

Constituency Explorer Area Profile

Colchester

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	
All usual residents	108,610	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Males	53,921	49.6%	49.2%	49.1%	108
Females	54,689	50.4%	50.8%	50.9%	543
People living in households	105,317	97.0%	98.3%	98.2%	502
People living in communal establishments	3,293	3.0%	1.7%	1.8%	80
Students living away from home ¹	1,240	-	-	-	-
Population density (people per hectare)	23.8	-	-	-	199

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	
All usual residents	108,610	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
0 to 15	20,821	19.2%	19.0%	18.8%	242
16 to 24	15,613	14.4%	10.8%	11.9%	77
25 to 44	33,515	30.9%	26.4%	27.3%	94
45 to 64	24,226	22.3%	26.2%	25.6%	549
65 and older	14,435	13.3%	17.5%	16.4%	536

Table KS105: Household composition

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All households	45,489	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
One person	14,030	30.8%	28.5%	30.6%	256
Aged 65 and older	4,705	10.3%	12.7%	12.5%	557
Aged under 65	9,325	20.5%	15.8%	18.1%	132
One family	27,796	61.1%	65.0%	61.7%	446
Lone parent with dependent children	3,661	8.0%	6.2%	7.2%	186
Other	3,663	8.1%	6.5%	7.7%	174

Table KS106: Households where adults are not in employment

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All households	45,489	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No adults in employment in household	13,827	30.4%	32.1%	33.9%	496
With dependent children	2,036	4.5%	3.4%	4.2%	256
Without dependent children	11,791	25.9%	28.7%	29.7%	516

Table KS201: Ethnic group

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	108,610	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
White	97,839	90.1%	90.8%	87.2%	433
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	92,087	84.8%	85.3%	80.5% ¹	
Irish	764	0.7%	1.0%	0.9% ¹	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	51	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	
Other White	4,937	4.5%	4.5%	4.4% ¹	
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	2,393	2.2%	1.9%	2.0%	180
White and Black Caribbean	687	0.6%	0.6%	0.8% ¹	
White and Black African	377	0.3%	0.3%	0.3% ¹	
White and Asian	646	0.6%	0.6%	0.6% ¹	
Other Mixed	683	0.6%	0.5%	0.5% ¹	
Asian/Asian British	4,945	4.6%	4.8%	6.9%	249
Indian	1,134	1.0%	1.5%	2.3%	
Pakistani	303	0.3%	1.1%	1.9%	
Bangladeshi	326	0.3%	0.6%	0.7%	
Chinese	1,066	1.0%	0.6%	0.7%	
Other Asian	2,116	1.9%	1.0%	1.4%	
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British²	2,076	1.9%	2.0%	3.0%	179
African	1,443	1.3%	1.2%	1.8% ¹	
Caribbean	424	0.4%	0.6%	1.1% ¹	
Other Black	209	0.2%	0.2%	0.5% ¹	
Other ethnic group	1,357	1.2%	0.5%	0.9%	114
Arab	787	0.7%	0.2%	0.4% ¹	
Any other ethnic group	570	0.5%	0.3%	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	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All usual residents	108,610	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
United Kingdom	94,179	86.7%	89.0%	87.3%	488
England	90,814	83.6%	86.6%	71.9%	381
Scotland	1,862	1.7%	1.3%	8.2%	164
Wales	836	0.8%	0.7%	4.4%	316
Northern Ireland	664	0.6%	0.4%	2.9%	76
United Kingdom (not specified) ¹	3	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	515
Ireland	565	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	328
Other European Union	5,088	4.7%	3.6%	3.5%	127
Member states in March 2001	2,533	2.3%	1.6%	1.6%	86
Accession states: April 2001 to March 2011	2,555	2.4%	2.1%	1.9%	161
Other countries	8,778	8.1%	6.6%	8.4%	190

Table KS205: Passports held

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank ²
	Count	%	East of England	England and Wales	
All usual residents	108,610	...	5,846,965
All passports ³	90,626
No passport	19,077	17.6%	16.7%	16.9%	294
United Kingdom	80,449	74.1%	76.6%	75.2%	378
Republic of Ireland	592	0.5%	0.7%	1.4%	246
Other Europe: EU countries	3,957	3.6%	3.3%	3.4%	159
Other Europe: Non EU countries	329	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	114
Africa	1,224	1.1%	0.8%	0.9%	131
Middle East and Asia	2,990	2.8%	1.4%	2.0%	116
North America and the Caribbean	499	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%	195
Central America	39	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	57
South America	171	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	88
Antarctica and Oceania	369	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	145

