

# Constituency Explorer Area Profile

## South West Bedfordshire

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>102,031</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Males	50,277	49.3%	49.2%	49.1%	232
Females	51,754	50.7%	50.8%	50.9%	419
People living in households	101,359	99.3%	98.3%	98.2%	76
People living in communal establishments	672	0.7%	1.7%	1.8%	568
Students living away from home <sup>1</sup>	1,302	-	-	-	-
<b>Population density (people per hectare)</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>334</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>102,031</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
0 to 15	20,122	19.7%	19.0%	18.8%	182
16 to 24	10,705	10.5%	10.8%	11.9%	386
25 to 44	27,604	27.1%	26.4%	27.3%	260
45 to 64	27,699	27.1%	26.2%	25.6%	278
65 and older	15,901	15.6%	17.5%	16.4%	411

**Table KS105: Household composition**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>42,258</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>One person</b>	<b>11,445</b>	<b>27.1%</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>520</b>
Aged 65 and older	4,733	11.2%	12.7%	12.5%	501
Aged under 65	6,712	15.9%	15.8%	18.1%	394
<b>One family</b>	<b>28,479</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>65.0%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>112</b>
Lone parent with dependent children	3,314	7.8%	6.2%	7.2%	207
<b>Other</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>376</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>42,258</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>No adults in employment in household</b>	<b>12,444</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>33.9%</b>	<b>522</b>
With dependent children	1,821	4.3%	3.4%	4.2%	278
Without dependent children	10,623	25.1%	28.7%	29.7%	542

**Table KS201: Ethnic group**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>102,031</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>94,333</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>90.8%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>386</b>
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	89,273	87.5%	85.3%	80.5% <sup>1</sup>	
Irish	1,509	1.5%	1.0%	0.9% <sup>1</sup>	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	182	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	
Other White	3,369	3.3%	4.5%	4.4% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Mixed/multiple ethnic groups</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>177</b>
White and Black Caribbean	867	0.8%	0.6%	0.8% <sup>1</sup>	
White and Black African	287	0.3%	0.3%	0.3% <sup>1</sup>	
White and Asian	667	0.7%	0.6%	0.6% <sup>1</sup>	
Other Mixed	466	0.5%	0.5%	0.5% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Asian/Asian British</b>	<b>2,765</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>317</b>
Indian	1,066	1.0%	1.5%	2.3%	
Pakistani	228	0.2%	1.1%	1.9%	
Bangladeshi	119	0.1%	0.6%	0.7%	
Chinese	482	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	
Other Asian	870	0.9%	1.0%	1.4%	
<b>Black/African/Caribbean/Black British<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>165</b>
African	1,346	1.3%	1.2%	1.8% <sup>1</sup>	
Caribbean	738	0.7%	0.6%	1.1% <sup>1</sup>	
Other Black	211	0.2%	0.2%	0.5% <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Other ethnic group</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>296</b>
Arab	127	0.1%	0.2%	0.4% <sup>1</sup>	
Any other ethnic group	224	0.2%	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>102,031</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>92,848</b>	<b>91.0%</b>	<b>89.0%</b>	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>379</b>
England	89,782	88.0%	86.6%	71.9%	285
Scotland	1,665	1.6%	1.3%	8.2%	186
Wales	992	1.0%	0.7%	4.4%	228
Northern Ireland	400	0.4%	0.4%	2.9%	292
United Kingdom (not specified) <sup>1</sup>	9	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	274
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Other European Union</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>267</b>
Member states in March 2001	1,347	1.3%	1.6%	1.6%	243
Accession states: April 2001 to March 2011	1,605	1.6%	2.1%	1.9%	268
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>5,014</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>294</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>102,031</b>	...	<b>5,846,965</b>	...	...
<b>All passports <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>86,284</b>	...	...	...	...
<b>No passport</b>	<b>16,601</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>351</b>
United Kingdom	80,096	78.5%	76.6%	75.2%	201
Republic of Ireland	1,122	1.1%	0.7%	1.4%	119
Other Europe: EU countries	2,661	2.6%	3.3%	3.4%	230
Other Europe: Non EU countries	176	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	225
Africa	895	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%	167
Middle East and Asia	695	0.7%	1.4%	2.0%	346
North America and the Caribbean	368	0.4%	0.8%	0.6%	254
Central America	8	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	276
South America	45	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	268
Antarctica and Oceania	218	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	259

