## DEMOGRAPHY AND ETHNICITY

Analysis of 2001 Census Data for Luton and the East of England region

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## Introduction

This paper aims to give a detailed insight into the demographic profile of Luton within the context of the East of England region, and also of Luton's wards within the Borough. There is a particular focus on ethnicity.

The paper draws upon detailed information from the 2001 Census, and alongside tables of data, charts and text, aims to highlight key trends.

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Table 1 - Usual Resident Population by Ward

|  | 2001 Resident Population |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All People | Male |  | Female |  | No of People in Households | No of People in Communal Establishments | No of Students Away from Home |
|  |  | No | \% | No | \% |  |  |  |
| Luton | 184,371 | 92,119 | 50.0\% | 92,252 | 50.0\% | 183,291 | 1,080 | 1,223 |
| Barnfield | 7,032 | 3,507 | 49.9\% | 3,525 | 50.1\% | 7,025 | 7 | 114 |
| Biscot | 12,957 | 6,626 | 51.1\% | 6,331 | 48.9\% | 12,810 | 147 | 93 |
| Bramingham | 7,584 | 3,770 | 49.7\% | 3,814 | 50.3\% | 7,561 | 23 | 81 |
| Challney | 11,819 | 5,877 | 49.7\% | 5,942 | 50.3\% | 11,656 | 163 | 103 |
| Crawley | 7,113 | 3,583 | 50.4\% | 3,530 | 49.6\% | 7,113 | 0 | 32 |
| Dallow | 13,154 | 6,775 | 51.5\% | 6,379 | 48.5\% | 13,051 | 103 | 71 |
| Farley | 10,986 | 5,380 | 49.0\% | 5,606 | 51.0\% | 10,950 | 36 | 43 |
| High Town | 7,062 | 3,590 | 50.8\% | 3,472 | 49.2\% | 7,004 | 58 | 35 |
| Icknield | 7,556 | 3,707 | 49.1\% | 3,849 | 50.9\% | 7,497 | 59 | 82 |
| Leagrave | 11,194 | 5,487 | 49.0\% | 5,707 | 51.0\% | 11,109 | 85 | 54 |
| Lewsey | 12,654 | 6,165 | 48.7\% | 6,489 | 51.3\% | 12,626 | 28 | 51 |
| Limbury | 7,675 | 3,831 | 49.9\% | 3,844 | 50.1\% | 7,671 | 4 | 80 |
| Northwell | 8,258 | 4,015 | 48.6\% | 4,243 | 51.4\% | 8,212 | 46 | 51 |
| Round Green | 10,868 | 5,395 | 49.6\% | 5,473 | 50.4\% | 10,868 | 0 | 53 |
| Saints | 11,724 | 5,833 | 49.8\% | 5,891 | 50.2\% | 11,606 | 118 | 86 |
| South | 10,364 | 5,381 | 51.9\% | 4,983 | 48.1\% | 10,177 | 187 | 43 |
| Stopsley | 7,105 | 3,570 | 50.2\% | 3,535 | 49.8\% | 7,105 | 0 | 41 |
| Sundon Park | 7,585 | 3,822 | 50.4\% | 3,763 | 49.6\% | 7,569 | 16 | 37 |
| Wigmore | 11,681 | 5,805 | 49.7\% | 5,876 | 50.3\% | 11,681 | 0 | 73 |

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Figure 1 Usual Resident Population, wards, 2001, number


Dallow ( $n=13,154$ ). The average ward population is just over 9,700 residents.

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Table 2 - Usual Resident Population by County/Unitary Authority

|  | 2001 Resident Population |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All People | Male |  | Female |  | No of People in Households | No of People in Communal Establishments | No of Students Away from Home |
|  |  | No | \% | No | \% |  |  |  |
| Bedfordshire | 381,572 | 189,164 | 49.6\% | 192,408 | 50.4\% | 376,679 | 4,893 | 4,631 |
| Cambridgeshire | 552,658 | 273,645 | 49.5\% | 279,013 | 50.5\% | 532,707 | 19,951 | 7,340 |
| Essex | 1,310,835 | 640,193 | 48.8\% | 670,642 | 51.2\% | 1,294,077 | 16,758 | 12,857 |
| Hertfordshire | 1,033,977 | 505,059 | 48.8\% | 528,918 | 51.2\% | 1,018,872 | 15,105 | 13,261 |
| Luton | 184,371 | 92,119 | 50.0\% | 92,252 | 50.0\% | 183,291 | 1,080 | 1,223 |
| Norfolk | 796,728 | 387,827 | 48.7\% | 408,901 | 51.3\% | 779,700 | 17,028 | 7,630 |
| Peterborough | 156,061 | 76,010 | 48.7\% | 80,051 | 51.3\% | 154,638 | 1,423 | 1,618 |
| Thurrock | 160,257 | 76,749 | 47.9\% | 83,508 | 52.1\% | 157,895 | 2,362 | 1,306 |
| Suffolk | 668,553 | 327,900 | 49.0\% | 340,653 | 51.0\% | 656,093 | 12,460 | 7,626 |
| Southend-on-Sea | 143,128 | 69,669 | 48.7\% | 73,459 | 51.3\% | 142,582 | 546 | 660 |
| East of England | 5,388,140 | 2,638,335 | 49.0\% | 2,749,805 | 51.0\% | 5,296,534 | 91,606 | 58,152 |
| England \& Wales | 52,041,916 | 25,325,926 | 48.7\% | 26,715,990 | 51.3\% | 51,107,639 | 934,277 | 515,144 |

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- The population of England and Wales has increased by 2.5\% since 1991 (1991 mid-year estimates). However, the increase was not evenly spread, with the East of England, South West, London and the South East growing by around 5\%. (Source - ONS web site www.statistics.gov.uk).


