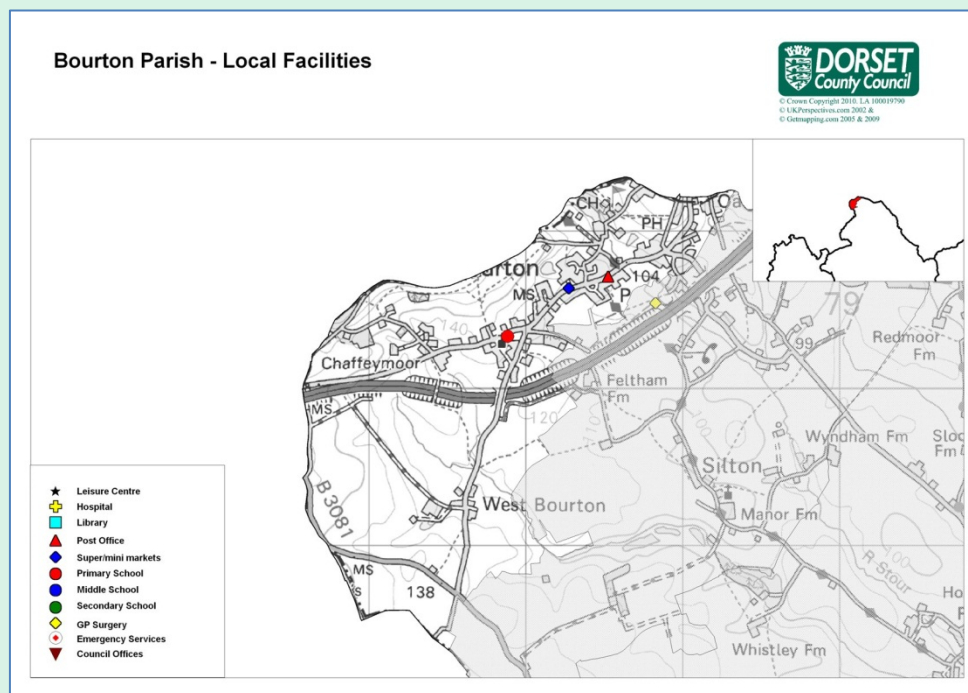


North Dorset Parish Profiles:

BOURTON

Location & Facilities

Bourton parish is in the very north of district, part of the ward Bourton & District, which also includes the other parishes of Kington Magna, Buckhorn Weston and Silton, which are to the west of the market town of Gillingham. The village of Bourton has a shop, post office and primary school and the GP surgery is located just outside of the parish.



