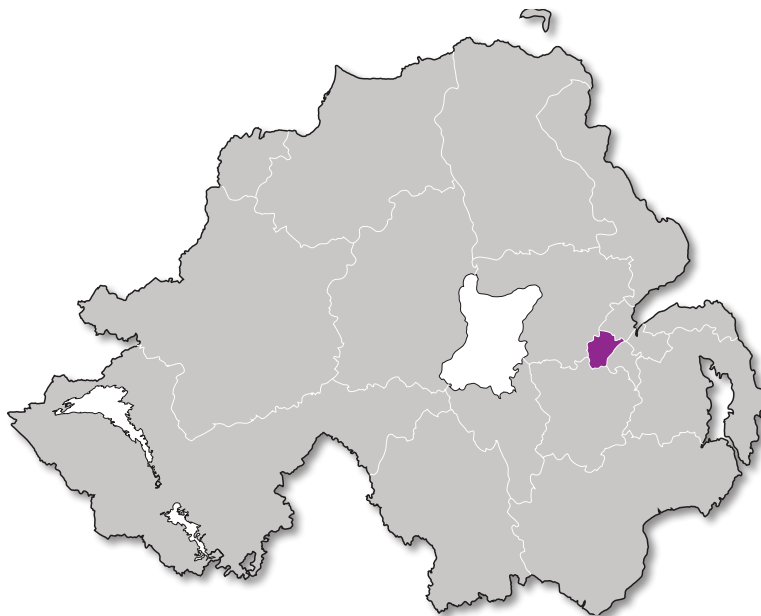




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Constituency Profile

Belfast West - December 2012



About this Report

Welcome to the 2012 statistical profile of the Constituency of Belfast West produced by the Research and Information Service (RaISe) of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

The data contained in this report has been extracted from NISRA's Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS – follow the link from www.nisra.gov.uk) and directly from government websites.

The report includes a demographic profile of Belfast West as well as key indicators of Health, Education, the Economy, Employment, Low Income, Crime and Traffic and Travel. For each indicator, this profile presents:

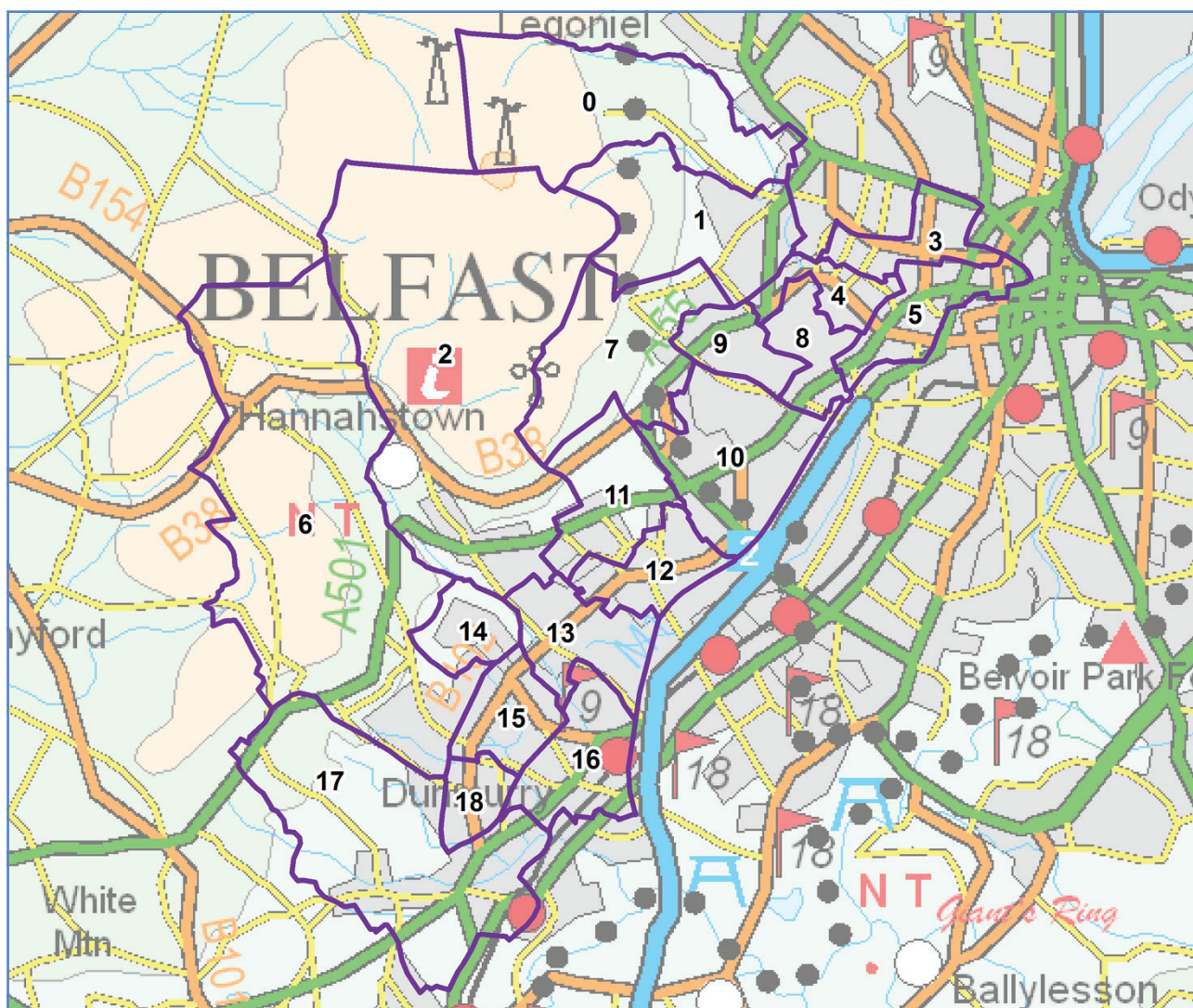
- The most up-to-date information available for Belfast West;
- How Belfast West compares with the Northern Ireland average;
- How Belfast West compares the other 17 Constituencies in Northern Ireland; and,
- Small area information, at ward level, demonstrating similarities and differences within the Constituency of Belfast West and highlighting any 'hotspots' that might exist.

Since 2011, new indicators have been added to this report, namely – children living in poverty and road traffic accidents.

The summary tables on pages iii-iv show the latest data for each indicator as well as the previous years' data and change over the period.

Please note the data presented in this report is based on the new Constituency boundaries which came into force following the May 2011 Assembly elections. As such, it is comparable with the 2011 Constituency Profile but not the 2010 Profile due to boundary changes.

This report presents a statistical profile of the Constituency of Belfast West which comprises of the 19 wards as shown below.



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
4	Clonard	11	Glen Road	18	Twinbrook
5	Falls	12	Andersonstown		
6	Collin Glen	13	Ladybrook		

Summary Statistical Profile of Belfast West

Please note: The figures below for previous years may differ slightly from contained in the previous constituency profile due to updates or revisions, for example, when updated mid-year estimates are produced. Latest years figures correct as of 21/12/2012.

Demographic Profile

Indicator	Year	Latest Year	Previous Year	Change
Population Size (no.)	At June 2010	90,758	91,017	259
Proportion of population aged 0-15 (% children)	At June 2010	23.6	23.9	-0.3
Proportion of population aged 16-64M/59F(% working age persons)	At June 2010	61.6	61.6	0
Proportion of population aged 65M/60F+ (% older persons)	At June 2010	14.8	14.5	0.3

Health

Indicator	Year	Latest Year	Previous Year	Change
Life expectancy of males (years)	2008-2010	72.5	72.3	0.2
Life expectancy of females (years)	2008-2010	78.4	78.4	0
Age standardised death due to cancer per 100,000 persons	2006-2010	194	168	26
Age standardised death due to respiratory disease per 100,000 persons	2006-2010	47	45	2
Age standardised death due to circulatory disease per 100,000 persons	2006-2010	129	119	10
New incidences of cancer excluding non-melanoma skin cancer per 100,000 persons	2010	470	530	-60
Proportion of population in receipt of at least one disability-related benefit (%)	At Feb 2012	24.4	24.0	0.4
Proportion of all births which were to teenage mothers (%)	2010	8.5	10.1	-1.6

Education

Indicator	Year	Latest Year	Previous Year	Change
Proportion of school leavers achieving at least two A-levels or equivalent	2010/2011	48.6	47.6	1.0
Proportion of school leavers achieving at least five GCSEs (A*-C) or equivalent	2010/2011	69.2	65.7	3.5
Proportion of the population age 16+ participating in Further Education	2009/2010	10.1	10.1	0
Proportion of the population age 16+ participating in Higher Education	2009/2010	3.8	3.1	0.7

The economy

Indicator	Year	Latest Year	Previous Year	Change
Invest NI Assistance (£ million)	2011/2012	4.22	0.35	3.87
Proportion of Invest NI Enterprise Development Programme participants who subsequently started a business	2010/2011	53.4	78.4	-25.0

Employment

Indicator	Year	Latest Year	Previous Year	Change
No. of confirmed redundancies	2011	218	64	154
Unemployment claimant count (%)	2011	8.8	8.6	0.2

Low income

Indicator	Year	Latest Year	Previous Year	Change
Proportion of people claiming benefits (%)	April 2012	52.6	49.9	2.7
Proportion of people claiming income support (%)	Feb 2012	16.6	18.1	-1.5
Proportion of people claiming housing benefit (%)	June 2012	21.6	21.0	0.6
Proportion of children living in poverty (%)	Aug 2010	42.7	-	-

Crime

Indicator	Year	Latest Year	Previous Year	Change
Overall recorded crime rate per 100,000 persons	2011/2012	9,650	9,842	-192
Anti-social behaviour incidents per 100,000 persons	2011/2012	5,095	6,234	-1,139

Traffic and Travel

Indicator	Year	Latest Year	Previous Year	Change
Road traffic collisions per 100,000 persons	2011/2012	401	419	-18
Road traffic casualties per 100,000 persons	2011/2012	690	711	-21

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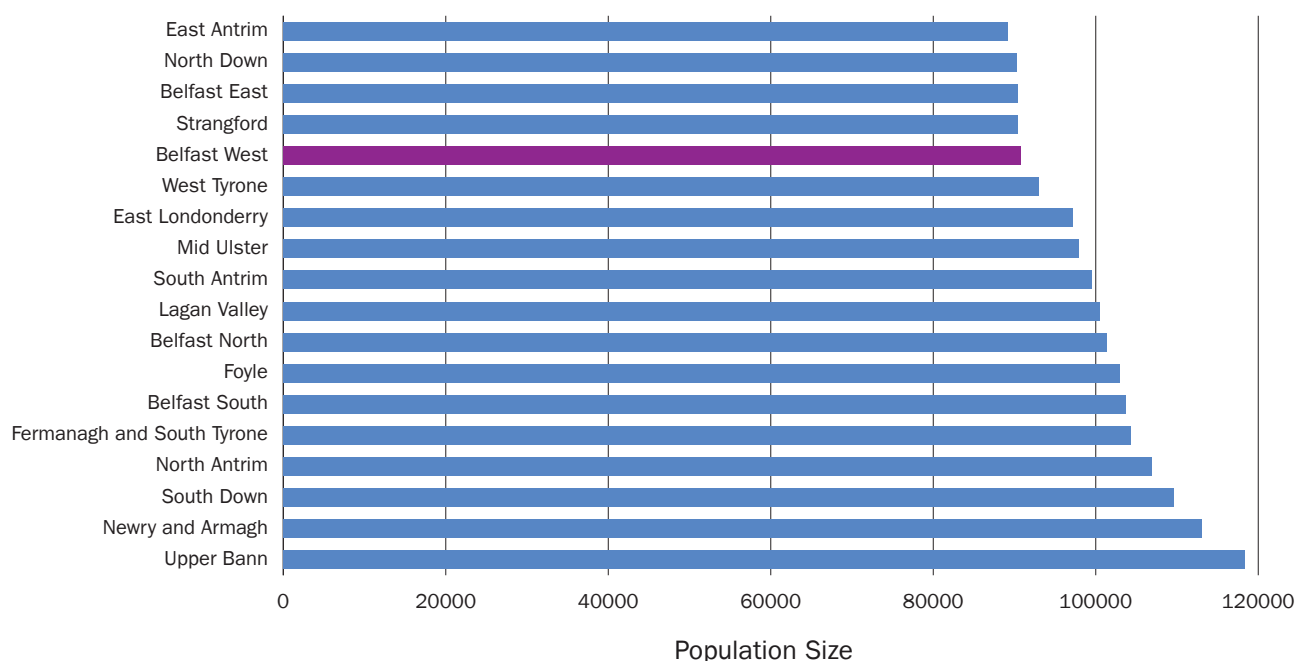
Demographic profile of Belfast West

As at June 2010, there were an estimated 90,758 persons living in Belfast West representing 5.0% of the Northern Ireland population. Belfast West is the Constituency with the 5th lowest estimated population.

An estimated 23.6% of the Belfast West population were children aged 0-15 years, higher than the Northern Ireland average of 21.2%. Older persons¹ represented 14.8% of the Belfast West population, lower than the Northern Ireland average of 17.1%.

The population of Belfast West has decreased by 0.3% since June 2009 whereas the Northern Ireland average increased by 0.6% over the same period.

Mid-year population estimates (total population) by Constituency, 2010



Mid-year population estimates by gender and selected age group, Belfast West, 2010

	0-15 years		16-64M/59F		65M/60F+		All ages
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Males	10,927	25.4	27,458	63.8	4,672	10.9	43,057
Females	10,487	22.0	28,432	59.6	8,782	18.4	47,701
Persons	21,414	23.6	55,890	61.6	13,454	14.8	90,758

Source: NISRA, Demography and Methodology Branch

¹ Females aged 60 and over, males aged 65 and over

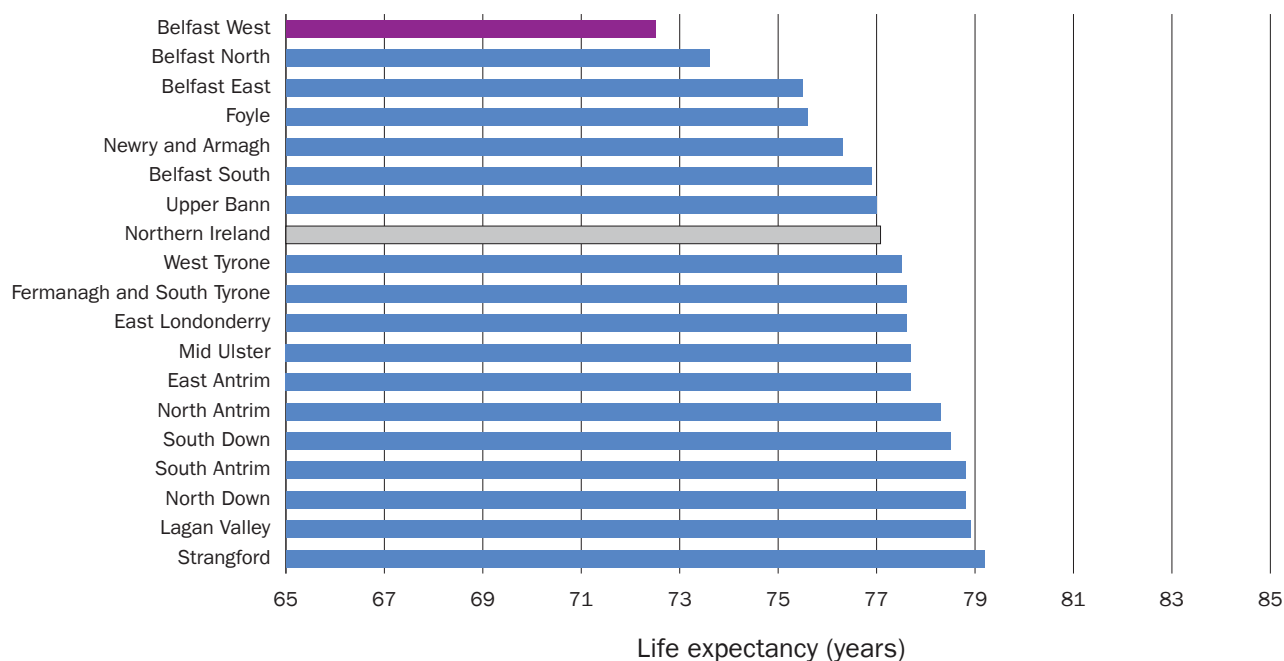
Health – Life expectancy of males

Life expectancy at birth for males born in Belfast West (2008-2010) is estimated to be 72.5 years.

This is lower than the Northern Ireland average of 77.1 years.

The Constituency of Belfast West has the lowest male life expectancy.

Life expectancy of males, 2008-2010



	L.E.	Rank		L.E.	Rank		L.E.	Rank
Belfast East	75.5	16	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	77.6	J 9	North Down	78.8	J 3
Belfast North	73.6	17	Foyle	75.6	15	South Antrim	78.8	J 3
Belfast South	76.9	13	Lagan Valley	78.9	2	South Down	78.5	5
Belfast West	72.5	18	Mid Ulster	77.7	J 7	Strangford	79.2	1
East Antrim	77.7	J 7	Newry and Armagh	76.3	14	Upper Bann	77.0	12
East Londonderry	77.6	J 9	North Antrim	78.3	6	West Tyrone	77.5	11

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety)

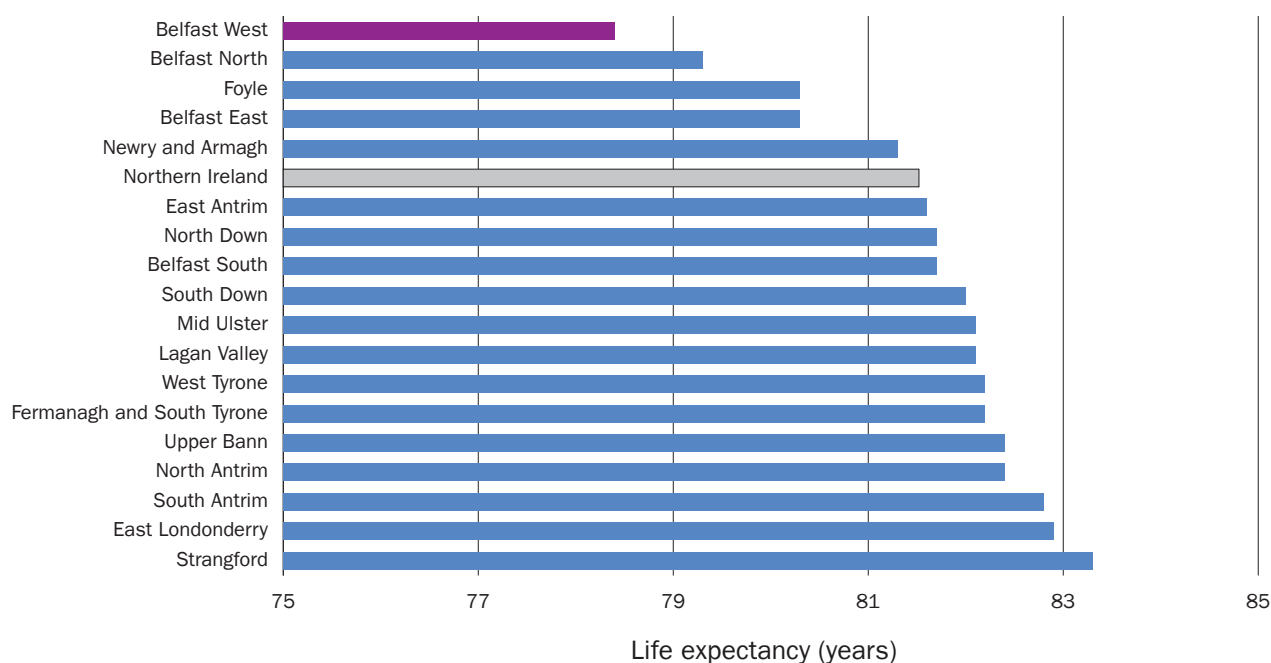
Health – Life expectancy of females

Life expectancy at birth for females born in Belfast West (2008-2010) is estimated to be 78.4 years.

This is lower than the Northern Ireland average of 81.5 years.

The Constituency of Belfast West has the lowest female life expectancy.