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-4 | 5-7 | 8-9 | 10-14 | 15 | 16-17 | 18-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-44 |
| Luton | 7.2\% | 4.4\% | 3.0\% | 7.5\% | 1.4\% | 2.9\% | 2.7\% | 8.0\% | 7.4\% | 23.0\% |
| Barnfield | 7.7\% | 4.6\% | 2.8\% | 7.5\% | 1.1\% | 2.5\% | 2.0\% | 5.1\% | 6.4\% | 26.3\% |
| Biscot | 9.5\% | 5.1\% | 3.3\% | 8.0\% | 1.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 11.1\% | 9.5\% | 19.0\% |
| Bramingham | 6.3\% | 4.3\% | 2.9\% | 6.3\% | 1.3\% | 2.1\% | 2.2\% | 5.8\% | 7.4\% | 27.9\% |
| Challney | 7.2\% | 4.2\% | 2.8\% | 6.6\% | 1.4\% | 2.8\% | 2.5\% | 7.2\% | 8.3\% | 21.3\% |
| Crawley | 6.5\% | 4.3\% | 3.0\% | 7.5\% | 1.5\% | 2.6\% | 2.5\% | 6.9\% | 6.7\% | 23.8\% |
| Dallow | 10.2\% | 5.5\% | 3.7\% | 9.0\% | 1.7\% | 3.6\% | 3.4\% | 10.3\% | 9.0\% | 20.0\% |
| Farley | 6.3\% | 4.3\% | 3.3\% | 8.2\% | 1.7\% | 2.7\% | 2.4\% | 9.0\% | 6.4\% | 21.9\% |
| High Town | 5.5\% | 2.9\% | 1.8\% | 4.7\% | 1.0\% | 2.0\% | 2.4\% | 12.2\% | 11.0\% | 25.4\% |
| Icknield | 5.5\% | 3.5\% | 2.9\% | 6.5\% | 1.2\% | 2.6\% | 2.3\% | 5.0\% | 4.3\% | 19.9\% |
| Leagrave | 8.0\% | 4.5\% | 3.1\% | 8.1\% | 1.5\% | 2.8\% | 2.3\% | 6.0\% | 6.5\% | 23.6\% |
| Lewsey | 7.5\% | 4.7\% | 3.1\% | 8.4\% | 1.5\% | 3.1\% | 2.3\% | 5.6\% | 6.7\% | 24.3\% |
| Limbury | 6.0\% | 4.6\% | 2.7\% | 7.4\% | 1.3\% | 2.8\% | 2.1\% | 5.9\% | 5.2\% | 23.4\% |
| Northwell | 8.2\% | 4.8\% | 3.3\% | 8.3\% | 1.8\% | 3.4\% | 3.1\% | 8.1\% | 7.4\% | 22.2\% |
| Round Green | 6.1\% | 4.2\% | 3.0\% | 8.0\% | 1.5\% | 2.4\% | 2.3\% | 6.3\% | 6.4\% | 24.0\% |
| Saints | 8.4\% | 5.3\% | 3.3\% | 9.0\% | 1.5\% | 3.6\% | 3.0\% | 8.5\% | 7.6\% | 21.0\% |
| South | 5.1\% | 2.5\% | 1.7\% | 4.4\% | 0.9\% | 2.2\% | 4.8\% | 16.3\% | 8.9\% | 21.0\% |
| Stopsley | 5.2\% | 3.8\% | 2.8\% | 7.2\% | 1.1\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 5.4\% | 4.9\% | 22.8\% |
| Sundon Park | 6.9\% | 3.7\% | 2.8\% | 7.0\% | 1.4\% | 2.5\% | 2.7\% | 7.0\% | 6.5\% | 23.7\% |
| Wigmore | 7.1\% | 4.6\% | 3.2\% | 8.2\% | 1.4\% | 2.7\% | 2.3\% | 6.8\% | 8.1\% | 28.4\% |

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|  | Table 3 - Age Structure by Ward (2) |  |  | 75-84 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Luton | 16.3\% | 4.3\% | 6.9\% | 3.8\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% |
| Barnfield | 18.7\% | 3.7\% | 6.0\% | 4.2\% | 1.1\% | 0.4\% |
| Biscot | 12.8\% | 3.4\% | 4.8\% | 2.5\% | 0.8\% | 0.6\% |
| Bramingham | 20.4\% | 3.7\% | 5.6\% | 2.9\% | 0.5\% | 0.3\% |
| Challney | 16.3\% | 5.0\% | 8.4\% | 4.6\% | 1.1\% | 0.4\% |
| Crawley | 17.5\% | 4.3\% | 7.7\% | 4.0\% | 0.7\% | 0.3\% |
| Dallow | 11.8\% | 3.5\% | 5.0\% | 2.3\% | 0.6\% | 0.3\% |
| Farley | 15.7\% | 3.4\% | 7.7\% | 5.6\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% |
| High Town | 15.4\% | 3.6\% | 5.7\% | 4.6\% | 1.0\% | 0.7\% |
| Icknield | 21.0\% | 6.5\% | 10.9\% | 6.0\% | 1.3\% | 0.6\% |
| Leagrave | 16.9\% | 4.6\% | 7.1\% | 3.5\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% |
| Lewsey | 13.9\% | 5.5\% | 8.6\% | 3.8\% | 0.8\% | 0.3\% |
| Limbury | 18.5\% | 6.1\% | 8.8\% | 4.0\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% |
| Northwell | 18.0\% | 3.9\% | 4.5\% | 2.1\% | 0.6\% | 0.3\% |
| Round Green | 17.1\% | 4.4\% | 8.3\% | 4.7\% | 0.9\% | 0.5\% |
| Saints | 13.9\% | 3.9\% | 5.7\% | 3.5\% | 1.1\% | 0.6\% |
| South | 14.7\% | 4.0\% | 6.8\% | 4.7\% | 1.3\% | 0.5\% |
| Stopsley | 20.6\% | 5.2\% | 9.7\% | 5.3\% | 1.0\% | 0.5\% |
| Sundon Park | 18.9\% | 5.0\% | 8.3\% | 2.9\% | 0.6\% | 0.2\% |
| Wigmore | 17.2\% | 2.7\% | 4.1\% | 2.5\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% |

