	5.2
Cookstown	31,692	24.8	16.8	15.2
Craigavon	79,717	25.2	16.5	3.5
Derry	106,638	28.5	12.6	2.0
Down	63,829	25.6	16.5	7.6
Dungannon	48,234	26.6	15.4	13.6
Fermanagh	57,473	25.4	17.6	19.6
Larne	30,922	22.1	19.6	6.5
Limavady	31,861	26.6	13.5	8.6
Lisburn	111,244	24.9	15.9	3.3
Magherafelt	38,975	28.0	14.7	13.0
Moyle	15,392	23.0	19.3	15.2
Newry & Mourne	87,647	27.6	14.6	10.4
Newtownabbey	81,281	22.3	18.1	1.2
North Down	75,696	20.3	21.8	0.3
Omagh	47,823	26.7	14.8	15.6
Strabane	37,630	25.8	15.4	12.5

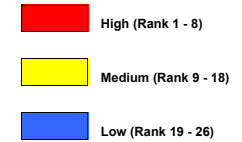


Notes:

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2. Rathfriland ward has been included in Banbridge DC area.
3. * Agricultural Labour Force as a percentage of the District Council area population aged 16 - 59.

District Council Area Profiles: Noble Deprivation Measures

	Multiple Deprivation Rank	Income Deprivation Rank	Employment Deprivation Rank	Health Deprivation Rank	Education Deprivation Rank	Access Deprivation Rank	Social Env. Deprivation Rank	Housing Deprivation Rank	Child Poverty Rank
Antrim	22	19	20	18	12	16	13	21	19
Ards	24	23	21	20	19	17	14	16	24
Armagh	14	14	10	16	21	15	21	12	15
Ballymena	21	20	22	24	16	14	22	24	20
Ballymoney	12	13	12	12	8	8	19	2	14
Banbridge	19	21	19	15	7	9	20	13	22
Belfast	2	3	3	1	2	26	1	7	3
Carrickfergus	20	24	17	22	15	19	5	17	23
Castlereagh	25	26	25	25	24	25	24	26	25
Coleraine	17	15	15	23	22	18	12	11	12
Cookstown	6	5	6	11	6	6	11	3	5
Craigavon	10	12	8	6	13	21	6	15	13
Derry	3	1	2	2	4	22	2	25	2
Down	15	16	14	7	14	11	4	20	16
Dungannon	9	6	9	8	25	10	15	4	7
Fermanagh	11	10	16	14	23	2	26	1	10
Larne	16	18	18	21	9	5	7	9	18
Limavady	8	9	13	13	3	3	9	19	9
Lisburn	18	17	23	17	20	20	10	22	17
Magherafelt	13	11	11	10	18	12	23	10	11
Moyle	5	7	5	9	10	1	8	8	4
Newry & Mourne	4	4	7	3	5	13	16	18	6
Newtownabbey	23	22	24	19	11	23	17	23	21
North Down	26	25	26	26	26	24	25	14	26
Omagh	7	8	4	5	17	7	18	5	8
Strabane	1	2	1	4	1	4	3	6	1

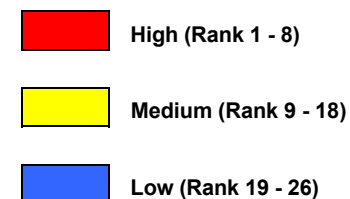


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2. Rathfriland ward has been included in Banbridge DC area (this leads to a slight variation from multiple deprivation DC rankings published by Noble).
3. Noble deprivation average ward scores for DCs were calculated using ward population weighted averages. These population weighted average scores were then ranked from 1 (highest) to 26 (lowest).