People

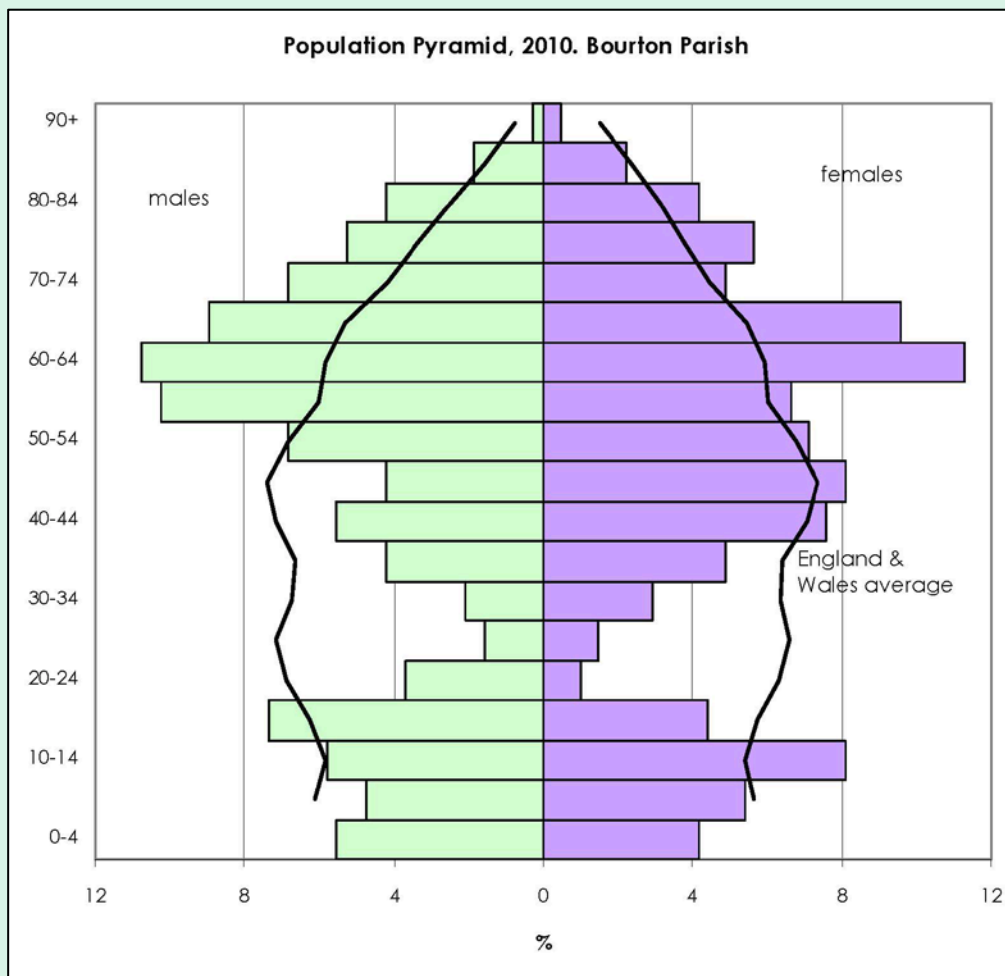
Bourton parish has a total population of 790¹.

Over the last years (2000 to 2010) the total population of Bourton parish has decreased by almost 6%, from 840 in 2000¹.

In Bourton parish almost 25% of the population are aged 65 and over, this is higher than the average across North Dorset (23%) and significantly higher than the national average (17%)¹.

The population pyramid shows the population by gender and 5 year age group in Bourton, the lines indicate the national average (England & Wales)^{1,2}.

There is a very low proportion of younger adults, in their 20s and 30s. This is typical of the picture across Dorset^{1,2}. People aged 20-39 years make up just 11% of the population in Bourton parish, the national average is 26.8% (see chart below)^{1,2}.



Birth and death data is not available at parish level. However the birth rate for Bourton & District ward in 2009 was just 5.3 births per 1000 population, around half the district average (10.7 per 1000) and the national average (12.9 per 1000)³.

The death rate was 6.9 per 1000 population in Bourton & District ward, much lower than the district average (9.4 per 1000) and the national average (9 per 1000). Across Dorset birth rates are generally below average and death rates above average, a reflection of the older age structure of the County's population³.

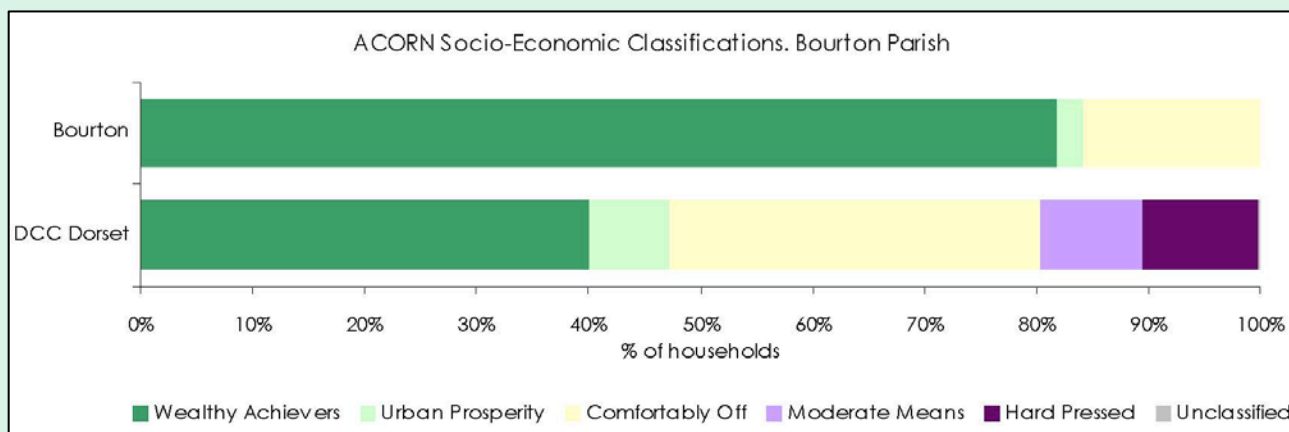
The 2001 Census showed that 2.7% of the population in Bourton parish were of Black or Minority Ethnic (BME) Groups. This is lower than the average across Dorset (3.2%) and significantly lower than national average of 13%⁵.

