

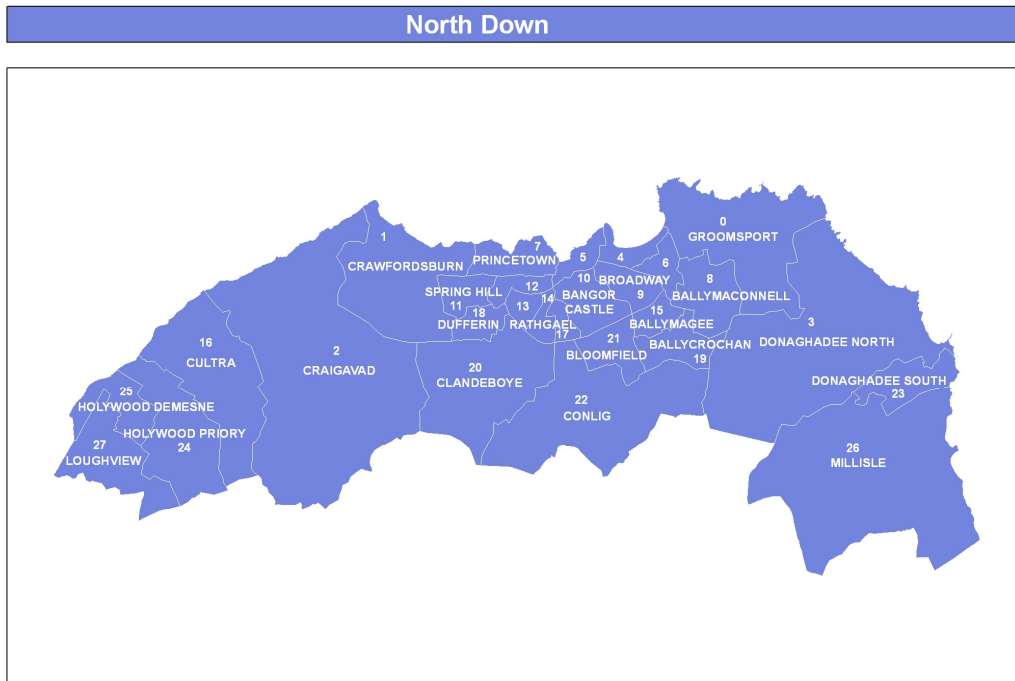


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Using the latest data available through the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS) www.ninis.nisra.gov.uk, this report provides an up-to-date statistical profile of the Constituency of North Down. It includes information on the demographics of people living in North Down as well as key indicators of Health, Education, the Economy, Employment, Housing, Crime and Poverty. For each indicator, this profile presents:

- The most up-to-date information available for North Down;
- How this compares with Northern Ireland as a whole;
- The ranking of the Constituency; and
- Information on the lowest and highest ranking wards where available.

This report presents a statistical profile of the Constituency of North Down which comprises of the 28 wards shown below.



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0	Groomsport	10	Bangor Castle	20	Clandeboye
1	Crawfordsburn	11	Spring Hill	21	Bloomfield
2	Craigavad	12	Bryansburn	22	Conlig
3	Donaghadee North	13	Silverstream	23	Donaghadee South
4	Ballyholme	14	Rathgael	24	Holywood Priory
5	Harbour	15	Ballymagee	25	Holywood Demesne
6	Churchill	16	Cultra	26	Millisle
7	Prinetown	17	Whitehill	27	Loughview
8	Ballymacconnell	18	Dufferin		
9	Broadway	19	Ballycrochan		

NORTH DOWN: KEY FACTS

Demographics

- An estimated 89,123 people live in North Down, the Constituency with the 5th lowest population in 2008.
- The majority (81.6%) of people living in North Down are of Protestant community background.
- North Down has an older age profile than that of all of Northern Ireland with 24.4% of the people over the age of 60 compared to 19.2% of the Northern Ireland population.

Health

- Life expectancy in North Down is 78.9 years for males and 82.0 years for females.

Compared to Northern Ireland as a whole, North Down has a higher:

- Death rate due to respiratory disease.
- Rate of cancer diagnosis, the Constituency with the 3rd highest rate.
- Prevalence of coronary heart disease, stroke, hypertension and hypothyroid for those attending GPs in North Down.

Compared to Northern Ireland as a whole, North Down has a lower:

- Death rate due to cancer, the Constituency with the 4th lowest rate.
- Death rate due to circulatory disease, the Constituency with the lowest rate.
- Death rate due to suicide and undetermined intent, the Constituency with the lowest rate.
- Hospital admission ratio for self harm.
- Proportion of people in receipt of at least one disability-related benefit, the Constituency with the lowest proportion.
- Teenage birth rate, the Constituency with the 5th lowest rate
- Prevalence of obesity for those attending GPs in North Down.

Education

- A lower proportion of post-primary pupils have a Statement of Special Educational Need compared to all Northern Ireland pupils.
- A higher proportion of North Down school leavers achieve at least two A-levels compared to all Northern Ireland school leavers, the Constituency with the 3rd highest proportion.
- A higher proportion of North Down school leavers achieve at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C compared to all Northern Ireland school leavers, the Constituency with the highest proportion.

The Economy

- Companies in North Down received the 6th highest amount of financial assistance from Invest NI in 2008/09 totalling £8.5 million.
- A lower proportion 'Invest NI Start a Business' participants from North Down were offered financial assistance compared to the Northern Ireland figure.

Employment

- 23,490 employee jobs are located in North Down. A lower proportion of North Down employee jobs are in manufacturing and a higher proportion of jobs are in services compared to all Northern Ireland employee jobs.
- In 2009, there were 130 redundancies in North Down.
- North Down was the Constituency with the 2nd lowest proportion of people claiming unemployment-related benefits.

Housing

- There are 38,369 properties in North Down. North Down has a lower proportion of terraced properties compared to all of Northern Ireland.
- In 2008/09, there were 845 new planning applications submitted for the North Down area.

Crime

- Compared to the Northern Ireland average, North Down has a lower overall crime rate, lower rates of violent crime, burglary, theft, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

Poverty

- North Down has the lowest proportion of people (3%) living in the most deprived Super Output Areas in Northern Ireland.
- A lower proportion of people living in North Down are in claiming income support, the Constituency with the lowest proportion.
- A slightly lower proportion of people living in North Down are in claiming housing benefit, the Constituency with the 3rd lowest proportion.

2010 Westminster Election Results

- 60,698 people eligible to vote, the turnout of 55.2% turnout was comparable to the Northern Ireland turnout of 56.7%.
- Independent candidate Sylvia Hermon won the North Down seat.

2007 Assembly Election Results

- 57,525 people were eligible to vote, the turnout at 53.4% turnout was lower than NI average of 62.3%.
- The DUP and UUP won 2 seats each while Alliance and the Green Party won one seat each.

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1. DEMOGRAPHICS

This section presents information on the population size, community background and age profile of those living in North Down.

Population Size

As at June 2008, an estimated 89,123 people live in North Down, representing 5.0% of the Northern Ireland population (*Source: Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, Mid-Year Estimates*).

North Down is the Constituency with the 5th lowest population.

Community Background

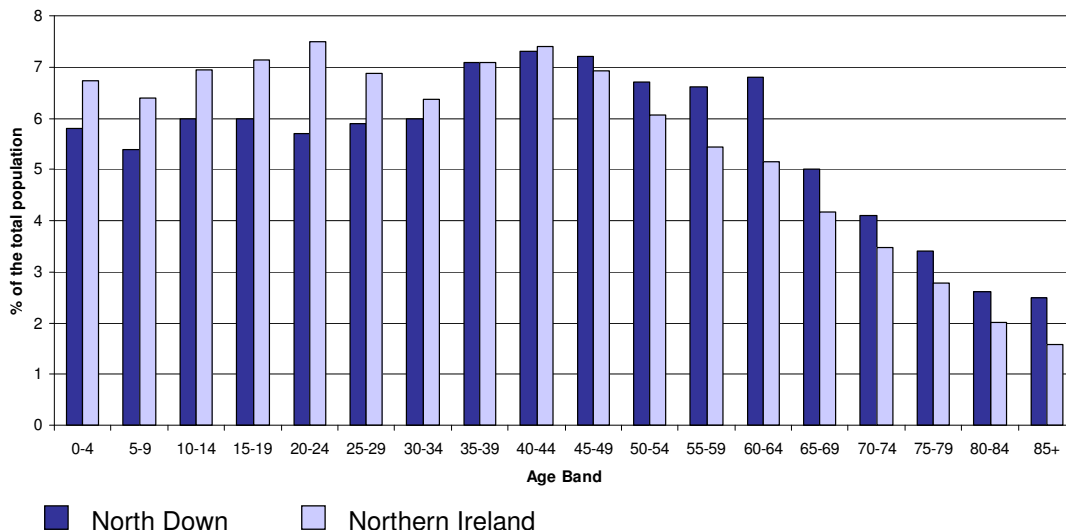
The majority (81.6%) of people living in North Down are of Protestant community background. One in ten (11.7%) people living in North Down are of Catholic community background. The remainder are of other or no community background (*Source: NISRA, Census 2001*).

Age profile of North Down

North Down has an older age profile than that of Northern Ireland. North Down has a lower proportion of people aged under 16 (18.3% vs. 21.5%) and a higher proportion aged 60 and over (24.4% vs. 19.2%) than all of Northern Ireland.

North Down is the Constituency with the 3rd lowest proportion of people aged under 16 and the highest proportion of people aged 60 and over.

Chart 1: Age Profile of the population in 5 year age bands, June 2008



Source: NISRA (Mid-Year Estimates)

2. HEALTH

This section presents information on a wide range of key indicators of health. These are:

- Life Expectancy of males and females (page 8);
- Standardised Death Rates due to Cancer, Respiratory Disease, Circulatory Disease (page 10);
- Deaths due to Suicide and Undetermined Intent (page 13);
- Cancer Diagnoses (page 14);
- Hospital Admissions due to Self Harm (page 15);
- Mood and Anxiety Disorder Prescriptions (page 16);
- Disability-related Benefit Recipients (page 17);
- Births to teenage mothers (page 18) and
- The prevalence of disease as reported through the Quality Outcomes Framework (page 20):
 - Coronary Heart Disease
 - Heart Failure
 - Stroke
 - Hypertension
 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
 - Hypothyroid
 - Cancer
 - Mental Health
 - Asthma
 - Dementia
 - Atrial Fibrillation
 - Obesity
 - Diabetes Mellitus
 - Epilepsy
 - Chronic Kidney Disease
 - Learning Disabilities

Life Expectancy of males

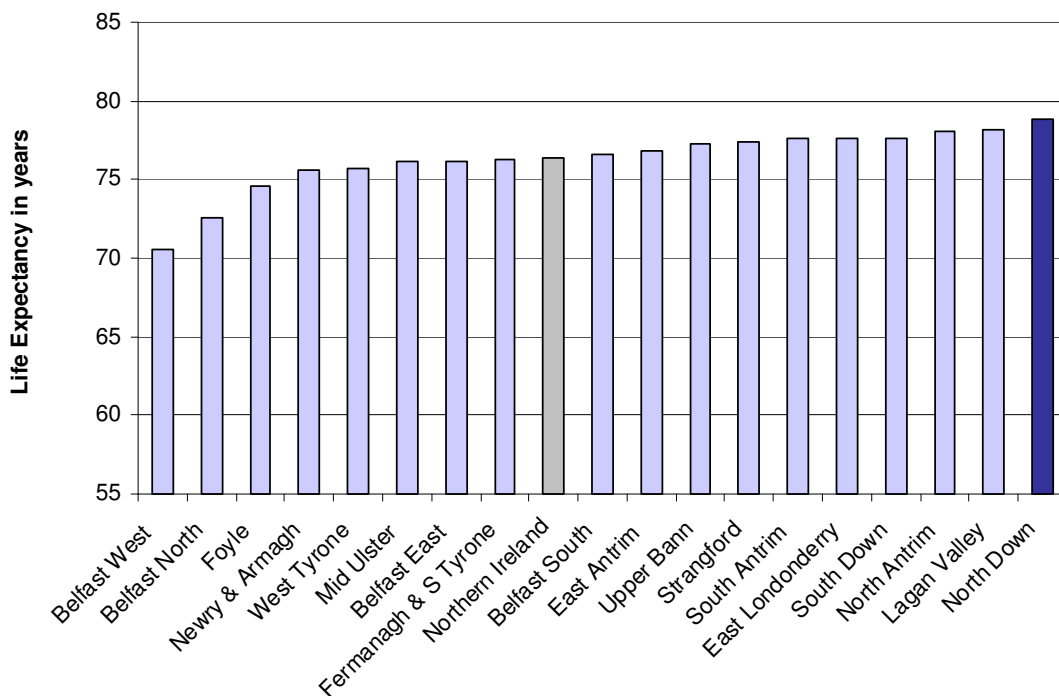
The life expectancy¹ of males (2006-2008) living in North Down is estimated to be 78.9 years.

The life expectancy of males living in North Down is slightly higher than that of all Northern Ireland males which stands at 76.4 years.

North Down is the Constituency with the highest male life expectancy.

The life expectancy of males is lowest in the wards of Ballyholme, Dufferin and Silverstream where it is less than 75 years and highest in the ward of Craigavad where it is greater than 85 years.²

Chart 2: Life expectancy of males, 2006-2008



Source: Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NISRA, NINIS), (Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS))

¹ Calculated using the no. of deaths (General Register Office) and mid-year estimates (NISRA).

² Ward level data is presented using ranges as the small number of deaths at various age groups does not support robust calculation of an exact life expectancy value at this geographic level.

Life Expectancy of Females

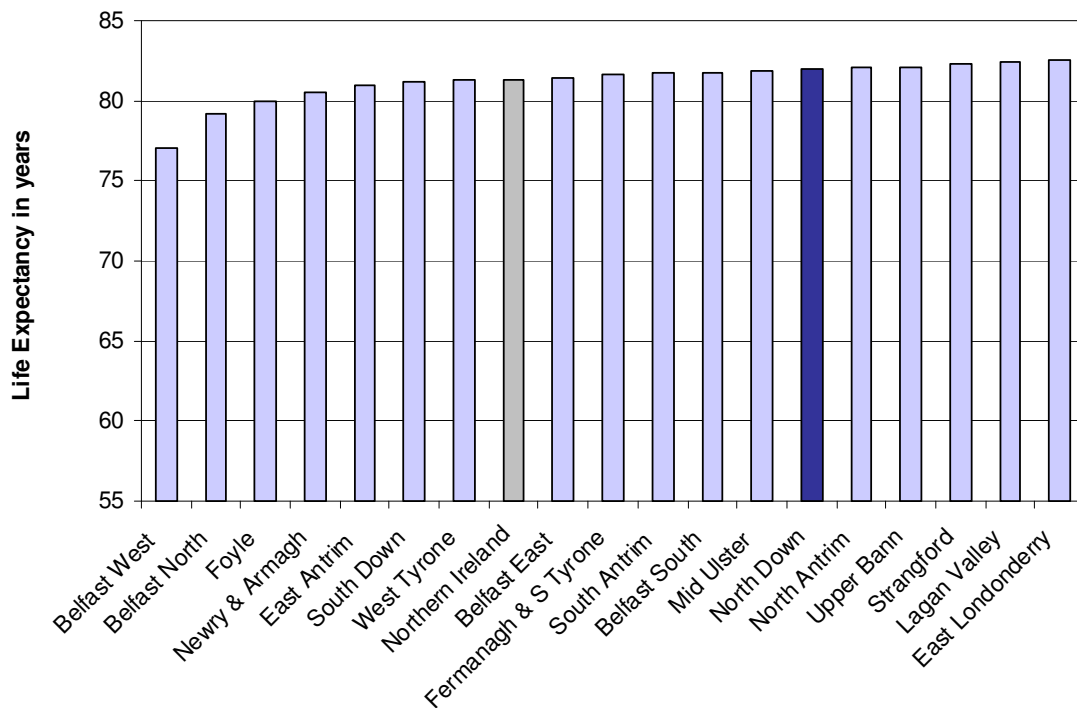
The life expectancy³ of females (2006-2008) living in North Down is estimated to be 82.0 years.