Life expectancy of females, 2008-2010



	L.E.	Rank		L.E.	Rank		L.E.	Rank
Belfast East	80.3	J 15	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	82.2	J 6	North Down	81.7	J 11
Belfast North	79.3	17	Foyle	80.3	J 15	South Antrim	82.8	3
Belfast South	81.7	J 11	Lagan Valley	82.1	J 8	South Down	82.0	10
Belfast West	78.4	18	Mid Ulster	82.1	J 8	Strangford	83.3	1
East Antrim	81.6	13	Newry and Armagh	81.3	14	Upper Bann	82.4	J 4
East Londonderry	82.9	2	North Antrim	82.4	J 4	West Tyrone	82.2	J 6

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety)

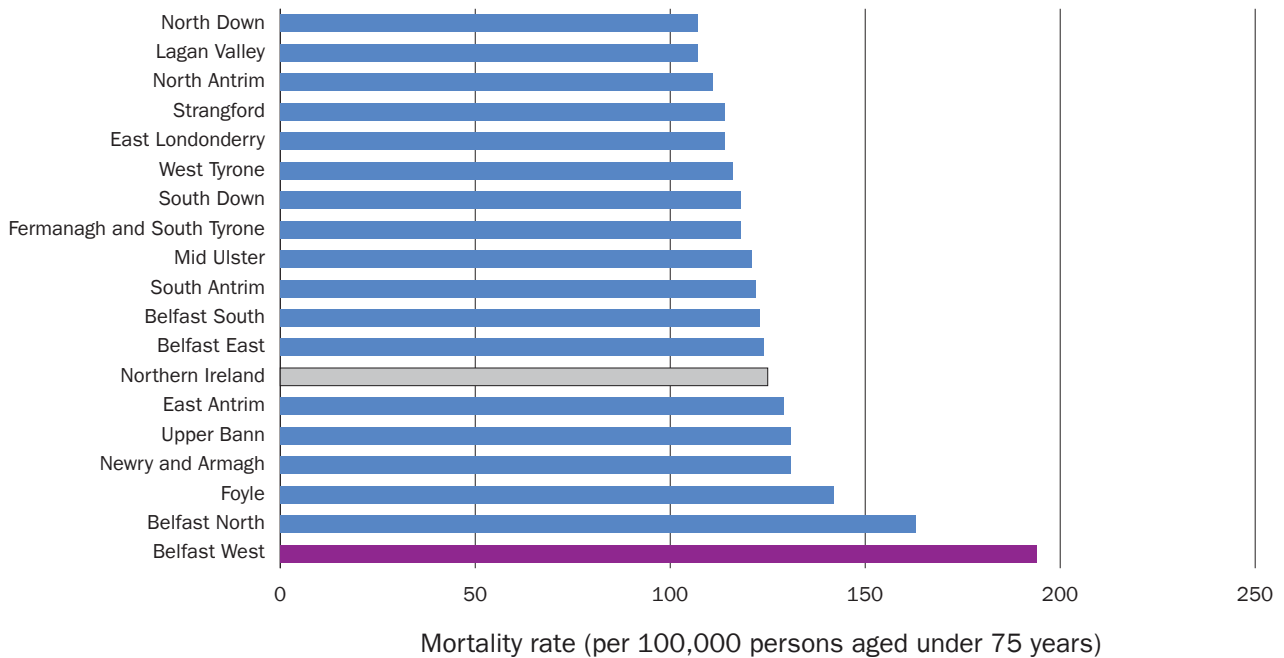
Health – Standardised mortality rate for cancer

The age standardised mortality rate due to cancer (2006-2010) in Belfast West was 317 per 100,000 persons. The age standardised mortality rate due to cancer (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years was 194 per 100,000 persons in Belfast West.

The age standardised mortality rate due to cancer (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years in Belfast West was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 125 per 100,000 persons.

Belfast West had the highest age standardised mortality rate due to cancer (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years.

Age standardised cancer mortality rate per 100,000 persons aged under 75 years, 2006-2010



	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank
Belfast East	124	7	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	118	J 11	North Down	107	J 17
Belfast North	163	2	Foyle	142	3	South Antrim	122	9
Belfast South	123	8	Lagan Valley	107	J 17	South Down	118	J 11
Belfast West	194	1	Mid Ulster	121	10	Strangford	114	J 14
East Antrim	129	6	Newry and Armagh	131	J 4	Upper Bann	131	J 4
East Londonderry	114	J 14	North Antrim	111	16	West Tyrone	116	13

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety)

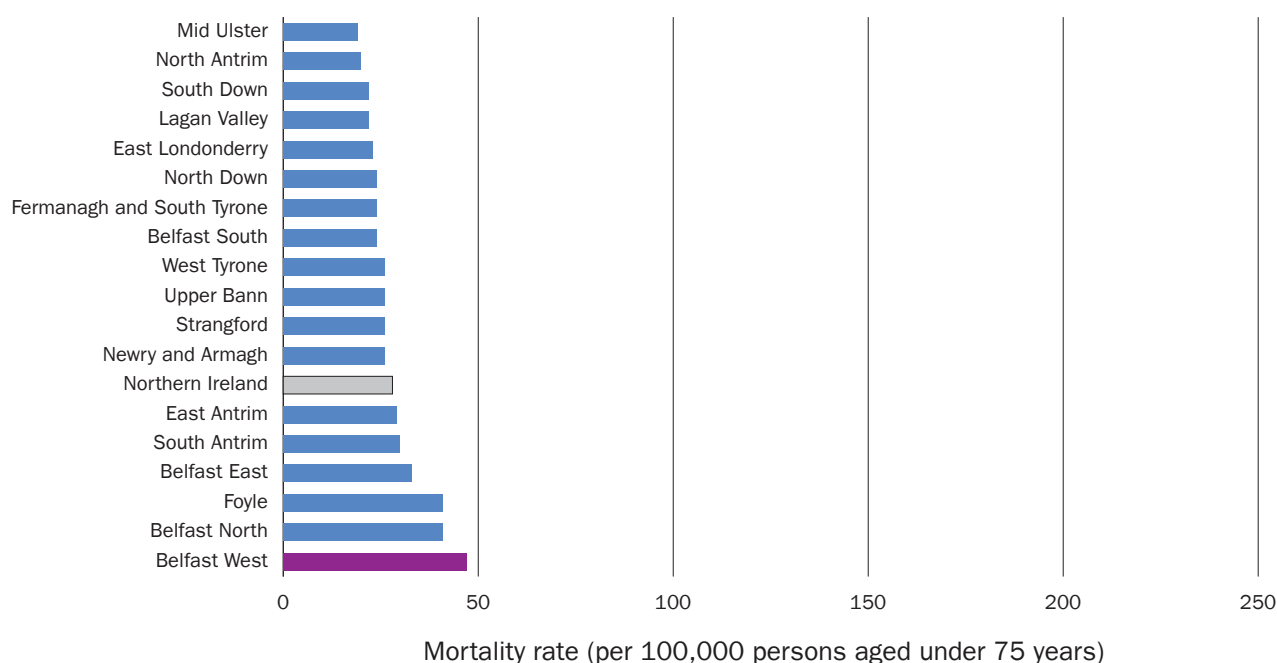
Health – Standardised mortality rate for respiratory disease

The age standardised mortality rate due to respiratory disease (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years was 47 per 100,000 persons in Belfast West (148 per 100,000 persons for all ages).

The age standardised mortality rate due to respiratory disease (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years in Belfast West was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 28 per 100,000 persons.

Belfast West had the highest age standardised mortality rate due to respiratory disease (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years.

Age standardised respiratory disease mortality rate per 100,000 persons aged under 75 years, 2006-2010



	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank
Belfast East	33	4	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	24	J 11	North Down	24	J 11
Belfast North	41	J 2	Foyle	41	J 2	South Antrim	30	5
Belfast South	24	J 11	Lagan Valley	22	J 15	South Down	22	J 15
Belfast West	47	1	Mid Ulster	19	18	Strangford	26	J 7
East Antrim	29	6	Newry and Armagh	26	J 7	Upper Bann	26	J 7
East Londonderry	23	14	North Antrim	20	17	West Tyrone	26	J 7

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety)

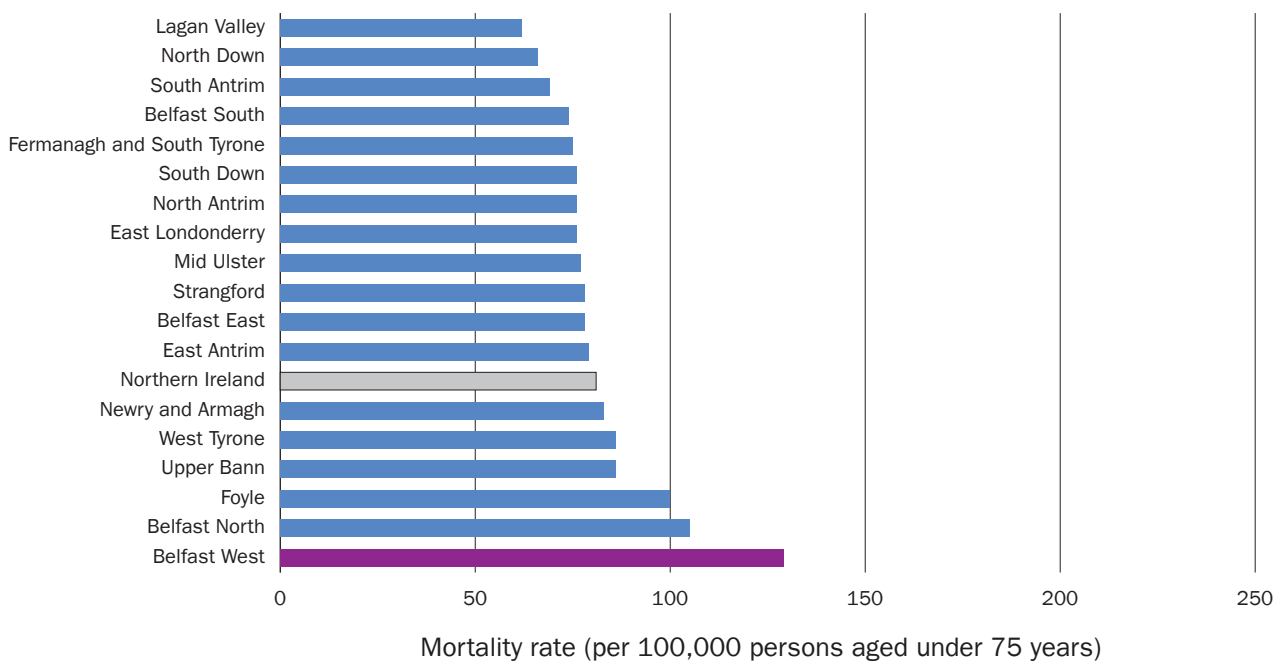
Health – Standardised mortality rate for circulatory disease

The age standardised mortality rate due to circulatory disease (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years was 129 per 100,000 persons in Belfast West (316 per 100,000 persons for all ages).

The age standardised mortality rate due to circulatory disease (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years in Belfast West was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 81 per 100,000 persons.

Belfast West had the highest age standardised mortality rate due to circulatory disease (2006-2010) for those aged under 75 years.

Age standardised circulatory disease mortality rate per 100,000 persons aged under 75 years, 2006-2010



	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank
Belfast East	78	J 8	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	75	14	North Down	66	17
Belfast North	105	2	Foyle	100	3	South Antrim	69	16
Belfast South	74	15	Lagan Valley	62	18	South Down	76	J 11
Belfast West	129	1	Mid Ulster	77	10	Strangford	78	J 8
East Antrim	79	7	Newry and Armagh	83	6	Upper Bann	86	J 4
East Londonderry	76	J 11	North Antrim	76	J 11	West Tyrone	86	J 4

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety)

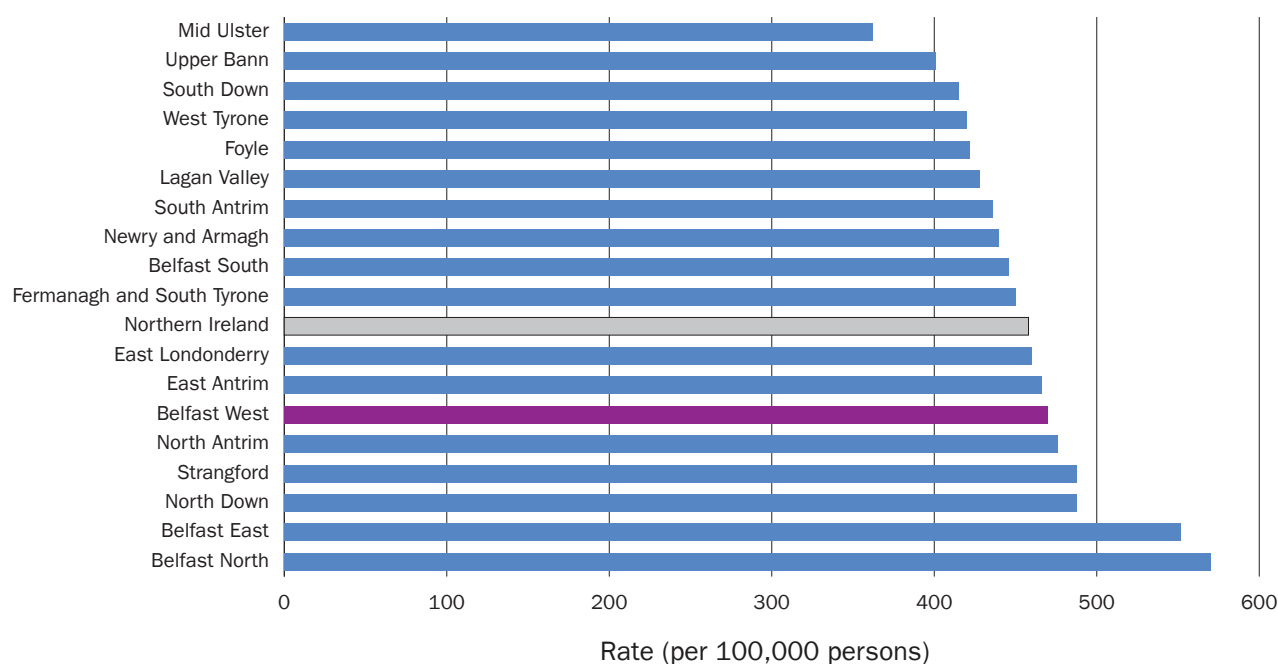
Health – Incidence of new cancers (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer)

In 2010, there were 427 new incidents of cancer (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer) diagnosed in Belfast West. This equates to a rate of 470 per 100,000 persons.

The rate of new cancer diagnosis was higher for Belfast West than the Northern Ireland rate of 458 per 100,000 persons.

Belfast West had the 6th highest new cancer incidence rate per 100,000 persons.

Incidence of new cancers (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer) per 100,000 persons, 2010



	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank
Belfast East	552	2	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	450	9	North Down	488	J 3
Belfast North	570	1	Foyle	422	14	South Antrim	436	12
Belfast South	446	10	Lagan Valley	428	13	South Down	415	16
Belfast West	470	6	Mid Ulster	362	18	Strangford	488	J 3
East Antrim	466	7	Newry and Armagh	440	11	Upper Bann	401	17
East Londonderry	460	8	North Antrim	476	5	West Tyrone	420	15

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Northern Ireland Cancer Registry)

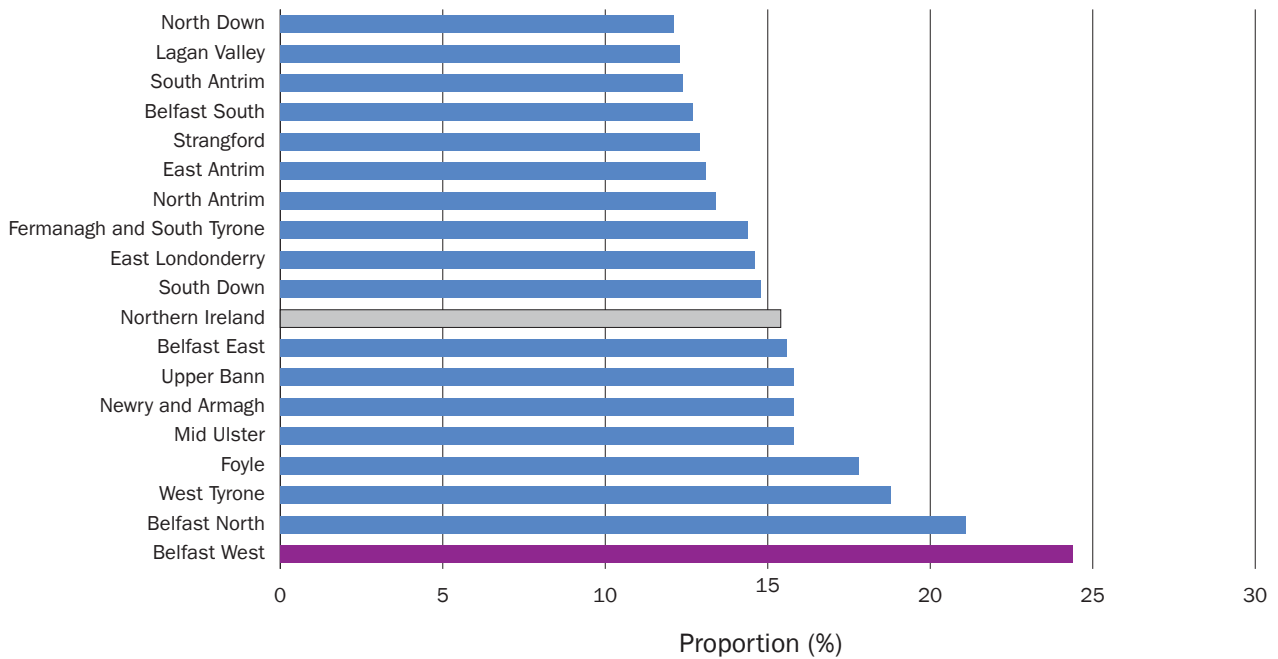
Health – People in receipt of disability-related benefits

As at February 2012, there were 22,110 people, or 24.4% of all constituents, in receipt of at least one disability-related benefit in Belfast West.

A higher proportion of people living in Belfast West were in receipt of at least one disability-related benefit when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 15.4%.

Belfast West had the highest proportion of disability-related benefit recipients.

Proportion of people in receipt of at least one disability-related benefit, as at February 2012



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	15.6	8	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	14.4	11	North Down	12.1	18
Belfast North	21.1	2	Foyle	17.8	4	South Antrim	12.4	16
Belfast South	12.7	15	Lagan Valley	12.3	17	South Down	14.8	9
Belfast West	24.4	1	Mid Ulster	15.8	J 5	Strangford	12.9	14
East Antrim	13.1	13	Newry and Armagh	15.8	J 5	Upper Bann	15.8	J 5
East Londonderry	14.6	10	North Antrim	13.4	12	West Tyrone	18.8	3

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department for Social Development)

Health – People in receipt of disability-related benefits at ward level

The highest proportion of people in receipt of at least one disability-related benefit (as a percentage of the population) were concentrated in the wards of Whiterock (33.6%, 1,740 recipients), Falls (32.1%, 1,560 recipients) and Clonard (30.6%, 1,390 recipients). The lowest proportions were found in the wards of Dunmurry (12.0%, 550 recipients), Derryaghy (13.8%, 1,230 recipients) and Poleglass (17.7%, 730 recipients).

Proportion of people in receipt of at least one disability-related benefit, as at February 2012

Ward	No. of People in receipt of disability-related benefits ²	Per cent of Ward Population ³	Ward	No. of People in receipt of disability-related benefits	Per cent of Ward Population
Andersonstown	1,300	25.7	Glencolin	1,580	23.5
Beechmount	1,320	24.1	Highfield	1,150	20.4
Clonard	1,390	30.6	Kilwee	710	21.9
Collin Glen	1,370	21.5	Ladybrook	1,370	22.1
Derryaghy ⁴	1,230	13.8	Poleglass	730	17.7
Dunmurry	550	12.0	Shankill	1,080	29.4
Falls	1,560	32.1	Twinbrook	720	28.5
Falls Park	1,320	25.0	Upper Springfield	1,570	29.9
Glen Road	1,450	27.2	Whiterock	1,740	33.6
Glencairn	920	25.1			

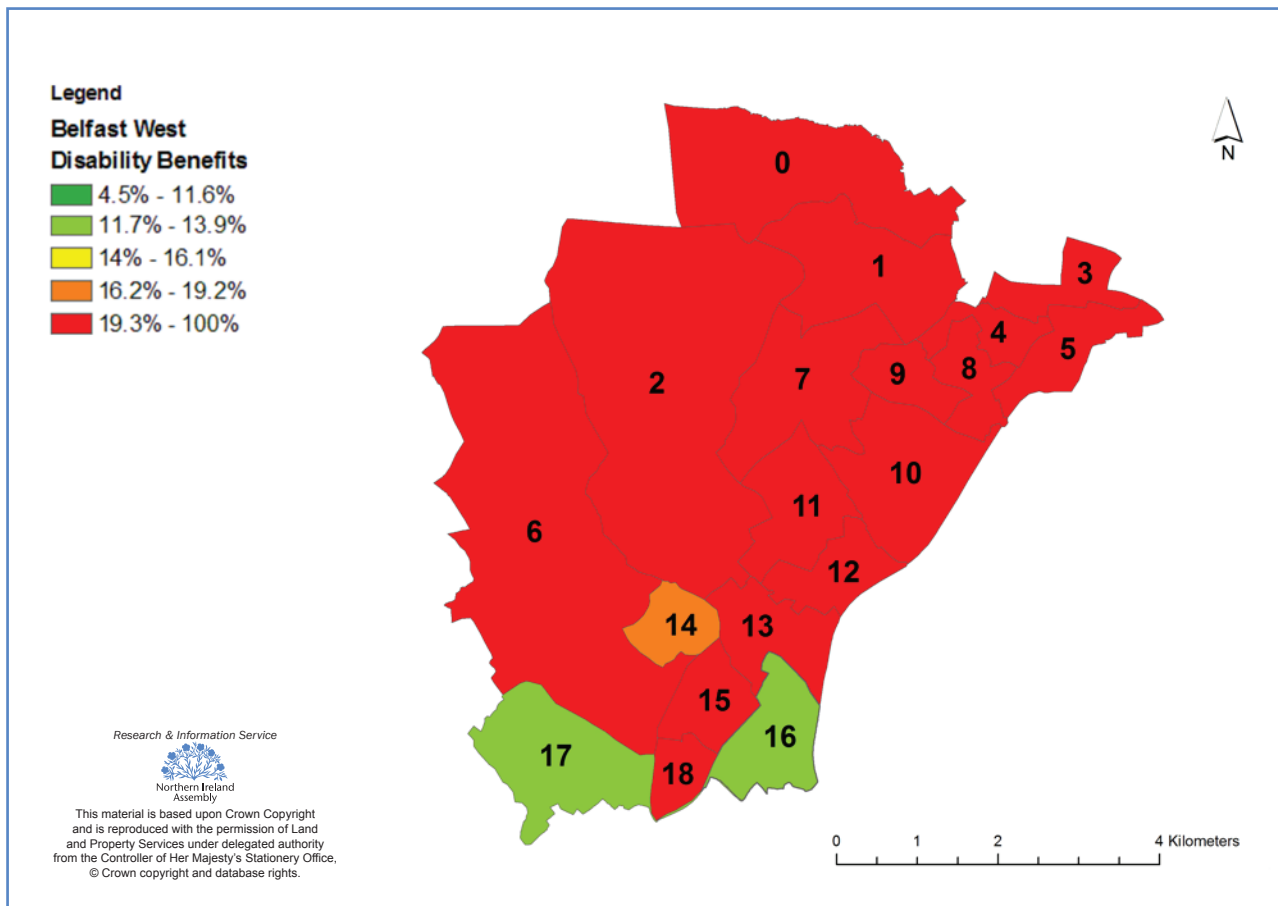
Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department for Social Development)

² Disability benefits include Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance.

