

Milton Keynes Theme Report - 2011 Census Population and Migration

Introduction

This report outlines the key facts around population and migration in Milton Keynes from the 2011 Census.

Key Points

- Milton Keynes has a very high population growth rate. The population increased by 36,100 people (17%) to 248,800 between 2001 and 2011.
- Population change between 2001 and 2011 was not evenly spread across Milton Keynes.
- The Milton Keynes population has a younger profile than the England average. The average age in Milton Keynes is 35 compared with 39 for England.
- The highest growth rate between 2001 and 2011 in Milton Keynes occurred in the older age groups and the 0-4 age group.
- The population is becoming more ethnically diverse. In 2001 13.2% of the population were from a black and minority ethnic group compared with 26.1% in 2011.
- Different ethnic groups have different age profiles. The Mixed ethnic group had the youngest age profile and the White Irish the oldest.
- The number of Milton Keynes residents born outside of the UK more than doubled from 20,500 (9.9%) in 2001 to 46,100 (18.5%) in 2011.
- 90.5% of people aged 3+ in Milton Keynes have English as their main language compared to 92.0% in England.
- 52.8% of the Milton Keynes population stated they were Christian, 4.8% Muslim and 2.8% Hindu. 31.3% of the population in Milton Keynes stated they had no religion.

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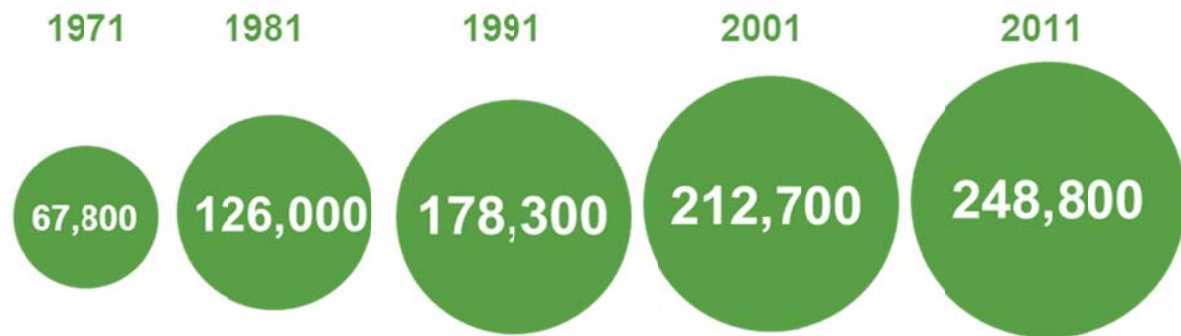
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Milton Keynes has had sustained high population growth over the last four decades. In 1971 the population was 67,800 by 1981 it had risen by 86% to 126,000. The population grew to 212,700 in 2001 and to almost a quarter of a million in 2011.

Graph 1: Change in Population: Milton Keynes 1971 to 2011



In 2011 the population of Milton Keynes Borough was 248,800. Table 1 outlines that the population growth in Milton Keynes between 2001 and 2011 was significantly higher than for England as a whole. Milton Keynes grew by 36,100 people; this is an increase of 17% compared with 7.2% for England. It is one of the fastest growing local authorities in England exceeded by only 5 London Boroughs and Manchester.

Table 1: Change in Population: Milton Keynes and England 2001 to 2011

	2001 Population	2011 Population	Change	% Change
Milton Keynes	212,700	248,800	36,100	17.0
England	49,449,700	53,012,500	3,562,800	7.2

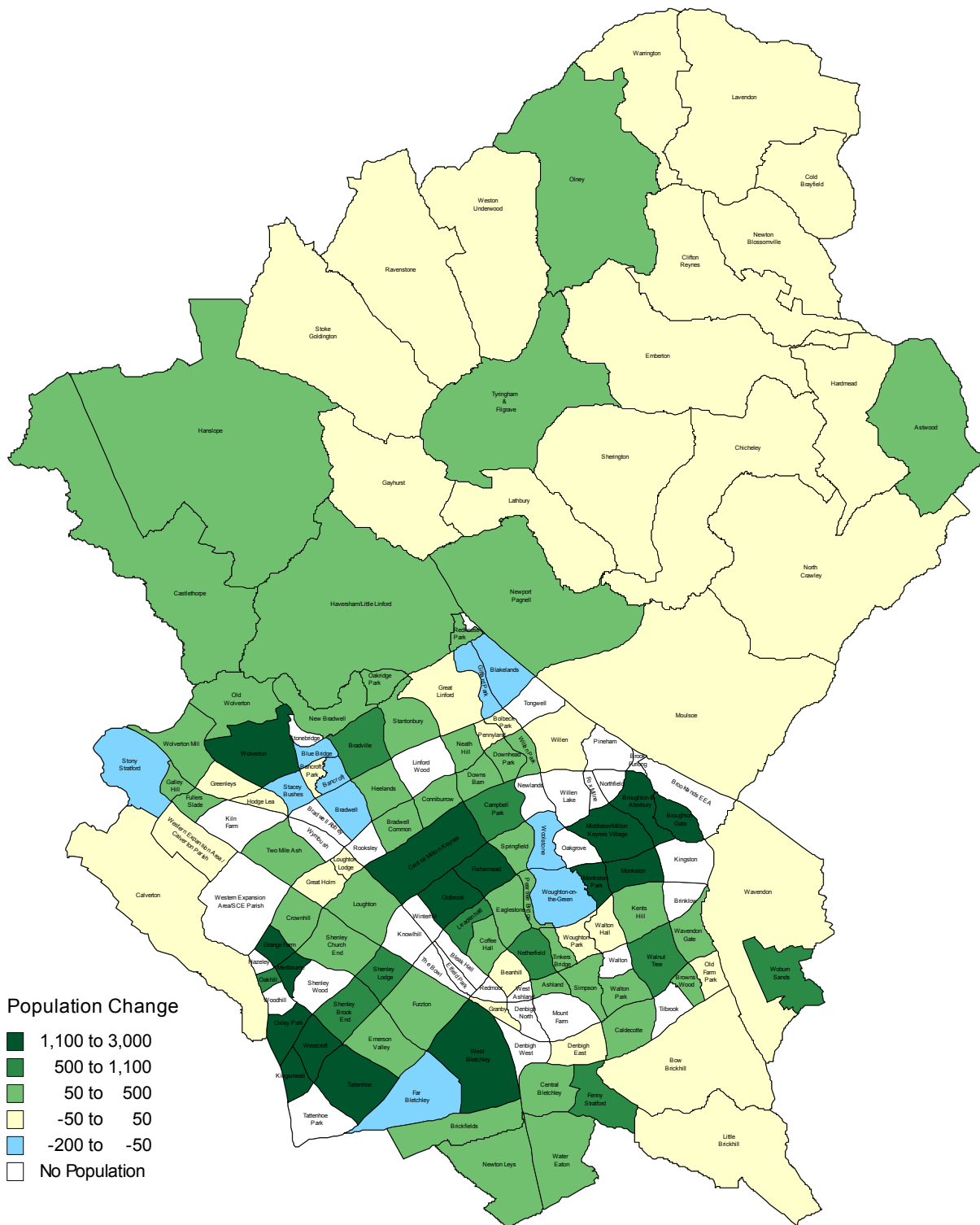
Population change between 2001 and 2011 was not evenly spread across Milton Keynes

