

Constituency Explorer Area Profile

Sittingbourne and Sheppey

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	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	108,105	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Males	53,697	49.7%	49.1%	49.1%	100
Females	54,408	50.3%	50.9%	50.9%	551
People living in households	105,968	98.0%	97.8%	98.2%	416
People living in communal establishments	2,137	2.0%	2.2%	1.8%	176
Students living away from home ¹	905	-	-	-	-
Population density (people per hectare)	4.5	-	-	-	414

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	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	108,105	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
0 to 15	21,959	20.3%	19.0%	18.8%	119
16 to 24	12,034	11.1%	11.2%	11.9%	286
25 to 44	27,784	25.7%	26.5%	27.3%	368
45 to 64	28,901	26.7%	26.1%	25.6%	324
65 and older	17,427	16.1%	17.1%	16.4%	370

Table KS105: Household composition

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All households	43,829	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
One person	11,715	26.7%	28.8%	30.6%	542
Aged 65 and older	5,170	11.8%	12.7%	12.5%	434
Aged under 65	6,545	14.9%	16.1%	18.1%	473
One family	29,499	67.3%	63.9%	61.7%	116
Lone parent with dependent children	3,673	8.4%	6.1%	7.2%	155
Other	2,615	6.0%	7.4%	7.7%	318

Table KS106: Households where adults are not in employment

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All households	43,829	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No adults in employment in household	14,981	34.2%	30.9%	33.9%	323
With dependent children	2,400	5.5%	3.1%	4.2%	143
Without dependent children	12,581	28.7%	27.8%	29.7%	417

Table KS201: Ethnic group

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	108,105	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
White	103,994	96.2%	90.7%	87.2%	282
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	100,095	92.6%	85.2%	80.5% ¹	
Irish	624	0.6%	0.9%	0.9% ¹	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	628	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	
Other White	2,647	2.4%	4.4%	4.4% ¹	
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	1,305	1.2%	1.9%	2.0%	346
White and Black Caribbean	461	0.4%	0.5%	0.8% ¹	
White and Black African	192	0.2%	0.3%	0.3% ¹	
White and Asian	336	0.3%	0.7%	0.6% ¹	
Other Mixed	316	0.3%	0.5%	0.5% ¹	
Asian/Asian British	1,310	1.2%	5.2%	6.9%	467
Indian	487	0.5%	1.8%	2.3%	
Pakistani	104	0.1%	1.1%	1.9%	
Bangladeshi	193	0.2%	0.3%	0.7%	
Chinese	192	0.2%	0.6%	0.7%	
Other Asian	334	0.3%	1.4%	1.4%	
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British²	1,329	1.2%	1.6%	3.0%	234
African	957	0.9%	1.0%	1.8% ¹	
Caribbean	258	0.2%	0.4%	1.1% ¹	
Other Black	114	0.1%	0.2%	0.5% ¹	
Other ethnic group	167	0.2%	0.6%	0.9%	481
Arab	27	0.0%	0.2%	0.4% ¹	
Any other ethnic group	140	0.1%	0.4%	0.6% ¹	

... 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	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	108,105	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
United Kingdom	102,001	94.4%	87.9%	87.3%	239
England	100,122	92.6%	84.8%	71.9%	113
Scotland	1,001	0.9%	1.6%	8.2%	493
Wales	570	0.5%	1.1%	4.4%	448
Northern Ireland	304	0.3%	0.4%	2.9%	499
United Kingdom (not specified) ¹	4	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	478
Ireland	580	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	318
Other European Union	2,580	2.4%	3.7%	3.5%	329
Member states in March 2001	896	0.8%	1.9%	1.6%	420
Accession states: April 2001 to March 2011	1,684	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%	271
Other countries	2,944	2.7%	7.7%	8.4%	432

Table KS205: Passports held

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank ²
	Count	%	South East	England and Wales	
All usual residents	108,105	...	8,634,750
All passports ³	85,301
No passport	23,314	21.6%	14.1%	16.9%	150
United Kingdom	81,326	75.2%	79.0%	75.2%	333
Republic of Ireland	473	0.4%	0.7%	1.4%	321
Other Europe: EU countries	2,112	2.0%	3.3%	3.4%	310
Other Europe: Non EU countries	131	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	298
Africa	517	0.5%	0.9%	0.9%	270
Middle East and Asia	369	0.3%	1.8%	2.0%	494
North America and the Caribbean	194	0.2%	0.6%	0.6%	452
Central America	5	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	381
South America	34	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	344
Antarctica and Oceania	137	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	398