³ Percentage of ward population calculated using the 2010 Mid-year Estimates.

⁴ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward.

Proportion of people in receipt of at least one disability-related benefit, as at February 2012



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
4	Clonard	11	Glen Road	18	Twinbrook
5	Falls	12	Andersonstown		
6	Collin Glen	13	Ladybrook		

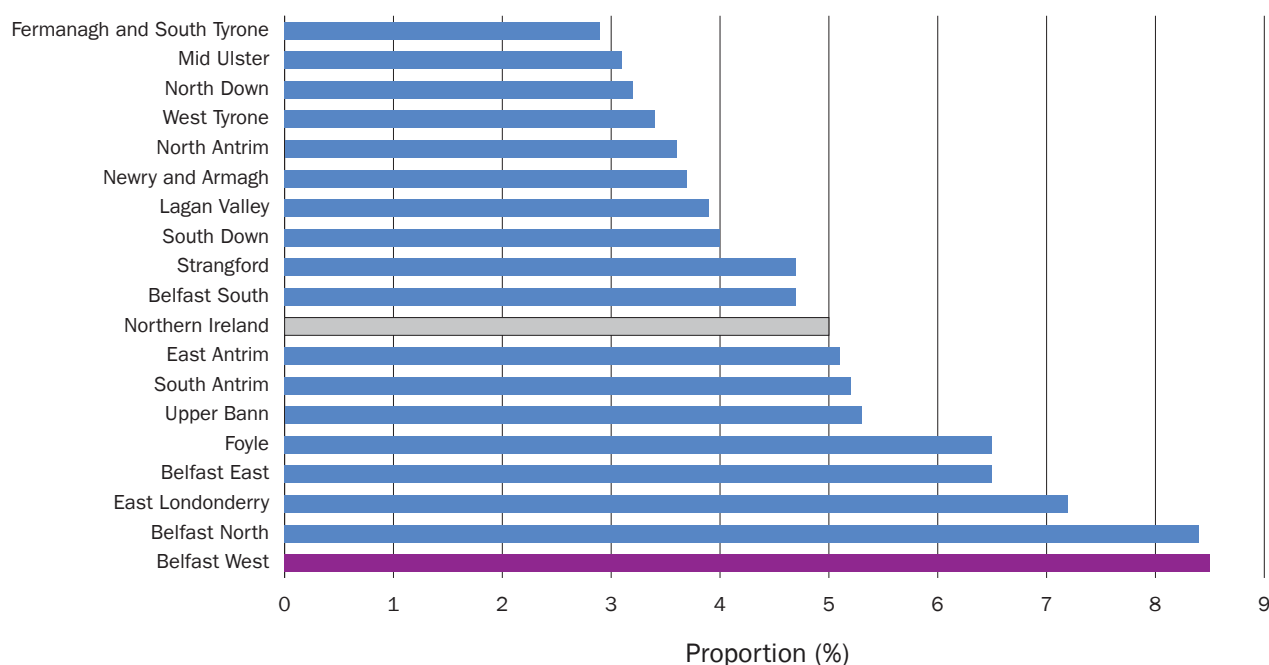
Health – Births to teenage mothers

In 2010, there were 130 births to teenage mothers in Belfast West. Births to teenage mothers accounted for 8.5% of all births in the Constituency in that year. This was lower than 2009 when 10.1% of all births were to teenage mothers.

A higher proportion of births were to teenage mothers in Belfast West in 2010 when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 5.0%.

The Constituency of Belfast West had the highest proportion of all births which were to teenage mothers (ranked 1 out of 18, highest to lowest).

Proportion of all births which were to teenage mothers, 2010



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	6.5	J 4	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	2.9	18	North Down	3.2	16
Belfast North	8.4	2	Foyle	6.5	J 4	South Antrim	5.2	7
Belfast South	4.7	J 9	Lagan Valley	3.9	12	South Down	4.0	11
Belfast West	8.5	1	Mid Ulster	3.1	17	Strangford	4.7	J 9
East Antrim	5.1	8	Newry and Armagh	3.7	13	Upper Bann	5.3	6
East Londonderry	7.2	3	North Antrim	3.6	14	West Tyrone	3.4	15

Source: NISRA, NINIS (General Register Office)

Health – Disease prevalence (Quality Outcomes Framework)

As at 31 March 2012, there was a higher prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma and epilepsy and a lower prevalence of hypertension, hypothyroid, obesity and chronic kidney disease amongst patients whose GP practice is located in the Belfast West area compared to GP practices across all of Northern Ireland.

Disease Prevalence per 1,000 patients as reported through Quality Outcome Framework, 2012

	Belfast West Patients		All Northern Ireland Patients	
	No.	Prevalence	No.	Prevalence
Coronary Heart Disease	4,966	40.65	74,788	39.40
Heart Failure	892	7.30	14,263	7.51
Stroke	2,243	18.36	33,842	17.83
Hypertension	14,819	121.31	241,783	127.38
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	2,943	24.09	32,973	17.37
Hypothyroid	3,027	24.78	64,502	33.98
Cancer	1,714	14.03	30,702	16.18
Mental Health	1,152	9.43	15,709	8.28
Asthma	8,058	65.97	113,518	59.81
Dementia	716	5.86	11,882	6.26
Atrial Fibrillation	1,608	13.16	27,213	14.34
Obesity (Patients aged 16+)	10,195	105.00	167,150	110.30
Diabetes Mellitus (Patients aged 17+)	4,866	50.97	75,837	50.87
Epilepsy (Patients aged 18+)	1,229	13.11	14,885	10.15
Chronic Kidney Disease (patients aged 18+)	2,740	29.23	62,238	42.46
Learning Disabilities (Patients aged 18+)	554	5.91	9,427	6.43

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

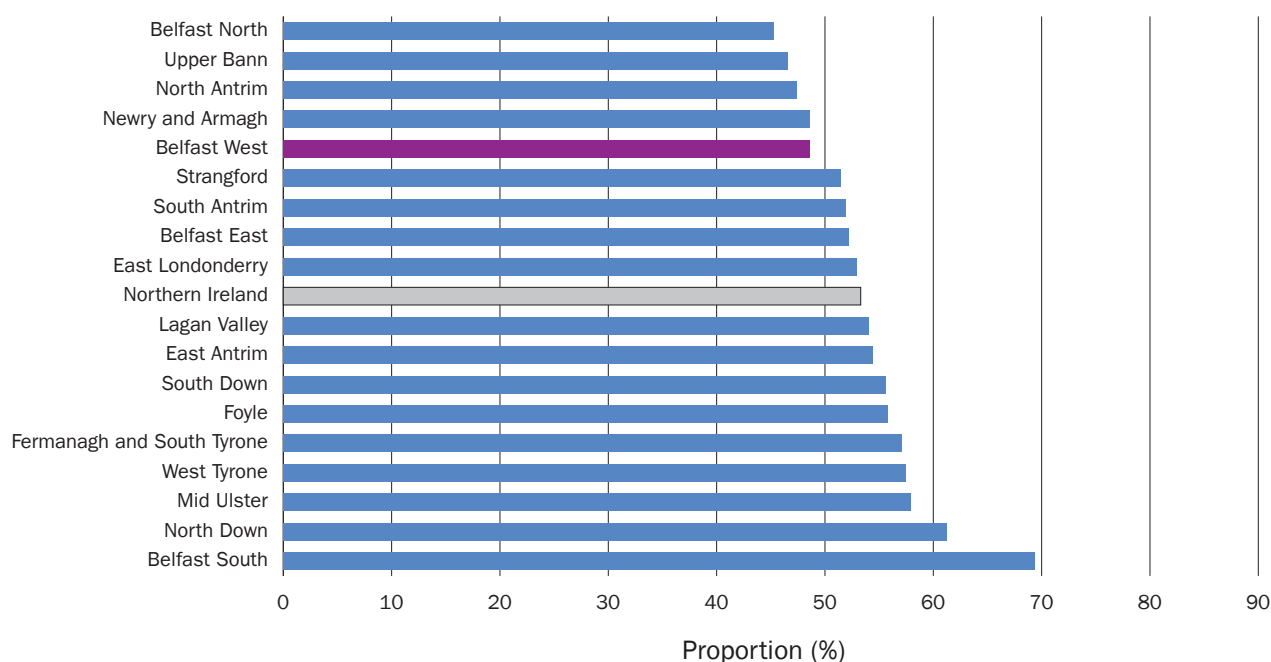
Education – School leavers achieving at least two A-levels

In 2010/11, 48.6% of Belfast West school leavers achieved at least two A-levels.

A lower proportion of Belfast West pupils left school with at least two A-levels in 2010/11 when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 53.3%.

Belfast West was the Constituency with the joint 4th lowest proportion of school leavers achieving at least two A-levels.

Proportion of school leavers achieving at least two A-levels or equivalent, 2010/11



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	52.2	11	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	57.1	5	North Down	61.2	2
Belfast North	45.3	18	Foyle	55.8	6	South Antrim	51.9	12
Belfast South	69.4	1	Lagan Valley	54.0	9	South Down	55.6	7
Belfast West	48.6	J 14	Mid Ulster	57.9	3	Strangford	51.5	13
East Antrim	54.4	8	Newry and Armagh	48.6	J 14	Upper Bann	46.6	17
East Londonderry	52.9	10	North Antrim	47.4	16	West Tyrone	57.5	4

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department of Education)

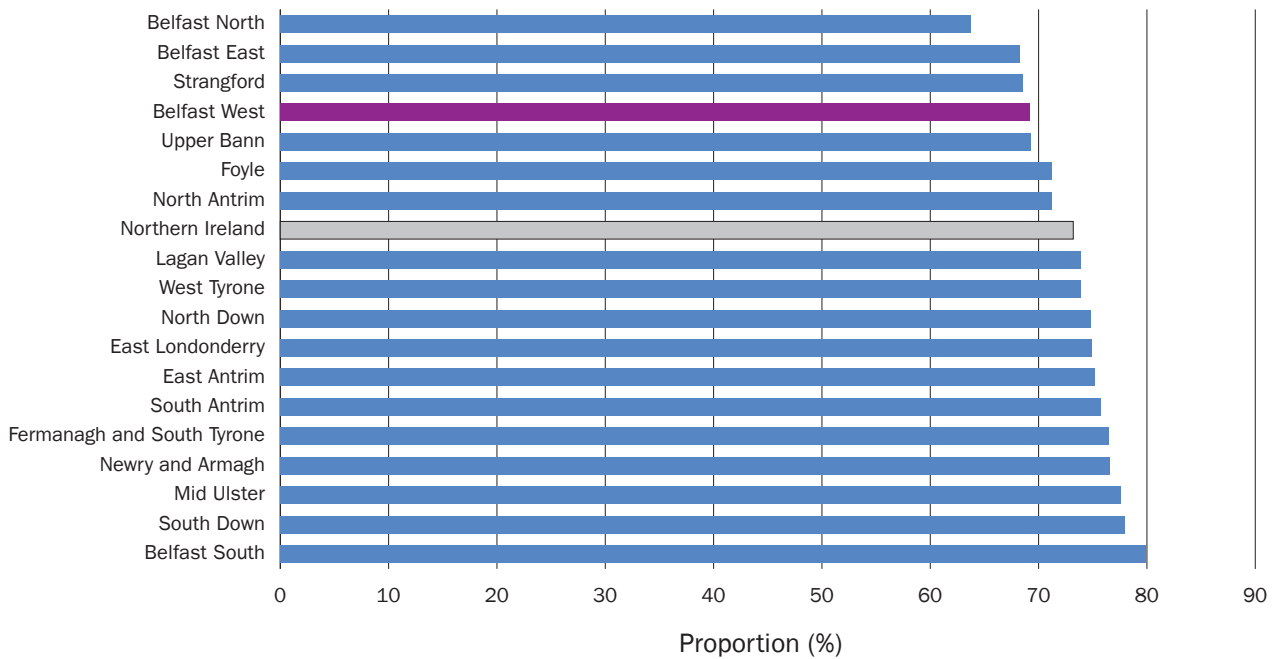
Education – School leavers achieving at least five GCSEs (A*-C)

In 2010/11, 69.2% of Belfast West school leavers achieved at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C or equivalent.

A lower proportion of Belfast West school leavers achieved at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C compared to the Northern Ireland average of 73.2% or equivalent.

Belfast West had the 4th lowest proportion of school leavers achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C or equivalent.

Proportion of school leavers achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C or equivalent, 2010/11



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	68.3	17	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	76.5	5	North Down	74.8	9
Belfast North	63.7	18	Foyle	71.2	J 12	South Antrim	75.7	6
Belfast South	79.9	1	Lagan Valley	73.9	J 10	South Down	78.0	2
Belfast West	69.2	15	Mid Ulster	77.6	3	Strangford	68.5	16
East Antrim	75.2	7	Newry and Armagh	76.6	4	Upper Bann	69.3	14
East Londonderry	74.9	8	North Antrim	71.2	J 12	West Tyrone	73.9	J 10

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Department of Education)

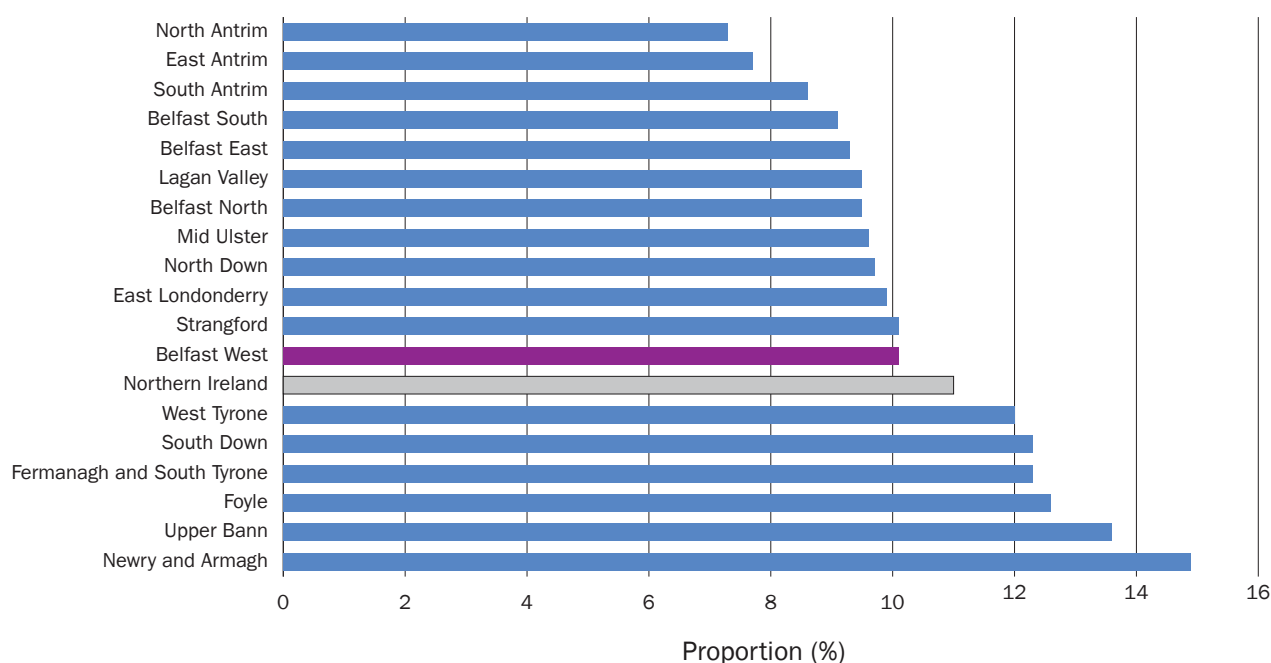
Education – Participation in Further Education

In 2009/10, there were 6,980 students from Belfast West enrolled in further education. This equates to 10.1% of all constituents aged 16 and over being enrolled in further education.

A lower proportion of Belfast West constituents (aged 16 and over) were enrolled in further education in 2009/10 when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 11.0%.

Belfast West had the joint 7th highest proportion of people aged 16 and over enrolled in further education. led in further education.

Further education enrolments as a proportion of the population aged 16 and over, 2009/10



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	9.3	14	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	12.3	J 4	North Down	9.7	10
Belfast North	9.5	J 12	Foyle	12.6	3	South Antrim	8.6	16
Belfast South	9.1	15	Lagan Valley	9.5	J 12	South Down	12.3	J 4
Belfast West	10.1	J 7	Mid Ulster	9.6	11	Strangford	10.1	J 7
East Antrim	7.7	17	Newry and Armagh	14.9	1	Upper Bann	13.6	2
East Londonderry	9.9	9	North Antrim	7.3	18	West Tyrone	12.0	6

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

Education – Participation in Further Education at ward level

The highest proportion of people enrolled in further education (as a percentage of those aged 16 and over) were concentrated in the wards of Whiterock (12.5%, 465 enrolments), Falls (12.1%, 455 enrolments) and Twinbrook (11.9%, 225 enrolments). The lowest proportions were found in Glencairn (6.2%, 180 enrolments), Dunmurry (7.2%, 260 enrolments) and Shankill (7.3%, 210 enrolments).

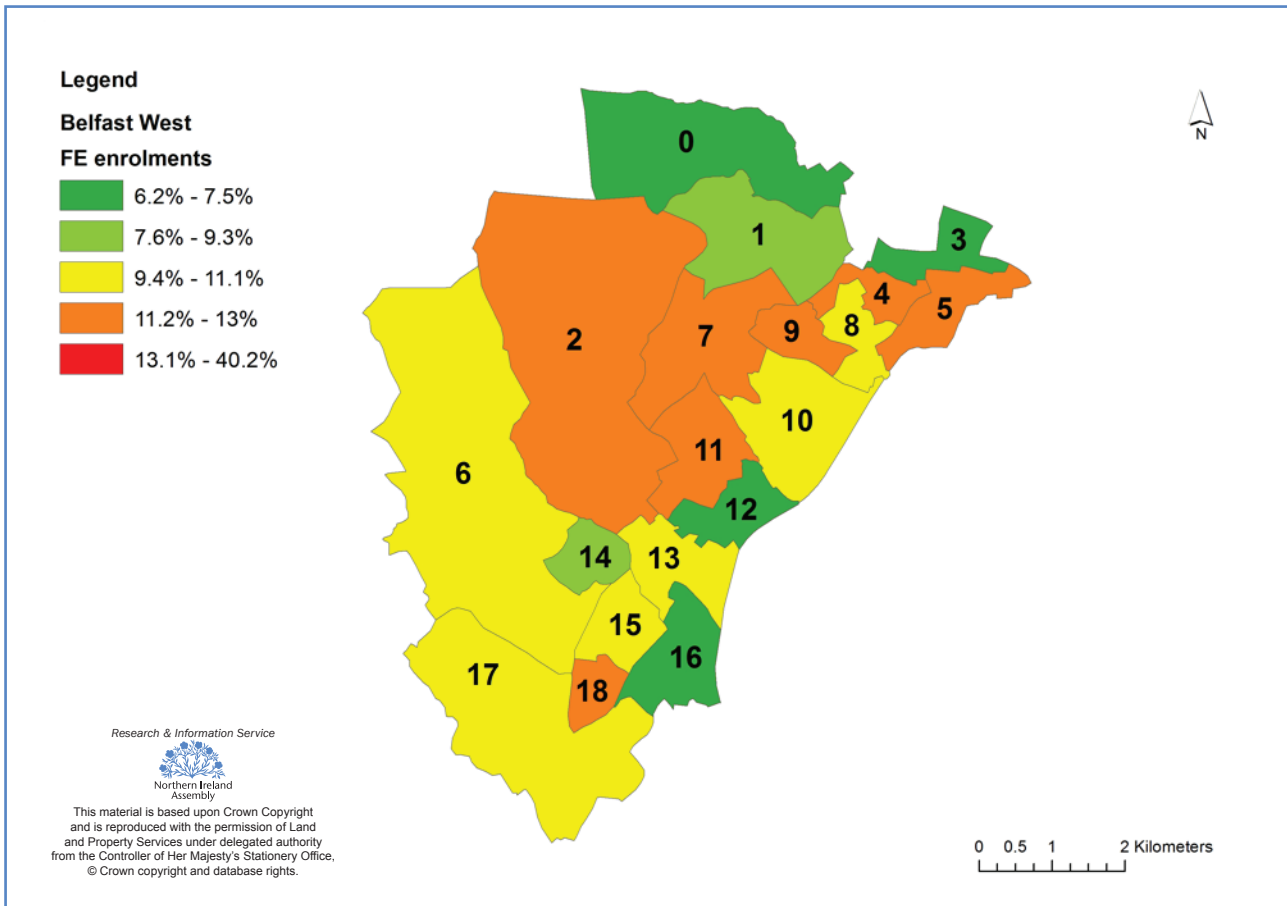
Proportion of people aged 16 and over enrolled in Further Education by Ward, 2009/10

Ward	Total FE enrolments	Per cent of people aged 16 and over	Ward	Total FE enrolments	Per cent of people aged 16 and over
Andersonstown	310	7.3	Glencolin	590	11.6
Beechmount	440	10.4	Highfield	405	9.3
Clonard	400	11.7	Kilwee	255	10.0
Collin Glen	480	10.9	Ladybrook	525	10.9
Derryaghy ⁵	615	9.7	Poleglass	240	7.9
Dunmurry	260	7.2	Shankill	210	7.3
Falls	455	12.1	Twinbrook	225	11.9
Falls Park	440	10.3	Upper Springfield	445	11.2
Glen Road	490	11.8	Whiterock	465	12.5
Glencairn	180	6.2			

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

⁵ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward.