Map 1 outlines the change in population by estate between 2001 and 2011. The majority of areas experiencing a large increase in population were those which have had housing development over the last 10 years. These include Broughton & Atterbury (+3,000 people), Oxley Park (+2,400), Broughton Gate (+2,200), and Grange Farm (+2,000). These estates did not exist in 2001. Some more established areas also had housing development which contributed to population growth such as Central Milton Keynes (+1,500) and Wolverton (+1,300).

Some estates in Milton Keynes increased in size due to an increase in the number of people per household. For example the average household size of Fishermead increased from 2.7 to 3.0. This helped the population increase by 29.9% (+1,200 people).

Conversely some areas, shown in blue on the map, have seen a decline in the population. The largest decrease occurred in Blakelands (-100), Woolstone (-100) and Far Bletchley (-100). This is caused by a declining number of families with children in the area resulting in a decrease in household size.

Map 1: % Population Change 2001-2011 – Milton Keynes Estates



The Milton Keynes population has a younger profile than the England average. The average age in Milton Keynes is 35 compared with 39 for England.

Table 2 shows the age structure of Milton Keynes compared with England. It outlines that Milton Keynes has a high proportion in the younger age groups. In Milton Keynes in 2011 22.3% of the population were aged under 16 compared with 18.9% in England. Just 11.1% of the population were aged 65+ compared with 16.4% in England. In addition 31.8% of the Milton Keynes population are in the 25-44 year old age group compared with 27.5% in England.

Table 2: Age Structure: Milton Keynes and England 2011

Age	Milton Keynes				England
	Male	Female	Total	Total %	Total %
0-4	10,179	9,729	19,908	8.0	6.3
5-9	8,449	8,019	16,468	6.6	5.6
10-14	8,040	7,765	15,805	6.4	5.8
15-19	7,620	7,100	14,720	5.9	6.3
20-24	6,913	7,143	14,056	5.6	6.8
25-29	9,731	9,865	19,596	7.9	6.9
30-34	10,411	10,549	20,960	8.4	6.6
35-39	9,826	9,672	19,498	7.8	6.7
40-44	9,481	9,609	19,090	7.7	7.3
45-49	8,903	9,027	17,930	7.2	7.3
50-54	8,043	7,968	16,011	6.4	6.4
55-59	6,887	7,212	14,099	5.7	5.7
60-64	6,465	6,704	13,169	5.3	6.0
65-69	4,372	4,500	8,872	3.6	4.7
70-74	3,054	3,541	6,595	2.7	3.9
75-79	2,175	2,709	4,884	2.0	3.1
80-84	1,464	2,146	3,610	1.5	2.4
85-89	814	1,557	2,371	1.0	1.5
90+	289	890	1,179	0.5	0.8
Total	123,116	125,705	248,821	100.0	100.0

The highest growth rate between 2001 and 2011 in Milton Keynes occurred in the older age groups and the 0-4 age group.

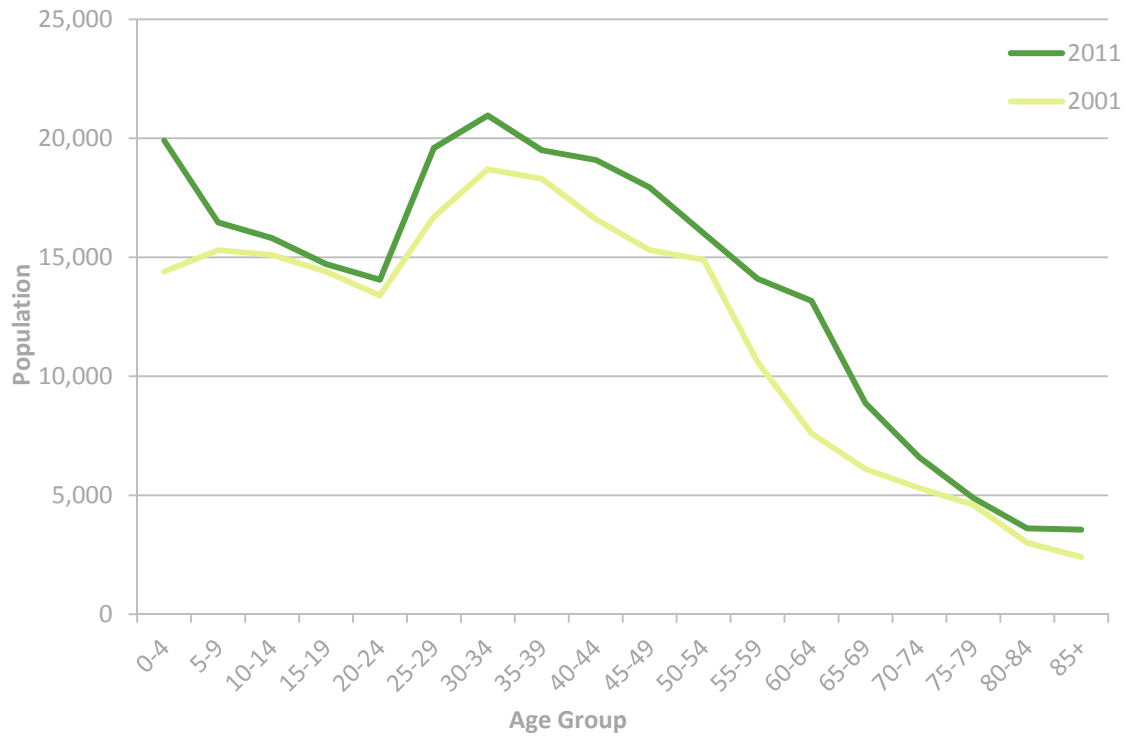
Graph 2 shows the change in age structure between 2001 and 2011. The graph compares the age profile reported by the 2011 census with the age structure in Milton Keynes from the 2001 mid year estimates.

