

Census Bulletin

What is the Census?

What is the Census, and why have one?

The Census is a count of all people and households in

England and Wales (E&W). It is the biggest survey that takes place within E&W and provides the most complete information on the population. A Census has taken place every ten years from 1801, except for 1941. The most recent Census was held on 27 March 2011.

As the questions in the Census are the same across E&W, and are asked at the same time, comparison across different areas is possible.

The Census provides invaluable information on:

- **Population** – age, sex and socio-economic make up of the population
- **Health** – general health, illness and carers
- **Housing** – identifies overcrowding and inadequate housing
- **Employment** – industry, occupation and employment status
- **Transport** – travel to and from work, availability of cars
- **Ethnicity** – this information helps central and local government to allocate resources and plan programmes to take account of the needs of minority groups

What has been released?

So far, Census key statistics have been released for local authorities, wards and output areas in England and Wales. Key statistics give the main information in simple categorisations, as counts and percentages. Output areas, the basic building block of the Census, are on average made up of 150 households.

Statistics from the 2011 census are being released in four stages. Stage 1 was released in July 2012 and included population by age, sex and occupied household estimates. Stage 2 was released between November 2012 and February 2013 and included Key and Quick statistics. The third release will be available between March 2013 and June 2013 and will include data on Local Characteristics. The final release will be available between July 2013 and October 2013 and will include detailed characteristics, detailed themes and data on the Armed Forces.

Census data is available in a number of formats which include data by topic, neighbourhood statistics and summary reports. Alongside this data interactive maps and comparator tools to compare data with the 2001 census are available at:

www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/index.html

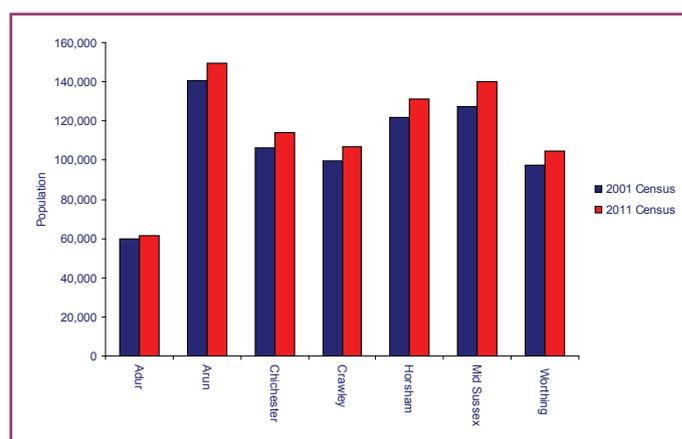
Population of West Sussex

Figure 1: Population of West Sussex

Population 2001	Population 2011	Change
Adur (59,600)	Adur (61,200)	1,600 (+3%)
Arun (140,800)	Arun (149,500)	8,700 (+6%)
Chichester (106,400)	Chichester (113,800)	7,400 (+7%)
Crawley (99,800)	Crawley (106,600)	6,800 (+7%)
Horsham (122,000)	Horsham (131,300)	9,300 (+8%)
Mid Sussex (127,400)	Mid Sussex (139,900)	12,500 (+10%)
Worthing (97,500)	Worthing (104,600)	7,100 (+7%)
West Sussex (753,600)	West Sussex (806,900)	53,300 (+7%)

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Figure 2: West Sussex Population Growth between 2001 and 2011

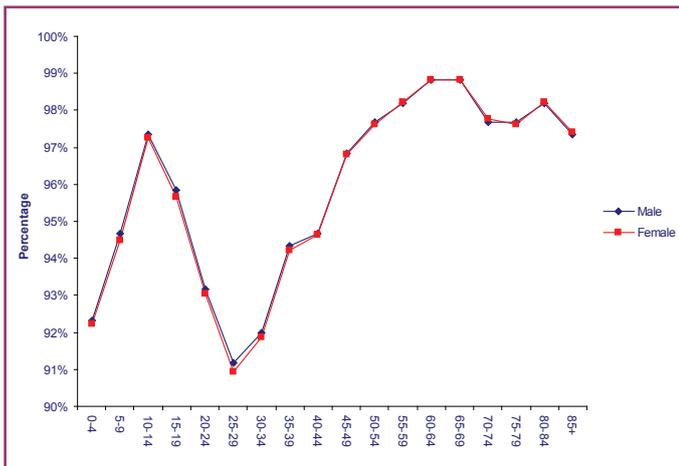


Between 2001 and 2011 the population of West Sussex has risen from 753,600 to 806,900. Mid Sussex has seen the largest population increase (10%), whilst Adur has experienced the smallest rise in population (3%). Further bulletins will be released which will analyse the results of the 2011 census in more detail and will highlight how the county has changed over the last ten years.

Response Rates

Figure 3 below shows response rates in West Sussex by age and sex for the 2011 census. The average response rate for West Sussex was 96%, with Crawley having the lowest response rate of 94% and Arun, Chichester and Horsham attaining the highest rate of 97%. In comparison with the 2001 census response rates have slightly improved, with the response rate in Crawley rising from 91% to 94% being the most significant improvement. The older residents within West Sussex achieved a far higher response rate than those aged between 20 and 34, which is highlighted in Figure 3 below.

Figure 3: Average response rates in West Sussex for 2011



Who will produce these bulletins?

A Census Joint Working Group that will produce bulletins on specific topics has been set up within West Sussex County Council. Bulletins will be released as the relevant data becomes available from the Office of National Statistics and will be designed to allow comparison with the 2001 bulletins. The working group is made up of officers from Strategic Planning, Health, Economic Development, Data Insight and Community Development. This group will also meet with the District/Borough Councils to ensure a joined up approach analysing census data is achieved.

Which Council covers which area in West Sussex?

There are a number of different councils working across West Sussex. There is a County Council and seven district or borough councils. These are:

- West Sussex County Council
- Adur District Council
- Arun District Council
- Chichester District Council
- Crawley Borough Council
- Horsham District Council
- Mid Sussex District Council
- Worthing Borough Council

District and borough councils have the same responsibilities which are summarised in the table below alongside the duties of the county council. A map has also been included showing the geographic boundaries of each district/borough within West Sussex.

Figure 4: County and Local Authority responsibilities

County Council	District/Borough Councils	Divided
Education	Local Planning	Recreation
Transport	Housing	Museums and Galleries
Planning	Council Tax Collection	Tourism
Fire and Public Safety	Building Regulations	
Social Care	Environmental Health	
Libraries	Refuse Collection	
Waste Management		
Trading Standards		

ONS Census tables used: KS102EW.

