

2011 Census Briefing

Economy and employment

Economic activity: There are 210,792 residents aged 16 to 74 in the city, an increase of 25,661 since the 2001 census. Of these 71.6% are economically active. This is similar to the economic activity rate in the South East (72.1%) and slightly higher than that found in England (69.9%).

Households with no adult in employment: Despite the number of households in the city increasing by over 7,000 since the 2001 census the number of households with no adult in employment has fallen by 5,233 or 12.5%. Brighton & Hove (30.3%) has proportionally a similar number of households with no adult in employment as the South East (30.9%) but fewer than found in England (33.3%).

Students: There are 32,294 full time students aged 16 or over in the city, 14.1% of all residents. This is significantly higher than the average for the South East (7.5%) and England (8.2%).

Employment by industry: Wholesale and retail trade (13.7%), human health and social work (13.4%) and education (12.4%) are the industries employing the greatest number of city residents with two out of five (39.5%) of all workers employed in one of these three sectors.

Employment by occupation: Nearly two out of five residents (39.4%) work in professional, associate professional or technical occupations. This is significantly high than found in the South East (32.5%) and in England (30.3%) and is an increase of 46% (17,462 people) since the 2001 census.

Hours worked: Nearly a third of all residents who work (44,169 people, 31.6%) work part time. This is higher than the South East (28.6%) and England (29.0%). Female workers are twice as likely to work part time as male workers, 44.3% compared to 20.1%.

Highest level of qualification: Brighton & Hove is well educated compared to the South East and England. For over a third of residents (84,423, 36.9%) their highest level of qualification is Level 4 (Degree, Higher Degree, NVQ Level 4 or 5) or better. This compares to 29.9% in the South East and 27.4% in England.

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Economic activity

Economic activity and employment								
	Census 2011				Census 2001		Change 2001 - 2011	
	Brighton & Hove		South East	England	Brighton & Hove			
	Number	%	%	%	Number	%	Number	%
All aged 16 to 74	210,792				185,131		25,661	13.9%
All economically active	150,853	71.6%	72.1%	69.9%	125,468	67.8%	25,385	20.2%
Part-time	27,492	18.2%	19.2%	19.6%	21,122	16.8%	6,370	30.2%
Full-time	75,999	50.4%	56.1%	55.2%	70,924	56.5%	5,075	7.2%
Self-employed	27,241	18.1%	15.3%	14.0%	19,272	15.4%	7,969	41.4%
Unemployed	7,818	5.2%	4.8%	6.3%	6,725	5.4%	1,093	16.3%
Full-time student	12,303	8.2%	4.6%	4.9%	7,425	5.9%	4,878	65.7%
All economically inactive	59,939	28.4%	27.9%	30.1%	59,663	32.2%	276	0.5%
Retired	19,625	32.7%	49.0%	45.5%	21,082	35.3%	-1,457	-6.9%
Student (inc full-time students)	20,567	34.3%	18.5%	19.3%	13,148	22.0%	7,419	56.4%
Looking after home or family	7,249	12.1%	15.6%	14.5%	10,534	17.7%	-3,285	-31.2%
Long-term sick or disabled	8,813	14.7%	10.5%	13.5%	9,752	16.3%	-939	-9.6%
Other	3,685	6.1%	6.4%	7.3%	5,147	8.6%	-1,462	-28.4%
Part time: 30 hours a week or less								

2011 Census data taken from ONS table KS601EW

There are 210,792 residents aged 16 to 74 in the city an increase of 25,661 since the 2001 census. Of these 71.6% are economically active. This is similar to the economic activity rate in the South East and slightly higher than that found in England.

All economically active groups have seen increases since 2001 in their numbers with full time students (7,969 people, 65.7% increase), those self employed (7,969 people, 41.4% increase) and those working part time (6,370 people, 30.2% increase) showing significant increases.

There are 59,939 residents (28.4%) aged 16 to 74 economically inactive, a similar number as there was at the 2001 census. However as a proportion of all 16 to 74 year olds this is a fall of nearly 4%. The majority of those economically inactive are students (20,567) and those retired (19,625).

Despite the total number of residents aged 16 to 74 increasing, the number of residents economically inactive due to looking after the home or family has fallen 31% to 7,249 while the number of economically inactive long term sick or disabled has also fallen 10% to 8,813.