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| Table 4 - Age Bands by Ward |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All People | $0-15$ <br> Number | $16-74$ <br> Number | $75+$ <br> Number | $0-15$ <br> Percentage | $16-74$ <br> Percentage | $75+$ <br> Percentage |
|  | $\mathbf{1 8 4 , 3 7 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 , 3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 1 , 6 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 3 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 1 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 1 \%}$ |
| Barnfield | 7,032 | 1,663 | 4,970 | 399 | $23.6 \%$ | $70.7 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ |
| Biscot | 12,957 | 3,610 | 8,842 | 505 | $27.9 \%$ | $68.2 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ |
| Bramingham | 7,584 | 1,607 | 5,697 | 280 | $21.2 \%$ | $75.1 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ |
| Challney | 11,819 | 2,613 | 8,483 | 723 | $22.1 \%$ | $71.8 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ |
| Crawley | 7,113 | 1,626 | 5,127 | 360 | $22.9 \%$ | $72.1 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ |
| Dallow | 13,154 | 3,955 | 8,774 | 425 | $30.1 \%$ | $66.7 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ |
| Farley | 10,986 | 2,599 | 7,629 | 758 | $23.7 \%$ | $69.4 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ |
| High Town | 7,062 | 1,131 | 5,487 | 444 | $16.0 \%$ | $77.7 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ |
| Icknield | 7,556 | 1,478 | 5,481 | 597 | $19.6 \%$ | $72.5 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| Leagrave | 11,194 | 2,830 | 7,815 | 549 | $25.3 \%$ | $69.8 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ |
| Lewsey | 12,654 | 3,183 | 8,852 | 619 | $25.2 \%$ | $70.0 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ |
| Limbury | 7,675 | 1,679 | 5,590 | 406 | $21.9 \%$ | $72.8 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ |
| Northwell | 8,258 | 2,179 | 5,832 | 247 | $26.4 \%$ | $70.6 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ |
| Round Green | 10,868 | 2,478 | 7,732 | 658 | $22.8 \%$ | $71.1 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ |
| Saints | 11,724 | 3,224 | 7,887 | 613 | $27.5 \%$ | $67.3 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ |
| South | 10,364 | 1,522 | 8,170 | 672 | $14.7 \%$ | $78.8 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ |
| Stopsley | 7,105 | 1,431 | 5,191 | 483 | $20.1 \%$ | $73.1 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ |
| Sundon Park | 7,585 | 1,650 | 5,656 | 279 | $21.8 \%$ | $74.6 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ |
| Wigmore | 11,681 | 2,866 | 8,445 | 370 | $24.5 \%$ | $72.3 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ |

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Figure 2 Age Structure of Luton Wards, \%, 2001


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- The age structure of Luton wards vary considerably, with Dallow having a much higher proportion of the younger generation than those in Stopsley and Icknield. This may be representative of the ethnic population (the pattern in Dallow is reflected in figures for Biscot) being of a younger age profile.


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Table 5 - Age Structure by County/Unitary Authority (1)

|  | $0-4$ | $5-7$ | $8-9$ | $10-14$ | 15 | $16-17$ | $18-19$ | $20-24$ | $25-29$ | $30-44$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Luton | $7.2 \%$ | $4.4 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $23.0 \%$ |
| East of England | $6.0 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ | $22.4 \%$ |
| England \& Wales | $5.9 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $6.0 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ | $22.5 \%$ |

Table 5 - Age Structure by County/Unitary Authority (2)

|  | $45-59$ | $60-64$ | $65-74$ | $75-84$ | $85-89$ | 90 and over |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Luton | $16.3 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ |
| East of England | $19.6 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | $8.6 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| England \& Wales | $18.9 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ | $5.6 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ |

## Table 5 - Age Structure by County/Unitary Authority (3)

|  | All People | $0-15$ <br> Number | $16-74$ <br> Number | $75+$ <br> Number | $0-15$ <br> Percentage | $16-74$ <br> Percentage | $75+$ <br> Percentage |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bedfordshire | 381,572 | 80,877 | 276,279 | 24,416 | $21.2 \%$ | $72.4 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ |
| Cambridgeshire | 552,658 | 107,303 | 406,591 | 38,764 | $19.4 \%$ | $73.6 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ |
| Essex | $1,310,835$ | 261,784 | 945,557 | 103,494 | $20.0 \%$ | $72.1 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| Hertfordshire | $1,033,977$ | 214,621 | 746,008 | 73,348 | $20.8 \%$ | $72.1 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ |
| Luton | 184,371 | 43,324 | 131,660 | 9,387 | $\mathbf{2 3 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 1 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 1 \%}$ |
| Norfolk | 796,728 | 144,476 | 575,464 | 76,788 | $18.1 \%$ | $72.2 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ |
| Peterborough | 156,061 | 34,293 | 111,688 | 10,080 | $22.0 \%$ | $71.6 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ |
| Southend-on-Sea | 160,257 | 32,117 | 111,789 | 16,351 | $20.0 \%$ | $69.8 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ |
| Suffolk | 668,553 | 132,538 | 476,072 | 59,943 | $19.8 \%$ | $71.2 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |
| Thurrock | 143,128 | 31,428 | 102,996 | 8,704 | $22.0 \%$ | $72.0 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ |
| East of England | $5,388,140$ | $1,082,761$ | $3,884,104$ | 421,275 | $20.1 \%$ | $72.1 \%$ |  |
| England \& Wales | $52,041,916$ | $10,438,736$ | $37,607,438$ | $3,945,742$ | $20.1 \%$ | $73.2 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ |
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## Luton's age structure compared to the East of England region, and England \& Wales

- UK projections suggest that the proportion of the population accounted for by children will continue to fall (in the UK the under 16 s made up $23 \%$ in 1961, $20 \%$ in 2001 and a projected $18 \%$ in 2011). The ageing population is rising with a $51 \%$ increase in those aged $65+$ from 1961 to 2001. Lower fertility rates, and improvements in rates of mortality are factors. (Source: ONS web site www.statistics.gov.uk)
- However, Luton has a much younger population profile, with the proportion of those in the 75+ age bracket around seven and a half percentage points below the national average, with a similar proportion below the regional average.

