

GATESHEAD KEY FACTS

PEOPLE

Population	191,000 (ONS Mid-2003 estimate)	Area (sq km)	142
Households	84,267 (Census 2001)		

ECONOMY

WORK FORCE

Employees in Employment 95,200 (2003 workplace-based)

Labour Force 93,500 (Resident Mid-2000)

Unemployment (Claimants, July 2005)	Male	Female	Total
	2,532	754	3,286
	5.6%	1.9%	3.9%

[Note: Rates shown are calculated against resident TWRI's labour force not ONS's residents of working age]

Employment by Industry (2003, % of total)

Agriculture	0.1%	Transport/Communications	5.8%
Energy/Water	0.1%	Finance/Business	11.2%
Manufacturing	16.5%	Public Administration	11.3%
Construction	5.2%	Education	7.9%
Retail/Wholesale	20.6%	Health/Social Care	10.6%
Hotel/Catering	4.4%	Other Services	5.8%

(ONS, Annual Business Inquiry)

BUSINESSES AND MAJOR COMPANIES & INDUSTRIES

Businesses (VAT Registered)

Stock at start of:	2003	2004
	3,360	3,460
Net Change (during 2003)	105	3.0%

Principal Industries and Major Companies Include:

Finance Royal Bank of Scotland (Card HQ)	Telecommunications Telewest Communications
Energy Npower Northern Ltd	Food & Drink Allied Bakeries Gateshead
Mechanical Engineering BAE Systems (Royal Ordnance)	Electrical Engineering AEI Cables Ltd
Machinery & Metal Goods Manufacture Komatsu (UK) Ltd Myson Radiators Ltd*	Chemical Manufacture International Coatings Ltd Brett Oils Ltd
Business Services BT Syntegra (e-commerce)	Retail Debenhams House of Fraser

* = HQ

TRANSPORT

Car Ownership

All cars or vans in the area: 64,206
57% of all households have at least 1 car or van
(Census 2001)

Communications

Roads A1(M) or A19 (from the South), A69 (from the West), A1 (from the North)

Flights (Regular flights per day from Newcastle Airport)

Aberdeen (5)	Alicante (1)	Amsterdam (5)	Barcelona (1)
Belfast City (4)	Belfast International (3)	Berlin (1)	Birmingham (4)
Bristol (3)	Brussels (3)	Budapest (1)	Cardiff (2)
Copenhagen (2)	Dublin (2)	Dusseldorf (1)	Exeter (1)
Geneva (1)	Guernsey (1)	Isle of Man (1)	Jersey (1)
London Gatwick (4)	London Heathrow (8)	London Stansted (4)	Malaga (1)
Nice (1)	Palma Mallorca (1)	Paris (4)	Plymouth (1)
Prague (1)	Rome (1)	Southampton (5)	Stavanger (1)

Metro

Frequent services operate between stations in all five Tyne & Wear Districts.

Major stations on the system include:

Gateshead: Gateshead and Heworth

Newcastle: Monument; Central; Haymarket; South Gosforth; Regent Centre and Airport

North Tyneside: Four Lane Ends; Whitley Bay and North Shields

South Tyneside: South Shields; Chichester and Jarrow

Sunderland: Sunderland, Park Lane, Seaburn and St. Peter's

Ferry services to North Shields run every half hour from the ferry landing at South Shields.

Rail

Fastest times from Newcastle Central Station: (to nearest 5 minutes)

Aberdeen	4h 05m	London	2h 40m
Birmingham	3h 05m	Leeds	1h 25m
Edinburgh	1h 25m	Manchester	2h 35m
Glasgow	2h 25m		

International Ferry

Ferry services depart from the International Ferry Terminal, North Shields to the following destinations:

IJmuiden, Amsterdam, Holland (Daily);

Gothenburg, Sweden (Mon/Thurs);

Kristiansand, Norway (Mon/Thurs);

Bergen, Haugesund & Stavanger, Norway (Wed/Sat)

Source: Port of Tyne Authority

HOUSING & COMMERCIAL

Average House Prices

April to June 2004 (HM Land Registry)

Detached	Semi-Detached	Terraced	Flat/Maisonette	Overall
£213,300	£121,900	£105,200	£88,700	£115,400

Council Tax (for 2004/05)

Band	Total Charge (£)	Band	Total Charge (£)	Band	Total Charge (£)
A	864.58	D	1,296.88	G	2,161.46
B	1,008.69	E	1,585.06	H	2,593.75
C	1,152.77	F	1,873.27		

Commercial Rents

Min	Office	Industrial
£3.00	£3.00	£1.80
£7.50	£7.50	£3.40
Average	£5.80	£2.70

EDUCATION

Higher Education

Gateshead College, Durham Road, Gateshead, NE9 5BN

Tel: (0191) 490 0300

Student Numbers 2003/04

FE full-time:	1,714	HE full-time:	87
FE part-time:	18,395	HE part-time:	358

RETAIL

Shopping Centres

MetroCentre (149,858 sq m); Retail World; Gateshead Town Centre

Gross Retail Floor space 289,702 sq m

Sources

Gateshead Council; Office for National Statistics; Dept. of Trade & Industry; HM Land Registry; Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

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