

# **THE LABOUR MARKET**

**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 Luton's labour market within the context of the East of England region, and also of Luton's wards within the Borough. It considers economic activity and inactivity, industry of employment, and occupational classifications.

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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<b>Table 1 - Economic Activity by Ward – All People</b>						
	All people of working age <sup>1</sup>	Economically active (%)				
		Employees		Self employed	Unemployed	Full time student
		Part time <sup>2</sup>	Full time			
<b>Luton</b>	<b>131,660</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
Barnfield	4,970	11.7%	48.4%	9.9%	2.4%	2.6%
Biscot	8,842	7.0%	31.6%	6.2%	5.8%	5.2%
Bramingham	5,697	12.8%	54.5%	8.5%	1.3%	2.9%
Challney	8,483	8.8%	43.3%	6.7%	3.2%	3.4%
Crawley	5,127	10.7%	45.6%	6.6%	3.6%	2.7%
Dallow	8,774	7.5%	30.8%	5.4%	6.2%	5.2%
Farley	7,629	10.2%	40.0%	5.6%	4.6%	4.8%
High Town	5,487	7.9%	46.7%	7.2%	4.2%	5.2%
Icknield	5,481	12.6%	41.2%	8.4%	2.5%	2.6%
Leagrave	7,815	10.4%	43.3%	6.3%	4.6%	2.4%
Lewsey	8,852	11.3%	42.5%	5.1%	3.9%	2.5%
Limbury	5,590	13.5%	43.8%	7.8%	2.7%	2.6%
Northwell	5,832	10.6%	43.7%	5.5%	5.1%	3.3%
Round Green	7,732	11.6%	46.5%	6.8%	3.4%	2.3%
Saints	7,887	9.0%	36.9%	7.3%	4.5%	3.2%
South	8,170	7.4%	35.5%	6.3%	4.7%	9.5%
Stopsley	5,191	13.0%	45.3%	7.9%	2.2%	2.7%
Sundon Park	5,656	12.2%	45.2%	5.9%	3.4%	2.9%
Wigmore	8,445	12.9%	55.1%	6.8%	2.0%	2.6%

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<sup>1</sup> Working age population is 16-74 years.

<sup>2</sup> Working 30 or fewer hours per week

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- Table 1 shows that Biscot and Dallow wards have the lowest proportion of people in full time and part time jobs. These wards also have the highest proportion of ethnic minorities (of 65.0% and 66.7% respectively), who tend to have lower participation rates of females in the workforce. Table 11 supports this, whereby Biscot and Dallow have significantly higher proportions of females looking after the home or family than other wards (24.9% and 27.0% respectively, compared to Saints, the ward with the third highest proportion – 20.8% - of females looking after the home or family) Barnfield has the highest proportion of individuals that are self employed – 9.9% - compared to Lewsey, Dallow and Farley, all of which have proportions below 6%;
- South ward has a considerably higher proportion of full time, economically active students than any other ward, but this is easily explained by the presence of the University of Luton within the ward, and consequently student accommodation. One of the changes in the 2001 Census compared to that ten years earlier was the move to enumerate students at their term time address. Consequently, it is to be expected that South ward would have the highest proportion of students in the Borough. Table 5 also supports this notion, with South having the highest proportion of economically inactive students (12.6%);
- The highest proportions of unemployed are to be found in Biscot and Dallow. It should be noted that this definition of unemployed does not correspond to the Government's definition of the unemployment rate, introduced in December 2002. This defines unemployment as the number of people claiming benefit as a proportion of the resident population of the area. The figures shown in Table 1 are those people who are unemployed as a proportion of the economically active population (i.e. those that have a job and those that do not have a job but are looking for one).

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<b>Table 2 - Economic Activity by County/Unitary Authority – All People</b>						
	All people of working age <sup>3</sup>	Economically active (%)				
		Employees		Self employed	Unemployed	Full time student
		Part time <sup>4</sup>	Full time			
Bedfordshire	276,279	12.0%	46.1%	9.0%	2.5%	2.4%
Cambridgeshire	406,591	12.0%	44.6%	9.0%	2.1%	2.5%
Essex	945,557	12.5%	42.0%	9.8%	2.5%	2.2%
Hertfordshire	746,008	12.0%	45.4%	9.9%	2.1%	2.6%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>131,660</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
Norfolk	575,464	13.2%	37.9%	9.5%	3.0%	2.1%
Peterborough	111,688	12.5%	44.8%	6.4%	3.3%	2.2%
Southend-on-Sea	111,789	12.0%	40.0%	8.9%	3.7%	2.1%
Suffolk	476,072	13.8%	40.9%	9.3%	2.7%	2.1%
Thurrock	102,996	12.6%	46.0%	7.1%	3.4%	2.1%
East of England	3,884,104	12.5%	42.6%	9.3%	2.6%	2.3%
England and Wales	37,607,438	11.8%	40.6%	8.3%	3.4%	2.6%

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- Considering economic activity in Luton compared to other areas in the East of England region, the Borough has the highest proportions of full time students and unemployed, and the second lowest proportion of self employed individuals. In terms of how Luton compares with the regional and national averages, it lags behind with regard to the proportion of the economically active population that are self employed, being more than two percentage points below that of the East of England figure. A similar picture is painted as regards the proportion of economically active people who are unemployed, Luton having a figure above the England and Wales average, and more than one percentage point above that of the regional average;

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<sup>4</sup> Working 30 or fewer hours per week

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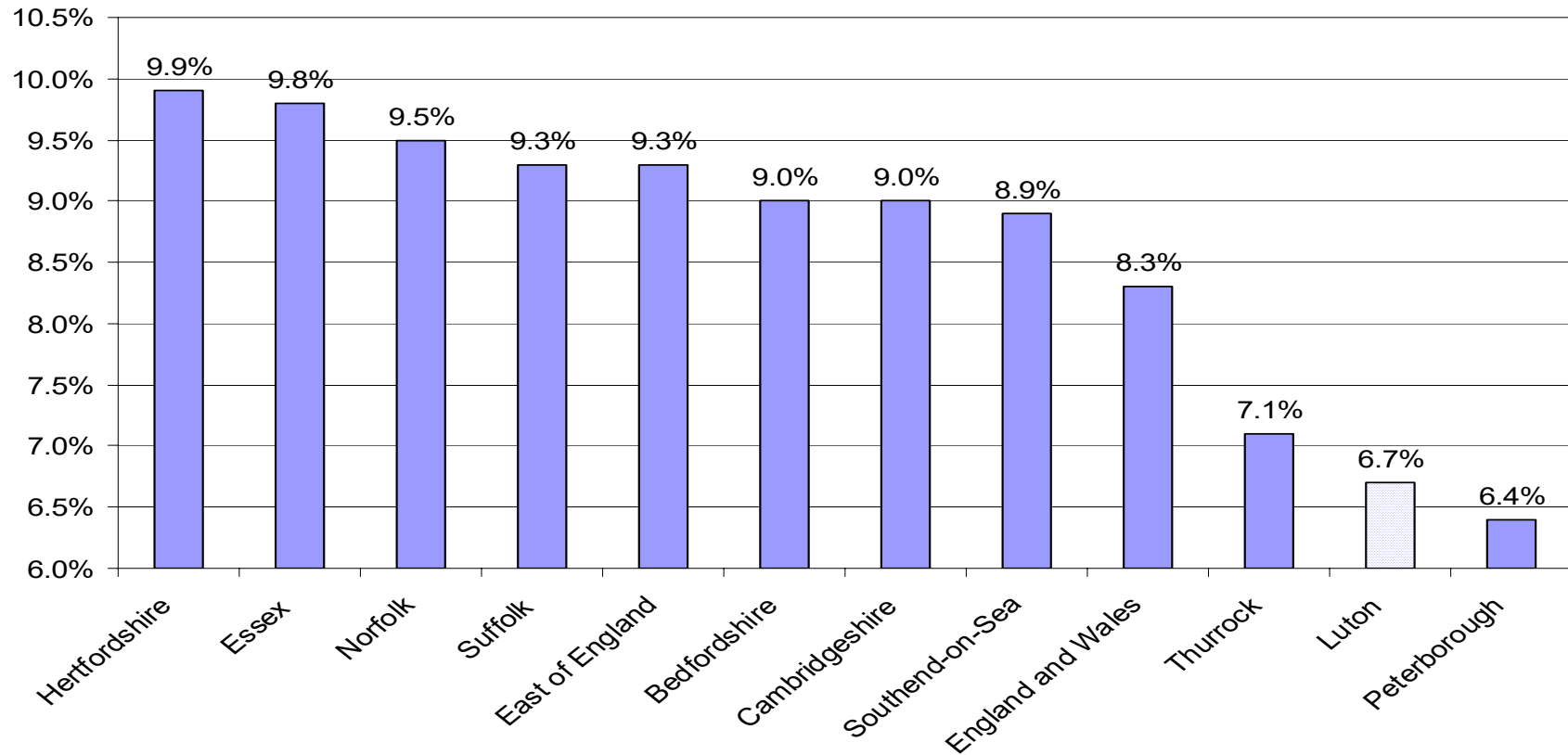


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- Figure 1 highlights the extent to which Luton lags behind other areas in the East of England region with regard to the proportion of economically active people who are self employed.