As with males, there is little difference in the life expectancy of females living in North Down and that of all Northern Ireland females which stands at 81.3 years.

North Down is the Constituency with the 6th highest female life expectancy.

The life expectancy of females is lowest in the ward of Ballycrochan where it is less than 75 years and highest in the wards of Bloomfield, Broadway, Bryansburn, Harbour, Holywood Demesne, Rathgael and Springhill where it is greater than 85 years.⁴

Chart 3: Life expectancy of females, 2006-2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (DHSSPS)

³ Calculated using the no. of deaths (General Register Office) and mid-year estimates (NISRA).

⁴ Ward level data is presented using ranges as the small number of deaths at various age groups does not support robust calculation of an exact life expectancy value at this geographic level.

Standardised Death Rates

The standardised death rates⁵ due to cancer, respiratory disease and circulatory disease are presented here. Standardisation allows for comparison between Constituencies having taken characteristics of the populations into account i.e. age and sex profiles.

Standardised Death Rates due to Cancer

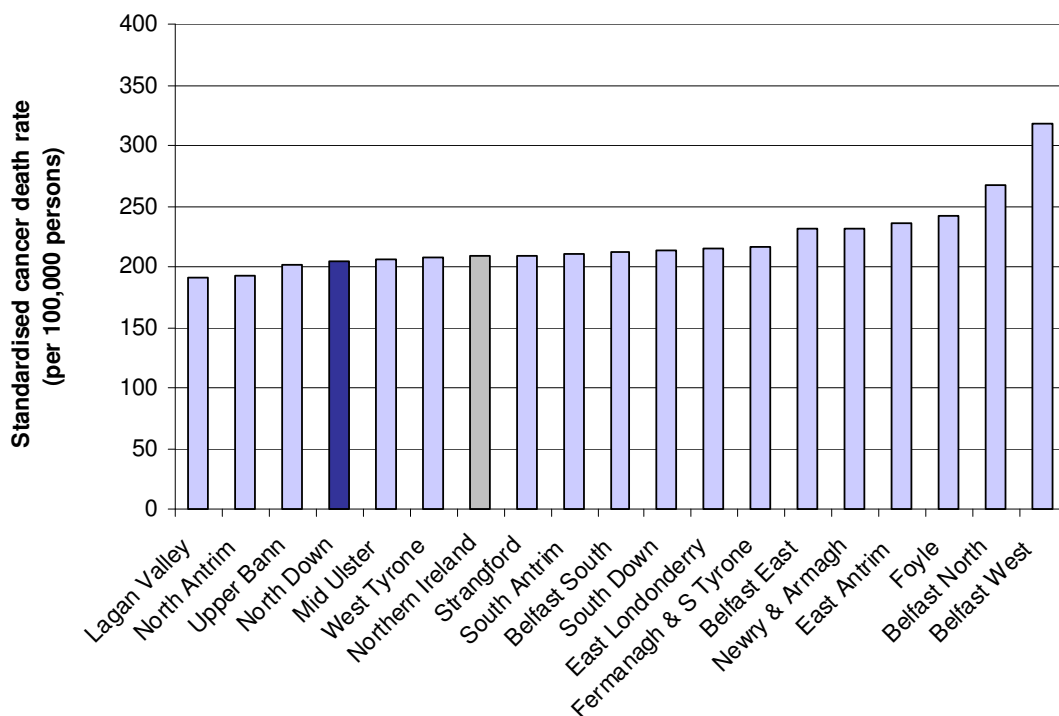
The standardised death rate due to cancer in North Down is 204 per 100,000 persons.

The death rate due to cancer in North Down is lower than the Northern Ireland of 208 per 100,000 persons.

North Down is the Constituency with the 4th lowest death rate due to cancer.

Information on death rates due to cancer is not available at ward level.

Chart 4: Standardised death rates due to Cancer per 100,000 persons by Constituency, 2004-2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (General Register Office (GRO))

⁵ Rates are based on the number of deaths provided by the General Register Office and 2004 - 2008 Mid-Year Estimates provided by NISRA.

Standardised Death Rates due to Respiratory Disease

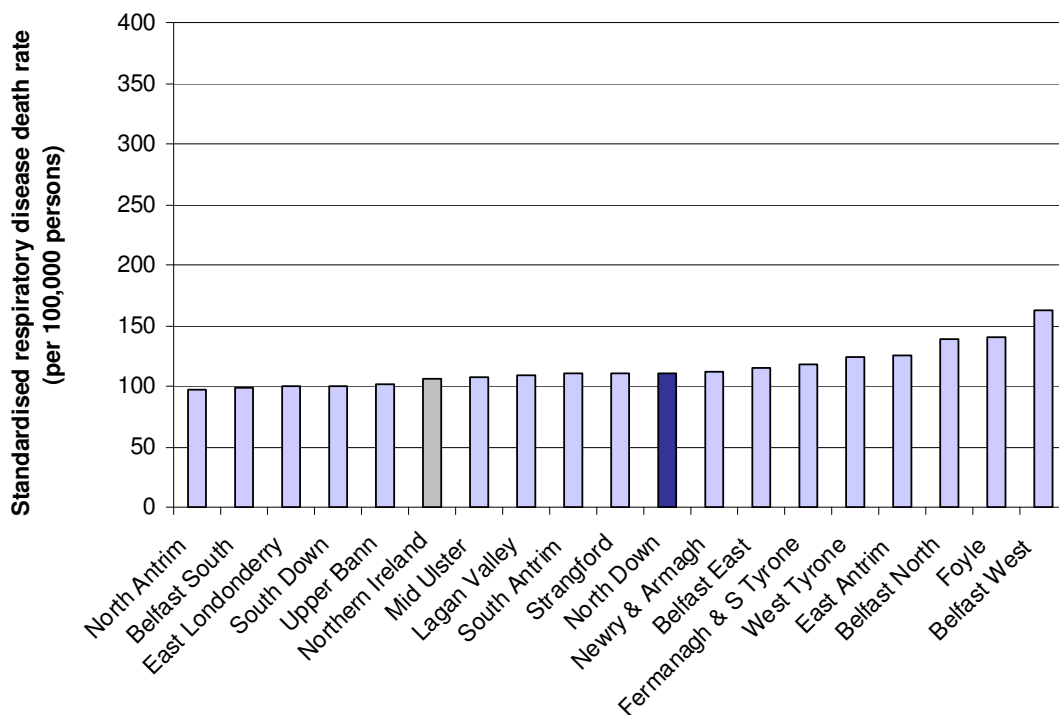
The standardised death rate due to respiratory disease in North Down is 111 per 100,000 persons.

The death rate due to respiratory disease in North Down is higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 106 per 100,000 persons.

North Down is the Constituency with the 9th highest death rate due to respiratory disease.

Information on death rates due to respiratory disease is not available at ward level.

Chart 5: Standardised Death rates due to Respiratory Disease per 100,000 persons by Constituency, 2004-2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (GRO)

Standardised Death Rates due to Circulatory Disease

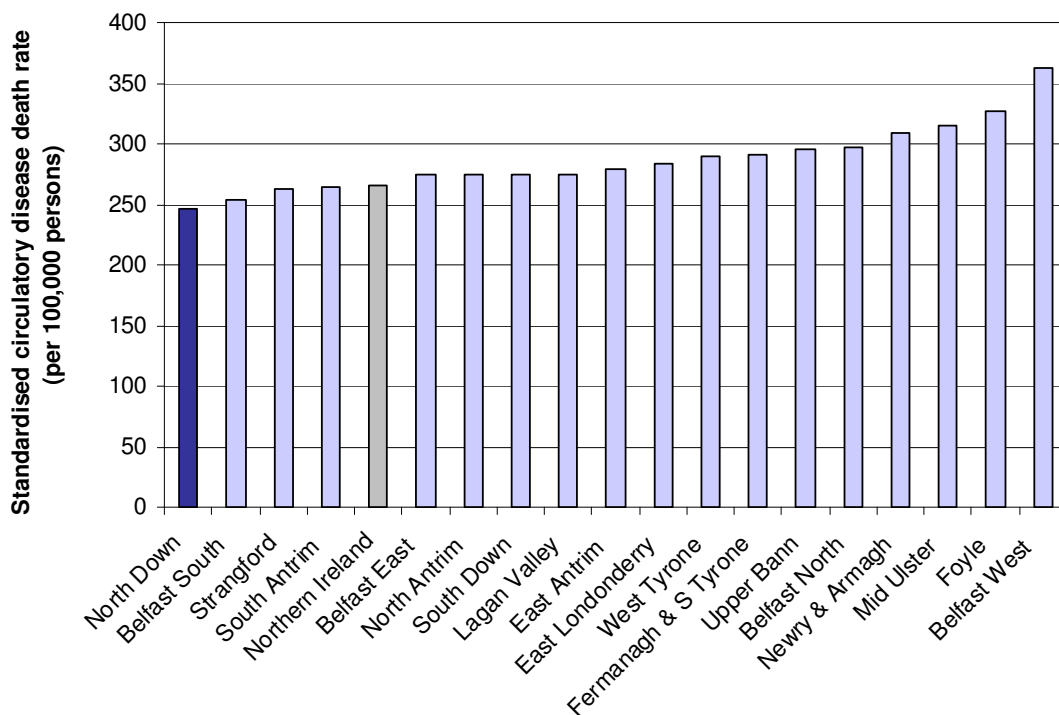
The standardised death rate due to circulatory disease in North Down is 246 per 100,000 persons.

The death rate due to circulatory disease is much lower in North Down than the Northern Ireland rate of 266 per 100,000 persons.

North Down is the Constituency with the lowest death rate due to circulatory disease.

Information on death rates due to circulatory disease is not available at ward level.

Chart 6: Standardised death rates due to Circulatory Disease per 100,000 persons by Constituency, 2004-2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (GRO)

Deaths due to Suicide and Undetermined Intent

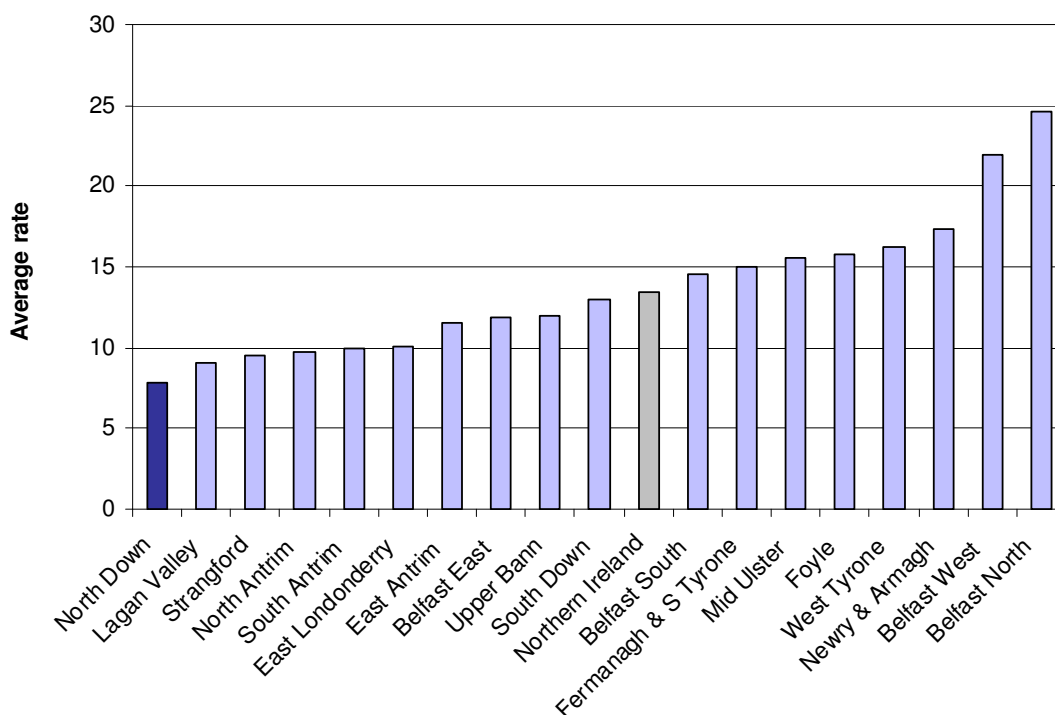
During the period 2004-2008, there were 35 deaths as a result of suicide and undetermined intent⁶⁷ in North Down. This equates to an average rate⁸ of 8 per 100,000 persons per annum.

The average death rate due to suicide and undetermined intent is lower for North Down than the Northern Ireland rate of 13 per 100,000 persons.

North Down is the Constituency with the lowest death rate due to suicide and undetermined intent.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 7: Average death rate due to suicide and undetermined intent per 100,000 persons by Constituency, 2004-2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (GRO)

⁶ The information is aggregated data from the GRO death files, which are gathered when deaths are registered at the Registrar's Office.

⁷ Death where the intention of the victim is not clear.

⁸ Rate calculated using 2006 mid-year estimates provided by NISRA.

Cancer Diagnoses

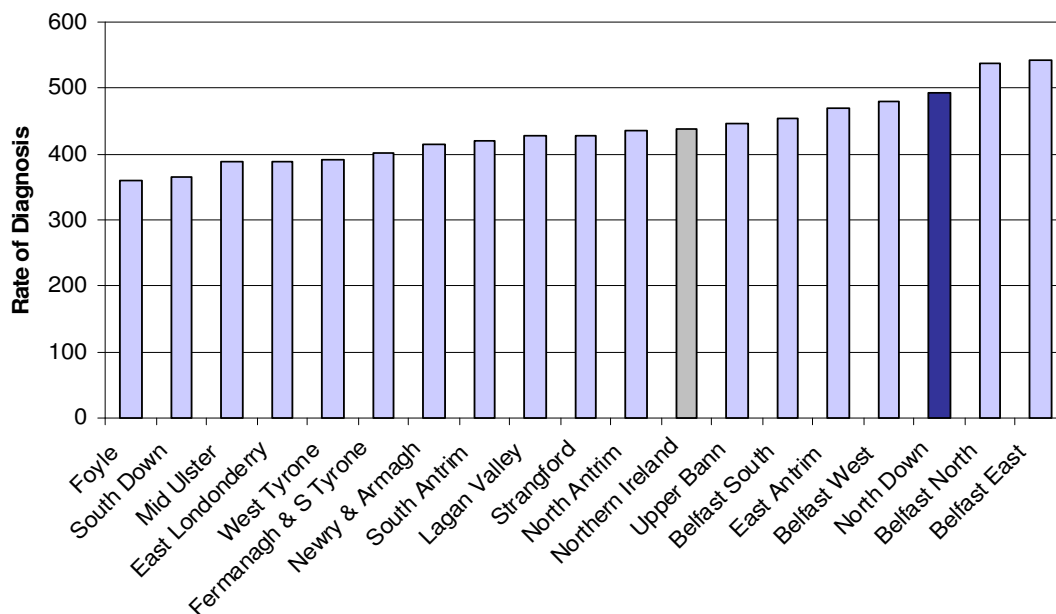
In 2007, there were 438 new incidences of cancer^{9,10} diagnosed for North Down. This equates to a rate¹¹ of 493 per 100,000 persons.