The largest minority ethnic group in Bourton parish in 2001 was 'White Other' which made up 52% of the BME population, followed by 'mixed' (19%)⁵.

In 2001 the Census included a question on religion for the first time, however it was not compulsory. In Bourton 78% stated their religion as Christian, 8% did not answer and almost 14% said they had no religion. All other religions made up below 1%⁵.

ACORN socio-economic classifications show that over 81% of all households in Bourton parish are in the 'wealthy achievers' category significantly higher than the County average of 40%⁶.

Almost 16% are categorised as 'comfortably off' and none are either 'moderate means or 'hard pressed', much lower than the County average, shown on the chart below⁶.



The National Index of Deprivation (ID 2010) shows that no areas in North District are amongst the 20% most deprived in England in terms of multiple deprivation. There are 35 SOAs in North Dorset district which are ranked from 1 (most deprived) to 35 (least deprived). Bourton parish is covered by the same SOA for Bourton & District ward. This is ranked as the 23rd most deprived SOA in North Dorset⁷.

Inequalities

Almost 8% of the population of Bourton parish live in a household dependant on benefits (housing/council tax benefit). This is lower than the average across North Dorset (12.7%)⁸.

Income Domain of the ID 2010 ranks the SOA covering Bourton & District ward 18th (most deprived in North Dorset). In North Dorset district no areas are amongst the top 20% most deprived in England in terms of Income Deprivation⁷.

The 2001 Census included a question on disability and limiting long term illness, in Bourton parish almost 17% of the population were affected. This is around the same as the average across North Dorset, and just below the Dorset average (19%)⁵.

Disability living allowance and attendance allowance data is not available at parish level, however for Bourton & District ward just under 6% were claiming either disability living allowance or attendance allowance, this is slightly lower than the average across North Dorset of 7.1%²⁰.

The Health Domain of the ID 2010 ranks the SOA covering Bourton & District ward 30th out of 35 in North Dorset⁷.