**Figure 1 Self-employment, % of economically active population, 2001**



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<b>Table 3 - Economic Activity by Ward – Males</b>						
	All males of working age <sup>5</sup>	Economically active (%)				
		Employees		Self employed	Unemployed	Full time student
		Part time <sup>6</sup>	Full time			
<b>Luton</b>	<b>66,334</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>53.1%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Barnfield	2,506	2.8%	59.1%	15.5%	2.4%	2.6%
Biscot	4,580	4.7%	40.4%	10.0%	7.6%	5.2%
Bramingham	2,849	2.6%	65.7%	13.2%	1.5%	2.5%
Challney	4,232	2.7%	53.0%	11.3%	4.0%	3.2%
Crawley	2,611	2.3%	57.8%	10.2%	4.1%	2.9%
Dallow	4,588	4.9%	39.6%	9.2%	8.0%	6.0%
Farley	3,778	3.0%	50.7%	9.4%	5.7%	4.0%
High Town	2,871	2.7%	54.1%	10.7%	4.6%	4.5%
Icknield	2,669	3.8%	52.0%	13.3%	3.2%	2.8%
Leagrave	3,833	3.0%	53.6%	10.4%	5.5%	2.5%
Lewsey	4,280	3.0%	55.2%	8.8%	4.9%	2.0%
Limbury	2,789	3.3%	56.6%	12.3%	3.5%	2.1%
Northwell	2,833	3.1%	55.5%	9.5%	6.4%	2.9%
Round Green	3,872	2.7%	58.8%	11.1%	4.3%	2.0%
Saints	3,970	3.4%	46.9%	12.5%	6.3%	3.3%
South	4,365	2.5%	41.1%	9.4%	6.3%	7.9%
Stopsley	2,632	2.6%	58.0%	12.6%	2.6%	2.4%
Sundon Park	2,859	2.9%	57.6%	9.2%	4.3%	2.7%
Wigmore	4,217	2.3%	69.2%	10.2%	2.2%	2.3%

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<b>Table 4 - Economic Activity by County/Unitary Authority – Males</b>						
	All males of working age <sup>7</sup>	Economically active (%)				
		Employees		Self employed	Unemployed	Full time student
		Part time <sup>8</sup>	Full time			
Bedfordshire	138,107	2.7%	58.3%	13.5%	3.0%	2.3%
Cambridgeshire	203,733	3.0%	56.6%	12.8%	2.5%	2.3%
Essex	467,290	2.9%	54.2%	15.2%	3.0%	2.0%
Hertfordshire	368,684	2.9%	57.2%	14.9%	2.6%	2.4%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>66,334</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>53.1%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Norfolk	284,320	3.5%	50.3%	13.9%	3.7%	1.9%
Peterborough	54,694	3.7%	58.0%	9.8%	4.2%	2.1%
Southend-on-Sea	54,524	3.4%	50.7%	14.3%	4.9%	2.0%
Suffolk	237,038	3.4%	54.6%	13.6%	3.2%	2.0%
Thurrock	50,565	2.5%	59.2%	12.1%	4.1%	1.9%
East of England	1,925,289	3.1%	54.9%	14.0%	3.2%	2.2%
England and Wales	18,504,583	3.4%	51.5%	12.3%	4.3%	2.4%

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<b>Table 5 - Economic Activity by Ward – Females</b>						
	All females of working age <sup>9</sup>	Economically active (%)				
		Employees		Self employed	Unemployed	Full time student
		Part time <sup>10</sup>	Full time			
<b>Luton</b>	<b>65,326</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Barnfield	2,464	20.8%	37.6%	4.3%	2.4%	2.6%
Biscot	4,262	9.4%	22.1%	2.0%	3.9%	5.2%
Bramingham	2,848	23.1%	43.3%	3.8%	1.2%	3.4%
Challney	4,251	14.9%	33.7%	2.1%	2.4%	3.6%
Crawley	2,516	19.4%	32.9%	2.9%	3.1%	2.4%
Dallow	4,186	10.4%	21.2%	1.3%	4.2%	4.4%
Farley	3,851	17.2%	29.6%	1.8%	3.6%	5.5%
High Town	2,616	13.5%	38.5%	3.4%	3.9%	5.9%
Icknield	2,812	20.9%	31.0%	3.8%	1.9%	2.5%
Leagrave	3,982	17.6%	33.3%	2.3%	3.6%	2.4%
Lewsey	4,572	19.1%	30.6%	1.6%	3.0%	2.9%
Limbury	2,801	23.6%	31.2%	3.2%	2.0%	3.1%
Northwell	2,999	17.7%	32.6%	1.6%	3.8%	3.7%
Round Green	3,860	20.5%	34.1%	2.5%	2.5%	2.6%
Saints	3,917	14.6%	26.7%	2.0%	2.7%	3.1%
South	3,805	12.9%	29.1%	2.7%	2.9%	11.4%
Stopsley	2,559	23.8%	32.3%	3.1%	1.8%	2.9%
Sundon Park	2,797	21.7%	32.6%	2.6%	2.4%	3.1%
Wigmore	4,228	23.5%	41.1%	3.3%	1.8%	2.8%

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<b>Table 6 - Economic Activity by County/Unitary Authority – Females</b>						
	All females of working age <sup>11</sup>	Economically active (%)				
		Employees		Self employed	Unemployed	Full time student
		Part time <sup>12</sup>	Full time			
Bedfordshire	138,172	21.2%	34.0%	4.6%	2.1%	2.6%
Cambridgeshire	202,858	21.0%	32.5%	5.1%	1.8%	2.7%
Essex	478,267	21.8%	30.0%	4.5%	2.0%	2.3%
Hertfordshire	377,324	20.9%	33.8%	4.9%	1.7%	2.7%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>65,326</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Norfolk	291,144	22.7%	25.7%	5.1%	2.3%	2.3%
Peterborough	56,994	21.0%	32.1%	3.1%	2.6%	2.3%
Southend-on-Sea	57,265	20.3%	29.9%	3.8%	2.5%	2.1%
Suffolk	239,034	24.1%	27.4%	5.0%	2.1%	2.3%
Thurrock	52,431	22.3%	33.2%	2.4%	2.7%	2.3%
East of England	1,958,815	21.7%	30.5%	4.6%	2.1%	2.5%
England and Wales	19,102,855	20.0%	30.0%	4.4%	2.5%	2.8%

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# 2 Economic Inactivity

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<b>Table 7 - Economic Inactivity by Ward – All People</b>								
	Economically inactive (%)					% of unemployed		% of unemployed who have never worked
	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Permanently sick or disabled	Other	Aged 16-24	Aged 50+	
<b>Luton</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
Barnfield	10.2%	4.3%	6.0%	2.4%	2.1%	21.8%	16.8%	8.4%
Biscot	7.3%	10.4%	12.8%	5.7%	8.1%	33.1%	11.5%	18.1%
Bramingham	9.0%	2.2%	4.6%	2.3%	1.7%	19.7%	19.7%	5.3%
Challney	13.0%	4.6%	7.4%	4.8%	4.7%	22.7%	20.5%	12.8%
Crawley	12.4%	4.7%	6.8%	4.0%	2.9%	29.7%	12.4%	3.2%
Dallow	7.8%	9.3%	13.8%	5.9%	8.1%	30.4%	13.1%	16.8%
Farley	11.1%	6.0%	7.1%	6.0%	4.6%	30.3%	11.0%	11.9%
High Town	7.9%	7.3%	5.4%	4.6%	3.7%	28.9%	16.4%	8.2%
Icknield	17.8%	3.3%	5.5%	3.5%	2.5%	20.3%	23.2%	7.2%
Leagrave	11.4%	3.8%	7.9%	5.4%	4.6%	29.7%	16.8%	13.4%
Lewsey	13.6%	3.7%	7.6%	5.9%	3.9%	28.9%	12.1%	9.0%
Limbury	14.3%	3.0%	5.3%	4.1%	2.8%	28.8%	17.0%	13.7%
Northwell	7.8%	4.3%	9.8%	5.5%	4.4%	31.4%	13.5%	8.4%
Round Green	12.6%	3.0%	6.4%	3.9%	3.6%	26.7%	18.3%	10.3%
Saints	9.3%	7.7%	11.0%	5.2%	5.9%	27.3%	19.2%	15.5%
South	9.5%	12.6%	4.9%	5.5%	4.3%	21.6%	20.5%	8.6%
Stopsley	15.2%	2.6%	5.6%	3.1%	2.5%	23.5%	25.2%	5.2%
Sundon Park	13.0%	3.4%	6.7%	4.3%	2.9%	29.8%	13.1%	8.9%
Wigmore	6.9%	3.4%	5.4%	2.6%	2.3%	22.8%	14.6%	5.8%

