

# Constituency Explorer Area Profile

## Bedford

2011 Census of Population (Office for National Statistics, General Register Office for Scotland, NI Statistics and Research Agency)

Table numbers refer to published Census output tables; Ranks are highest=1 to lowest=650 (for UK)

**Table KS101: Usual resident population**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>101,066</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Males	49,801	49.3%	49.2%	49.1%	233
Females	51,265	50.7%	50.8%	50.9%	418
People living in households	98,678	97.6%	98.3%	98.2%	457
People living in communal establishments	2,388	2.4%	1.7%	1.8%	130
Students living away from home <sup>1</sup>	1,257	-	-	-	-
<b>Population density (people per hectare)</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>169</b>

1. Schoolchild or full-time student aged 4 and over at their non term-time address.

**Table KS102: Age structure**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>101,066</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
0 to 15	20,207	20.0%	19.0%	18.8%	149
16 to 24	12,964	12.8%	10.8%	11.9%	123
25 to 44	29,400	29.1%	26.4%	27.3%	141
45 to 64	23,584	23.3%	26.2%	25.6%	514
65 and older	14,911	14.8%	17.5%	16.4%	477

**Table KS105: Household composition**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>41,060</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>One person</b>	<b>13,034</b>	<b>31.7%</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>199</b>
Aged 65 and older	4,945	12.0%	12.7%	12.5%	416
Aged under 65	8,089	19.7%	15.8%	18.1%	159
<b>One family</b>	<b>24,293</b>	<b>59.2%</b>	<b>65.0%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>499</b>
Lone parent with dependent children	3,395	8.3%	6.2%	7.2%	170
<b>Other</b>	<b>3,733</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>140</b>

**Table KS106: Households where adults are not in employment**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>41,060</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>No adults in employment in household</b>	<b>13,128</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>33.9%</b>	<b>436</b>
With dependent children	1,882	4.6%	3.4%	4.2%	231
Without dependent children	11,246	27.4%	28.7%	29.7%	465

**Table KS201: Ethnic group**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>101,066</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>75,220</b>	<b>74.4%</b>	<b>90.8%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>556</b>
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	63,447	62.8%	85.3%	80.5% <sup>1</sup>	
Irish	1,200	1.2%	1.0%	0.9% <sup>1</sup>	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	63	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	
Other White	10,510	10.4%	4.5%	4.4% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Mixed/multiple ethnic groups</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>78</b>
White and Black Caribbean	1,905	1.9%	0.6%	0.8% <sup>1</sup>	
White and Black African	456	0.5%	0.3%	0.3% <sup>1</sup>	
White and Asian	976	1.0%	0.6%	0.6% <sup>1</sup>	
Other Mixed	744	0.7%	0.5%	0.5% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Asian/Asian British</b>	<b>15,594</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>68</b>
Indian	6,704	6.6%	1.5%	2.3%	
Pakistani	3,053	3.0%	1.1%	1.9%	
Bangladeshi	3,067	3.0%	0.6%	0.7%	
Chinese	706	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	
Other Asian	2,064	2.0%	1.0%	1.4%	
<b>Black/African/Caribbean/Black British<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5,258</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>102</b>
African	2,265	2.2%	1.2%	1.8% <sup>1</sup>	
Caribbean	2,462	2.4%	0.6%	1.1% <sup>1</sup>	
Other Black	531	0.5%	0.2%	0.5% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Other ethnic group</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>164</b>
Arab	303	0.3%	0.2%	0.4% <sup>1</sup>	
Any other ethnic group	610	0.6%	0.3%	0.6% <sup>1</sup>	

... Data not available

1. UK rate not available, rate for England and Wales is shown for illustrative purposes.

Differences in the terminology and data collection of the country specific Scotland question make these categories difficult to compare.

2. The 'African' category in the Scottish question is presented in a separate section to the 'Caribbean' or 'Black' category, however, under the harmonised output these two categories are output as part of Black/African/Caribbean/Black British'.