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 language¹

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank ²
	Count	%	South East	England and Wales	
All households	43,829	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
All people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	42,486	96.9%	93.2%	91.2%	214
At least one but not all people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	584	1.3%	3.2%	3.7%	383
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)	84	0.2%	0.5%	0.8%	394
No people in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	675	1.5%	3.1%	4.3%	353

... 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 ¹
	Count	%	South East	England and Wales	
All usual residents	108,105	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Christian	67,936	62.8%	59.8%	59.3%	248
Buddhist	219	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%	471
Hindu	325	0.3%	1.1%	1.5%	343
Jewish	69	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%	371
Muslim	680	0.6%	2.3%	4.8%	363
Sikh	146	0.1%	0.6%	0.8%	301
Other religion	362	0.3%	0.5%	0.4%	384
No religion	31,282	28.9%	27.7%	25.1%	131
Religion not stated	7,086	6.6%	7.4%	7.2%	418

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	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	108,105	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Very good health	47,230	43.7%	49.0%	47.6%	531
Good health	39,049	36.1%	34.6%	33.6%	42
Fair health	15,435	14.3%	12.0%	13.2%	212
Bad health	4,934	4.6%	3.4%	4.3%	258
Very bad health	1,457	1.3%	1.0%	1.3%	250

Table KS402: Tenure

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All households	43,829	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Owned	29,870	68.2%	67.6%	63.5%	275
Owned outright	13,406	30.6%	32.5%	30.6%	363
Owned with a mortgage or loan	16,464	37.6%	35.1%	32.9%	143
Shared ownership (part owned & rented)	472	1.1%	1.1%	0.7%	91
Social rented¹	6,069	13.8%	13.7%	18.2%	407
Rented from council (Local Authority)	981	2.2%	5.8%		570
Other social rented	5,088	11.6%	7.9%	8.3%	117
Private rented	6,947	15.9%	16.3%	16.3%	240
Private landlord or letting agency	6,392	14.6%	14.7%	14.8%	220
Other private rented	555	1.3%	1.6%	1.4%	345
Living rent free	471	1.1%	1.3%	1.4%	467

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	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All households	43,829	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No cars or vans in household	8,873	20.2%	18.6%	26.0%	391
1 car or van in household	18,416	42.0%	41.7%	42.2%	403
2 cars or vans in household	12,429	28.4%	29.8%	24.5%	240
3 cars or vans in household	3,017	6.9%	7.1%	5.4%	193
4 or more cars or vans in household	1,094	2.5%	2.8%	1.9%	197

Table KS501: Highest level of qualification

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 and older	86,146	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No qualifications	24,332	28.2%	19.1%	23.2%	136
Level 1 qualifications	14,528	16.9%	13.5%	14.1%	71
Level 2 qualifications	15,099	17.5%	15.9%	15.2%	45
Apprenticeship ¹	3,884	4.5%	3.6%	...	141
Level 3 qualifications	9,771	11.3%	12.8%	12.1%	423
Level 4 qualifications and above	14,236	16.5%	29.9%	27.0%	599
Other qualifications ¹	4,296	5.0%	5.2%

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1. Categories not used in the Scottish census.

Table KS601: Economic activity

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74	78,576	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Economically active	53,848	68.5%	72.1%	69.5%	396
Employee: Part-time	10,928	13.9%	13.8%	13.7%	376
Employee: Full-time	30,000	38.2%	40.4%	38.5%	358
Self-employed	7,365	9.4%	11.0%	9.5%	315
Unemployed	3,798	4.8%	3.4%	4.4%	212
Full-time student	1,757	2.2%	3.3%	3.5%	587
Economically inactive	24,728	31.5%	27.9%	30.5%	255
Retired	11,648	14.8%	13.7%	13.9%	313
Student (including full-time students)	2,961	3.8%	5.2%	5.8%	428
Looking after home or family	4,132	5.3%	4.4%	4.3%	91
Long-term sick or disabled	3,697	4.7%	2.9%	4.3%	241
Other	2,290	2.9%	1.8%	2.2%	103
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In employment	48,293	61.5%	65.3%	61.6%	362
Unemployed	3,798	4.8%	3.4%	4.4%	212
Unemployed: Age 16 to 24	1,211	1.5%	0.9%	1.2%	160
Unemployed: Age 50 to 74	694	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	185
Unemployed: Never worked	669	0.9%	0.4%	0.7%	186
Unemployed: Long-term unemployed	1,501	1.9%	1.3%	1.7%	221