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Table 6 - Living Arrangements by Ward

|  | Percentage of resident population aged 16 years and over: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Living in a couple |  | Not living in a couple |  |  |  |  |
|  | Married or Re-Married | Co-habiting | Single (never married) | Married or Re-Married | Separated | Divorced | Widowed |
| Luton | 47.3\% | 9.9\% | 26.9\% | 2.1\% | 2.2\% | 5.5\% | 6.2\% |
| Barnfield | 60.1\% | 9.2\% | 19.5\% | 1.0\% | 1.7\% | 3.2\% | 5.4\% |
| Biscot | 44.1\% | 7.2\% | 31.8\% | 5.2\% | 2.5\% | 4.5\% | 4.7\% |
| Bramingham | 56.5\% | 11.1\% | 20.5\% | 0.9\% | 1.9\% | 4.7\% | 4.5\% |
| Challney | 50.5\% | 9.6\% | 24.6\% | 2.5\% | 1.7\% | 4.5\% | 6.6\% |
| Crawley | 48.9\% | 10.1\% | 25.1\% | 1.4\% | 2.2\% | 5.5\% | 6.8\% |
| Dallow | 45.5\% | 6.7\% | 30.3\% | 5.4\% | 2.4\% | 4.5\% | 5.2\% |
| Farley | 40.3\% | 10.7\% | 30.1\% | 1.8\% | 2.7\% | 6.7\% | 7.8\% |
| High Town | 30.3\% | 14.9\% | 37.0\% | 1.7\% | 2.8\% | 6.9\% | 6.4\% |
| Icknield | 57.8\% | 7.0\% | 20.0\% | 0.8\% | 1.4\% | 5.0\% | 8.0\% |
| Leagrave | 46.8\% | 10.6\% | 25.5\% | 1.4\% | 2.5\% | 6.6\% | 6.7\% |
| Lewsey | 46.1\% | 11.0\% | 24.7\% | 1.4\% | 2.6\% | 7.3\% | 6.8\% |
| Limbury | 55.3\% | 8.1\% | 22.3\% | 1.1\% | 1.8\% | 5.2\% | 6.2\% |
| Northwell | 41.5\% | 10.4\% | 31.3\% | 1.4\% | 2.9\% | 7.6\% | 4.9\% |
| Round Green | 47.7\% | 11.3\% | 23.7\% | 1.7\% | 2.4\% | 6.1\% | 7.2\% |
| Saints | 49.0\% | 7.5\% | 27.1\% | 3.8\% | 2.2\% | 4.6\% | 5.9\% |
| South | 28.2\% | 11.4\% | 41.7\% | 2.3\% | 2.5\% | 7.0\% | 7.0\% |
| Stopsley | 56.7\% | 8.9\% | 19.9\% | 0.7\% | 1.6\% | 4.0\% | 7.3\% |
| Sundon Park | 53.6\% | 9.3\% | 23.9\% | 1.0\% | 1.8\% | 4.9\% | 5.4\% |
| Wigmore | 51.4\% | 12.6\% | 23.7\% | 0.9\% | 1.9\% | 4.6\% | 4.9\% |

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## Luton's living arrangements in Wards

Living arrangements within wards in Luton vary dramatically. For example:

- Barnfield ward has the highest percentage of married/remarried persons; at $60.1 \%$, this is almost 13 percentage points above the Luton average (47.3\%). Correspondingly, this ward has the lowest percentage of those in the single (never married) and divorced categories
- Icknield ward has the lowest proportion of persons describing themselves as separated, and also the highest percentage of those widowed ( $8.0 \%$ related to a Luton average of $6.2 \%$ ). As Icknield also has the highest percentage of population within the $75+$ age range, the proportion of those widowed is likely to be explained by this.
- Northwell ward has the highest percentages of those in the separated and divorced groups.
- The proportion of those married in South ward is the lowest in the Borough ( $28.2 \%$ compared with Luton's average of $47.3 \%$ ). This ward also has highest proportion of single residents (almost 15 percentage points above the Luton average).
- As shown above, and indeed throughout this paper and other Theme Papers, Luton has diversity in its wards that is related to the economic, age, and ethnicity differences.

