

People born in the European Economic Area (EEA) living in SOUTH AYRSHIRE

Demographic and Census Analysis

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EEA countries include EU member countries at March 2011 (excluding the UK in this data) and Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. Within the EEA area there is free movement of people, goods, services and capital in the European Single Market.

Key points

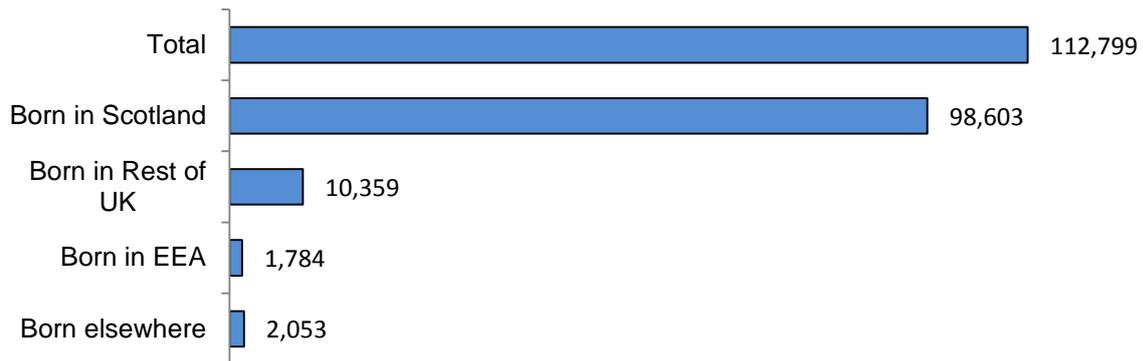
- In the 2011 Census, 1.6% (1,800 people) of South Ayrshire's population was born in a country in the EEA.
- Net migration to South Ayrshire from overseas has been low for most of the last 12 years. Most recently in 2015/16, net migration from overseas was positive but remained low (net gain of 40 people estimated).
- In 2011, a higher proportion of the EEA-born population in South Ayrshire was of working age (16-64 years) (71%; 1,300 people), compared with 62% of its overall population.
- South Ayrshire is projected to have an ageing population over the next 25 years, with a projected increase of 42% for those aged 65 or over. In contrast, the working age population (aged 16-64 years) is projected to decrease by 18% between 2014 and 2039.
- In 2011, a higher proportion of EEA-born residents in South Ayrshire aged 16 and over were in employment (59%; 940 people) compared with the total population aged 16 and over of the council area (53%).
- The proportion of the EEA-born residents of South Ayrshire aged 16-74 with a degree level qualification in 2011 was 42% (600 people). The proportion of all people aged 16-74 in the council area with a degree level qualification was lower at 26%.

Number of EEA-born residents

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According to the 2011 census, 1.6% (1,800 people) of South Ayrshire's population was born in the EEA. The corresponding proportion for the whole of Scotland was 3.0%.

