

## Census 2011

### Provision of unpaid care

This briefing highlights the headline statistics made available in today's Census for the provision of unpaid care by age. Further briefings focusing on gender and how many hours' carers are providing unpaid care will follow.

### Key age statistics for Young Carers in England and Wales

- There has been an increase of 27,976 young carers aged 5-17 since 2001 (2011: 177,918)
- There has been an increase by 28% (52,219) of young carers aged 18-24 since 2001 (2011: 237,240)
- There has been an increase by 25% (63,340) of young carers aged 16-24 since 2001 (2011: 314,003)
- The most startling increase was in young carers aged 5 – 7 with a growth of 83% (4520) in England and Wales since the 2001 figures (2011: 9985)

Age	2011	2001	Increase	% increase
	England & Wales	England & Wales		
Age 5 to 7	9985	5465	4520	83%
Age 8 to 9	12148	7834	4314	55%
Age 10 to 14	72266	62661	9605	15%
Age 15	23848	21402	2446	11%
Age 16 to 17	59671	52580	7091	13%
Totals	177918	149942	27976	19%
Age 18 to 19	65615	52656	12959	25%
Age 20 to 24	188717	145427	43290	30%
Totals	254332	198083	56249	28%

Table 1: Provision of unpaid hours by age for England and Wales

### Regional variation

- The highest percentage increase was in the South East which saw a 39% (15,604) increase in young and young adult carers. This was closely followed by the South West which saw a 38% (9,808) increase.

See attached spread sheet for additional regional information.

## Key age statistics for Adult Carers in England and Wales (25+)

- There has been an increase of 499,826 adult carers aged over 25 since 2001 (2011:5,346,369)
- The largest increase is seen amongst the over 85's where there has been 129% (52,515) increase in the number of carers since 2001 (2011:93,155)
- The census indicates that there has been a reduction in the numbers of adults caring aged 25-34 years and 50-54 years.

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	England and Wales	England and Wales	Increase	% increase
25 to 34	500,657	524,006	-23349	-4.5%
35 to 44	860,226	941,050	-80824	-8.6%
Age 45 to 49	649,618	584,278	65340	11.2%
Age 50 to 54	701,858	756,453	-54595	-7.2%
Age 55 to 59	682,006	631,356	50650	8.0%
Age 60 to 64	674,311	464,750	209561	45.1%
65-74	779,118	624,381	154737	24.8%
75-84	405,420	279,629	125791	45.0%
Age 85 and over	93,155	40,640	52515	129.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,346,369</b>	<b>4,846,543</b>	<b>499,826</b>	<b>10.3%</b>

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- The South east and the South West both had the substantial increase in carers of 14%. This equates to an additional 65,638 in the South West and an additional 94,930.

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