**Table KS204: Country of birth**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>101,066</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>78,122</b>	<b>77.3%</b>	<b>89.0%</b>	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>567</b>
England	75,614	74.8%	86.6%	71.9%	452
Scotland	1,308	1.3%	1.3%	8.2%	322
Wales	711	0.7%	0.7%	4.4%	344
Northern Ireland	473	0.5%	0.4%	2.9%	190
United Kingdom (not specified) <sup>1</sup>	16	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	135
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Other European Union</b>	<b>8,444</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>46</b>
Member states in March 2001	3,192	3.2%	1.6%	1.6%	43
Accession states: April 2001 to March 2011	5,252	5.2%	2.1%	1.9%	29
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>13,555</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>105</b>

**Table KS205: Passports held**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank <sup>2</sup>
	Count	%	East of England	England and Wales	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>101,066</b>	...	<b>5,846,965</b>	...	...
<b>All passports <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>86,207</b>	...	...	...	...
<b>No passport</b>	<b>16,116</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>367</b>
United Kingdom	70,274	69.5%	76.6%	75.2%	503
Republic of Ireland	807	0.8%	0.7%	1.4%	161
Other Europe: EU countries	9,538	9.4%	3.3%	3.4%	38
Other Europe: Non EU countries	295	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	119
Africa	1,226	1.2%	0.8%	0.9%	120
Middle East and Asia	3,077	3.0%	1.4%	2.0%	104
North America and the Caribbean	659	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	118
Central America	6	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	335
South America	98	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	140
Antarctica and Oceania	223	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	248

1. England, Wales and Northern Ireland only. Scottish census does not collect data on passports.

2. Of 591 constituencies in England, Wales & Northern Ireland

3. Total number of passports held by people living in the constituency. One person may hold more than one passport.

**Table KS206: Household language<sup>1</sup>**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank <sup>2</sup>
	Count	%	East of England	England and Wales	
<b>All households</b>	<b>41,060</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
All people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	33,918	82.6%	93.6%	91.2%	513
At least one but not all people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	2,739	6.7%	2.9%	3.7%	83
No people aged 16 and over in household but at least one person aged 3 to 15 has English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	553	1.3%	0.5%	0.8%	97
No people in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	3,850	9.4%	3.0%	4.3%	73

... No data available

1. For England, Wales and Northern Ireland only. Scottish census does not provide comparative data.

2. Of 591 constituencies in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



**Table KS209: Religion**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank <sup>1</sup>
	Count	%	East of England	England and Wales	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>101,066</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Christian	56,722	56.1%	59.7%	59.3%	412
Buddhist	354	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	234
Hindu	1,971	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%	89
Jewish	99	0.1%	0.6%	0.5%	275
Muslim	8,008	7.9%	2.5%	4.8%	100
Sikh	2,559	2.5%	0.3%	0.8%	36
Other religion	1,242	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%	7
No religion	23,472	23.2%	27.9%	25.1%	386
Religion not stated	6,639	6.6%	7.3%	7.2%	415

1. Due to differences in the respective census questions, results for England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland are not directly comparable. Consequently, constituencies are ranked within their respective census areas.

**Table KS301: Health**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>101,066</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Very good health	45,420	44.9%	47.2%	47.6%	464
Good health	37,125	36.7%	35.2%	33.6%	13
Fair health	13,342	13.2%	12.9%	13.2%	343
Bad health	4,032	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	359
Very bad health	1,147	1.1%	1.0%	1.3%	393

**Table KS402: Tenure**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>41,060</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Owned</b>	<b>24,312</b>	<b>59.2%</b>	<b>67.6%</b>	<b>63.5%</b>	<b>488</b>
Owned outright	11,504	28.0%	32.9%	30.6%	450
Owned with a mortgage or loan	12,808	31.2%	34.7%	32.9%	444
<b>Shared ownership (part owned &amp; rented)</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Social rented<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>7,961</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>236</b>
Rented from council (Local Authority)	968	2.4%	7.8%		560
Other social rented	6,993	17.0%	7.9%	8.3%	37
<b>Private rented</b>	<b>7,972</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>137</b>
Private landlord or letting agency	7,414	18.1%	13.3%	14.8%	133
Other private rented	558	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	287
<b>Living rent free</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>399</b>

1. Public social housing in Northern Ireland is owned and administered by the regional Northern Ireland Housing Executive, rather than local authorities.

