



2011 Census Key Facts Qualifications

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1. Purpose of this Factsheet

This factsheet looks at qualifications in Poole using 2011 Census data. The data focuses on the proportion of residents who had no qualifications, degree level or above and apprenticeships. The 2011 Census took place on the 27th March 2011.

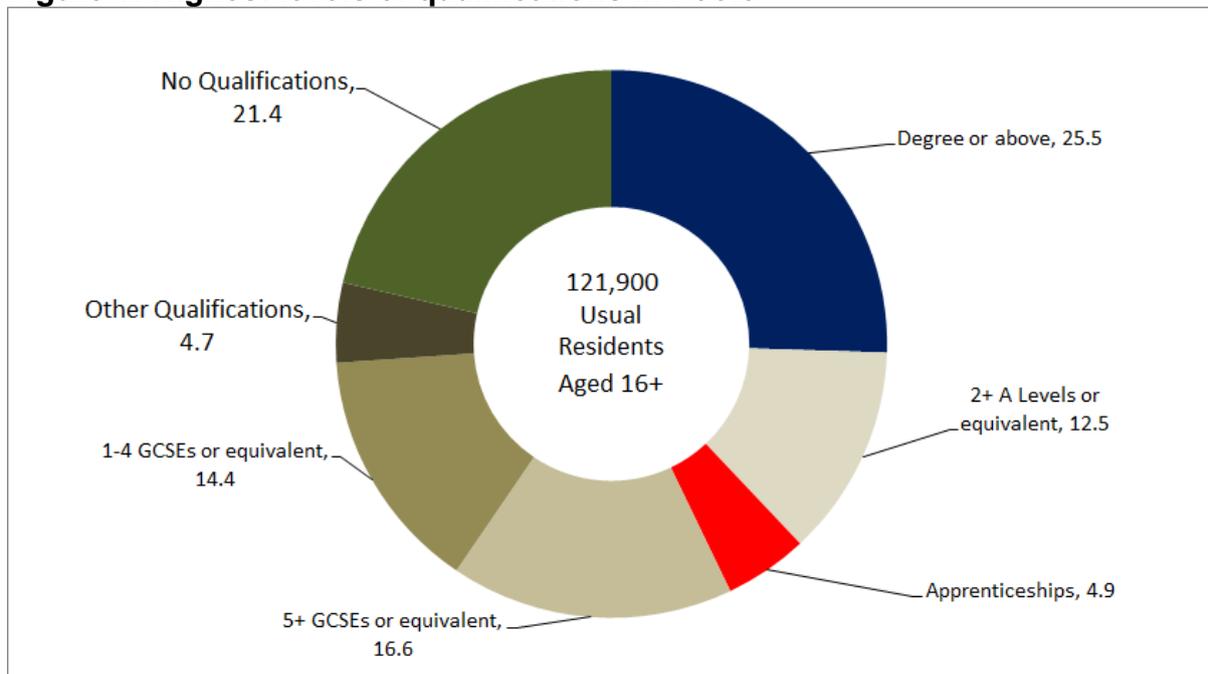
More information about what the 2011 Census tells us about the labour market and qualifications can be found in the Labour Market and Qualifications Theme Paper that can be found [here](#).

2. Introduction

Of the 121,986 usual residents in Poole aged 16 and over, over a fifth (21.4%) had no qualifications while over three quarters (78.6%) had at least one qualification. Degree level or above qualification was the most common qualification, with over a quarter (25.5%) of the population reporting this as their highest level of qualification.

Compared to Poole, England and Wales has a higher proportion of usual residents aged 16 and over, having no qualifications (22.7%) or a degree level or above qualification (27.2%).