All age groups grew between 2001 and 2011. However, the highest growth rate occurred in the 60-64 age group; it increased by 73.7% from 7,600 in 2001 to 13,200 in 2011. Additionally the 0-4 age group also had a high growth rate of 38.2% or 5,500 people between 2001 and 2011.

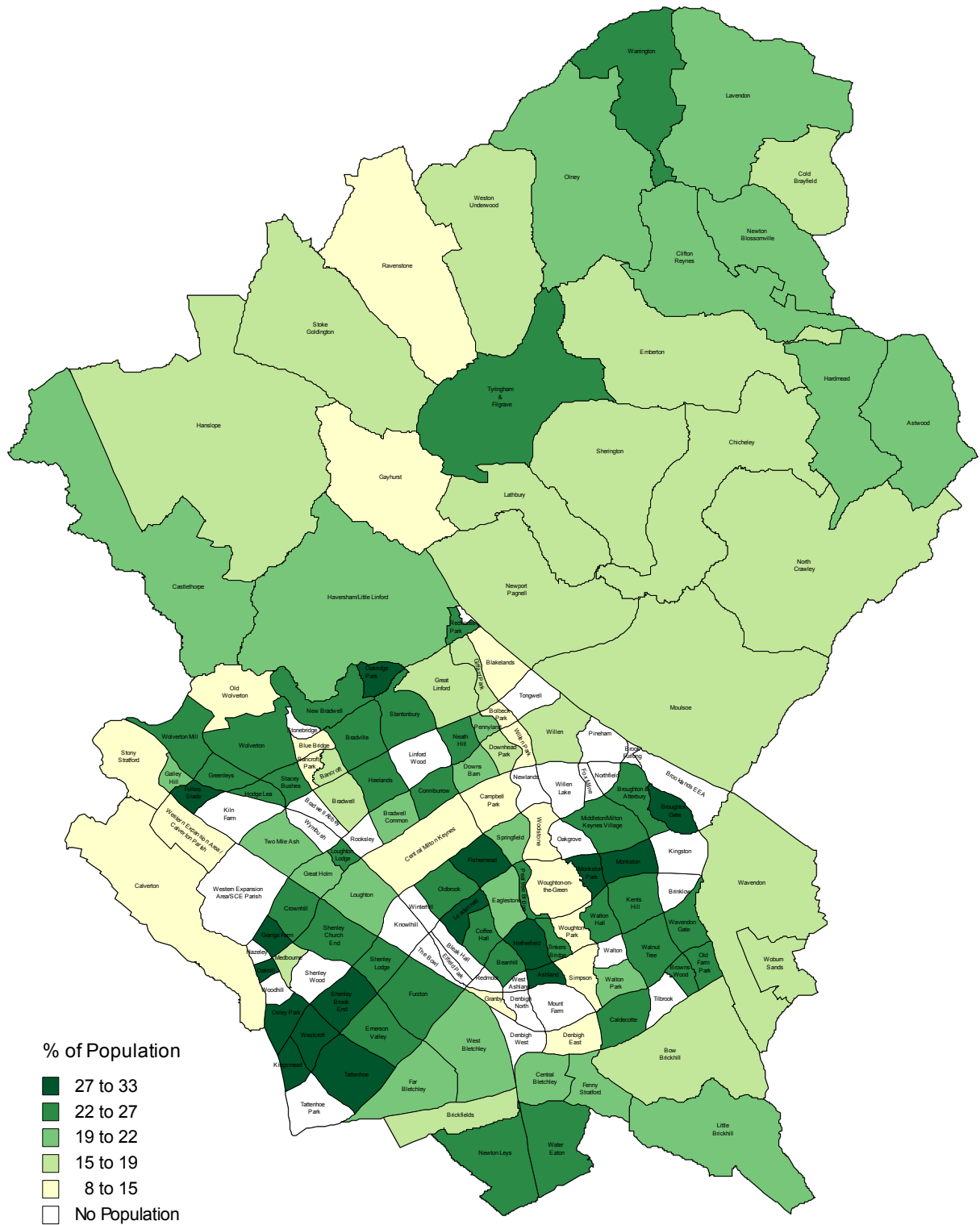
Growth within the 15-19 and 20-24 age groups was low and is significantly different from the growth among those aged 25-29. In part, this difference may be

explained by 20-24 year olds migrating away to other towns and cities for university.