Table 7 - Living Arrangements by County/Unitary Authority

|  | Percentage of resident population aged 16 years and over: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Living in a couple |  | Not living in a couple |  |  |  |  |
|  | Married or Re-Married | Co-habiting | Single (never married) | Married or Re-Married | Separated | Divorced | Widowed |
| Bedfordshire | 55.0\% | 10.5\% | 20.0\% | 1.0\% | 1.8\% | 5.1\% | 6.6\% |
| Cambridgeshire | 55.0\% | 10.8\% | 20.2\% | 0.8\% | 1.7\% | 4.9\% | 6.7\% |
| Essex | 55.2\% | 9.8\% | 19.5\% | 0.5\% | 1.7\% | 5.5\% | 7.7\% |
| Hertfordshire | 54.0\% | 10.2\% | 21.2\% | 0.7\% | 1.7\% | 5.3\% | 6.9\% |
| Luton | 47.3\% | 9.9\% | 26.9\% | 2.1\% | 2.2\% | 5.5\% | 6.2\% |
| Norfolk | 55.3\% | 10.4\% | 18.1\% | 0.6\% | 1.6\% | 5.8\% | 8.2\% |
| Peterborough | 51.0\% | 10.6\% | 21.6\% | 0.9\% | 2.4\% | 6.5\% | 6.9\% |
| Southend-on-Sea | 48.0\% | 10.8\% | 21.9\% | 0.7\% | 2.2\% | 7.3\% | 9.0\% |
| Suffolk | 56.2\% | 9.8\% | 18.4\% | 0.6\% | 1.7\% | 5.4\% | 7.8\% |
| Thurrock | 51.2\% | 12.2\% | 20.7\% | 0.9\% | 2.1\% | 5.7\% | 7.2\% |
| East of England | 54.4\% | 10.2\% | 20.0\% | 0.7\% | 1.7\% | 5.5\% | 7.4\% |
| England \& Wales | 50.7\% | 9.8\% | 23.0\% | 0.9\% | 1.9\% | 5.9\% | 7.7\% |

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- Luton has the lowest percentage of the population within the region who are married, around 7 percentage points below the regional average, though it is only around 3 percentage points lower than the England and Wales figure. The Borough also has the highest proportion of single (never married) residents. This is most likely explained by the younger age profile of the Borough (see table 5), coupled with rising average ages at which marriage occurs. Additionally, the high proportion of students within the Borough is also likely to be a factor.


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Table 8 - Approximated Social Grade by Ward

|  | AB: Higher and <br> intermediate <br> managerial/ <br> administrative/ <br> professional | C1: Supervisory; <br> clerical; junior <br> managerial/ <br> administrative/ <br> professional | C2:Skilled manual <br> workers | D: Semi-skilled <br> and unskilled <br> manual workers | E: On state <br> benefit; <br> unemployed; <br> lowest grade <br> workers |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Luton | $\mathbf{1 7 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 . 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 . 2 \%}$ |
| Barnfield | $35.6 \%$ | $32.4 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ | $11.3 \%$ |  |
| Biscot | $15.5 \%$ | $22.6 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ |
| Bramingham | $30.9 \%$ | $33.3 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ |
| Challney | $16.9 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ | $7.6 \%$ |
| Crawley | $15.3 \%$ | $29.3 \%$ | $19.1 \%$ | $21.9 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ |
| Dallow | $11.1 \%$ | $22.2 \%$ | $17.4 \%$ | $30.4 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ |
| Farley | $14.0 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ | $23.2 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ |
| High Town | $21.3 \%$ | $30.8 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ | $19.6 \%$ | $19.9 \%$ |
| Icknield | $23.7 \%$ | $31.9 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ | $15.2 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ |
| Leagrave | $15.3 \%$ | $25.6 \%$ | $18.4 \%$ | $24.1 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ |
| Lewsey | $12.6 \%$ | $25.4 \%$ | $17.9 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ |
| Limbury | $18.4 \%$ | $28.5 \%$ | $19.6 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $18.3 \%$ |
| Northwell | $13.9 \%$ | $24.1 \%$ | $19.9 \%$ | $27.9 \%$ | $13.8 \%$ |
| Round Green | $16.7 \%$ | $30.0 \%$ | $17.3 \%$ | $20.4 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ |
| Saints | $14.8 \%$ | $25.4 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ | $28.4 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ |
| South | $15.4 \%$ | $28.7 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ | $21.7 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ |
| Stopsley | $21.2 \%$ | $30.4 \%$ | $18.6 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ |
| Sundon Park | $14.1 \%$ | $26.8 \%$ | $21.6 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ |  |
| Wigmore | $24.9 \%$ | $30.0 \%$ | $19.1 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ |

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Figure 3 - Approximated Social Grades AB and E by Ward in Luton, \%s, 2001


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## Approximated Social Grade

- As shown in Figure 3, the approximated social grade of residents in Luton's wards varies substantially. Wards such as Barnfield, Bramingham, Icknield and Wigmore show significantly higher proportions of those in the AB (Higher and Intermediate Administrative/Professional) social grade, with Barnfield, Wigmore and Bramingham having a correspondingly low level of those in the E (On state benefit, unemployed, lowest grade workers) grade.
- Barnfield ward has the most diverse resident population in terms of the highest and lowest approximated social grade. The proportion of residents in the AB social grade, at $35.6 \%$, is twice the Luton average and the proportion at social grade E , at $7.7 \%$ is half that of the Luton average.
- The wards of Biscot, Dallow, Farley, Leagrave, Lewsey and South have a higher percentage of those in the lowest approximated social grade ( E ) than those in the highest grade. Farley ward, at almost $20 \%$ of residents at the lower grade has the highest percentage of residents in this category.
- Luton has the second lowest proportion of residents in the highest social grade (AB) within the East of England region. It is around 6 percentage points below the East of England average, and 4 percentage points below the England and Wales average.
- With regard to those in approximates social grade D (Semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers), Luton has the highest proportion of resident population in this category within the East of England region. This reflects its strong manufacturing work base, compared to other areas within the region.

