

South Holland District - facts and figures

South Holland Profile (source: 2001 Census)

South Holland District covers a geographical area of 74,238 hectares and is situated in the south eastern corner of Lincolnshire. The District is located in the flat fenlands that has been reclaimed from the sea over the centuries.

This area has a low population with 1 person per hectare compared to an average for England and Wales of 3.4 people.

The latest population estimate for South Holland is 82,600 people. By gender this is broken down into 49% males and 51% females. (source: ONS Mid 2007 population estimates).

In the 2001 Census the total population of the District was 76,522. Between the 1981 and 2001 Census the population of the District grew by 23%. Since the 1991 Census the population has increased by 13.4%, this is a greater rise than Lincolnshire (9.9%) or England and Wales (2.5%).

South Holland's population is predicted to increase by 15% between 2006 and 2016. This is higher than the predicted increase in population for Lincolnshire (13.0%) and England (7.8%). (source: ONS 2006 based projections).

Communities (source: 2001 Census)

The District has a total of 47 towns and villages ranging from the main town of Spalding, which has a population of 22,932, to the smallest village Gedney Dawsmere, which, in 2007, had an estimated population of 54 within its boundary of development (source: South

Holland District Council Annual Monitoring Report 2006/07).

There are 18 wards in the District: the ward with the largest population is Long Sutton (6,461 in 2001), while Holbeach Hurn (2,131 in 2001) and Fleet (2,132 in 2001) have the smallest population.



Population (source: ONS mid 2007 estimates)

- The average age of someone living in South Holland is 42.8 years, compared to an average 38.7 years in England and Wales. (source: Census 2001)
- 17.4% of the population are under 16 years of age, this is less than the average in England and Wales (18.9%). (Source: ONS Mid 2007 Population Estimates).
- Currently 25.9% of the population are of pensionable age, 60 for women and 65 for men. This is higher than the average in England and Wales (19.0%). (Source: ONS Mid 2007 Population Estimates).
- 56.7% of the population are of working age, this is less than the average in England and Wales (62.1%). (Source: ONS Mid 2007 Population Estimates).
- 97.22% of the population are classified as White British the remaining 2.78% are from other ethnic groups including Asian, African, Caribbean and Chinese. This is low compared to the England and Wales average, where 13.01% of the population are from ethnic groups other than White British. (source: Census 2001)
- The average life expectancy for someone living in South Holland is 77.7 years for men and 81.8 years for women. (ONS 2004-06 Life Expectancy at Birth).
- 34.6% of the District's population are not in paid work for a variety of reasons, including retired (19.2%), students (2%), people looking after family/home (6%), permanently sick/disabled (5.2%). This compares with 33.1% for England (source 2001 Census)

Employment (source: 2001 Census)

The South Holland economy is largely based upon agriculture, horticulture and food processing as well as services connected to these industries such as distribution.



- Amongst those of working age in South Holland 82.5% are economically active; this is higher than the average in Great Britain (78.6%). (source Annual Population Survey 2007)
- In January 2008 unemployment in South Holland was 1.6%, in July 2008 it was 1.8%. These levels are below East Midlands unemployment rates (2.0% January 2008, 2.2% July 2008). (source: ONS 2008).
- In 2007 the average full time weekly wage for people working in South Holland was £382.2 compared to £421.6 in the East Midlands. (source: NOMIS 2007).
- The Annual Business Inquiry 2006 shows there are 33,800 jobs in South Holland, 74.3% of these jobs are full time, 25.7% are part time jobs. Across the East Midlands 68.2% of jobs are full time, 31.8% are part time.



Households (source: 2001 Census)

There are a total of 32,752 households in the District. These households are diverse in range and include married or remarried couples (59.6%), lone parents (4.4%), pensioners living alone (15.4%), as well as one person households (25.6%). South Holland has more pensioners living alone than the average in England and Wales (14.4%) and less lone parents than the average in England and Wales (6.5%). The average household size in the District is 2.3 people, this is slightly lower than the average in England and Wales (2.4 people).

Housing (source: 2001 Census)

- 77.1% of the housing in South Holland is owner-occupied.
- 38.2% of housing is owned without a mortgage - this is higher than the average in England and Wales (29.5%).
- 14.2% of the population lives in social rented housing and 8.7% in private rented.
- 4.7% of the population were people who had moved into the District from elsewhere.
- 3.1% of the population had moved out of the District to another area.
- Between April to June 2008 the average house price in South Holland was £167,030. Specifically the average price for: a terraced property was £115,881; a semi detached property was £137,036; a detached property was £210,903.

(source: BBC News, taken from HM Land Registry 2008).

Transport (source: 2001 Census)

47.8% of Households in South Holland have one car and 36.1% have more than one car; this is higher than the average in England and Wales (43.8% and 29.4%). 16.1% of households don't have access to a car in South Holland, this is fewer than the average in Lincolnshire (20.0%). More people own cars and therefore travel to work by car (64.3%) than the average in England and Wales (55.2%) There are also more people who cycle to work in South Holland (5.7%) compared to England and Wales (2.8%).



Education

In 2007 58.3% of school pupils in South Holland achieved 5+ A*-C grades at GCSE level. (source: Annual School Census 2007)
The number of young people in South Holland aged 16-19 years of age who were in employment but not in training (ENT) in Sept 2007 was 547 (11.4%).
The number not in education, employment or training (NEET) for Sept 2007 was 122, this equates to 8.3% of 16-19 year olds in the District. (source: Connexions 2007 data)



Health (source: 2001 Census)

19.6% of the population have a limiting long-term illness; this is higher than England and Wales (18.2%). There are slightly fewer people within the District who are in 'good' general health (64.9%) compared to England and Wales (68.6%). 10.2% of the population had given voluntary care either to family members, friends, and neighbours. 2.4% of the population provide unpaid care for more than 50 hours per week; this is higher than the average for England and Wales (2.1%).

Crime (source: iQuanta:Lincs Police 2007 data)

In relation to the 10 British Crime Survey (BCS) comparator crimes there has been a year on year reduction in all 10 BCS crimes. From the period 03/04 to 06/07 domestic burglary is down 36% and criminal damage is down 9%.
South Holland District Council continues to work in partnership across the District to continue to make South Holland a safe place to live.