Graph 2: Age Structure of the Population: Milton Keynes 2001 and 2011

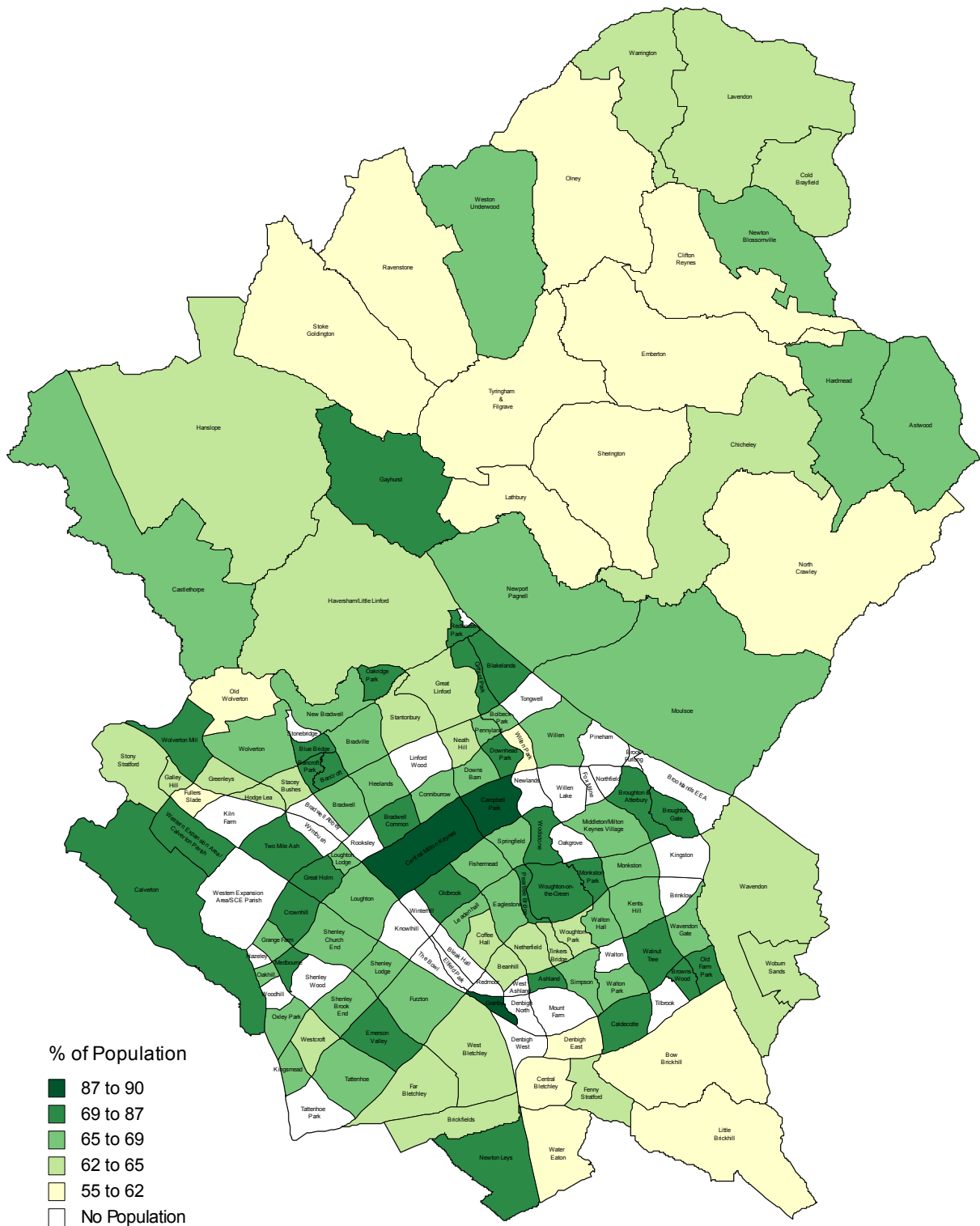


Map 2: % of the population aged 0-15 – Milton Keynes Estates



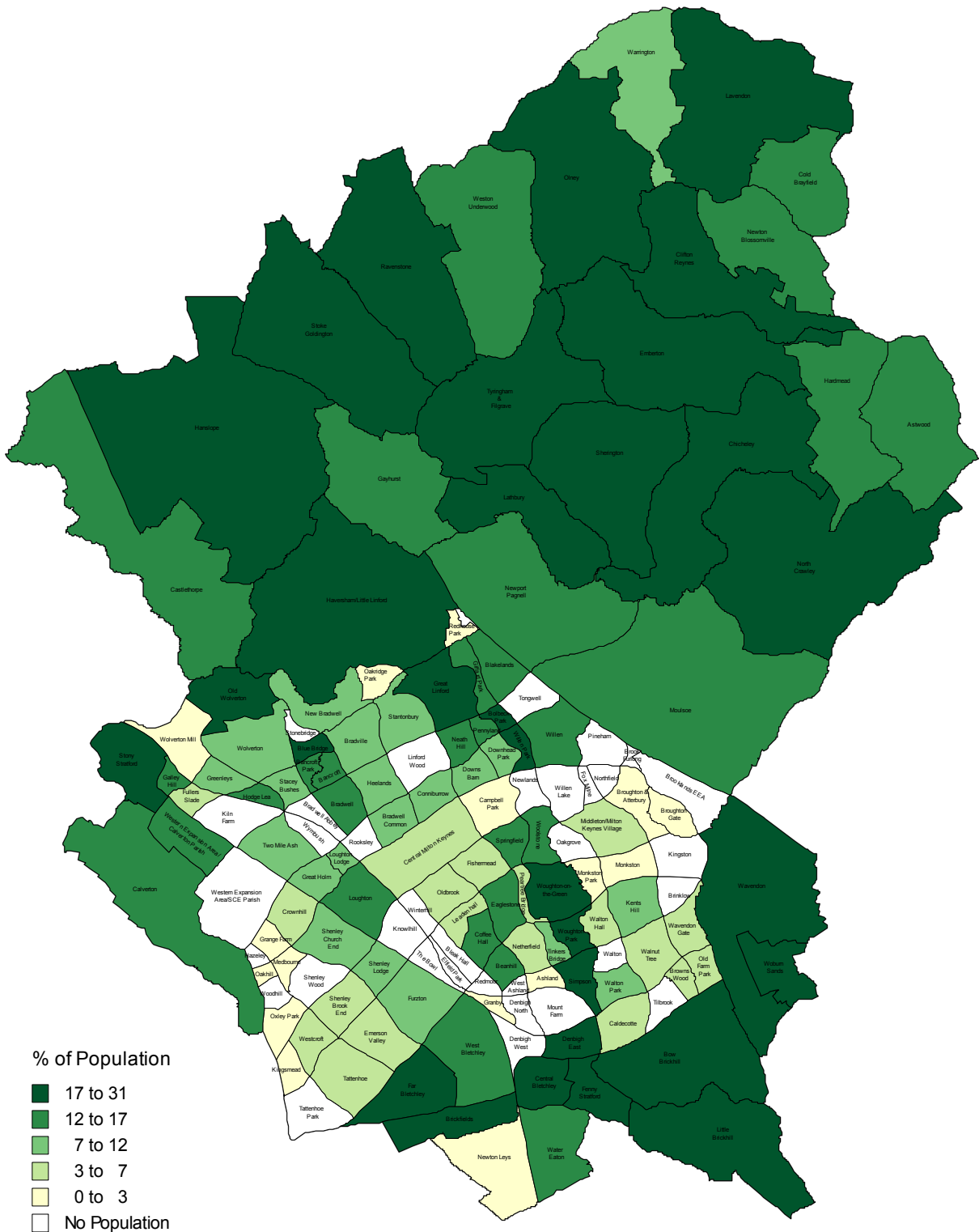
Map 2 outlines that there was a high proportion of 0-15 year olds around Emerson Valley Ward, in some of the newly developed areas such as Broughton Gate, Oxley Park, Ashland and Oakridge Park, and some older areas such as Fullers Slade, Netherfield, Fishermead and Eaglestone.