The rate of cancer diagnosis was higher for North Down than the Northern Ireland rate of 439 per 100,000 persons.

North Down was the Constituency with the 3rd highest rate of cancer diagnosis in Northern Ireland.

During the period 2003-2007, the average rate¹² of cancer diagnosis per 100,000 persons was lowest in the wards of Ballycrochan (210), Clandeboye (248) and Ballymagee (283) and highest in the wards of Springhill (748), Princetown (718) and Churchill (699).

Chart 8: Rate of diagnosis of all cancers per 100,000 persons by Constituency (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer), 2007



Source: NISRA, NINIS, Northern Ireland Cancer Registry (calculated by DHSSPS)

⁹ Excluding non-melanoma skin cancer.

¹⁰ Data on cancer incidence are available from multiple sources, primarily pathological records, hospital discharges and death registrations from the General Registrar Office (GRO). This data is captured electronically, collated and quality assured on a regular basis to provide a population-based registry of cancer incidence for Northern Ireland. Tumour details are collected on cancer diagnoses according to the International Classification of Diseases, tenth revision (ICD10).

¹¹ Rate calculated using 2007 mid-year estimates provided by NISRA.

¹² Ward Rates calculated using 2005 mid-year estimates provided by NISRA.

Hospital Admissions due to Self Harm

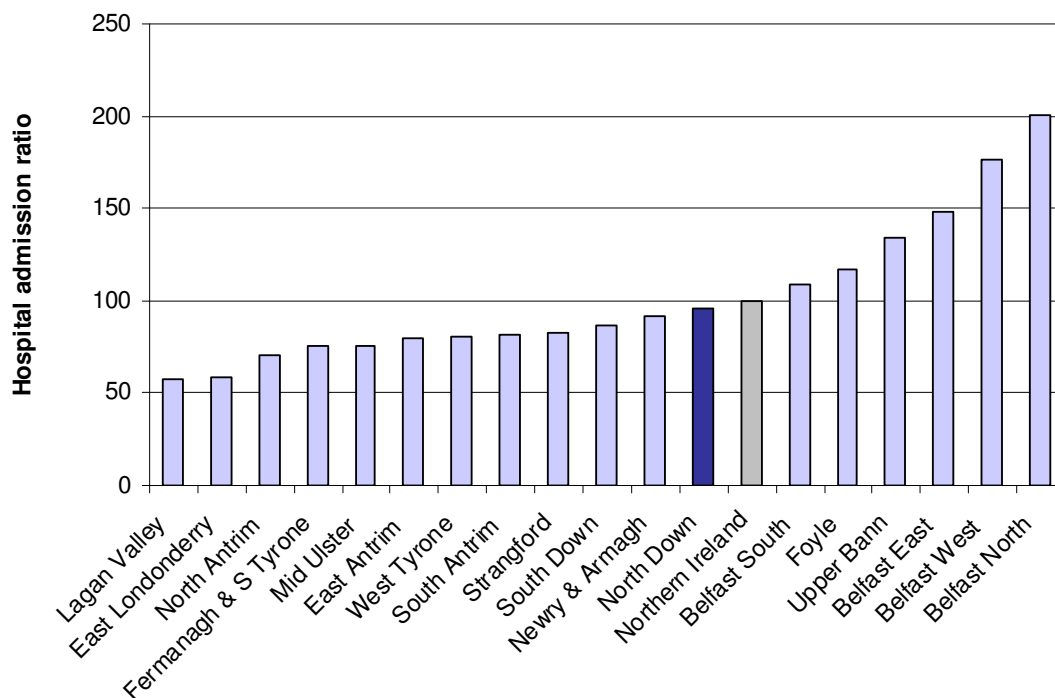
For the period 2005-2009, the standardised hospital admission ratio for self harm¹³ in North Down stood at 96. Ratios are calculated to allow comparison of areas or groups to the NI average which is set to 100.

The standardised hospital admission ratio for self harm is lower in North Down than the Northern Ireland ratio of 100. While this is true for males (76 compared to 100), females in North Down had a higher standardised hospital admission ratio for self harm (117 compared to 100).

North Down is the Constituency with the 7th highest standardised hospital admission ratio for self harm.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 9: Standardised hospital admission ratio for self harm by Constituency, 2005-2009



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Northern Ireland Hospitals Patients Administration System, DHSSPS)

¹³ The data is based upon the number of admissions due to self-harm provided by the Hospital Information Branch.

Mood and Anxiety Disorder Prescriptions

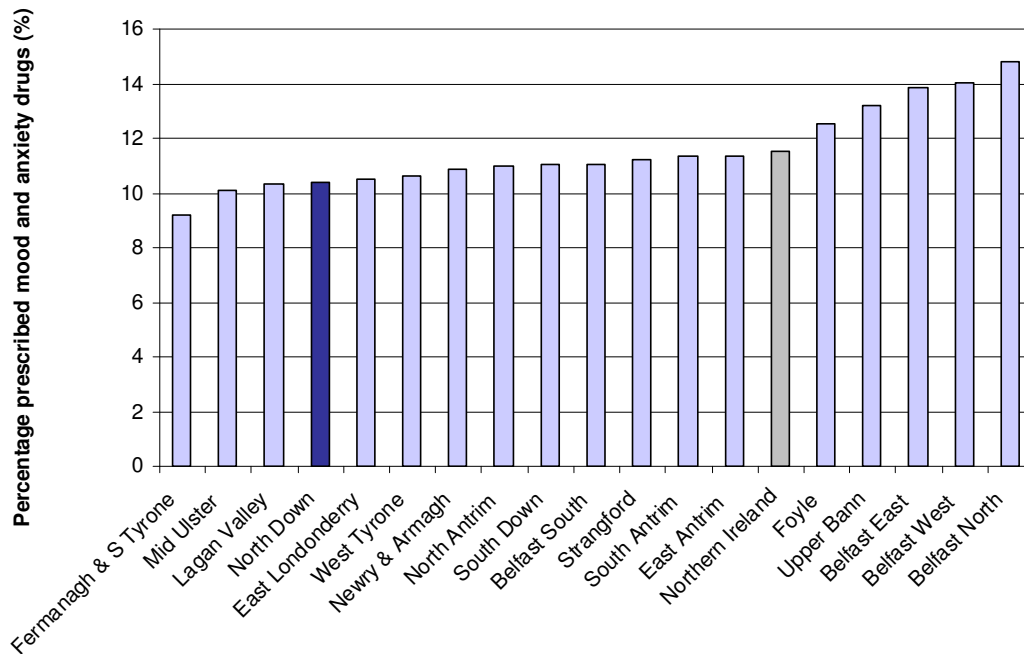
As at April 2008, an estimated 10.4% of people in North Down were on prescribed drugs for mood and anxiety disorders.¹⁴

There was little difference in the proportion of people in North Down estimated to be on prescribed drugs for mood and anxiety disorders and the Northern Ireland estimate of 11.5%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 4th lowest proportion of people estimated to be on prescribed drugs for mood and anxiety disorders.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 10: Estimated Proportion of people on prescribed drugs for Mood and Anxiety Disorders by Constituency, April 2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (GP practice prescription data for anxiolytic and anti-depressant drugs, DHSSPS)

¹⁴ The number of individuals suffering from mood or anxiety disorders is estimated using prescription data by GP practice for anxiolytic and anti-depressant drugs. This data is then attributed to geographical area using the GP practice list.

Disability-related Benefit Recipients

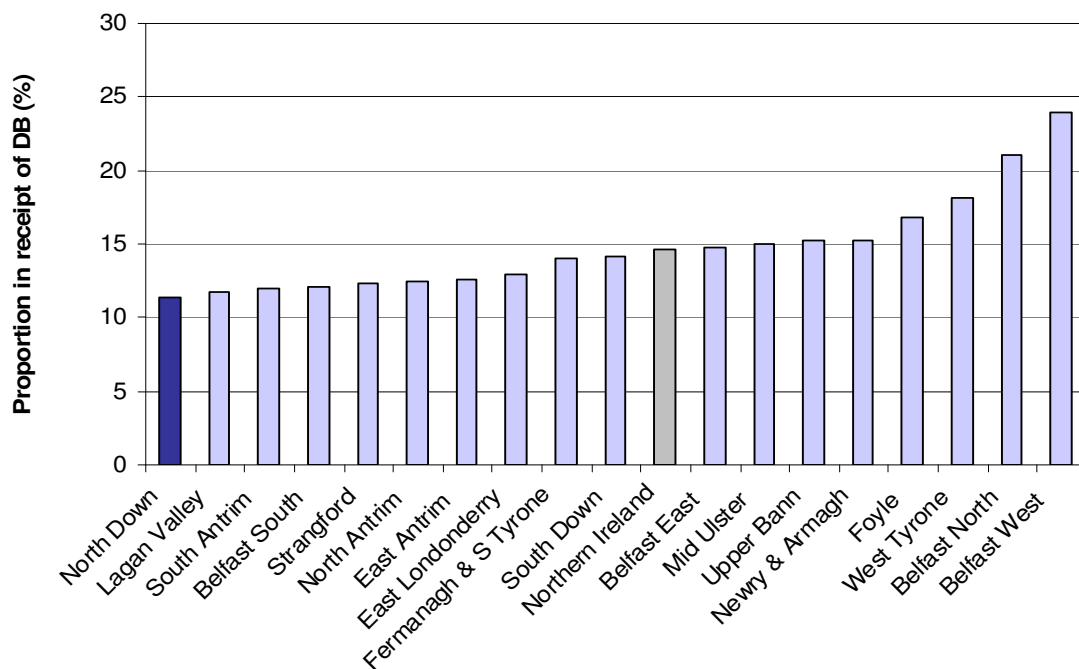
In February 2010, there were 10,164 people in North Down receipt of at least one disability-related benefit.¹⁵ This equates to 11.4% of constituents receiving such benefits.

A lower proportion of people living in North Down were in receipt of disability-related benefits compared to the Northern Ireland figure of 14.6%.

North Down was the Constituency with the lowest proportion of people in receipt of disability-related benefits.

The lowest proportions of people in receipt of disability-related benefits were concentrated in the wards of Cultra (6.7%), Ballyrcochan (7.2%), Crawfordsburn (7.6%) and Holywood Priory (7.6%) and the highest proportions were concentrated in the wards of Dufferin (17.5%), Donaghadee South (16.9%) and Whitehill (16.6%).¹⁶

Chart 11: Proportion of people in receipt of Disability-related Benefits by Constituency, February 2010



Source: NISRA, NINIS, Analytical Services Unit (Department for Social Development (DSD))

¹⁵ The information is aggregated data from IAD 100% scans of Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance data at 1992 ward level.

¹⁶ Ward rates are calculated from total population estimates.

Births to Teenage Mothers

Proportion of all births which are to teenage mothers

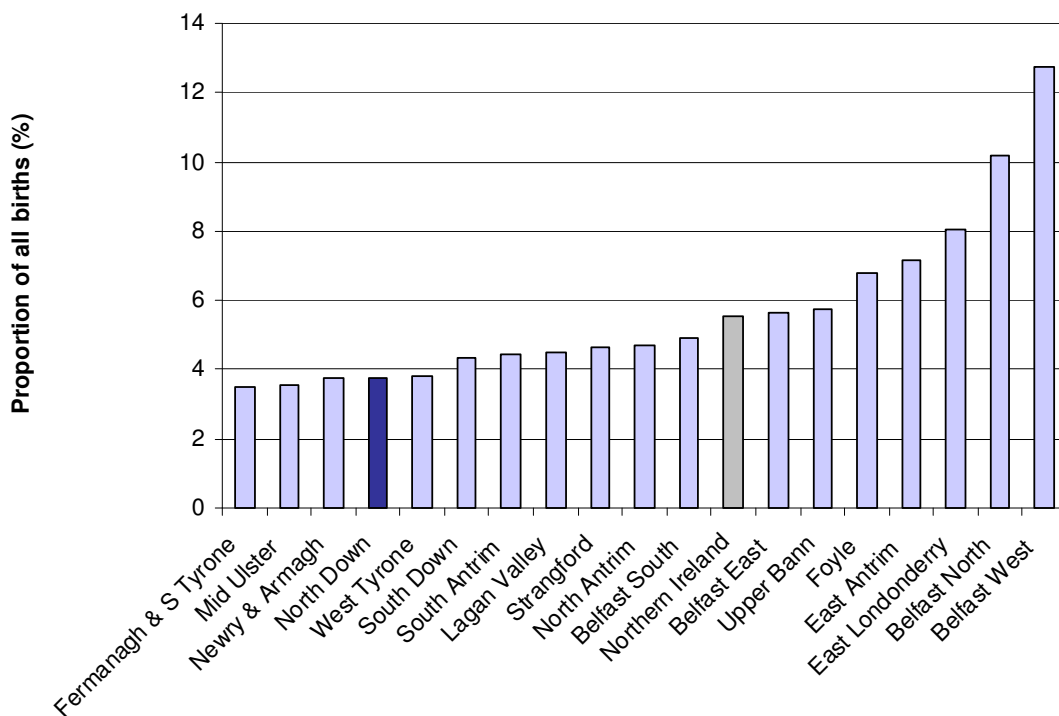
In 2008, there were 42 births to teenage mothers. Births to teenage mothers accounted for 3.8% of all births in North Down, although it is worth noting that this figure is influenced by the number of teenagers in the area and so the teenage birth rate (see over) is more accurate for the purposes of comparison between areas.

A slightly lower proportion of births in North Down were to teenage mothers compared to the Northern Ireland average of 5.6%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 4th lowest proportion of all births which are to teenage mothers.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 12: Proportion of births which are to teenage mothers by Constituency, 2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (GRO)

Teenage Birth rate

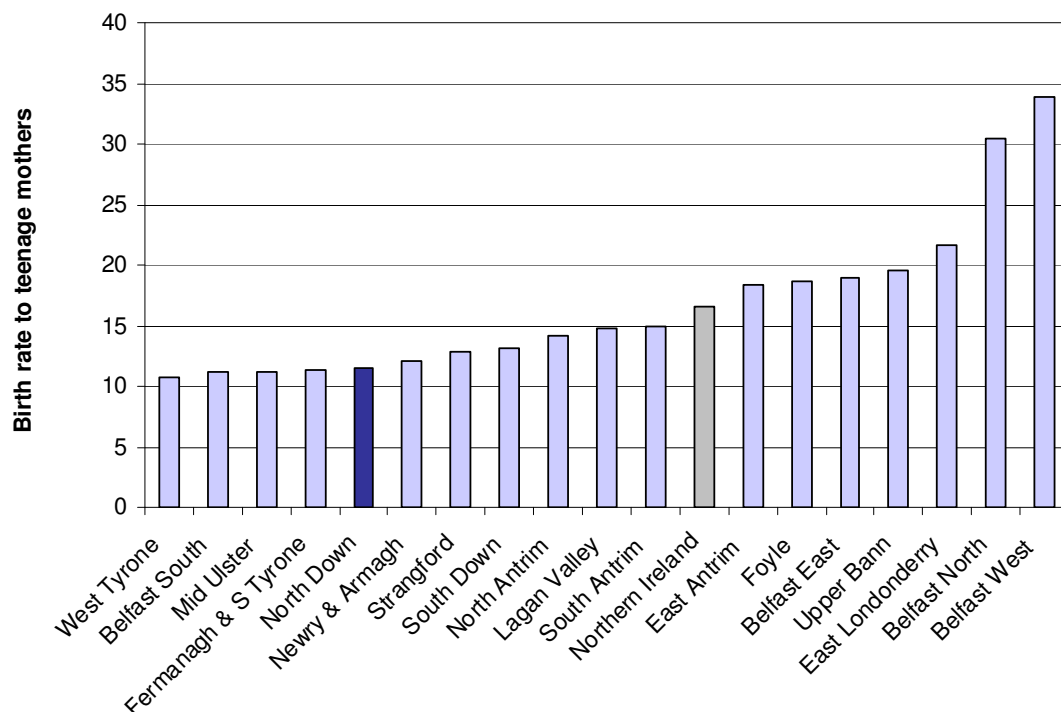
In 2008, the teenage birth rate of North Down stood at 12 per 1,000 female persons aged 13-19 years.