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Table 9 - Approximated Social Grade by County/Unitary Authority

|  | AB Higher and <br> intermediate <br> managerial/ <br> administrative/ <br> professional | C1 Supervisory; <br> clerical; junior <br> managerial/ <br> administrative/ <br> professional | C2 Skilled manual <br> workers | D Semi-skilled and <br> unskilled manual <br> workers | E On state benefit; <br> unemployed; <br> lowest grade <br> workers |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bedfordshire | $26.5 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ |  |  |
| Cambridgeshire | $27.2 \%$ | $29.9 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ |
| Essex | $23.5 \%$ | $31.8 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ |
| Hertfordshire | $29.5 \%$ | $31.2 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ |
| Luton | $\mathbf{1 7 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 . 7 \%}$ | $17.2 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 2 . 1 \%}$ | $13.2 \%$ |
| Norfolk | $18.1 \%$ | $29.1 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ | $17.2 \%$ | $15.2 \%$ |
| Peterborough | $20.3 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $19.8 \%$ | $17.9 \%$ |
| Southend-on-Sea | $20.9 \%$ | $34.8 \%$ | $13.8 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| Suffolk | $20.7 \%$ | $29.1 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ |
| Thurrock | $16.6 \%$ | $30.1 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ |
|  |  | $30.4 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | 15 | $15.3 \%$ |
| East of England | $23.5 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ | $17.5 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ |
| England \& Wales | $22.0 \%$ |  |  |  | 16 |

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## 4 Country of Birth

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Table 10 - Country of Birth by Ward

|  | Percentage of people born in: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | England | Scotland | Wales | Northern Ireland | Republic of Ireland | Other EU Countries | Elsewhere |
| Luton | 76.8\% | 1.9\% | 0.9\% | 0.7\% | 3.4\% | 1.3\% | 14.9\% |
| Barnfield | 83.0\% | 1.6\% | 1.0\% | 0.6\% | 2.6\% | 1.2\% | 10.0\% |
| Biscot | 59.6\% | 1.2\% | 0.6\% | 0.4\% | 2.0\% | 1.4\% | 34.8\% |
| Bramingham | 86.3\% | 1.6\% | 1.0\% | 0.4\% | 2.8\% | 0.7\% | 7.2\% |
| Challney | 71.6\% | 1.5\% | 0.8\% | 0.7\% | 3.4\% | 1.4\% | 20.6\% |
| Crawley | 81.4\% | 2.5\% | 1.0\% | 0.6\% | 3.0\% | 1.3\% | 10.1\% |
| Dallow | 58.6\% | 1.0\% | 0.6\% | 0.4\% | 2.7\% | 1.2\% | 35.4\% |
| Farley | 76.9\% | 2.9\% | 1.0\% | 0.9\% | 5.8\% | 1.4\% | 11.0\% |
| High Town | 75.2\% | 2.4\% | 1.2\% | 1.1\% | 4.2\% | 2.6\% | 13.3\% |
| Icknield | 83.4\% | 2.1\% | 1.1\% | 0.6\% | 3.5\% | 0.8\% | 8.6\% |
| Leagrave | 79.7\% | 2.0\% | 1.2\% | 0.6\% | 3.4\% | 1.1\% | 11.9\% |
| Lewsey | 83.0\% | 1.9\% | 0.9\% | 0.7\% | 3.3\% | 0.9\% | 9.3\% |
| Limbury | 81.4\% | 2.1\% | 1.0\% | 0.9\% | 5.0\% | 1.0\% | 8.5\% |
| Northwell | 79.9\% | 2.6\% | 0.7\% | 0.6\% | 3.0\% | 0.7\% | 12.6\% |
| Round Green | 83.1\% | 2.1\% | 1.0\% | 0.8\% | 3.9\% | 1.4\% | 7.9\% |
| Saints | 67.0\% | 1.3\% | 0.6\% | 0.6\% | 4.0\% | 1.0\% | 25.4\% |
| South | 72.3\% | 3.2\% | 1.1\% | 1.1\% | 5.1\% | 3.0\% | 14.1\% |
| Stopsley | 87.6\% | 2.1\% | 1.1\% | 0.6\% | 2.8\% | 1.1\% | 4.6\% |
| Sundon Park | 83.5\% | 1.5\% | 0.8\% | 0.8\% | 3.2\% | 1.1\% | 9.0\% |
| Wigmore | 88.5\% | 1.7\% | 0.8\% | 0.5\% | 2.1\% | 1.1\% | 5.4\% |

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Figure 4 Country of Birth, Luton Wards, \%, 2001,


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- Whilst the data for all countries of birth cannot adequately be represented on one graph for all wards, it is illustrated above that the range of country of birth alters significantly within the Borough wards. Bramingham, Stopsley and Wigmore have the highest proportions of those born in England, whilst the more ethnically diverse wards such as Biscot, Dallow and Saints have a much higher proportion of those stating their country of birth as being outside of England.


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## Table 11 - Country of Birth by County/Unitary Authority

|  | Percentage of people born in: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | England | Scotland | Wales | Northern <br> Ireland | Republic of <br> Ireland | Other EU <br> Countries | Elsewhere |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $88.3 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ |
| Cambridgeshire | $87.4 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $6.0 \%$ |
| Essex | $92.5 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ |
| Hertfordshire | $87.8 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ |
| Luton | $76.8 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $14.9 \%$ |
| Norfolk | $93.1 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ |
| Peterborough | $86.3 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ |
| Southend-on-Sea | $91.4 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ |
| Suffolk | $91.1 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ |
| Thurrock | $92.9 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| East of England | $89.9 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ |
| England \& Wales | $83.7 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ |

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- As would be expected with the ethnic diversity in Luton, the proportion of those born in the United Kingdom is significantly below the regional and national averages. Luton also has a higher proportion of those born in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland;
- Correspondingly, Luton has around three times the proportion of those born 'Elsewhere' than the East of England average. Further breakdowns of country of birth can be found in the 'Luton in 2001' document, available on the Council's website.


