

The chart below shows the change in the parish population over 200 years. The itemised censuses from 1841 to 1911 show that farming had been the main source of employment for people living in the parish but in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, up until the mid 1870s, the population increased as miners and their families came to work in the mines around the area. The dramatic fall in the price of metals in the face of competition from abroad caused mines to close. Huge numbers of people were then forced to find work elsewhere. Some moved to work in the coalfields in the UK but many went overseas to work in Australia, South Africa, United States of America and Mexico.