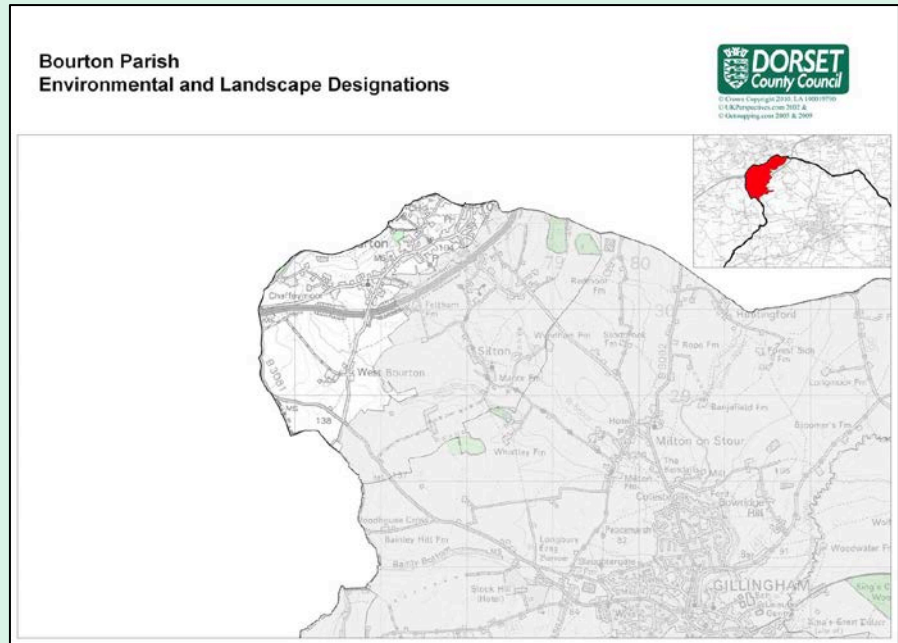
The rate of teenage conceptions across North Dorset district during the period 2006 to 2008 was 17.1 per 1000 females 15-17 years. This was lower than the County average for this period (26.3 per 1000) and significantly below than the national average of 41.1 per 1000⁴.

Teenage conception data is not available at parish level, however in Bourton & District ward the teenage conception rate for the period 2006 to 2008 was considerably lower than the district average and the County average of 26.3 per 1000⁴.

Environment & Quality Of Life

North Dorset has a large number of environmental and landscape designations. The following map shows the spatial extent of these designations within Bourton parish¹¹.

There is no river water quality monitoring points within Bourton Parish. However, the quality of the water in the vicinity is classified as very good for chemical water quality in the vicinity, biological water quality is not measured¹².



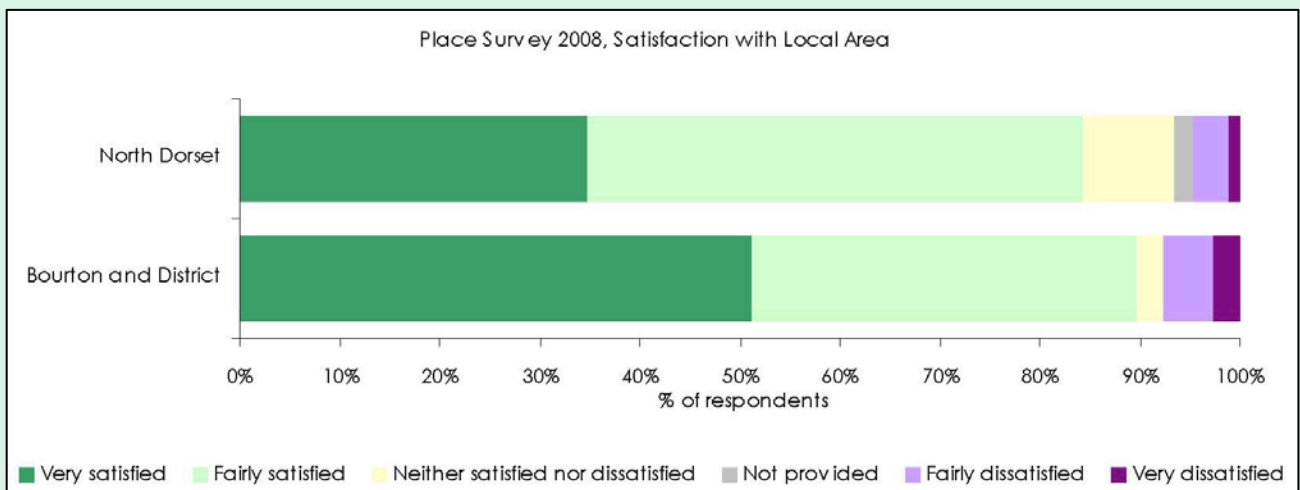
During the past ten years average daily traffic flows have increased by 1,200 vehicles at the traffic

Annual Average Daily Traffic Flow (Vehicles)		Year			
Location	Ward	2000	2003	2008	2009
B3081 West of Gillingham	Bourton and District	3,400	4,270	4,500	4,600

measuring point within the ward that the parish falls into¹³.