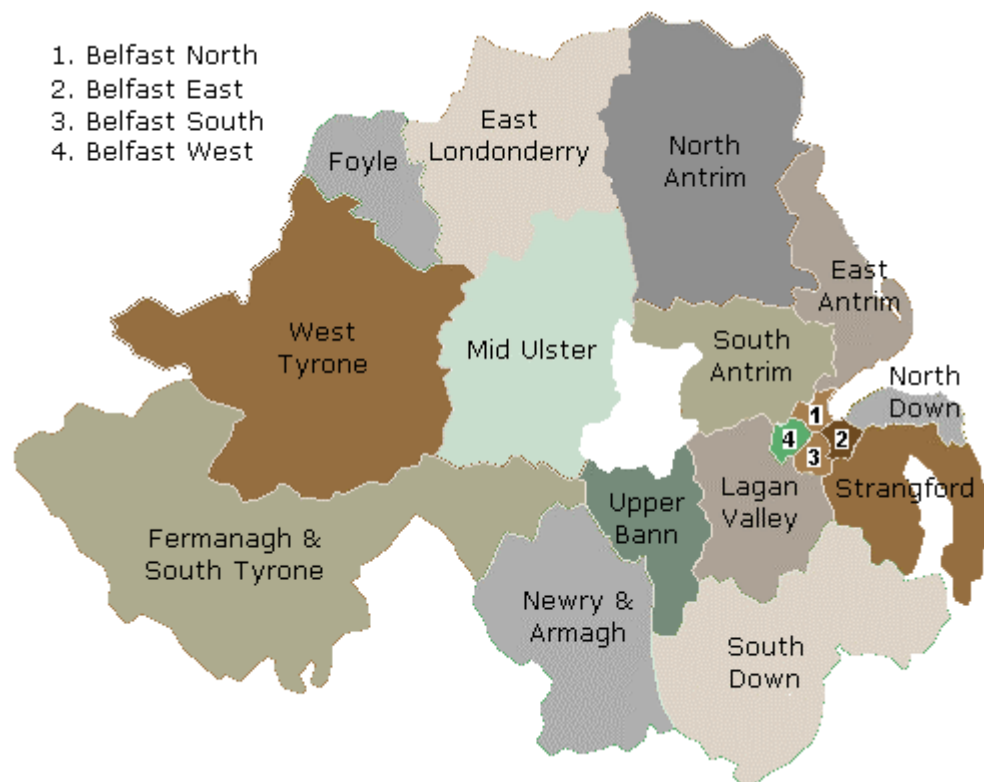
District Council Area Profiles: 2001 Local Government Election Results

	UUP % of Seats	SDLP % of Seats	DUP % of Seats	SF % of Seats	Others % of Seats
Antrim	36.8	26.3	26.3	10.5	0.0
Ards	34.8	4.3	39.1	0.0	21.7
Armagh	31.8	27.3	18.2	22.7	0.0
Ballymena	29.2	16.7	45.8	0.0	8.3
Ballymoney	31.3	12.5	50.0	6.3	0.0
Banbridge	41.2	17.6	29.4	0.0	11.8
Belfast	21.6	17.6	19.6	27.5	13.7
Carrickfergus	23.5	0.0	35.3	0.0	41.2
Castlereagh	21.7	8.7	43.5	0.0	26.1
Coleraine	45.5	18.2	31.8	0.0	4.5
Cookstown	18.8	25.0	12.5	37.5	6.3
Craigavon	30.8	26.9	23.1	15.4	3.8
Derry	6.7	46.7	13.3	33.3	0.0
Down	26.1	43.5	8.7	17.4	4.3
Dungannon	27.3	18.2	13.6	36.4	4.5
Fermanagh	30.4	17.4	8.7	39.1	4.3
Larne	26.7	13.3	33.3	0.0	26.7
Limavady	20.0	26.7	13.3	26.7	13.3
Lisburn	43.3	10.0	16.7	13.3	16.7
Magherafelt	12.5	18.8	18.8	43.8	6.3
Moyle	20.0	26.7	20.0	6.7	26.7
Newry & Mourne	13.3	33.3	3.3	43.3	6.7
Newtownabbey	36.0	8.0	32.0	4.0	20.0
North Down	32.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	48.0
Omagh	14.3	28.6	9.5	38.1	9.5
Strabane	12.5	25.0	18.8	43.8	0.0



Source: <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/election/elect.htm>

Northern Ireland Parliamentary Constituency Profiles



PC Profile Tables (attached):

- **Population Characteristics**
 - Total Population
 - Young (age under 16) population
 - Old (age 60 and over) population
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- **Measures of deprivation (Noble)**
 - Multiple
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- **2001 Westminster Election Results**
 - Turnout
 - Main Parties' share of vote

