

2011 Census Briefing

Transport

Car and van ownership: At the time of the 2011 census car and van ownership in Brighton & Hove was relatively low with almost two out of five households (38.2%) not owning a car or van.

The total number of cars and vans increased by 4,348 to 104,397 between the 2001 and 2011 censuses. However, due to an increase in the number of households we now have an average of 0.86 cars per household compared to 0.87 in 2001.

Travel to work: Although the most popular means of travelling to work is by car, comparatively few Brighton & Hove residents drive to work; 37.2% compared to 60.8% in the South East. Compared to 2001 6.0% fewer residents drive to work.

Many residents choose an active means of getting to work. In fact almost double the national and regional averages of residents walk to work in Brighton & Hove, with 20.6% travelling on foot. A further 4.9% cycle to work.

Buses are a popular way of getting to work with 13.6% using this mode of transport, compared to 4.5% in the South East and 7.5% in England.

The proportion of people who work mainly from home has fallen since 2001, but still remained above the regional and national averages at 7.6% in 2011.

Access to the full range of data from the 2011 Census, including local data at different geographical levels, ward and local area profiles, maps and 2011 Census data downloads can be found at www.bhlis.org/census2011

Car and van ownership

Car and van ownership								
	2011 Census				2001 Census		Change 2001 to 2011	
	Brighton & Hove		South East	England	Brighton & Hove			
	households	%	%	%	households	%	households	%
All households	121,540				114,479			
No car or van	46,415	38.2	18.6	25.8	41,830	36.5	4,585	11.0
One car or van	51,727	42.6	41.7	42.2	50,169	43.8	1,558	3.1
Two or more cars or vans	23,398	19.3	39.7	31.2	22,480	19.6	918	4.1

2011 census data taken from ONS table KS404 EW

The total number of cars has increased from 100,049 recorded at the time of the 2001 census to 104,397. However, car and van ownership in Brighton & Hove is low. Almost two out of five Brighton & Hove households (38.2%) don't own a car or van. This compares to 18.6% in the South East and 25.8% in England.

Looking at ownership of multiple cars or vans, less than one in four Brighton & Hove households (19.3%) own two or more, compared with 39.7% of households in the South East and 31.2% in England.

Average car and van ownership						
	2011 Census			2001 Census		
	Brighton & Hove	South East	England	Brighton & Hove	South East	England
Average number of cars or vans per household	0.86	1.35	1.16	0.87	1.30	1.11

2011 census data taken from ONS table KS404 EW

In fact, car and van ownership is the lowest in the South East. At the time of the 2011 census there were just 0.86 cars or vans per household. This compares to 0.87 in 2001, so, bucking the national trend car or van ownership per household has actually decreased in Brighton & Hove. In the South East ownership has increased from 1.30 cars or vans per household in 2001 to 1.35 in 2011 and in England it's increased from 1.11 to 1.16.

Travel to work

Travel to work								
	2011 Census				2001 Census		Change 2001 to 2011	
	Brighton & Hove		South East	England	Brighton & Hove			
	People aged 16-74 in employment	%	%	%	People aged 16-74 in employment	%	People aged 16-74 in employment	%
Total	139,823		4,260,723	25,162,721	117,551		22,272	18.9
Mainly working at or from home	10,618	7.6	6.6	5.4	10,870	9.3	-252	-2.3
Usually travel by train	14,555	10.4	7.3	5.3	9,854	8.4	4,701	47.7
Usually travel by bus, minibus or coach	19,018	13.6	4.5	7.5	14,642	12.5	4,376	29.9
Usually drive a car	52,042	37.2	60.8	57.0	50,733	43.2	1,309	2.6
Usually a passenger in a car	4,875	3.5	4.7	5.0	5,730	4.9	-855	-14.9
Usually travel by bicycle	6,910	4.9	3.0	3.0	3,168	2.7	3,742	118.1
Usually travel on foot	28,752	20.6	10.9	10.7	20,162	17.2	8,590	42.6

Note: Percentages do not sum to 100 as some modes of transport are omitted e.g. taxi

2011 census data taken from ONS table QS701EW

Although still the most popular way of getting to work, less than two out of five of Brighton & Hove residents drive a car to work (37.2%). This is considerably less than in the South East (60.8%) and in England (57.0%). Use of cars to travel to work has decreased since the 2001 census when 43.2% reported driving a car to work.

Almost double the national and regional averages of residents walk to work with 20.6% travelling on foot compared to 10.9% and 10.7% in the South East and England respectively. As a proportion of the total working age population, this is an increase of 3.4% compared to the 2001 census. It means we have the fifth highest proportion of people walking to work in England in 2011.

In terms of other active ways of getting to work, Brighton & Hove has comparatively high cycling to work rates, with 4.9% travelling this way compared to 3.0% in the South East and 2.7% in England. There has been an increase in both the number and proportion of

residents who cycle to work. 3,742 more people reporting cycling to work than did in 2001, with the proportion increase from 2.7% in 2001 to 4.9% in 2011.

Bus travel has also increased. Brighton & Hove ranks second in the South East for the percentage of people who travel to work by bus, minibus or coach, with 13.6% using these modes of transport. This compares to 4.5% in the South East and 7.5% in England.

The number of people who work mainly from home fell slightly from 9.3% in 2001 to 7.6% in the 2011 census. That said, with just 5.4% of people working from home in England and 6.6% doing so in the South East. Brighton & Hove still has proportionally more people working mainly from home.

All Census Briefings in this series are available at www.bhlis.org/census2011