The teenage birth rate was lower for North Down than the overall Northern Ireland rate of 17 per 1,000 female persons aged 13-19.

North Down was the Constituency with the 5th lowest teenage birth rate.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 13: Teenage Birth Rate per 1,000 females aged 13-19 by Constituency, 2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (GRO)

Quality Outcomes Framework – Disease Prevalence

The Quality Outcome Framework (QOF) is a system used to remunerate general practices; disease prevalence data per 1,000 patients is collected and then used within the QOF to deliver a more equitable distribution of payments in the light of different workloads that practices face.¹⁷

As at 31 March 2009, there was a higher prevalence of coronary heart disease, stroke, hypertension and hypothyroid and a lower prevalence of obesity amongst patients whose GP practice is located in the North Down area compared to GP practices across all of Northern Ireland.

Table 1: Disease Prevalence per 1,000 patients as reported through QOF, 2009

	North Down Patients		All Northern Ireland Patients	
	No.	Prevalence	No.	Prevalence
Coronary Heart Disease	4,049	48	75,278	41
All Heart Failure Patients	665	8	13,903	8
Stroke	1,758	21	31,063	17
Hypertension	11,059	130	225,093	122
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1,130	13	29,099	16
Hypothyroid	3,170	37	57,599	31
Cancer	1,196	14	20,741	11
Mental Health	556	7	14,407	8
Asthma	4,799	57	104,527	56
Dementia	715	8	9,971	5
Atrial Fibrillation	1,182	14	23,827	13
Obesity (Patients aged 16+)	6,477	93	165,956	113
Diabetes Mellitus (Patients aged 17+)	3,057	45	65,066	45
Epilepsy (Patients aged 18+)	624	9	13,983	10
Chronic Kidney Disease (patients aged 18+)	2,771	41	55,150	39
Learning Disabilities (Patients aged 18+)	302	4	6,912	5

■ Higher than NI* ■ Lower than NI*

* by more than 3

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Payment Calculation and Analysis System, DHSSPS)

¹⁷ A full set of QOF data tables and explanation of the QOF can be found at http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hss/gp_contracts/gp_contract_qof.htm.

3. EDUCATION

This section presents information on:

- Post-primary pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Need
- The highest qualifications of school leavers and
- Participation in Further and Higher Education.

Statement of Special Educational Needs

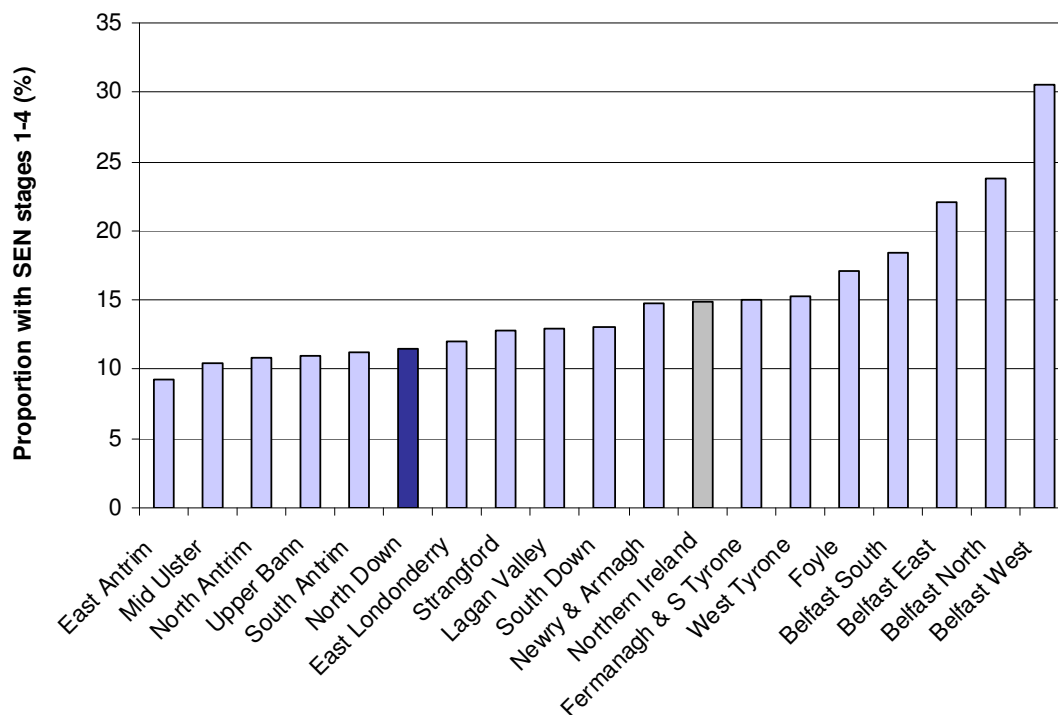
In 2008/09, 11.5% of North Down post-primary pupils had a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) at stages 1-4.

The proportion of post-primary pupils with a SEN at stages 1-4 was lower for North Down than the Northern Ireland proportion of 14.9%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 6th lowest proportion of pupils with a SEN at stages 1-4.

The lowest proportions of pupils with a SEN were concentrated in the wards of Princetown (5.0%), Broadway (5.0%) and Holywood Demesne (7.0%) The highest proportions of pupils with a SEN were concentrated in the wards of Loughview (20.6%), Millisle (18.9%) and Whitehill (18.8%).

Chart 14: Proportion of post-primary pupils with a SEN by Constituency, 2008/09



Source: NISRA, NINIS (School Census, Department of Education (DE))

Highest Qualifications of School Leavers

School leavers achieving at least two A-levels

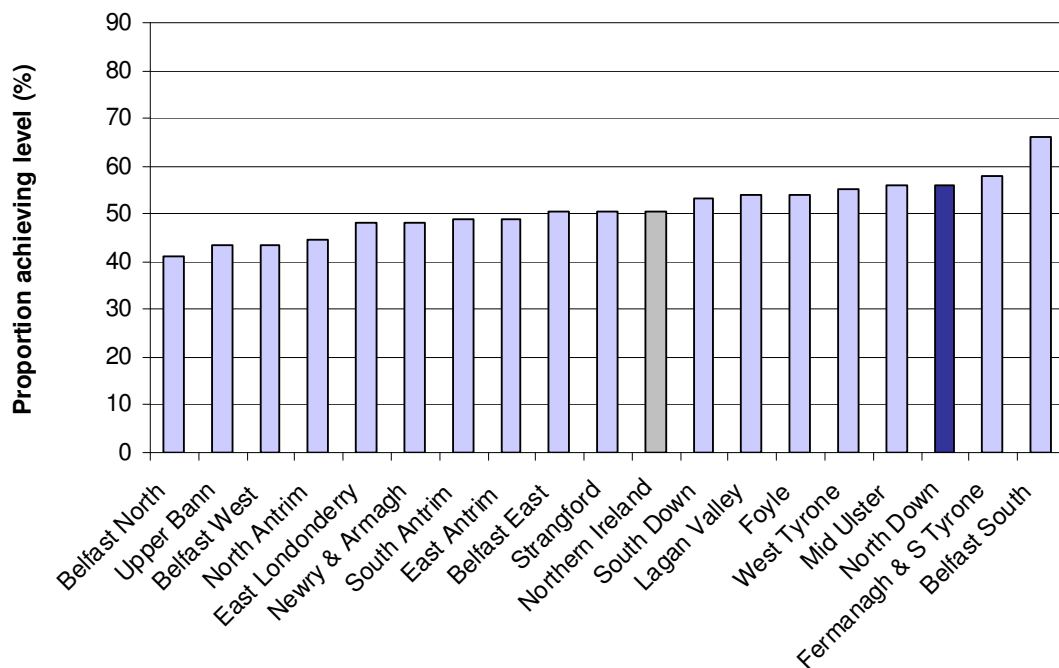
In 2008/09, 56.1% of North Down school leavers achieved at least two A-levels.

A higher proportion of pupils from North Down left school with at least two A-levels when compared to the overall Northern Ireland figure of 50.6%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 3rd highest proportion of school leavers achieving at least two A-levels.

The lowest proportions of school leavers achieving at least two A-levels were concentrated in the wards of Dufferin (12.5%, 3 pupils), Bangor Castle (15.0%, 3 pupils) and Harbour (23.1%, 3 pupils). The highest proportions of school leavers achieving at least two A-levels were concentrated in the wards of Cultra (91.4%), Craigavad (91.2%) and Princetown (88.6%).¹⁸

Chart 15: Proportion of school leavers achieving at least two A-levels by Constituency, 2008/09



Source: NISRA, NINIS (School Leavers Survey, DE)

¹⁸ Note care should be taken in drawing conclusions from these figures due to the low numbers involved.

At least five GCSEs at grades A-C*

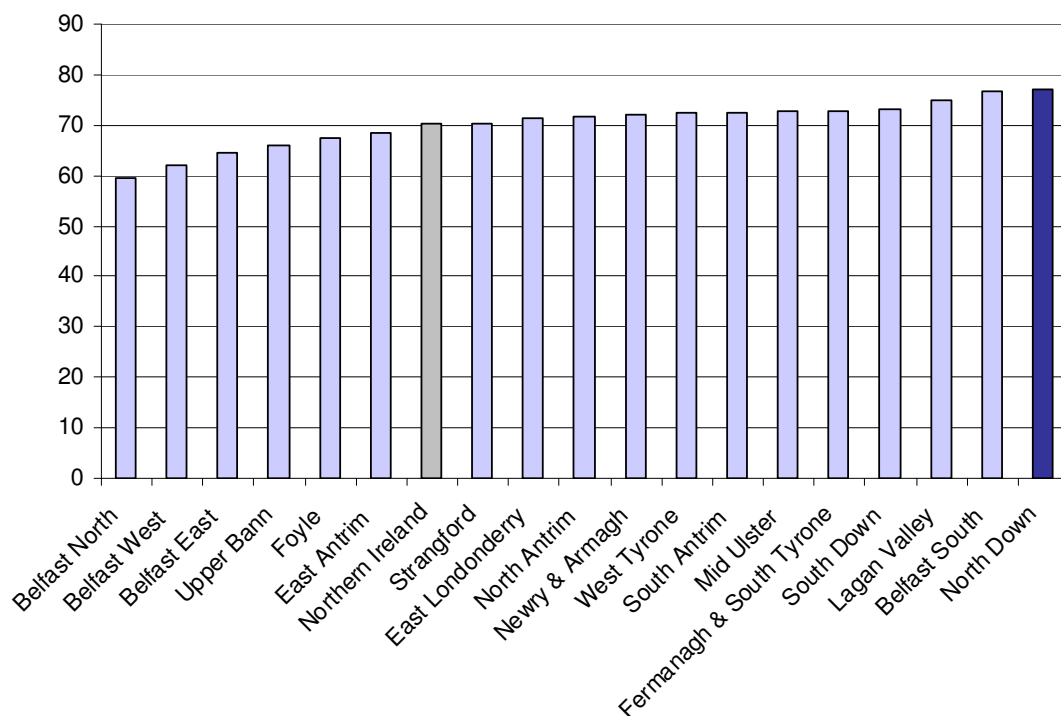
In 2008/09, 77.0% of North Down school leavers achieved at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C.¹⁹

A higher proportion of North Down school leavers achieved at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C as their highest level of attainment compared to the Northern Ireland average of 70.1%.

North Down was the Constituency with the highest proportion of school leavers achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C.

The lowest proportions of school leavers achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C were concentrated in the wards of Loughview (42.9%), Dufferin (58.3%) and Conlig (60.0%). The highest proportions of school leavers achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C were concentrated in the wards of Ballyholme (100.0%), Cultra (97.1%) and Craigavad (97.1%).

Chart 16: Proportion of school leavers achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C by Constituency, 2008/09



Source: NISRA, NINIS (School Leavers Survey, DE)

¹⁹ Note that this figure includes those who left school with at least two A-levels.

Participation in Further Education

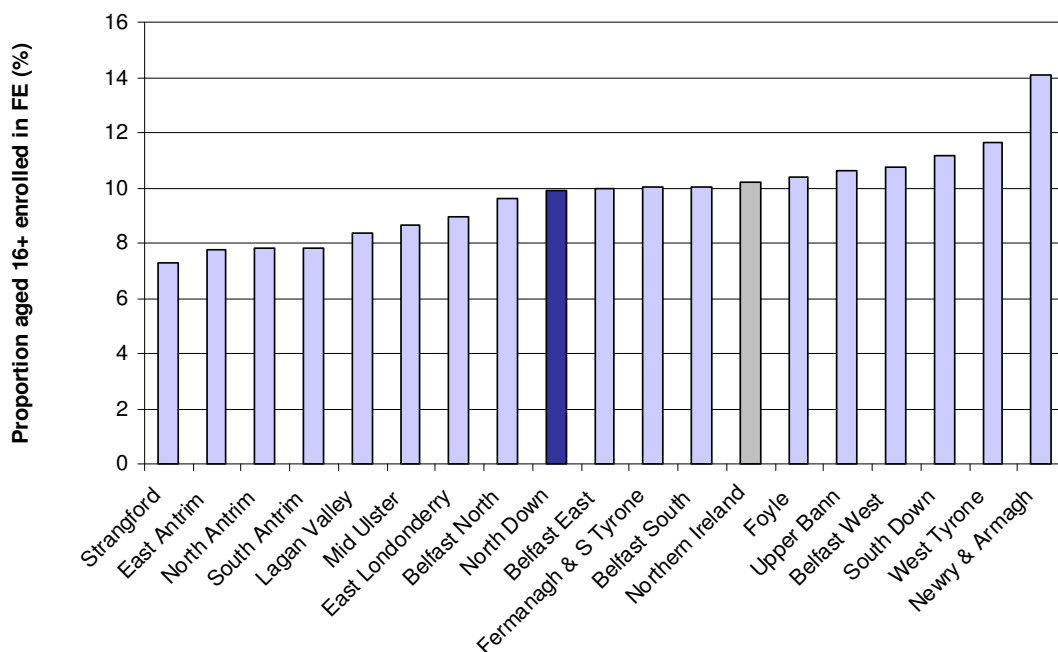
In 2007/08, there were 7,208 students from North Down enrolled in further education.²⁰ This equates to 9.9% of all constituents aged 16 and over being enrolled in further education.

There was little difference in the proportion of people aged 16 and over from North Down who are enrolled in further education and the Northern Ireland figure of 10.2%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 9th lowest proportion of people aged 16 and over enrolled in further education.

