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Census 2011

Summary for West Oxfordshire

Including Carterton, Chipping Norton and Witney



The 2011 Census



The national Census was carried out on 27 March 2011 with results being released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) from mid-2012 onwards.

Data from the Census survey gives an in-depth picture of the local population, housing, living arrangements and employment and is used by communities and public sector agencies to help plan local services.

Completing the Census form was mandatory and an estimated 97%¹ of the households of West Oxfordshire district completed their questionnaire on paper or the internet (across England the return rate was 95%).

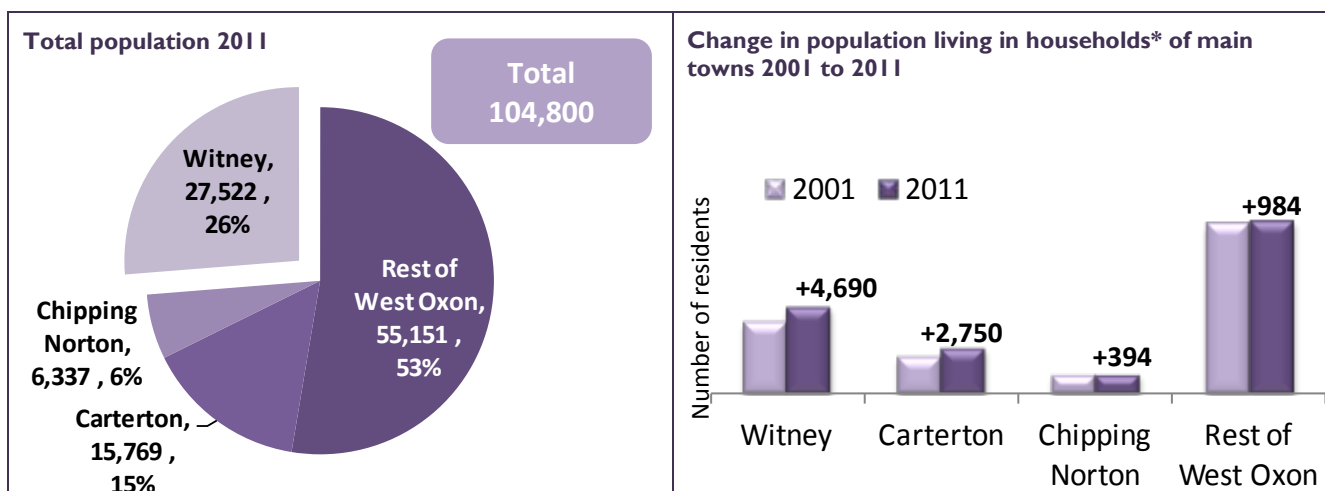
This leaflet provides a summary of the main findings of the 2011 Census survey for West Oxfordshire district and for the main towns of Witney, Carterton and Chipping Norton.

Further local area Census data is available for parishes, electoral wards and for smaller geographic areas including output areas covering an average of 150 households and super output areas of up to 1,200 households. See *Finding out more* at the end of this leaflet.

Who we are – the population of West Oxfordshire

As of March 2011, there were **104,800** people living in West Oxfordshire district. This was up from the total of 95,600 residents at the time of the last Census survey of 2001, **an increase of just over 9,000 (+10%)**.

The growth in population has been located mainly in the towns of Witney and Carterton (see right hand chart below) which together accounted for 84% of the increase in the household population in West Oxfordshire.



Source: ONS Census 2001 table KS01, Census 2011 table KS101; *does not include population in care homes, student housing, hotels, military bases. These are excluded here as communal establishment residents of RAF Brize Norton were counted in the parish of Brize Norton in 2001 and are now counted in Carterton parish.

Despite the increase in the size of the main towns, **more than half (53%) of the population live in rural villages** and, with a population density of 1.5 people per hectare, West Oxfordshire district is the second most sparsely populated of the 67 local authorities in south east England.

The older age group has increased significantly. From 1981 to 2011, the total population in West Oxfordshire increased by 28% (+23,100) while the population aged 60+ increased by 82% (+11,900).

In 2011, 2,740 people in West Oxfordshire were aged 85 or over, representing 2.6% of the total population - above the national average of 2.2%.