Parliamentary Constituency Profiles: Population Characteristics

	Total Population	Young (% under 16)	Old (% over 60)	Agricultural Labour Force (%)*	
BELFAST EAST	78,817	20.9	24.8	0.1	
BELFAST NORTH	85,831	24.3	20.8	0.8	
BELFAST SOUTH	88,320	19.6	20.2	0.0	
BELFAST WEST	102,274	28.4	15.2	0.0	
EAST ANTRIM	82,886	22.7	18.1	2.9	
EAST LONDONDERRY	87,543	23.7	16.9	6.4	
FERMANAGH & SOUTH TYRONE	95,294	25.3	17.6	15.5	
FOYLE	107,438	28.6	12.3	2.7	
LAGAN VALLEY	97,116	23.0	18.0	4.6	
MID ULSTER	88,215	26.6	15.3	13.8	
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	103,652	26.4	15.5	12.0	
NORTH ANTRIM	101,609	23.3	17.9	10.4	
NORTH DOWN	85,528	20.2	22.1	0.9	
SOUTH ANTRIM	104,249	23.4	15.1	3.9	
SOUTH DOWN	102,227	26.0	16.2	9.8	
STRANGFORD	94,962	22.4	17.4	4.2	
UPPER BANN	101,371	24.8	16.2	3.6	
WEST TYRONE	84,481	26.2	15.0	14.0	



High (Rank 1 - 6)

Medium (Rank 7 - 12)




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BELFAST EAST	6	11	9	6	5	15	8	7	9
BELFAST NORTH	2	3	3	2	2	17	2	2	2
BELFAST SOUTH	11	13	13	9	17	18	3	5	13
BELFAST WEST	1	1	1	1	1	16	1	11	1
EAST ANTRIM	14	14	14	15	7	8	6	10	14
EAST LONDONDERRY	10	8	8	12	11	6	9	6	8
FERMANAGH & SOUTH TYRONE	9	7	10	11	16	2	17	1	7
FOYLE	3	2	2	3	3	13	4	18	3
LAGAN VALLEY	16	16	18	17	15	11	13	16	16
MID ULSTER	7	6	6	10	12	3	14	4	6
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	5	5	5	5	9	7	15	12	5
NORTH ANTRIM	13	12	12	13	10	4	16	13	11
NORTH DOWN	18	18	17	18	18	14	18	8	18
SOUTH ANTRIM	17	15	16	16	13	10	11	17	15
SOUTH DOWN	12	9	11	8	6	5	7	14	12
STRANGFORD	15	17	15	14	14	9	12	15	17
UPPER BANN	8	10	7	7	8	12	5	9	10
WEST TYRONE	4	4	4	4	4	1	10	3	4

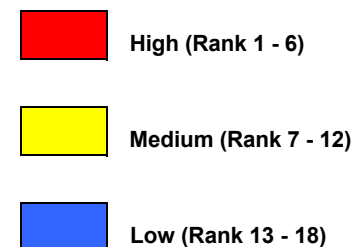
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Parliamentary Constituency Profiles: 2001 Westminster Election Results

	% Turnout	UUP % of Vote	SDLP % of Vote	DUP % of Vote	SF % of Vote	Others % of Vote
BELFAST EAST	63.0	23	2	43	3	29
BELFAST NORTH	67.2	12	21	41	26	1
BELFAST SOUTH	63.9	45	31	0	8	17
BELFAST WEST	68.7	6	19	6	66	2
EAST ANTRIM	59.1	36	7	36	3	17
EAST LONDONDERRY	66.1	27	21	32	16	4
FERMANAGH & SOUTH TYRONE	78.0	34	19	0	34	13
FOYLE	68.9	7	50	15	27	1
LAGAN VALLEY	63.2	57	8	13	6	17
MID ULSTER	81.3	15	20	17	41	6
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	76.8	12	37	19	31	0
NORTH ANTRIM	66.1	21	17	50	10	3
NORTH DOWN	58.8	56	3	0	1	39
SOUTH ANTRIM	62.5	37	12	35	9	6
SOUTH DOWN	70.8	18	46	15	20	1
STRANGFORD	59.9	40	6	43	2	9
UPPER BANN	70.3	33	15	29	21	1
WEST TYRONE	79.9	30	29	0	41	0



Source: <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/election/elect.htm>
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