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	%	East of England	England and Wales	
All households	45,489	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)	41,685	91.6%	93.6%	91.2%	424
At least one but not all people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	1,446	3.2%	2.9%	3.7%	190
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)	250	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%	203
No people in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	2,108	4.6%	3.0%	4.3%	144

... 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	%	East of England	England and Wales	
All usual residents	108,610	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Christian	59,055	54.4%	59.7%	59.3%	440
Buddhist	778	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	79
Hindu	1,090	1.0%	0.9%	1.5%	170
Jewish	158	0.1%	0.6%	0.5%	202
Muslim	2,219	2.0%	2.5%	4.8%	229
Sikh	116	0.1%	0.3%	0.8%	339
Other religion	566	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	109
No religion	36,734	33.8%	27.9%	25.1%	40
Religion not stated	7,894	7.3%	7.3%	7.2%	228

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	
All usual residents	108,610	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Very good health	53,657	49.4%	47.2%	47.6%	191
Good health	37,458	34.5%	35.2%	33.6%	272
Fair health	12,758	11.7%	12.9%	13.2%	501
Bad health	3,659	3.4%	3.6%	4.3%	509
Very bad health	1,078	1.0%	1.0%	1.3%	483

Table KS402: Tenure

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All households	45,489	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Owned	26,723	58.7%	67.6%	63.5%	496
Owned outright	11,766	25.9%	32.9%	30.6%	495
Owned with a mortgage or loan	14,957	32.9%	34.7%	32.9%	367
Shared ownership (part owned & rented)	241	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	390
Social rented¹	7,584	16.7%	15.7%	18.2%	300
Rented from council (Local Authority)	4,417	9.7%	7.8%		278
Other social rented	3,167	7.0%	7.9%	8.3%	334
Private rented	10,487	23.1%	14.7%	16.3%	86
Private landlord or letting agency	9,148	20.1%	13.3%	14.8%	99
Other private rented	1,339	2.9%	1.4%	1.4%	9
Living rent free	454	1.0%	1.3%	1.4%	523

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	
All households	45,489	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No cars or vans in household	11,454	25.2%	18.5%	26.0%	268
1 car or van in household	21,042	46.3%	42.9%	42.2%	26
2 cars or vans in household	10,560	23.2%	29.1%	24.5%	405
3 cars or vans in household	1,866	4.1%	6.9%	5.4%	477
4 or more cars or vans in household	567	1.2%	2.6%	1.9%	454

Table KS501: Highest level of qualification

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 and older	87,789	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
No qualifications	16,868	19.2%	22.5%	23.2%	490
Level 1 qualifications	12,889	14.7%	14.6%	14.1%	224
Level 2 qualifications	14,847	16.9%	16.2%	15.2%	133
Apprenticeship ¹	2,527	2.9%	3.7%	...	470
Level 3 qualifications	12,301	14.0%	11.8%	12.1%	63
Level 4 qualifications and above	23,655	26.9%	25.7%	27.0%	278
Other qualifications ¹	4,702	5.4%	5.4%

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1. Categories not used in the Scottish census.

Table KS601: Economic activity

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74	80,781	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Economically active	58,773	72.8%	71.6%	69.5%	129
Employee: Part-time	11,454	14.2%	14.3%	13.7%	324
Employee: Full-time	33,923	42.0%	40.0%	38.5%	114
Self-employed	6,292	7.8%	10.5%	9.5%	439
Unemployed	3,387	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%	330
Full-time student	3,717	4.6%	3.0%	3.5%	95
Economically inactive	22,008	27.2%	28.4%	30.5%	522
Retired	8,654	10.7%	14.4%	13.9%	539
Student (including full-time students)	5,615	7.0%	4.6%	5.8%	127
Looking after home or family	3,450	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%	253
Long-term sick or disabled	2,906	3.6%	3.1%	4.3%	402
Other	1,383	1.7%	1.8%	2.2%	418
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In employment	51,669	64.0%	64.8%	61.6%	241
Unemployed	3,387	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%	330
Unemployed: Age 16 to 24	972	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	320
Unemployed: Age 50 to 74	546	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	535
Unemployed: Never worked	463	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%	330
Unemployed: Long-term unemployed	1,342	1.7%	1.5%	1.7%	316

