

Dacorum

- Dacorum is the district with the largest **population** in Hertfordshire. Total population of 138,000 in 2004 represented 13% of the county total. However, growth at half the rate of the county average will see St Albans take over as the largest district by 2011. There will be rapid growth in the oldest group (85 and over) and also in those close to retirement (60-64). Reasonably strong growth is expected at the bottom end of the workforce (20-24), but this will be more than offset by a decrease in workers aged between 25 and 44.

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN DACORUM, 2004						
Age band	Male	Female	Total	Age band share of total	Growth 2004-2011	
					Levels	%
0-4	4200	4106	8306	6.0	-226	-2.7
5-15	10051	9730	19781	14.3	-1142	-5.8
16-19	3474	3370	6844	5.0	155	2.3
20-24	3600	3306	6906	5.0	781	11.3
25-34	8669	8888	17556	12.7	-377	-2.1
35-44	11287	11400	22687	16.4	-2583	-11.4
45-59	14131	14019	28150	20.4	1568	5.6
60-64	3131	3212	6344	4.6	1967	31.0
65-74	5275	5906	11181	8.1	561	5.0
75-84	3388	4694	8081	5.8	217	2.7
85+	719	1644	2363	1.7	1139	48.2
Total	67925	70275	138200	100.0	2060	1.5

Source: Experian, National Statistics

- The district accounts for 13% of **GVA** in Hertfordshire. It has grown broadly in line with the national average over the past decade and this pattern is expected to continue between 2005-11. Growth will be led by Transport & Communications (7.8% pa), a sector with a larger share of the Dacorum economy than of Hertfordshire GVA. The Financial & Business Services (4.5% pa) sector lends further support, though output growth is far slower than it was over the past decade. The industrial structure of the district is similar to that of the county as a whole, but there is lower representation in Manufacturing and Construction.

GVA IN DACORUM, 2005					
Sector	GVA (£m ¹)	% of Total GVA		Growth (%pa)	
		Dacorum	Hertfordshire	1995-2005	2005-2011
Agriculture	15	0.5	0.5	3.7	1.8
Mining & quarrying	24	0.8	1.4	-2.1	1.8
Manufacturing	307	10.8	13.1	1.0	0.0
Construction	153	5.4	7.3	-2.6	2.5
Distribution, hotels & catering	546	19.2	19.1	1.2	2.6
Transport & communications	335	11.8	9.1	8.7	7.8
Financial & business services	793	27.9	26.1	7.3	4.5
Other (mainly public) services	481	16.9	17.0	3.3	2.2
Total	2848	100.0	100.0	3.3	3.2

Note: ¹ Chained volume measure, reference year 2002

Source: Experian, National Statistics

- **Employment** levels in Dacorum are the highest in the county at 74,000 in 2005. However, employment growth is expected to slip behind the Hertfordshire average between 2005-11, largely as a result of slower job creation in Financial & Business Services. District employment growth is expected to be driven by the fast growing Transport & Communications sector (2.6% pa). However, manufacturing will increasingly be a drag on district prospects, with employment set to fall by 3.7% pa.

EMPLOYMENT IN DACORUM, 2005					
Sector	Employment (000s)	% of Total Employment		Growth (%pa)	
		Dacorum	Hertfordshire	1995-2005	2005-2011
Agriculture	0.5	0.7	0.6	2.6	0.3
Mining & quarrying	0.1	0.2	0.4	-5.6	-3.1
Manufacturing	6.3	8.5	9.5	-0.7	-3.7
Construction	4.6	6.2	7.6	-2.8	0.8
Distribution, hotels & catering	18.6	25.1	26.0	-0.5	0.1
Transport & communications	5.6	7.6	6.1	1.8	2.6
Financial & business services	20.6	27.8	24.9	3.8	1.3
Other (mainly public) services	17.4	23.6	24.6	1.8	0.7
Total	74.0	100.0	100.0	1.0	0.5

Source: Experian, National Statistics

- Claimant count **unemployment** totalled 1,686 in Dacorum in 2006q2, a rate of 2.0%. Unemployment has increased sharply in the district over the course of the past year and the claimant count rate is expected to rise to 2.3% in 2007 before easing back gradually.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN DACORUM												
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Male	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Female	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Persons	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.5
Rate	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.7

Notes: Claimant count levels in thousands. Claimant count rate is a percentage of the working age population
Source: Experian, National Statistics