

North Hertfordshire

- 11.5% of Hertfordshire's **population** live in North Hertfordshire (120,000 in 2004). Population growth is expected to be rapid between 2004-11, with an increase of 5.1% second only to St Albans. In level terms, the most significant growth is in the older section of the workforce (45-64). The number of persons aged 85 and over is set to rise strongly, albeit from a relatively low base. In common with all other districts, a decrease in the number of persons aged 35-44 is expected.

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE, 2004						
Age band	Male	Female	Total	Age band share of total	Growth 2004-2011	
					Levels	%
0-4	3700	3500	7200	6.0	184	2.6
5-15	8411	8473	16883	14.1	-429	-2.5
16-19	2883	2715	5598	4.7	108	1.9
20-24	2719	2794	5513	4.6	801	14.5
25-34	7594	8113	15706	13.1	214	1.4
35-44	9994	10012	20006	16.7	-776	-3.9
45-59	11800	11838	23638	19.7	2438	10.3
60-64	2913	3094	6006	5.0	1288	21.4
65-74	4781	5137	9919	8.3	1127	11.4
75-84	2813	4000	6813	5.7	619	9.1
85+	700	1900	2600	2.2	548	21.1
Total	58306	61575	119881	100.0	6120	5.1

Source: Experian, National Statistics

- North Hertfordshire accounted for 9.9% of **GVA** in Hertfordshire in 2005, but this share has been falling. Though GVA growth of 3.1% compares favourably to the national average, it falls short of the county mean. This under-performance is chiefly due to the district having a large manufacturing sector and under-representation in private services, in particular Transport & Communications. Looking forward, GVA growth will be driven by Transport & Communications (5.2% pa) and Financial & Business Services (5.1% pa), though with both sectors accounting for relatively small shares, GVA growth still lags the county average.

GVA IN NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE, 2005					
Sector	GVA (£m ¹)	% of Total GVA		Growth (%pa)	
		North Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire	1995-2005	2005-2011
Agriculture	18	0.8	0.5	-0.2	0.6
Mining & quarrying	15	0.7	1.4	-2.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	394	18.4	13.1	2.0	1.2
Construction	173	8.1	7.3	7.1	3.5
Distribution, hotels & catering	429	20.1	19.1	4.2	2.8
Transport & communications	104	4.8	9.1	4.8	5.2
Financial & business services	533	24.9	26.1	4.2	5.1
Other (mainly public) services	299	14.0	17.0	0.1	2.8
Total	2138	100.0	100.0	3.1	3.0

Note: ¹ Chained volume measure, reference year 2002

Source: Experian, National Statistics

- **Employment** growth has moved in line with the Hertfordshire mean over the past decade. In contrast to most other districts, North Hertfordshire is expected to maintain this pace of employment growth over the forecast horizon, fuelled by robust demographic trends. The strongest growth is anticipated to be in Financial & Business Services (2.0% pa), with Construction employment continuing to expand rapidly (1.7% pa).

EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE, 2005					
Sector	Employment (000s)	% of Total Employment		Growth (%pa)	
		North Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire	1995-2005	2005-2011
Agriculture	0.5	1.0	0.6	-0.9	-0.9
Mining & quarrying	0.1	0.2	0.4	-4.4	-5.0
Manufacturing	7.5	14.0	9.5	-1.0	-0.8
Construction	4.9	9.1	7.6	6.6	1.7
Distribution, hotels & catering	14.2	26.7	26.0	2.6	0.2
Transport & communications	1.9	3.6	6.1	-0.4	1.0
Financial & business services	12.6	23.6	24.9	0.7	2.0
Other (mainly public) services	11.5	21.5	24.6	-0.9	1.1
Total	53.4	100.0	100.0	0.8	0.8

Source: Experian, National Statistics

- Claimant count **unemployment** totalled 1,128 in North Hertfordshire in 2006q2, a rate of 1.5%. Unemployment has edged up recently, but the peak of 1.8% in 2007 is lower than the county average and joblessness is expected to drift down from that point.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE												
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Male	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Female	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Persons	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Rate	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3

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