Figure 1: Highest levels of qualifications in Poole

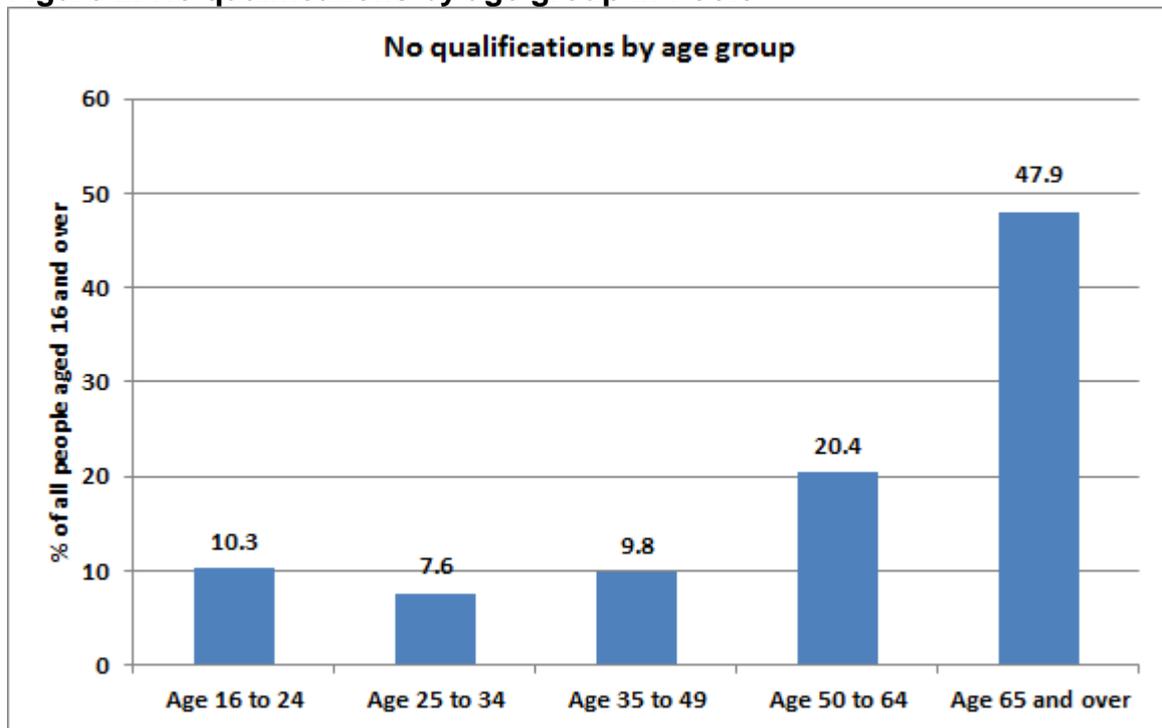


Source: 2011 Census

3. Qualifications by age and gender

Nearly half the population aged 65 and over (47.9%) had no qualifications. Up to the age of 50, there were a higher proportion of men with no qualifications than women, whereas for those aged 50 to 64 there were more women (22.5%) than men (18.1%) with no qualification. Women aged 65 and over were more likely to have no qualifications (55.7%) than men (37.9%).