Table KS605: Industry

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census	49,602	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	527	1.1%	0.7%	1.0%	188
Mining and quarrying	31	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	491
Manufacturing	5,478	11.0%	7.2%	8.9%	191
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	259	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	293
Water supply ¹	584	1.2%	0.7%	0.7%	32
Construction	5,457	11.0%	8.0%	7.7%	23
Wholesale and retail trade ²	8,400	16.9%	15.6%	15.9%	215
Transport and storage	3,223	6.5%	5.2%	4.9%	77
Accommodation and food service activities	2,216	4.5%	5.0%	5.6%	499
Information and communication	1,067	2.2%	5.5%	3.8%	498
Financial and insurance activities	1,758	3.5%	4.5%	4.3%	332
Real estate activities	717	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	260
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,240	4.5%	7.5%	6.4%	437
Administrative and support service activities	2,482	5.0%	5.2%	4.8%	214
Public administration and defence ³	3,816	7.7%	6.0%	6.1%	121
Education	4,205	8.5%	10.1%	9.8%	499
Human health and social work activities	5,175	10.4%	11.6%	12.8%	557
Other	1,967	4.0%	5.1%	5.0%	592

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	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census	49,602	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Managers, directors and senior officials	5,020	10.1%	12.3%	10.5%	321
Professional occupations	5,472	11.0%	18.7%	17.3%	612
Associate professional and technical occupations	5,795	11.7%	13.8%	12.6%	351
Administrative and secretarial occupations	6,152	12.4%	11.5%	11.5%	173
Skilled trades occupations	6,781	13.7%	11.1%	11.6%	138
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	4,795	9.7%	9.3%	9.4%	304
Sales and customer service occupations	3,944	8.0%	7.9%	8.6%	415
Process, plant and machine operatives	5,037	10.2%	5.7%	7.3%	110
Elementary occupations	6,606	13.3%	9.7%	11.2%	140

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

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74	78,576	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Higher managerial, administrative and professional	5,363	6.8%	12.6%	10.0%	495
Higher managerial and administrative ¹	1,609	2.0%	2.9%	2.3%	345
Higher professional occupations	3,754	4.8%	9.7%	7.8%	534
Lower managerial, administrative and professional	14,148	18.0%	23.4%	20.7%	491
Intermediate	11,237	14.3%	13.6%	12.8%	154
Small employers and own account workers	8,310	10.6%	10.2%	9.2%	188
Lower supervisory and technical	6,710	8.5%	6.5%	7.1%	114
Semi-routine occupations	12,136	15.4%	12.7%	14.2%	269
Routine	11,268	14.3%	8.9%	11.3%	154
Never worked and long-term unemployed	4,808	6.1%	3.7%	5.6%	209
Never worked	3,307	4.2%	2.4%	3.8%	190
Long-term unemployed	1,501	1.9%	1.3%	1.7%	221
Not classified	4,596	5.8%	8.3%	9.0%	511
Full-time students	4,596	5.8%	8.3%	9.0%	511

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	%	South East	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment	49,602	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Work mainly at or from home	2,265	4.6%	6.6%	5.9%	387
Train (Inc. Underground, metro, lightrail, tram)	3,145	6.3%	7.7%	8.5%	181
Bus or coach	1,023	2.1%	4.5%	7.5%	575
Car (inc. Taxi) or motorcycle	36,422	73.4%	66.8%	64.0%	198
Bicycle	1,100	2.2%	3.0%	2.7%	274
On Foot	5,359	10.8%	10.9%	10.6%	246
Other	288	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	369

Table: Earnings and unemployment

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	£pw		South East	United Kingdom	
Average earnings of full-time employees	520 ¹		91%	100%	246
	Number	% ²			
Unemployed (out of work benefits)					
Benefit claimants (Dec 2014)	1,569	3.0%	1.5%	2.7%	239
Change over 1 year		-33.8%	-33.9%	-30.0%	401
Change over 4 years		-38.5%	-49.1%	-41.0%	205

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:

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Unemployment by Constituency (monthly)

10/36 *General Election 2010*

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