

**Percentage of Children in Poverty by Ward from NI 116 (2008).**

Figures produced by HM Revenue and Customs.

Children in Poverty is measured by the number of dependant children (under 16) who live in households whose equivalised income is below 60% of the contemporary national median income. For the table below, national median income for full time employees was around £25,558. The equivalent measure for Dudley residents was around £23,057 (2008). This figure was anomalous and probably due to the fact that this measure is taken from a survey and subject to random fluctuations. It stood at £21,892 in 2007 and had dropped back to £21,942 in 2009.

To put this in context means those households with children in poverty in 2009 lived on less than £294.90 gross per week.

For children living in households in poverty where no parent is working, the main sources of income include Job Seekers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Income Support, Child Benefit, Housing or Council Tax Benefits.

<b>Dudley Wards</b>	<b>% Children in Poverty 2008</b>
St Thomas's	39.0%
Brockmoor and Pensnett	33.2%
Castle and Priory	32.9%
Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews	32.5%
Brierley Hill	29.9%
Cradley and Foxcote	27.8%
Lye and Wollescote	26.5%
St James's	25.4%
Belle Vale	24.9%
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	24.3%
Upper Gornal and Woodsetton	22.5%
Coseley East	22.4%
Halesowen North	19.4%
Gornal	18.6%
Hayley Green and Cradley South	16.4%
Pedmore and Stourbridge East	14.8%
Wollaston and Stourbridge Town	14.4%
Sedgley	13.9%
Amblecote	12.1%
Norton	11.2%
Wordsley	10.4%
Kingswinford South	9.7%
Kingswinford North and Wall Heath	7.4%
Halesowen South	5.9%
<b>Dudley</b>	<b>22.0%</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>20.9%</b>

N.B. Figures only include households that are actively claiming out of work benefits and are based upon reported income. Source: HMRC website accessed September 2010.