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## Table 12 - Ethnic Group by Ward

|  |  |  |  | ge of | le in ethnic group |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White |  |  |  | Other |  |
|  | British | Irish | Other | Mixed | Asian or Asian British | Black or Black British | Chinese or other ethnic group |
| Luton | 65.0\% | 4.6\% | 2.3\% | 2.6\% | 18.3\% | 6.3\% | 0.9\% |
| Barnfield | 73.8\% | 3.8\% | 1.8\% | 2.6\% | 12.9\% | 4.0\% | 1.1\% |
| Biscot | 30.2\% | 2.4\% | 2.4\% | 2.1\% | 53.8\% | 7.8\% | 1.4\% |
| Bramingham | 82.3\% | 3.9\% | 1.6\% | 1.4\% | 6.5\% | 2.9\% | 1.3\% |
| Challney | 54.7\% | 4.1\% | 2.2\% | 2.7\% | 26.6\% | 8.4\% | 1.3\% |
| Crawley | 75.2\% | 4.3\% | 2.2\% | 2.5\% | 9.8\% | 5.2\% | 0.8\% |
| Dallow | 28.2\% | 3.4\% | 1.7\% | 2.7\% | 55.1\% | 7.6\% | 1.2\% |
| Farley | 68.9\% | 7.5\% | 3.4\% | 3.3\% | 10.2\% | 5.8\% | 0.8\% |
| High Town | 68.0\% | 5.9\% | 4.3\% | 2.5\% | 9.7\% | 8.0\% | 1.5\% |
| Icknield | 78.1\% | 4.4\% | 1.8\% | 1.7\% | 10.0\% | 3.4\% | 0.7\% |
| Leagrave | 67.9\% | 4.7\% | 2.2\% | 3.9\% | 10.3\% | 10.2\% | 0.7\% |
| Lewsey | 73.8\% | 4.1\% | 1.7\% | 3.7\% | 8.2\% | 8.0\% | 0.4\% |
| Limbury | 74.9\% | 7.1\% | 1.6\% | 2.3\% | 8.4\% | 5.1\% | 0.6\% |
| Northwell | 68.4\% | 4.0\% | 1.5\% | 4.0\% | 12.0\% | 9.7\% | 0.5\% |
| Round Green | 78.8\% | 5.3\% | 2.6\% | 2.4\% | 6.2\% | 4.3\% | 0.5\% |
| Saints | 40.3\% | 5.7\% | 2.1\% | 2.1\% | 42.4\% | 6.8\% | 0.7\% |
| South | 66.9\% | 7.1\% | 4.7\% | 2.0\% | 9.5\% | 7.6\% | 2.2\% |
| Stopsley | 86.7\% | 3.9\% | 1.9\% | 1.4\% | 3.6\% | 1.9\% | 0.7\% |
| Sundon Park | 77.4\% | 4.5\% | 2.0\% | 2.5\% | 6.9\% | 6.1\% | 0.6\% |
| Wigmore | 86.1\% | 2.9\% | 1.6\% | 2.0\% | 3.8\% | 3.0\% | 0.7\% |

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Table 13 - Ethnic Group by County/Unitary Authority

|  | Percentage of people in ethnic groups: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | White |  |  | Other |  |  |  |
|  | British | Irish | Other | Mixed | Asian or Asian British | Black or Black British | Chinese or other ethnic group |
| Bedfordshire | 88.9\% | 1.4\% | 3.1\% | 1.3\% | 3.5\% | 1.3\% | 0.5\% |
| Cambridgeshire | 91.0\% | 0.9\% | 4.1\% | 1.0\% | 1.3\% | 0.6\% | 1.1\% |
| Essex | 94.5\% | 0.9\% | 1.7\% | 0.9\% | 1.0\% | 0.5\% | 0.6\% |
| Hertfordshire | 88.8\% | 1.7\% | 3.2\% | 1.4\% | 3.0\% | 1.1\% | 0.8\% |
| Luton | 65.0\% | 4.6\% | 2.3\% | 2.6\% | 18.3\% | 6.3\% | 0.9\% |
| Norfolk | 96.2\% | 0.5\% | 1.8\% | 0.6\% | 0.4\% | 0.2\% | 0.4\% |
| Peterborough | 85.7\% | 1.1\% | 2.9\% | 1.5\% | 7.0\% | 1.2\% | 0.6\% |
| Southend-on-Sea | 92.9\% | 1.0\% | 1.8\% | 1.1\% | 1.7\% | 0.7\% | 0.7\% |
| Suffolk | 93.7\% | 0.6\% | 2.9\% | 1.1\% | 0.6\% | 0.6\% | 0.5\% |
| Thurrock | 92.8\% | 1.1\% | 1.4\% | 0.9\% | 2.0\% | 1.2\% | 0.6\% |
| East of England | 91.5\% | 1.1\% | 2.5\% | 1.1\% | 2.3\% | 0.9\% | 0.7\% |
| England \& Wales | 87.5\% | 1.2\% | 2.6\% | 1.3\% | 4.4\% | 2.2\% | 0.9\% |

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- As reflected in the Country of Birth table, Luton has a higher proportion of those who describe their ethnic group as 'Irish' than the regional and national averages.
- Luton's main ethnic group, outside the 'White' category, is Asian/Asian British, with around four times the average for England \& Wales. The Black/Black British ethnic group is around three times higher in Luton than nationally, and six times higher than the regional figure.


