

3. THE POPULATION OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

This section outlines the size, composition and characteristics of Buckinghamshire's population, recent and projected population trends, and the impact of births, deaths and migration on the Buckinghamshire population. A more detailed description of the population breakdown in terms of age, ethnicity and other characteristics is in the section on 'Protected Characteristics'.

3.1 Population size and characteristics

The 2011 Census identified 505,283 Buckinghamshire residents in 200,727 households (please see Appendix 1 for further data on census based population estimates). The Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces annual population estimates based on Census data, taking into account births, deaths and migration. The most recent population estimates available are for mid-2014 and it is estimated that Buckinghamshire then had a resident population of 521,922¹.

In 2011, 25% (126,491 persons) of residents of Buckinghamshire were aged 0 to 19 years, 16.7% of the population (84,150 persons) were aged 65 years and over, of whom 39,460 (7.8% of the total) were 75 years and over and 11,210 (2.2% of the total) were 85 and over (Table 1). The proportion of the population falling into these older age groups is slightly higher in Buckinghamshire than in England as a whole.

Table 1 Selected population characteristics in the 65 and over age group as reported in the 2011 Census, Buckinghamshire and England

Age bands and Ethnic groups	Buckinghamshire % (numbers)	England %
Aged 65 and over	16.7% (84,150)	16.3%
Aged 75 and over	7.8% (39,460)	7.7%
Aged 85 and over	2.2% (11,210)	2.2%
% from non-White ethnic background	13.6%	14.6%
% lone parent households with dependent children	5.3%	7.1%
% households classed as pensioners living alone	11.8%	12.4%
% households classed as pensioners not living alone	9.6%	8.4%

