



2011 Census town profile: Biggleswade

Total population: 16,550

Households: 6,920

Dwellings: 7,220

Population density: 8.8 people per hectare

Area: 1,880 hectares

Age group, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
0-4	1,110	6.7	6.3	6.3
5-15	2,220	13.4	13.3	12.6
16-17	430	2.6	2.6	2.5
18-64	10,340	62.5	62.1	62.3
65-84	2,090	12.6	13.8	14.1
85+	360	2.2	1.8	2.3
Total	16,550	100	100	100

Marital status, people aged 16+

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Single	4,080	30.8	29.2	34.6
Married	6,640	50.2	52.5	46.6
Civil partnership	30	0.2	0.1	0.2
Separated / Divorced	1,620	12.3	11.9	11.7
Widowed	850	6.4	6.3	6.9
Total	13,220	100	100	100

Gender, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Male	8,140	49.2	49.5	49.2
Female	8,420	50.8	50.5	50.8
Total	16,550	100	100	100

Religion, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Christian	9,910	59.9	62.2	59.4
Other religion	310	1.9	2.6	8.7
No religion	5,210	31.5	28.4	24.7
Not stated	1,120	6.8	6.8	7.2
Total	16,550	100	100	100

Ethnic origin, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
White British	15,190	91.8	89.7	79.8
White Other	610	3.7	4.2	5.7
Mixed	260	1.6	1.9	2.2
Asian	310	1.9	2.6	7.7
Black	150	0.9	1.4	3.4
Other	30	0.2	0.3	1.0
Total	16,550	100	100	100

General health, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Very good health	7,750	46.8	49.1	47.2
Good health	5,980	36.1	35.5	34.2
Fairly good health	2,110	12.8	11.5	13.1
Bad health	570	3.4	3.0	4.2
Very bad health	140	0.8	0.8	1.2
Total	16,550	100	100	100

Country of birth, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
UK	15,470	93.4	92.1	86.2
Ireland	90	0.6	1.0	0.8
EU (pre 2004)	200	1.2	1.4	1.7
EU (acc.)	220	1.3	1.1	2.1
Other	570	3.5	4.4	9.3
Total	16,550	100	100	100

Housing tenure, all households

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Owned	4,840	70.0	73.3	64.2
Socially rented	1,070	15.5	13.4	17.7
Private rented	1,000	14.5	13.2	18.1
Total	6,920	100	100	100

EU (acc.) = accession states, joining EU from 2004

'Owned' includes shared ownership; 'Private rented' includes living rent free.

Dwelling type, all household spaces

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
Detached	1,510	20.9	28.2	22.3
Semi-det	2,610	36.1	33.8	30.7
Terraced	2,150	29.7	25.3	24.5
Flat etc	920	12.7	11.7	22.1
Caravan etc	40	0.6	1.0	0.4
Total	7,220	100	100	100

Economic activity, all people 16-74

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
Econ active	9,250	76.8	74.7	69.9
Employee - PT	1,840	15.3	14.0	13.7
Employee - FT	5,530	45.9	43.6	38.6
Self employed	1,120	9.3	11.0	9.8
Unemployed	420	3.5	3.5	4.4
FT student	340	2.8	2.8	3.4
Econ inactive	2,800	23.2	25.3	30.1
Retired	1,460	12.1	13.5	13.7
Student	400	3.3	4.2	5.8
Look / home	480	4.0	3.9	4.4
Sick / disabled	310	2.5	2.4	4.0
Other	160	1.3	1.3	2.2
Total	12,050	100	100	100

Econ = Economically; PT = Part time; FT = Full time; Look/home = Looking after home

Top three industries of employment

	No.	%
1. Wholesale & retail	1,590	18.1
2. Manufacturing	1,120	12.8
3. Construction	900	10.3
Total 16-74 in employ	8,760	100

Shows industries for residents, not workers.

Qualifications, all people 16+

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
No quals	2,770	21.0	19.4	22.5
Level 1 or 2	4,480	33.9	31.9	28.5
Apprenticeship	650	4.9	4.7	3.6
Level 3	1,630	12.3	12.6	12.4
Level 4+	3,080	23.3	27.3	27.4
Total	13,220	100	100	100

Level 1/2 = GCSE, level 3 = A level, level 4+ = degree. Total includes 'other' qualifications.

Household composition, all households

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
1 person - pensioner	760	10.9	11.2	12.4
1 person - other	1,180	17.0	14.7	17.9
Couple - no children	1,350	19.6	20.5	17.6
Couple + dep children	1,610	23.3	23.1	19.3
Couple + non dep ch	460	6.6	7.3	6.1
LP + dep children	450	6.6	6.5	7.1
LP + non dep children	230	3.3	3.1	3.5
All aged 65 and over	550	8.0	8.7	8.4
All other households	330	4.7	4.9	7.7
Total	6,920	100	100	100

LP = lone parent; dep = dependent; ch = children; couple includes married and cohabiting

Amenities and cars, all households

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
Overcrowded*	320	4.6	4.6	8.7
No central heating	170	2.5	1.7	2.7
No car or van	1,200	17.3	13.2	25.8
2 or more cars or vans	2,680	38.8	46.7	32.0
Total number of cars	9,210	-	-	-
Total households	6,920	100	100	100

* Occupancy rating of -1 (one room too few). Takes account of no. of rooms, and people by relationship, age and gender.

Socio-economic classification, all people 16-74

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
Managerial / professional	3,920	32.5	35.9	31.3
Intermediate	1,810	15.0	14.8	12.8
Small employers	1,120	9.3	10.5	9.4
Lower supervisor/technical	970	8.0	7.2	6.9
Routine & semi-routine	3,120	25.9	21.8	25.0
Never worked	400	3.3	3.1	5.6
Not classified	720	5.9	6.8	9.0
Total	12,050	100	100	100

Method of travel to work, all people 16-74 in employ

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
Work at home	380	4.3	6.0	5.4
Car	6,200	70.8	74.3	62.0
Train	750	8.5	6.4	5.3
Foot	960	11.0	8.1	10.7
Other	470	5.3	5.1	16.5
Total	8,760	100	100	100

Method of longest part, by distance, of journey to work.

Source: Office for National Statistics

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Please note i) Percentages are calculated to one decimal place, ii) Numbers are rounded to the nearest 10

iii) Totals may not sum exactly due to rounding

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