Within Bourton Parish there were five significant road collisions during the period from 2008 to 2011. Nine casualties resulted from these collisions. Three of these collisions was classified as severe six slight¹³.

The 2008 Place survey asked residents how satisfied they were with their area as a place to live. This data is not available for the parish of Bourton, however for Bourton & District ward almost 90% were either fairly or very satisfied, above the average across North Dorset (84%). Almost 8% said they were fairly or very dissatisfied, slightly



above the average across the district, as shown on the chart below¹⁷.

The survey also asked residents to choose, from a list of options, what was important in making an area a good place to live. For residents in Bourton & District the three most selected were: levels of crime, provision of health services, affordable housing/access to nature¹⁷.

Bourton & District's residents felt that (from the same list of options) public transport, activities for teenagers and affordable housing were most in need of improvement¹⁷.

In general North Dorset has relatively low crime rates. In 2009/10 the total crime rate in the district was 39.4 crimes per 1000 population, lower than the County rate (50.9 per 1000) and around half the national rate (79 per 1000)¹⁸.

This data is not available at parish level, however in Bourton & District ward the total crime rate for 2009/10 was 17.4 per 1000 population, less than half the average rate across North Dorset¹⁸.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour can have a significant impact on quality of life. In Dorset in 2009/10 there were 54 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour per 1000 population. In North Dorset district the figure was lower at 37 per 1000 and in Bourton & District ward the rate was 14.2 incidents per 1000 population, much lower than average¹⁸.

Fear of crime, a proxy is taken from the results of the Place Survey, 2008 in which residents were asked how safe they felt in their local area after dark. In Bourton & District ward almost 8% of those surveyed said they felt fairly or very unsafe in their local area after dark, this is lower than the average for North Dorset district (14.6%)¹⁷.

The Crime Domain of the ID 2010 ranks the Bourton & District SOA is the 23rd most deprived in North Dorset and amongst the 20% least deprived SOAs in England, in terms of crime deprivation⁷.

Housing

There are 380 dwellings in Bourton parish⁹.

The average house price the area (SP8 5 postcode sector) is £412,318 based on all sales during the period July-September 2010 (14 properties sold in total, 11 detached and 3 terraced). This was higher than the average price across North Dorset during this period (£267,669). The average price across England & Wales, based on sales July-September 2010, was £246,387, significantly lower than in SP8 5 postcode sector area¹⁰.

2011 Council Tax records show that 1.3% of dwellings in Bourton parish are second homes/holiday homes. The average across North Dorset is 1.5%. Second homes are most common in rural and coastal parishes⁹.

The majority of properties in Bourton parish are detached (61%) much higher than the district average of 43%. Just over 29% are semi-detached, in line with the district average. 15% are terraced, this is lower than the district average of 18%, whilst only 1.2% are flats, much lower than the district average of 10%⁵.

The majority of households in Bourton parish are owner occupied, 47% owned outright and 35% owned with a mortgage⁵.

