

# Constituency Explorer Area Profile

## Bridgwater and West Somerset

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 West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>106,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Males	51,894	48.7%	49.0%	49.1%	436
Females	54,556	51.3%	51.0%	50.9%	215
People living in households	104,301	98.0%	97.8%	98.2%	423
People living in communal establishments	2,149	2.0%	2.2%	1.8%	168
Students living away from home <sup>1</sup>	1,258	-	-	-	-
<b>Population density (people per hectare)</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>592</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	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>106,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
0 to 15	18,254	17.1%	17.5%	18.8%	515
16 to 24	10,920	10.3%	11.3%	11.9%	427
25 to 44	23,291	21.9%	24.6%	27.3%	595
45 to 64	30,572	28.7%	26.9%	25.6%	118
65 and older	23,413	22.0%	19.6%	16.4%	57

**Table KS105: Household composition**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>45,979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>One person</b>	<b>13,644</b>	<b>29.7%</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>337</b>
Aged 65 and older	6,986	15.2%	13.8%	12.5%	60
Aged under 65	6,658	14.5%	16.5%	18.1%	503
<b>One family</b>	<b>29,664</b>	<b>64.5%</b>	<b>62.9%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>289</b>
Lone parent with dependent children	2,536	5.5%	5.9%	7.2%	501
<b>Other</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>336</b>

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

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>45,979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>No adults in employment in household</b>	<b>17,190</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>33.9%</b>	<b>171</b>
With dependent children	1,473	3.2%	3.0%	4.2%	408
Without dependent children	15,717	34.2%	31.4%	29.7%	101

**Table KS201: Ethnic group**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>106,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>104,910</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>95.4%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>46</b>
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	101,360	95.2%	91.8%	80.5% <sup>1</sup>	
Irish	397	0.4%	0.5%	0.9% <sup>1</sup>	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	104	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	
Other White	3,049	2.9%	3.0%	4.4% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Mixed/multiple ethnic groups</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>517</b>
White and Black Caribbean	258	0.2%	0.5%	0.8% <sup>1</sup>	
White and Black African	98	0.1%	0.2%	0.3% <sup>1</sup>	
White and Asian	232	0.2%	0.4%	0.6% <sup>1</sup>	
Other Mixed	155	0.1%	0.3%	0.5% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Asian/Asian British</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>623</b>
Indian	121	0.1%	0.6%	2.3%	
Pakistani	20	0.0%	0.2%	1.9%	
Bangladeshi	103	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%	
Chinese	105	0.1%	0.4%	0.7%	
Other Asian	256	0.2%	0.5%	1.4%	
<b>Black/African/Caribbean/Black British<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>638</b>
African	54	0.1%	0.5%	1.8% <sup>1</sup>	
Caribbean	27	0.0%	0.3%	1.1% <sup>1</sup>	
Other Black	8	0.0%	0.2%	0.5% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Other ethnic group</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>582</b>
Arab	27	0.0%	0.1%	0.4% <sup>1</sup>	
Any other ethnic group	76	0.1%	0.2%	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	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>106,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>100,908</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>92.3%</b>	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>208</b>
England	97,470	91.6%	88.6%	71.9%	153
Scotland	1,104	1.0%	1.4%	8.2%	455
Wales	2,022	1.9%	2.0%	4.4%	70
Northern Ireland	306	0.3%	0.4%	2.9%	486
United Kingdom (not specified) <sup>1</sup>	6	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	391
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>Other European Union</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>273</b>
Member states in March 2001	995	0.9%	1.4%	1.6%	371
Accession states: April 2001 to March 2011	2,048	1.9%	1.4%	1.9%	214
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>530</b>

**Table KS205: Passports held**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank <sup>2</sup>
	Count	%	South West	England and Wales	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>106,450</b>	...	<b>5,288,935</b>	...	...
<b>All passports <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>80,408</b>	...	...	...	...
<b>No passport</b>	<b>26,458</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>63</b>
United Kingdom	76,670	72.0%	76.4%	75.2%	453
Republic of Ireland	296	0.3%	0.4%	1.4%	474
Other Europe: EU countries	2,468	2.3%	2.2%	3.4%	260
Other Europe: Non EU countries	102	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	362
Africa	109	0.1%	0.4%	0.9%	547
Middle East and Asia	306	0.3%	0.9%	2.0%	523
North America and the Caribbean	215	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	419
Central America	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	530
South America	39	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	309
Antarctica and Oceania	200	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	297