Table KS605: Industry

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census	54,565	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	132	0.2%	1.1%	1.0%	392
Mining and quarrying	53	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	375
Manufacturing	3,320	6.1%	8.7%	8.9%	501
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	147	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	560
Water supply ¹	302	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	481
Construction	4,017	7.4%	8.6%	7.7%	430
Wholesale and retail trade ²	8,746	16.0%	16.4%	15.9%	327
Transport and storage	2,448	4.5%	5.3%	4.9%	357
Accommodation and food service activities	2,711	5.0%	4.7%	5.6%	361
Information and communication	1,959	3.6%	3.9%	3.8%	238
Financial and insurance activities	2,958	5.4%	5.0%	4.3%	139
Real estate activities	719	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	347
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,858	5.2%	6.8%	6.4%	334
Administrative and support service activities	2,500	4.6%	4.8%	4.8%	343
Public administration and defence ³	5,177	9.5%	5.6%	6.1%	46
Education	5,975	11.0%	9.9%	9.8%	127
Human health and social work activities	7,959	14.6%	11.5%	12.8%	153
Other	2,584	4.7%	5.0%	5.0%	301

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	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment in the week before the Census	54,565	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Managers, directors and senior officials	5,512	10.1%	11.4%	10.5%	324
Professional occupations	9,453	17.3%	16.7%	17.3%	253
Associate professional and technical occupations	8,413	15.4%	12.9%	12.6%	68
Administrative and secretarial occupations	5,958	10.9%	12.0%	11.5%	378
Skilled trades occupations	5,437	10.0%	12.0%	11.6%	502
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	5,929	10.9%	9.3%	9.4%	112
Sales and customer service occupations	4,967	9.1%	7.9%	8.6%	264
Process, plant and machine operatives	3,232	5.9%	7.3%	7.3%	458
Elementary occupations	5,664	10.4%	10.6%	11.2%	406

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

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74	80,781	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Higher managerial, administrative and professional	8,075	10.0%	10.9%	10.0%	273
Higher managerial and administrative ¹	2,082	2.6%	2.6%	2.3%	211
Higher professional occupations	5,993	7.4%	8.3%	7.8%	290
Lower managerial, administrative and professional	18,095	22.4%	21.7%	20.7%	216
Intermediate	10,836	13.4%	13.9%	12.8%	248
Small employers and own account workers	6,022	7.5%	10.3%	9.2%	483
Lower supervisory and technical	5,238	6.5%	7.0%	7.1%	455
Semi-routine occupations	12,296	15.2%	14.1%	14.2%	281
Routine	7,452	9.2%	10.5%	11.3%	464
Never worked and long-term unemployed	3,633	4.5%	4.1%	5.6%	348
Never worked	2,291	2.8%	2.6%	3.8%	344
Long-term unemployed	1,342	1.7%	1.5%	1.7%	318
Not classified	9,134	11.3%	7.4%	9.0%	112
Full-time students	9,134	11.3%	7.4%	9.0%	112

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	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment	54,565	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-
Work mainly at or from home	2,228	4.1%	5.7%	5.9%	429
Train (Inc. Underground, metro, lightrail, tram)	4,361	8.0%	8.4%	8.5%	143
Bus or coach	3,780	6.9%	3.7%	7.5%	263
Car (inc. Taxi) or motorcycle	32,744	60.0%	68.0%	64.0%	515
Bicycle	2,593	4.8%	3.5%	2.7%	70
On Foot	8,577	15.7%	10.1%	10.6%	68
Other	282	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	484

Table: Earnings and unemployment

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	£pw		East of England	United Kingdom	
Average earnings of full-time employees	510 ¹		94%	98%	280
	Number	% ²			
Unemployed (out of work benefits)					
Benefit claimants (Dec 2014)	1,134	1.9%	1.8%	2.7%	388
Change over 1 year		-38.8%	-36.8%	-30.0%	542
Change over 4 years		-53.1%	-49.4%	-41.0%	514

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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