**Table KS404: Cars or vans**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>41,060</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
No cars or vans in household	11,000	26.8%	18.5%	26.0%	242
1 car or van in household	18,309	44.6%	42.9%	42.2%	116
2 cars or vans in household	9,224	22.5%	29.1%	24.5%	426
3 cars or vans in household	1,894	4.6%	6.9%	5.4%	413
4 or more cars or vans in household	633	1.5%	2.6%	1.9%	384

**Table KS501: Highest level of qualification**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 and older</b>	<b>80,859</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
No qualifications	18,075	22.4%	22.5%	23.2%	353
Level 1 qualifications	11,400	14.1%	14.6%	14.1%	298
Level 2 qualifications	12,011	14.9%	16.2%	15.2%	449
Apprenticeship <sup>1</sup>	2,845	3.5%	3.7%	...	372
Level 3 qualifications	9,566	11.8%	11.8%	12.1%	305
Level 4 qualifications and above	20,334	25.1%	25.7%	27.0%	340
Other qualifications <sup>1</sup>	6,628	8.2%	5.4%	...	...

... Not available

1. Categories not used in the Scottish census.

**Table KS601: Economic activity**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74</b>	<b>73,117</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Economically active</b>	<b>52,163</b>	<b>71.3%</b>	<b>71.6%</b>	<b>69.5%</b>	<b>219</b>
Employee: Part-time	10,043	13.7%	14.3%	13.7%	406
Employee: Full-time	29,354	40.1%	40.0%	38.5%	219
Self-employed	5,787	7.9%	10.5%	9.5%	432
Unemployed	3,924	5.4%	3.8%	4.4%	151
Full-time student	3,055	4.2%	3.0%	3.5%	121
<b>Economically inactive</b>	<b>20,954</b>	<b>28.7%</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>432</b>
Retired	8,137	11.1%	14.4%	13.9%	523
Student (including full-time students)	4,662	6.4%	4.6%	5.8%	153
Looking after home or family	3,342	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	179
Long-term sick or disabled	2,915	4.0%	3.1%	4.3%	336
Other	1,898	2.6%	1.8%	2.2%	146
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<b>In employment</b>	<b>45,184</b>	<b>61.8%</b>	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>61.6%</b>	<b>340</b>
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>3,924</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>151</b>
Unemployed: Age 16 to 24	1,029	1.4%	1.1%	1.2%	215
Unemployed: Age 50 to 74	741	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	75
Unemployed: Never worked	622	0.9%	0.5%	0.7%	187
Unemployed: Long-term unemployed	1,573	2.2%	1.5%	1.7%	156

**Table KS605: Industry**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census</b>	<b>47,526</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	137	0.3%	1.1%	1.0%	354
Mining and quarrying	20	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	578
Manufacturing	4,135	8.7%	8.7%	8.9%	339
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	355	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%	166
Water supply <sup>1</sup>	412	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%	170
Construction	3,275	6.9%	8.6%	7.7%	489
Wholesale and retail trade <sup>2</sup>	8,570	18.0%	16.4%	15.9%	114
Transport and storage	2,963	6.2%	5.3%	4.9%	105
Accommodation and food service activities	2,453	5.2%	4.7%	5.6%	306
Information and communication	1,705	3.6%	3.9%	3.8%	239
Financial and insurance activities	1,121	2.4%	5.0%	4.3%	506
Real estate activities	558	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%	460
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,749	5.8%	6.8%	6.4%	281
Administrative and support service activities	2,530	5.3%	4.8%	4.8%	142
Public administration and defence <sup>3</sup>	2,890	6.1%	5.6%	6.1%	283
Education	5,214	11.0%	9.9%	9.8%	125
Human health and social work activities	6,322	13.3%	11.5%	12.8%	286
Other	2,117	4.5%	5.0%	5.0%	419

1. The full name for this category in the Standard Industrial Classification is "Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities".

