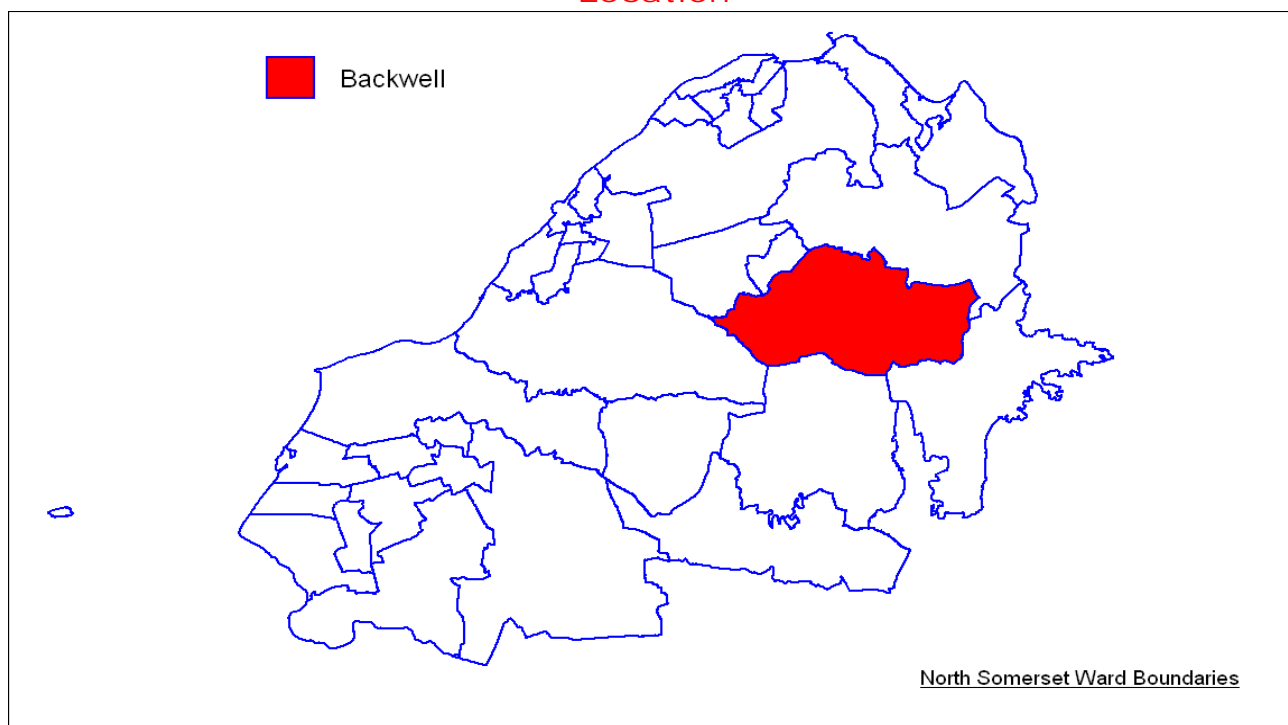


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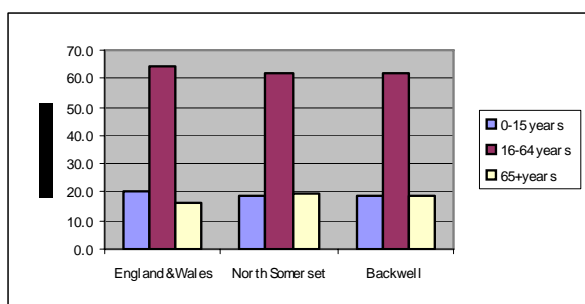


Key facts

- The geographical size of the ward of Backwell is 2777 hectares.
- The population of Backwell accounts for 3% of the total population of North Somerset.
- The average age of the population in Backwell is 42.8 years.
- The average life expectancy for the residents of Backwell is 79.6 years.
- The population of Backwell mirrors the population of North Somerset as a whole.