¹ ONS 2011 Census: Census response, return and coverage rates

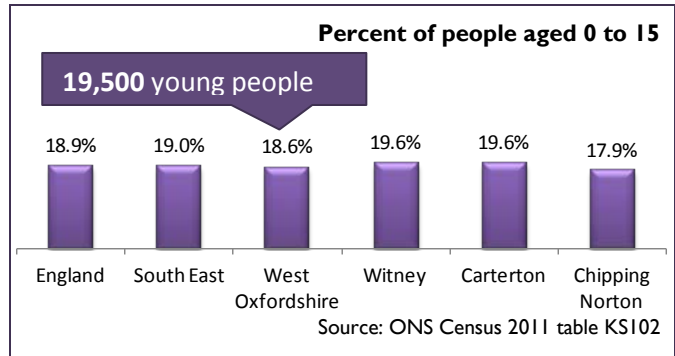
Who we are – in summary

Young people

There is a similar proportion of young people aged 0 to 15 in West Oxfordshire district (19%) compared with the regional and national averages.

The proportion of young people living in Chipping Norton is below average.

Outside the main towns 18% of people are aged 0 to 15, just below the district average.

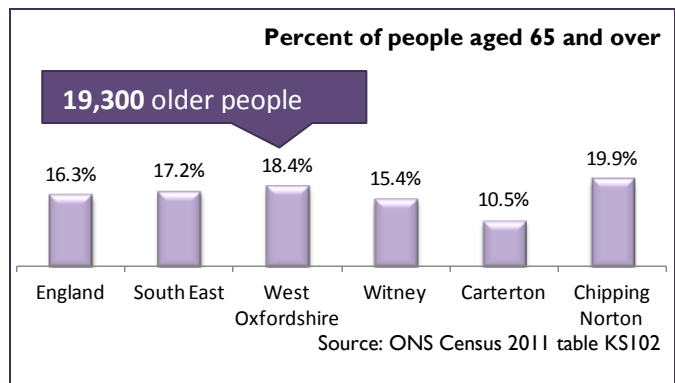


Older people

The proportion of older people in West Oxfordshire district is above average. 18% of people are aged 65 and over compared with 16% nationally.

Witney and Carterton each have a below average proportion of older people and Chipping Norton is above average.

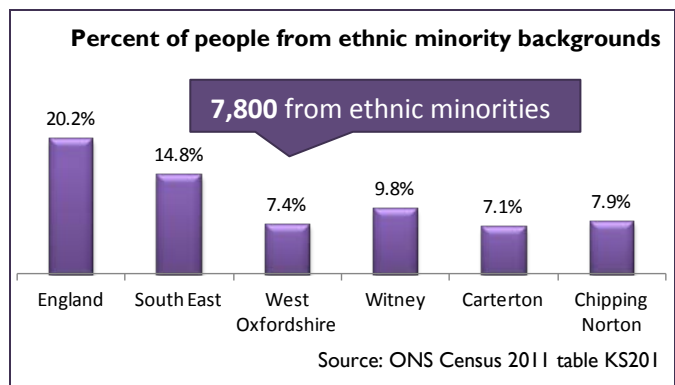
Outside the main towns 22% of people are aged 65 and over, well above the national average.



People from ethnic minority backgrounds

West Oxfordshire has a relatively low proportion of residents from an ethnic minority (non white British) background.

The largest ethnic minority group is “other white” which makes up almost half (46%) of the total ethnic minority population in West Oxfordshire.

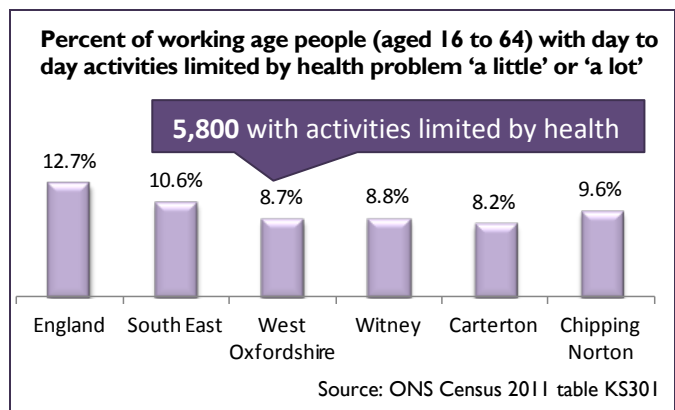


Of the 8,486 people in West Oxfordshire who were born outside the UK, the largest populations from individual countries were from Poland (781 people), Germany (764), Ireland (599) and the United States (568). Europe in total was 3,915, Africa and Middle East & Asia each accounted for around 1,500 people.