Figure 2: No qualifications by age group in Poole

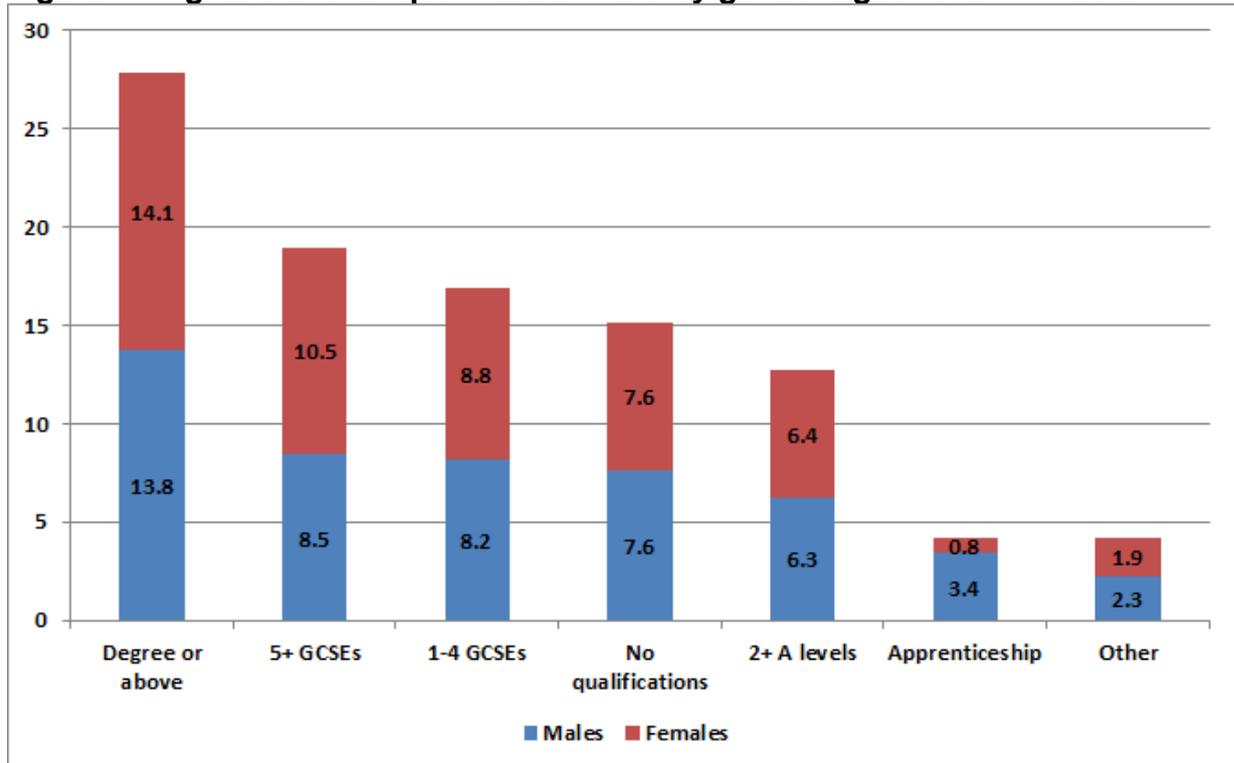


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Among the 91,828 people aged 16-64, 3 in 10 (27.9%) reported a degree level or above qualification as their highest level of qualification. Working age residents reported in descending order that they had 5+ GCSEs (19%) followed by 1-4 GCSEs (16.9%) and 2+ A Levels or equivalent (15.2%) as their highest level of qualification.

About one in ten (12.7%) working age people reported they had no qualification. 'Other' qualifications and apprenticeships were the least reported highest levels of qualification both at 4.2%.