Map 3: % of the population aged 16-64 (working age) – Milton Keynes Estates



Map 3 highlights that Campbell Park (89.2%), Granby (88.7%) and Central Milton Keynes (87.7%) had the highest proportion of 16-64 year olds. This may be due to the high proportion of flats in these areas. The lowest proportions tend to be within the rural areas for example Tyringham and Filgrave had the lowest proportion with 55.6%.

Map 4: % of the population aged 65+ – Milton Keynes Estates



Rural areas tend to have the highest proportion of residents aged 65+ whilst newly developed areas tend to have the lowest. For example 0.9% of residents in Oakridge Park and 1.2% of residents in Broughton Gate, Newton Leys and Oxley Park were aged over 65.

26.1% of the population in Milton Keynes were from a black and minority ethnic group compared with 20.2% in England.

Table 3 shows the number of people in each ethnic group in Milton Keynes compared with England. It outlines that the largest black and minority ethnic group in Milton Keynes was Black African. 13,100 people in Milton Keynes classified themselves as Black African this is 5.2% of the population. This is significantly higher than the England average of 1.8%. Milton Keynes had the 19th highest proportion of Black Africans of all districts in England.

12,600 people in Milton Keynes classified themselves as White Other. This is 5.1% of the population, above the England average of 4.6%. Other large groups include mixed/multiple ethnic groups (3.3%) and Indian (3.3%).

Table 3: Ethnic Group: Milton Keynes and England 2011

Ethnic Group	Milton Keynes		England
	Persons	%	%
White: British	183,934	73.9	79.8
White: Irish	2,498	1.0	1.0
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	72	0.0	0.1
White: Other White	12,590	5.1	4.6
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	8,235	3.3	2.2
Asian/Asian British: Indian	8,106	3.3	2.6
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	3,851	1.5	2.1
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	1,989	0.8	0.8
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	2,722	1.1	0.7
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	6,114	2.5	1.5
Black/Black British: African	13,058	5.2	1.8
Black/Black British: Caribbean	2,524	1.0	1.1
Black/Black British: Other Black	1,549	0.6	0.5
Other Ethnic Group: Arab	565	0.2	0.4
Other ethnic group	1,014	0.4	0.6
All usual residents	248,821	100.0	100.0

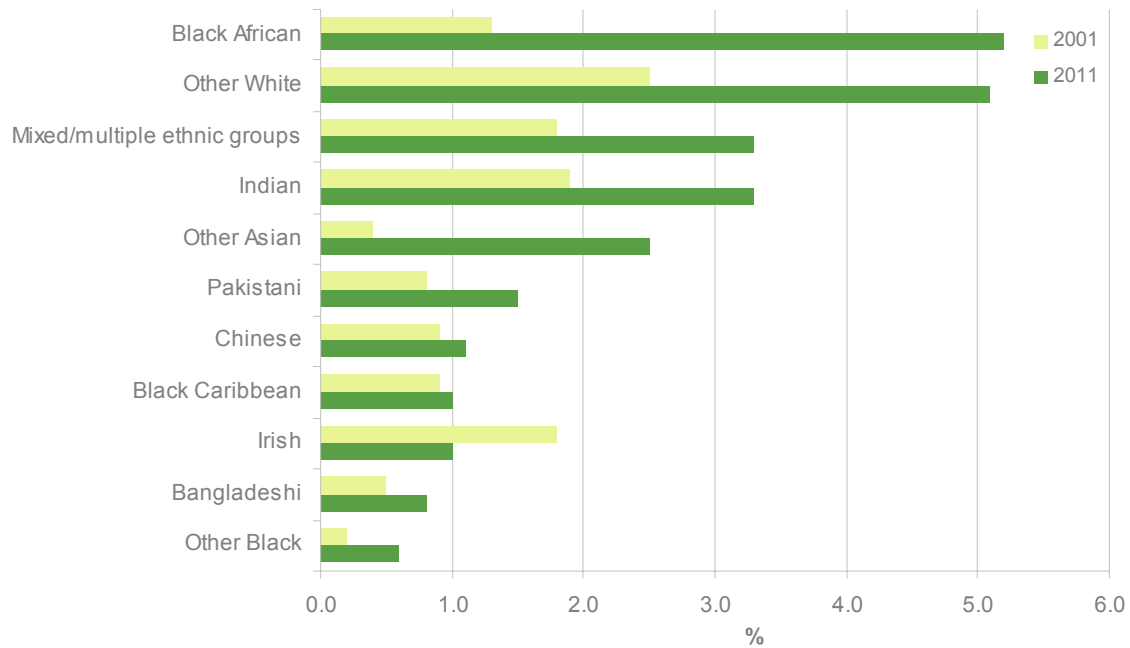
The population is becoming more ethnically diverse. In 2001 13.2% of the population were from a black and minority ethnic group compared with 26.1% in 2011.

Graph 3 outlines that the Black African population had the highest growth in Milton Keynes between 2001 and 2011. In 2001 it accounted for 1.3% of the population by 2011 they accounted for 5.2% of the population.

The other white category had the second largest growth. It grew from 2.5% to 5.1% of the population. The Indian population grew from 1.9% of the population to 3.3%. The Pakistani population grew from 0.8% to 1.5% and the Asian Other Group from 0.4 to 2.5%.

The proportion of the Milton Keynes population that were White British declined from 86.8% to 73.9% between 2001 and 2011.