Further education participation rates were lowest in the wards of Crawfordsburn (5.9%), Holywood Priory (6.3%) and Craigavad (6.6%) and highest in the wards of Harbour (13.0%), Ballycrochan (9.7%) and Clandeboye (9.3%).

Chart 17: Proportion of those aged 16+ enrolled in FE by Constituency, 2007/08



Source: NISRA, NINIS (FE Enrolment data, Department for Employment and Learning)

Of all North Down students enrolled, 18.7% were full time and 81.3% were part time students, while 54.0% were female and 46.0% were male. In total, 46.3% of those enrolled in further education were aged 26 and over.

²⁰ Further education can be defined as post-secondary education that is distinct from the education offered in universities.

Participation in Higher Education

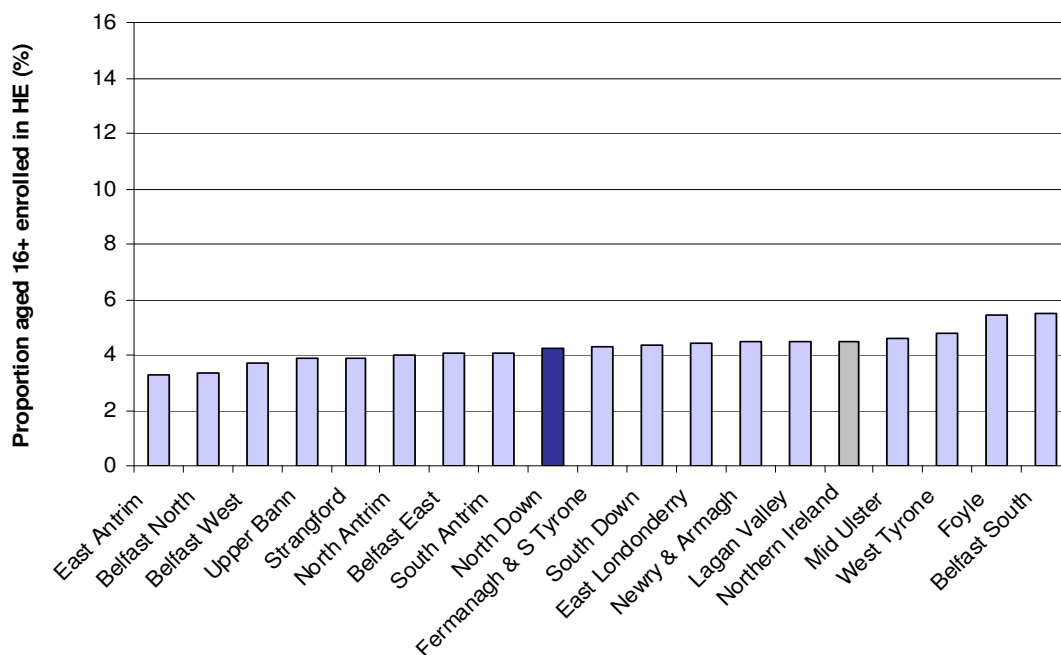
In 2007/08, there were 3,065 students from North Down enrolled in higher education.²¹ This equates to 4.2% of all constituents aged 16 and over being enrolled in higher education.

There was little difference in the proportion of people aged 16 and over from North Down who are enrolled in higher education and the Northern Ireland figure of 4.5%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 9th lowest proportion of people aged 16 and over who are enrolled in higher education.

Participation rates in higher education were lowest in the wards of Donaghadee South (1.4%), Dufferin (1.6%) and Millisle (1.8%) and highest in the wards of Cultra (5.6%), Holywood Priory (5.6%) and Princetown (5.4%).

Chart 18: Proportion of those aged 16+ enrolled in HE by Constituency, 2007/08



Source: NISRA, NINIS (HE Enrolment data, DEL)

Of all North Down students enrolled, 72.4% were full time and 27.6% were part time students, while 56.1% were female and 43.9% were male. In total, 30.2% of those enrolled in higher education were aged 25 and over.

²¹ Higher education can be defined as education at a higher level than secondary school, usually provided in universities.

4. THE ECONOMY

This section presents information on financial assistance provided by Invest NI as well as information on those completing and subsequently being offered financial assistance through its Start a Business Programme.

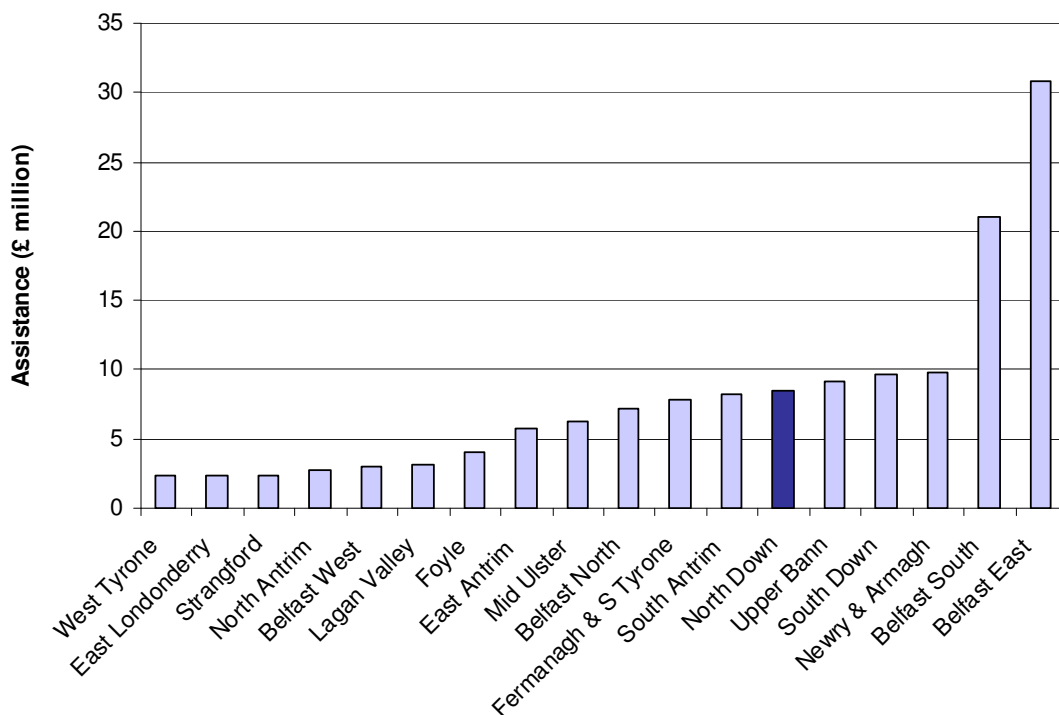
Invest NI Assistance

In 2008/09, Invest NI provided £8.5 million in financial assistance to companies in North Down, accounting for 5.9% of all assistance provided in Northern Ireland during that period.

North Down was the Constituency that received 6th highest amount of assistance in 2008/09.

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Chart 19: Invest NI assistance provided in £m by Constituency, 2008/09



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Invest NI)

Start a Business Programme

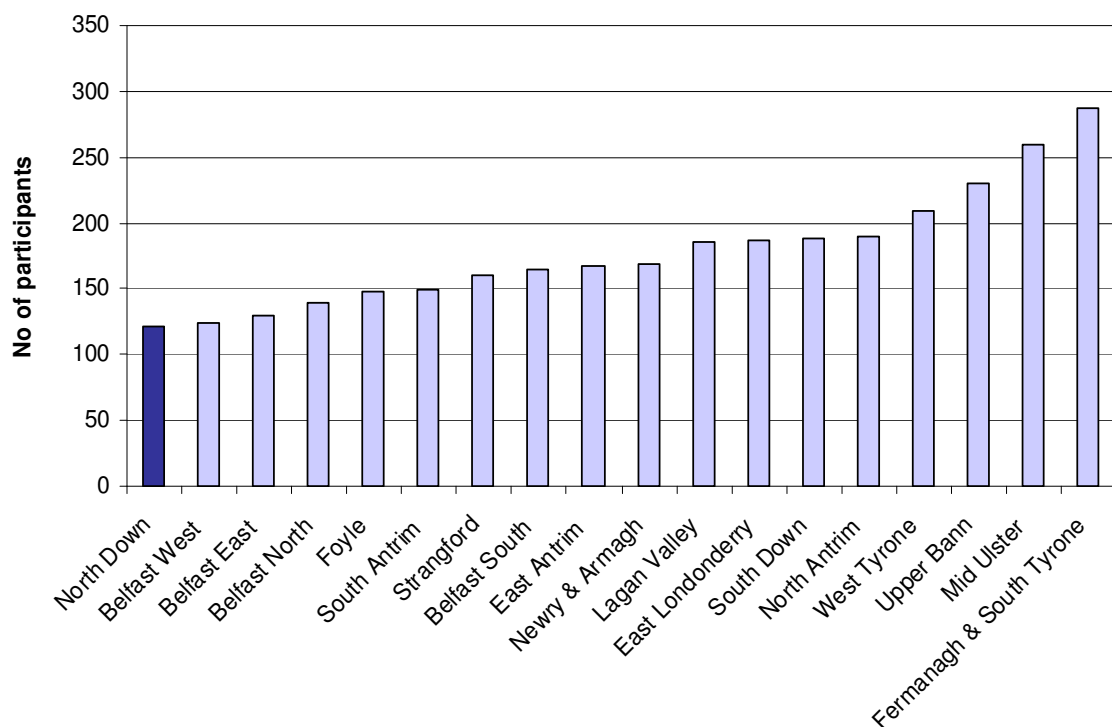
Participation in the Start a Business Programme

In 2008/09, 121 people from North Down completed the Invest NI Start a Business Programme.

North Down was the Constituency with the lowest number of people completing this programme.

No-one from the ward of Bryansburn participated in the training. One person from Rathgael and two people from the wards of Donaghadee North, Donaghadee South, Clandeboye, Craigavad, Groomsport, Holywood Priory, Princetown and Whitehill. The highest numbers of participants came from the wards of Ballyholme (12), Spring Hill (9), Silversstream (8) and Millisle (8).

Chart 20: Number of Invest NI Start a Business Programme participants by Constituency, 2008/09



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Invest NI)

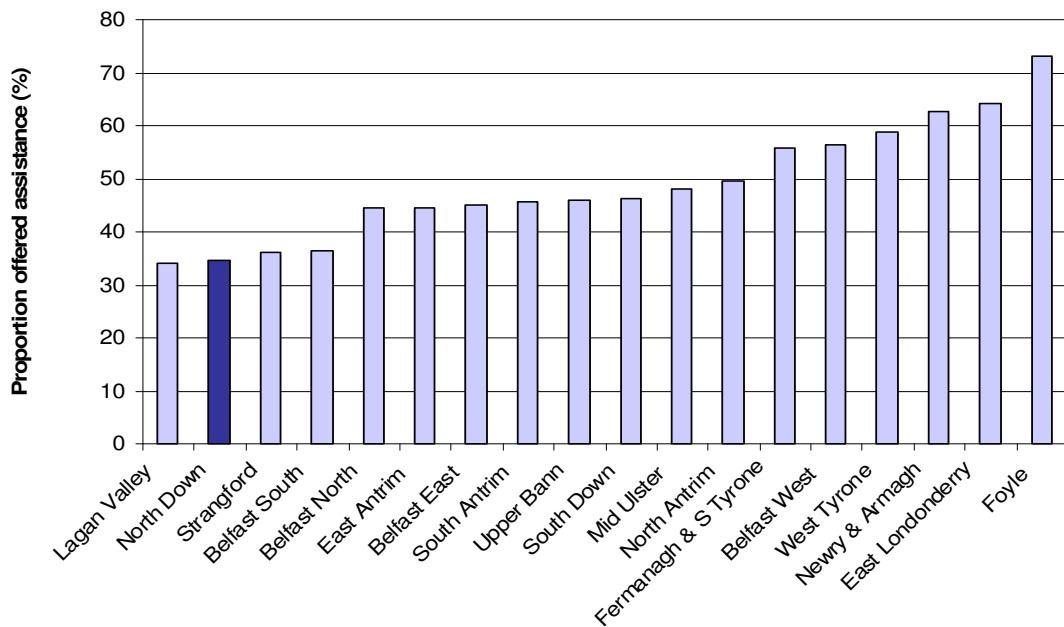
Financial Assistance offered to those who completed the Start a Business programme

Of those who did complete the training, 42 people (34.7% of participants) from North Down were subsequently offered financial assistance.

A lower proportion of North Down participants were subsequently offered financial assistance compared to the Northern Ireland figure of 49.3%.

North Down was ranked 2nd lowest in terms of the proportion of participants who were offered financial assistance.

Chart 21: Proportion of Invest NI Start a Business Programme participants who were offered financial assistance by Constituency, 2008/09



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Invest NI)

5. EMPLOYMENT

This section presents information on the number of employee jobs and employee jobs by sector; the number of redundancies in North Down and the unemployment claimant count.

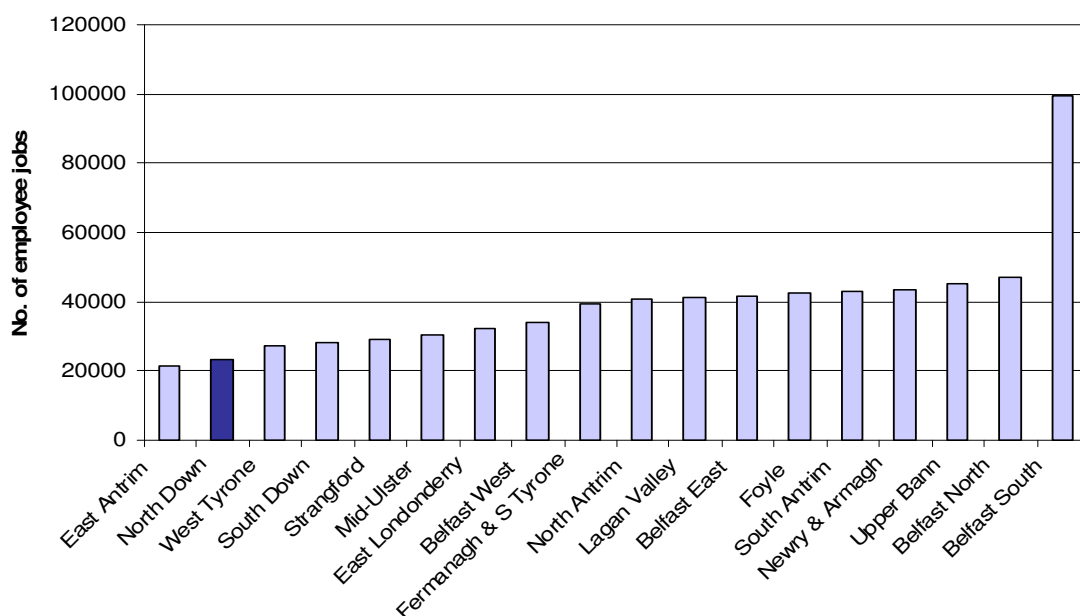
Employee jobs

As at 3 September 2007, there were 23,490 employee jobs²² located in North Down, representing 3.3% of all employee jobs in Northern Ireland.

North Down had the 2nd lowest number of employee jobs located in the Constituency.

The lowest concentrations of employee jobs were in the wards of Spring Hill (114), Ballymagee (119) and Ballymacconnell (142) and the highest concentrations were in Conlig (4,083), Bangor Castle (3,241) and Harbour (2,915) although it is worth noting that these figures are based on job location not home address and so variations between wards will depend on the nature of the ward – rural or residential industrial.

