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10 big numbers

9.8 million people lived in rural England in 2008.

Net internal migration to predominantly rural areas was **64,800** in 2007/08.

In 2009 **808,600** rural households live more than 2 km from a Post Office.

In 2008, the full-time weekly wage for a workplace was **£404** in predominantly rural areas.

The average rural house cost **6.8** times the average annual rural household income in 2007.

Approximately **700,000** rural households lived below the poverty line in 2007/08.

743,000 rural households lived in fuel poverty in 2007.

499,000 businesses in predominantly rural areas were registered for VAT in 2007.

In predominantly rural areas, between 2001 and 2008 the number of people aged over 60 rose by **506,700**.

There were **93,000** second homes in predominantly rural areas in 2008.

Annex

Mid-year all persons population estimates by age group and by area definition, mid-2008 (National)

Area definition		All Ages
Less Sparse	Village, Hamlet & Isolated Dwellings	4,504,589
	Town and Fringe	4,675,173
	Urban > 10K	41,535,166
Sparse	Village, Hamlet & Isolated Dwellings	375,548
	Town and Fringe	248,223
	Urban > 10K	107,529
	Rural	9,803,533
	Urban >10K	41,642,695
	England	51,446,228

Source: ONS, 2009. Mid-2008 Population Estimates for Lower Layer Super Output Areas in England and Wales by Broad Age.

Net migration, 2001-08 (National - Thousands)

Classification	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Rural 80	44.3	56.4	59.0	59.3	42.2	41.4	48.5	36.5
Rural 50	35.5	42.6	44.7	45.8	32.8	32.6	38.7	28.3
Significant rural	19.6	28.5	28.4	29.0	24.6	21.8	22.9	18.7
Other urban	-3.7	-4.7	-4.0	-7.5	-4.5	-5.4	-8.4	-3.2
Large urban	-5.3	-6.5	-7.2	-8.3	-6.9	-5.1	-12.6	-6.7
Major urban	-101.7	-132.4	-143.1	-147.2	-110.4	-101.6	-107.7	-91.7
Predominantly rural	79.8	99.0	103.7	105.1	75.0	74.0	87.2	64.8
Significant rural	19.6	28.5	28.4	29.0	24.6	21.8	22.9	18.7
Predominantly urban	-110.7	-143.6	-154.3	-163.0	-121.8	-112.2	-128.7	-101.6

Source: ONS, 2009. Resident Population Estimates, All Persons, Mid 2008. ONS, 2009. Internal Migration within the United Kingdom during the year to June 2008.

Households within 2km and greater than 2km from a Post Office, 2008 (National)

Classification	Total address points	Address points 0-2 km	Address points > 2km	% > 2km	% 0-2 km
Hamlet & Isolated Dwellings - Less Sparse	595,561	369,530	226,031	38.0	62.0
Hamlet & Isolated Dwellings - Sparse	68,776	29,698	39,078	56.8	43.2
Town and Fringe - Less Sparse	1,956,439	1,915,464	40,975	2.1	97.9
Town and Fringe - Sparse	114,749	114,105	644	0.6	99.4
Village - Less Sparse	1,464,957	998,075	466,882	31.9	68.1
Village - Sparse	124,894	89,940	34,954	28.0	72.0
Urban >10K - Less Sparse	17,804,604	17,736,248	68,356	0.4	99.6
Urban >10k - Sparse	50,179	49,324	855	1.7	98.3
Rural	4,325,376	3,516,812	808,564	18.7	81.3
Urban	17,854,783	17,785,572	69,211	0.4	99.6
England	22,180,159	21,302,384	877,775	4.0	96.0

Source: CRC, 2009. Rural Services Series.

Mean gross total weekly pay by workplace (Pounds), 2005 to 2008 (National)

Classification	2005	2006	2007	2008
Rural 80	354	372	380	393
Rural 50	383	401	407	418
Significant rural	392	413	424	444
Other urban	401	415	435	452
Large urban	389	406	420	434
Major urban	465	482	494	510
Predominantly rural	366	384	391	404
Significant rural	392	413	424	444
Predominantly urban	426	442	456	473
England	400	417	429	444

Source: ONS, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, 2008.

Household income to house price ratio by area definition, 2007 (National)

Area definition		Ratio
Less sparse	Hamlet and isolated dwellings	8.27
	Village	7.59
	Town and fringe	6.08
	Urban >10K	5.75
Sparse	Hamlet and isolated dwellings	9.81
	Village	8.40
	Town and fringe	7.15
	Urban >10K	6.44
	Rural	6.79
	Urban >10K	5.76
	England	5.91

Source: Price Paid, HM Land Registry, 2008. Paycheck, CACI, 2008.