2. The full name for this category in the Standard Industrial Classification is "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles".

3. The full name for this category in the Standard Industrial Classification is "Public administration and defence; compulsory social security"

**Table KS608: Occupation**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census</b>	<b>47,526</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Managers, directors and senior officials	4,159	8.8%	11.4%	10.5%	451
Professional occupations	7,920	16.7%	16.7%	17.3%	293
Associate professional and technical occupations	5,409	11.4%	12.9%	12.6%	384
Administrative and secretarial occupations	5,075	10.7%	12.0%	11.5%	431
Skilled trades occupations	5,083	10.7%	12.0%	11.6%	450
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	4,710	9.9%	9.3%	9.4%	254
Sales and customer service occupations	4,285	9.0%	7.9%	8.6%	276
Process, plant and machine operatives	3,815	8.0%	7.3%	7.3%	258
Elementary occupations	7,070	14.9%	10.6%	11.2%	68



**Table KS611: Socio-economic classification (NS-SeC)**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74</b>	<b>73,117</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Higher managerial, administrative and professional	6,604	9.0%	10.9%	10.0%	329
Higher managerial and administrative <sup>1</sup>	1,385	1.9%	2.6%	2.3%	396
Higher professional occupations	5,219	7.1%	8.3%	7.8%	313
Lower managerial, administrative and professional	13,727	18.8%	21.7%	20.7%	445
Intermediate	9,254	12.7%	13.9%	12.8%	347
Small employers and own account workers	5,770	7.9%	10.3%	9.2%	433
Lower supervisory and technical	4,995	6.8%	7.0%	7.1%	403
Semi-routine occupations	10,700	14.6%	14.1%	14.2%	326
Routine	9,578	13.1%	10.5%	11.3%	208
Never worked and long-term unemployed	4,969	6.8%	4.1%	5.6%	159
Never worked	3,396	4.6%	2.6%	3.8%	163
Long-term unemployed	1,573	2.2%	1.5%	1.7%	156
Not classified	7,520	10.3%	7.4%	9.0%	140
Full-time students	7,520	10.3%	7.4%	9.0%	140

1. The full name for this category in NS-SeC is " Large employers and higher managerial and administrative occupations".

**Table QS701: Means of travel to work**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment</b>	<b>47,526</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Work mainly at or from home	1,926	4.1%	5.7%	5.9%	433
Train (Inc. Underground, metro, lightrail, tram)	2,301	4.8%	8.4%	8.5%	234
Bus or coach	2,561	5.4%	3.7%	7.5%	339
Car (inc. Taxi) or motorcycle	31,329	65.9%	68.0%	64.0%	423
Bicycle	2,381	5.0%	3.5%	2.7%	61
On Foot	6,740	14.2%	10.1%	10.6%	102
Other	288	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	327

**Table: Earnings and unemployment**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	£pw		East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>Average earnings of full-time employees</b>	<b>500</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>93%</b>	<b>96%</b>	316
	Number	% <sup>2</sup>			
<b>Unemployed (out of work benefits)</b>					
Benefit claimants (Dec 2014)	<b>1,842</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	161
Change over 1 year		-27.5%	-36.8%	-30.0%	192
Change over 4 years		-36.6%	-49.4%	-41.0%	163

1. Earnings data are estimated from a survey with a "confidence" range and rounded to the nearest £10; % are calculated from rounded figures.

2. Unemployment rates are calculated as claimants as a percentage of the estimated economically active population aged 16-64.

Source: ONS *Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings*; NI *Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings and Hours*. Residence-based data

Further background and data for parliamentary constituencies, see House of Commons Library Research Papers:

14/10 Census 2011 Constituency Results:UK

*Unemployment by Constituency* (monthly)

10/36 *General Election 2010*

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