Population

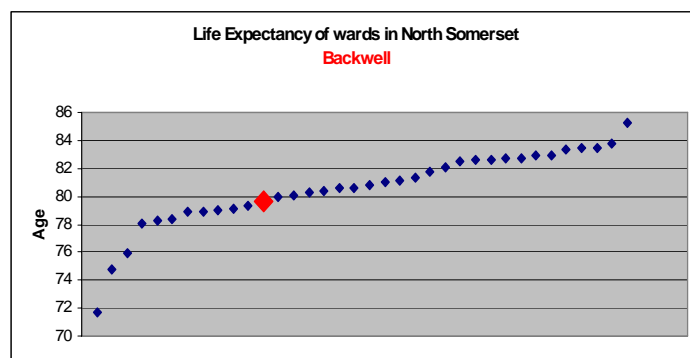
- The population of Backwell is 5455 people.
- There are 2699 males and 2756 females.
- The breakdown of the population of Backwell by age range almost exactly mirrors the totals for North Somerset.
- 62% of the population of Backwell are of working age (16-64).
- There are the same amount of people aged between 0-15 years as there are people aged 65 and over (19% for each age band).



Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics

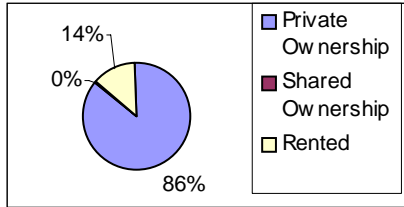
Health

- 15.5% of the population of Backwell are described as having a limiting long term illness.
- 73.6% consider themselves to be in good health.
- 20% describe themselves as being in fairly good health.
- 6.5% do not feel that they are in good health.
- Average life expectancy in Backwell is 79.6 years, similar to the average for North Somerset, 79.96 years.



Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics/North Somerset Primary Care Trust

Housing



- There are 18% more dwellings in Backwell in private ownership than in England and Wales.
- 96% of dwellings here are houses and 4% are flats, there are 14% more houses in Backwell than across North Somerset.
- 1 new dwelling was formed in 2005/2006, less than 1% of the total for North Somerset.

Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics

Employment and unemployment

Of the 3947 people of working age in Backwell, 66.8% are economically active and 33.2% are economically inactive.

	Full time employed	Part time employed	Self employed	Unemployed	Full time student
Backwell	54.2%	21.8%	18.2%	2.7%	3.1%
North Somerset	58.8%	20.5%	14.1%	3.1%	3.5%
England & Wales	60.9%	17.7%	12.4%	5.0%	3.9%

	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Permanently sick/disabled	Other
Backwell	54.4%	10.1%	19.4%	10.2%	6.0%
North Somerset	50.9%	8.8%	19.1%	14.5%	6.7%
England & Wales	40.7%	14.0%	19.5%	16.5%	9.3%

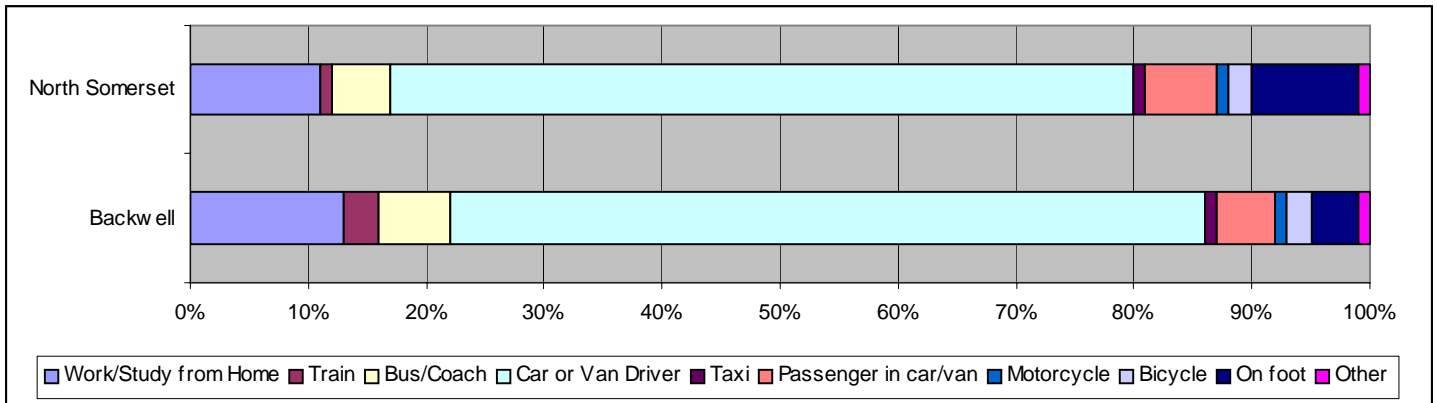
Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics

Transport

Car ownership

9% of households in Backwell do not own a car, 37% of households in Backwell own 1 car, 42% of households in Backwell own 2 cars, 9% of the households in Backwell own 3 cars and 3% of the households in Backwell own 4+ cars.