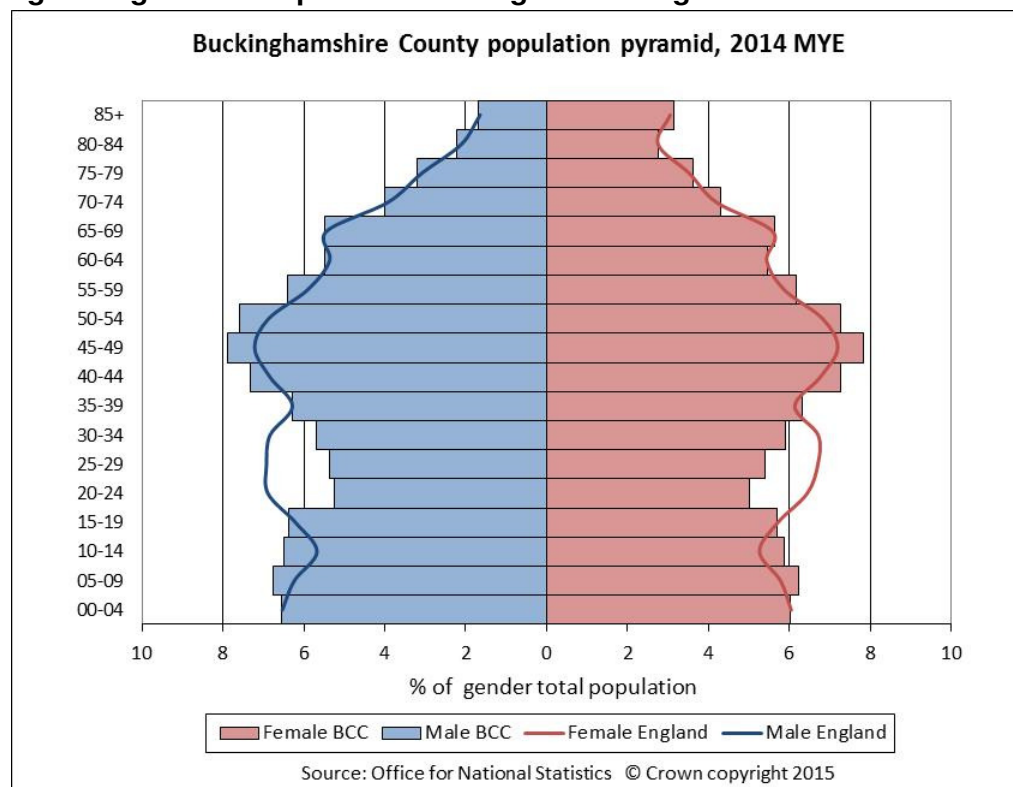
Source: 2011 Census

¹ Office for National Statistics Annual Mid-year Population Estimates, 2014

In Buckinghamshire, 13.6% of the population were from a non-White ethnic background compared to 14.6% in England. The largest non-White ethnic minority group were Asian or Asian British, comprising 8.6% of the Buckinghamshire population compared to 7.8% in England and 5.2% in the South East Region. In Buckinghamshire, 5.3% of households (10,550 households) were classed as lone parent households with dependent children, compared to 7.1% in England. The proportion of households which were classed as pensioners living alone was slightly lower in Buckinghamshire (11.8%) compared to England (12.4%), while the proportion classed as pensioners not living alone was slightly higher (9.6% in Buckinghamshire compared to 8.4% in England).

The age profile of the Buckinghamshire population differs from that of England. Buckinghamshire has a smaller proportion of young adults aged 20 to 34, and a larger proportion of adults aged 40 to 59. There is also a comparatively higher proportion of 5 to 14 year olds in Buckinghamshire (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Population pyramid showing percentage population in Buckinghamshire by age and gender compared to the England average