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## 6 Religion

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## Table 14 - Religion by Ward

|  |  |  |  | entag | eople | relig |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Christian | Buddhist | Hindu | Jewish | Muslim | Sikh | All other religions | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { religion } \end{gathered}$ | Religion not stated |
| Luton | 59.6\% | 0.2\% | 2.7\% | 0.3\% | 14.6\% | 0.8\% | 0.3\% | 14.1\% | 7.2\% |
| Barnfield | 66.6\% | 0.2\% | 4.0\% | 0.8\% | 6.3\% | 2.0\% | 0.3\% | 13.6\% | 6.3\% |
| Biscot | 30.9\% | 0.3\% | 1.9\% | 0.2\% | 50.6\% | 0.8\% | 0.3\% | 8.3\% | 6.7\% |
| Bramingham | 72.9\% | 0.4\% | 3.5\% | 0.4\% | 2.5\% | 0.7\% | 0.2\% | 13.6\% | 5.8\% |
| Challney | 56.6\% | 0.2\% | 5.9\% | 0.4\% | 19.3\% | 1.1\% | 0.4\% | 10.1\% | 6.0\% |
| Crawley | 66.8\% | 0.3\% | 2.9\% | 0.3\% | 5.9\% | 1.1\% | 0.4\% | 14.3\% | 8.0\% |
| Dallow | 30.9\% | 0.2\% | 2.8\% | 0.1\% | 51.3\% | 0.6\% | 0.3\% | 7.6\% | 6.2\% |
| Farley | 63.3\% | 0.3\% | 1.7\% | 0.2\% | 9.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.3\% | 15.6\% | 9.3\% |
| High Town | 59.4\% | 0.6\% | 1.8\% | 0.7\% | 7.2\% | 1.0\% | 0.5\% | 20.5\% | 8.3\% |
| Icknield | 69.9\% | 0.1\% | 3.7\% | 0.3\% | 3.9\% | 1.4\% | 0.5\% | 12.3\% | 7.8\% |
| Leagrave | 66.2\% | 0.2\% | 2.6\% | 0.3\% | 7.1\% | 0.4\% | 0.5\% | 15.1\% | 7.5\% |
| Lewsey | 63.9\% | 0.2\% | 2.8\% | 0.3\% | 5.0\% | 0.5\% | 0.2\% | 17.5\% | 9.6\% |
| Limbury | 70.7\% | 0.1\% | 2.2\% | 0.2\% | 4.4\% | 0.9\% | 0.3\% | 14.1\% | 7.0\% |
| Northwell | 59.5\% | 0.2\% | 3.3\% | 0.1\% | 8.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 20.4\% | 7.4\% |
| Round Green | 68.4\% | 0.3\% | 1.6\% | 0.3\% | 4.1\% | 0.6\% | 0.4\% | 17.6\% | 6.7\% |
| Saints | 42.5\% | 0.1\% | 4.4\% | 0.2\% | 34.7\% | 2.3\% | 0.3\% | 8.0\% | 7.3\% |
| South | 61.7\% | 0.6\% | 1.4\% | 0.3\% | 7.9\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 19.9\% | 7.4\% |
| Stopsley | 75.2\% | 0.2\% | 1.0\% | 0.2\% | 2.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 14.1\% | 6.5\% |
| Sundon Park | 70.6\% | 0.3\% | 2.1\% | 0.2\% | 4.7\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% | 14.7\% | 6.7\% |
| Wigmore | 72.6\% | 0.2\% | 1.7\% | 0.2\% | 1.9\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% | 16.2\% | 6.5\% |

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Figure 5, Religion, by Ward, \%, 2001


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 reproduced with the permission of the Controller of HMSO.- Following on from the ethnicity data, wards with a more mixed ethnicity profile will also have different religious profiles. The Muslim group is highest in wards of Biscot, Dallow and Saints. The majority of those who are of Hindu religion are found within Challney or Saints wards.


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Table 15 - Religion by County/Unitary Authority

|  | Percentage of people stating religion as: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Christian | Buddhist | Hindu | Jewish | Muslim | Sikh | All other religions | No religion | Religion not stated |
| Bedfordshire | 72.5\% | 0.2\% | 0.9\% | 0.2\% | 1.4\% | 0.8\% | 0.2\% | 16.2\% | 7.6\% |
| Cambridgeshire | 71.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% | 0.8\% | 0.1\% | 0.3\% | 18.2\% | 8.2\% |
| Essex | 74.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 0.5\% | 0.6\% | 0.1\% | 0.3\% | 16.5\% | 7.4\% |
| Hertfordshire | 70.2\% | 0.3\% | 1.0\% | 1.6\% | 1.7\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% | 17.1\% | 7.4\% |
| Luton | 59.6\% | 0.2\% | 2.7\% | 0.3\% | 14.6\% | 0.8\% | 0.3\% | 14.1\% | 7.2\% |
| Norfolk | 74.0\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.3\% | 0.0\% | 0.3\% | 16.8\% | 8.2\% |
| Peterborough | 68.3\% | 0.2\% | 0.9\% | 0.1\% | 5.7\% | 0.5\% | 0.2\% | 15.6\% | 8.4\% |
| Southend-on-Sea | 68.6\% | 0.3\% | 0.6\% | 1.7\% | 1.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.4\% | 18.8\% | 8.3\% |
| Suffolk | 74.0\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.4\% | 0.1\% | 0.3\% | 16.6\% | 8.2\% |
| Thurrock | 75.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.6\% | 0.2\% | 1.1\% | 0.7\% | 0.2\% | 15.5\% | 6.5\% |
| East of England | 72.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.6\% | 0.6\% | 1.5\% | 0.2\% | 0.3\% | 16.7\% | 7.8\% |
| England \& Wales | 71.7\% | 0.3\% | 1.1\% | 0.5\% | 3.0\% | 0.6\% | 0.3\% | 14.8\% | 7.7\% |

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- Religion is a new topic to the Census in 2001 . The majority ( $71.7 \%$ ) of those within England \& Wales describe their religion as Christian. After Christianity, Islam is the most common faith (14.6\%), with nearly 3\% describing their religion as Hindu. The religion question was voluntary in the Census; however, over $92 \%$ chose to answer it. (Source: ONS website www.statistics.gov.uk)
- Luton's proportion of those stating their religion as Christian is the lowest in the region, around 9 percentage points below the England \& Wales average. Conversely, the Borough has almost five times the proportion of those stating their religion as Muslim as the national average.


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