Working age people with activities limited by health

West Oxfordshire’s working age population is comparatively healthy with 9% of people aged 16 to 64 stating that their day to day activities were limited by a long term health problem or disability compared with 13% nationally.

Witney and Carterton had similar rates. Chipping Norton was above the district average



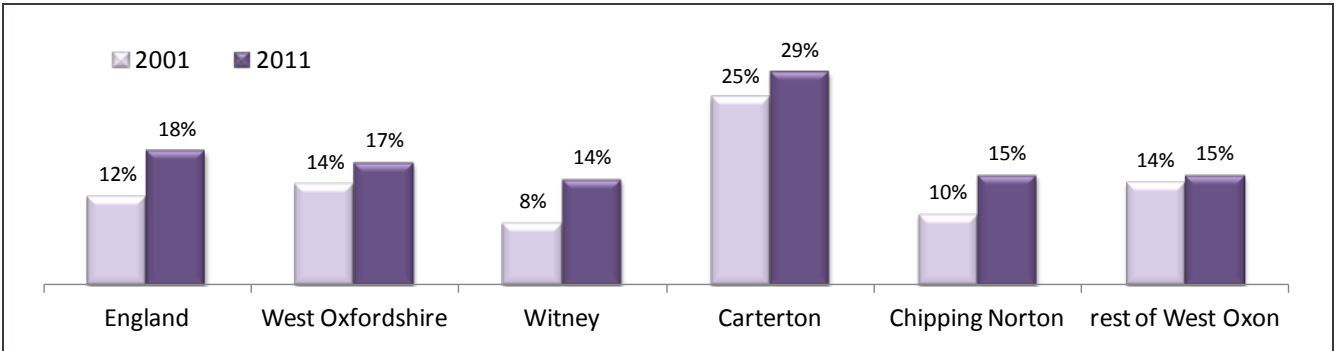
How we live – housing and living arrangements

As of March 2011, there were **43,200** households in West Oxfordshire district. This was up from the total of 38,400 households in 2001, an increase of 4,800 (+13%).

70% of households in West Oxfordshire were owner occupied, either fully owned or with a mortgage, above the national average of 63%.

There has been an increase in the number of households that are rented privately, from 14% of the total in 2001 to 17% in 2011. The proportion of private rented households in Carterton remains well above average.

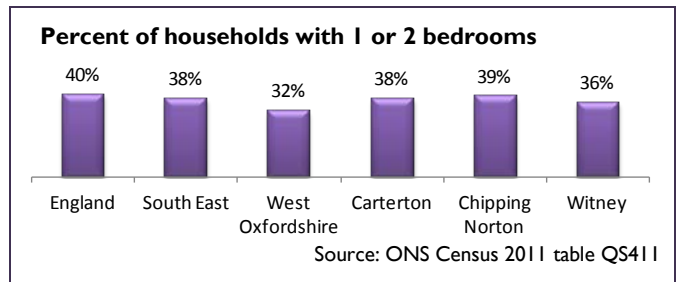
Percent of households that are rented privately 2001 to 2011



Source: ONS Census 2001 table KS18, Census 2011 table KS402

Information about number of bedrooms was included for the first time in this Census survey.

West Oxfordshire has a lower than average rate of households with 1 or 2 bedrooms, 32% compared with 40% nationally.



Between 2001 and 2011 West Oxfordshire saw an above average increase in households occupied by pensioners living alone (+3% compared with -7% nationally) and in households occupied by lone parents with dependent children (+38% compared with +20%).