Further Education Enrolments by Ward 2009/10 (as proportions of persons aged 16+)



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
4	Clonard	11	Glen Road	18	Twinbrook
5	Falls	12	Andersonstown		
6	Collin Glen	13	Ladybrook		

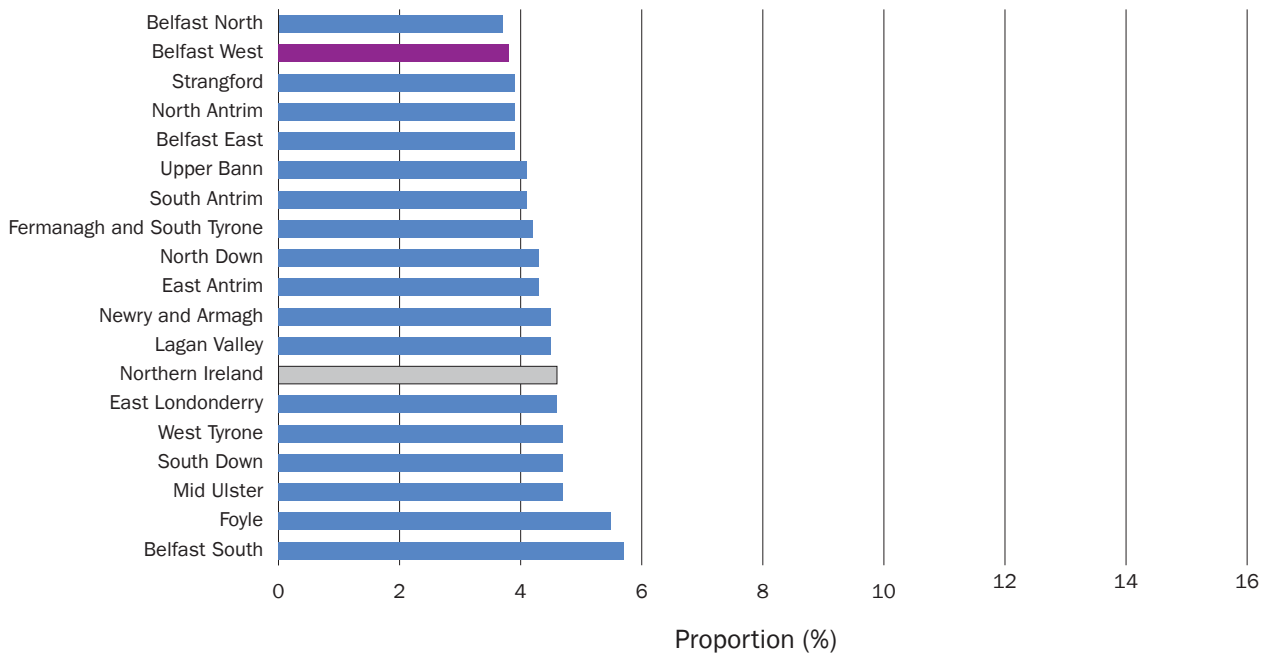
Education – Participation in Higher Education

In 2009/10, there were 2,665 students from Belfast West enrolled in higher education. This equates to 3.8% of all constituents aged 16 and over being enrolled in higher education.

A lower proportion of Belfast West constituents (aged 16 and over) were enrolled in higher education in 2009/10 when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 4.6%.

Belfast West had the 2nd lowest proportion of people aged 16 and over enrolled in higher education.

Higher education enrolments as a proportion of the population aged 16 and over, 2009/10



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	3.9	J 14	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	4.2	11	North Down	4.3	J 9
Belfast North	3.7	18	Foyle	5.5	2	South Antrim	4.1	J 12
Belfast South	5.7	1	Lagan Valley	4.5	J 7	South Down	4.7	J 3
Belfast West	3.8	17	Mid Ulster	4.7	J 3	Strangford	3.9	J 14
East Antrim	4.3	J 9	Newry and Armagh	4.5	J 7	Upper Bann	4.1	J 12
East Londonderry	4.6	6	North Antrim	3.9	J 14	West Tyrone	4.7	J 3

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

Education – Participation in Higher Education at ward level

The highest proportion of people enrolled in higher education (as a percentage of those aged 16 and over) were concentrated in the wards of Dunmurry (7.8%, 280 enrolments), Kilwee (6.5%, 165 enrolments) and Ladybrook (5.6%, 270 enrolments). The lowest proportions were found in Shankill (1.0%, 30 enrolments), Glencairn (1.7%, 50 enrolments) and Falls (2.3%, 85 enrolments).

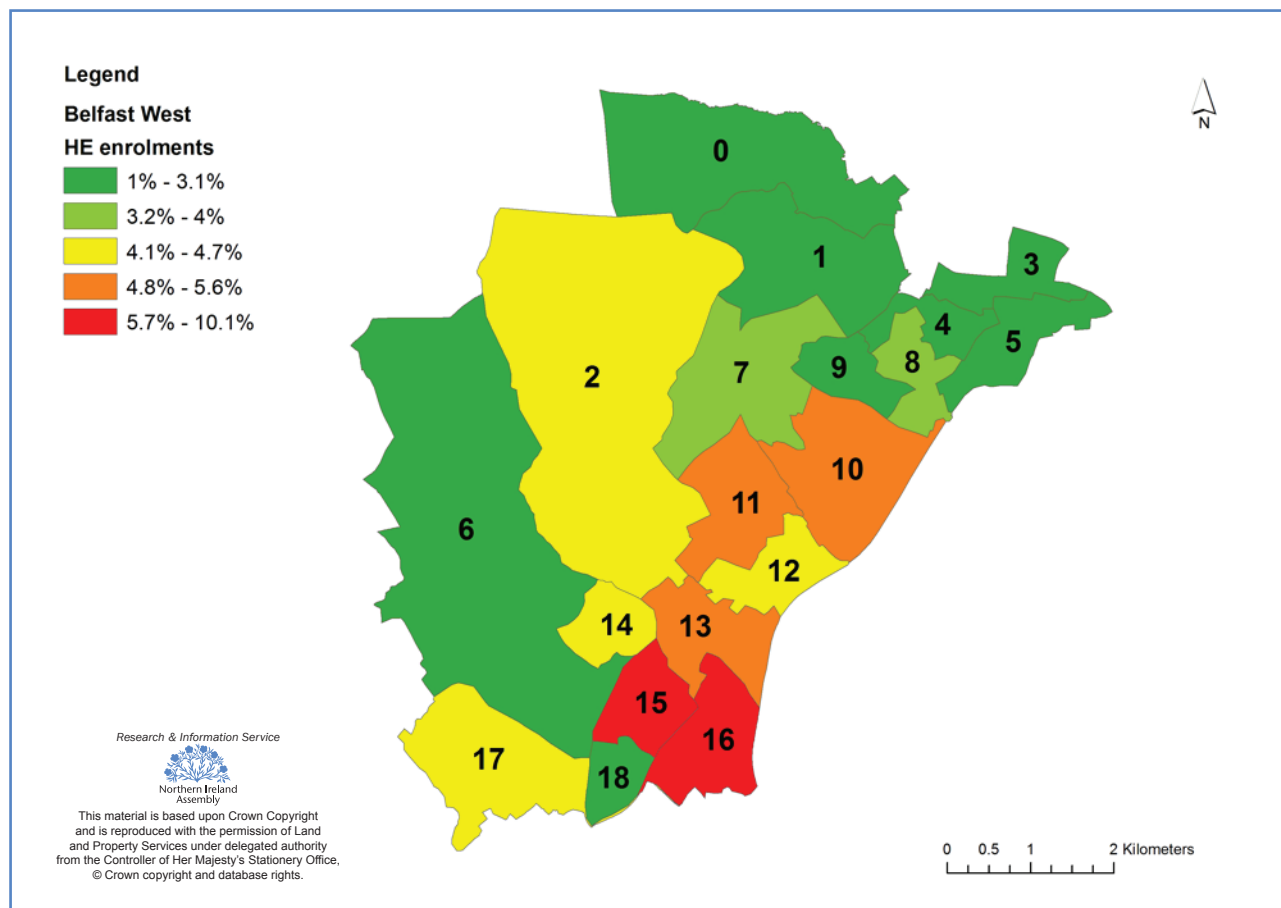
Proportion of people aged 16 and over enrolled in Higher Education by Ward, 2009/10

Ward	Total HE enrolments	Per cent of people aged 16 and over	Ward	Total HE enrolments	Per cent of people aged 16 and over
Andersonstown	195	4.6	Glencolin	220	4.3
Beechmount	140	3.3	Highfield	115	2.6
Clonard	105	3.1	Kilwee	165	6.5
Collin Glen	120	2.7	Ladybrook	270	5.6
Derryaghy ⁶	265	4.2	Poleglass	130	4.3
Dunmurry	280	7.8	Shankill	30	1.0
Falls	85	2.3	Twinbrook	45	2.4
Falls Park	210	4.9	Upper Springfield	130	3.3
Glen Road	200	4.8	Whiterock	105	2.8
Glencairn	50	1.7			

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

⁶ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward.

Higher Education Enrolments by Ward 2009/10 (as proportions of persons aged 16+)



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
4	Clonard	11	Glen Road	18	Twinbrook
5	Falls	12	Andersonstown		
6	Collin Glen	13	Ladybrook		

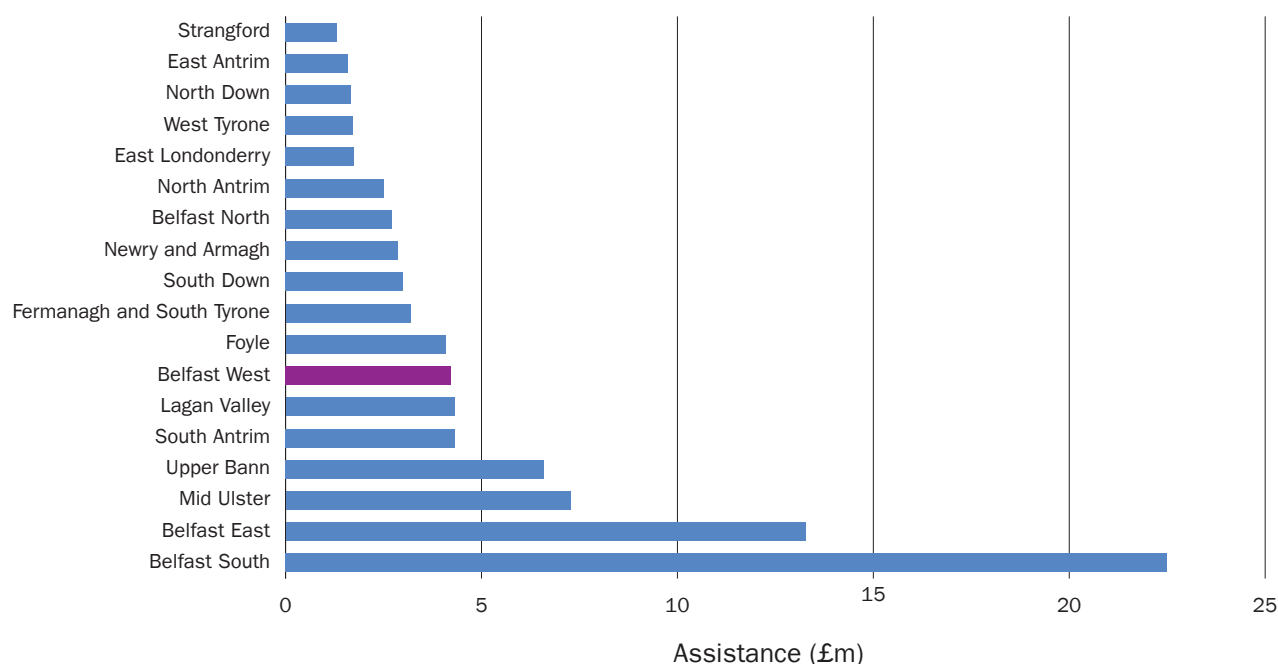
The Economy – Invest NI Assistance

In 2011/12, Invest NI made 102 offers of investment to companies in Belfast West.

Invest NI provided £4.22 million in financial assistance to companies in Belfast West in 2011/12, accounting for 4.7% of all assistance provided by Invest NI during that period. This is higher than the £0.35 million provided to Belfast West companies in 2010/11.

Belfast West was the Constituency that received the 7th highest amount of financial assistance in 2011/12.

Total financial assistance (in £ million) provided by Invest NI to companies, 2011/12



	£m	Rank		£m	Rank		£m	Rank
Belfast East	13.27	2	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	3.19	9	North Down	1.67	16
Belfast North	2.72	12	Foyle	4.08	8	South Antrim	4.32	5
Belfast South	22.50	1	Lagan Valley	4.31	6	South Down	3.00	10
Belfast West	4.22	7	Mid Ulster	7.27	3	Strangford	1.32	18
East Antrim	1.59	17	Newry and Armagh	2.86	11	Upper Bann	6.59	4
East Londonderry	1.75	14	North Antrim	2.51	13	West Tyrone	1.71	15

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Invest NI)

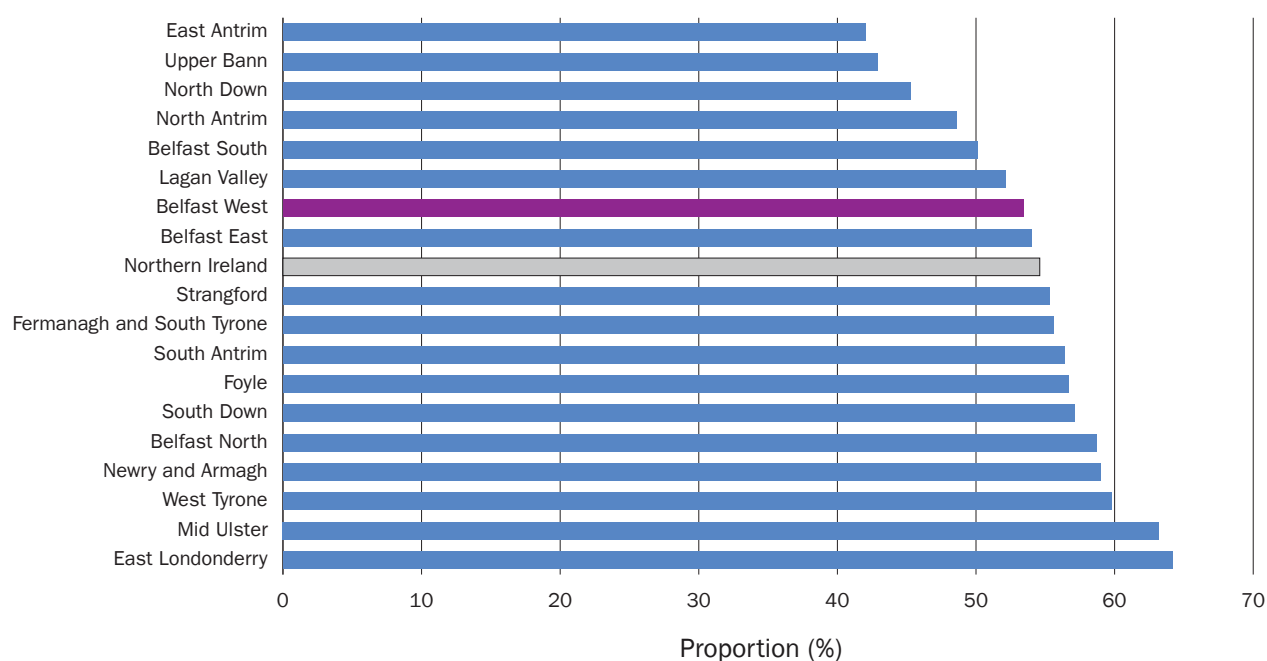
The Economy – Invest NI Enterprise Development Programme

In 2010/11, 234 participants from Belfast West completed the Invest NI Enterprise Development Programme (EDP), 2.3 times higher than the 2009/10 figure of 102.

In total, 53.4% of Belfast West EDP participants subsequently started a business. This was lower than the Northern Ireland average of 54.6%.

Belfast West was the Constituency with the 7th lowest proportion of EDP participants who subsequently started a business (ranked 12 out of 18).

Proportion of Invest NI Enterprise Development Programme participants who subsequently started a business, 2010/11



	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank
Belfast East	54.0	11	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	55.6	9	North Down	45.3	16
Belfast North	58.7	5	Foyle	56.7	7	South Antrim	56.4	8
Belfast South	50.1	14	Lagan Valley	52.1	13	South Down	57.1	6
Belfast West	53.4	12	Mid Ulster	63.2	2	Strangford	55.3	10
East Antrim	42.0	18	Newry and Armagh	59.0	4	Upper Bann	42.9	17
East Londonderry	64.2	1	North Antrim	48.6	15	West Tyrone	59.8	3

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Invest NI)

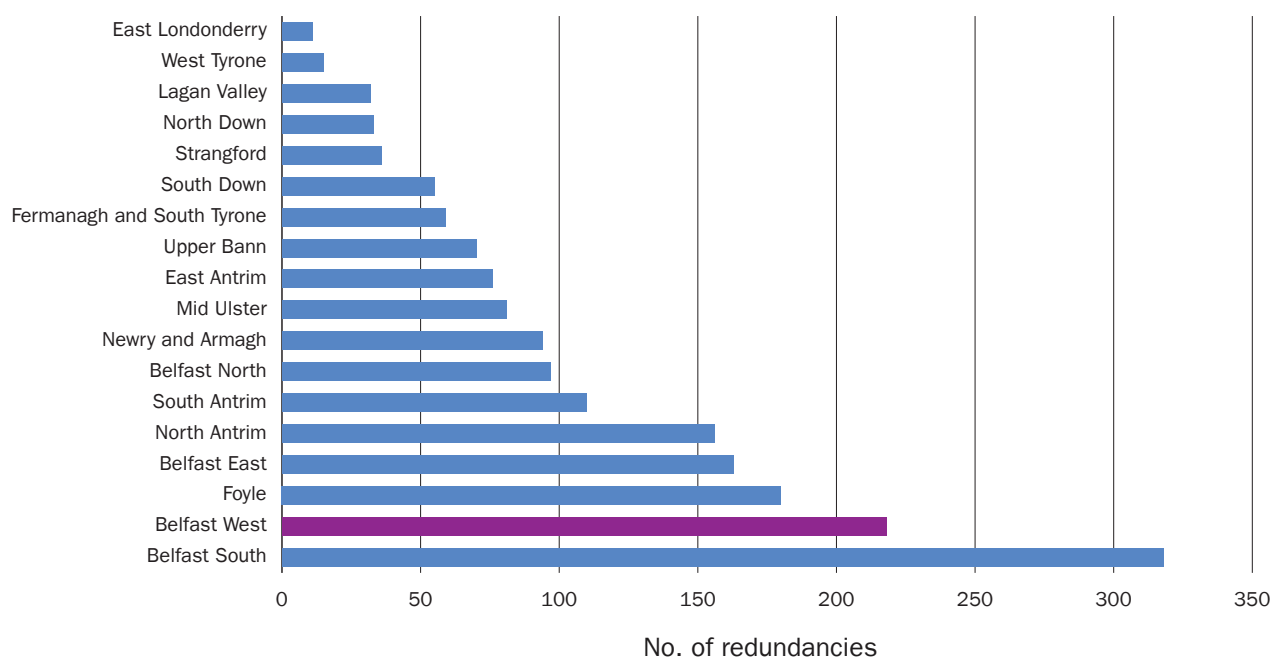
Employment – Redundancies

In 2011, there were 218 confirmed redundancies in Belfast West.

This represents 12.1% of all confirmed redundancies in Northern Ireland in 2011.

Belfast West had the 2nd highest number of redundancies in 2011.

Number of confirmed redundancies, 2011



	No.	Rank		No.	Rank		No.	Rank
Belfast East	163	4	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	59	12	North Down	33	15
Belfast North	97	7	Foyle	180	3	South Antrim	110	6
Belfast South	318	1	Lagan Valley	32	16	South Down	55	13
Belfast West	218	2	Mid Ulster	81	9	Strangford	36	14
East Antrim	76	10	Newry and Armagh	94	8	Upper Bann	70	11
East Londonderry	11	18	North Antrim	156	5	West Tyrone	15	17

Source: NISRA, NINIS

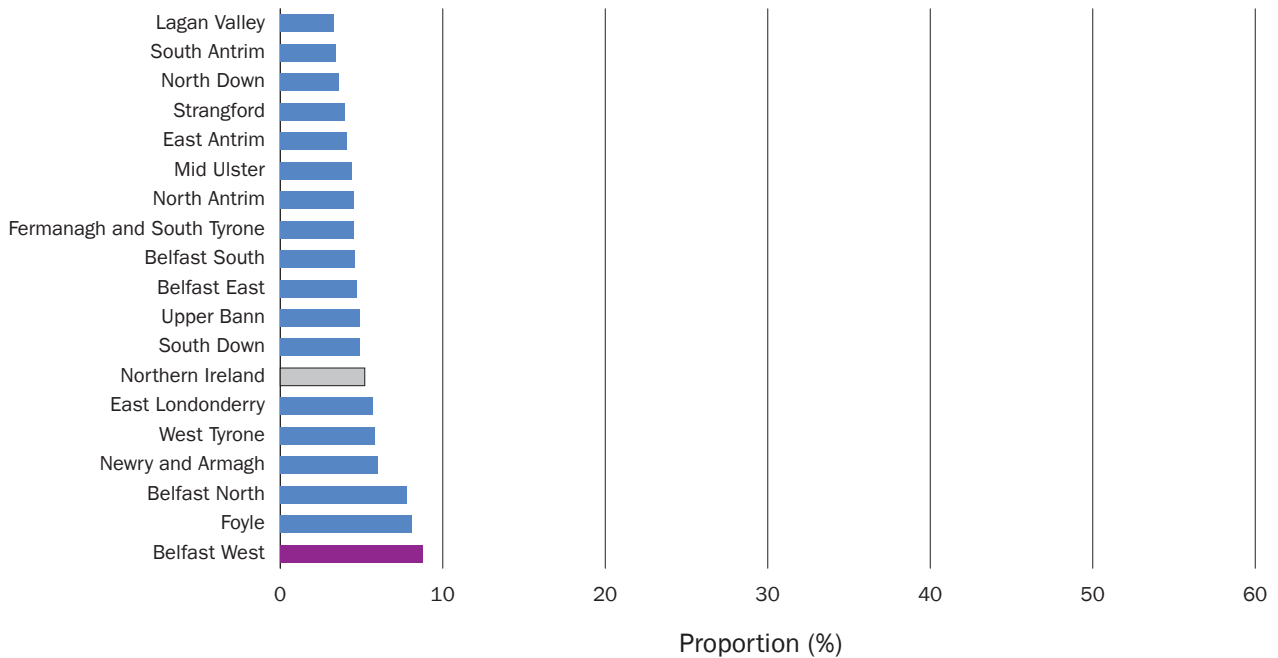
Employment – Unemployment Claimant Count

During the period January – December 2011, there were 5,092 people claiming unemployment-related benefits in Belfast West. This equates to 8.8% of all working age people in the area, an increase from 8.6% in 2010.

