

2001 CENSUS – Biscot Ward (May 2003 boundary)

Resident Population	
2001 Census	12,957
Persons in households	12,810
Persons in communal establishments	147

Resident Population			
	Biscot	Luton average	England & Wales
Average household size (persons per household)	3.02	2.59	2.36

Resident Population – all residents				
	Number	%	Luton %	England & Wales %
Sex				
Male	6,626	51.1%	50.0%	48.7%
Female	6,331	48.9%	50.0%	51.3%
Age				
0 – 15	3,610	27.9%	23.5%	20.2%
16 – 74	8,842	68.2%	71.4%	72.3%
75 and over	505	3.9%	5.1%	7.6%
Health				
General health 'not good'	1,164	9.0%	8.1%	9.2%
Limiting long-term illness	2,031	15.7%	15.3%	18.2%
Providing unpaid care	1,017	7.8%	8.7%	10.0%
Ethnicity				
White	4,529	35.0%	71.9%	91.3%
Mixed	271	2.1%	2.6%	1.3%
Asian or Asian British	6,965	53.8%	18.3%	4.4%
Black or Black British	1,005	7.8%	6.3%	2.2%
Chinese or Other	187	1.4%	0.9%	0.9%

Education and Qualifications- % of people aged 16-74			
Highest qualification attained:	Percentage	Luton %	England & Wales %
NVQ Level 1	15.2%	18.8%	16.6%
NVQ Level 2	16.7%	19.6%	19.4%
NVQ Level 3	9.5%	8.2%	8.3%
NVQ Level 4/5	16.2%	15.0%	19.8%
Other qualifications/level unknown	5.4%	7.0%	6.9%
No qualifications	37.1%	31.3%	29.1%

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Age - all residents				
	Number	Percentage	Luton %	England & Wales %
0-4	1,235	9.5%	7.2%	5.9%
5-7	660	5.1%	4.4%	3.7%
8-9	427	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%
10-14	1,039	8.0%	7.5%	6.6%
15	249	1.9%	1.4%	1.3%
16-17	500	3.9%	2.9%	2.5%
18-19	499	3.9%	2.7%	2.4%
20-24	1,434	11.1%	8.0%	6.0%
25-29	1,226	9.5%	7.4%	6.6%
30-44	2,463	19.0%	23.0%	22.5%
45-59	1,661	12.8%	16.3%	18.9%
60-64	437	3.4%	4.3%	4.9%
65-74	622	4.8%	6.9%	8.4%
75-84	324	2.5%	3.8%	5.6%
85-89	109	0.8%	0.9%	1.3%
90 and over	72	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%

Ethnicity - % of all residents			
	Percentage	Luton %	England & Wales %
British	30.2%	65.0%	87.5%
Irish	2.4%	4.7%	1.2%
Other White	2.4%	2.3%	2.6%
White and Black Caribbean	0.7%	1.3%	0.5%
White and Black African	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
White and Asian	0.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Other Mixed	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%
Indian	3.2%	4.1%	2.0%
Pakistani	29.7%	9.2%	1.4%
Bangladeshi	19.2%	4.1%	0.5%
Other Asian	1.6%	0.8%	0.5%
Caribbean	4.0%	4.2%	1.1%
African	3.3%	1.7%	0.9%
Other Black	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%
Chinese	1.0%	0.6%	0.4%
Other Groups	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%

Religion - % of all residents								
Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religions	No religion	Religion not stated
30.9%	0.3%	1.9%	0.2%	50.6%	0.8%	0.3%	8.3%	6.7%