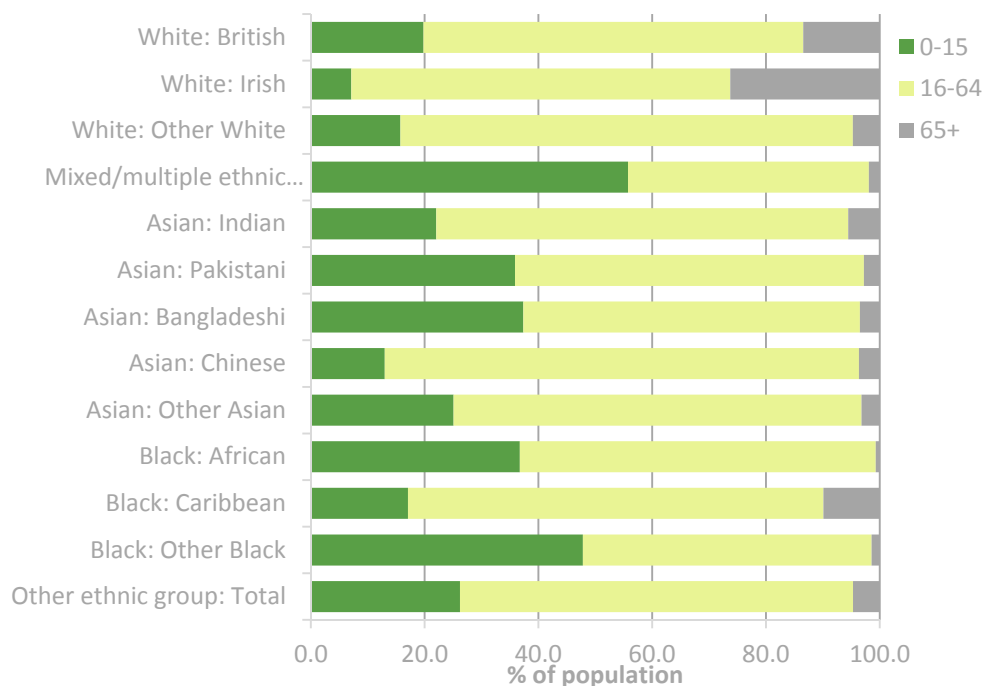
Graph 3: Percentage of the population in each black and minority ethnic group: Milton Keynes 2001 and 2011



Different ethnic groups had different age profiles. The Mixed ethnic group had the youngest age profile and the White Irish the oldest.

Graph 4 outlines that 20% of the White British population are aged 0-15, this compares to 55.8% in the Mixed ethnic group and 47.8% in the Other Black group. The White Irish group has the highest proportion (26.3%) of the population age 65+; this compares to 13.5% for White British residents. Some ethnic groups had a very small proportion of residents in the older age group. Just 90 of the 13,050 Black African residents were aged over 65; this is 0.7% compared to 13.5% for White British residents.

Graph 4: Ethnic Group by Age: Milton Keynes 2011



18.5% of the population in Milton Keynes were born outside of the UK. This is significantly higher than England (13.8%).

81.5% of the population in Milton Keynes were born in the UK, in total this is 46,100 people. Table 4 shows the country of birth for Milton Keynes residents compared with England.

0.8% of the Milton Keynes population were born in Ireland and 2.2% were born in EU member states as at March 2001. 6,200 people were born in 2001-2011 EU accession countries this is 2.5% of the population, slightly higher than England as a whole (2.0%). 32,300 people (13.0%) were born outside of the EU significantly higher than the England figure of 9.4%.

Table 4: Country of Birth: Milton Keynes and England 2011

	Milton Keynes		England
	Persons	%	%
England	194,205	78.1	83.5
Northern Ireland	1,084	0.4	0.4
Scotland	4,876	2.0	1.3
Wales	2,482	1.0	1.0
United Kingdom not otherwise specified	38	0.0	0.0
UK Total	202,685	81.5	86.2
Republic of Ireland	2,044	0.8	0.7
Other EU: Member countries in March 2001	5,550	2.2	1.7
Other EU: Accession countries Apr-2001 - Mar-2011	6,244	2.5	2.0
EU Total	13,838	5.5	4.4
Other countries	32,298	13.0	9.4
Total Outside UK	46,136	18.5	13.8

The number of Milton Keynes residents born outside of the UK more than doubled from 20,500 (9.9%) in 2001 to 46,100 (18.5%) in 2011.

In addition to more non-uk born Milton Keynes residents the countries of birth have also change. Table 5 shows the largest ten countries of birth for residents in Milton Keynes born outside of the UK in 2001 and 2011. It outlines that there has been major growth in some countries. For example the number of Polish born Milton Keynes residents increased from just 200 in 2001 to 3,800 in 2011

Table 5: Top Ten Countries of Birth for Milton Keynes Residents Born Outside UK 2001 and 2011

2001			2011		
	Country	People		Country	People
1	Republic of Ireland	2,170	1	India	4,146
2	India	1,660	2	Poland	3,765
3	Germany	1,133	3	Ghana	2,564
4	South Africa	806	4	Zimbabwe	2,116
5	Pakistan	761	5	Ireland	2,044
6	Italy	731	6	Pakistan	1,933
7	Kenya	729	7	South Africa	1,849
8	Somalia	616	8	Germany	1,737
9	Bangladesh	614	9	Sri Lanka	1,724
10	Jamaica	486	10	Nigeria	1,666

4,800 people living in Milton Keynes had been living in the UK for less than two years.

1.9% of the total Milton Keynes population have lived in the UK for less than two years, similar to England as a whole (1.8%). In total 5.4% of the Milton Keynes population have been resident in the UK for less than 5 years, this compares to 4.0% in England as a whole.