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	%	South West	England and Wales	
<b>All households</b>	<b>45,979</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)	44,768	97.4%	95.9%	91.2%	179
At least one but not all people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	480	1.0%	1.8%	3.7%	468
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)	64	0.1%	0.3%	0.8%	452
No people in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	667	1.5%	2.0%	4.3%	364

... 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	%	South West	England and Wales	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>106,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Christian	68,663	64.5%	60.4%	59.3%	183
Buddhist	259	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	381
Hindu	57	0.1%	0.3%	1.5%	563
Jewish	35	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%	504
Muslim	222	0.2%	1.0%	4.8%	542
Sikh	35	0.0%	0.1%	0.8%	507
Other religion	557	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%	108
No religion	28,367	26.6%	29.3%	25.1%	230
Religion not stated	8,255	7.8%	7.9%	7.2%	108

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 West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>106,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Very good health	46,112	43.3%	46.9%	47.6%	555
Good health	38,233	35.9%	34.6%	33.6%	56
Fair health	16,045	15.1%	13.4%	13.2%	125
Bad health	4,796	4.5%	4.0%	4.3%	270
Very bad health	1,264	1.2%	1.1%	1.3%	353

**Table KS402: Tenure**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>45,979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Owned</b>	<b>31,332</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>63.5%</b>	<b>276</b>
Owned outright	17,585	38.2%	35.4%	30.6%	123
Owned with a mortgage or loan	13,747	29.9%	32.0%	32.9%	489
<b>Shared ownership (part owned &amp; rented)</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>421</b>
<b>Social rented<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>6,536</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>389</b>
Rented from council (Local Authority)	2,875	6.3%	5.8%		411
Other social rented	3,661	8.0%	7.5%	8.3%	280
<b>Private rented</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>255</b>
Private landlord or letting agency	6,321	13.7%	15.2%	14.8%	261
Other private rented	796	1.7%	1.9%	1.4%	123
<b>Living rent free</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>138</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	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>45,979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
No cars or vans in household	8,052	17.5%	18.9%	26.0%	464
1 car or van in household	19,922	43.3%	43.5%	42.2%	257
2 cars or vans in household	13,166	28.6%	28.3%	24.5%	227
3 cars or vans in household	3,428	7.5%	6.7%	5.4%	143
4 or more cars or vans in household	1,411	3.1%	2.6%	1.9%	108

**Table KS501: Highest level of qualification**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 and older</b>	<b>88,196</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
No qualifications	22,396	25.4%	20.7%	23.2%	237
Level 1 qualifications	12,992	14.7%	13.6%	14.1%	220
Level 2 qualifications	15,087	17.1%	16.4%	15.2%	99
Apprenticeship <sup>1</sup>	3,974	4.5%	4.3%	...	143
Level 3 qualifications	10,246	11.6%	13.2%	12.1%	364
Level 4 qualifications and above	19,113	21.7%	27.4%	27.0%	452
Other qualifications <sup>1</sup>	4,388	5.0%	4.5%	...	...

... Not available

1. Categories not used in the Scottish census.

**Table KS601: Economic activity**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74</b>	<b>77,091</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Economically active</b>	<b>53,182</b>	<b>69.0%</b>	<b>70.3%</b>	<b>69.5%</b>	<b>364</b>
Employee: Part-time	11,884	15.4%	15.1%	13.7%	79
Employee: Full-time	27,125	35.2%	37.4%	38.5%	509
Self-employed	9,585	12.4%	11.2%	9.5%	101
Unemployed	2,736	3.5%	3.3%	4.4%	435
Full-time student	1,852	2.4%	3.2%	3.5%	526
<b>Economically inactive</b>	<b>23,909</b>	<b>31.0%</b>	<b>29.7%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>287</b>
Retired	13,932	18.1%	15.8%	13.9%	99
Student (including full-time students)	2,510	3.3%	4.9%	5.8%	574
Looking after home or family	3,097	4.0%	3.7%	4.3%	327
Long-term sick or disabled	3,109	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	326
Other	1,261	1.6%	1.7%	2.2%	456
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<b>In employment</b>	<b>48,594</b>	<b>63.0%</b>	<b>63.8%</b>	<b>61.6%</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>435</b>
Unemployed: Age 16 to 24	838	1.1%	0.9%	1.2%	384
Unemployed: Age 50 to 74	607	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%	326
Unemployed: Never worked	354	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%	407
Unemployed: Long-term unemployed	1,011	1.3%	1.2%	1.7%	452