Chart 22: No. of employee jobs by Constituency, September 2007



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Census of Employment, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI))

²² The Census of Employment is conducted every two years by means of a postal enquiry of all NI employers and a full response is sought in order to obtain an accurate count of the number of employee jobs at the Census date. It collects information on employees only (the self-employed are excluded) and counts the number of jobs rather than the number of people in these jobs.

Employee jobs by Sector

In 2007, 88.3% of employee jobs in North Down were in the services sector, 7.0% were in manufacturing and 4.5% were in construction.

A higher proportion of employee jobs in North Down were in services compared to the proportion of all Northern Ireland jobs of 80.6%.

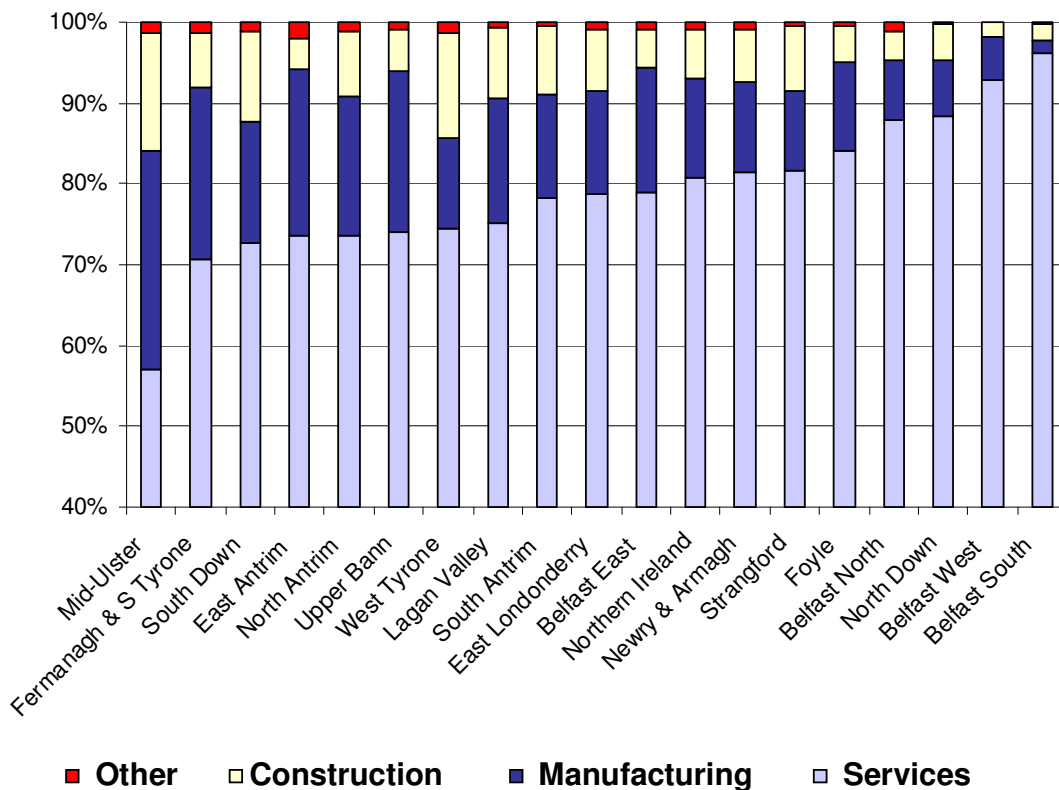
A lower proportion of employee jobs in North Down were in manufacturing compared to the proportion of all Northern Ireland jobs of 12.3%.

A slightly lower proportion of employee jobs in North Down were in construction compared to the proportion of all Northern Ireland jobs of 6.2%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 3rd highest proportion of services jobs, the 3rd lowest proportion of manufacturing jobs and the 5th lowest proportion of construction jobs.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 23: Employee jobs by sector and Constituency, 2007



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Census of Employment, DETI)

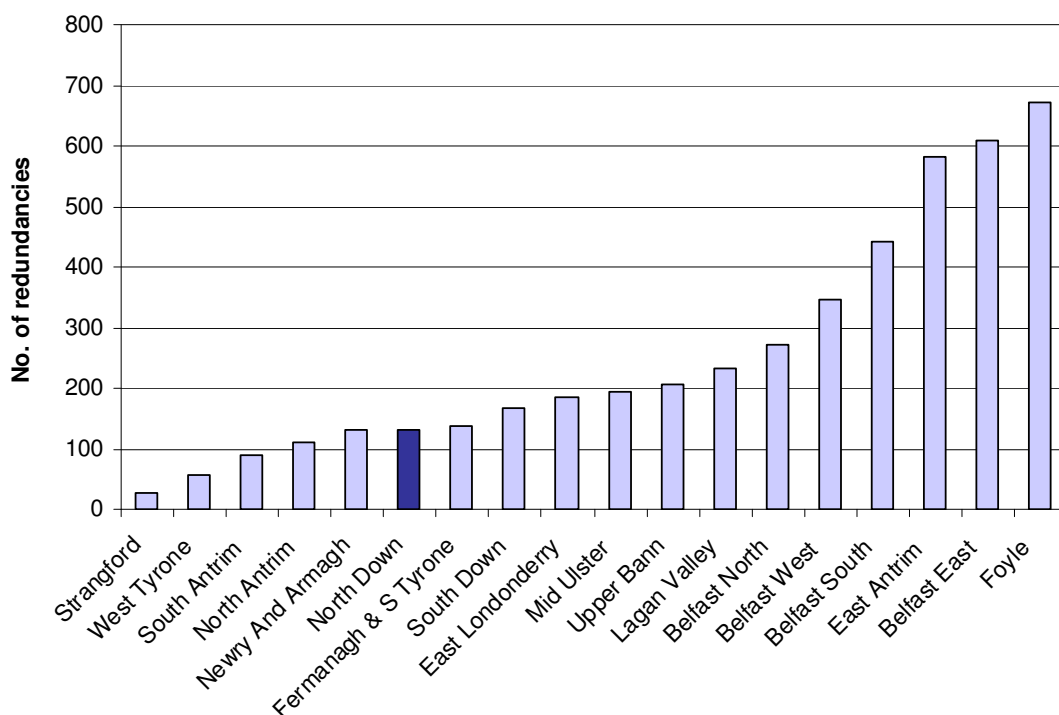
Redundancies

In 2009, there were 130 redundancies²³ in North Down, representing 2.8% of all redundancies made in Northern Ireland (please note that this refers to location of business rather than employee home).

The Constituency of North Down had the 6th lowest number of redundancies in 2009.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 24: No. of redundancies by Constituency, 2009



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Claimant Count Section, DETI)

²³ While the figures provided are likely to be an underestimate of total job losses, it is not possible to quantify the extent of the shortfall. Subject to the criteria mentioned above, employers must notify the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment of (a) redundancies proposed and (b) redundancies confirmed. Since all proposed redundancies do not actually take place, the confirmed total provides a better indication of real job losses. Proposed redundancies are notified to the Department using the Advance Notification - HR1 Form. Redundancies do not necessarily equate to job losses, for example, employees who do not qualify for a redundancy package, those on temporary contracts, will not be incorporated into the redundancy figures.

Unemployment Claimant Count

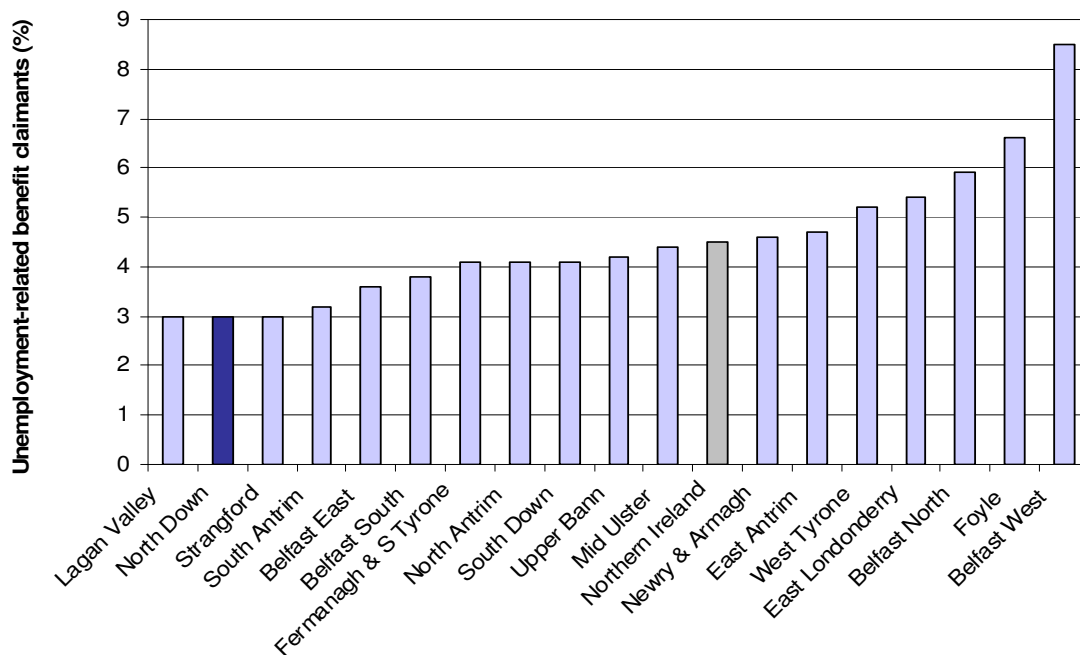
During the period January – December 2009, there were 1,596 people claiming unemployment-related benefits²⁴ in North Down. This equates to 3.0% of all working age constituents claiming such benefits.

The proportion of working age people claiming unemployment-related benefits in North Down was slightly lower than the Northern Ireland figure of 4.5%.

North Down was the Constituency with the joint lowest proportion of working age people claiming such benefits along with Lagan Valley and Strangford.

The proportion of working age people claiming unemployment-related benefits was lowest in the wards of Cultra (1.0%), Craigavad (1.2%) and Holywood Priory (1.2%) and highest in the wards of Harbour (8.4%), Whitehill (6.6%), and Dufferin (6.3%).

Chart 25: Proportion of working age people claiming unemployment-related benefits by Constituency, 2009



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Claimant Count Section, DETI)

²⁴ The Claimant Count records the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits. 'Claimants' include the severely disabled claimants, but exclude students seeking vacation work and the temporarily stopped. The claimant count consists of all people claiming JSA at Jobcentre Plus local offices. They must declare that they are out of work, capable of, available for and actively seeking work during the week in which their claim is made.

6. HOUSING

This section presents information on housing type within North Down as well as information on planning applications and decisions in the area.

Housing type

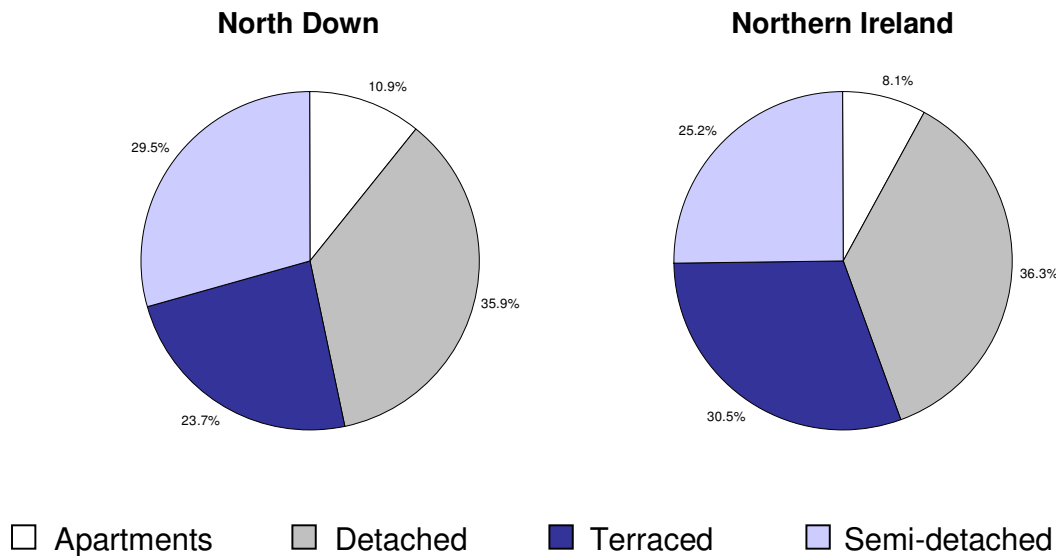
In 2008, there were 38,369 properties in North Down, representing 5.4% of all properties in Northern Ireland.

A slightly higher proportion of properties in North Down were apartments (10.9% vs. 8.1%) or semi-detached (29.5% vs. 25.2%) compared to Northern Ireland as a whole.

A similar proportion of properties in North Down were detached compared to the Northern Ireland figure (35.9% vs. 36.3%), accounting for the highest proportion of properties in the area.

A lower proportion of properties in North Down were terraced compared to the Northern Ireland figure (23.7% vs. 30.5%).

Charts 26 and 27: Housing type, 2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Valuation List, Land and Property Services)

Planning applications and decisions

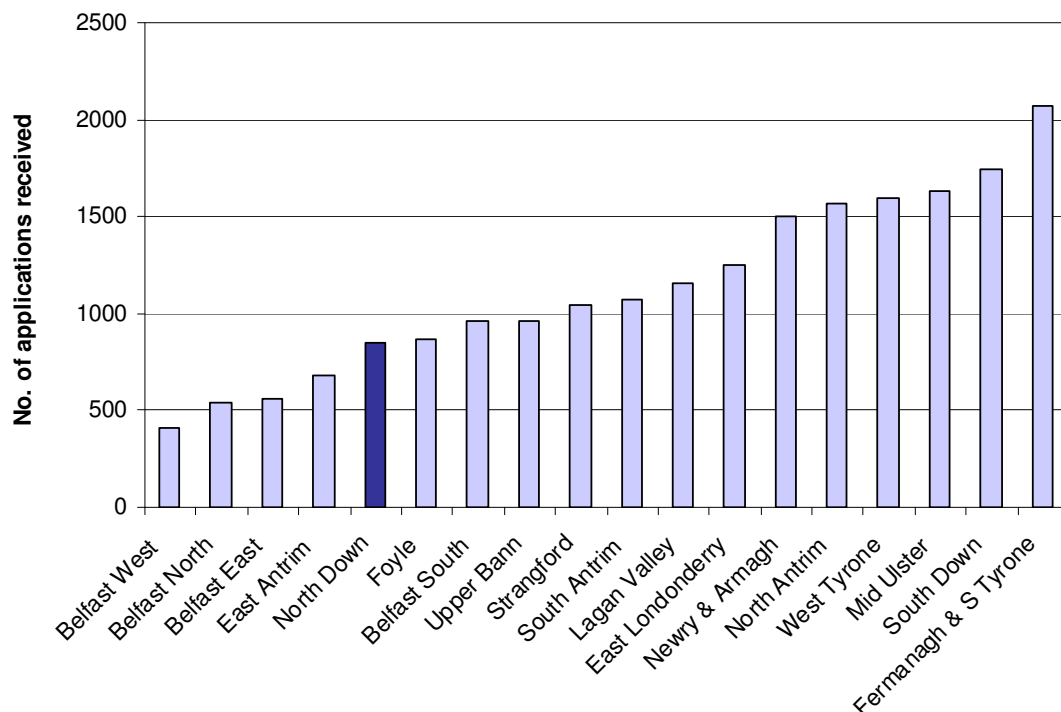
Planning applications

In 2008, there were 845 new planning applications received for the North Down area, representing 4.1% of all applications received in Northern Ireland.²⁵

North Down was the Constituency with the 5th lowest number of planning applications in 2008.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 28: Number of planning applications by Constituency, 2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Planning Service, Department of Environment (DoE))

²⁵ Applications received also include withdrawn applications.