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- Luton has a relatively young population compared to other areas. For example, whilst 18.1% of Norfolk's resident population are aged 15 and under, in Luton 23.5% are under 16. It is because of this that Luton has the lowest proportion of retired people with the economically inactive population in the East of England region, just 10.9%, compared to 15.4% in Suffolk (see table 8). Within the Borough, Wigmore has the lowest retired population (6.9%) whilst Stopsley has the highest (15.2%);
- Compared to the other counties and unitary authorities in the East of England, the proportion of the unemployed accounted for by those aged over 50 in Luton is the second lowest, at 15.7%. Within Luton, over a fifth of the unemployed in Challney, Icknield, South and Stopsley are aged over 50, whilst in Northwell, almost a third of all those unemployed are aged between 16 and 24. There is thus a high incidence of youth unemployment within this ward, and investigations into the reasons why this should be the case and a consideration of remedial action is necessary if this issue is to be effectively addressed;
- When the age groups are considered by gender (tables 8 to 11), it is interesting to note that within the East of England region, Luton's figures for males are slightly below, or about the regional average, whilst the figure for females aged 16-24 who are unemployed is the highest in the region, and the figure for females aged 50 and over is the lowest in the region.
- The Borough has a high proportion of the unemployed who have never worked. At 11.5%, this is more than five percentage points above the regional average, and almost three percentage points above the next highest area in the region, Thurrock, where 8.8% of the unemployed have never worked. With 11.5% being the average for Luton, there are several wards in Luton where the proportion of the unemployed that have never worked exceeds this figure. Notably, Biscot, Dallow and Saints have the highest figures, reaching almost a fifth in Biscot (18.1%). Conversely, just 3.2% of the unemployed in Crawley have never worked.
- When the proportion of the unemployed who have never worked is split by gender, Luton once again shows the highest figures in the East of England region: 9.8% for males (see table 10) and 14.5% for females (see table 12). The figure for females is significantly higher than (more than double) that of the regional average of 6.3%.

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<b>Table 8 - Economic Inactivity by County/Unitary Authority – All People</b>								
	Economically inactive (%)					% of unemployed		% of unemployed who have never worked
	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Permanently sick or disabled	Other	Aged 16-24	Aged 50+	
Bedfordshire	12.4%	3.7%	6.2%	3.3%	2.4%	25.3%	20.7%	6.0%
Cambridgeshire	12.1%	6.7%	5.7%	3.1%	2.2%	25.7%	20.7%	4.4%
Essex	14.6%	3.0%	7.2%	4.0%	2.4%	26.3%	21.3%	5.7%
Hertfordshire	12.7%	3.6%	6.5%	3.0%	2.3%	24.7%	20.9%	4.9%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
Norfolk	16.9%	3.3%	6.6%	5.0%	2.6%	25.3%	23.1%	5.8%
Peterborough	12.4%	2.9%	7.2%	5.0%	3.2%	30.5%	15.4%	8.7%
Southend-on-Sea	14.8%	3.0%	7.7%	4.9%	3.0%	23.5%	20.0%	7.8%
Suffolk	15.4%	2.6%	6.7%	4.1%	2.5%	25.9%	22.2%	5.4%
Thurrock	11.8%	2.2%	7.6%	4.5%	2.8%	30.0%	16.2%	8.8%
East of England	14.0%	3.6%	6.7%	3.9%	2.5%	26.0%	20.8%	6.1%
England and Wales	13.6%	4.7%	6.5%	5.5%	3.1%	25.9%	18.6%	9.3%

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<b>Table 9 - Economic Inactivity by Ward – Males</b>								
	Economically inactive (%)					% of unemployed		% of unemployed who have never worked
	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Permanently sick or disabled	Other	Aged 16-24	Aged 50+	
<b>Luton</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
Barnfield	9.0%	4.5%	0.5%	2.3%	1.4%	17.0%	15.3%	13.6%
Biscot	7.4%	10.3%	1.6%	7.1%	5.8%	30.7%	12.3%	13.8%
Bramingham	7.8%	2.3%	0.3%	2.3%	1.8%	20.9%	27.9%	7.0%
Challney	12.3%	4.6%	0.9%	4.8%	3.2%	22.9%	22.9%	9.4%
Crawley	10.7%	5.2%	0.9%	4.3%	1.7%	36.5%	14.0%	3.7%
Dallow	7.9%	9.8%	1.7%	6.6%	6.5%	25.4%	15.6%	12.6%
Farley	9.4%	5.9%	1.3%	6.4%	4.2%	29.0%	13.1%	11.7%
High Town	7.2%	7.1%	0.8%	4.9%	3.4%	22.9%	21.4%	4.6%
Icknield	15.9%	3.3%	0.5%	3.2%	2.2%	16.7%	25.0%	6.0%
Leagrave	10.6%	4.1%	1.3%	5.9%	3.2%	24.1%	19.8%	9.4%
Lewsey	12.2%	3.6%	0.8%	6.6%	2.8%	33.7%	14.7%	10.0%
Limbury	12.3%	3.0%	0.4%	4.3%	2.2%	30.6%	19.4%	13.3%
Northwell	7.0%	4.8%	1.5%	5.8%	3.5%	33.0%	14.3%	7.7%
Round Green	11.9%	2.8%	0.7%	3.8%	2.0%	26.4%	22.2%	8.4%
Saints	8.6%	7.8%	1.4%	4.9%	4.9%	24.2%	22.2%	11.7%
South	9.3%	12.4%	0.8%	6.4%	4.1%	17.5%	23.4%	8.8%
Stopsley	14.0%	2.5%	0.4%	3.3%	1.6%	25.0%	25.0%	5.9%
Sundon Park	11.7%	3.8%	0.5%	4.6%	2.8%	30.9%	13.0%	6.5%
Wigmore	5.8%	3.2%	0.6%	2.5%	1.7%	22.3%	17.0%	4.3%

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<b>Table 10 - Economic Inactivity by County/Unitary Authority – Males</b>								
	Economically inactive (%)					% of unemployed		% of unemployed who have never worked
	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Permanently sick or disabled	Other	Aged 16-24	Aged 50+	
Bedfordshire	10.5%	3.7%	0.6%	3.3%	2.1%	26.6%	23.1%	6.5%
Cambridgeshire	10.2%	6.9%	0.6%	3.2%	2.0%	27.3%	23.5%	4.4%
Essex	12.6%	3.1%	0.7%	4.3%	1.9%	27.0%	23.3%	5.5%
Hertfordshire	10.9%	3.5%	0.6%	3.1%	2.0%	25.6%	23.5%	4.7%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
Norfolk	14.6%	3.3%	0.9%	5.5%	2.4%	25.1%	25.7%	5.6%
Peterborough	10.5%	2.9%	0.9%	5.4%	2.6%	31.0%	17.3%	7.7%
Southend-on-Sea	12.6%	3.1%	1.0%	5.5%	2.5%	23.6%	21.0%	7.4%
Suffolk	13.3%	2.6%	0.7%	4.3%	2.3%	26.7%	25.2%	5.6%
Thurrock	9.9%	2.2%	1.0%	5.0%	2.2%	29.7%	17.7%	9.4%
East of England	12.0%	3.7%	0.7%	4.2%	2.2%	26.5%	23.2%	5.9%
England and Wales	11.7%	4.8%	0.9%	6.1%	2.7%	26.1%	20.7%	8.7%