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Households – all households				
	Number	% of total households	Luton %	England & Wales %
Household Composition				
Total Households	4,239	-	-	-
One person households - pensioner	348	8.2%	11.1%	14.4%
One person households - other	966	22.8%	17.7%	15.6%
Married couple households (no children)	258	6.1%	10.5%	13.0%
Married couple households (with children)	1,164	27.5%	25.5%	23.5%
Co-habiting households (no children)	151	3.6%	4.6%	4.7%
Co-habiting households (with children)	115	2.7%	3.8%	3.6%
Lone parent households (dependent children)	270	6.4%	6.9%	5.9%
Lone parent households (non-dependent children only)	121	2.9%	3.5%	3.6%
Other	846	20.0%	16.4%	15.6%
Amenities				
Without central heating	549	13.0%	6.3%	8.5%
Without sole use of bath/shower & toilet	95	2.2%	0.5%	0.5%
Without a car or van	1,494	35.2%	26.4%	26.8%
Tenure				
Owner-occupied	2,539	59.9%	70.8%	68.9%
Rented from private landlord/letting agency	238	23.0%	10.6%	8.7%
Rented from Council (local authority)	296	7.0%	12.6%	13.2%
Rented from Housing Association/RSL ¹	976	5.6%	3.8%	5.9%
Other	190	4.5%	2.2%	3.2%

Socio-economic Classification - % of people aged 16-74			
	%	Luton %	England & Wales %
Large employers & higher managerial occupations	2.0%	2.7%	3.4%
Higher professional occupations	3.4%	3.8%	5.0%
Lower managerial & professional occupations	10.1%	16.2%	18.6%
Intermediate occupations	6.8%	9.9%	9.4%
Small employers & own account workers	5.7%	6.1%	7.0%
Lower supervisory & technical occupations	6.6%	8.3%	7.1%
Semi-routine occupations	12.6%	13.3%	11.7%
Routine occupations	9.4%	9.9%	9.1%
Never worked	14.3%	5.1%	2.7%
Long-term unemployed	1.5%	1.1%	1.0%
Full-time students	15.1%	9.0%	7.0%
Not classifiable	12.4%	14.8%	17.9%

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Economic Position – all people aged 16-74				
	Number	% of all people aged 16-74	Luton %	England & Wales %
Total Economically Active	4,924	-	-	-
People aged 16-74 who are:				
Full Time employed ²	2,791	31.6%	42.5%	40.6%
Part Time employed	616	7.0%	10.4%	11.8%
Self employed	546	6.2%	6.7%	8.3%
Full time student	457	5.2%	3.9%	3.4%
Unemployed	514	5.8%	3.7%	2.6%
Total Economically Inactive	3,918	-	-	-
People aged 16-74 who are:				
Students	920	10.4%	5.5%	4.7%
Permanently sick/disabled	506	5.7%	4.6%	5.5%
Looking after home/family	1,135	12.8%	7.6%	6.5%
Retired	642	7.3%	10.9%	13.6%
Other inactive	715	8.1%	4.2%	3.1%
	Number	% of unemployed	Luton %	England & Wales %
% of unemployed people who are:				
Aged 16-24 years	170	33.1%	27.9%	25.9%
Aged 50 and over	59	11.5%	15.7%	18.6%
Who have never worked	93	18.1%	11.5%	9.3%
Who are long-term unemployed ³	136	26.5%	28.3%	30.3%

Employment by Industry - % of people working in			
	Percentage	Luton %	England & Wales %
Agriculture, hunting, fishing, mining & quarrying	0.4%	0.4%	1.8%
Manufacturing	17.4%	19.0%	15.0%
Electricity, gas & water supply	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%
Construction	5.0%	7.6%	6.8%
Wholesale/retail trade repair etc.	18.3%	17.3%	16.8%
Hotels & restaurants	8.2%	4.9%	4.8%
Transport, storage & communication	11.4%	10.6%	7.0%
Financial intermediation	2.4%	3.3%	4.7%
Real estate, renting, business activities	14.3%	12.6%	13.0%
Public admin./defence, social security	3.9%	3.7%	5.7%
Education	6.2%	6.9%	7.8%
Health & social work	8.2%	8.6%	10.8%
Other community, social/personal service	4.1%	4.6%	5.2%

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² Full time is defined as working 31+ hours a week. Part time is defined as working 30 hours or less a week.

³ Those who stated that they have not worked since 1999 or earlier.

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