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>42,258</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)	40,212	95.2%	93.6%	91.2%	312
At least one but not all people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	1,032	2.4%	2.9%	3.7%	258
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)	155	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%	272
No people in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	859	2.0%	3.0%	4.3%	295

... 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>102,031</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Christian	62,466	61.2%	59.7%	59.3%	303
Buddhist	388	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	206
Hindu	833	0.8%	0.9%	1.5%	200
Jewish	226	0.2%	0.6%	0.5%	134
Muslim	934	0.9%	2.5%	4.8%	312
Sikh	187	0.2%	0.3%	0.8%	247
Other religion	364	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	324
No religion	29,594	29.0%	27.9%	25.1%	129
Religion not stated	7,039	6.9%	7.3%	7.2%	332

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>102,031</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Very good health	48,292	47.3%	47.2%	47.6%	316
Good health	37,203	36.5%	35.2%	33.6%	20
Fair health	12,145	11.9%	12.9%	13.2%	493
Bad health	3,419	3.4%	3.6%	4.3%	517
Very bad health	972	1.0%	1.0%	1.3%	511

**Table KS402: Tenure**

	Constituency		Region and Nation (%)		Constituency Rank
	Count	%	East of England	United Kingdom	
<b>All households</b>	<b>42,258</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Owned</b>	<b>30,079</b>	<b>71.2%</b>	<b>67.6%</b>	<b>63.5%</b>	<b>182</b>
Owned outright	12,989	30.7%	32.9%	30.6%	360
Owned with a mortgage or loan	17,090	40.4%	34.7%	32.9%	35
<b>Shared ownership (part owned &amp; rented)</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Social rented<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>6,247</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>363</b>
Rented from council (Local Authority)	4,423	10.5%	7.8%		253
Other social rented	1,824	4.3%	7.9%	8.3%	506
<b>Private rented</b>	<b>5,124</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>451</b>
Private landlord or letting agency	4,651	11.0%	13.3%	14.8%	433
Other private rented	473	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%	471
<b>Living rent free</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>481</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>42,258</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
No cars or vans in household	6,974	16.5%	18.5%	26.0%	490
1 car or van in household	17,886	42.3%	42.9%	42.2%	376
2 cars or vans in household	13,183	31.2%	29.1%	24.5%	145
3 cars or vans in household	3,089	7.3%	6.9%	5.4%	161
4 or more cars or vans in household	1,126	2.7%	2.6%	1.9%	170

**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>81,909</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
No qualifications	17,372	21.2%	22.5%	23.2%	398
Level 1 qualifications	13,044	15.9%	14.6%	14.1%	104
Level 2 qualifications	14,041	17.1%	16.2%	15.2%	93
Apprenticeship <sup>1</sup>	3,729	4.6%	3.7%	...	128
Level 3 qualifications	10,167	12.4%	11.8%	12.1%	190
Level 4 qualifications and above	19,945	24.4%	25.7%	27.0%	365
Other qualifications <sup>1</sup>	3,611	4.4%	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>74,503</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Economically active</b>	<b>55,356</b>	<b>74.3%</b>	<b>71.6%</b>	<b>69.5%</b>	<b>71</b>
Employee: Part-time	10,164	13.6%	14.3%	13.7%	417
Employee: Full-time	32,558	43.7%	40.0%	38.5%	62
Self-employed	7,364	9.9%	10.5%	9.5%	270
Unemployed	3,141	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%	322
Full-time student	2,129	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%	308
<b>Economically inactive</b>	<b>19,147</b>	<b>25.7%</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>580</b>
Retired	9,883	13.3%	14.4%	13.9%	415
Student (including full-time students)	2,795	3.8%	4.6%	5.8%	430
Looking after home or family	3,152	4.2%	4.5%	4.3%	266
Long-term sick or disabled	2,166	2.9%	3.1%	4.3%	509
Other	1,151	1.5%	1.8%	2.2%	499
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<b>In employment</b>	<b>50,086</b>	<b>67.2%</b>	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>61.6%</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>322</b>
Unemployed: Age 16 to 24	864	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	346
Unemployed: Age 50 to 74	646	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	215
Unemployed: Never worked	377	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	375
Unemployed: Long-term unemployed	1,227	1.6%	1.5%	1.7%	323

