



2011 Census ward profile: Dunstable Central

Total population: 4,820

Households: 2,240

Dwellings: 2,370

Population density: 39.8 people per hectare

Area: 120 hectares

Age group, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
0-4	260	5.5	6.3	6.3
5-15	550	11.4	13.3	12.6
16-17	140	2.8	2.6	2.5
18-64	2,940	61.1	62.1	62.3
65-84	760	15.8	13.8	14.1
85+	160	3.4	1.8	2.3
Total	4,820	100	100	100

Marital status, people aged 16+

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Single	1,330	33.1	29.2	34.6
Married	1,770	44.1	52.5	46.6
Civil partnership	10	0.2	0.1	0.2
Separated / Divorced	550	13.7	11.9	11.7
Widowed	360	8.9	6.3	6.9
Total	4,000	100	100	100

Gender, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Male	2,360	48.9	49.5	49.2
Female	2,460	51.1	50.5	50.8
Total	4,820	100	100	100

Religion, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Christian	3,010	62.4	62.2	59.4
Other religion	170	3.6	2.6	8.7
No religion	1,280	26.5	28.4	24.7
Not stated	360	7.5	6.8	7.2
Total	4,820	100	100	100

Ethnic origin, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
White British	4,160	86.4	89.7	79.8
White Other	280	5.8	4.2	5.7
Mixed	100	2.2	1.9	2.2
Asian	160	3.2	2.6	7.7
Black	90	1.9	1.4	3.4
Other	30	0.5	0.3	1.0
Total	4,820	100	100	100

General health, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Very good health	2,260	46.9	49.1	47.2
Good health	1,640	34.0	35.5	34.2
Fairly good health	660	13.8	11.5	13.1
Bad health	190	3.9	3.0	4.2
Very bad health	70	1.5	0.8	1.2
Total	4,820	100	100	100

Country of birth, all people

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
UK	4,310	89.4	92.1	86.2
Ireland	50	1.0	1.0	0.8
EU (pre 2004)	70	1.5	1.4	1.7
EU (acc.)	130	2.7	1.1	2.1
Other	260	5.4	4.4	9.3
Total	4,820	100	100	100

Housing tenure, all households

	No.	%	CBC Eng	
			%	%
Owned	1,480	66.0	73.3	64.2
Socially rented	280	12.3	13.4	17.7
Private rented	480	21.6	13.2	18.1
Total	2,240	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	320	13.6	28.2	22.3
Semi-det	580	24.3	33.8	30.7
Terraced	650	27.5	25.3	24.5
Flat etc	820	34.5	11.7	22.1
Caravan etc	0	0.0	1.0	0.4
Total	2,370	100	100	100

Economic activity, all people 16-74

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
Econ active	2,570	73.8	74.7	69.9
Employee - PT	420	12.0	14.0	13.7
Employee - FT	1,540	44.2	43.6	38.6
Self employed	380	10.8	11.0	9.8
Unemployed	120	3.5	3.5	4.4
FT student	120	3.4	2.8	3.4
Econ inactive	910	26.2	25.3	30.1
Retired	490	14.1	13.5	13.7
Student	130	3.7	4.2	5.8
Look / home	120	3.4	3.9	4.4
Sick / disabled	110	3.2	2.4	4.0
Other	60	1.8	1.3	2.2
Total	3,490	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	420	17.2
2. Education	250	10.5
2. Health & social work	250	10.5
Total 16-74 in employ	2,420	100

Shows industries for residents, not workers.

Qualifications, all people 16+

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
No quals	850	21.3	19.4	22.5
Level 1 or 2	1,250	31.2	31.9	28.5
Apprenticeship	220	5.5	4.7	3.6
Level 3	520	13.0	12.6	12.4
Level 4+	970	24.2	27.3	27.4
Total	4,000	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	350	15.4	11.2	12.4
1 person - other	520	23.3	14.7	17.9
Couple - no children	350	15.8	20.5	17.6
Couple + dep children	390	17.2	23.1	19.3
Couple + non dep ch	120	5.2	7.3	6.1
LP + dep children	150	6.8	6.5	7.1
LP + non dep children	70	2.9	3.1	3.5
All aged 65 and over	190	8.3	8.7	8.4
All other households	110	4.9	4.9	7.7
Total	2,240	100	100	100

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

Amenities and cars, all households

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
Overcrowded*	240	10.7	4.6	8.7
No central heating	40	2.0	1.7	2.7
No car or van	570	25.3	13.2	25.8
2 or more cars or vans	730	32.6	46.7	32.0
Total number of cars	2,670	-	-	-
Total households	2,240	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	1,210	34.8	35.9	31.3
Intermediate	540	15.6	14.8	12.8
Small employers	400	11.6	10.5	9.4
Lower supervisor/technical	250	7.0	7.2	6.9
Routine & semi-routine	740	21.1	21.8	25.0
Never worked	110	3.0	3.1	5.6
Not classified	240	6.9	6.8	9.0
Total	3,490	100	100	100

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

	No.	CBC Eng		
		%	%	%
Work at home	130	5.3	6.0	5.4
Car	1,650	68.1	74.3	62.0
Train	40	1.8	6.4	5.3
Foot	400	16.6	8.1	10.7
Other	200	8.2	5.1	16.5
Total	2,420	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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