Figure 1: Number of residents by country of birth, South Ayrshire, 2011

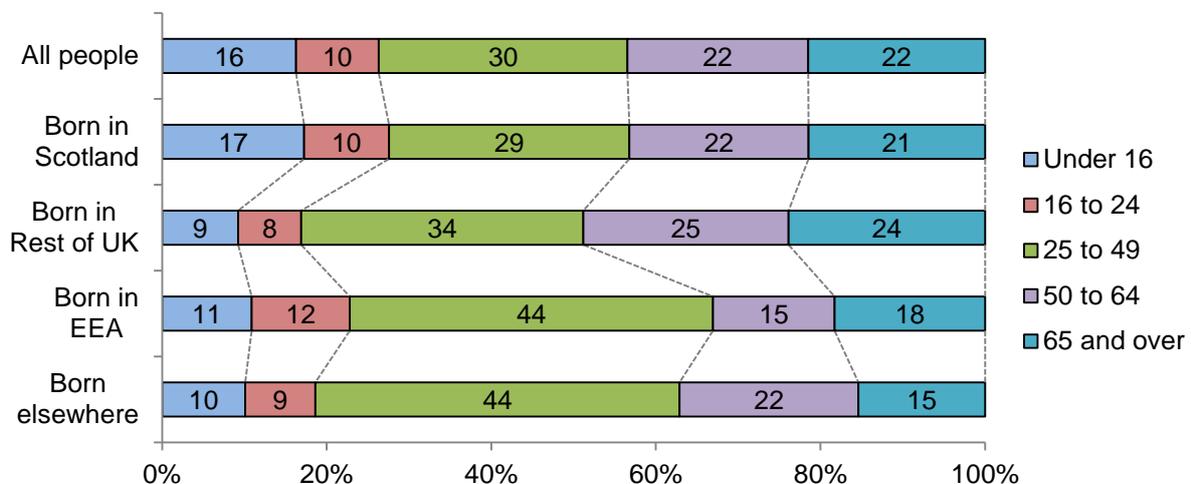


Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

Age profile of EEA-born residents

In 2011, 71% of EEA-born residents (1,300 people) were aged 16 to 64 years, compared with 62% of the whole South Ayrshire population. 18% of EEA-born residents (330 people) were aged over 65 years, compared with 22% of the whole population.

Figure 2: Percentage of the population in each age group by country of birth, South Ayrshire, 2011



Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

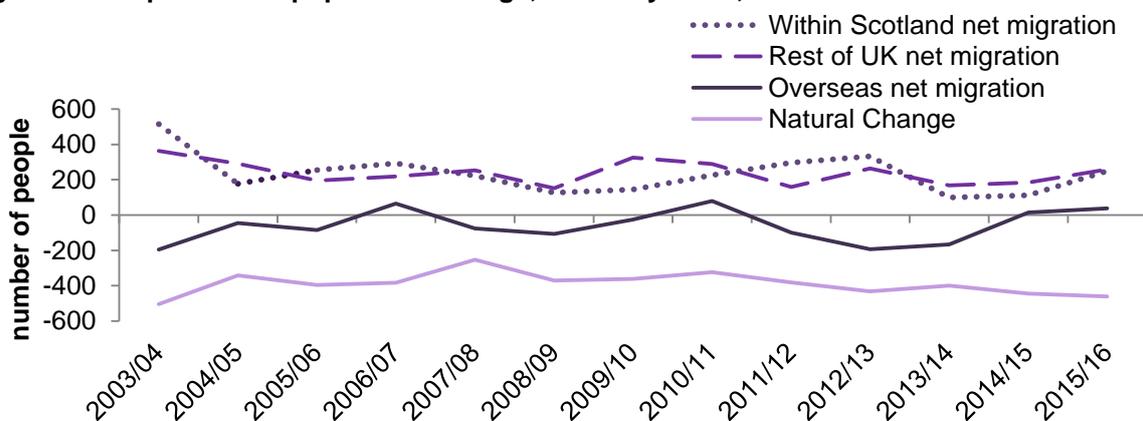
Migration trends

The migration estimates at local level do not allow the overseas component of migration to be broken down into individual countries or groups of countries. The charts start from 2003/04 as the Treaty of Accession came into force in 2003 followed by an enlargement of the EU in 2004.

Over most of the past 12 years, South Ayrshire has experienced low levels of net migration from overseas, varying between a net loss of 200 people in 2003/04 to a net gain of 80 people in 2010/11. Most recently in 2015/16, net migration from overseas was positive but remained low (net gain of 40 people estimated).

Net migration from the rest of the UK and from within Scotland has been positive over the last 12 years.

Figure 3: Components of population change, South Ayrshire, 2003/04 - 2014/16



Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

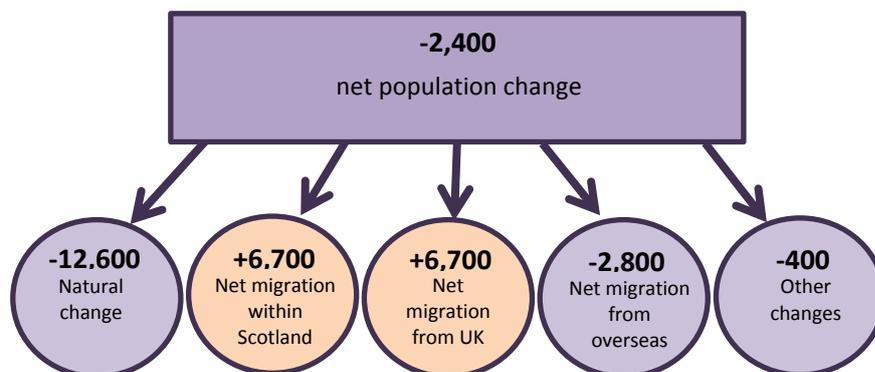
Population projections

These are trend-based and do not take into account shifts in government policy and other social and economic factors that influence population change, including the UK's decision to leave the EU.