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<b>Table 11 - Economic Inactivity by Ward – Females</b>								
	Economically inactive (%)					% of unemployed		% of unemployed who have never worked
	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Permanently sick or disabled	Other	Aged 16-24	Aged 50+	
<b>Luton</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
Barnfield	11.4%	4.1%	11.6%	2.4%	2.8%	26.7%	18.3%	5.0%
Biscot	7.1%	10.5%	24.9%	4.3%	10.6%	38.2%	9.7%	27.3%
Bramingham	10.3%	2.1%	9.0%	2.3%	1.5%	18.2%	9.1%	0.0%
Challney	13.8%	4.6%	13.9%	4.9%	6.1%	22.3%	16.5%	18.5%
Crawley	14.2%	4.2%	13.0%	3.7%	4.1%	20.5%	10.3%	3.9%
Dallow	7.8%	8.7%	27.0%	5.2%	9.8%	40.7%	7.9%	25.4%
Farley	12.8%	6.1%	12.8%	5.6%	5.0%	32.4%	7.9%	12.2%
High Town	8.6%	7.4%	10.5%	4.3%	4.0%	36.6%	9.9%	12.9%
Icknield	19.6%	3.4%	10.2%	3.9%	2.8%	25.9%	20.4%	9.3%
Leagrave	12.3%	3.6%	14.2%	4.9%	5.9%	37.9%	12.4%	19.3%
Lewsey	14.9%	3.8%	13.9%	5.3%	4.9%	21.5%	8.2%	7.4%
Limbury	16.4%	3.1%	10.3%	3.9%	3.3%	25.5%	12.7%	14.6%
Northwell	8.5%	3.8%	17.7%	5.2%	5.3%	29.0%	12.3%	9.7%
Round Green	13.4%	3.3%	12.0%	4.0%	5.2%	27.4%	11.6%	13.7%
Saints	10.0%	7.7%	20.8%	5.5%	6.9%	34.6%	12.2%	24.3%
South	9.7%	12.8%	9.6%	4.6%	4.4%	31.5%	13.5%	8.1%
Stopsley	16.3%	2.7%	10.9%	2.9%	3.4%	21.3%	25.5%	6.4%
Sundon Park	14.4%	3.1%	13.0%	4.0%	3.0%	27.9%	13.2%	13.2%
Wigmore	8.1%	3.6%	10.2%	2.6%	2.9%	23.4%	11.7%	7.8%

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<b>Table 12 - Economic Inactivity by County/Unitary Authority – Females</b>								
	Economically inactive (%)					% of unemployed		% of unemployed who have never worked
	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Permanently sick or disabled	Other	Aged 16-24	Aged 50+	
Bedfordshire	14.3%	3.6%	11.8%	3.2%	2.7%	23.3%	17.2%	5.2%
Cambridgeshire	14.0%	6.5%	10.9%	3.1%	2.4%	23.4%	16.8%	4.5%
Essex	16.5%	2.9%	13.6%	3.7%	2.8%	25.3%	18.5%	5.8%
Hertfordshire	14.5%	3.7%	12.3%	2.9%	2.6%	23.3%	17.1%	5.3%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
Norfolk	19.1%	3.4%	12.2%	4.4%	2.9%	25.6%	19.0%	6.2%
Peterborough	14.2%	2.8%	13.4%	4.7%	3.8%	29.7%	12.4%	10.2%
Southend-on-Sea	16.8%	2.9%	14.1%	4.4%	3.4%	23.3%	18.2%	8.5%
Suffolk	17.4%	2.6%	12.6%	3.8%	2.8%	24.7%	17.6%	5.1%
Thurrock	13.6%	2.2%	14.0%	4.1%	3.3%	30.4%	14.0%	7.9%
East of England	15.9%	3.6%	12.7%	3.7%	2.8%	25.1%	17.3%	6.3%
England and Wales	15.5%	4.7%	11.9%	5.0%	3.5%	25.6%	15.0%	10.2%

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# 3 Industry of Employment

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<b>Table 13 - Industry of employment by Ward – All People (1)</b>							
	% people aged 16-74 in employment						
	Agriculture, hunting & forestry	Fishing	Mining & Quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas & water supply	Construction	Wholesale & retail trade
<b>Luton</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>17.3%</b>
Barnfield	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	15.7%	0.4%	7.0%	14.7%
Biscot	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	17.4%	0.3%	5.0%	18.3%
Bramingham	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	18.3%	0.4%	7.3%	16.8%
Challney	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	18.1%	0.3%	7.0%	16.5%
Crawley	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	23.1%	0.4%	7.2%	16.4%
Dallow	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	20.4%	0.2%	5.1%	18.2%
Farley	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	17.4%	0.4%	9.0%	16.7%
High Town	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	17.2%	0.6%	6.2%	15.8%
Icknield	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	18.3%	0.5%	7.4%	17.4%
Leagrave	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	18.8%	0.1%	7.8%	18.7%
Lewsey	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	19.1%	0.4%	8.0%	19.5%
Limbury	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	18.4%	0.2%	10.5%	17.7%
Northwell	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	20.7%	0.5%	8.1%	19.7%
Round Green	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	20.1%	0.5%	8.7%	16.3%
Saints	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	20.4%	0.4%	7.8%	18.1%
South	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	15.9%	0.5%	7.4%	16.9%
Stopsley	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	19.8%	0.7%	8.7%	15.6%
Sundon Park	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	21.6%	0.6%	9.7%	19.7%
Wigmore	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	20.7%	0.4%	6.9%	16.4%

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<b>Table 14 - Industry of Employment by Ward - All People (2)</b>								
	Hotels, catering & repairs	Transport, storage & communication	Financial intermediation	Real estate, renting & business activities	Public administration & defence	Education	Health & social work	Other
<b>Luton</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
Barnfield	2.9%	8.4%	6.7%	15.2%	5.0%	11.4%	7.5%	4.7%
Biscot	8.2%	11.4%	2.4%	14.3%	3.9%	6.2%	8.2%	4.1%
Bramingham	4.0%	9.2%	6.1%	13.5%	4.1%	8.0%	8.0%	3.9%
Challney	4.7%	10.1%	3.1%	12.7%	3.5%	5.5%	13.2%	4.9%
Crawley	4.4%	11.6%	2.5%	12.6%	3.0%	5.9%	7.9%	4.6%
Dallow	8.4%	12.9%	1.8%	13.0%	3.3%	5.5%	7.5%	3.7%
Farley	5.6%	10.6%	2.5%	12.1%	3.8%	7.0%	9.2%	5.2%
High Town	4.8%	10.6%	3.0%	15.3%	4.3%	8.3%	7.4%	6.1%
Icknield	3.6%	7.9%	3.8%	13.5%	4.2%	9.5%	8.9%	4.4%
Leagrave	4.2%	10.7%	2.5%	11.5%	3.8%	6.1%	10.4%	4.9%
Lewsey	3.7%	10.7%	2.3%	11.3%	2.9%	5.0%	11.2%	5.6%
Limbury	4.2%	8.2%	3.4%	10.8%	4.0%	8.1%	9.5%	4.9%
Northwell	5.3%	10.1%	2.5%	10.9%	3.6%	5.3%	8.2%	4.7%
Round Green	4.9%	11.6%	2.9%	12.1%	3.9%	6.5%	7.6%	4.6%
Saints	6.0%	10.5%	2.7%	11.2%	3.4%	7.2%	8.4%	3.4%
South	7.2%	10.6%	3.4%	14.7%	3.5%	6.8%	7.2%	5.4%
Stopsley	3.2%	10.5%	3.4%	12.4%	4.3%	8.5%	7.9%	4.5%
Sundon Park	4.5%	9.3%	3.1%	9.8%	3.2%	5.5%	8.3%	4.5%
Wigmore	3.4%	13.2%	4.9%	12.8%	3.9%	6.6%	6.3%	3.9%

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- Luton is known for its manufacturing industry, and thus it is expected that of all the counties and unitary authorities within the East of England, it has the highest proportion of employees employed in manufacturing (19% - see figure 2). The Borough also has relatively high proportions of employment within hotels and catering, transport, storage and communication, the latter being primarily the product of London-Luton Airport.
- At ward level, manufacturing accounts for a fifth of all employees in employment in the following wards: Dallow, Crawley, Northwell, Round Green, Saints, Sundon Park and Wigmore. The data is organised by residence of employees rather than by their workplace, so just because these wards have the highest proportion of employees employed within manufacturing, this does not imply that the manufacturing companies at which they work are based in those wards. It is therefore incorrect to say that most manufacturing occurs within these wards without further evidence.
- Within the East of England region, Luton has one of the lowest proportions of employees employed within financial intermediation: 3.3%, compared to a regional average of 5.8%, and is nine percentage points below the figure for Southend-on-Sea, the authority with the highest proportion of employees working within this sector (see figure 2). Bramingham has by far the highest proportion of employees employed within financial intermediation within Luton, at 6.1%.