West Oxfordshire – number of households	2001	2011	2001 to 2011	England
Pensioner living alone	5,141	5,319	178	+3%
Lone Parent with dependent Children	1,533	2,122	589	+38%

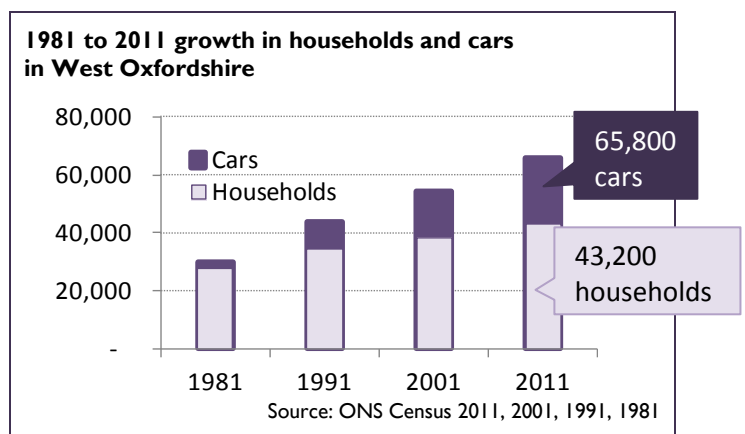
Source: ONS Census 2001 table KS20, Census 2011 table KS105

Car ownership

Over the past 30 years, between 1981 and 2011, the number of households in West Oxfordshire increased by just over 50% while the number of cars owned by residents has more than doubled.

The number of cars per household increased from 1.08 in 1981 to 1.52 in 2011.

The rate of 1.52 cars per household in West Oxfordshire is above the national average of 1.16.

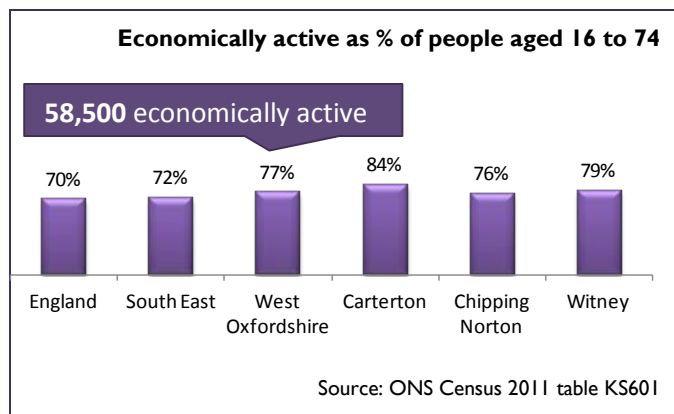


What we do – economic activity and employment

Economic activity

In March 2011 West Oxfordshire had an above-average rate of economic activity and employment.

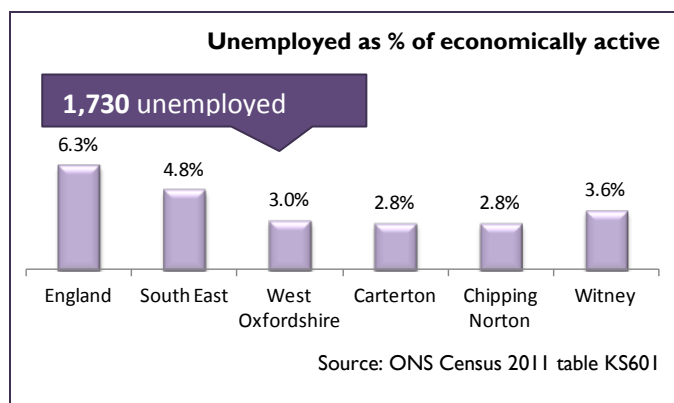
77% of people aged 16 to 74 in West Oxfordshire were economically active (including full and part time employees, self-employed and unemployed) compared with 70% nationally.



Unemployment

Unemployment in West Oxfordshire at the time of the 2011 Census was below half the national average. 3% of the economically active population in West Oxfordshire were unemployed compared with 6.3% nationally. Unemployment in Witney was above the district average.

Of the 1,730 unemployed in March 2011, 29% (507 people) were in the age group 16 to 24, just above the national average of 28%.