**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>51,741</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	176	0.3%	1.1%	1.0%	322
Mining and quarrying	56	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	344
Manufacturing	5,263	10.2%	8.7%	8.9%	249
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	108	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	616
Water supply <sup>1</sup>	321	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	420
Construction	4,723	9.1%	8.6%	7.7%	138
Wholesale and retail trade <sup>2</sup>	9,750	18.8%	16.4%	15.9%	60
Transport and storage	3,301	6.4%	5.3%	4.9%	93
Accommodation and food service activities	2,096	4.1%	4.7%	5.6%	590
Information and communication	2,350	4.5%	3.9%	3.8%	153
Financial and insurance activities	1,623	3.1%	5.0%	4.3%	377
Real estate activities	821	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%	164
Professional, scientific and technical activities	3,095	6.0%	6.8%	6.4%	260
Administrative and support service activities	2,565	5.0%	4.8%	4.8%	222
Public administration and defence <sup>3</sup>	2,636	5.1%	5.6%	6.1%	444
Education	5,309	10.3%	9.9%	9.8%	212
Human health and social work activities	4,952	9.6%	11.5%	12.8%	610
Other	2,596	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	218

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>51,741</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Managers, directors and senior officials	5,909	11.4%	11.4%	10.5%	197
Professional occupations	7,939	15.3%	16.7%	17.3%	360
Associate professional and technical occupations	6,665	12.9%	12.9%	12.6%	215
Administrative and secretarial occupations	6,645	12.8%	12.0%	11.5%	116
Skilled trades occupations	6,493	12.5%	12.0%	11.6%	258
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	4,703	9.1%	9.3%	9.4%	416
Sales and customer service occupations	4,170	8.1%	7.9%	8.6%	403
Process, plant and machine operatives	3,930	7.6%	7.3%	7.3%	302
Elementary occupations	5,287	10.2%	10.6%	11.2%	427



**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>74,503</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Higher managerial, administrative and professional	7,605	10.2%	10.9%	10.0%	259
Higher managerial and administrative <sup>1</sup>	1,923	2.6%	2.6%	2.3%	209
Higher professional occupations	5,682	7.6%	8.3%	7.8%	275
Lower managerial, administrative and professional	16,803	22.6%	21.7%	20.7%	200
Intermediate	11,382	15.3%	13.9%	12.8%	71
Small employers and own account workers	7,262	9.7%	10.3%	9.2%	260
Lower supervisory and technical	5,563	7.5%	7.0%	7.1%	295
Semi-routine occupations	9,995	13.4%	14.1%	14.2%	422
Routine	8,224	11.0%	10.5%	11.3%	336
Never worked and long-term unemployed	2,899	3.9%	4.1%	5.6%	412
Never worked	1,672	2.2%	2.6%	3.8%	458
Long-term unemployed	1,227	1.6%	1.5%	1.7%	325
Not classified	4,770	6.4%	7.4%	9.0%	397
Full-time students	4,770	6.4%	7.4%	9.0%	397

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>51,741</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Work mainly at or from home	2,667	5.2%	5.7%	5.9%	339
Train (Inc. Underground, metro, lightrail, tram)	2,854	5.5%	8.4%	8.5%	210
Bus or coach	1,592	3.1%	3.7%	7.5%	482
Car (inc. Taxi) or motorcycle	38,501	74.4%	68.0%	64.0%	167
Bicycle	819	1.6%	3.5%	2.7%	384
On Foot	5,045	9.8%	10.1%	10.6%	314
Other	263	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	503

**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>510</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>94%</b>	<b>98%</b>	280
	Number	% <sup>2</sup>			
<b>Unemployed (out of work benefits)</b>					
Benefit claimants (Dec 2014)	<b>709</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	513
Change over 1 year		-45.9%	-36.8%	-30.0%	629
Change over 4 years		-63.4%	-49.4%	-41.0%	632

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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