	South Ayrshire	Scotland
Projected population change over the next 25 years	-2.2%	+6.6%

Source: Population Projections for Scottish Areas, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

Figure 4: Components of projected population change over next 25 years (2014 – 2039)



Source: Population Projections for Scottish areas, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

The projected decrease in South Ayrshire’s population over the next 25 years is attributable mostly to negative natural change (fewer projected births than deaths) and negative net migration from overseas.

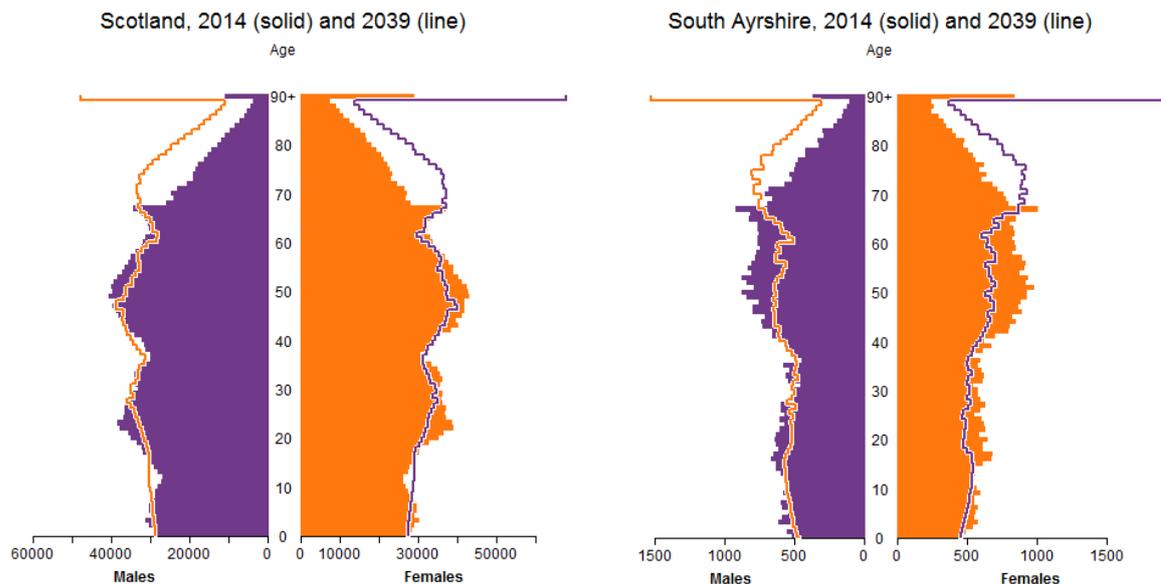
Changing age structure

The demographic resilience of local areas is affected by the changing age structure of the population and levels of migration. Working age migrants can play an important role in addressing the ageing population.

Over the next 25 years, South Ayrshire is projected to experience a 42% increase in population aged 65 or over, with an increase of 5,500 (+47%) for males and 5,700 (+39%) for females.