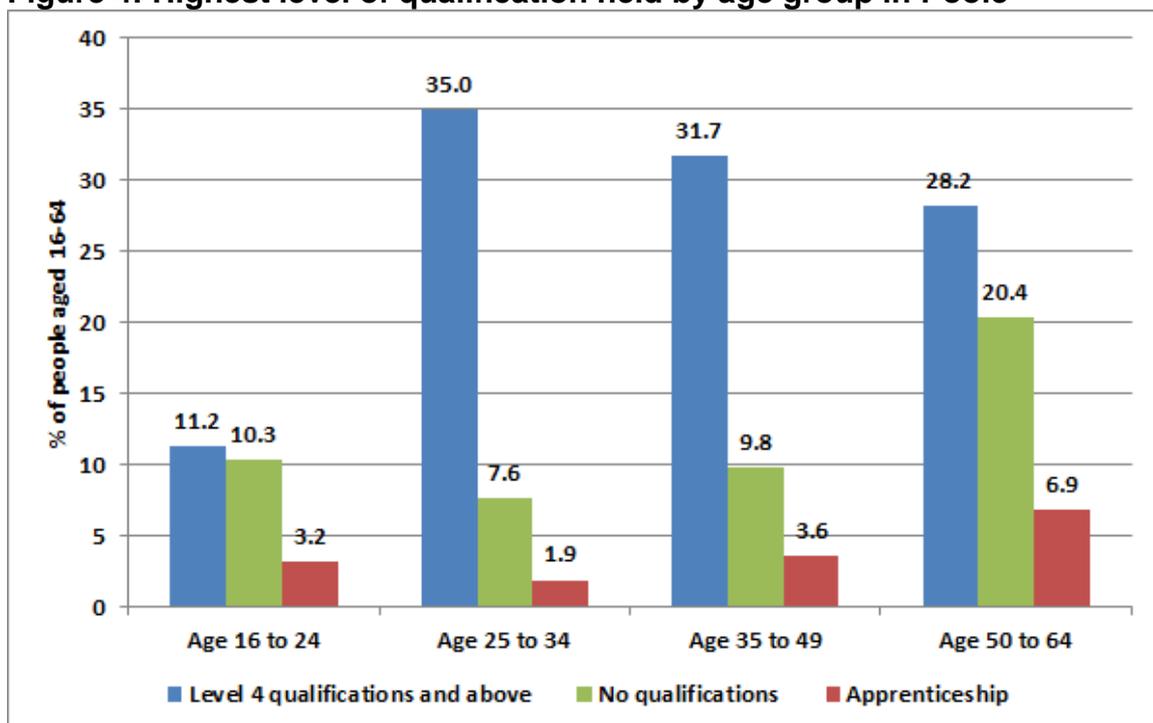
Figure 3: Highest level of qualification held by gender aged 16-64 in Poole



Source: 2011 Census

Degree level or above was the most common highest level of qualification reported across all age groups, with the exception of those aged 16-24, as some people in this age group are yet to complete their education. Under the age of 50, women more likely to report having a degree or above qualification compared with men.

Figure 4: Highest level of qualification held by age group in Poole



Source: 2011 Census

There were 3,847 (4.2%) people aged 16 to 64 with apprenticeship as their highest level of qualification. Among men aged 16 to 64, 3.4% reported apprenticeship as their highest level of qualification compared with 0.8% of women. Apprenticeships were generally more common among men than women, across all age groups, as they are mostly found within male dominated occupations such as skilled trade occupations.