**Table KS605: Industry**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census</b>	<b>50,071</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,554	3.1%	1.6%	1.0%	63
Mining and quarrying	49	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	371
Manufacturing	5,184	10.4%	9.1%	8.9%	234
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	881	1.8%	0.6%	0.6%	11
Water supply <sup>1</sup>	609	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%	28
Construction	4,376	8.7%	8.0%	7.7%	187
Wholesale and retail trade <sup>2</sup>	9,348	18.7%	16.2%	15.9%	73
Transport and storage	2,030	4.1%	4.0%	4.9%	446
Accommodation and food service activities	4,047	8.1%	6.3%	5.6%	66
Information and communication	815	1.6%	3.3%	3.8%	605
Financial and insurance activities	809	1.6%	3.7%	4.3%	594
Real estate activities	547	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%	515
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,163	4.3%	5.9%	6.4%	468
Administrative and support service activities	2,249	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%	375
Public administration and defence <sup>3</sup>	2,519	5.0%	7.1%	6.1%	458
Education	4,602	9.2%	9.7%	9.8%	372
Human health and social work activities	5,957	11.9%	12.9%	12.8%	438
Other	2,332	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	331

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 West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census</b>	<b>50,071</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Managers, directors and senior officials	5,341	10.7%	11.1%	10.5%	271
Professional occupations	5,902	11.8%	16.5%	17.3%	583
Associate professional and technical occupations	4,604	9.2%	12.1%	12.6%	602
Administrative and secretarial occupations	4,970	9.9%	11.0%	11.5%	540
Skilled trades occupations	7,894	15.8%	13.4%	11.6%	53
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	5,577	11.1%	9.8%	9.4%	90
Sales and customer service occupations	4,108	8.2%	8.4%	8.6%	384
Process, plant and machine operatives	4,586	9.2%	6.7%	7.3%	161
Elementary occupations	7,089	14.2%	11.0%	11.2%	98



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

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	South West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74</b>	<b>77,091</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Higher managerial, administrative and professional	5,674	7.4%	10.2%	10.0%	459
Higher managerial and administrative <sup>1</sup>	1,503	1.9%	2.4%	2.3%	376
Higher professional occupations	4,171	5.4%	7.8%	7.8%	468
Lower managerial, administrative and professional	14,673	19.0%	21.6%	20.7%	428
Intermediate	8,721	11.3%	12.8%	12.8%	504
Small employers and own account workers	10,386	13.5%	11.3%	9.2%	39
Lower supervisory and technical	6,187	8.0%	7.3%	7.1%	188
Semi-routine occupations	13,752	17.8%	14.8%	14.2%	78
Routine	10,600	13.7%	10.6%	11.3%	182
Never worked and long-term unemployed	2,856	3.7%	3.4%	5.6%	437
Never worked	1,845	2.4%	2.2%	3.8%	429
Long-term unemployed	1,011	1.3%	1.2%	1.7%	455
Not classified	4,242	5.5%	7.9%	9.0%	583
Full-time students	4,242	5.5%	7.9%	9.0%	583

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 West	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment</b>	<b>50,071</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Work mainly at or from home	4,022	8.0%	7.0%	5.9%	147
Train (Inc. Underground, metro, lightrail, tram)	372	0.7%	1.6%	8.5%	607
Bus or coach	937	1.9%	4.7%	7.5%	591
Car (inc. Taxi) or motorcycle	35,236	70.4%	68.9%	64.0%	306
Bicycle	2,253	4.5%	3.5%	2.7%	82
On Foot	6,936	13.9%	13.6%	10.6%	109
Other	315	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	297

**Table: Earnings and unemployment**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	£pw		South West	United Kingdom	
<b>Average earnings of full-time employees</b>	<b>480</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	400
	Number	% <sup>2</sup>			
<b>Unemployed (out of work benefits)</b>					
Benefit claimants (Dec 2014)	<b>1,015</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	380
Change over 1 year		-38.7%	-36.3%	-30.0%	537
Change over 4 years		-44.1%	-48.1%	-41.0%	328

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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