In December 2012 the Office for National Statistics released data from the 2011 Census on the characteristics of the population at district level. This report highlights the keys facts. A full borough profile will be available shortly.

- The population of Milton Keynes in 2011 was 248,800.
- The population has grown by 36,100 since 2001. This is a 17% increase.
- Milton Keynes has a younger population than England as a whole. 22.3% are aged under 16 compared with 18.9% in England.
- The population is getting older, the median age rose from 34 in 2001 to 35 in 2011.
- 26.1% of the Milton Keynes population are from a black and minority ethnic group. This compares to 13.2% in 2001 and 20.2% for England as a whole.
- The black and minority ethnic groups that have grown the most between 2001 and 2011 are Black African (1.3% of the population in 2001 to 5.2% in 2011) and White Other (2.5% of the population in 2001 to 5.1% in 2011).
- 18.5% of residents in Milton Keynes were born outside of the UK. This compares to 13.8% for England as a whole and 9.9% in 2001.
- 52.8% stated their religion was Christian, this compares to 59.4% in England.
- Milton Keynes has a higher proportion of people (11%) living in council rented housing compared with England (9.4%).
- 28.2% of households live in detached houses in Milton Keynes compared with 22.3% in England.
- The proportion of single person households decreased from 27% in 2001 to 25.9% in 2011.
- A higher proportion (68%) of Milton Keynes residents are in employment compared with England (62.1%).
- Of those in employment 85.3% are employed in the service sector compared with 81.3% in England.
- 10.9% of residents are employed in managers and senior official occupations and 12.3% in elementary occupations.
- 4,306 households in Milton Keynes have no adult in employment with dependent children.
- Levels of qualifications in Milton Keynes are slightly higher than the England average. 18% have no qualifications compared with 22.5% in England. 28.2% have level 4 and higher compared with 27.4% in England.
- 15,800 residents say their day to day activities are limited a lot because of health issues. This is 6.4% of the population compared with 8.3% for England.

## Graph 1: Box Plot Showing Key Data

The chart below shows how Milton Keynes compares with the rest of England in a range of indicators from the 2011 Census. The Milton Keynes result for each indicator is shown as a red circle, against the range of results for England which are shown as a grey bar. The black line indicates the England %.

	= Milton Keynes Figure	Lowest		/	and %		
	Indicator	мк	MK %	Eng %	Eng Low		Eng High
Housing Population	Population Growth 2001-2011	36,100	17.0	7.2	-4.0		26.4
	Aged 0-15	55,392	22.3	18.9	8.4		26.0
	Aged 65+	27,511	11.1	16.4	6.1	•	29.7
	BME Population	64,887	26.0	20.0	2.3		83.4
	Country of Birth Outside UK	46,136	18.5	13.8	2.2		55.2
	All people in HH with English as main languge	87,443	88.7	90.9	52.6	•	98.9
	Religion: Christian	131,352	52.8	59.4	27.1	•	80.9
	Owner Occupied	56,913	57.8	63.4	23.8		82.9
	Flats	16,547	16.1	22.1	4.3		98.0
	Households with Dependent Children	34,466	34.9	29.0	9.8		41.6
	Single Person Households	25,546	25.9	30.3	22.5		56.4
	Lone Parent Households	8,166	8.3	7.1	2.1		14.4
Economy	Unemployed	8,640	4.8	4.4	1.1		8.0
	Unemployed: Never Worked	986	0.5	0.7	0.1	•	2.0
	Economically inactive	43,668	24.1	30.1	18.0	•	39.3
	In Employment	123,379	68.0	62.1	48.6		80.6
	Service Sector Employment	108,986	85.3	81.3	61.4		96.4
	Managers and Senior Officals	13,871	10.9	10.9	6.6	•	23.3
	Elementary Occupations	15,740	12.3	11.1	3.6		21.1
	No Adults in Employment with Dep Children	4,306	4.4	4.2	0.2	•	10.4
Education	No Qualifications	34,850	18.0	22.5	6.7	•	35.2
	Level 1 Qualification	30,794	15.9	13.3	4.3		18.8
	Level 4 & Higher Qualifications	54,591	28.2	27.4	14.2		68.4
	18+ Population who are full time students	6,823	3.5	5.5	0.8	•	23.6
Health	Day to Day Activities Limited a lot	15,802	6.4	8.3	4.4	•	14.2
	Bad or Very Bad Health	10,288	4.1	5.4	2.7	4	9.5
	Provides Unpaid Care	21,797	8.7	10.3	6.5		13.3

## Full tables of results and further information from the 2011 can be viewed here:

## http://www.mkiobservatory.org.uk/page.aspx?id=1924&siteID=1026