4. Qualifications by area of residence

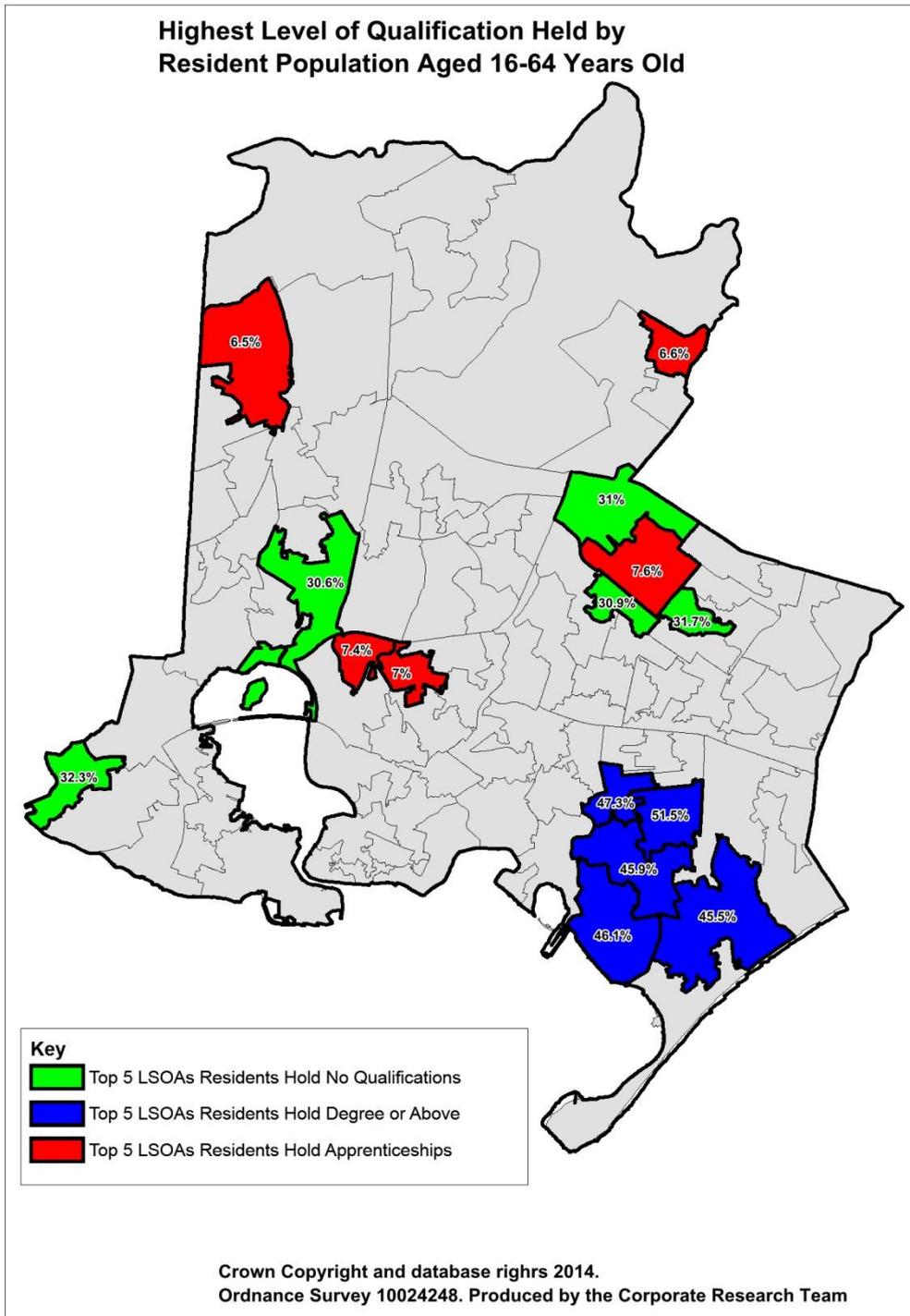
Figure 5 shows the top five LSOAs that have the highest proportion of residents aged 16-64 years old that hold a degree or above, an apprenticeship or no qualifications as their highest level of qualification. Figure 5 looks at each qualification category individually to find the top 5 LSOAs for that qualification type. There was no overlap for the three categories and it shows the top 5 LSOAs for that category only. For instance, the areas which are highlighted for apprenticeships may have higher proportions of residents that hold other qualifications but no other LSOA in Poole has a higher rate of apprenticeships than those five.

The map shows that the top 5 LSOAs in Poole with the highest proportion of residents with a degree or above qualification are all concentrated together in Penn Hill and Canford Cliffs Wards.

Areas with the highest proportions of residents that have no qualifications are found in Alderney Ward in and around the Bourne Estate, Tulin Moor in Hamworthy West Ward and in Creekmoor Ward.

LSOAs with high proportions of apprenticeships are more spread with the highest proportion of residents with this qualification located in Alderney Ward, followed by two LSOAs in Oakdale Ward. Merley and Bearwood Ward and Broadstone Ward have the fourth and fifth highest LSOAs with apprenticeships rates.

Figure 5: Highest level of qualification of 16-64 years old at Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) in Poole



Source: 2011 Census

5. Key data source

This report has concentrated on what seems to us to be the most interesting questions around qualifications in Poole. However, readers will have their own questions. Those wishing to download 2001 or 2011 data for their own use are strongly advised to visit the [Nomis](#) website – choose the “advanced query” option and then the Census option required. All of the data used in this factsheet was extracted from this site.

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