A higher proportion of working age people in Belfast West claimed unemployment-related benefits in 2011 when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 5.2%.

Belfast West was the Constituency with the highest unemployment claimant count in 2011 (ranked 1 out of 18, highest to lowest).

Proportion of working age people (aged 16-64) claiming unemployment-related benefits, 2011



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	4.7	9	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	4.5	J 11	North Down	3.6	16
Belfast North	7.8	3	Foyle	8.1	2	South Antrim	3.4	17
Belfast South	4.6	10	Lagan Valley	3.3	18	South Down	4.9	J 7
Belfast West	8.8	1	Mid Ulster	4.4	13	Strangford	4.0	15
East Antrim	4.1	14	Newry and Armagh	6.0	4	Upper Bann	4.9	J 7
East Londonderry	5.7	6	North Antrim	4.5	J 11	West Tyrone	5.8	5

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Claimant Count)

Employment – Unemployment Claimant Count at ward level

The highest proportion of people claiming unemployment-related benefits (as a percentage of the working age population) were concentrated in the wards of Clonard (12.3%, 331 claimants), Falls (12.1%, 378 claimants) and Shankill (11.5%, 255 claimants). The lowest proportions were found in Dunmurry (3.9%, 115 claimants), Derryaghy (5.8%, 298 claimants) and Andersonstown (6.4%, 208 claimants).

Proportion of Working Age people (males/females 16 – 64) claiming unemployment related benefits, Annual Average 2011

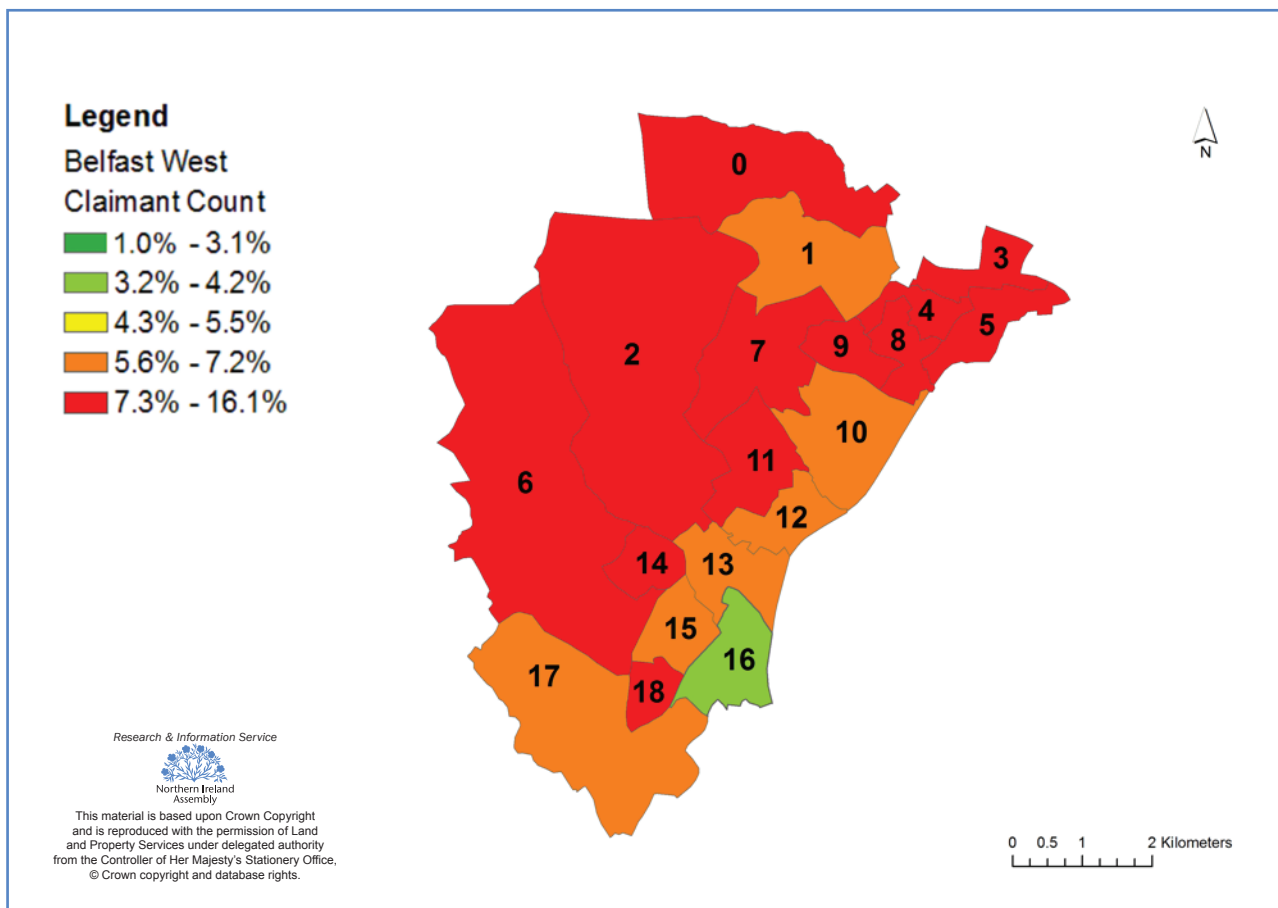
Ward	Claimant Count	Per cent of Working Age Population ⁶	Ward	Claimant Count	Per cent of Working Age Population
Andersonstown	208	6.4	Glencolin	390	8.8
Beechmount	317	8.5	Highfield	243	6.8
Clonard	331	12.3	Kilwee	158	6.8
Collin Glen	409	10.0	Ladybrook	288	7.1
Derryaghy ⁷	298	5.8	Poleglass	206	7.3
Dunmurry	115	3.9	Shankill	255	11.5
Falls	378	12.1	Twinbrook	175	10.5
Falls Park	234	6.9	Upper Springfield	373	10.8
Glen Road	254	7.3	Whiterock	339	10.3
Glencairn	197	9.3			

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Claimant Count)

⁷ The working age population refers to men and women aged 16 to 64.

⁸ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward.

Proportion of working age people (males and females aged 16-64) claiming unemployment-related benefit, 2011



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
4	Clonard	11	Glen Road	18	Twinbrook
5	Falls	12	Andersonstown		
6	Collin Glen	13	Ladybrook		

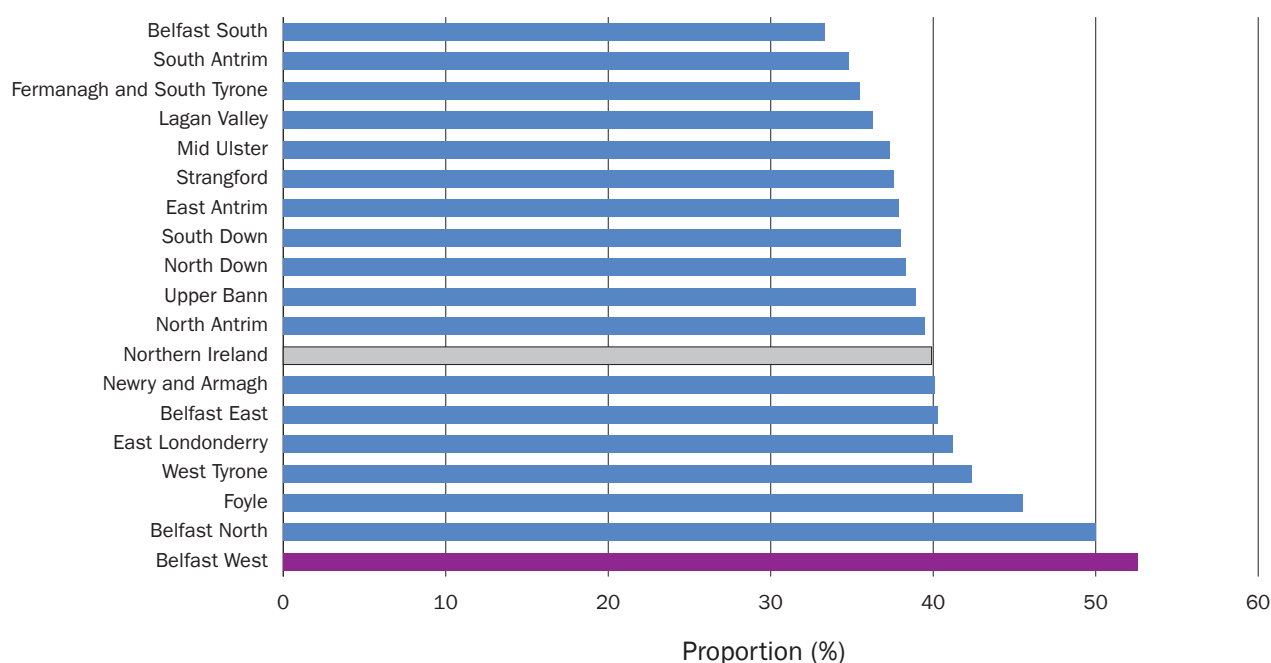
Low income – People claiming benefits

As at April 2012, 36,480 people in Belfast West claimed at least one of the main benefits. This equates to 52.6% of all constituents aged 16 and over.

A higher proportion of people aged 16 and over living in Belfast West claimed at least one benefit when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 39.9%.

Belfast West was the Constituency with the highest proportion of people aged 16 and over claiming at least one benefit.

Proportion of people aged 16 and over claiming at least one of the main benefits, as at April 2012



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	40.3	6	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	35.5	16	North Down	38.3	10
Belfast North	50.0	2	Foyle	45.5	3	South Antrim	34.8	17
Belfast South	33.3	18	Lagan Valley	36.3	15	South Down	38.0	11
Belfast West	52.6	1	Mid Ulster	37.3	14	Strangford	37.6	13
East Antrim	37.9	12	Newry and Armagh	40.1	7	Upper Bann	38.9	9
East Londonderry	41.2	5	North Antrim	39.5	8	West Tyrone	42.4	4

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

Low income – People claiming benefits at ward level

The highest proportion of people claiming at least one benefit (as a percentage of those aged 16 and over) were concentrated in the wards of Whiterock (70.8%, 2,640 claimants), Falls (67.0%, 2,530 claimants) and Clonard (66.7%, 2,280 claimants). The lowest proportions were found in the wards of Dunmurry (29.4%, 1,060 claimants), Derryaghy (33.9%, 2,160 claimants) and Poleglass (42.5%, 1,290 claimants).

Proportion of people aged 16 and over claiming at least one benefit ⁹, as at April 2012

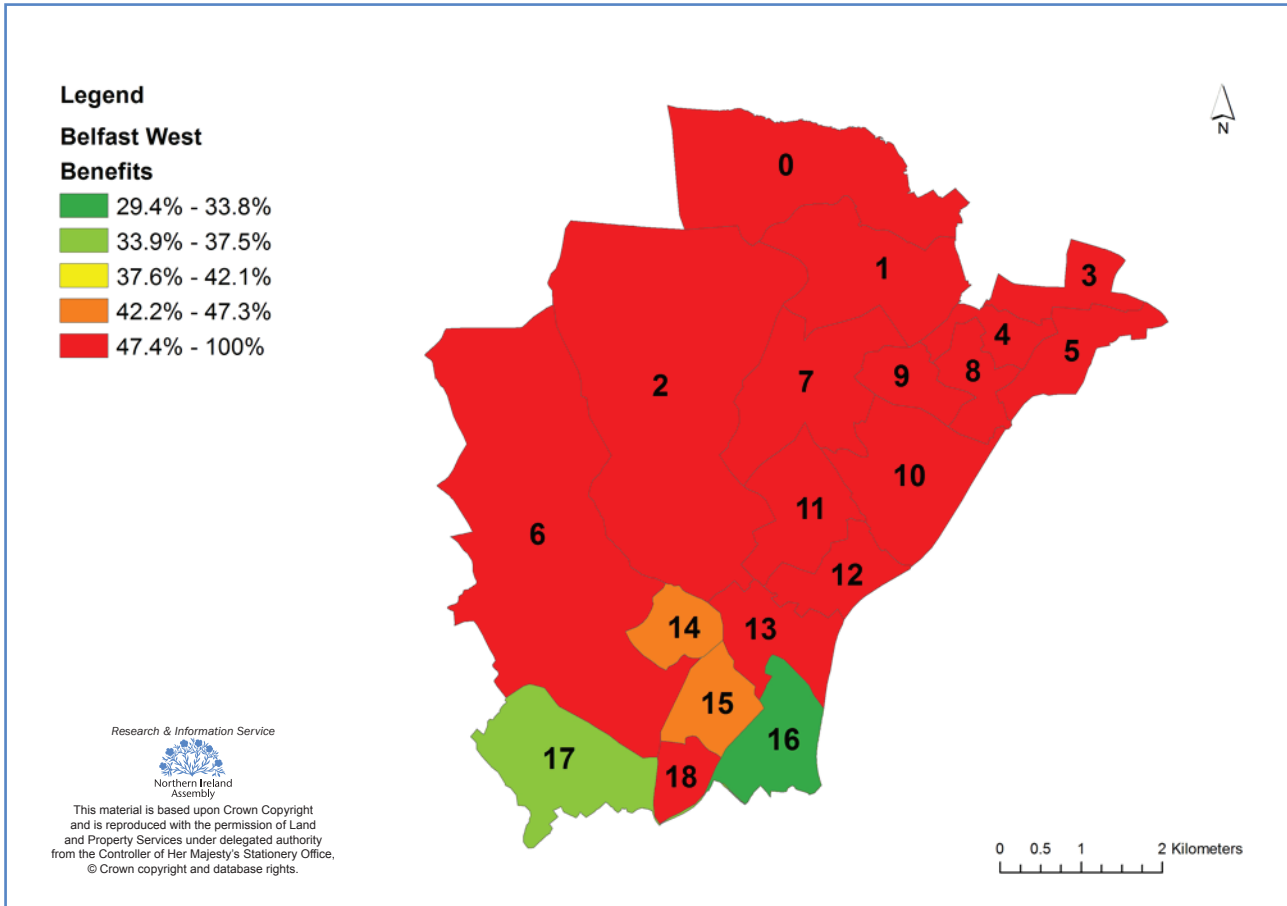
Ward	No. of people claiming at least one benefit	Per cent of people aged 16 and over	Ward	No. of people claiming at least one benefit	Per cent of people aged 16 and over
Andersonstown	2,120	50.1	Glencolin	2,520	49.4
Beechmount	2,200	51.9	Highfield	2,070	47.6
Clonard	2,280	66.7	Kilwee	1,190	46.6
Collin Glen	2,280	51.9	Ladybrook	2,340	48.6
Derryaghy ¹⁰	2,160	33.9	Poleglass	1,290	42.5
Dunmurry	1,060	29.4	Shankill	1,890	65.8
Falls	2,530	67.0	Twinbrook	1,160	61.5
Falls Park	2,130	50.0	Upper Springfield	2,420	60.8
Glen Road	2,290	55.2	Whiterock	2,640	70.8
Glencairn	1,640	56.8			

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

⁹ Main benefits for working age claimants are: Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disability Allowance. Pension Credit for males aged 60 - 64). The main benefits for pensionable age claimants are Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disability Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Retirement Pension, Carer's Allowance, Widow's Benefit and Pension Credit.

¹⁰ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward.

Proportion of persons aged 16 and over claiming at least one Benefit, April 2012



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
4	Clonard	11	Glen Road	18	Twinbrook
5	Falls	12	Andersonstown		
6	Collin Glen	13	Ladybrook		

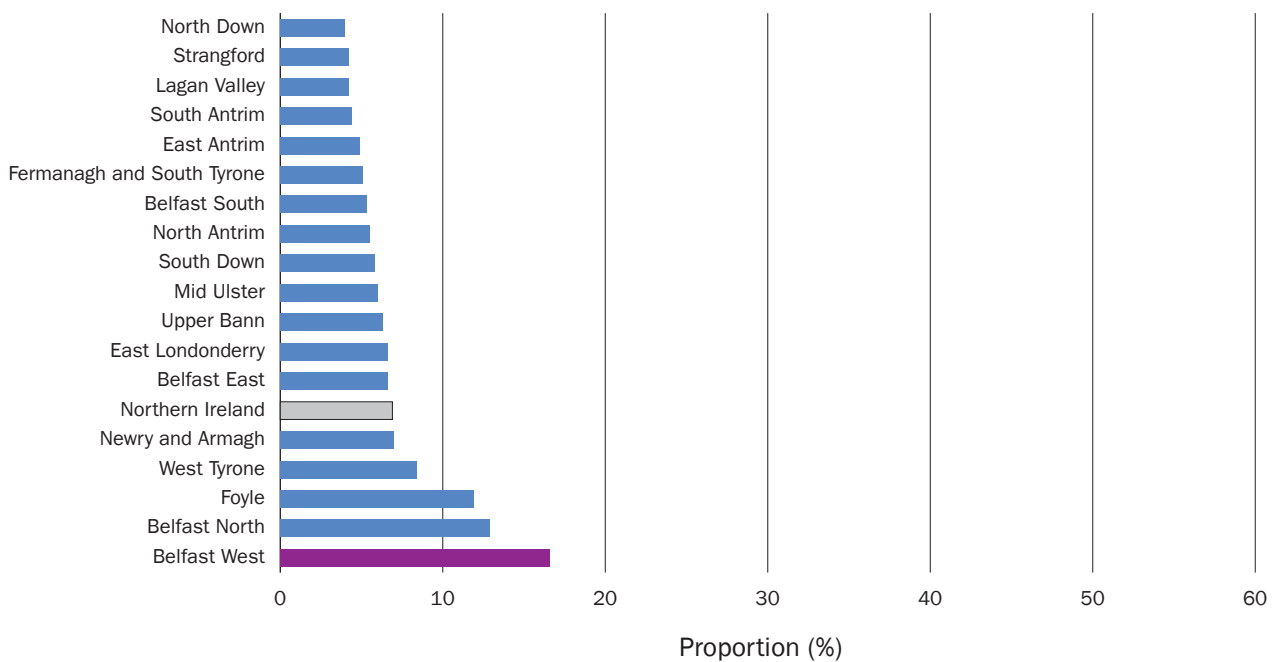
Low income – People claiming income support

As at February 2012, 16.6% of all working age people¹¹ in Belfast West were claiming income support (9,250 claimants).

A higher proportion of working age people living in Belfast West claimed income support when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 6.9%.

Belfast West was the Constituency with the highest proportion of the working age population claiming income support.

Proportion of working age people claiming income support, as at February 2012



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	6.6	J 6	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	5.1	13	North Down	4.0	18
Belfast North	12.9	2	Foyle	11.9	3	South Antrim	4.4	15
Belfast South	5.3	12	Lagan Valley	4.2	J 16	South Down	5.8	10
Belfast West	16.6	1	Mid Ulster	6.0	9	Strangford	4.2	J 16
East Antrim	4.9	14	Newry and Armagh	7.0	5	Upper Bann	6.3	8
East Londonderry	6.6	J 6	North Antrim	5.5	11	West Tyrone	8.4	4

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

¹¹ Calculated using 2010 mid-year population estimates, NISRA, DMB

Low income – People claiming income support at ward level

The highest proportion of Income Support claimants (as a percentage of the working age population) were concentrated in the wards of Whiterock (30.6%, 930 claimants), Clonard (27.5%, 750 claimants) and Falls (27.1%, 810 claimants). The lowest proportions were found in Dunmurry (4.3%, 130 claimants), Derryaghy (7.7%, 430 claimants) and Highfield (8.9%, 310 claimants).