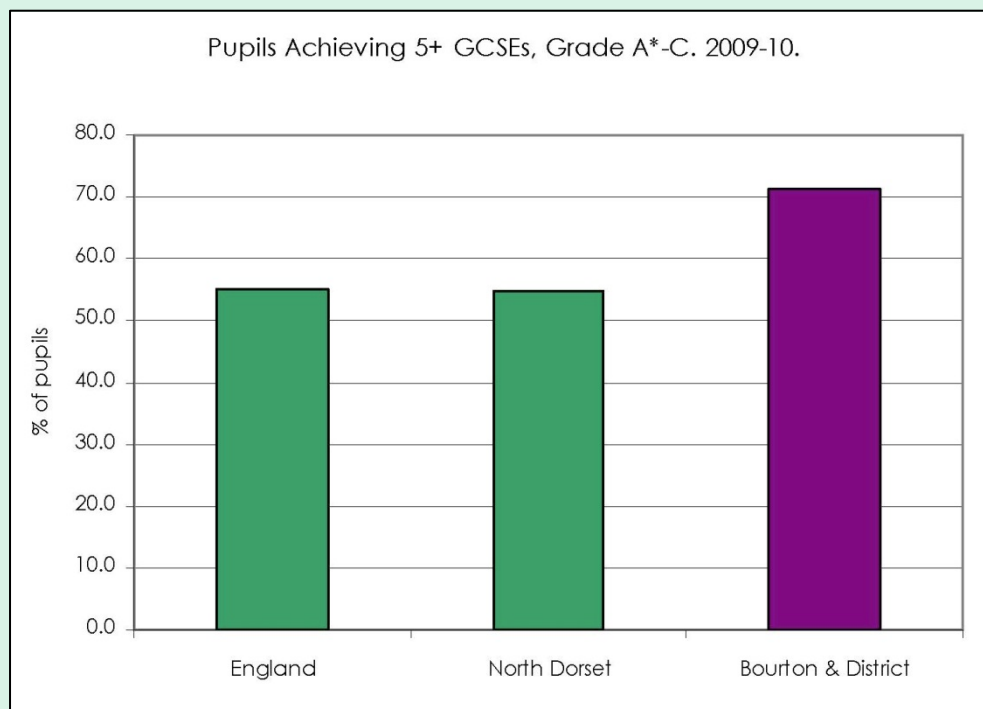
Just over 10% are rented from the local authority or housing association in Bourton parish and 9% are privately rented. Just below the district average of 14% and 13% respectively⁵

Learning & Knowledge

In 2001 (Census) below 25% of 16-74 year olds in Bourton parish had no qualifications, in line with the district average (25%), but below the national average (29%)⁵.

Over 24% had higher level qualifications (degree or equivalent), this was higher than the national average at the time(20%)⁵.

In 2010 21 pupils living in Bourton & District ward reached the end of Key stage 4 and took GCSEs. The GCSE pass rate (5+ grade A*-C including English & Maths) for these pupils was 71.4 significantly higher than the average across North Dorset (54.8%) and England (55.1%)¹⁸.



The Education, Skills and Training Domain of the ID 2010 ranks Bourton & District SOA 29th in the district, in North Dorset district no areas are amongst the top 20% most deprived in England in terms of Deprivation in Education, Skills and Training⁷.

On average residents in Bourton parish are over 18 miles from the nearest further education establishment and over 4 miles from the nearest sixth form¹⁴

Access

The nearest train station is in Gillingham which is on the line from Exeter to London and provides an hourly service. This station is around 4 miles away from Bourton.

The A303, the main east to west route connecting with the M3 in Hampshire and the A30 near Exeter runs just south of Bourton. There are a number of minor routes which connect each of

the settlements with Gillingham, the nearest town.

In 2001 (census) just 9% of households in Bourton parish did not have a car, this was lower than North Dorset as a whole (14%) and significantly lower than the national average (27%). This is typical in Dorset where car ownership is higher in the more rural areas⁵.

Bourton parish does not have an hourly bus service. A less frequent service (no more than 3 buses per day) connects Bourton with Wincanton and Gillingham¹⁴.

Over 91% Bourton and District ward households are within 30 minutes by public transport from a shop and 99% from a GP¹⁴.

Bourton parish is covered by the SOA for Bourton & District ward which is ranked 9th in the district (out of 35) in terms of geographical access to services, and is amongst the 20% most deprived SOAs in England for this measure of deprivation⁷.

Local Economy

In 2001 (Census) 64% of people aged 16-74 years in Bourton parish were economically active (employed, self employed or unemployed) and the remaining 36% were economically inactive (retired, sick, student or looking after family). The proportion of economically active was slightly below the national average of 67% (England & Wales)⁵.

32% of 16-74 years olds were in full time employment, the district average was 39%. Almost 13% were employed part time, higher than the district average of 8%, and just over 17% were self-employed also higher than the average across North Dorset district of almost 13% self employed⁵.