Households with no adult in employment

Households with no adult in employment								
	Census 2011				Census 2001		Change 2001 - 2011	
	Brighton & Hove		South East	England	Brighton & Hove			
	Number	%	%	%	Number	%	Number	%
All households	121,540				114,479		7,061	6.2%
No adults in employment in household	36,791	30.3%	30.9%	33.3%	42,024	36.7%	-5,233	-12.5%
With dependent children	4,481	3.7%	3.1%	4.2%	4,990	4.4%	-509	-10.2%
No dependent children	32,310	26.6%	27.8%	29.1%	37,034	32.4%	-4,724	-12.8%

Despite the number of households in the city increasing by 7,031 since the 2001 census the number of households with no adult in employment has fallen by 5,233 or 12.5%. Brighton & Hove (30.3%) has a proportionally similar number of households with no adult in employment as the South East (30.9%) but fewer than found in England (33.3%)

There are 4,481 households (3.7%) in the city with dependent children and no adult in employment. This is a fall of 509 or 10.2% compared to the 2001 census and is proportionally higher than found in the South East (3.1%) but lower than in England (4.2%)

Students

Schoolchildren and full-time students aged 16 and over								
	Census 2011				Census 2001		Change 2001 - 2011	
	Brighton & Hove		South East	England	Brighton & Hove			
	Number	%	%	%	Number	%	Number	%
All usual residents aged 16 and over	229,024				206,556		22,468	10.9%
Schoolchildren and full-time students; age 16 and over	32,294	14.1%	7.5%	8.2%	20,071	9.7%	12,223	60.9%
Age 16 to 17	5,065	2.2%	2.8%	2.7%	3,870	1.9%	1,195	30.9%
Age 18 and over	27,229	11.9%	4.7%	5.5%	16,201	7.8%	11,028	68.1%

Full time student: A full-time student is a person of any age who has indicated that they are a schoolchild or student in full-time education.

2011 Census data taken from ONS table KS501EW

There are 32,294 full time students aged 16 or over in the city, 14.1% of all residents. This is significantly higher than the average for the South East (7.5%) and England (8.2%). However, the proportion of full time students aged 16 and 17 in the city (2.2%) is lower than the South East (2.8%) and England (2.7%) while for students aged 18 or over the rate (11.9%) is double that found the South East (4.7%) and England (5.5%). There has been a significant increase in the number of full time students aged over 18 since the 2001 census with the number increasing by 68.1% (11,028 people).

Employment by industry

Employment by industry				
	2011 Census			
	Brighton and Hove		South East	England
	Number	%	%	%
All workers aged 16 to 74	139,823			
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	19,167	13.7%	15.6%	15.9%
Human health and social work activities	18,779	13.4%	11.6%	12.4%
Education	17,332	12.4%	10.1%	9.9%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	10,788	7.7%	7.5%	6.7%
Financial and insurance activities	9,367	6.7%	4.5%	4.4%
Accommodation and food service activities	9,143	6.5%	5.0%	5.6%
Construction	8,594	6.1%	8.0%	7.7%
Information and communication	8,583	6.1%	5.5%	4.1%
Administrative and support service activities	7,018	5.0%	5.2%	4.9%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	6,213	4.4%	6.0%	5.9%
Transport and storage	5,860	4.2%	5.2%	5.0%
Manufacturing	5,237	3.7%	7.2%	8.8%
Real estate activities	2,490	1.8%	1.4%	1.5%
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1,152	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation	651	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	151	0.1%	0.7%	0.8%
Mining and quarrying	64	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Other	9,234	6.6%	5.1%	5.0%

Note: Due to the different way in which this question was asked/reported in the 2011 census there is no directly comparable data with the 2001 census.

2011 Census data taken from ONS table KS605EW

Wholesale and retail trade (13.7%) human health and social work (13.4%) and education (12.4%) are the industries employing the greatest number of city residents with two out of five (39.5%) of all workers employed in one or other of these sectors.

Brighton & Hove has a higher proportion of people working in the finance and insurance (6.7%), education (12.4%) and human health and social work (13.4%) compared to the South East and England but a lower proportion working in manufacturing (3.7%) construction (6.1%), public administration and defence (4.4%) and wholesale and retail trade (13.7%).