Number households below 60 per cent of median income by whether in rural or urban areas (millions), 2004/05 to 2007/08 (National)

Year	Area definition	Sparsity	Before housing costs	After housing costs
2004/05	Urban		3.1	3.7
	Rural	All	0.6	0.7
		Sparse	0.1	0.1
		Less Sparse	0.6	0.6
2005/06	Urban		3.2	3.8
	Rural	All	0.7	0.7
		Sparse	0.1	0.1
		Less Sparse	0.6	0.7
2006/07	Urban		3.4	4.1
	Rural	All	0.7	0.7
		Sparse	0.1	0.0
		Less Sparse	0.6	0.7
2007/08	Urban		3.5	4.1
	Rural	All	0.7	0.7
		Sparse	0.1	0.1
		Less Sparse	0.6	0.7

Source: DWP, 2009. HBAI.

Number of households in fuel poverty by area definition, 2007 (National)

Area definition	Not in fuel poverty	In fuel poverty	Total
Urban	14,974,641	2,076,017	17,050,658
Rural	3,586,735	742,684	4,329,419
England	18,561,376	2,818,701	21,380,077

Source: BRE / CLG, 2009. English Housing Condition Survey, 2006 and 2007.

Business stock at start of year, 2003-2007 (National - Number of VAT registered businesses)

Area classification	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Rural 80	251,305	255,300	259,740	263,905	269,030
Rural 50	212,345	216,675	220,605	224,530	230,025
Significant rural	228,170	232,425	237,345	242,065	248,655
Other urban	173,805	177,510	181,790	185,715	192,455
Large urban	184,340	187,400	191,505	194,925	200,700
Major urban	537,510	547,465	560,455	573,455	594,850
Predominantly rural	463,650	471,975	480,345	488,435	499,055
Significant rural	228,170	232,425	237,345	242,065	248,655
Predominantly urban	895,655	912,375	933,750	954,095	988,005
England	1,587,475	1,616,775	1,651,440	1,684,595	1,735,715

Source: BERR, 2008. VAT registrations and deregistrations.

Change in population by age and area classification, 2001 & 2008 (National)

Age group	Predominantly rural		Significant rural		Predominantly urban	
	Number	Subtotal for age group	Number	Subtotal for age group	Number	Subtotal for age group
Aged under 1 year	13,500		10,700		85,300	
Aged 1 - 4 years	200		7,200		88,200	
Aged 5 - 9 years	-42,600	-28,900	-29,000	-11,100	-200,800	-27,300
Aged 10 - 14 years	-1,800		-7,900		-173,600	
Aged 15 - 19 years	102,000	100,200	50,400	42,500	134,400	-39,200
Aged 20 - 24 years	92,600		68,300		384,400	
Aged 25 - 29 years	-30,400	62,200	-500	67,800	152,900	537,300
Aged 30 - 34 years	-184,600		-91,300		-317,400	
Aged 35 - 39 years	-54,200		-21,000		-89,700	
Aged 40 - 44 years	116,500	-122,300	68,900	-43,400	291,300	-115,800
Aged 45 - 49 years	119,800		68,300		313,300	
Aged 50 - 54 years	-72,500		-39,600		-93,900	
Aged 55 - 59 years	53,300	100,600	22,300	51,000	111,000	330,400
Aged 60 - 64 years	253,700		111,200		279,600	
Aged 65 - 69 years	87,600		29,800		5,000	
Aged 70 - 74 years	41,500		13,300		-15,700	
Aged 75 - 79 years	23,500		8,400		-19,800	
Aged 80 - 84 years	40,200		19,800		41,000	
Aged 85 and over	60,200	506,700	26,700	209,200	88,700	378,800
Total	618,300	-	315,900	-	1,064,100	-

Source: ONS, 2009. Mid-year population estimates.

**Second homes as a percentage of total chargeable dwellings by area classification, 2007/08
(National)**

Area classification	Second homes	Total chargeable dwellings	%
Rural 80	65,406	2,634,295	2.5%
Rural 50	27,556	2,569,851	1.1%
Significant rural	25,331	2,864,403	0.9%
Other urban	23,978	2,981,265	0.8%
Large urban	26,072	3,198,793	0.8%
Major urban	70,593	7,567,015	0.9%
Predominantly rural	92,962	5,204,146	1.8%
Significant rural	25,331	2,864,403	0.9%
Predominantly urban	120,643	13,747,073	0.9%
England	238,936	21,815,622	1.1%