Planning Decisions

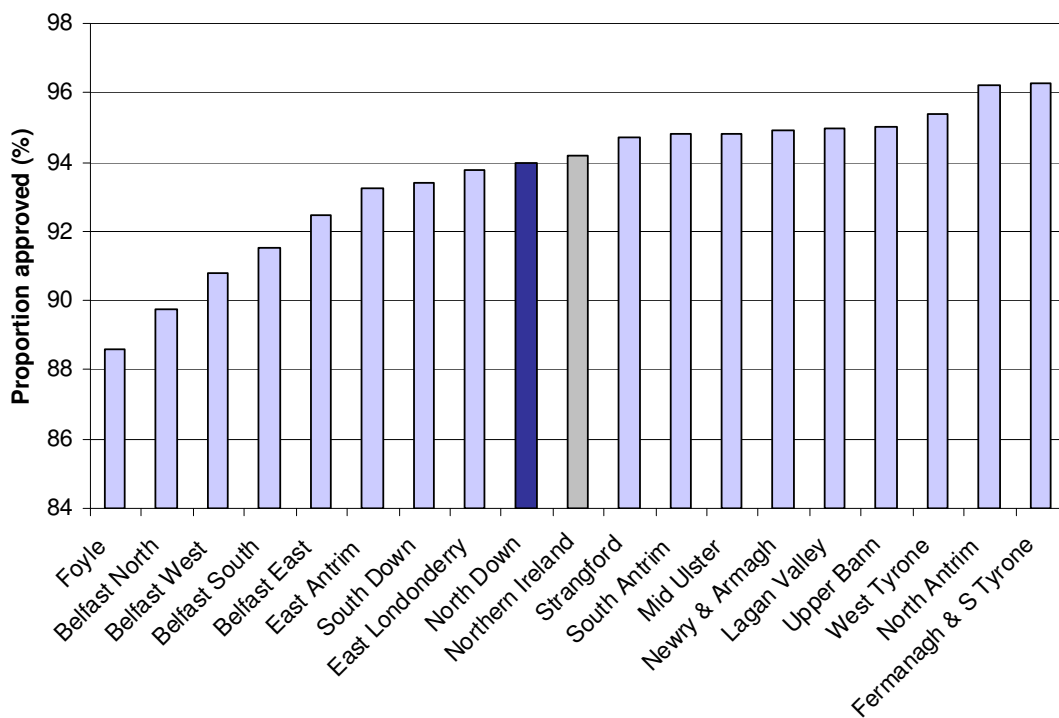
Decisions were made on a total of 1080²⁶ applications during 2008, 94.0% of which were approved.²⁷

There was little difference in the proportion of applications approved in North Down and Northern Ireland average of 94.2%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 9th lowest proportion of approvals in 2008.

This information is not available at ward level.

Chart 29: Proportion of planning applications approved by Constituency, 2008



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Planning Service, DoE)

²⁶ Note that the number of decisions is higher than the number of planning applications received as this includes applications from previous years.

²⁷ Excludes withdrawn applications. The number and per cent of applications approved is based on the number of decisions issued in the same year.

7. CRIME

This section presents information on the overall recorded crime rate in North Down and breaks this down further into violent crime, burglary, theft and criminal damage. Information on anti-social behaviour rates is also presented in this section. These figures relate to where the offence occurred rather than where the offender was from.

Overall Crime rate

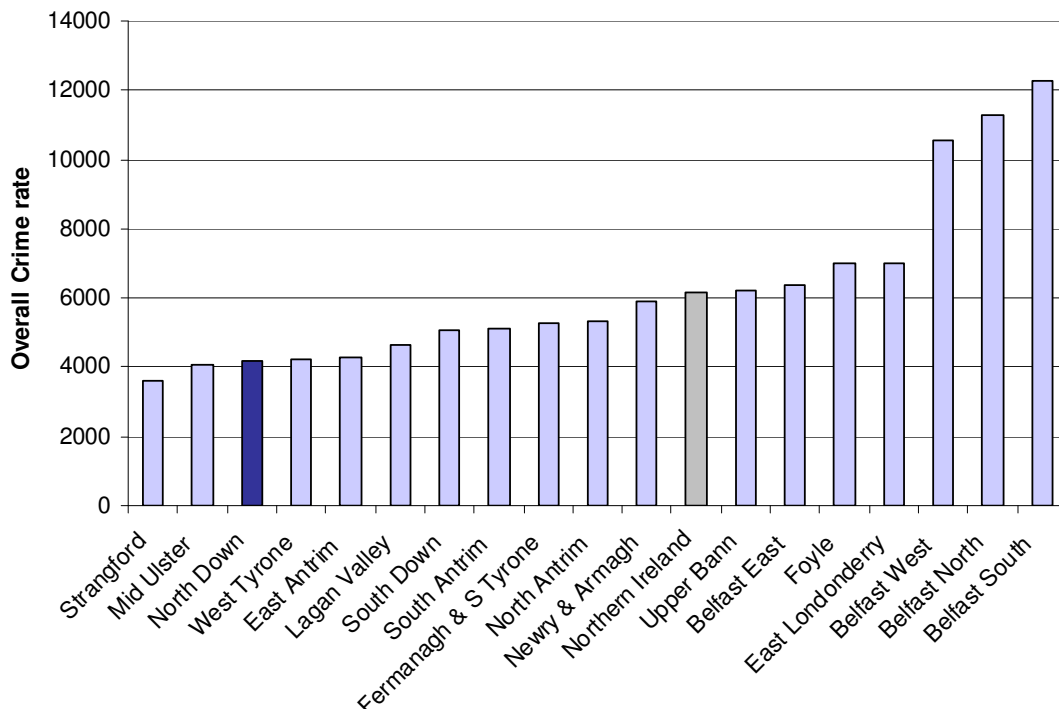
In 2009/10, a total of 3,712 offences were recorded in North Down. This equates to an overall crime rate of 4,165 per 100,000 persons.

The crime rate for North Down was lower than the overall Northern Ireland rate of 6,149 per 100,000 persons.

North Down was the Constituency with the 3rd lowest crime rate.

Overall crime rates were lowest in the wards of Broadway (1,214), Ballycrochan (1,484) and Craigavad (1,504) and highest in the wards of Harbour (20,659), Bangor Castle (11,399) and Crawfordsburn (6,254).

Chart 30: Crime rate per 100,000 persons by Constituency, 2009/10



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Notifiable Offences Recorded, Police Service for Northern Ireland (PSNI))

Crime Rates by type - violent crime, burglary, theft and criminal damage

Rates of violent crime, burglary, theft and criminal damage were lower in North Down than the Northern Ireland rates.

Table 2: Crime Rates by type of crime, 2009/10

	North Down		Northern Ireland
	Rate	Rank	Rate*
Violent Crime	1,251	16	1,865
Burglary	424	17	709
Theft	1,006	14	1,499
Criminal Damage	1,096	15	1,490

*1=highest crime rate, 18=lowest crime rate

Source: NISRA, NINIS

Violent Crime

In 2009/10, the violent crime rate for North Down was 1,251 per 100,000 persons and was lower than the Northern Ireland rate. Violent crime rates were lowest in the wards of Craigavad (188), Broadway (312) and Ballyholme (428) and highest in the wards of Harbour (7,851), Bangor Castle (3,671) and Crawfordsburn (2,552).

Burglary

In 2009/10, the burglary rate for North Down was 424 per 100,000 persons and was lower than the Northern Ireland rate. Burglary rates were lowest in the wards of Ballycrochan (130), Donaghadee South (189) and Broadway (208) and highest in the wards of Harbour (1,031), Holywood Demesne (1,027) and Holywood Priory (893).

Theft

In 2009/10, the theft rate for North Down was 1,006 per 100,000 persons and was lower than the Northern Ireland rate. Theft rates were lowest in the wards of Broadway (277), Ballycrochan (315) and Churchill (322) and highest in the wards of Harbour (5,855), Bangor Castle (3,439) and Bloomfield (2376).²⁸

Criminal Damage

In 2009/10, the criminal damage rate for North Down was 1,096 per 100,000 persons and was lower than the Northern Ireland rate. Criminal damage rates were lowest in the wards of Broadway (208), Craigavad (263) and Groomsport (407) and highest in the wards of Harbour (3,759), Bangor Castle (2,550) and Crawfordsburn (2,193).

²⁸ Figures not available for Ballymacconnell.

Anti-social Behaviour

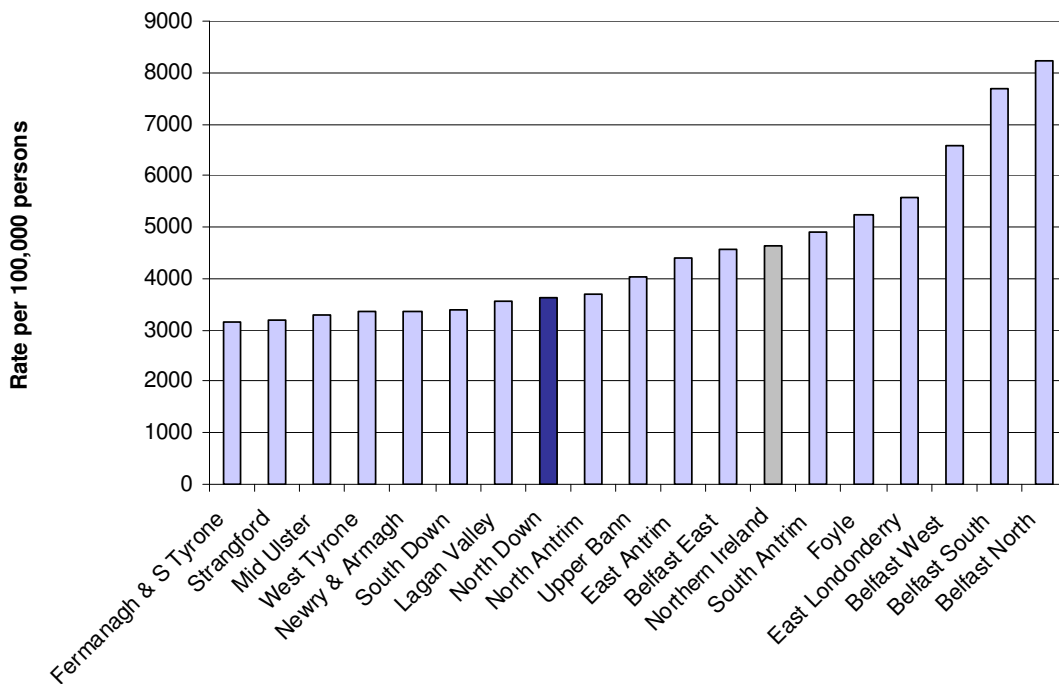
In 2009/10, there were 3,246 incidents of anti-social behaviour in North Down. This equates to an anti-social behaviour incident rate of 3,642 per 100,000 persons.

The rate of anti-social behaviour incidents was lower in North Down when compared to the overall Northern Ireland rate of 4,625 per 100,000 persons.

North Down was the Constituency with the 8th lowest rate of anti-social behaviour incidents.

Anti-social behaviour incident rates per 100,000 persons were lowest in the wards of Groomsport (1,052), Churchill (1,109) and Springhill (1,298), and highest in the wards of Harbour (15,436), Bangor Castle (7,651) and Holywood Demesne (5,347).

Chart 31: Rates of Anti-social Behaviour per 100,000 persons by Constituency, 2009/10



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Anti-social behaviour incidents, PSNI)

8. DEPRIVATION & POVERTY

This section presents information from the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010 and on the number of people claiming benefits.

Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure

The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM) 2010 identifies small concentrations of multiple deprivation across Northern Ireland. Summaries at Constituency level consisting of five measures are also produced. The following contains the summary information for North Down.

Extent

North Down has an Extent of 3%. This means that 3% of people living in North Down live in the most²⁹ deprived Super Output Areas³⁰ in Northern Ireland. North Down is the Constituency ranked least deprived in terms of Extent.

Income Deprivation Scale

The Income Deprivation Scale shows that there are 13,446 people in North Down experiencing Income Deprivation (*defined as being in receipt of income-related benefits/tax credits*). North Down is the Constituency ranked least deprived on this measure of deprivation.

Percentage of the total population Income Deprived

15% of those living in North Down are income deprived. North Down is ranked least deprived on this measure of deprivation.

Employment Deprivation Scale

The Employment Deprivation Scale shows that 4,515 people in North Down are experiencing employment deprivation (*defined as being in receipt of employment-related benefits or on a government training programme*). North Down is ranked least deprived on this measure of deprivation.

Percentage of working age population Employment Deprived

9% of working age people in North Down are employment deprived. North Down is ranked least deprived on this measure of deprivation.

²⁹ *Most deprived* is defined as within the first 30% most deprived areas, including all of the population in the 10% most deprived SOAs, and a proportion of the population from the next two deciles (i.e. the next 20%) on a sliding scale.

³⁰ A geography designed for the collection of small area statistics with similar population sizes.

Table 3: NIMDM 2010 for the Constituency of North Down

Measure	Score	Rank*
Extent (%)	3	18
Income Deprived Scale	13,446	18
% of total population Income Deprived	15	18
Employment Deprived Scale	4,515	18
% of working age population Employment Deprived	9	18

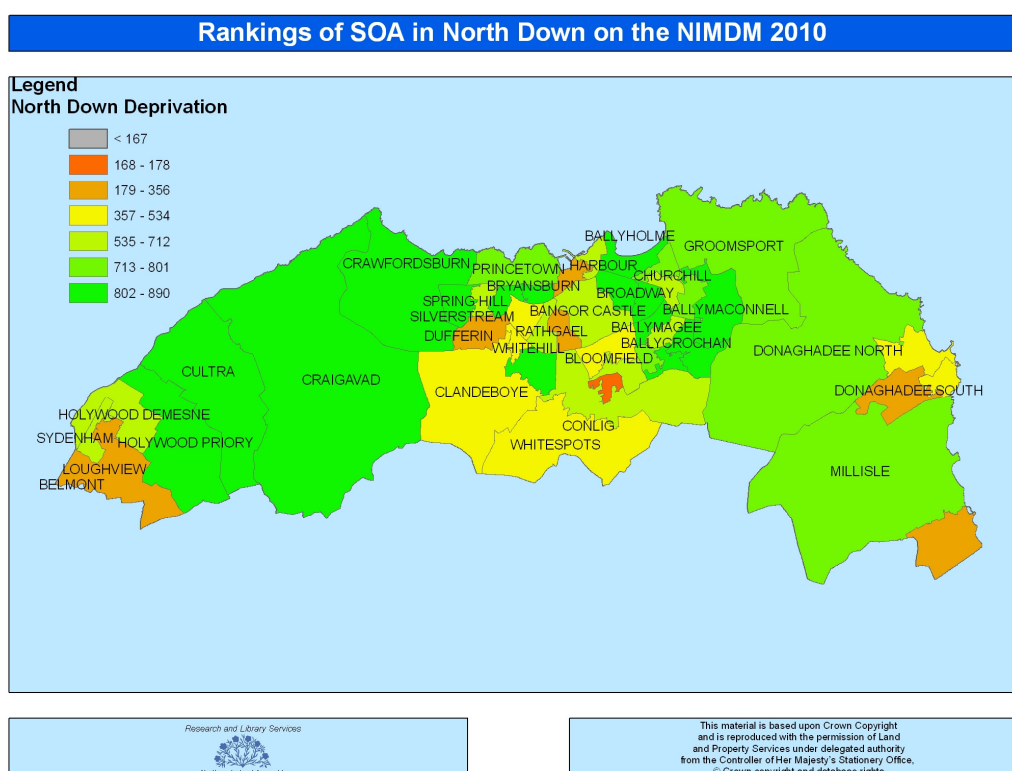
*1=most deprived, 18=least deprived

Source: NISRA, NINIS (NIMDM 2010)

Deprivation within North Down

No area in North Down ranked in the 10% most deprived areas in Northern Ireland.