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<b>Table 15 - Industry of employment by County/Unitary Authority – All People (1)</b>							
	% people aged 16-74 in employment						
	Agriculture, hunting & forestry	Fishing	Mining & Quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas & water supply	Construction	Wholesale & retail trade
Bedfordshire	1.4%	0.0%	0.2%	16.3%	0.7%	7.5%	17.5%
Cambridgeshire	2.6%	0.0%	0.1%	15.6%	0.6%	6.5%	15.1%
Essex	1.5%	0.0%	0.1%	13.4%	0.6%	8.7%	17.0%
Hertfordshire	1.0%	0.0%	0.2%	13.0%	0.5%	7.0%	17.8%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>17.3%</b>
Norfolk	3.8%	0.1%	0.5%	15.2%	0.5%	7.9%	18.0%
Peterborough	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	16.1%	0.6%	5.6%	19.3%
Southend-on-Sea	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	11.0%	0.6%	7.5%	15.3%
Suffolk	3.1%	0.1%	0.3%	15.3%	1.1%	7.5%	17.0%
Thurrock	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	14.0%	0.7%	8.7%	21.6%
East of England	1.9%	0.0%	0.2%	14.5%	0.6%	7.6%	17.3%
England and Wales	1.5%	0.0%	0.3%	15.0%	0.7%	6.8%	16.8%

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<b>Table 16 - Industry of Employment by County/Unitary Authority - All People (2)</b>								
	Hotels, catering & repairs	Transport, storage & communication	Financial inter-mediation	Real estate, renting & business activities	Public administration & defence	Education	Health & social work	Other
Bedfordshire	3.6%	7.4%	3.5%	14.8%	5.4%	8.2%	8.9%	4.8%
Cambridgeshire	3.6%	6.2%	2.7%	15.9%	5.9%	10.5%	10.1%	4.8%
Essex	3.7%	7.4%	8.8%	12.9%	4.9%	6.9%	9.5%	4.6%
Hertfordshire	3.7%	7.8%	5.8%	17.1%	4.6%	7.5%	8.9%	5.2%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
Norfolk	5.5%	5.4%	4.7%	9.8%	5.5%	6.8%	11.3%	5.0%
Peterborough	4.3%	8.6%	6.9%	11.1%	6.4%	6.3%	9.5%	4.2%
Southend-on-Sea	3.9%	6.9%	12.3%	12.4%	6.0%	7.3%	10.8%	5.6%
Suffolk	4.9%	8.6%	3.8%	10.4%	5.6%	6.0%	10.3%	6.0%
Thurrock	4.2%	10.6%	7.8%	10.5%	4.0%	5.7%	7.4%	4.0%
East of England	4.2%	7.4%	5.8%	13.3%	5.2%	7.3%	9.7%	5.0%
England and Wales	4.8%	7.0%	4.7%	13.0%	5.7%	7.8%	10.8%	5.2%

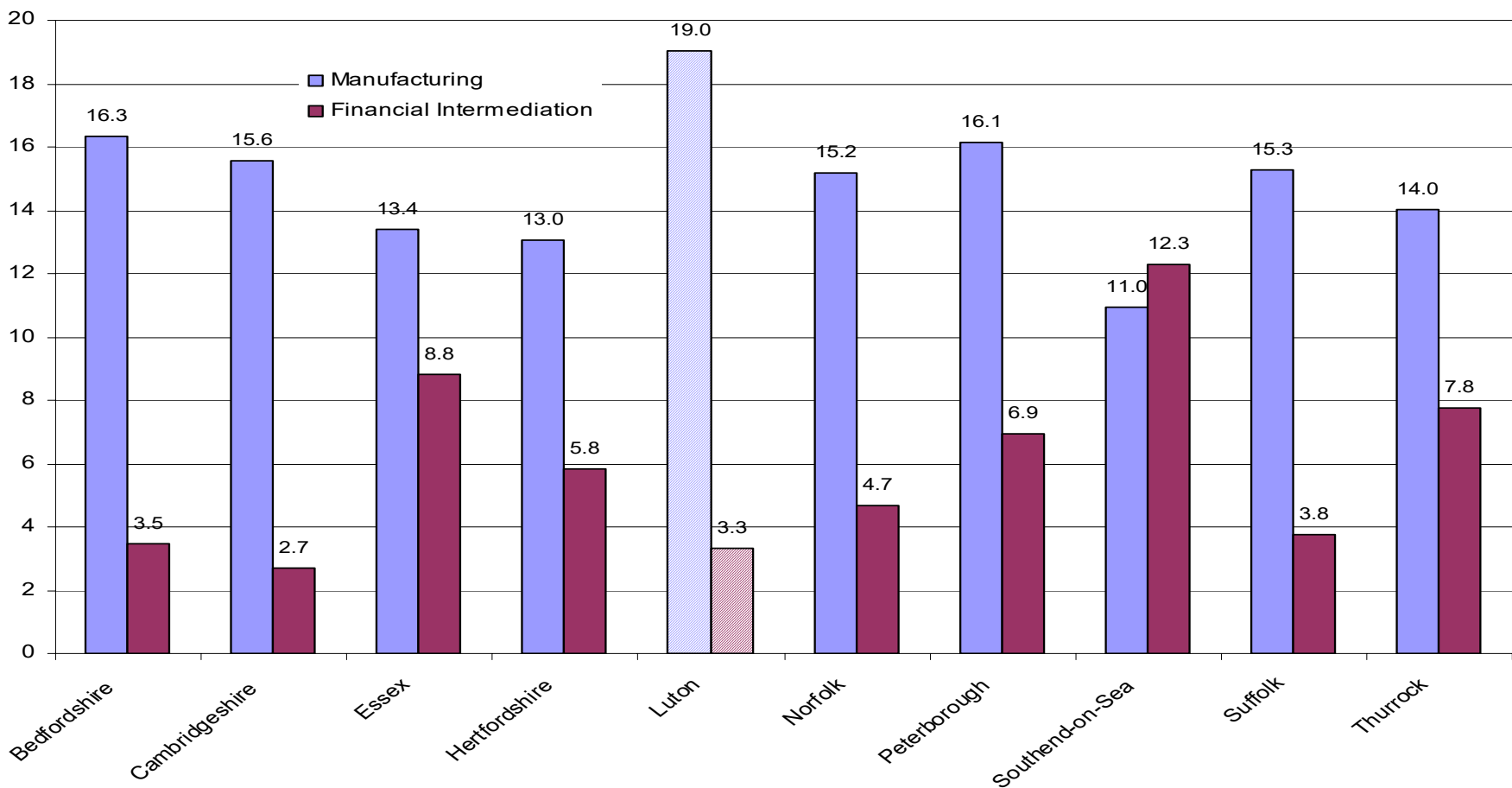
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**Figure 2 Employment in Manufacturing and Financial Intermediation within the East of England, %, 2001**



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# 4 Occupation

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<b>Table 17 - Occupation Groups by Ward, all people aged 16-74 in employment</b>									
	Mangers & senior officials	Professional	Associate professional & technical	Administrative & secretarial	Skilled trades	Personal service	Sales & customer services	Process, plant & machine operatives	Elementary Occupations
<b>Luton</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
Barnfield	20.5%	15.7%	14.4%	15.7%	10.1%	5.4%	5.9%	5.9%	6.4%
Biscot	10.2%	9.7%	10.2%	12.0%	10.7%	6.2%	8.9%	15.1%	17.1%
Bramingham	19.2%	10.7%	15.1%	16.5%	10.9%	5.9%	7.6%	7.2%	7.0%
Challney	11.5%	8.9%	13.4%	14.1%	11.5%	6.8%	7.0%	13.7%	13.0%
Crawley	9.8%	7.4%	10.6%	13.9%	14.0%	7.6%	8.2%	15.2%	13.2%
Dallow	8.3%	6.3%	9.9%	11.2%	10.9%	6.4%	9.1%	18.6%	19.3%
Farley	10.3%	8.0%	10.3%	12.8%	13.2%	7.9%	8.3%	13.5%	15.8%
High Town	13.6%	12.6%	13.9%	14.1%	10.6%	6.6%	7.7%	9.3%	11.5%
Icknield	15.6%	11.1%	11.9%	16.2%	12.8%	6.4%	8.0%	8.5%	9.6%
Leagrave	10.2%	6.0%	10.8%	14.1%	13.9%	8.7%	7.8%	13.3%	15.2%
Lewsey	10.5%	5.5%	10.0%	12.5%	13.2%	8.5%	8.3%	13.9%	17.7%
Limbury	12.0%	8.5%	11.4%	14.0%	14.3%	7.1%	7.8%	11.8%	13.1%
Northwell	10.1%	5.8%	9.2%	13.9%	13.8%	8.0%	9.7%	14.2%	15.3%
Round Green	11.8%	8.0%	11.9%	13.7%	13.4%	6.9%	8.5%	12.6%	13.1%
Saints	10.6%	7.5%	11.2%	12.8%	11.7%	6.3%	7.9%	17.4%	14.6%
South	11.8%	9.3%	12.5%	13.5%	11.4%	6.8%	10.3%	9.1%	15.2%
Stopsley	12.7%	8.1%	12.5%	16.3%	14.6%	7.4%	7.9%	10.5%	10.0%
Sundon Park	11.1%	5.2%	10.0%	15.4%	16.3%	6.2%	8.5%	12.8%	14.6%
Wigmore	15.1%	8.2%	14.0%	15.8%	12.9%	7.3%	8.1%	9.5%	9.2%