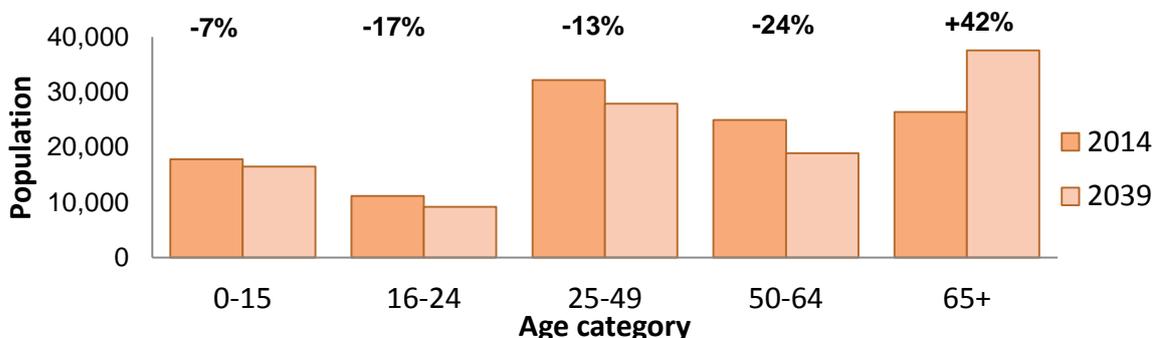
In contrast, there is a projected decrease in the working age population (aged 16-64) of 18% with the largest decrease (24%) in the age 50-64 category.

Figure 5: Estimated population by age and sex, 2014 and 2039



Source: Population Projections for Scottish Areas, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

Figure 6: Population projections by age from 2014 - 2039



Source: Population Projections for Scottish Areas, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

Nationalities of National Insurance Number (NINo) allocations to overseas nationals in 2015

A NINo is generally required by any overseas national looking to work or claim benefits / tax credits in the UK, including the self-employed or students working part time.

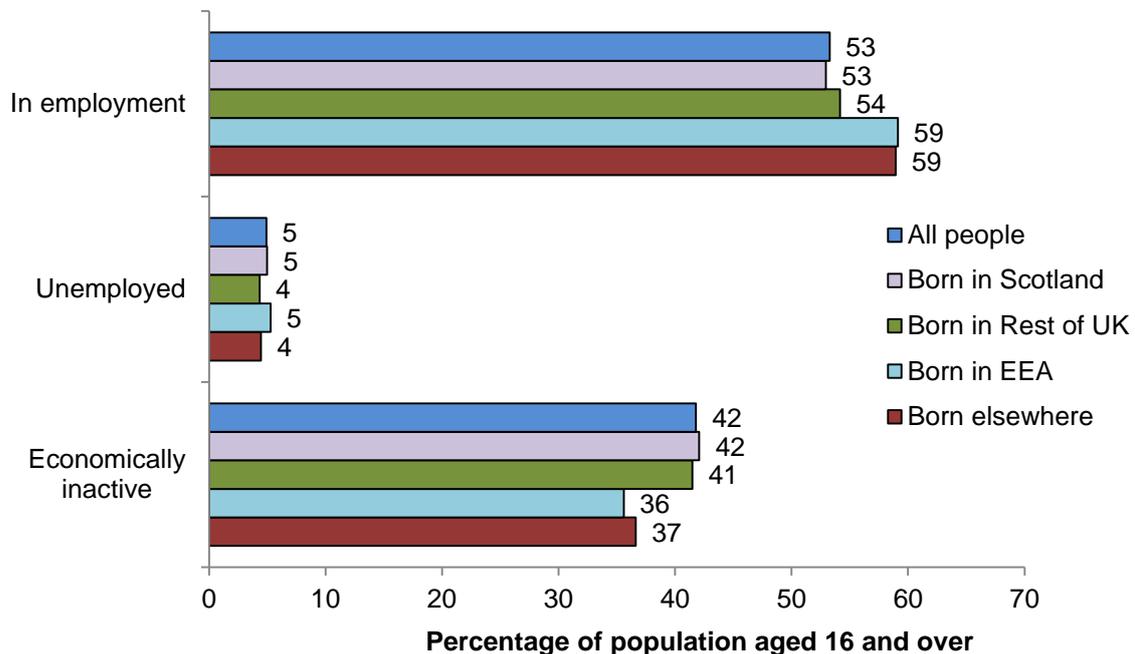
	Number of nationalities	Top five nationalities (NINo allocations)
South Ayrshire	23	Poland, Afghanistan, Ireland, Spain, Romania
Scotland	129	Poland, Romania, Spain, Italy, Bulgaria

Source: Local area migration tables, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

Economic activity

According to the 2011 census, a higher proportion of South Ayrshire's EEA-born residents aged 16 and over were in employment (59%; 940 people) compared with the total population aged 16 and over of the council area (53%). A smaller proportion of EEA residents were economically inactive¹ (36%; 570 people) compared with the total population (42%).