The least deprived areas in North Down covered the wards of Ballyholme, Broadway, Bryansburn, Craigavad, Crawfordsburn, Cultra and Holywood Priory and within parts of Ballycrochan, Ballymacconnell, Ballymagee, Clandeboye and Spring Hill which were which are ranked in the 10% least deprived areas in Northern Ireland.



Source: NISRA, NINIS (NIMDM 2010)

Benefit Claimants

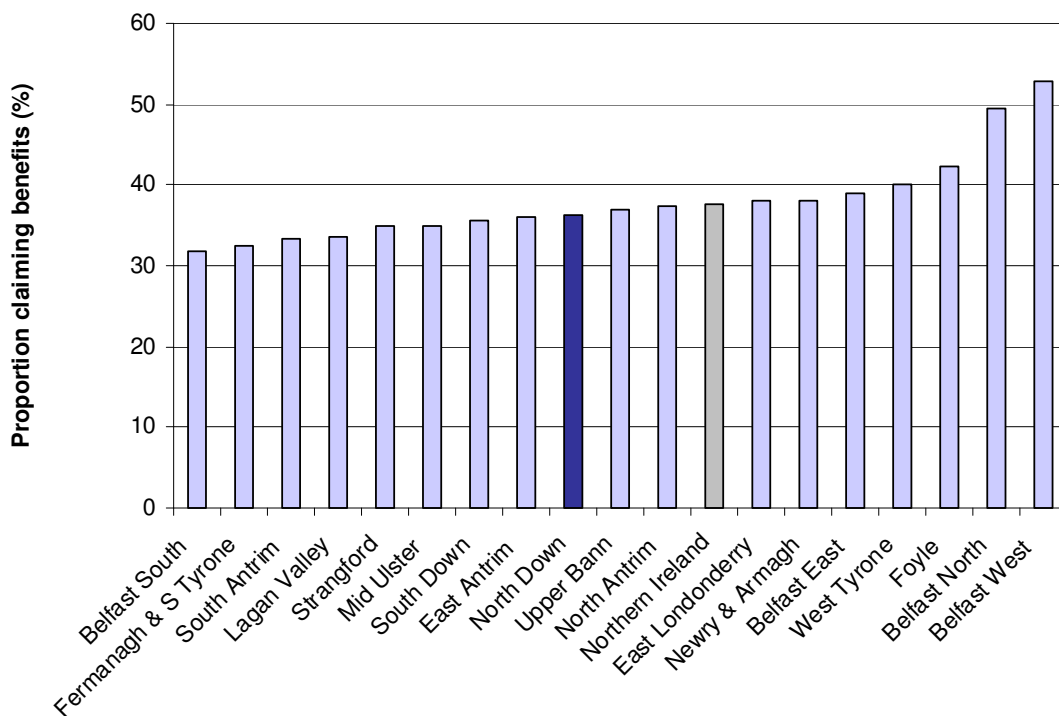
As at April 2010, there were 26,442 people in North Down were claiming at least one benefit. This equates to 36.3% of all constituents aged 16 and over claiming at least one benefit.

There was little difference in the proportion of people living in North Down who are claiming at least one benefit and the Northern Ireland figure of 37.6%.

North Down was the Constituency with the 9th lowest proportion of benefit claimants.

The lowest proportions of benefit claimants were concentrated in the wards of Ballycrochan (16.5%), Clandeboye (20.1%) and Loughview (21.4%) and the highest proportions were concentrated in the wards of Bangor Castle (41.3%), Groomsport (41.1%) and Dufferin (37.4%).³¹

Chart 32: Proportion of the population claiming at least one benefit by Constituency, April 2010



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Social Security Benefits data, DSD)

³¹ Ward figures calculated as a proportion of total population using 2008 mid-year estimates.

Income Support

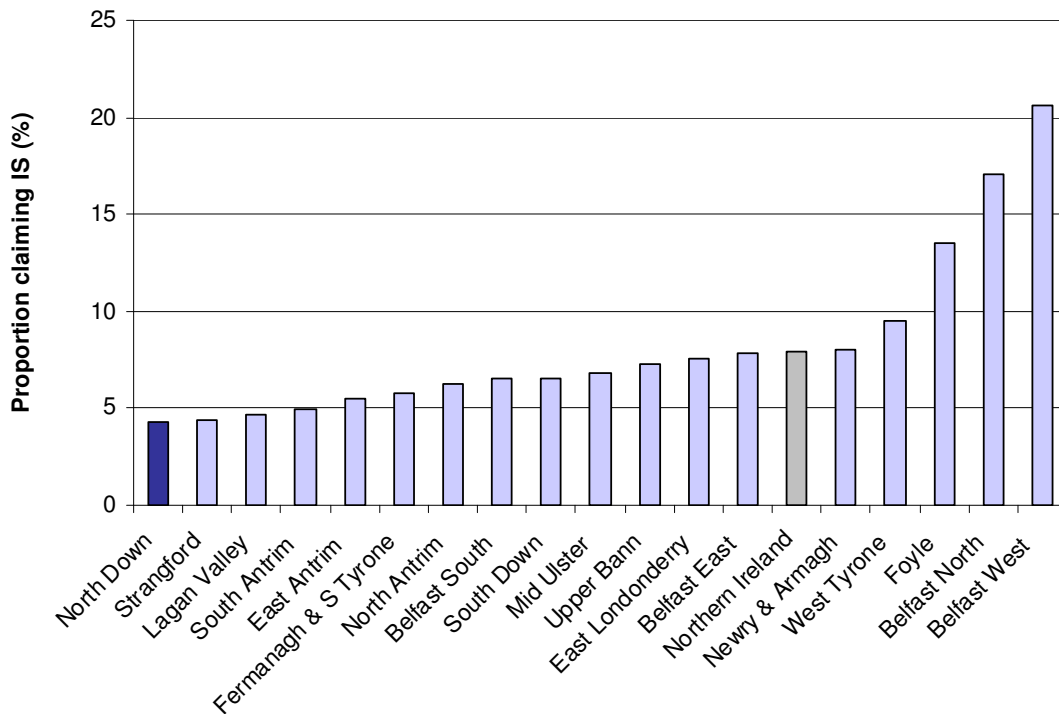
As at February 2010, there were 2,300 people in North Down claiming Income Support. This equates to 4.3% of all working age people claiming this benefit.

A lower proportion of working age people living in North Down were claiming Income Support compared to the Northern Ireland figure of 8.0%.

North Down was the Constituency with the lowest proportion of Income Support claimants.

The lowest proportions of Income Support claimants were concentrated in the wards³² of Cultra (0.4%), Ballyholme (0.5%) and Crawfordsburn (0.5%) while the highest proportions were concentrated in the wards of Dufferin (6.4%), Whitehill (5.3%) and Conlig (4.9%).

Chart 33: Proportion of working age population claiming Income Support by Constituency, February 2010



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Social Security Benefits data, DSD)

³² Ward figures calculated as a proportion of total population using 2008 mid-year estimates.

Housing Benefit

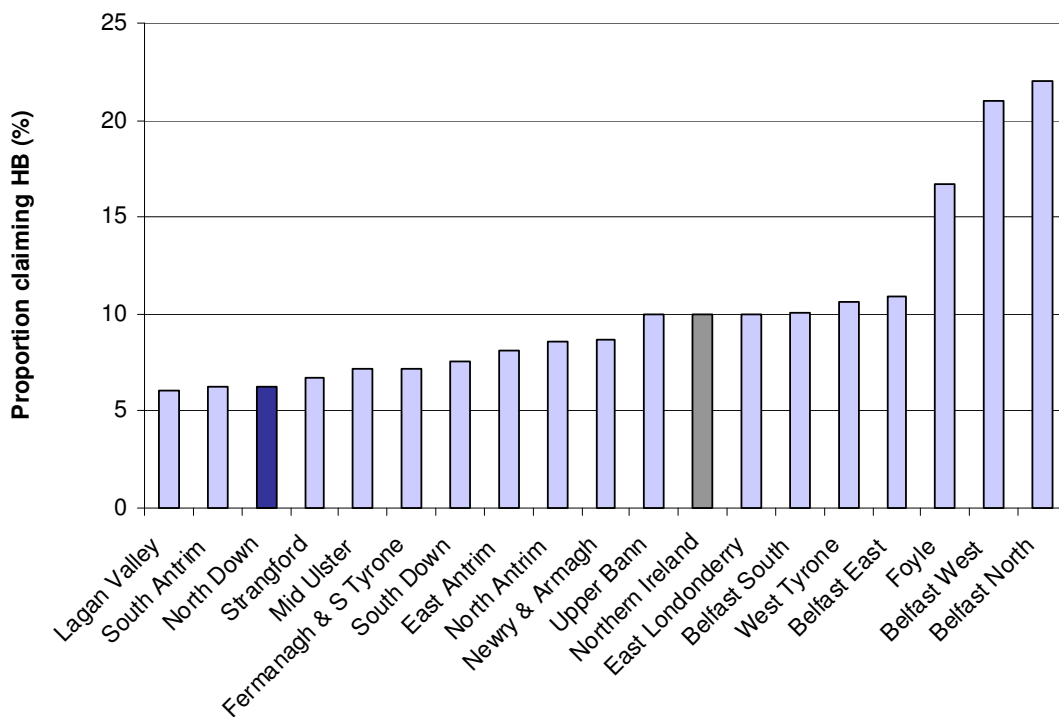
As at May 2009, there were 4,557 people claiming Housing Benefit. This equates to 6.3% of all working age people claiming this benefit.

A slightly lower proportion of people living in North Down were claiming Housing Benefit compared to the Northern Ireland figure of 7.8%.

North Down was ranked 3rd lowest in terms of the proportion of Housing Benefit claimants.

The lowest proportions of Housing Benefit claimants were concentrated in the wards of Cultra (0.4%), Ballymacconnell (0.7%), Crawfordsburn (1.0%) and Craigavad (1.0%) while the highest proportions were concentrated in Dufferin (14.2%), Whitehill (11.8%) and Harbour (10.3%).³³

Chart 34: Proportion of those aged 16+ claiming Housing Benefit by Constituency, May 2009



Source: NISRA, NINIS (Housing Benefit data, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, aggregated by DSD)

³³ Ward figures calculated as a proportion of total population using 2008 mid-year estimates.

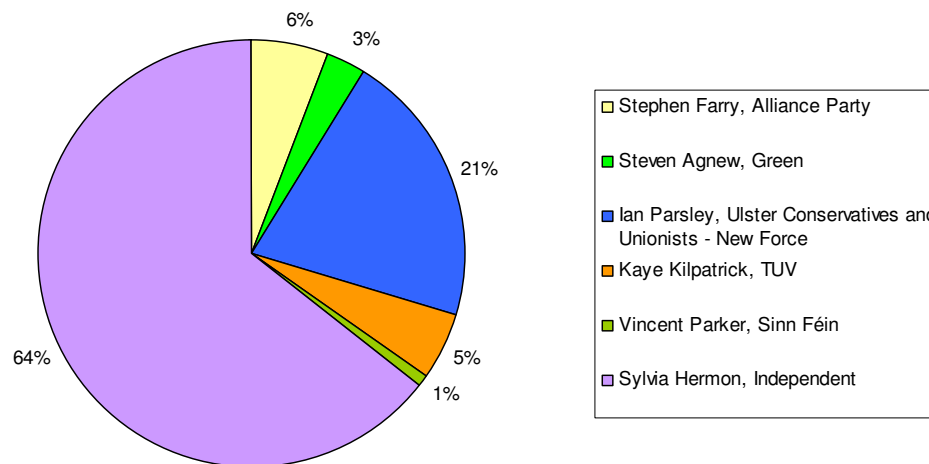
9. ELECTION RESULTS

This section presents information on the 2010 Westminster Election Results and the 2007 Assembly Election Results.

2010 Westminster Election Results

In North Down, 60,698 people were eligible to vote in the 2010 Westminster Elections. 33,481 valid votes were cast, a turnout of 55.2%.³⁴ Turnout for North Down was similar to the Northern Ireland turnout of 56.7%. Sylvia Hermon, an Independent candidate, received the majority of votes in the Constituency with 21,181 votes and was elected to represent North Down.

Chart 35: 2010 Westminster Election Results



Candidate (*elected)	Votes	Party
Sylvia Hermon*	21,181	Independent
Ian Parsley	6,817	UCUNF
Stephen Farry	1,876	Alliance
Kaye Kilpatrick	1,634	Traditional Unionist Voice - TUV
Steven Agnew	1,043	Green
Vincent Parker	250	Sinn Féin

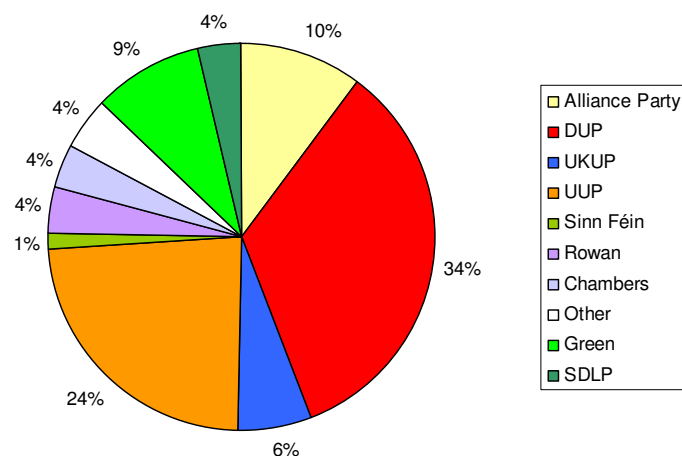
Source: *The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland*

³⁴ Excludes invalid votes, n = 62.

2007 Assembly Election Results

In North Down, 57,525 people were eligible to vote in the 2007 Assembly Elections. 30,930 valid votes were cast, a turnout of 53.4%.³⁵ Turnout for North Down was lower than the Northern Ireland turnout of 62.3%. The DUP and UUP won 2 seats each while the Alliance Party and the Green Party won 1 seat each.

Chart 36: 2007 Assembly Election Results



Candidate (*elected)	1 st pref votes	Party
Alex Easton*	4,946	Democratic Unionist Party - D.U.P.
Peter Weir*	3,376	DUP
Stephen Farry*	3,131	Alliance
Leslie Cree*	2,937	UUP
Brian Wilson*	2,839	Green
Alan McFarland*	2,245	UUP
Alan Graham	2,147	DUP
Marion Smith	2,098	UUP
Robert McCartney	1,806	UKUP
Brian Rowan	1,194	Independent
Alan Chambers	1,129	Independent Unionist
William Logan	1,115	SDLP
James Leslie	864	Conservative
Deaglan Page	390	Sinn Féin
Elaine Martin	367	PUP
Christopher Carter	123	Independent

Source: *The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland*

³⁵ Excludes invalid votes, n = 223.



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