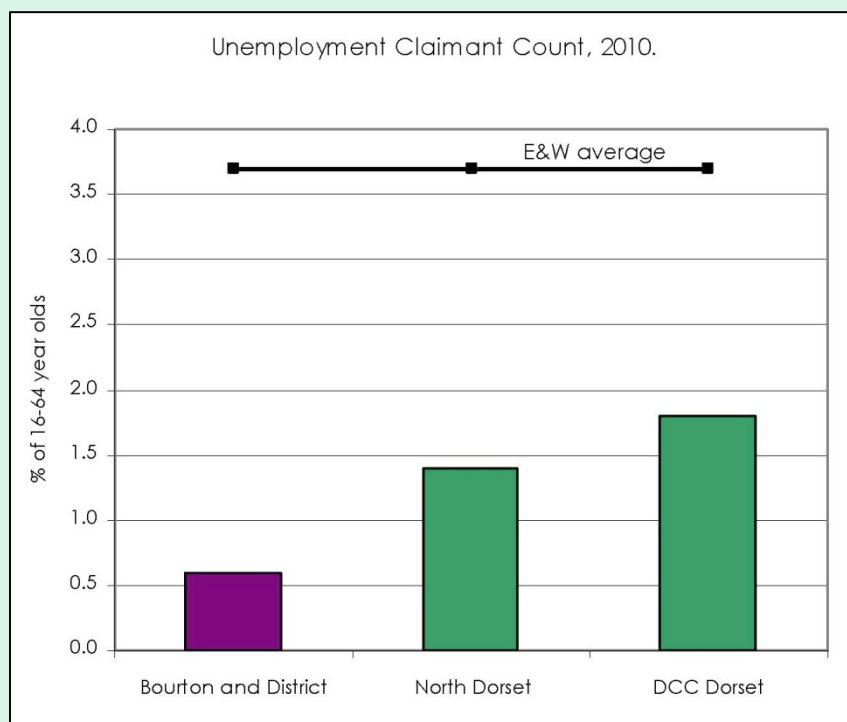
Just over 21% of 16-74 year olds were retired, above the average across North Dorset (17%) and higher than the national average (14%)⁵.

More recent information on unemployment is taken from the claimant count, this is not available at parish level but is for the ward of Bourton & District. In May 2011 the claimant unemployment rate was 1%. This is lower than North Dorset (1.3%), DCC Dorset (1.6%) and Great Britain (3.7%)¹⁵.

The annual average claimant rate for 2010 was 0.6%, significantly lower than North Dorset (1.4%), DCC Dorset (1.8%) and Great Britain (3.7%)¹⁵.

Business information is only available for the ward of Bourton & District, where are approximately 7022 businesses. This is approximately 3.0% of the total number of businesses in North Dorset (2,450)¹⁶.

The percentage of businesses in the Service sector²³ is 59%, which is less North Dorset as a whole (70%)¹⁶.



There are approximately 30 businesses (40% of total businesses) in Knowledge driven industries²⁴, much in line with North Dorset (42%)¹⁶.

Approximately 300 employees are working in Bourton & District ward, accounting for 1.3% of the total number of employees in North Dorset (21,900)¹⁶.

The Service sector²³ accounts for 81% of employees in Bourton & District ward, which is greater than North Dorset (77%)¹⁶.

Roughly 200 employees work in Knowledge driven industries²⁴, which is about 59% of total employees, greater than North Dorset (45%)¹⁶.

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12. *Water Quality, The Environment Agency, 2008.*
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14. *Public Transport & Access to Services, DCC 2011.*
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DEFINITIONS:

22. *Number of businesses includes those which are **PAYE only** and **PAYE & VAT** registered but does not include businesses which are **VAT only** registered. Therefore the number of businesses given is likely to be an underestimate of the true figure.*
23. *Service Sector includes all sectors except Construction, Production and Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.*
24. *Knowledge Driven Industries includes sectors that involve the application of a high level of 'technical' information.*