Figure 7: Percentage of people aged 16 and over in each category of economic activity by country of birth, South Ayrshire, 2011



Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

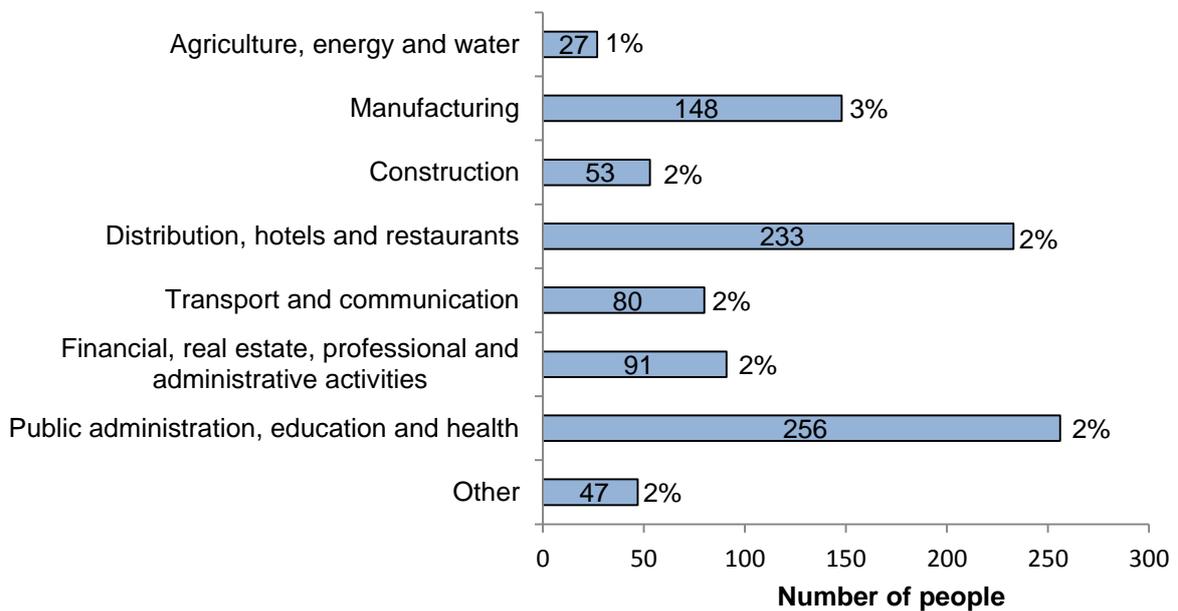
¹ Economic inactive people include: students not seeking employment, people who are retired, and other people not seeking employment (such as those who are long-term sick or disabled or who are looking after a home or family).

Industry of employment

A total of 940 EEA-born residents of Aberdeen City aged 16-74 were in employment at the time of the 2011 Census. The largest numbers by industrial sector were: Public administration, education and health (260 people), Distribution, hotels and restaurants (230) and Manufacturing (150 people).

In 2011, EEA-born people made up 2% of all residents of South Ayrshire aged 16-74 in employment. The industrial sector in which this proportion was highest was manufacturing (3%).

Figure 8: Number of people aged 16-74 born in the EEA who work in each industrial sector and percentage of that sector's workforce, South Ayrshire, 2011