Employment by occupation

Employment by occupation								
	Census 2011				Census 2001		Change 2001 - 2011	
	Brighton & Hove		South East	England	Brighton & Hove			
	Number	%	%	%	Number	%	Number	%
All workers aged 16 to 74	139,823				117,551		22,272	18.9%
Professional occupations	31,769	22.7%	18.7%	17.5%	17,252	14.7%	14,517	84.1%
Associate professional and technical occupations	23,382	16.7%	13.8%	12.8%	20,437	17.4%	2,945	14.4%
Managers, directors and senior officials	16,294	11.7%	12.3%	10.9%	18,453	15.7%	-2,159	-11.7%
Administrative and secretarial occupations	13,470	9.6%	11.5%	11.5%	14,876	12.7%	-1,406	-9.5%
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	12,925	9.2%	9.3%	9.3%	9,157	7.8%	3,768	41.1%
Sales and customer service occupations	12,910	9.2%	7.9%	8.4%	10,795	9.2%	2,115	19.6%
Skilled trades occupations	12,068	8.6%	11.1%	11.4%	10,950	9.3%	1,118	10.2%
Elementary occupations	11,959	8.6%	9.7%	11.1%	10,526	9.0%	1,433	13.6%
Process, plant and machine operatives	5,046	3.6%	5.7%	7.2%	5,105	4.3%	-59	-1.2%

2011 Census data taken from ONS table KS608EW

Nearly two out of five residents (39.4%) work in professional, associate professional or technical occupations. This is significantly higher than found in the South East (32.5%) and in England (30.3%) and is an increase of 46% (17,462 people) since the 2001 census.

Residents working in caring, leisure and other service occupations have also seen an increase (3,768 people, 41.1%) with the number proportionally similar to those found in the South East and England.

Despite the over all number of people working increasing by 18.9% the number of residents working as managers, directors and senior officials and in administrative and secretarial occupations has declined since 2001 by 11.7% and 9.5% respectively,

Hours worked

Hours worked								
	Census 2011				Census 2001		Difference 2001 - 2011	
	Brighton & Hove		South East	England	Brighton & Hove			
	Number	%	%	%	Number	%	Number	%
All workers aged 16 to 74	139,823				117,551		22,272	18.9%
Total part time	44,169	31.6%	28.6%	29.0%	31,546	26.8%	12,623	4.8%
Total full time	95,654	68.4%	71.4%	71.0%	86,005	73.2%	9,649	-4.8%
All males								
All males	73,383	52.5%	53.0%	52.9%	63,236	53.8%	10,147	-1.3%
Total part time	14,751	20.1%	14.3%	15.6%	9,040	14.3%	5,711	5.8%
Total full time	58,632	79.9%	85.7%	84.4%	54,196	85.7%	4,436	-5.8%
All females								
All females	66,440	47.5%	47.0%	47.1%	54,315	46.2%	12,125	1.3%
Total part time	29,418	44.3%	44.8%	44.1%	22,506	41.4%	6,912	2.8%
Total full time	37,022	55.7%	55.2%	55.9%	31,809	58.6%	5,213	-2.8%
Part time: 30 hours a week or less								

2011 Census data taken from ONS table KS604EW

Nearly a third of all residents who work, do so on a part time basis (44,169 people, 31.6%). This is proportionally higher than the South East (28.6%) and England (29.0%). Female workers are twice as likely to work part time as male workers, 44.3% compared to 20.1%.

The number and proportion of both females and males working part time is higher than was seen at the 2001 census, with the proportion of males working part time (20.1%) also significantly higher than is found in both the South East (14.3%) and in England (15.6%).

Highest level of qualification

Brighton & Hove residents are well educated compared to the South East and England. For over a third of residents (84,423, 36.9%) their highest level of qualification is level 4 or better. This compares to only 29.9% in the South East and 27.4% in England. There are also proportionally fewer people in the city with no formal qualifications, 16.1% (36,775 people) compared to the South East (19.1) and England (22.5%). There are also proportionally fewer residents with Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications and proportionally more with a Level 3 qualification.

Highest level of qualification					
		2011 Census			
		Brighton & Hove		South East	England
		Number	%	%	%
All Usual Residents Aged 16 and Over		229,024			
No academic or professional qualification	No qualifications	36,775	16.1%	19.1%	22.5%
1 to 4 GCSE (any grades), NVQ Level 1 or equivalent	Level 1 qualifications	25,190	11.0%	13.5%	13.3%
5+ GCSE (grades A*-C), NVQ Level 2 or equivalent	Level 2 qualifications	28,769	12.6%	15.9%	15.2%
	Apprenticeship	4,854	2.1%	3.6%	3.6%
2+ A Levels, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent	Level 3 qualifications	36,599	16.0%	12.8%	12.4%
Degree, Higher Degree, NVQ Level 4 or 5 or equivalent	Level 4 qualifications and above	84,423	36.9%	29.9%	27.4%
Vocational, work related foreign or qualification not stated	Other qualifications	12,414	5.4%	5.2%	5.7%
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