Proportion of working age people claiming Income Support, as at February 2012

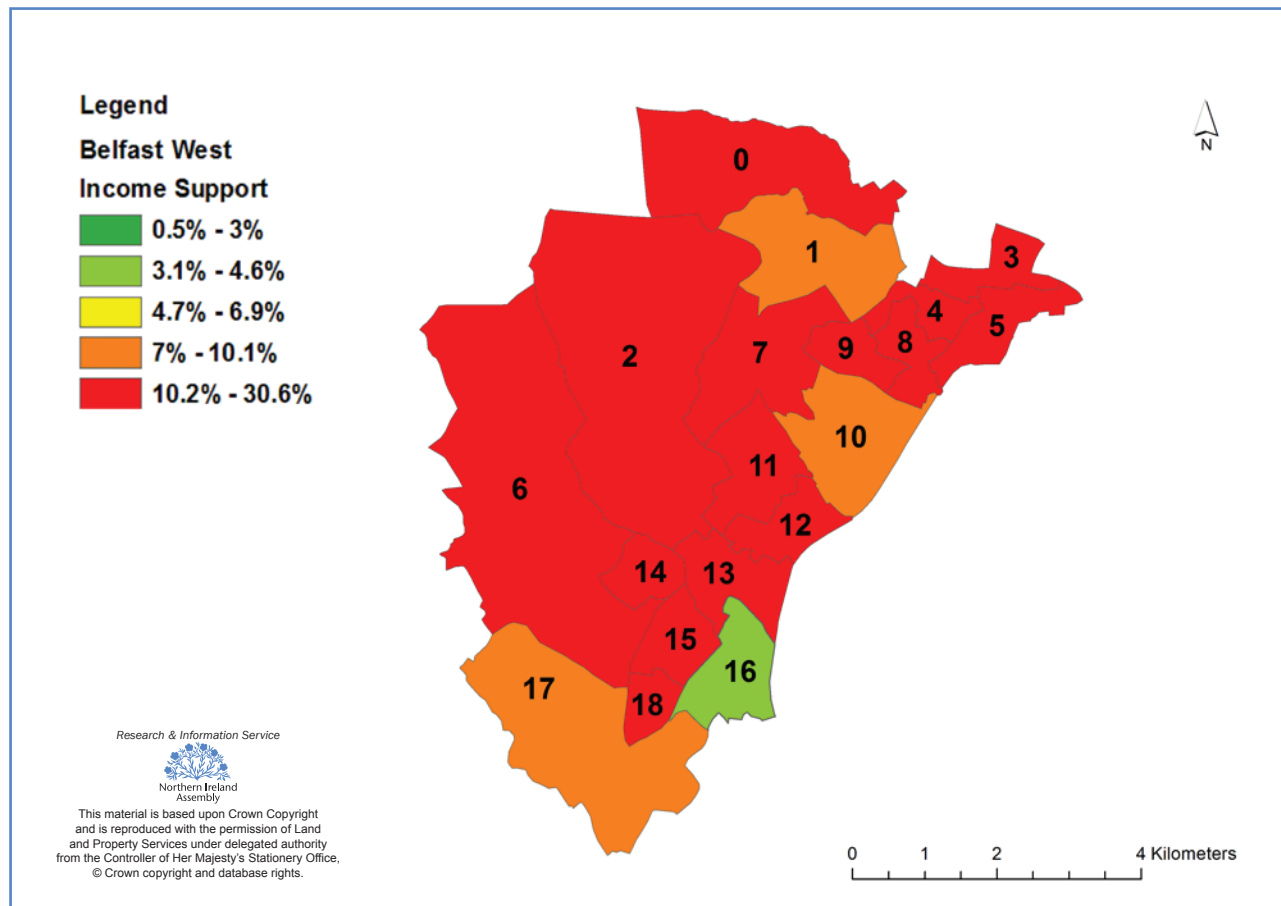
Ward	IS Count	Per cent of Working Age Population ¹²	Ward	IS Count	Per cent of Working Age Population
Andersonstown	330	11.0	Glencolin	600	14.4
Beechmount	610	17.3	Highfield	310	8.9
Clonard	750	27.5	Kilwee	280	13.1
Collin Glen	900	22.3	Ladybrook	430	11.2
Derryaghy ¹³	430	7.7	Poleglass	360	13.5
Dunmurry	130	4.3	Shankill	470	22.9
Falls	810	27.1	Twinbrook	350	23.4
Falls Park	290	9.0	Upper Springfield	740	23.1
Glen Road	520	15.7	Whiterock	930	30.6
Glencairn	330	16.6			

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

¹² Working age calculation based on 2010 Mid-Year Population Estimates (males, aged 16-64; females, aged 15-59).

¹³ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward

Proportion of working age population in receipt of income support by Ward, 2012



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
4	Clonard	11	Glen Road	18	Twinbrook
5	Falls	12	Andersonstown		
6	Collin Glen	13	Ladybrook		

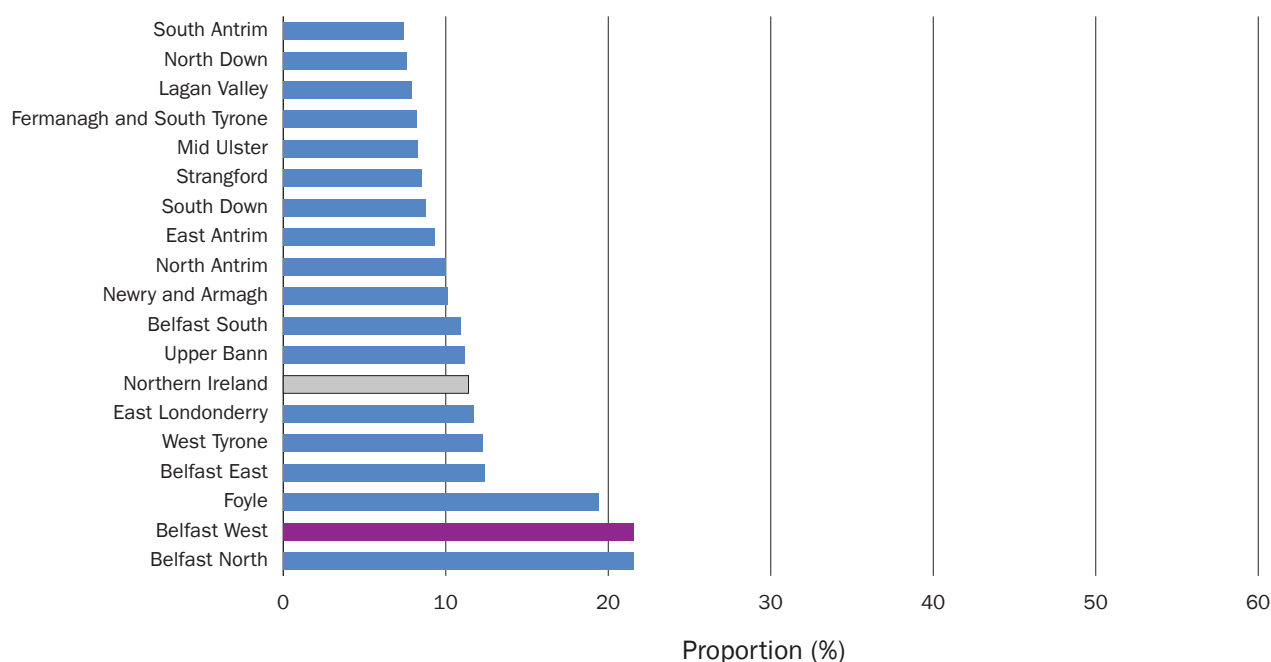
Low income – People claiming housing benefit

As at June 2012, there were 14,950 people in Belfast West claiming housing benefit. This equates to 21.6% of all constituents aged 16 and over claiming this benefit.

A higher proportion of people aged 16 and over living in Belfast West claimed housing benefit in 2012 when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 11.4%.

Belfast West was the constituency with the joint highest proportion of housing benefit claimants.

Proportion of people aged 16 and over claiming housing benefit, as at June 2012



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	12.4	4	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	8.2	15	North Down	7.6	17
Belfast North	21.6	J 1	Foyle	19.4	3	South Antrim	7.4	18
Belfast South	10.9	8	Lagan Valley	7.9	16	South Down	8.8	12
Belfast West	21.6	J 1	Mid Ulster	8.3	14	Strangford	8.5	13
East Antrim	9.3	11	Newry and Armagh	10.1	9	Upper Bann	11.2	7
East Londonderry	11.7	6	North Antrim	10.0	10	West Tyrone	12.3	5

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

Low income – People claiming housing benefit at ward level

The highest proportion of people claiming Housing Benefit (as a percentage of those aged 16 and over) were concentrated in the wards of Shankill (43.5%, 1,250 claimants), Falls (37.9%, 1,430 claimants) and Clonard (37.1%, 1,270 claimants). The lowest proportions were found in Dunmurry (6.7%, 240 claimants), Andersonstown (11.8%, 500 claimants) and Derryaghy (11.9%, 760 claimants).

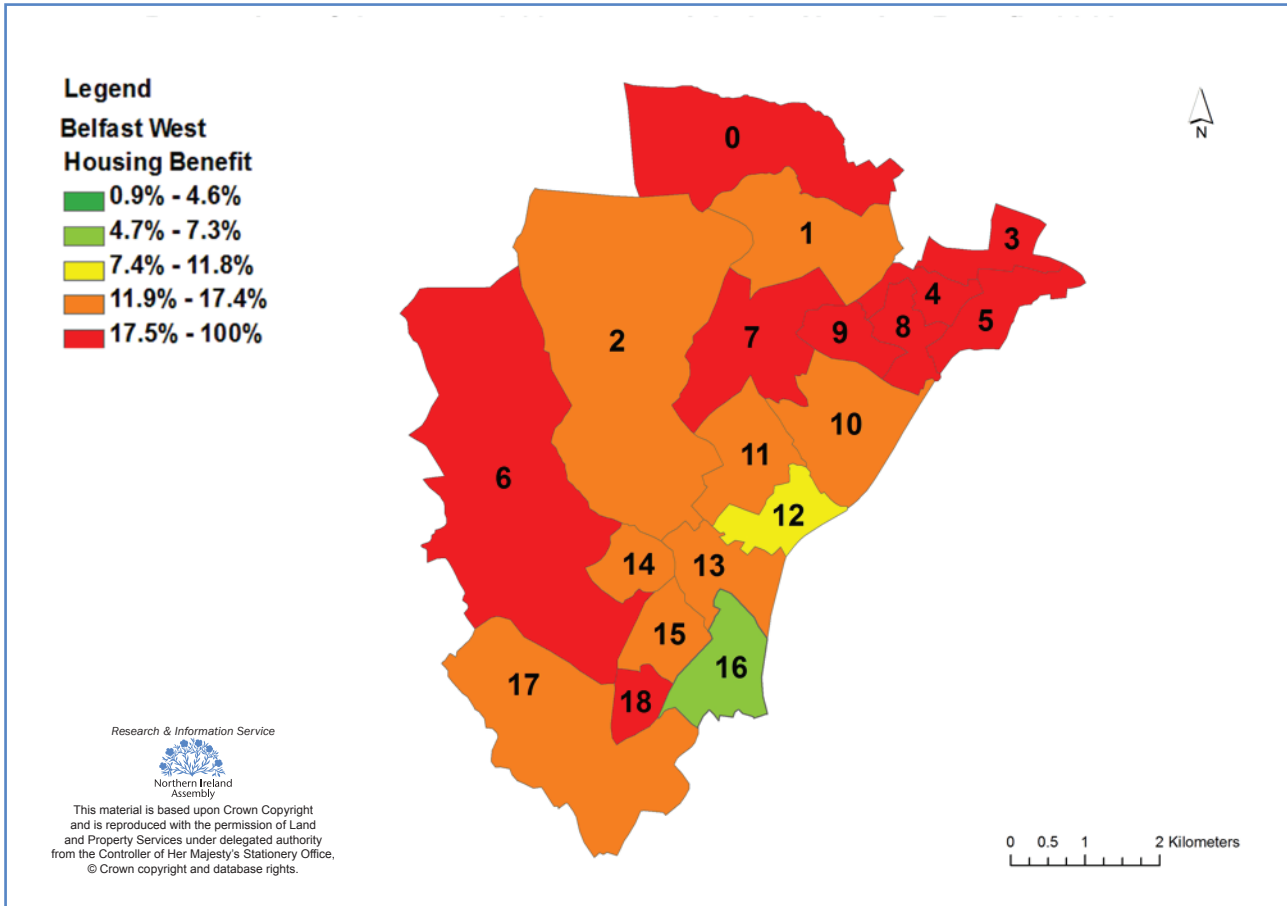
Proportion of people aged 16 and over claiming Housing Benefit, as at June 2012

Ward	No. of people claiming at least one benefit	Per cent of people aged 16 and over	Ward	No. of people claiming at least one benefit	Per cent of people aged 16 and over
Andersonstown	500	11.8	Glencolin	860	16.9
Beechmount	1,000	23.6	Highfield	700	16.1
Clonard	1,270	37.1	Kilwee	430	16.8
Collin Glen	1,290	29.4	Ladybrook	700	14.6
Derryaghy ¹⁴	760	11.9	Poleglass	510	16.8
Dunmurry	240	6.7	Shankill	1,250	43.5
Falls	1,430	37.9	Twinbrook	480	25.4
Falls Park	560	13.2	Upper Springfield	970	24.4
Glen Road	720	17.4	Whiterock	1,270	34.0
Glencairn	690	23.9			

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

¹⁴ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward.

Proportion of those aged 16 or over claiming Housing Benefit, 2012



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
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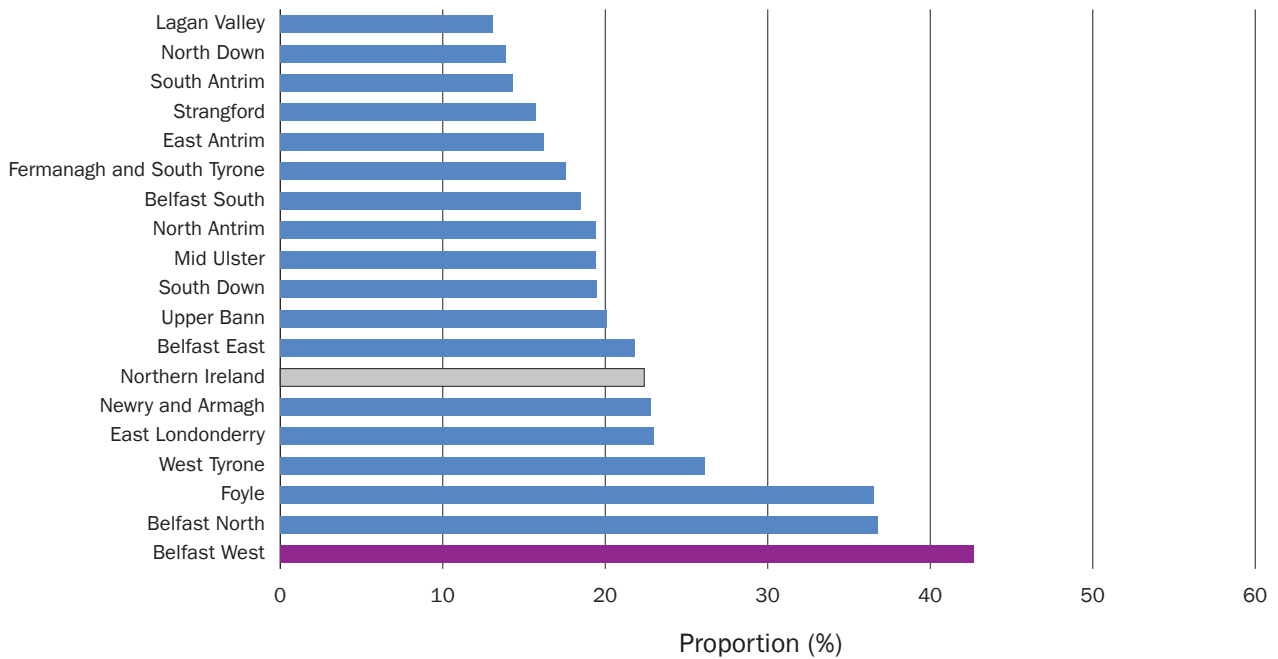
Low income – Children living in Poverty

As at August 2010, there were 9,545 children aged 0-15 years living in poverty in Belfast West. This equates to 42.7% of all children in the area.

A higher proportion of children aged 0 – 15 years were living in poverty in Belfast West when compared to the Northern Ireland average of 22.4%.

Belfast West was the Constituency with the highest proportion of children aged 0-15 years living in poverty.

Proportion of children aged 0 – 15 years living in poverty, as at August 2010



	%	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	21.8	7	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	17.6	13	North Down	13.9	17
Belfast North	36.8	2	Foyle	36.5	3	South Antrim	14.3	16
Belfast South	18.5	12	Lagan Valley	13.1	18	South Down	19.5	9
Belfast West	42.7	1	Mid Ulster	19.4	J 10	Strangford	15.7	15
East Antrim	16.2	14	Newry and Armagh	22.8	6	Upper Bann	20.1	8
East Londonderry	23.0	5	North Antrim	19.4	J 10	West Tyrone	26.1	4

Source: NINIS (Child Poverty Unit, Department for Work and Pension)

Low income – Children living in Poverty at ward level

The highest proportion of children aged 0 – 15 years living in poverty (as a percentage of all children) were concentrated in the wards of Collin Glen (69.7%), Falls (62.2 %) and Whiterock (59.9%). The lowest proportions were found in Dunmurry (11.3%), Andersonstown (24.1%) and Derryaghy (25.2%).

Proportion of Children aged 0-15 years living in poverty at 31 August 2010

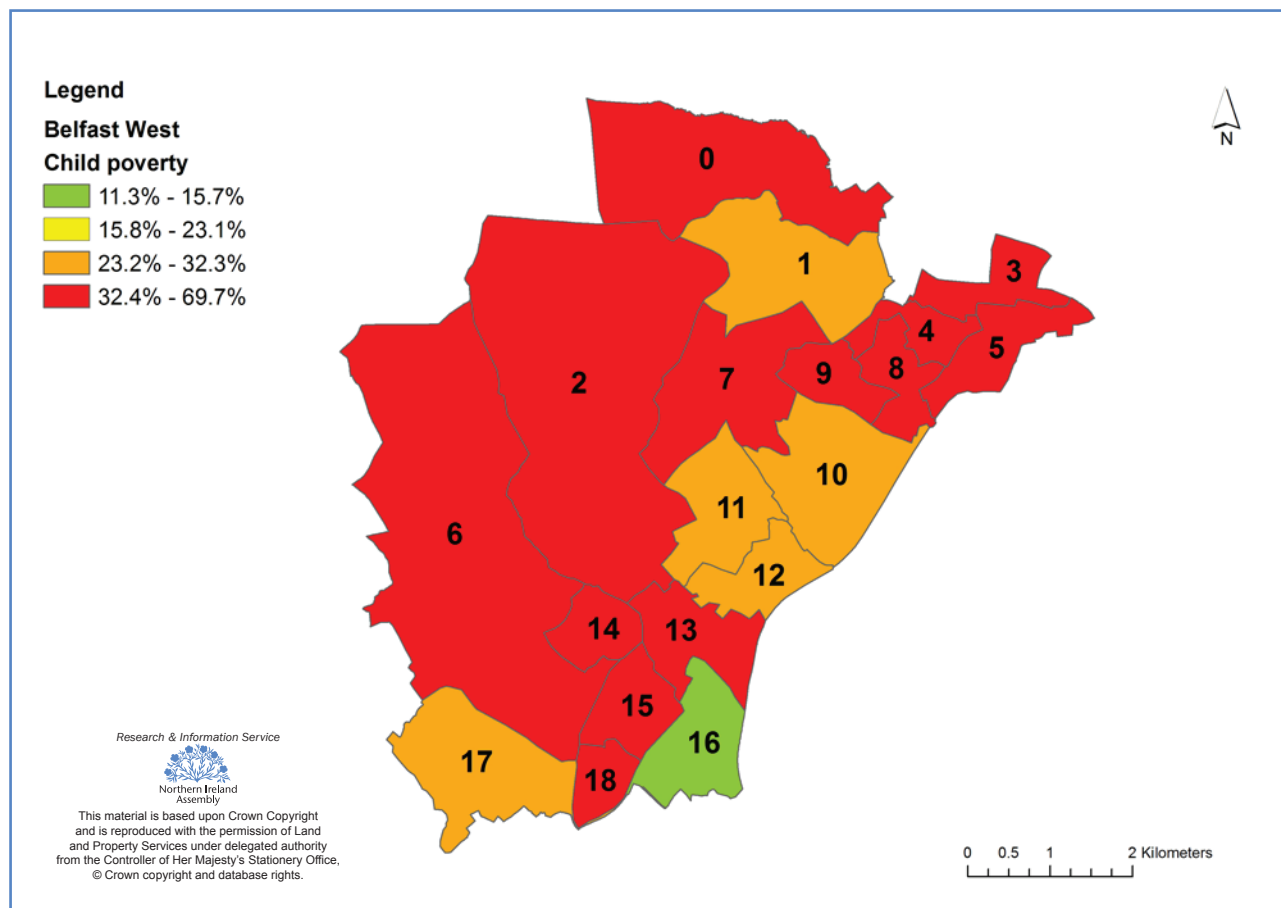
Ward	Children in Poverty (%) ¹⁵	Ward	Children in Poverty (%)
Andersonstown	24.1	Glencolin	33.9
Beechmount	44.2	Highfield	29.9
Clonard	55.6	Kilwee	37.3
Collin Glen	69.7	Ladybrook	34.1
Derryaghy 16	25.2	Poleglass	41.3
Dunmurry	11.3	Shankill	56.6
Falls	62.2	Twinbrook	51.9
Falls Park	26.2	Upper Springfield	54.1
Glen Road	31.9	Whiterock	59.9
Glencairn	43.5		

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Child Poverty Unit, Department for Work and Pensions)

¹⁵ The proportion of children in poverty refers to the number of children living in families in receipt of Child Tax Credit, or Income Support or (Income-Based) JSA whose reported income is less than 60 per cent of the median income, divided by the total number of children in the ward (determined by Child Benefit data).

¹⁶ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward.

