

2001 CENSUS – High Town Ward (May 2003 boundary)

Resident Population	
2001 Census	7,062
Persons in households	7,004
Persons in communal establishments	58

Resident Population			
	High Town	Luton average	England & Wales
Average household size (persons per household)	2.07	2.59	2.36

Resident Population – all residents				
	Number	%	Luton %	England & Wales %
Sex				
Male	3,590	50.8%	50.0%	48.7%
Female	3,472	49.2%	50.0%	51.3%
Age				
0 – 15	1,131	16.0%	23.5%	20.2%
16 – 74	5,487	77.7%	71.4%	72.3%
75 and over	444	6.3%	5.1%	7.6%
Health				
General health 'not good'	609	8.6%	8.1%	9.2%
Limiting long-term illness	1,199	17.0%	15.3%	18.2%
Providing unpaid care	599	8.5%	8.7%	10.0%
Ethnicity				
White	5,531	78.3%	71.9%	91.3%
Mixed	178	2.5%	2.6%	1.3%
Asian or Asian British	683	9.7%	18.3%	4.4%
Black or Black British	567	8.0%	6.3%	2.2%
Chinese or Other	103	1.5%	0.9%	0.9%

Education and Qualifications- % of people aged 16-74			
Highest qualification attained:	Percentage	Luton %	England & Wales %
NVQ Level 1	15.4%	18.8%	16.6%
NVQ Level 2	20.4%	19.6%	19.4%
NVQ Level 3	11.4%	8.2%	8.3%
NVQ Level 4/5	23.0%	15.0%	19.8%
Other qualifications/level unknown	5.1%	7.0%	6.9%
No qualifications	24.7%	31.3%	29.1%

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Age - all residents				
	Number	Percentage	Luton %	England & Wales %
0-4	388	5.5%	7.2%	5.9%
5-7	207	2.9%	4.4%	3.7%
8-9	130	1.8%	3.0%	2.6%
10-14	332	4.7%	7.5%	6.6%
15	74	1.0%	1.4%	1.3%
16-17	144	2.0%	2.9%	2.5%
18-19	166	2.4%	2.7%	2.4%
20-24	861	12.2%	8.0%	6.0%
25-29	778	11.0%	7.4%	6.6%
30-44	1,793	25.4%	23.0%	22.5%
45-59	1,090	15.4%	16.3%	18.9%
60-64	255	3.6%	4.3%	4.9%
65-74	400	5.7%	6.9%	8.4%
75-84	325	4.6%	3.8%	5.6%
85-89	72	1.0%	0.9%	1.3%
90 and over	47	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%

Ethnicity - % of all residents			
	Percentage	Luton %	England & Wales %
British	68.0%	65.0%	87.5%
Irish	5.9%	4.7%	1.2%
Other White	4.3%	2.3%	2.6%
White and Black Caribbean	1.2%	1.3%	0.5%
White and Black African	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
White and Asian	0.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Other Mixed	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%
Indian	3.5%	4.1%	2.0%
Pakistani	2.7%	9.2%	1.4%
Bangladeshi	2.9%	4.1%	0.5%
Other Asian	0.5%	0.8%	0.5%
Caribbean	4.4%	4.2%	1.1%
African	2.9%	1.7%	0.9%
Other Black	0.7%	0.5%	0.2%
Chinese	0.8%	0.6%	0.4%
Other Groups	0.7%	0.3%	0.4%

Religion - % of all residents								
Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religions	No religion	Religion not stated
59.4%	0.6%	1.8%	0.7%	7.2%	1.0%	0.5%	20.5%	8.3%

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Households – all households				
	Number	% of total households	Luton %	England & Wales %
Household Composition				
Total Households	3,390	-	-	-
One person households - pensioner	423	12.5%	11.1%	14.4%
One person households - other	1,088	32.1%	17.7%	15.6%
Married couple households (no children)	249	7.4%	10.5%	13.0%
Married couple households (with children)	439	13.0%	25.5%	23.5%
Co-habiting households (no children)	266	7.9%	4.6%	4.7%
Co-habiting households (with children)	121	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%
Lone parent households (dependent children)	168	5.0%	6.9%	5.9%
Lone parent households (non-dependent children only)	83	2.5%	3.5%	3.6%
Other	553	16.3%	16.4%	15.6%
Amenities				
Without central heating	368	10.9%	6.3%	8.5%
Without sole use of bath/shower & toilet	18	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Without a car or van	1,228	36.2%	26.4%	26.8%
Tenure				
Owner-occupied	2,038	60.1%	70.8%	68.9%
Rented from private landlord/letting agency	118	24.3%	10.6%	8.7%
Rented from Council (local authority)	331	9.8%	12.6%	13.2%
Rented from Housing Association/RSL ¹	824	3.5%	3.8%	5.9%
Other	79	2.3%	2.2%	3.2%

Socio-economic Classification - % of people aged 16-74			
	%	Luton %	England & Wales %
Large employers & higher managerial occupations	3.1%	2.7%	3.4%
Higher professional occupations	6.0%	3.8%	5.0%
Lower managerial & professional occupations	19.6%	16.2%	18.6%
Intermediate occupations	10.2%	9.9%	9.4%
Small employers & own account workers	6.1%	6.1%	7.0%
Lower supervisory & technical occupations	7.5%	8.3%	7.1%
Semi-routine occupations	11.5%	13.3%	11.7%
Routine occupations	8.2%	9.9%	9.1%
Never worked	3.1%	5.1%	2.7%
Long-term unemployed	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%
Full-time students	11.9%	9.0%	7.0%
Not classifiable	11.6%	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	3,903	-	-	-
People aged 16-74 who are:				
Full Time employed ²	2,562	46.7%	42.5%	40.6%
Part Time employed	432	7.9%	10.4%	11.8%
Self employed	394	7.2%	6.7%	8.3%
Full time student	283	5.2%	3.9%	3.4%
Unemployed	232	4.2%	3.7%	2.6%
Total Economically Inactive	1,584	-	-	-
People aged 16-74 who are:				
Students	398	7.3%	5.5%	4.7%
Permanently sick/disabled	254	4.6%	4.6%	5.5%
Looking after home/family	297	5.4%	7.6%	6.5%
Retired	433	7.9%	10.9%	13.6%
Other inactive	202	3.7%	4.2%	3.1%
	Number	% of unemployed	Luton %	England & Wales %
% of unemployed people who are:				
Aged 16-24 years	67	28.9%	27.9%	25.9%
Aged 50 and over	38	16.4%	15.7%	18.6%
Who have never worked	19	8.2%	11.5%	9.3%
Who are long-term unemployed ³	70	30.2%	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	17.2%	19.0%	15.0%
Electricity, gas & water supply	0.6%	0.4%	0.7%
Construction	6.2%	7.6%	6.8%
Wholesale/retail trade repair etc.	15.8%	17.3%	16.8%
Hotels & restaurants	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%
Transport, storage & communication	10.6%	10.6%	7.0%
Financial intermediation	3.0%	3.3%	4.7%
Real estate, renting, business activities	15.3%	12.6%	13.0%
Public admin./defence, social security	4.3%	3.7%	5.7%
Education	8.3%	6.9%	7.8%
Health & social work	7.4%	8.6%	10.8%
Other community, social/personal service	6.1%	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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