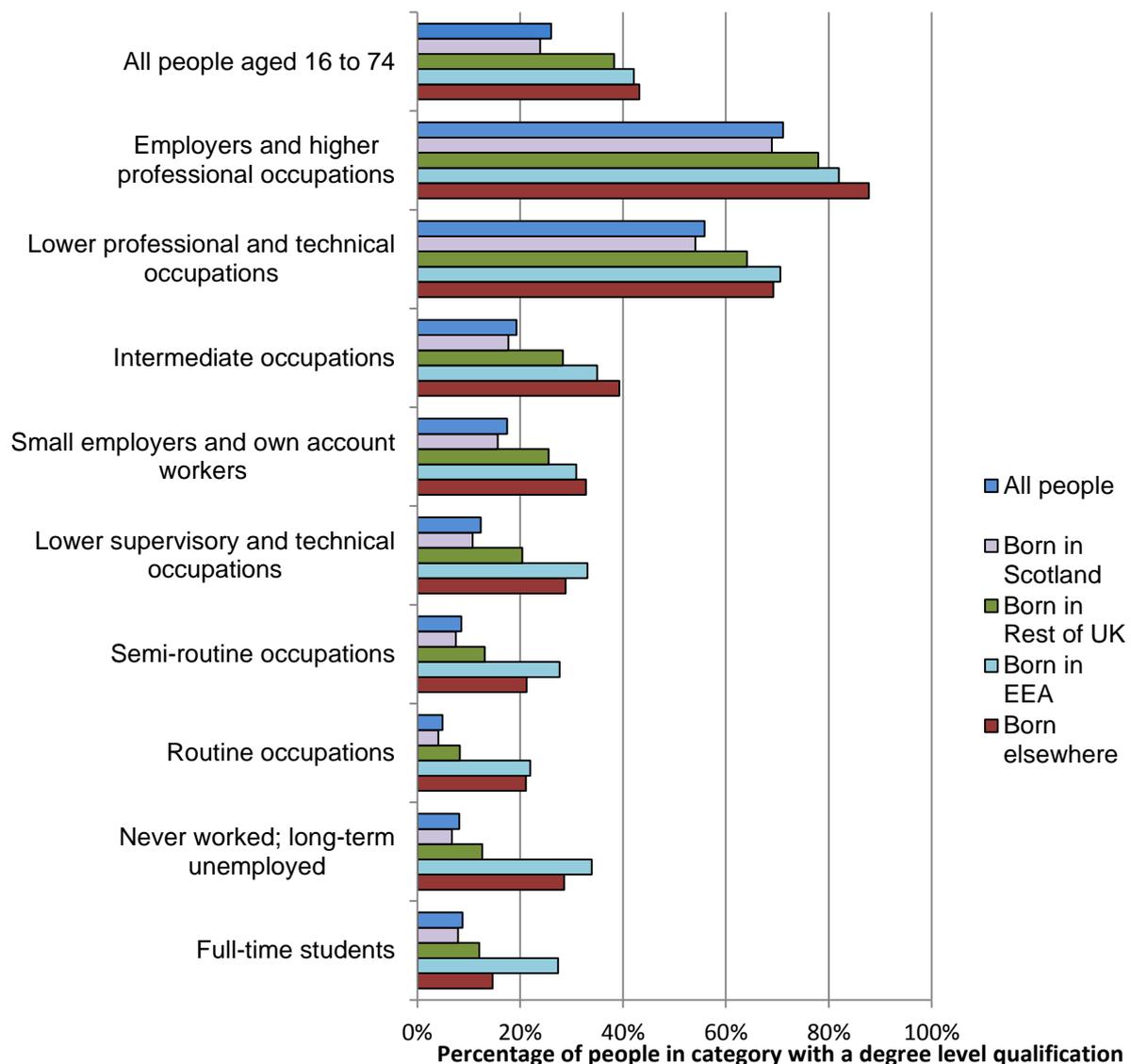


Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

National Statistics Socio-economic classification (NS-SeC) and education

In 2011, the proportion of EEA-born residents of South Ayrshire aged 16-74 who held a degree level qualification (42%; 600 people) was higher than for all people aged 16-74 in the council area (26%). This qualification gap tended to be greater for people in lower level occupation categories.

Figure 9: Percentage of people aged 16-74 with a degree level qualification² in each NS-SeC³ category by country of birth, South Ayrshire, 2011



Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

² In the 2011 Census, this is defined as Level 4 and above and includes: Degree, Postgraduate qualifications, Masters, PhD, SVQ level 5 or equivalent; Professional qualifications (for example, teaching, nursing, accountancy); Other Higher Education qualifications not already mentioned (including foreign qualifications).

³ The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. It is an Office for National Statistics standard classification.