Proportion of children (aged 0-15 years) in poverty by Ward, at 31 August 2010



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1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
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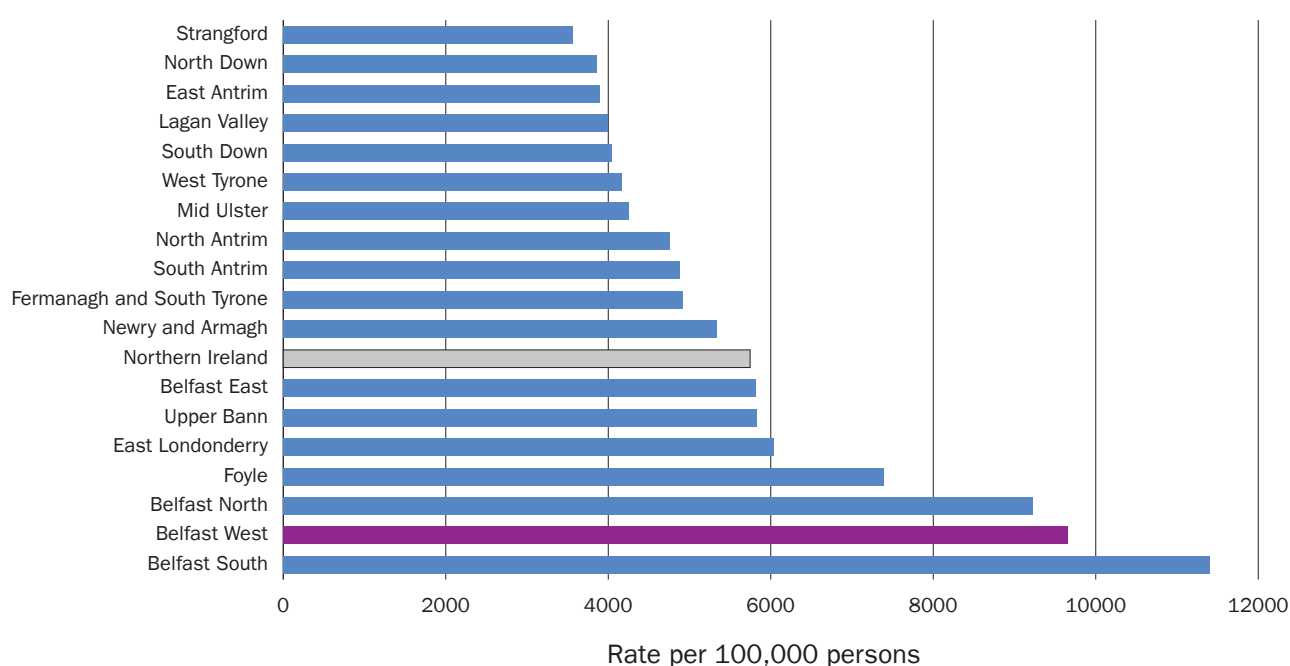
Crime – Overall crime rate

In 2011/12, a total of 8,758 criminal offences were recorded in the Belfast West area. This equates to an overall crime rate of 9,650 per 100,000 persons¹⁷. This is lower than in 2010/11 when the crime rate was 9,842 per 100,000 persons.

The crime rate for Belfast West was higher than the overall Northern Ireland rate of 5,746 per 100,000 persons.

Belfast West was the Constituency with the 2nd highest crime rate (ranked 2 out of 18, highest to lowest).

Overall crime rate per 100,000 persons, 2011/12



	Rate	Rank		%	Rank		%	Rank
Belfast East	5,816	7	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	4,912	9	North Down	3,857	17
Belfast North	9,220	3	Foyle	7,389	4	South Antrim	4,886	10
Belfast South	11,409	1	Lagan Valley	3,998	15	South Down	4,040	14
Belfast West	9,650	2	Mid Ulster	4,254	12	Strangford	3,564	18
East Antrim	3,900	16	Newry and Armagh	5,341	8	Upper Bann	5,824	6
East Londonderry	6,033	5	North Antrim	4,756	11	West Tyrone	4,163	13

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

¹⁷ Based on latest mid-year population estimates (2010)

Crime – Overall crime rate at ward level

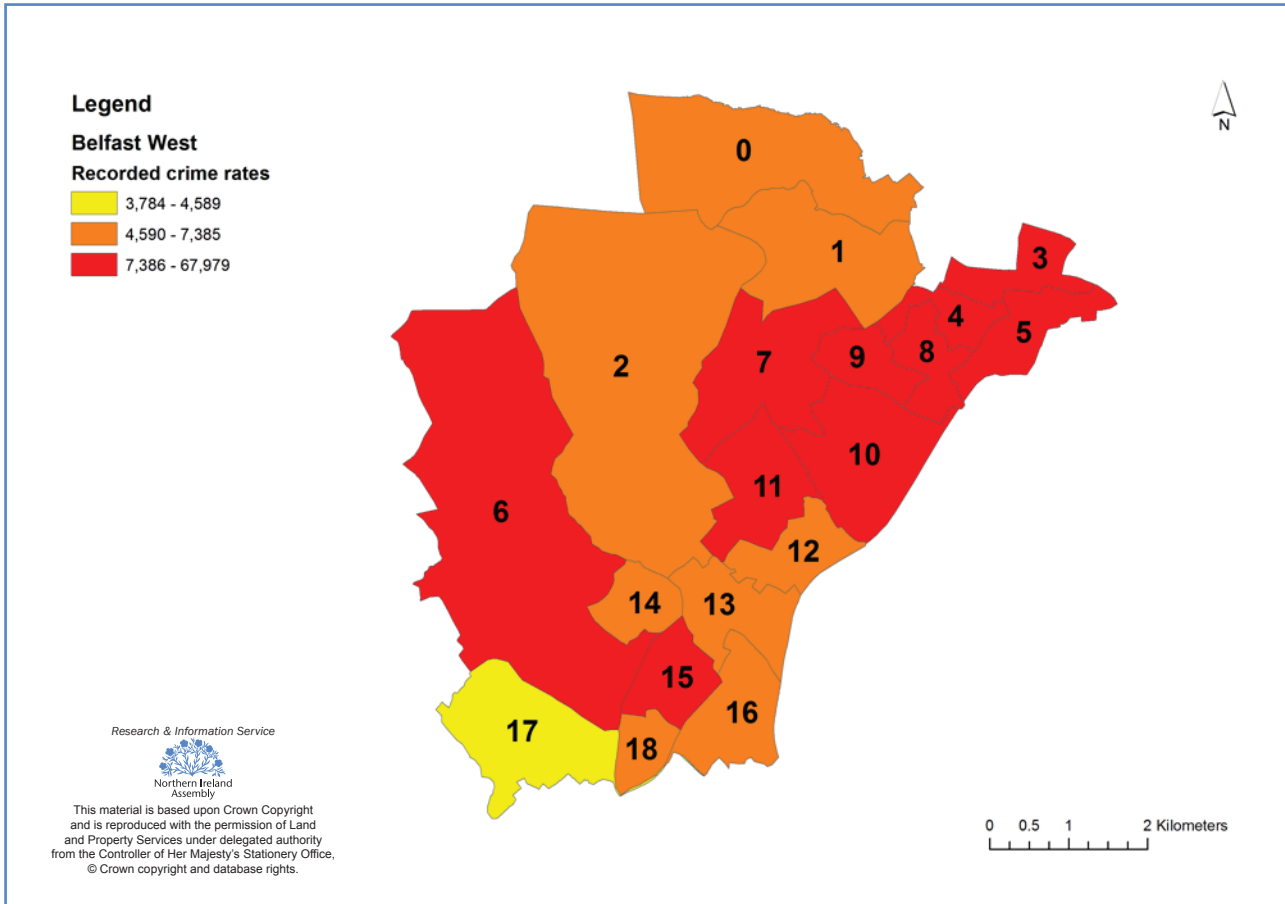
The highest recorded crime rates (per 100,000 persons) were found in the wards of Falls (48,674), Shankill (14,406) and Clonard (12,874). The lowest rates were recorded in Derryaghy (3,784), Highfield (4,645) and Poleglass (4,708).

Crime rates per 100,000 persons, 2011/12

Ward	Recorded Crime Rate 18	Violence against Person Rate	Burglary Rate	Other Theft Rate	Criminal Damage Rate
Andersonstown	5,904	2,113	415	652	1,066
Beechmount	9,603	3,025	856	1,804	1,950
Clonard	12,874	3,763	1,122	1,078	3,191
Collin Glen	7,976	2,758	877	705	2,021
Derryaghy	3,784	1,269	505	359	909
Dunmurry	4,997	1,113	807	676	1,135
Falls	48,674	8,900	1,768	16,958	9,805
Falls Park	10,804	2,843	1,024	3,146	1,535
Glen Road	7,438	2,799	845	413	2,029
Glencairn	4,809	1,530	847	464	1,475
Glencolin	6,378	1,873	773	639	1,769
Highfield	4,645	993	284	798	1,737
Kilwee	8,215	2,996	1,081	556	1,482
Ladybrook	5,703	1,982	564	499	1,531
Poleglass	4,708	1,432	607	558	1,213
Shankill	14,406	3,894	1,253	2,342	3,949
Twinbrook	6,057	1,465	911	475	1,663
Upper Springfield	8,465	2,841	496	858	2,326
Whiterock	8,099	2,603	926	733	2,430

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

Recorded Crime rates per 100,000 population (April 2011 - March 2012)



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
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Crime – Rates of specific types of crime

Violent Crime

In 2011/12, there were 2,400 violent crimes against the person recorded in Belfast West, a rate of 2,644 per 100,000 persons. This was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 1,711 per 100,000 persons. Belfast West was the Constituency with the 2nd highest violent crime against the person rate.

Criminal Damage

In 2011/12, there were 2,064 criminal damage offences recorded in Belfast West, a rate of 2,274 per 100,000 persons. This was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 1,287 per 100,000 persons. Belfast West was the Constituency with the highest criminal damage rate.

Burglary

In 2011/12, there were 743 burglaries recorded in Belfast West, a rate of 819 per 100,000 persons. This was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 586 per 100,000 persons. Belfast West was the Constituency with the 3rd highest burglary rate.

Offences against vehicles

In 2011/12, there were 819 offences against vehicles recorded in Belfast West.

Other theft¹⁹

In 2011/12, there were 1,630 other theft offences recorded in Belfast West, a rate of 1,796 per 100,000 persons. This was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 1,096 per 100,000 persons. Belfast West was the Constituency with the 2nd highest theft rate.

Drug offences

In 2011/12, there were 308 drug offences recorded in Belfast West, a rate of 339 per 100,000 persons. This was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 209 per 100,000 persons. Belfast West was the Constituency with the highest drug offences rate.

	Belfast West		Northern Ireland
	Rate	Rank	Rate
Violent Crime	2,644	2	1,711
Criminal Damage	2,274	1	1,287
Burglary	819	3	586
Other Theft	1,796	2	1,096
Drug offences	339	1	209

Source: NISRA, NINIS (Notifiable Offences Recorded, PSNI)

¹⁹ The recorded crime offence group of other theft offences includes thefts that are not covered by other property crime offence groups (i.e. thefts from vehicles are included in offences against vehicles). Offences included are theft from a person (theft, including attempts, of a handbag, wallet, cash etc. directly from the victim, but without the use of physical force against the victim, or the threat of it), thefts of bicycles, shoplifting and other theft or unauthorised taking.

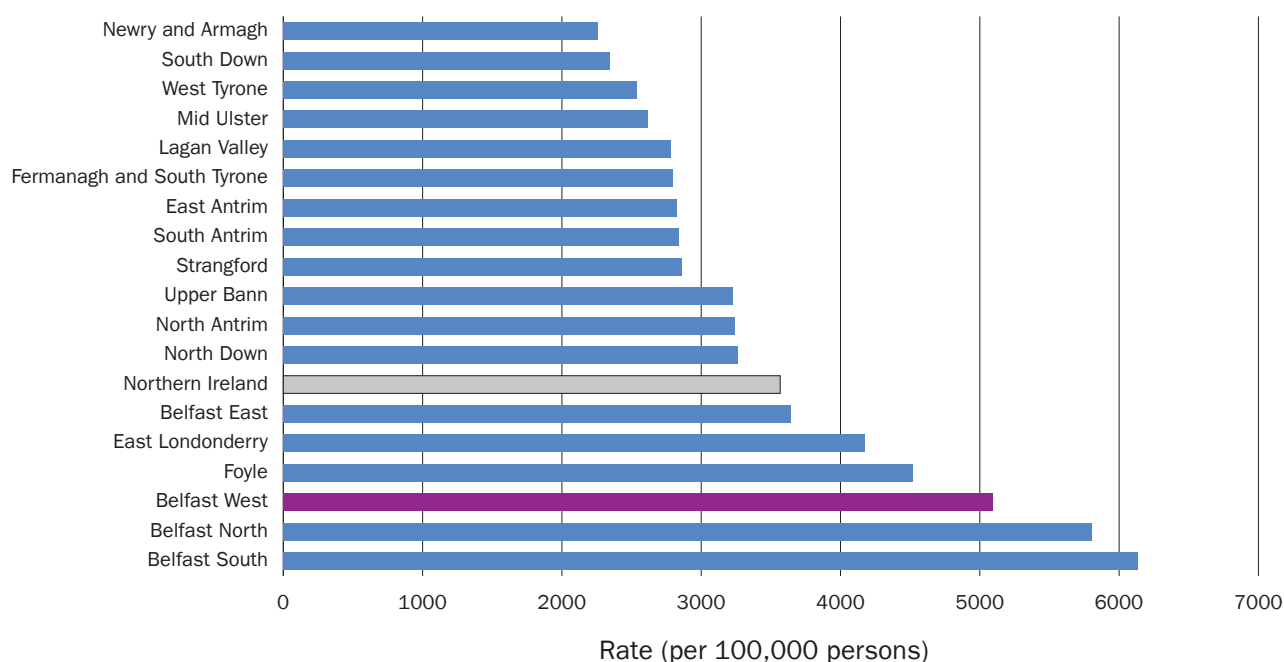
Crime – Anti-Social Behaviour

In 2011/12, there were 4,624 incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded in Belfast West. This equates to a rate of 5,095 per 100,000 persons.

The rate of anti-social behaviour incidents in Belfast West was higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 3,567 per 100,000 persons.

Belfast West was the Constituency with the 3rd highest rate of anti-social behaviour incidents.

Anti-social behaviour incident rate per 100,000 persons, 2011/12



	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank
Belfast East	3,644	6	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	2,796	13	North Down	3,262	7
Belfast North	5,803	2	Foyle	4,516	4	South Antrim	2,839	11
Belfast South	6,137	1	Lagan Valley	2,785	14	South Down	2,341	17
Belfast West	5,095	3	Mid Ulster	2,616	15	Strangford	2,858	10
East Antrim	2,826	12	Newry and Armagh	2,259	18	Upper Bann	3,228	9
East Londonderry	4,174	5	North Antrim	3,238	8	West Tyrone	2,535	16

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

Crime – Anti-Social Behaviour at ward level

The highest number of anti-social behaviour incidents (per 100,000 population) were concentrated in the wards of Falls (16,773), Shankill (8,252) and Clonard (7,614). The lowest rates were found in Twinbrook (2,652), Poleglass (2,815) and Derryaghy (3,043).

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents per 100,000 population, April 2011 – March 2012

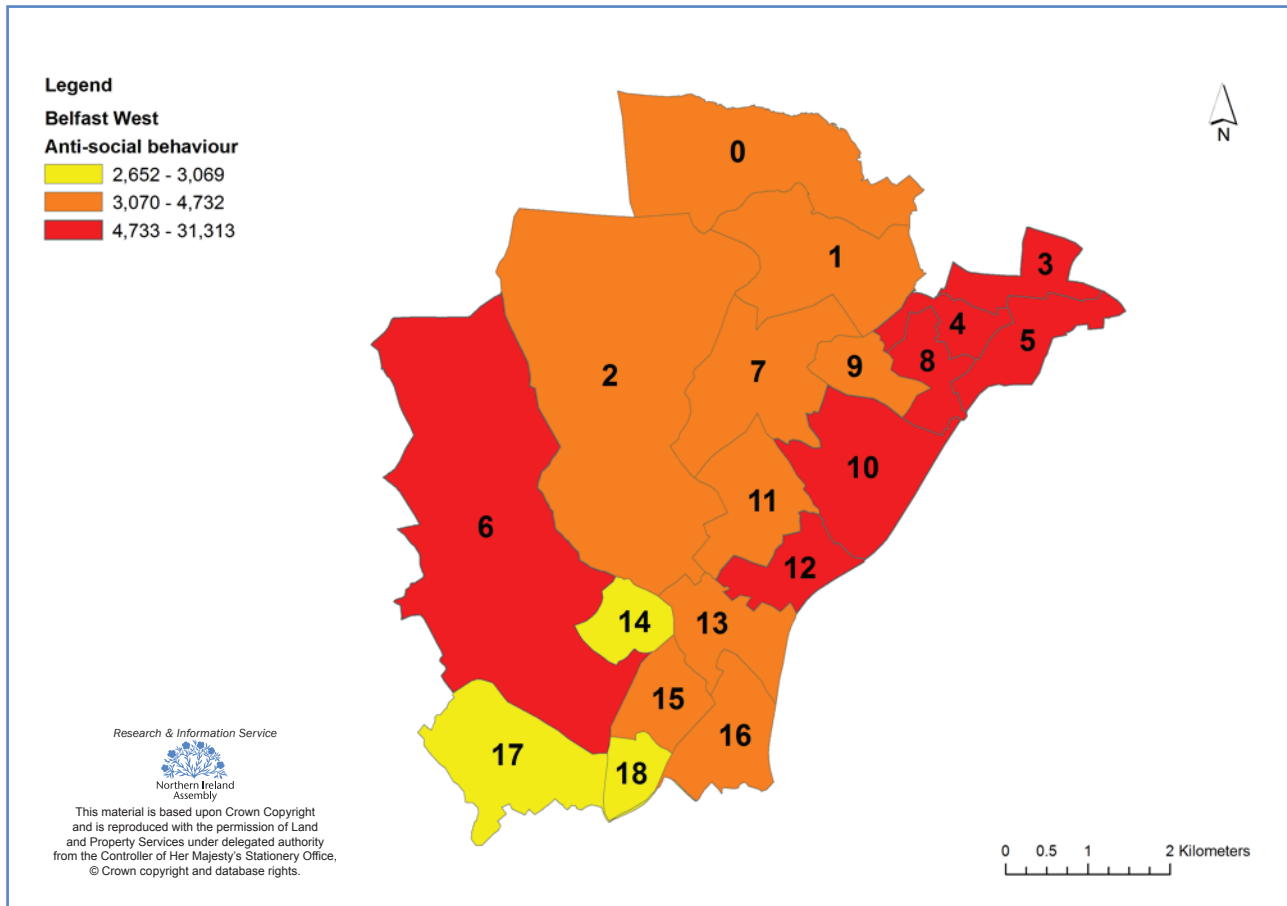
Ward	ASB Incidents ⁴⁹	Per 100,000 Population	Ward	ASB Incidents	Per 100,000 Population
Andersonstown	244	4,818	Glencolin	245	3,643
Beechmount	281	5,120	Highfield	187	3,315
Clonard	346	7,614	Kilwee	134	4,138
Collin Glen	370	5,798	Ladybrook	242	3,899
Derryaghy 21	271	3,043	Poleglass	116	2,815
Dunmurry	195	4,255	Shankill	303	8,252
Falls	816	16,773	Twinbrook	67	2,652
Falls Park	277	5,250	Upper Springfield	213	4,061
Glen Road	218	4,095	Whiterock	216	4,165
Glencairn	114	3,115			

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

²⁰ Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents recorded by the PSNI are compiled from the force Command and Control system, where calls for service from members of the public are logged.

²¹ Part of Derryaghy ward is located in Belfast West constituency while the remainder forms part of Lagan Valley. The data shown in the table above covers all of the ward.

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents per 100,000 population, 2011/2012



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
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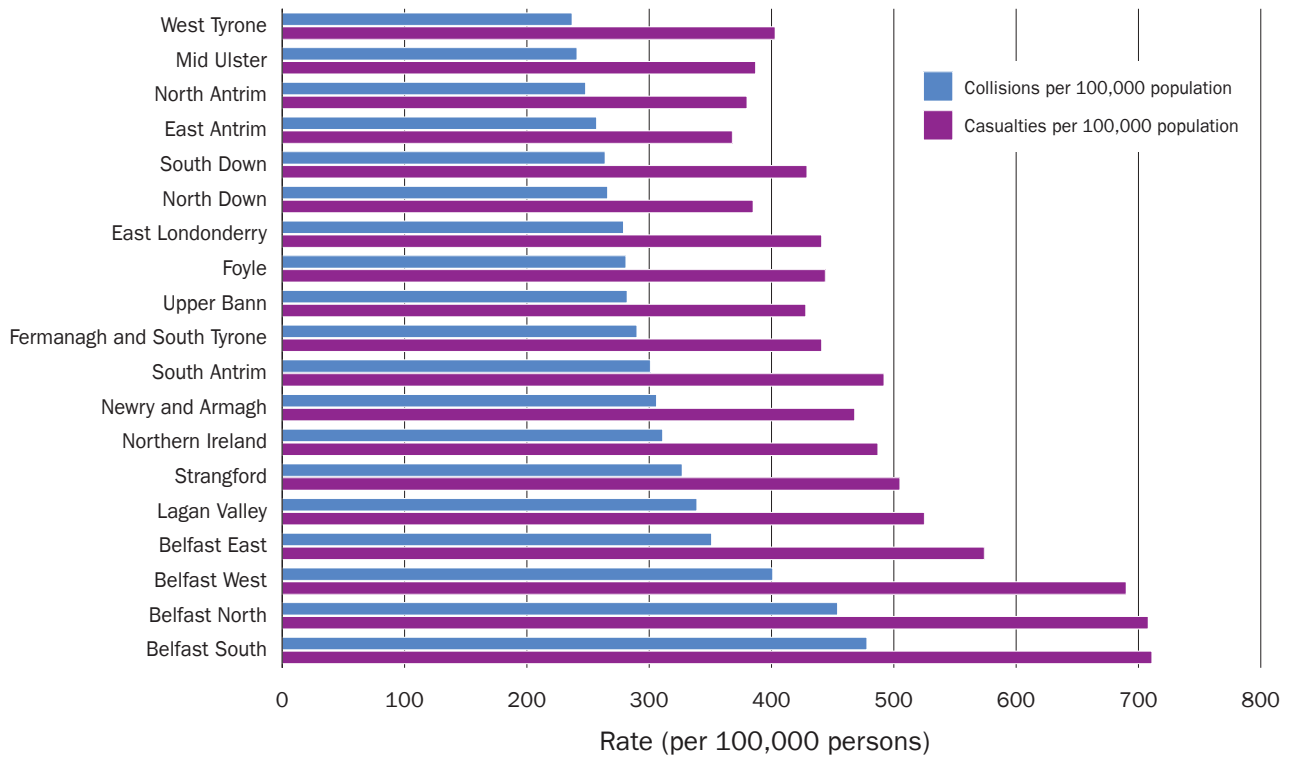
Traffic and Travel – Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties

In 2011/12, there were 364 road traffic collisions reported in Belfast West, a collision rate of 401 per 100,000 persons²². There were 626 casualties – no-one was killed, 37 people were seriously injured and 589 were slightly injured, a rate of 690 casualties per 100,000 persons.