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Appendix 1

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE - 2011 Census Summary Profile						
	2011 BCC Population	2011 BCC %	2001 BCC Population	% Change in BCC 2011 vs 2001	% South East	% England
Population						
Total population	505,283	100.0%	479,024	5.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Males	248,346	49.1%	234,738	5.8%	49.1%	49.2%
Females	256,937	50.9%	244,286	5.2%	50.9%	50.8%
0 to 4 yrs	31,832	6.3%	30,456	4.5%	6.2%	6.3%
5 to 10 yrs	37,192	7.4%	38,257	-2.8%	6.8%	6.7%
11 to 19 yrs	57,467	11.4%	54,260	5.9%	11.1%	11.0%
20 to 39 yrs	117,413	23.2%	127,311	-7.8%	25.2%	27.0%
40 to 59 yrs	145,986	28.9%	135,576	7.7%	27.4%	26.7%
60 to 74 yrs	75,932	15.0%	61,219	24.0%	15.0%	14.6%
75 to 84 yrs	28,249	5.6%	23,067	22.5%	5.8%	5.5%
85 to 94 yrs	10,279	2.0%	8,167	25.9%	2.3%	2.1%
95 yrs +	933	0.2%	711	31.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Density (persons per hectare)	3.2	N/A	3.1	4.6%	N/A	N/A
Marital Status (people aged 16+ years). Includes same-sex civil partnerships for 2011, but not for 2001						
Population aged 16 and over	403,234	100.0%	378,892	6.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Single people (never married)	116,177	28.8%	99,916	16.3%	31.9%	34.6%
Married or re-married	218,786	54.3%	217,583	0.6%	49.6%	46.8%
Separated or divorced	41,866	10.4%	34,333	21.9%	11.6%	11.6%
Widowed	26,405	6.5%	27,060	-2.4%	6.9%	6.9%
Ethnicity						
Total population (ethnicity)	505,283	100.0%	479,018	5.5%	100.0%	100.0%
White	436,670	86.4%	441,335	-1.1%	90.7%	85.4%
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	409,793	81.1%	419,795	-2.4%	85.2%	79.8%
Other White including Irish, Gypsy and Irish Traveller	26,877	5.3%	21,540	24.8%	5.4%	5.7%
Total Non White	68,613	13.6%	37,683	82.1%	9.3%	14.6%
Mixed/multiple group	12,360	2.4%	6,278	96.9%	1.9%	2.3%
White and Black Caribbean	4,573	0.9%	2,388	91.5%	0.5%	0.8%
White and Black African	1,098	0.2%	461	138.2%	0.3%	0.3%
White and Asian	4,125	0.8%	1,884	118.9%	0.7%	0.6%
Other Mixed	2,564	0.5%	1,545	66.0%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian or Asian British	43,269	8.6%	23,706	82.5%	5.2%	7.8%
Indian	11,368	2.2%	5,095	123.1%	1.8%	2.6%
Pakistani	21,236	4.2%	15,059	41.0%	1.1%	2.1%
Bangladeshi	1,089	0.2%	387	181.4%	0.3%	0.8%
Chinese	2,554	0.5%	1,599	59.7%	0.6%	0.7%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	7,022	1.4%	1,566	348.4%	1.4%	1.5%
Black or Black British	10,490	2.1%	6,175	69.9%	1.6%	3.5%
African	4,032	0.8%	1,174	243.4%	1.0%	1.8%
Caribbean	5,175	1.0%	4,525	14.4%	0.4%	1.1%
Other Black	1,283	0.3%	476	169.5%	0.2%	0.5%
Other ethnic groups (including Arab in 2011)	2,494	0.5%	1,524	63.6%	0.6%	1.0%
Migration, language and household ethnic make up						
Total households - main or preferred language (2011 Census)	200,727	100.0%	N/A	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Households where All Adults (16+) speak English as a main or preferred language	186,104	92.7%	N/A	N/A	93.2%	90.9%
Households where English is not a main language for all or some of the adults aged 16 and over	14,623	7.3%	N/A	N/A	6.8%	9.1%
At least one, but not all people, aged 16 and over have English as a main or preferred language	8,307	4.1%	N/A	N/A	3.2%	3.9%
No people aged 16+, but at least one aged 3-15 has English as a main or preferred language	1,261	0.6%	N/A	N/A	0.5%	0.8%
No people in household have English as a main or preferred language	5,055	2.5%	N/A	N/A	3.1%	4.4%
Total Population (country of birth). Based on top 10 countries	505,283	100.0%	N/A	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
UK	439,988	87.1%	N/A	N/A	87.9%	86.2%
Pakistan	8,765	1.7%	N/A	N/A	0.5%	0.9%
India	5,181	1.0%	N/A	N/A	1.0%	1.3%
Poland	4,343	0.9%	N/A	N/A	0.9%	1.1%
Ireland	4,202	0.8%	N/A	N/A	0.7%	0.7%
South Africa	3,166	0.6%	N/A	N/A	0.6%	0.4%
Germany	2,566	0.5%	N/A	N/A	0.6%	0.5%
The Caribbean	2,544	0.5%	N/A	N/A	0.2%	0.5%
United States	2,411	0.5%	N/A	N/A	0.4%	0.3%
South-East Asia (excluding Philippines)	2,187	0.4%	N/A	N/A	0.4%	0.4%
Other countries	29,930	5.9%	N/A	N/A	6.7%	7.8%
Total Population (year of arrival) (2011 Census data only)	505,283	100.0%	N/A	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Born in the UK	439,988	87.1%	N/A	N/A	87.9%	86.2%
Arrival before 1941	685	0.1%	N/A	N/A	0.1%	0.1%
Arrival 1941-1960	5,633	1.1%	N/A	N/A	0.9%	0.9%
Arrival 1961-1980	15,140	3.0%	N/A	N/A	2.1%	2.4%
Arrival 1981-2000	17,649	3.5%	N/A	N/A	2.9%	3.5%
Arrived 2001-2011	26,188	5.2%	N/A	N/A	6.1%	6.9%
Total Households	200,727	100.0%	188,086	6.7%	100.0%	100.0%
One person household	52,065	25.9%	46,812	11.2%	28.8%	30.2%
All household members have the same ethnic group	126,612	63.1%	126,133	0.4%	62.2%	60.9%
Different ethnic groups between the generations only	4,610	2.3%	2,601	77.2%	1.8%	2.3%
Different ethnic groups within partnerships	13,761	6.9%	10,347	33.0%	5.4%	4.6%
Any other combination of multiple ethnic groups	3,679	1.8%	2,193	67.8%	1.8%	2.0%