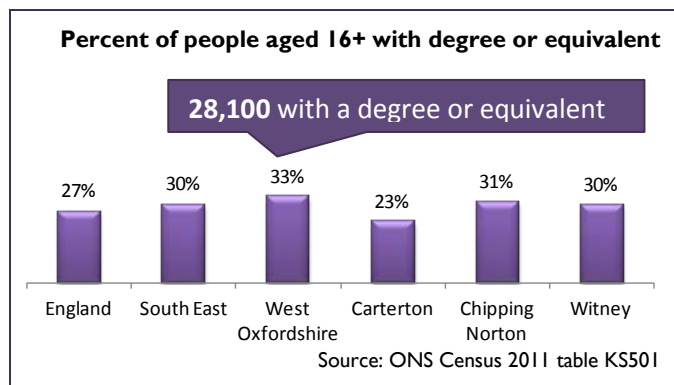


Qualifications

People in West Oxfordshire are relatively well qualified.

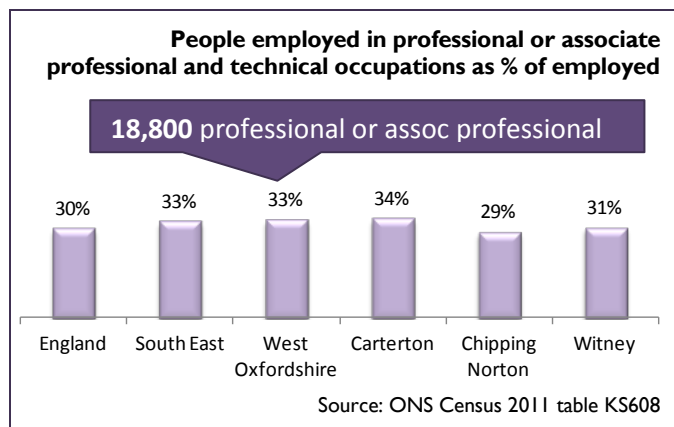
A third (33%) of people aged 16+ **had a degree or equivalent** in West Oxfordshire district compared with 27% in England.

18% of people aged 16+ (just over 15,000 people) in West Oxfordshire had **no qualifications**, below the England average of 22%.



Occupation

An above average proportion of people were employed in professional or associate professional and technical occupations (33% compared with 30% nationally).



Population by parish 2001 and 2011

West Oxfordshire district

	All residents		Residents living in households		Occupied household spaces		Area (Hectares)	People per hectare 2011
	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011		
West Oxfordshire	95,640	104,779	93,597	102,415	38,397	43,241	71,440	1.47
Alvescot	412	472	412	472	168	182	768	0.61
Ascott-under-Wychwood	504	560	504	560	212	229	707	0.79
Asthal	282	252	282	248	128	119	934	0.27
Aston, Cote, Shifford and Chimney (incl Hardwick with Yelford*)	1,395	1,374	1,354	1,374	510	545	2,453	0.56
Bampton	2,505	2,564	2,497	2,534	1,063	1,120	1,829	1.40
Black Bourton	274	266	274	266	106	111	587	0.45
Bladon (incl Blenheim*)	831	898	831	898	348	377	1,304	0.69
Brize Norton**	1,793	938	922	938	362	375	1,224	0.77
Broadwell (incl Holwell and Westwell*)	204	218	204	218	94	97	1,734	0.13
Burford (incl Taynton*)	1,448	1,410	1,326	1,326	670	665	1,999	0.71
Carterton**	11,805	15,769	11,765	14,515	4,438	5,885	472	33.41
Cassington	710	750	677	723	283	303	928	0.81
Chadlington	828	827	821	827	354	359	1,394	0.59
Charlbury	2,984	2,830	2,981	2,829	1,271	1,298	1,105	2.56
Chastleton (incl Cornwell*)	187	153	187	152	82	68	1,057	0.14
Chilson (incl Cornbury*)	134	141	134	141	52	53	1,772	0.08
Chipping Norton	5,972	6,337	5,889	6,283	2,540	2,815	962	6.59
Churchill (incl Sarsden*)	646	665	609	637	250	271	1,728	0.38
Clanfield	855	879	855	876	336	351	726	1.21
Combe	759	768	759	768	298	303	641	1.20
Crawley	149	155	149	154	63	69	463	0.33
Curbridge (incl Lew*)	490	529	490	529	199	208	1,297	0.41
Ducklington	1,573	1,581	1,573	1,581	613	645	791	2.00
Enstone	1,103	1,139	1,086	1,106	459	453	2,399	0.47
Eynsham	4,665	4,648	4,642	4,629	1,887	1,974	1,458	3.19
Fifield (incl Bruern*)	283	240	283	240	125	106	1,226	0.20
Filkins and Broughton Poggs	404	434	404	434	172	193	1,088	0.40
Finstock (incl Fawler*)	793	797	793	797	327	342	878	0.91
Freeland	1,506	1,560	1,432	1,487	549	587	424	3.68
Fulbrook	430	437	430	437	195	198	694	0.63
Great Tew	153	156	151	156	59	64	1,217	0.13
Hailey	1,158	1,208	1,131	1,155	467	485	1,031	1.17
Hanborough	2,617	2,630	2,617	2,630	1,037	1,070	856	3.07
Idbury	112	124	112	124	53	53	633	0.20
Kelmscott (incl Grafton & Radcot and Little Faringdon*)	206	198	206	198	88	78	1,322	0.15
Kencot	131	101	131	101	51	51	436	0.23
Kiddington with Asterleigh (incl Glympton*)	193	167	193	167	79	68	1,394	0.12
Kingham	969	913	764	748	302	319	759	1.20