The road traffic collision rate for Belfast West was higher than the overall Northern Ireland rate of 311 per 100,000 persons while the casualty rate was also higher than the Northern Ireland rate of 487 per 100,000 persons.

Belfast West had the 3rd highest collision rate.

Road traffic collision and casualty rate per 100,000 persons, 2011/12



	Collision Rate	Rank		Collision Rate	Rank		Collision Rate	Rank
Belfast East	351	4	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	290	9	North Down	266	13
Belfast North	454	2	Foyle	281	11	South Antrim	301	8
Belfast South	478	1	Lagan Valley	339	5	South Down	264	14
Belfast West	401	3	Mid Ulster	241	17	Strangford	327	6
East Antrim	257	15	Newry and Armagh	306	7	Upper Bann	282	10
East Londonderry	279	12	North Antrim	248	16	West Tyrone	237	18

Source: NISRA, NINIS (PSNI)

22 Based on latest mid-year population estimates (2010)

Traffic and Travel – Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties at ward level

The highest road traffic collision rates (per 100,000 persons) were found in the wards of Falls (1,089), Shankill (817) and Falls Park (739). The lowest rates were recorded in Highfield (36), Poleglass (146) and Twinbrook (198).

The highest road traffic casualty rates (per 100,000 persons) were found in the wards of Falls (2,014), Shankill 1,389) and Andersonstown (1,323). The lowest rates were recorded in Highfield (36), Poleglass (170) and Twinbrook (198).

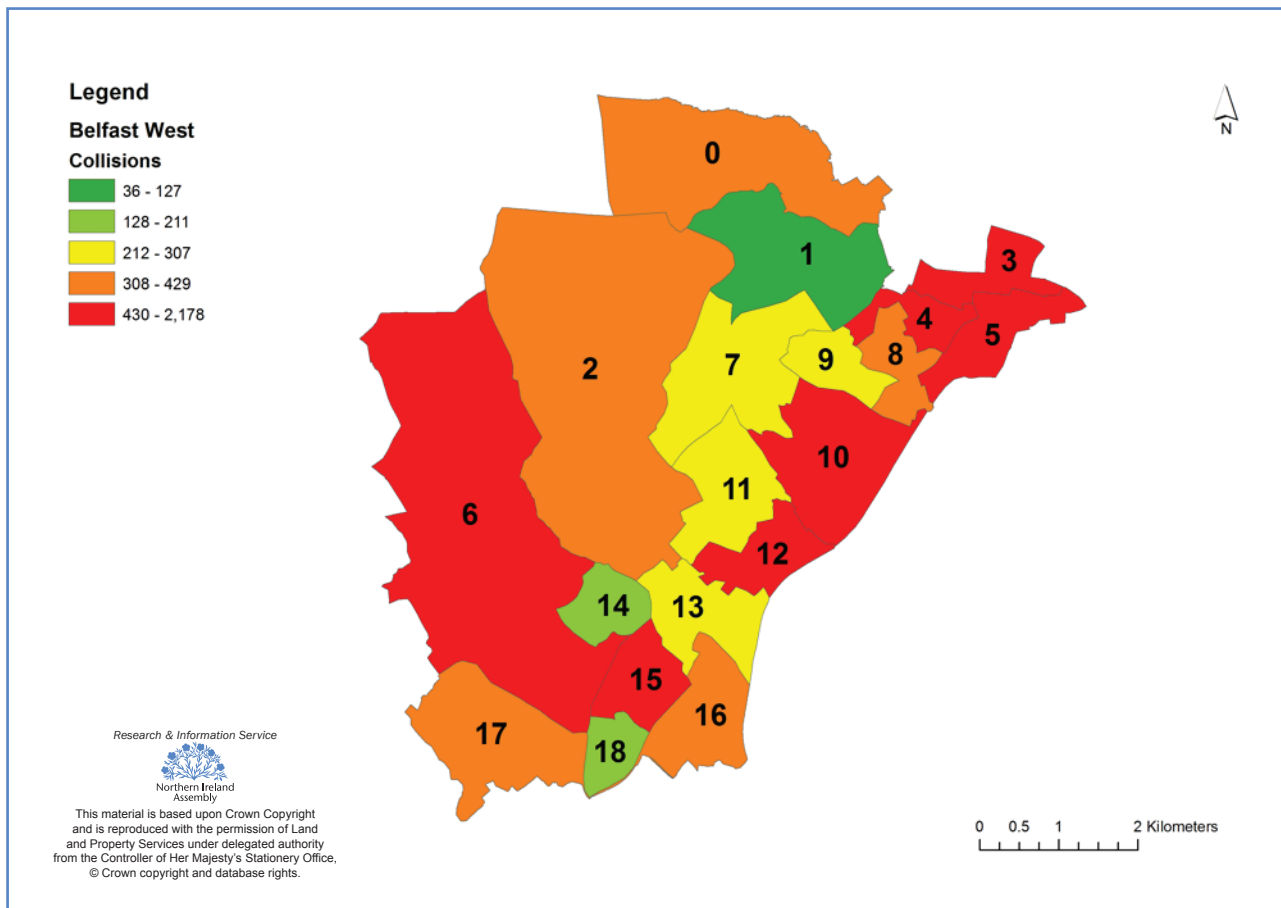
Collisions (involving injury) and Casualties, 2011/12

Ward	Total Collisions (involving injury) ²³	Total Casualties	Collisions per 100,000 pop.	Casualties per 100,000 pop.
Andersonstown	28	67	553	1,323
Beechmount	17	26	310	474
Clonard	23	31	506	682
Collin Glen	28	39	439	611
Derryaghy	28	39	314	438
Dunmurry	16	22	349	480
Falls	53	98	1,089	2,014
Falls Park	39	62	739	1,175
Glen Road	13	19	244	357
Glencairn	12	15	328	410
Glencolin	23	56	342	833
Highfield	2	2	36	36
Kilwee	15	37	463	1,143
Ladybrook	18	30	290	483
Poleglass	6	7	146	170
Shankill	30	51	817	1,389
Twinbrook	5	5	198	198
Upper Springfield	16	28	305	534
Whiterock	15	22	289	424

Source: NISRA, NINIS (PSNI)

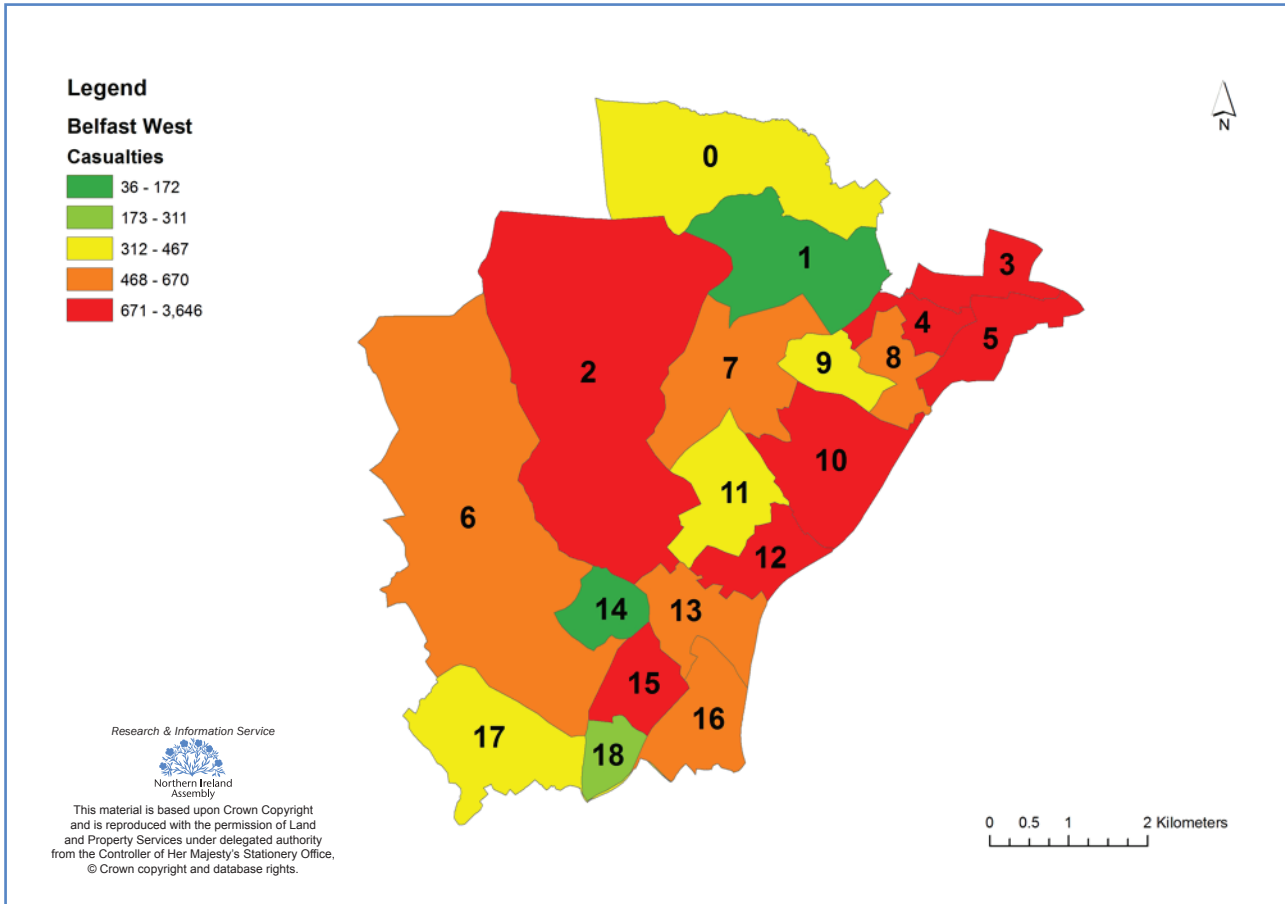
²³ The dataset is compiled from Collision Report Forms (CRFs) forms submitted by police officers after any road traffic collision involving death or personal injury is reported to them. The data set excludes road collisions resulting in damage only.

Road Traffic Collisions (Involving injury) per 100,000 population, 2011/12



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
3	Shankill	10	Falls Park	17	Derryaghy (North)
4	Clonard	11	Glen Road	18	Twinbrook
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Road Traffic Casualties per 100,000 population, 2011/12



0	Glencairn	7	Upper Springfield	14	Poleglass
1	Highfield	8	Beechmount	15	Kilwee
2	Glencolin	9	Whiterock	16	Dunmurry
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Notes

Demographic Profile

Constituency population estimates are created from aggregating small area population estimates of their constituent electoral wards and sub-divisions of wards. Mid-year population estimates are created using multiple data sources: 2001 Census, births & deaths registrations, and health cards (for migration estimates). The mid-year population estimates are generally quoted in rounded form, this is because population counts from the census and subsequent updates involving births, deaths and migration cannot be precise. In general the precision of the population estimates could be considered to be no better than to the nearest 100.

<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp41.htm>

Life expectancy of males and females

The expected years of life at birth based on the mortality rates of the period in question. The data is based upon the number of deaths provided by the General Register Office. DHSSPS calculates the sub Northern Ireland level figures. The dataset was derived using the Central Postcode Directory. All figures presented here are period life expectancies. Period expectation of life at a given age for an area in a given time period is an estimate of the average number of years a person of that age would survive if he or she experienced the particular area's age-specific mortality rates for that time period throughout the rest of his or her life. The figure reflects mortality among those living in the area in each time period, rather than mortality among those born in each area. It is not therefore the number of years a person in the area in each time period could actually expect to live, both because the death rates of the area are likely to change in the future and because many of those in the area may live elsewhere for at least some part of their lives.

Standardised mortality rates (cancer, respiratory disease, circulatory disease)

Standardised mortality rates are standardised to the mid-year population estimate for each of the grouped years. Rates will therefore vary from those published elsewhere that may use different standardisation (e.g. the HSC Inequalities Monitoring System publish rates standardised to the NI 2001 Census population). The data is based on the number of deaths for the calendar years grouped. The data is based upon the number of deaths provided by the General Register Office Mid-Year Population Estimates /Small Area Population Estimates provided by NISRA.

Diagnosis of new incidences of cancer

All newly diagnosed malignant cancers (C00-C97) occurring between 1993 and 2010 excluding non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) (C44). 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). Further information is available from the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry web site (www.qub.ac.uk/nicr).

People in receipt of disability-related benefits

The information is aggregated data from IAD 100% scans of Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance data, and a 100% scan of MIDAS data for Employment and Support Allowance at 1992 ward level. Data has been rounded to the nearest ten.

Births to teenage mothers

The information is aggregated data from the GRO birth files, which are gathered when children are registered at the Registrar's Office. The dataset is updated as registrations take place, however the complete year's file is finalised in November. The dataset is gathered annually in December.

Disease prevalence – Quality Outcomes Framework

The Quality and Outcomes Framework data has been obtained from the Payment Calculation and Analysis System (PCAS). PCAS is a Northern Ireland IT system, which supports the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) payment process. QOF registers for 7 clinical areas have maintained consistent definition since April 2004: asthma, cancer, CHD, COPD, hypertension, hypothyroidism and stroke. The definition of diabetes, epilepsy and mental health changed slightly for 2006/07, and eleven new registers were introduced: atrial fibrillation, chronic kidney disease, dementia, heart failure 1, heart failure 3, depression 1, depression 2, learning disabilities, obesity, palliative care, and conditions assessed for smoking. In terms of diabetes, a small change was made with regard to the diagnosis codes which make patients eligible for the register. The definition of epilepsy was changed from patients aged 16+ to patients aged 18+ years. As of April 2006, the mental health register has been redefined from 'those with severe long-term mental health problems who require and have agreed to regular follow-up' to 'people with with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses'. A specific register has now been introduced to capture conditions assessed for depression. Of the 21 registers collected for QOF, 3 of these have been excluded from the data provided as these do not actually measure disease prevalence. The depression registers are concerned with case finding among diabetes and CHD patients; the smoking register does not allow prevalence to be derived but rather counts of the smoking status of these patients has been recorded. List sizes as at January, Prevalence as at 31 March (From 2009, National Prevalence Day was changed from 14 February to 31 March to bring it in line with National QOF Achievement Day). The QOF is a system to remunerate general practices for providing good quality care to patients. It is a fundamental part of the new General Medical Services contract introduced on 1st April 2004. The QOF measures achievement against a range of evidence-based indicators, with points and payments awarded according to the level of achievement. There are four main domains (clinical, organisational, patient experiences and additional services). Disease prevalence data is used within the QOF to calculate points and payments within the clinical domain areas. The aim of the prevalence adjustments is to deliver a more equitable distribution of payments in the light of different workloads that practices face in achieving the same number of quality points. 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.

School leavers achieving at least two A-levels/five GCSEs (A*-C)

The dataset is collected from schools via their C2k administration system. The dataset is gathered annually in November. Data are shown by financial year. For 2008/09 and 2010/11 the qualifications of school leavers have been revised from the figures originally released to correct A-Level or equivalent figures that did not remove AS-qualifications that were taken in the same subject as an A2 qualification.

Further Education Enrolments

The information is data derived from the Further Education Statistical Record, a computerised return consisting of an individual record for each enrolment on a vocational course in Northern Ireland Further Education Institutions. The dataset is gathered annually at the 1st November and is a full year count of the previous academic year. Colleges collect the information on Enrolment forms. This information is entered onto the Colleges Management Information System. The Department extracts and validates this information from the colleges.

Higher Education Enrolments

The information refers to NI domiciled students enrolled at higher education institutions in the UK. The dataset is collected annually and is based on enrolments in higher education institutions in the UK on 1st December each year. The dataset is collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency from higher education institutions throughout the UK and provided to the Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland, for analysis. Figures for NI domiciled enrolments at England HEIs include enrolments at the Open University (OU), as the administrative centre of the OU is located in England, so it is treated as an English institution, even though the majority remain in NI and study via distance learning.

Invest NI Assistance

The information is aggregated data sourced from Invest NI administrative datasets. It represents the total amount of assistance offered to companies by Invest NI over the time period and the total planned investment related to these projects. The assistance/investment datasets are updated by letter of offer reports. Total offer locations exceed total number of offers, as some projects are located in more than one area. Data are shown by financial year.

Invest NI Enterprise Development Programme

The information is aggregated data sourced from the Enterprise Development Programme database. Data shows the numbers of individuals who completed training and subsequently started a businesses is updated from the Enterprise Development Programme Database. Please note: 1. Year is taken as the year an individual completed their training 2. Assistance is not necessarily offered within the year that the training was completed 3. Assistance may still be offered to individuals that completed training within the most recent years 4. Training was given to some clients who did not live in Northern Ireland and address details were either ROI or GB Data are collated on a financial year basis.

Redundancies

Redundancy Statistics: 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

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. The Claimant Count annual averages are not seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted data is only available at government region level (eg Northern Ireland). Claimant count rates: Claimant Count Unemployment rates are expressed as a percentage of the working age population and are calculated by expressing the numbers of claimants at that time as a percentage of the resident working age population (16-64). The 'working age' definition, used in the calculation of claimant count rates, was changed in August 2010 to include those aged from 16 to 64 for both men and women. Please see link for further details http://www.detini.gov.uk/introduction_of_new_working_age_definition.pdf. Relationship between claimant count and unemployment: There is a large degree of overlap between the claimant count and unemployment although the latter figures are generally higher. People who are not claimants can appear among the unemployed if they are not entitled to unemployment related benefits. For example: (i) people who are only looking for part-time work (ii) young people under 18 who are looking for work but do not take up the offer of a Youth Training place (iii) students looking for vacation work (iv) people who have left their job voluntarily

Some people recorded in the claimant count would not be counted as unemployed. For example, in certain circumstances people can claim Jobseeker's Allowance while they have relatively low earnings from part-time work. These people would not be unemployed. Unemployment is only available at Northern Ireland level.

People claiming benefits (at least one of the main benefits)

The information is aggregated data from a database created by merging all the MIDAS 100% scans of the main Social Security Benefits. The dataset is a snapshot of the benefit at April 2012. Proportions calculated using latest available mid-year estimates.

People claiming income support

The information is aggregated data from unvalidated 100% MIDAS scans of Income Support data at postcode level. The figures may differ from forthcoming National Statistics which are based on validated ASD/IFD data. The dataset is a snapshot of the benefit at February 2012. Proportions based on working age population (16-59/64) and calculated using latest available mid-year estimates.

People claiming housing benefit

The information is aggregated data from Housing Executive scans of Housing Benefit data at 1992 ward level. The dataset is a snapshot of the benefit at June 2012. Proportions calculated using latest available mid-year estimates.

Children in Poverty

Children in Poverty - This is a snapshot of data on 31st August of each year. Notes: Children in IS/JSA families: Number of children living in families in receipt of Income Support or Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance. Children in families receiving WTC and CTC, and income <60% median income: Number of children living in families in receipt of both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit whose reported income is less than 60 per cent of median income. Children in families receiving CTC only, and income <60% median income: Number of children living in families receiving Child Tax Credit only whose reported income is less than 60 per cent of median income. Children in families in receipt of CTC (<60% median income) or IS/JSA: Number of children living in families in receipt of Child Tax Credit whose reported income is less than 60 per cent of the median income or in receipt of Income Support or Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance. Percentage of Children in "Poverty": Number of children living in families in receipt of CTC whose reported income is less than 60 per cent of the median income or in receipt of IS or (Income-Based) JSA, divided by the total number of children in the area (determined by Child Benefit data).

Crime

Recorded Crime (Notifiable Offences Recorded) data are compiled from offence information that is submitted by police officers and entered onto a PSNI crime recording system. The data are presented on a financial year basis. The figures for Violence against the person with injury and Violence against the person without injury are subsets of the overall Violence against the person figures. Similarly, figures for Burglary in a dwelling and Burglary in a building other than a dwelling are subsets of the overall Burglary figures. Further information on this update and a user guide providing a background into police recorded crime can be found on the PSNI website via the following web address. http://www.psnipolice.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/update_crime_statistics.htm


Anti-social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents Recorded by the Police. The dataset is compiled from the force Command and Control system, where calls for service from members of the public are logged. ASB incidents (i.e. those calls for service which do not result in a recordable crime) are recorded according to agreed definitions and associated closing codes. Incident figures are based on operational Police information and consequently are subject to change. Incidents are attributed to PSNI Command Areas at the time of recording and are

therefore not dependent on postcode availability or quality and have not been matched with the CPD. Further information and further figures on Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents can be found on the PSNI website http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_antisocial_behaviour_statistics.htm Data are collected on a financial year basis. As such data for 2006 represents the financial year 2006/07.

Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties

The dataset is compiled from Collision Report Forms (CRFs) forms that are submitted by police officers and entered onto a database. These forms are completed by the officer when any collision involving death or personal injury occurring on a road or other public place is reported to them. Datasets are produced on a calendar year basis. Note: The data set excludes the following a) collisions resulting in damage only b) collisions in car parks and picnic areas c) collisions reported to the police 30 days or more after their occurrence d) collisions on a road closed to the public by order of the Department of the Environment, during the holding of motor car, motor cycle, pedal cycle races etc.



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