ABERDEENSHIRE CENSUS PROFILE 2011

**POPULATION**

- **Total population:** 252,973
- **Male:** 125,269 (49.5%)
- **Female:** 127,704 (50.5%)

**LIMITING LONG-TERM HEALTH PROBLEMS** (Day-to-Day Activities)

- **Day-to-day activities limited a lot:** 6.3%
- **Day-to-day activities limited a little:** 9.2%
- **Day-to-day activities not limited:** 84.5%

**AGE**

- **0 - 4:** 11.8%
- **5 - 11:** 14.6%
- **12 - 15:** 8.8%
- **16 - 19:** 22.3%
- **20 - 64:** 23.7%
- **65 - 74:** 7.7%
- **75+:** 4.5%

**ETHNIC GROUP**

- **White: Scottish:** 82.2%
- **White: Other British:** 12.3%
- **White: Irish:** 0.5%
- **White: Gypsy/Traveller:** 0.1%
- **White: Polish:** 1.2%
- **White: Other White:** 2.2%
- **0.3%** Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- **0.8%** Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British
- **0.1%** Caribbean or Black
- **0.1%** African
- **0.1%** Other ethnic groups

**HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

- **One person 65+:** 7.9%
- **One person <65:** 4.9%
- **One family all 65+:** 60.4%
- **Couple, no children:** 8.9%
- **Couple, dependent children:** 7.2%
- **Couple, all children non-dependent:** 6.3%
- **Lone parent, dependent children:** 9.2%
- **Lone parent, non-dependent children:** 84.5%
- **Other households:** 0.3%

**HOUSEHOLD TENURE**

- **Owned:** 72.6%
- **Social rented:** 16.1%
- **Private rented:** 9.4%
- **Living rent free:** 1.8%
**HIGHEST QUALIFICATION**

- **All people aged 16 and over**: 205,584
  - **No qualifications**: 23.6%
  - **Level 1 qualifications**: 25.6%
  - **Level 2 qualifications**: 13.8%
  - **Level 3 qualifications**: 10.2%
  - **Level 4 qualifications**: 27%

Level 1 = O Grade, Standard Grade or equivalent
Level 2 = Higher, Advanced Higher or equivalent
Level 3 = HNC, HND, SVQ level 4 or equivalent
Level 4 and above = Degree, Masters, PhD or equivalent

**METHOD OF TRAVEL TO WORK**

- **All people aged 16 to 74**: 187,492
  - Work mainly at or from home: 12.1%
  - Train: 1%
  - Bus, minibus or coach: 3.5%
  - Taxi or minicab: 0.9%
  - Driving a car or van: 64.6%
  - Passenger in a car or van: 5.5%
  - Bicycle: 0.8%
  - Motorcycle, scooter or moped: 0.3%
  - On foot: 7.8%
  - Other: 3.5%

**TRANSPORT TO PLACE OF WORK**

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**CAR OR VAN AVAILABILITY**

- **Number of cars or vans in household**:
  - No cars or vans: 14.3%
  - One car or van: 40.2%
  - Two cars or vans: 33.7%
  - Three cars or vans: 8.4%
  - Four or more cars or vans: 3.4%
TOTAL POPULATION
In 2011 Aberdeenshire’s population numbered 252,973 and represented 4.8% of Scotland’s total population of 5,295,403. Scotland’s population was the highest ever recorded, as was Aberdeenshire’s; Scotland’s population grew by 4.6% between 2001 and 2011 whilst Aberdeenshire’s grew by 11.5%, making it the fastest growing Scottish local authority over this period.

ETHNICITY
White ethnic groups made up 98.5% of Aberdeenshire’s population. 96% of these were White Scottish or White Other British. The largest group apart from these was White Polish, which made up 1.2% of Aberdeenshire’s total population. The next largest ethnic group was Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British people who made up 0.8% of Aberdeenshire’s total population. Aberdeenshire was less ethnically diverse than Scotland as a whole, where white ethnic groups made up 96.0% of the population. Proportionately it had a greater population of White Other British, 12.3% compared to 7.9% in Scotland, and a smaller population of Asian people, 0.8% compared to 2.7% in Scotland. The ethnicity of Aberdeenshire’s population had changed a little since 2001, when white ethnic groups made up 99.3% of its population.

AGE PROFILE
In broad terms the age profile of Aberdeenshire was similar to that of Scotland, with a slightly higher proportion of people aged 0 – 15, 18.7% compared to 17.3%. 65.2% of its population was aged 16 – 64 and 16.1% was aged 65 plus. The figures for Scotland were 65.9% and 16.8% respectively.

HEALTH
In general, Aberdeenshire residents enjoyed good health: 84.5% reported that their day-to-day activities were not limited by any health problems; 9.2% reported they were limited a little by health problems; and 6.3% said their day-to-day activities were limited a lot. In Scotland 80.4% of people reported that their day-to-day activities were not limited and 9.6% said that they were limited a lot. Using a different measure, 2.7% of the population were long term sick or disabled compared to 5.1% of Scotland’s population.

EMPLOYMENT
69.5% of Aberdeenshire’s population was employed. Aberdeenshire had a higher employment rate than Scotland (60.5%) and a lower unemployment rate, 2.5% compared to 4.8%. Of its 16 – 74 year old population 44.1% was in full-time employment and 15.2% worked part-time. A further 10.2% were self employed. Of the rest of the population 6.0% were students, half of whom were economically active, 4.2% were looking after home or family and 13.6% were retired.

INDUSTRY
Aberdeenshire residents were employed in a wide variety of industries. The sector which employed the highest number of people, 14.4% of the working population, was ‘Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles’. This was followed by ‘Human health and social work activities’ at 11.8%, ‘Manufacturing’ at 9.9%, ‘Construction’ at 8.8% and ‘Professional, scientific and technical activities’ at 8.3%. In Scotland the industry sector which employed the most people was ‘Human health and social work activities’ with 15% of Scotland’s working population employed there. Aberdeenshire differed from Scotland in having a noticeably lower percentage of people employed in this sector, as well as in: ‘Financial and insurance activities’, 1.3% compared to 4.5% in Scotland, ‘Public administration and defence’, 4.3% compared to 7.0%, and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’, 4.8% compared to 6.3%. In contrast it had noticeably higher proportions of people employed in ‘Mining and Quarrying’, 7.4% compared to 1.4% in Scotland, ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’, 4.7% compared to 2.0% and ‘Manufacturing’, 9.9% compared to 7.7%.

HOUSEHOLDS
There were 104,714 households in Aberdeenshire. Single person households accounted for 26.5% of all households, and around 45% of these consisted of people aged 65 or over. Couples with dependent children accounted for 23.7% of all households and lone parents with dependent children accounted for 4.5% of all households.

Aberdeenshire showed a markedly different pattern of household composition to Scotland in general. Single person households were a smaller proportion of all households, 26.5% compared to 34.7%, and couple households, with or without children, accounted for 53.8% of households compared to 41.1%. Lone parent households, with dependent or non-dependent children, accounted for 7.4% of households compared to the Scottish figure of 11.1%. Aberdeenshire had an average household size of 2.39 people. This was significantly greater than the Scottish figure of 2.19 and the second highest amongst Scottish local authorities.