Mode of travel to work



Source: 2001 Census Travel to Work Statistics

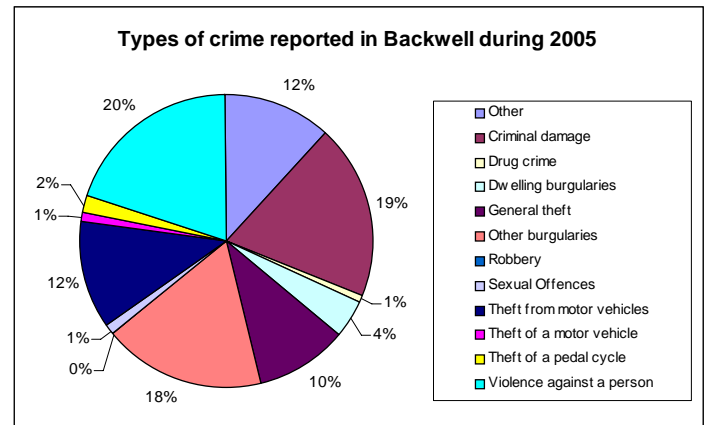
Education

- 61% of the 3 year olds in Backwell attended a pre-school or nursery class in 2005.
- In 2005 69.7% of pupils taking GCSEs achieved 5+ A*-C grades. This figure has fallen by 11.6% since 2004.
- 29.5% of the working age population of Backwell are qualified to degree level+.
- 18.5% of the working age population of Backwell do not have any qualifications.
- There are three primary schools in Backwell – Backwell C of E Junior, Flax Bourton C of E Primary and West Leigh Infant School.
- At January 2006 1328 pupils were attending Backwell Secondary School and 318 pupils were attending the sixth form centre.

Source: North Somerset Council Education and DfES

Crime

There were 382 incidents reported in Backwell in 2005.



Source: Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Deprivation

Backwell is made up of four super output areas. The areas around Church Town (4) and West Town (3) are considered to be amongst the least deprived 25% of areas in the country. The Church Town area is among the least deprived 2% in the country and is the most prosperous area in North Somerset. The Backwell Farleigh area (1) and the area around the train station (2) both fall between the average and the least deprived 25% of areas.

Source: Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004

Most Deprived



Least Deprived

Ward profile guidance notes sheet



To be read in conjunction with individual ward profiles

Population

All of the data used in this section is sourced from the 2001 Census.

Deprivation

All of the information used in this section is sourced from the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2004.

Super Output Areas (SOAs) are small geographical areas that fit inside ward boundaries. These small areas are much more useful for identifying the pockets of deprivation that can be overlooked if the data is only studied at ward level.

Boundaries for the super output areas are available on request from the Research and Monitoring Team.

Housing

All of the information used in this section is sourced from the 2001 Census and the North Somerset Residential Land Survey April 2006, published by the Research and Monitoring Team.

Employment and unemployment

All of the data in this section is sourced from the 2001 Census.

For the economic activity statistics 'working age' refers to males aged 16 to 64 years and females aged 16 to 59 years.

Transport

All of the data in this section is sourced from the 2001 Census Travel to Work statistics.

Health

The information in this section has been sourced from the 2001 Census and the life expectancies have been provided by North Somerset Primary Care Trust (PCT).

Education

All of the data for this section has been provided by North Somerset Council Education department and the Department for Education and Skills (DfES).

Crime

The crime statistics have been provided by Avon and Somerset Constabulary and relate to all incidents reported during 2005. It must be noted that these cannot be guaranteed to be the actual figures of crime incidents occurring as some may go unreported.

Further information

For further information on any of the topics above, please contact the Research and Monitoring Team at North Somerset Council research.monitoring@n-somerset.gov.uk or telephone 01275 888 576.

Enclosures

In this pack you should have 36 ward profile sheets, 1 North Somerset profile sheet and a list of North Somerset Councillors.