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Religion						
Total population (religion)	505,283	100.0%	479,026	5.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Christian	305,804	60.5%	347,727	-12.1%	59.8%	59.4%
Buddhist	2,207	0.4%	1,120	97.1%	0.5%	0.5%
Hindu	6,244	1.2%	2,967	110.4%	1.1%	1.5%
Jewish	1,511	0.3%	1,571	-3.8%	0.2%	0.5%
Muslim	25,781	5.1%	17,333	48.7%	2.3%	5.0%
Sikh	4,657	0.9%	1,657	181.1%	0.6%	0.8%
Other religion	1,803	0.4%	1,226	47.1%	0.5%	0.4%
No religion	121,190	24.0%	72,411	67.4%	27.7%	24.7%
Religion not stated	36,086	7.1%	33,014	9.3%	7.4%	7.2%
Health and Care (perceived health categories changed since 2011)						
Total population (general health)	505,283	100.0%	479,026	5.5%	100.0%	100.0%
People with a limiting long-term illness 1.	67,928	13.4%	61,328	10.8%	15.7%	17.6%
People without a limiting long-term illness	437,355	86.6%	417,698	4.7%	84.3%	82.4%
People who don't provide unpaid care	455,769	90.2%	435,205	4.7%	90.2%	89.8%
People providing unpaid care: 1 to 19 hours a week	35,820	7.1%	33,913	5.6%	6.7%	6.5%
People providing unpaid care: 20 to 49 hours a week	5,268	1.0%	3,617	45.6%	1.1%	1.4%
People providing unpaid care: 50 or more hours a week	8,426	1.7%	6,291	33.9%	2.0%	2.4%
Household composition						
Total households	200,727	100.0%	188,094	6.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Average household size						
Single Person (non-pensioners)	28,413	14.2%	23,502	20.9%	16.1%	17.9%
Couples without children	38,181	19.0%	38,233	-0.1%	18.7%	17.6%
Couples with dependent children	48,132	24.0%	47,438	1.5%	21.0%	19.3%
Lone Parents with dependent children	10,550	5.3%	8,027	31.4%	6.1%	7.1%
Other households with dependent children	4,943	2.5%	4,026	22.8%	2.3%	2.6%
Households with non-dependent children	19,138	9.5%	18,426	3.9%	9.1%	9.6%
Pensioners not living alone	19,299	9.6%	18,392	4.9%	9.3%	8.4%
Lone Pensioners	23,652	11.8%	23,309	1.5%	12.7%	12.4%
Other e.g. students	8,419	4.2%	6,741	24.9%	4.8%	5.1%
People living in a communal establishment	7,984	100.0%	8,388	-4.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Medical and care establishment: Total	3,460	43.3%	2,944	17.5%	39.3%	41.6%
NHS	113	1.4%	252	-55.2%	1.0%	1.1%
Non-NHS	3,347	41.9%	2,692	24.3%	38.3%	40.6%
Not a medical and care establishment	4,452	55.8%	5,444	-18.2%	60.1%	57.2%
Other not stated	72	0.9%	N/A	N/A	0.6%	1.2%
Tenure						
All occupied households	200,727	100.0%	188,086	6.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Owner occupied households	146,798	73.1%	144,168	1.8%	68.7%	64.1%
Owned outright	68,784	34.3%	59,427	15.7%	32.5%	30.6%
Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership	78,014	38.9%	84,741	-7.9%	36.2%	33.6%
Rented households (including living rent free)	53,929	26.9%	43,918	22.8%	31.3%	35.9%
Social Rented	25,471	12.7%	25,396	0.3%	13.7%	17.7%
Privately rented	25,875	12.9%	14,678	76.3%	16.3%	16.8%
Living rent free	2,583	1.3%	3,844	-32.8%	1.3%	1.3%
<i>The information contained in this profile is from the 2001 and 2011 Census data published by the Office for National Statistics (Crown Copyright). N.B. Percentage change is calculated as ((2011-2001))/2001</i>						