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<b>Table 18 - Occupation Groups by County/Local Authority, all people aged 16-74 in employment</b>									
	Mangers & senior officials	Professional	Associate professional & technical	Administrative & secretarial	Skilled trades	Personal service	Sales & customer services	Process, plant & machine operatives	Elementary Occupations
Bedfordshire	17.8%	11.7%	13.7%	13.3%	11.8%	6.2%	6.9%	8.2%	10.6%
Cambridgeshire	16.4%	14.7%	13.8%	12.3%	11.3%	6.5%	6.0%	7.9%	11.0%
Essex	16.8%	9.9%	13.9%	15.2%	12.2%	6.7%	7.2%	7.6%	10.7%
Hertfordshire	19.2%	13.2%	14.8%	14.2%	10.0%	6.2%	6.9%	6.0%	9.6%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
Norfolk	13.8%	8.7%	12.4%	11.6%	14.3%	7.5%	8.0%	9.6%	14.2%
Peterborough	14.0%	9.2%	13.2%	14.0%	10.9%	6.7%	9.0%	9.2%	13.8%
Southend-on-Sea	15.9%	9.9%	14.2%	17.0%	11.0%	7.2%	7.9%	6.6%	10.2%
Suffolk	14.5%	9.4%	12.8%	12.2%	13.8%	7.3%	7.4%	9.6%	13.2%
Thurrock	13.2%	6.3%	11.2%	16.6%	12.6%	5.9%	10.4%	10.9%	13.0%
East of England	16.3%	10.8%	13.6%	13.7%	12.1%	6.7%	7.3%	8.1%	11.5%
England and Wales	15.1%	11.2%	13.8%	13.3%	11.6%	6.9%	7.7%	8.5%	11.9%

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- The tables showing the proportion of Luton residents employed within particular occupations show a clear pattern. Relative to other counties/unitary authorities within the East of England, Luton has fewer employees within higher occupations such as managers and senior officials, professional occupations, and more within lower occupation groups such as process, plant, and machine operatives (figure 3). There is also a distinct pattern within Luton's wards (figure 4);
- Of all the counties/unitary authorities in the East of England, Luton has the lowest proportion of employees who are employed as managers and senior officials: 12.4%, compared to a regional average of 16.3% (itself over one percentage point higher than the national average) and almost seven percentage points below the equivalent figure for Hertfordshire. Conversely, Luton has a significantly higher proportion of employees that are process, plant and machine operatives, compared to the rest of the East of England: 12.2% of all those who are aged 16-74 and in employment. One explanation for this trend is potentially the younger population within Luton compared to other areas, suggesting that fewer individuals were in a position to reach the higher occupational groups;
- Within Luton, Barnfield and Bramingham wards have the highest proportions of employees employed as managers and senior officials (20.5% and 19.2% respectively) and the lowest proportion employed as process, plant and machine operatives (5.9% and 7.2% respectively). Conversely, for Dallow the opposite is true, with the ward having the lowest proportion of employees employed as managers and senior officials (8.3%) and the highest employed as plant, process and machine operatives (18.6%);
- In all, the Borough compares poorly to the regional and national averages, and with the other counties and unitary authorities within the East of England. There are a variety of factors that are playing a part in this trend, some of which can be addressed in order to improve the Borough's standing on this measure, for example, improvements in the education and vocational attainment of residents, while others are more difficult to influence, such as the age structure of the population. What is clear however, is that changes in the above tables will only occur in the long term;

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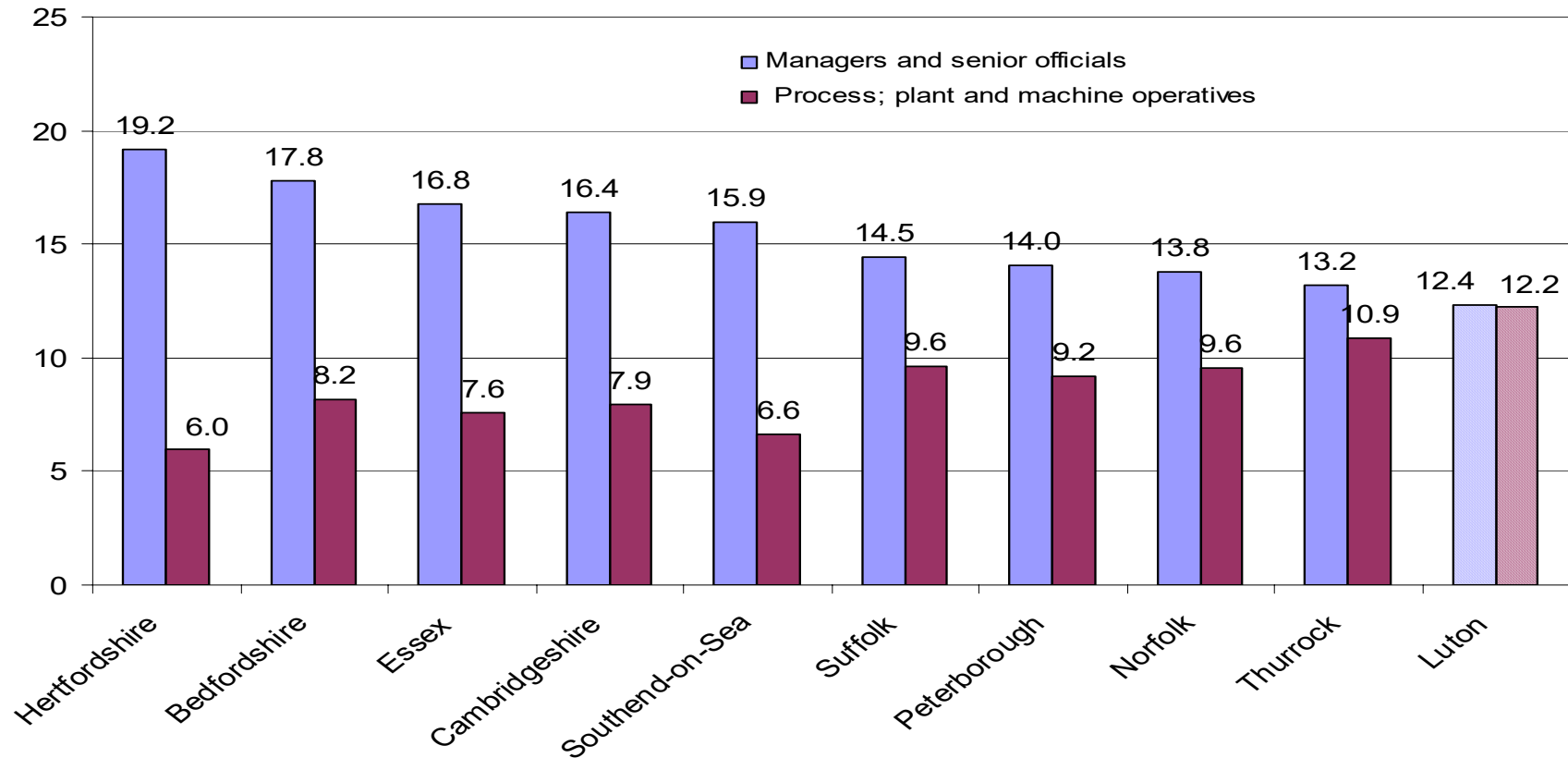


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- A similar picture is shown with regard to the socio-economic classification of occupations shown in tables 19-22, where Luton exhibits the same trends as those described above.

