

Doncaster is a minster town in South Yorkshire, England, about 17 miles (30 km) north-east of Sheffield. The town emerged as an industrial center in the late 18th century to 20th century, and in more modern times has welcomed new commercial and residential developments and improved transport links with the rest of the UK.

POPULATION

Doncaster's population currently stands at approximately 310,542, increasing by 3.1% since 2010. By 2030, the towns' population is expected to grow by 1.2% compared to an average 3.6% across the Yorkshire and Humber region.

PROPERTY MARKET

Doncasters' housing numbers have grown steadily since 2004. In 2018 there were estimated around 136,460 dwellings, an increase of almost 12%.

According to Zoopla the average price for property in Doncaster stands at £160,433 in January 2020, a rise of 0.85% over 12 months. In terms of property types, flats in Doncaster sold for an average of £115,530 and terraced houses for £99,794.

Doncaster has a great, affordable rental market, with the average rent a landlord can expect around £500 per calendar month.



EMPLOYMENT

The number of employee jobs in the town stands at around 121,000 with a forecast upwards trend over the long-term. While Doncasters' employment rate remains at a record high of 72.8%, improving year-on-year from a low of 64.4% in 2011.

The town has a positive reputation for providing routes into work via apprenticeships. Advanced apprenticeship starts are higher in Doncaster (5.4%) than the Yorkshire and Humber average of 5.2% and 4.7% national average.

Wages have increased rapidly since 2010, with average weekly wages rising by £75 to £521 with an increase of £40 or 8.4%, over the last year.



ECONOMY

There are 28 enterprises per every 1000 people in the town, with an overall predicted increase over the long-term.

The Logistics Sector has been key to the South Yorkshire town growth plans, with iPort logistics park welcoming major tenants such as Amazon, Cerva, Lidl, and Fellowes.

As the number of businesses in the town set to grow, so is the proportion of people in at director, managerial, professional levels, and in technical operations. There are currently 44,300 positions, accounting for 31.4% of all jobs.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The town directly on the A1(M) and M18 and is close by to the M62 and M180, within 50 miles of the Humber ports at Hull, and Grimsby.

The Great Yorkshire Way link road has made good on its promise of faster access to iPort, Doncaster from the A638, and Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

Doncaster is also at the heart of developing the next generation of rail travel and rolling stock. It's right on the East Coast Main Line railway, making it a major hub for both rail passengers and rail freight. The rail industry has been a major part of the local economy for more than 150 years with a highly integrated supply chain, and more than 50 rail companies.

Doncaster Sheffield Airport topped the Airport Council International's Airport Service Quality (ASQ) for the third year in 2019. The survey measures passenger satisfaction and received an 86% customer satisfaction score.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Doncaster has a slightly higher proportion of older people (65+) and slightly lower proportion of working age people (16 - 64). The number of younger people (0 - 15) from the 2011 Census was 57,493 (19% of population), working age people (16 - 64) was 193,768 (64.1%) and older people (65+) was 51,141 (16.9%).

Based on data from the 2011 Census, majority of Doncaster's population is 'White British' equating to 91.8%. While those from Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) backgrounds represent 8.2% of the total population.

