

Census Stats for Colton Parish, Cumbria 2001-2011-2021 – Some broad patterns*:

	2001	2011	2021
Resident population: in decline	765	672	653
Ageing population:			
Increase in those aged 65 and over:	199	210	243
Decrease in children 15 years and under:	92	68	60
Number of resident households: in decline	326	321	310
Households with no usual residents: increasing	94	152	No data
Economically active population: in decline	379	351	301
Work mainly from home: increase 2001/2021	104	80	129

* NOTES:

- Some difficulty in assessing comparable measures between Census statistics.
- NB – Some parish level data is approximate as produced by post-code ‘best fit’. It may also be perturbed to reduce ‘statistical disclosure’.
- Some stats for 2021 only available for ‘Lower Super Output Areas’ – these are larger than parishes and Colton appears to be split across 2. From the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory website: *“Parishes are small administrative areas, used only in England. Cumbria has over 250 parishes in total. Parishes are subject to frequent boundary change, which can make it difficult to compare data over time. It is also important to note that some urban areas of the county do not sit within parishes. As a result, parish data is becoming less widely used since the introduction of [Lower Super Output Areas \(LSOAs\)](#) and there are no longer many data sets available at parish level.”*
- Second and Holiday Homes: Trying to compare statistics for second homes and holiday homes was particularly difficult: For 2001, the statistic was for combined ‘number of second and holiday homes’. For 2011, the only stats for 2011 I could find was from the ACT Parish Profile data (<https://www.cumbriaaction.org.uk/resources/parish-profiles>) which was for ‘Second Homes’ only. 2021 data only provided a % figure of ‘Households with a second address’.