**Figure 3 Employment in Managerial/Senior Official, and Process, Plant and Machine Operative occupations within the East of England, % of people aged 16-74 in employment, 2001**



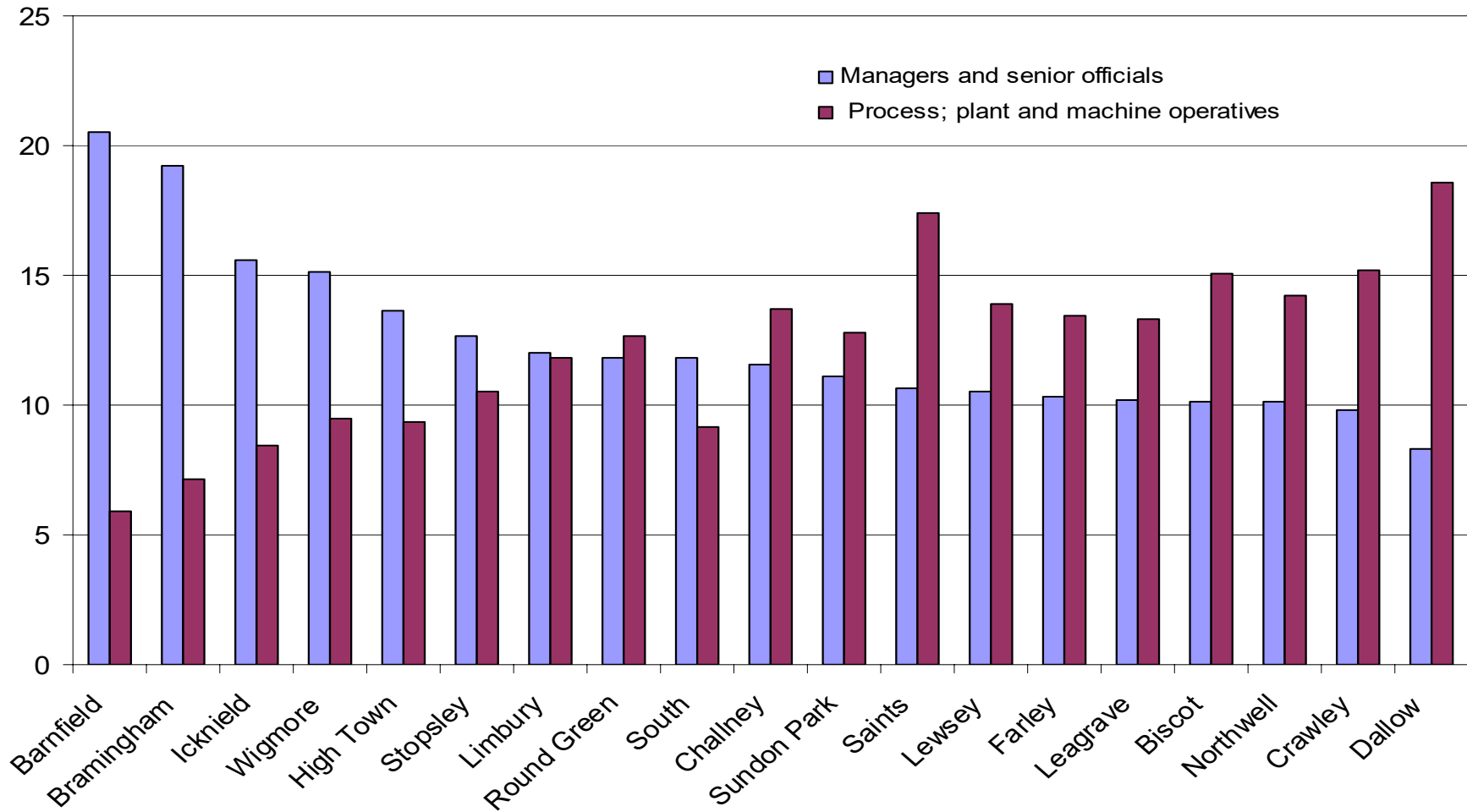
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**Figure 4 Employment in Managerial/Senior Official, and Process, Plant and Machine Operative occupations within Luton, % of people aged 16-74 in employment, 2001**



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<b>Table 19 - Socio-Economic Classification by Ward – (1)</b>							
	No. of people 16-74	% of people aged 16-74					
		Employers & managers in larger organisations	Higher professionals	Lower managerial and professional	Intermediate	Small employers & own account workers	Lower supervisory, technical & related
<b>Luton</b>	<b>131,660</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
Barnfield	4,970	6.0%	7.5%	25.6%	11.8%	7.5%	6.4%
Biscot	8,842	2.0%	3.4%	10.1%	6.8%	5.7%	6.6%
Bramingham	5,697	5.7%	6.5%	26.0%	14.1%	7.0%	7.8%
Challney	8,483	2.2%	4.2%	16.8%	9.8%	6.1%	7.1%
Crawley	5,127	1.9%	3.5%	15.4%	10.6%	6.3%	9.7%
Dallow	8,774	1.1%	2.3%	9.8%	6.2%	5.5%	6.5%
Farley	7,629	2.0%	3.4%	13.4%	8.4%	5.2%	8.4%
High Town	5,487	3.1%	6.0%	19.6%	10.2%	6.1%	7.5%
Icknield	5,481	3.9%	4.6%	19.3%	11.0%	7.1%	7.8%
Leagrave	7,815	2.3%	2.8%	14.3%	10.1%	6.0%	9.3%
Lewsey	8,852	2.0%	2.3%	14.3%	8.8%	4.6%	8.8%
Limbury	5,590	2.6%	3.6%	17.2%	10.6%	7.0%	9.4%
Northwell	5,832	1.9%	2.8%	13.4%	10.0%	5.3%	8.4%
Round Green	7,732	2.4%	3.9%	17.4%	10.5%	6.1%	10.0%
Saints	7,887	1.9%	2.9%	13.1%	8.4%	7.1%	7.9%
South	8,170	2.2%	4.0%	13.9%	8.4%	5.8%	6.6%
Stopsley	5,191	3.2%	4.2%	18.9%	12.4%	7.3%	9.4%
Sundon Park	5,656	2.2%	2.4%	15.3%	11.1%	6.0%	10.3%
Wigmore	8,445	4.5%	4.7%	22.6%	14.1%	5.7%	10.3%

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<b>Table 20 - Socio-Economic Classification by Ward – (2)</b>						
	% of people aged 16-74					
	Semi-routine	Routine	Never worked	Long-term unemployed	Full time students	Not classifiable for other reasons
<b>Luton</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
Barnfield	8.8%	5.1%	1.9%	0.6%	6.7%	11.9%
Biscot	12.6%	9.4%	14.3%	1.5%	15.1%	12.4%
Bramingham	10.6%	5.7%	1.0%	0.2%	5.1%	10.1%
Challney	13.2%	9.5%	5.6%	0.8%	7.8%	16.9%
Crawley	14.8%	11.2%	2.4%	1.1%	7.2%	16.1%
Dallow	14.4%	10.5%	14.5%	1.9%	14.0%	13.4%
Farley	14.0%	11.1%	4.8%	1.5%	10.6%	17.4%
High Town	11.5%	8.2%	3.1%	1.3%	11.9%	11.6%
Icknield	11.1%	6.9%	2.0%	0.7%	5.8%	19.6%
Leagrave	15.2%	12.0%	4.5%	1.4%	6.0%	16.1%
Lewsey	15.6%	14.1%	3.3%	1.1%	6.0%	19.1%
Limbury	13.3%	10.7%	2.5%	0.8%	5.5%	16.8%
Northwell	17.7%	12.9%	5.1%	1.6%	7.6%	13.3%
Round Green	14.2%	10.2%	2.8%	1.0%	5.1%	16.5%
Saints	13.6%	9.9%	10.1%	1.2%	10.5%	13.4%
South	10.6%	8.0%	3.7%	1.4%	21.7%	13.6%
Stopsley	12.1%	8.5%	1.1%	0.5%	5.1%	17.2%
Sundon Park	14.3%	12.7%	3.0%	0.7%	6.1%	15.8%
Wigmore	12.5%	8.3%	1.2%	0.4%	5.9%	9.9%

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<b>Table 21 - Socio-Economic Classification by County/Unitary Authority – (1)</b>							
	No. of people 16-74	% of people aged 16-74					
		Employers & managers in larger organisations	Higher professionals	Lower managerial and professional	Intermediate	Small employers & own account workers	Lower supervisory, technical & related
Bedfordshire	276,279	4.7%	5.7%	21.6%	10.6%	7.6%	7.6%
Cambridgeshire	406,591	4.4%	7.8%	20.0%	9.1%	7.3%	7.0%
Essex	945,557	3.7%	5.0%	20.4%	11.1%	8.4%	7.0%
Hertfordshire	746,008	5.3%	7.1%	23.0%	10.9%	7.7%	6.2%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>131,660</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
Norfolk	575,464	2.5%	3.7%	16.9%	8.3%	8.6%	7.9%
Peterborough	111,688	3.4%	4.4%	18.1%	11.1%	5.5%	7.9%
Southend-on-Sea	111,789	3.0%	4.6%	20.2%	11.7%	7.8%	6.5%
Suffolk	476,072	3.2%	4.3%	18.0%	9.0%	8.1%	8.1%
Thurrock	102,996	2.5%	3.0%	18.0%	11.9%	6.7%	9.5%
East of England	3,884,104	3.8%	5.3%	19.9%	10.1%	7.9%	7.3%
England and Wales	37,607,438	3.4%	5.0%	18.6%	9.4%	7.0%	7.2%