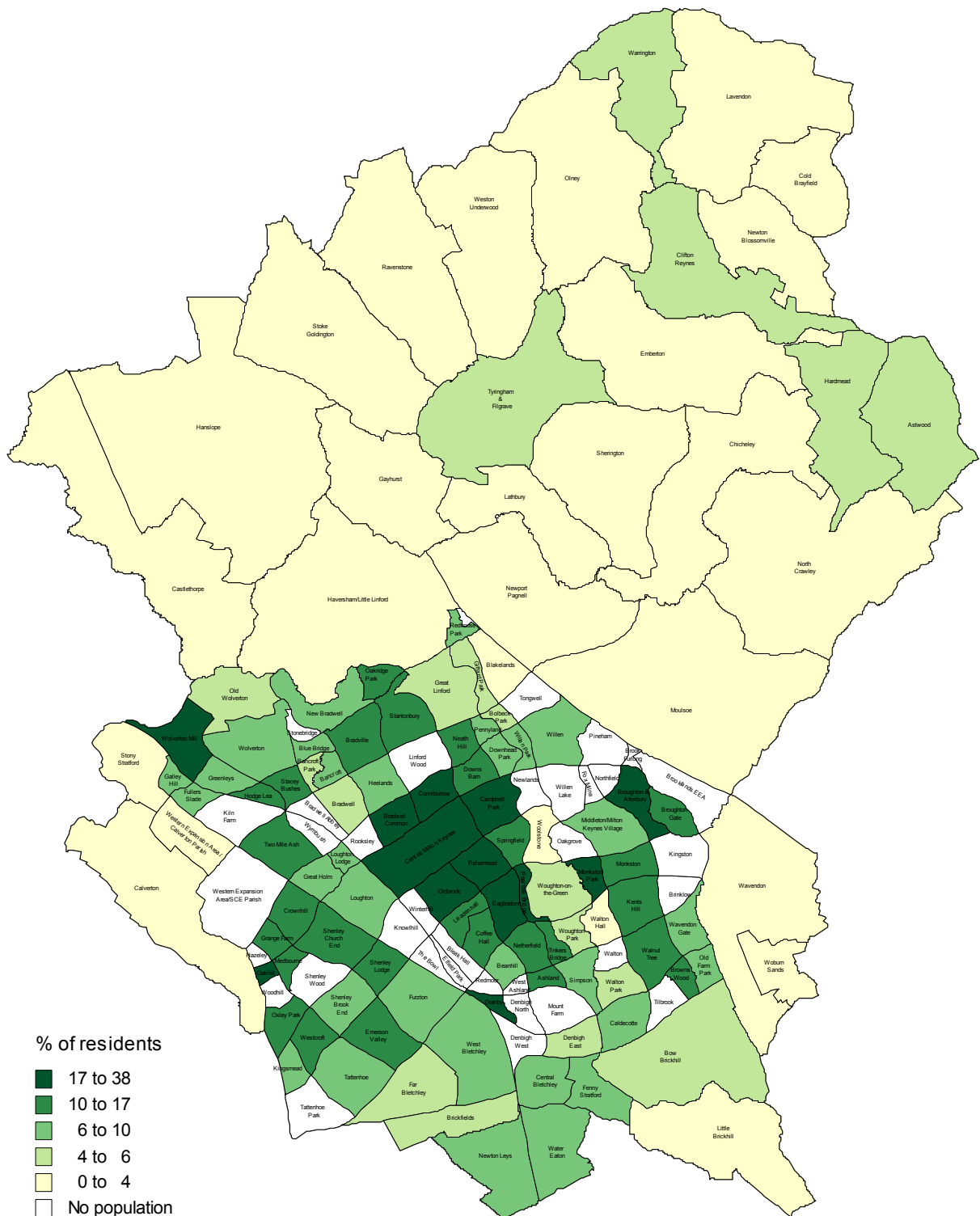
Table 6: Length of UK Residence: Milton Keynes and England 2011

	Milton Keynes		England
	Persons	%	%
Born in the UK	202,685	81.5	86.2
Resident in UK: Less than 2 years	4,845	1.9	1.8
Resident in UK: 2 years or more but less than 5 years	8,597	3.5	2.2
Resident in UK: 5 years or more but less than 10 years	11,979	4.8	2.9
Resident in UK: 10 years or more	20,715	8.3	7.0
All categories: Length of residence in the UK	248,821	100	100

Central areas of Milton Keynes had the highest proportion of the population who have lived in the UK for less than 10 years.

37.9% of residents in Central Milton Keynes estate had lived in the UK for less than 10 years. Almost a third of residents (31.1%) in Fishermead had lived in the UK for less than 10 years. Fishermead also had a high proportion (12.9%) of residents born outside the UK but lived in the UK for more than 10 years. Rural areas tend to have the lowest proportion of residents born outside of the UK.

Map 5: % of Residents born outside of the UK who have lived in the UK for less than 10 years.



More detailed migration data will be released in the summer of 2014 by the Office for National Statistics and will be added to this report. This will include where people migrated to and from within the UK.

90.5% of people aged 3+ in Milton Keynes had English as their main language compared to 92.0% in England.

22,570 people aged 3+ in Milton Keynes had a language other than English as their main language; this is 9.5% of the population. 8.0% of people stated that English was not their main language but they could speak English well or very well. 3,700 people in Milton Keynes aged 3+ could not speak English well or at all, this 1.6% of the population.

Table 7: Household Language: Milton Keynes and England 2011

Proficiency in English	Milton Keynes		England	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Main language is English	214,160	90.5	214,160	92.0
Main language is not English: Total	22,570	9.5	22,570	8.0
Main language is not English: Can speak English very well	10,195	4.3	10,195	3.3
Main language is not English: Can speak English well	8,674	3.7	8,674	3.0
Main language is not English: Cannot speak English well	3,240	1.4	3,240	1.4
Main language is not English: Cannot speak English	461	0.2	461	0.3
Total Persons Aged 3+	236,730	100.0	236,730	100.0

The 2011 Census also asked what people's main language was. The second largest main language in Milton Keynes after English was Polish (3,650 residents) reflecting the large Polish community in Milton Keynes. Other languages with large numbers include Tamil (1,850), Urdu (1,300) and Bengali (1,100).

Table 8: Top Ten Main Languages: Milton Keynes 2011

Language	Number	%
English	214,160	90.5
Polish	3,652	1.5
Tamil	1,859	0.8
Urdu	1,305	0.6
Bengali (with Sylheti and Chatgaya)	1,083	0.5
Gujarati	832	0.4
Other Chinese (not Cantonese or Mandarin)	812	0.3
French	779	0.3
Spanish	705	0.3
Panjabi	653	0.3

52.8% of the Milton Keynes population stated they were Christian, 4.8% Muslim and 2.8% Hindu. 31.3% of the population in Milton Keynes stated they had no religion.

Table 9 shows the number of people in each religious group in Milton Keynes compared with England. It outlines that the largest religious group in Milton Keynes was Christian which accounts for 52.8% of the population. However this is a lower proportion than England as a whole (59.4%).