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Langford	327	349	327	349	138	148	856	0.41
Leafield	883	945	883	945	342	367	1,105	0.86
Little Tew (incl Heythrop*)	246	253	236	252	103	108	1,645	0.15
Lyneham	184	153	184	153	75	68	786	0.19
Milton-under-Wychwood	1,558	1,648	1,544	1,646	685	712	841	1.96
Minster Lovell	1,348	1,409	1,348	1,404	561	578	789	1.79
North Leigh	1,919	1,928	1,904	1,911	759	779	1,513	1.27
Northmoor	363	377	356	377	160	169	827	0.46
Over Norton	479	498	479	498	213	206	1,009	0.49
Ramsden	328	342	328	342	146	158	396	0.86
Rollright	491	502	491	502	203	218	1,229	0.41
Salford	339	356	295	279	131	131	631	0.56
Sandford St. Martin	210	209	210	209	96	96	926	0.23
Shilton	533	626	482	576	239	273	764	0.82
Shipton-under-Wychwood	1,280	1,244	1,233	1,217	550	534	1,087	1.14
South Leigh	350	336	350	336	136	141	1,626	0.21
Spelsbury	330	305	330	305	123	126	1,863	0.16
Standlake	1,295	1,497	1,254	1,415	515	572	1,053	1.42
Stanton Harcourt	919	960	919	960	364	377	1,392	0.69
Steeple Barton	1,500	1,523	1,500	1,523	597	622	1,176	1.30
Stonesfield	1,538	1,527	1,538	1,527	615	644	513	2.98
Swerford	155	132	155	132	73	62	454	0.29
Swinbrook and Widford	135	139	135	139	66	67	937	0.15
Tackley (incl Rousham*)	1,008	998	1,008	998	411	415	1,611	0.62
Westcot Barton (incl Wootton*)	227	244	227	244	91	98	977	0.25
Witney	22,765	27,522	22,613	27,303	9,103	11,421	923	29.82
Woodstock	2,924	3,100	2,855	3,046	1,364	1,418	371	8.36
Wootton	543	569	543	569	248	244	1,448	0.39

Source: ONS Census 2001 and Census 2011, downloaded from Neighbourhood Statistics. Tables: KS01, KS101, KS16, KS401,

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* indicates parishes where census data has been amalgamated.

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Finding out more

Census 2011

Includes datasets, analysis, guidance and the background to the census survey:

- www.ons.gov.uk/census

Neighbourhood Statistics

Office for National Statistics website providing access to local ward and parish data:

- www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk

Nomis

Access to ONS population data and surveys, also publishes benefits data from Dept of Work and Pensions and employment data:

- www.nomisweb.co.uk

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