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<b>Table 22 - Socio-Economic Classification by County/Unitary Authority – (2)</b>						
	% of people aged 16-74					
	Semi-routine	Routine	Never worked	Long-term unemployed	Full time students	Not classifiable for other reasons
Bedfordshire	11.1%	8.3%	1.6%	0.6%	5.9%	14.8%
Cambridgeshire	11.0%	8.3%	1.3%	0.5%	9.0%	14.5%
Essex	11.2%	7.7%	1.5%	0.7%	5.0%	18.2%
Hertfordshire	10.0%	6.7%	1.4%	0.5%	6.0%	15.3%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
Norfolk	13.4%	10.5%	1.6%	0.9%	5.3%	20.6%
Peterborough	13.8%	10.8%	3.1%	0.8%	4.8%	16.3%
Southend-on-Sea	11.1%	7.2%	2.2%	1.2%	4.8%	19.5%
Suffolk	13.4%	10.4%	1.4%	0.8%	4.6%	18.7%
Thurrock	14.7%	10.3%	2.2%	0.9%	4.1%	16.1%
East of England	11.8%	8.6%	1.7%	0.7%	5.8%	17.2%
England and Wales	11.7%	9.1%	2.7%	1.0%	7.0%	17.9%

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# 5 Travel To Work

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<b>Table 23 - Travel to Work by Ward – (1)</b>			
	% of people who work mainly from home	% of public transport users in households:	
		With car	Without car
<b>Luton</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>73.0%</b>	<b>26.9%</b>
Barnfield	9.0%	94.6%	5.4%
Biscot	8.9%	63.0%	37.0%
Bramingham	7.3%	93.0%	7.1%
Challney	7.6%	79.2%	20.5%
Crawley	7.8%	76.7%	23.3%
Dallow	8.3%	57.3%	42.6%
Farley	5.3%	65.4%	34.6%
High Town	6.8%	59.2%	40.6%
Icknield	8.3%	87.2%	12.9%
Leagrave	7.0%	67.7%	32.2%
Lewsey	5.9%	70.0%	30.0%
Limbury	7.6%	80.0%	19.8%
Northwell	6.7%	67.1%	32.9%
Round Green	7.2%	75.6%	24.4%
Saints	8.3%	80.3%	19.7%
South	7.6%	53.4%	45.8%
Stopsley	7.7%	81.6%	18.2%
Sundon Park	5.7%	80.1%	19.9%
Wigmore	6.8%	82.8%	17.2%

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<b>Table 24 - Travel to Work by Ward – (2)</b>								
	% of people aged 16-74 who usually travel to work by:							
	Underground, metro, light rail, tram	Train	Bus, mini bus or coach	Driving a car or van	Passenger in car or van	Bicycle	On foot	Other
<b>Luton</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>56.4%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Barnfield	0.3%	7.3%	4.9%	64.3%	5.7%	1.4%	5.5%	1.6%
Biscot	0.2%	5.9%	8.8%	45.9%	8.7%	2.0%	16.9%	2.8%
Bramingham	0.4%	5.7%	4.1%	70.3%	5.9%	1.0%	4.4%	1.1%
Challney	0.2%	4.7%	8.2%	56.5%	7.2%	1.8%	11.5%	2.3%
Crawley	0.1%	3.3%	8.7%	52.7%	6.8%	1.3%	16.9%	2.5%
Dallow	0.2%	4.6%	10.7%	45.7%	9.7%	1.4%	16.0%	3.4%
Farley	0.2%	4.6%	8.9%	50.5%	8.9%	1.3%	17.3%	3.0%
High Town	0.4%	10.4%	5.9%	46.8%	6.1%	1.4%	19.7%	2.5%
Icknield	0.1%	4.2%	6.9%	64.6%	6.7%	1.4%	6.4%	1.3%
Leagrave	0.2%	6.3%	8.1%	56.0%	8.6%	2.6%	9.0%	2.3%
Lewsey	0.2%	2.5%	10.3%	57.1%	9.1%	2.3%	10.1%	2.4%
Limbury	0.1%	4.6%	7.4%	58.7%	8.8%	2.4%	7.9%	2.5%
Northwell	0.4%	3.8%	12.1%	55.4%	9.0%	1.7%	8.1%	2.7%
Round Green	0.1%	4.2%	8.2%	56.2%	8.0%	2.1%	11.7%	2.2%
Saints	0.2%	4.4%	7.7%	55.5%	8.7%	1.8%	10.4%	3.0%
South	0.3%	5.6%	7.8%	43.6%	7.3%	1.6%	24.3%	1.9%
Stopsley	0.1%	3.2%	6.2%	62.8%	8.1%	2.1%	7.9%	2.1%
Sundon Park	0.2%	3.9%	8.0%	61.5%	7.7%	2.0%	9.1%	1.9%
Wigmore	0.1%	3.6%	5.9%	64.9%	7.5%	1.3%	7.9%	1.9%

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<b>Table 25 - Travel to Work by County/Local Authority – (1)</b>			
	% of people who work mainly from home	% of public transport users in households	
		With car	Without car
Bedfordshire	9.6%	85.0%	14.8%
Cambridgeshire	10.1%	82.8%	16.0%
Essex	9.2%	89.2%	10.6%
Hertfordshire	9.4%	87.1%	12.5%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>73.0%</b>	<b>26.9%</b>
Norfolk	10.4%	78.0%	20.2%
Peterborough	7.5%	70.8%	28.6%
Southend-on-Sea	8.0%	80.5%	19.4%
Suffolk	10.1%	78.9%	20.0%
Thurrock	6.9%	86.5%	13.5%
East of England	9.4%	85.0%	14.5%
England and Wales	9.2%	69.0%	30.4%

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<b>Table 26 - Travel to Work by County/Local Authority – (2)</b>								
	% of people aged 16-74 who usually travel to work by:							
	Underground, metro, light rail, tram	Train	Bus, mini bus or coach	Driving a car or van	Passenger in car or van	Bicycle	On foot	Other
Bedfordshire	0.1%	4.5%	3.2%	63.6%	5.7%	3.1%	8.5%	1.6%
Cambridgeshire	0.1%	2.6%	3.4%	59.5%	5.6%	9.1%	8.1%	1.8%
Essex	1.8%	10.1%	3.5%	57.2%	5.6%	2.5%	8.2%	2.0%
Hertfordshire	1.6%	8.9%	3.2%	59.3%	5.1%	1.8%	8.8%	1.9%
<b>Luton</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>56.4%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
Norfolk	0.1%	0.8%	4.8%	59.4%	6.3%	5.2%	10.7%	2.4%
Peterborough	0.1%	2.2%	6.5%	57.7%	7.9%	7.7%	8.5%	1.9%
Southend-on-Sea	0.2%	13.2%	6.0%	51.1%	5.4%	2.7%	11.4%	1.9%
Suffolk	0.1%	1.5%	4.3%	60.6%	6.3%	5.0%	10.1%	2.2%
Thurrock	1.0%	13.4%	4.4%	57.6%	6.4%	1.7%	6.2%	2.5%
East of England	0.8%	6.1%	4.0%	58.9%	5.8%	3.9%	9.1%	2.1%
England & Wales	3.0%	4.1%	7.4%	55.2%	6.3%	2.8%	10.0%	2.1%

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- Luton has one of the lowest proportions of 16-74 year olds in employment in the East of England who work from home, with 7.3%, around two percentage points lower than the regional and national averages;
- Within the East of England region, Luton has the highest proportion of people that travel to work by bus, mini bus or coach: 7.8% of people aged 16-74 in employment, compared to a regional average of just 4.0%. A similar picture applies for the proportion that travels to work on foot, with Luton having the highest proportion in the region (11.6%);
- Compared to other areas within the region, Luton is slightly more environmentally friendly, given that not only are higher proportions using buses/coaches, or walking, to get to work, but a lower percentage than anywhere else in the region travel to work by car (56.4%; although this is above the national average) and a higher percentage than most of the other areas in the region are passengers in a car (7.9%, well above the regional and national averages). Being a passenger in a car implies a level of car sharing and thus a reduction in the number of vehicles on the road;
- Within Luton, the wards with the highest proportion using a bus, mini bus or coach to get to work are Dallow (10.7%), Lewsey (10.3%), and Northwell (12.1%), while almost a quarter (24.3%) of living in South ward travel to work on foot. This is not surprising given that the town centre is located within the ward and is one of the main employment hubs in the Borough;
- A tenth of those aged 16-74 in employment in High Town take the train to work, the highest proportion within the Borough. Luton's main train station is located within High Town and consequently it is likely that those individuals that commute to work by rail locate within the ward because of its proximity to the station.

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