Table 9: Religion: Milton Keynes and England 2011

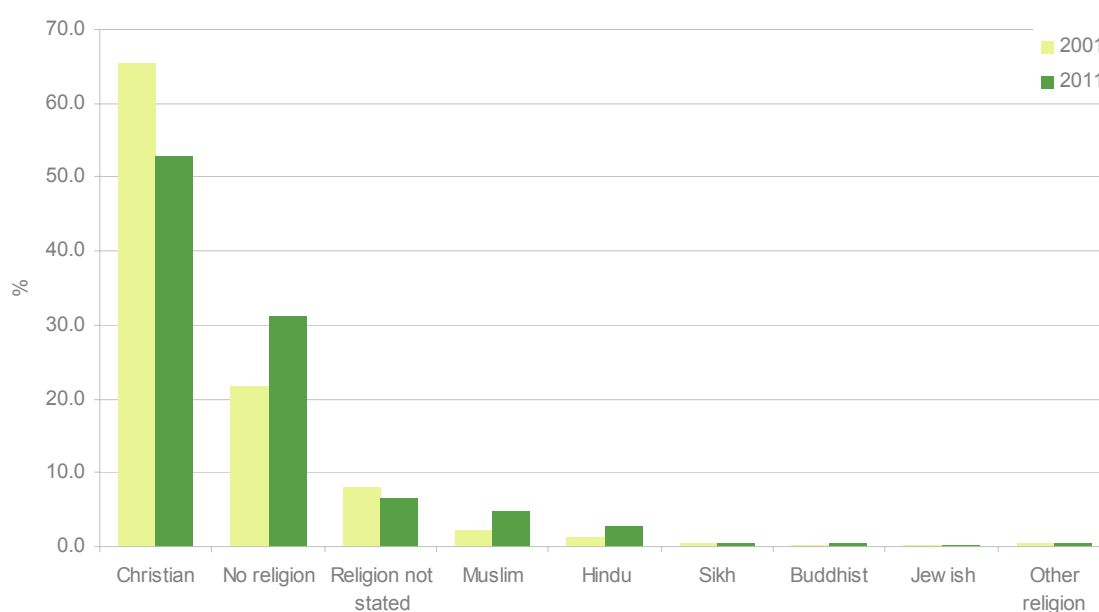
	Milton Keynes		England
	Persons	%	%
Christian	131,352	52.8	59.4
No religion	77,939	31.3	24.7
Religion not stated	16,438	6.6	7.2
Muslim	11,913	4.8	5.0
Hindu	6,918	2.8	1.5
Sikh	1,372	0.6	0.8
Buddhist	1,246	0.5	0.5
Jewish	427	0.2	0.5
Other religion	1,216	0.5	0.4
Total	248,821	100.0	100.0

33,300 more people in 2011 than in 2001 identified themselves as having no religion. This has led to the proportion of the Milton Keynes population having no religion to rise from 21.6% to 31.3%.

Muslim is the second largest religion in Milton Keynes. 11,900 people identified themselves as being Muslim in 2011. This is 4.8% of the population, slightly below the England figure of 5%. The Muslim population in 2011 was just under two and a half times larger than in 2001. It grew from 4,800 people to 11,900.

The Hindu religion is the third largest religion accounting for 6,900 people. A higher proportion of people identified themselves as Hindu in Milton Keynes (2.8%) than in England (1.5%). The Hindu religion had the largest percentage increase between 2001 and 2011 in Milton Keynes. It increased by 166%. There were 1,400 Sikhs and 1,200 Buddhists and 400 Jews in Milton Keynes in 2011.

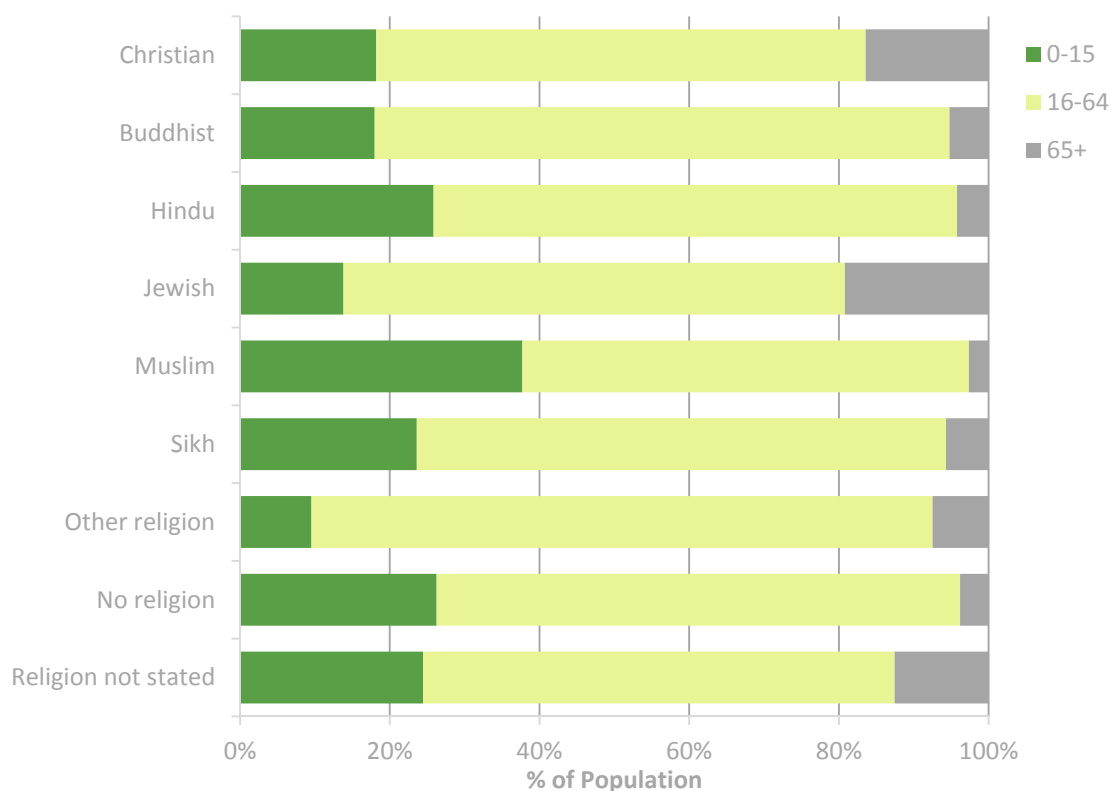
Graph 5: % of Milton Keynes Population by Religion 2001 and 2011



Different religions had different age profiles. The Muslim population group had the youngest age profile and the Jewish population the oldest.

Graph 6 outlines that the Muslim population had the youngest age profile. Over a third (37.7%) of the Muslim population were aged 0-15 and just 2.6% aged 65+. Those stating they had no religion had the second youngest age profile with over a quarter (26.3%) being under 16. The Jewish population had the oldest population profile with 19.2% of the population over the age of 65. However this is a small group with just 80 Jewish people aged 65+. The Christian population had the second oldest population profile with 16.4% of the population aged 65+.

Graph 6: Religion by Age: Milton Keynes 2011



Further Information

2011 Census Results: <http://www.mkiobservatory.org.uk/page.aspx?id=1924&siteID=1026>

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