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- Blackpool is the fourth most densely populated local authority district of England & Wales outside Greater London with a population density of 40.7 persons/hectare. (Source: 2001 Census, ONS)

- 4,653 households in Blackpool were experiencing overcrowding. (Source, 2001 Census, ONS)

- Nearly one fifth (12,280 –19.2%) of households in Blackpool reside in accommodation without central heating. (Source, 2001 Census, ONS)

- Blackpool has an average household size of 2.15. (Source, 2001 Census, ONS)

- Census data shows a trend for a decrease in household size in Blackpool over the 30 years between 1971 to 2001 from 2.53 to 2.15, and an increase in single person households from 23.9% to 36.4% over the same period. (Source, Census data, ONS)

- Projections show a future trend for decreasing household size in England from 2.40 in 1997 to 2.11 in 2026, and in the Northwest from 2.40 in 1997 to 2.07 in 2026, therefore it is likely that in Blackpool household size will continue to decrease. (Source: Live Tables, DCLG)

- Sub Regional Household projections show that households will increase in Blackpool by 26.6% between 2004 and 2029 compared to 21.1% in the Northwest region. (Source, Sub Regional Household Projections, Table F, DCLG)

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Past Trends in Household Size

The Census data shows a decreasing trend in household size between 1971 and 2001 in Blackpool. Household projections show a decrease in household size in England from 2.40 in 1997 to 2.11 in 2026, and in the Northwest from 2.40 in 1997 to 2.07 in 2026. The trend in Blackpool is expected to continue reducing the household size into the future in line with regional and national projections (See Table 404 Live Tables, DCLG website for regional and national projections).

There has been an increase in single person households from almost one quarter (23.9%) of households in 1971 to more than one third (36.4%) of households in 2001.

The number of households increased by 8,555 in the thirty-year period between 1971 and 2001. In the last 10 years the number of households increased by 2,422.

Table 1: Household Size and Number of Households

	Average Household Size	Total Households	Number of Single Person Households	Single Person Households as Percent of Total Households
1971 Census	2.53	55,385	13,220	23.9%
1981 Census	2.42	57,206	15,771	27.6%
1991 Census	2.27	61,518	19,418	31.6%
2001 Census	2.15	63,940	23,261	36.4%

Source: Census of Population 2001, 1991. 1981 and 1971 – Next update on release of 2011 Census

Household Overview

Table 2: Census of Population 2001, Household Summary and Population Density

	Value	**England & Wales Rank (1-376)**
Number of households with residents	63,940	105
Number of people/hectare	40.70	26
Average household size	2.15	366
Empty household spaces	3,020	42
Owner Occupied	45,394	240
Households without Central Heating	12,280	16
Households without own bath/shower and toilet	596	27
Overcrowding	4,653	63

Source: Census of Population 2001, ONS (Crown Copyright)
Note: The poorest circumstances equate to the lowest England and Wales rank – Next update on release of 2011 Census

Table 2 above provides an overview of household related issues in Blackpool. The final column “rank” shows Blackpool’s respective position in relation to all 376 district local authorities in England and Wales.

Blackpool had 63,940 households at the time of the 2001 Census, of which there were 45,394 (71%) classified as in owner occupation. The borough has a population density of 40.70 persons per hectare. It was the 26th most densely populated borough in England and Wales and the fourth most densely populated district outside Greater London yet the average household size was one of the smallest in the country ranked 366 out of 376.

The borough had 3,020 empty household spaces at the time of the 2001 Census.

The percentage of households without central heating was 19.2%, which means that with 12,280 households Blackpool was the 16th worst in England & Wales.

Blackpool is ranked the 63rd most overcrowded district authority in England & Wales on account of its large number of households (4,653) recorded as experiencing overcrowding/overcrowded living conditions (For explanation, see glossary "Occupancy rating").

Household Projections

Sub Regional projections expect that households in Blackpool to increase by 26.6% between 2004 and 2029 compared to an increase of 21.1% in the Northwest during the same period.

Table 3: Household Projections 2004-2029 – Thousands of Households

	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029
Blackpool	64	66	69	72	76	79	81
Northwest	2,895	2,946	3,080	3,220	3,348	3,455	3,507

Source: Table F (2004 Based), DCLG website, Feb 2008, NB Sub Regional projections are less robust than those at regional level.

Glossary

DCLG — Department of Communities and Local Government

Northwest — The Northwest Region of England comprises the area of the counties of Cumbria, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside and that of the unitary authorities of Blackburn-with-Darwen, Blackpool, Halton and Warrington.

Occupancy Rating — The Census of Population 2001 provides a measure of under occupancy and overcrowding. It relates the actual number of rooms to the number of rooms 'required' by the members of the household (based on the relationship between them and their ages). The room requirement is calculated as follows:

- A one-person household is assumed to require three rooms (two common rooms and a bedroom, excluding a bathroom)
- Where there are two or more residents it is assumed that they require a minimum of two common rooms plus one bedroom, excluding a bathroom for:
- Each couple (as determined by the relationship question)
- Each lone parent
- Each other person aged 16 or over
- Each pair aged 10 to 15 of the same sex
- Each pair formed from a remaining person aged 10 to 15 with a child aged under 10 of the same sex
- Each pair of children aged under 10 remaining
- Each remaining person (either aged 10 or 15 or under 10)

ONS — Office of National Statistics

Where can I get further information on the issues covered in Blackpool Figures?

Blackpool Figures collects its summary information from a range of detailed reports and web sites. All sources are clearly acknowledged and referenced throughout the work. Much additional information is available within these original sources; a selection of the most frequently utilised web sites for this topic are presented below. This is not a definitive list but it does provide a useful starting point.

Selected Website Reference

Census of Population 2001

Department for Communities and Local Government

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