

Homeworking: Milton Keynes

This briefing provides details on the number and characteristics of homeworkers in Milton Keynes from 2011 Census data.

Key Points

1. In 2011 12,500 people aged 16-74 mainly worked from home in Milton Keynes. This is 10.0% of all those in employment.
2. The number of homeworkers increased by over a third (35.1%) between 2001 and 2011.
3. The majority of homeworkers (57.9%) are employed in manager, director & senior office and professional and technical occupations.

Definition of Homeworker

The Census asks people to state their location of work. This report details the results of people who stated that they 'Work mainly at or from home'. It therefore excludes people who work from home occasionally, for example those working from home once or twice a week.

The Office for National Statistics initially published incorrect data in February 2013 on homeworkers in table CT0015 (alternative). This document provides the revised figures published in November 2013, alongside tables DC6607, DC6608 and DC6609.

Number of Homeworkers

In 2011 there were 12,500 homeworkers in Milton Keynes; this is 10.0% of the total number of people in employment. It is a slightly smaller proportion when compared with England total of 10.3%.

The number of homeworkers increased by over a third (+35.1%) between 2001 and 2011, it rose from 9,250 to 12,500 people or 8.6% of those in employment to 10.0%.

Demographic Profile of Homeworkers

Table one outlines the age and gender profile of homeworkers. It details that there were more male homeworkers than female. The 35-49 year old age group are the largest age group, accounting for 41% of homeworkers. Just 500 people aged 16-24 are homeworkers; this is 4% of all homeworkers.

(Table 1: Homeworkers by Age and Gender)

Age Group	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
16 to 24	268	230	498	2.1	1.8	4.0
25 to 34	1,170	1,050	2,220	9.3	8.3	17.6
35 to 49	2,947	2,224	5,171	23.4	17.7	41.0
50 to 64	2,572	1,385	3,957	20.4	11.0	31.4
65 and over	515	237	752	4.1	1.9	6.0
Aged 16+	7,472	5,126	12,598	59.3	40.7	100.0

Industry of Employment

A quarter of people who work from home in Milton Keynes are employed in the financial, real estate, professional and administrative sector. Large proportions are also found in the public administration, education and health (18.0%), transport and communication (17.9%) and distribution, hotels and restaurant (15.7%) sectors.

(Table 2: Homeworkers by Industry of Employment)

Industry	Milton Keynes		South East	England
	People	%	%	%
Agriculture, energy and water	208	1.7	3.2	5.0
Manufacturing	854	6.8	6.1	6.7
Construction	1,121	8.9	10.6	11.4
Distribution, hotels and restaurants	1,982	15.7	15.6	17.0
Transport and communication	2,250	17.9	13.3	11.6
Financial, Real Estate, Professional & Admin activities	3,135	24.9	26.1	23.4
Public administration, education and health	2,273	18.0	17.4	17.3
Other	775	6.2	7.7	7.6

Occupation of Homeworkers

The majority of homeworkers (57.9%) are employed in manager, director & senior office and professional and technical occupations. Very small proportions are employed in sales and customer service occupations (3.4%), process, plant and machine operatives (5.5%) and elementary (5.5%) occupations.

(Table 3: Homeworkers by Occupation of Employment)

Industry	Milton Keynes		South East	England
	People	%	%	%
Managers, directors and senior officials	2,340	18.6	18.2	19.5
Professional occupations	2,725	21.6	16.9	19.2
Associate professional & technical occupations	2,234	17.7	17.2	18.1
Administrative and secretarial occupations	1,113	8.8	8.7	9.5
Skilled trades occupations	1,354	10.7	16.6	13.7
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	1,023	8.1	7.9	7.8
Sales and customer service occupations	426	3.4	3.3	2.7
Process, plant and machine operatives	689	5.5	5.1	4.2
Elementary occupations	694	5.5	6.1	5.2

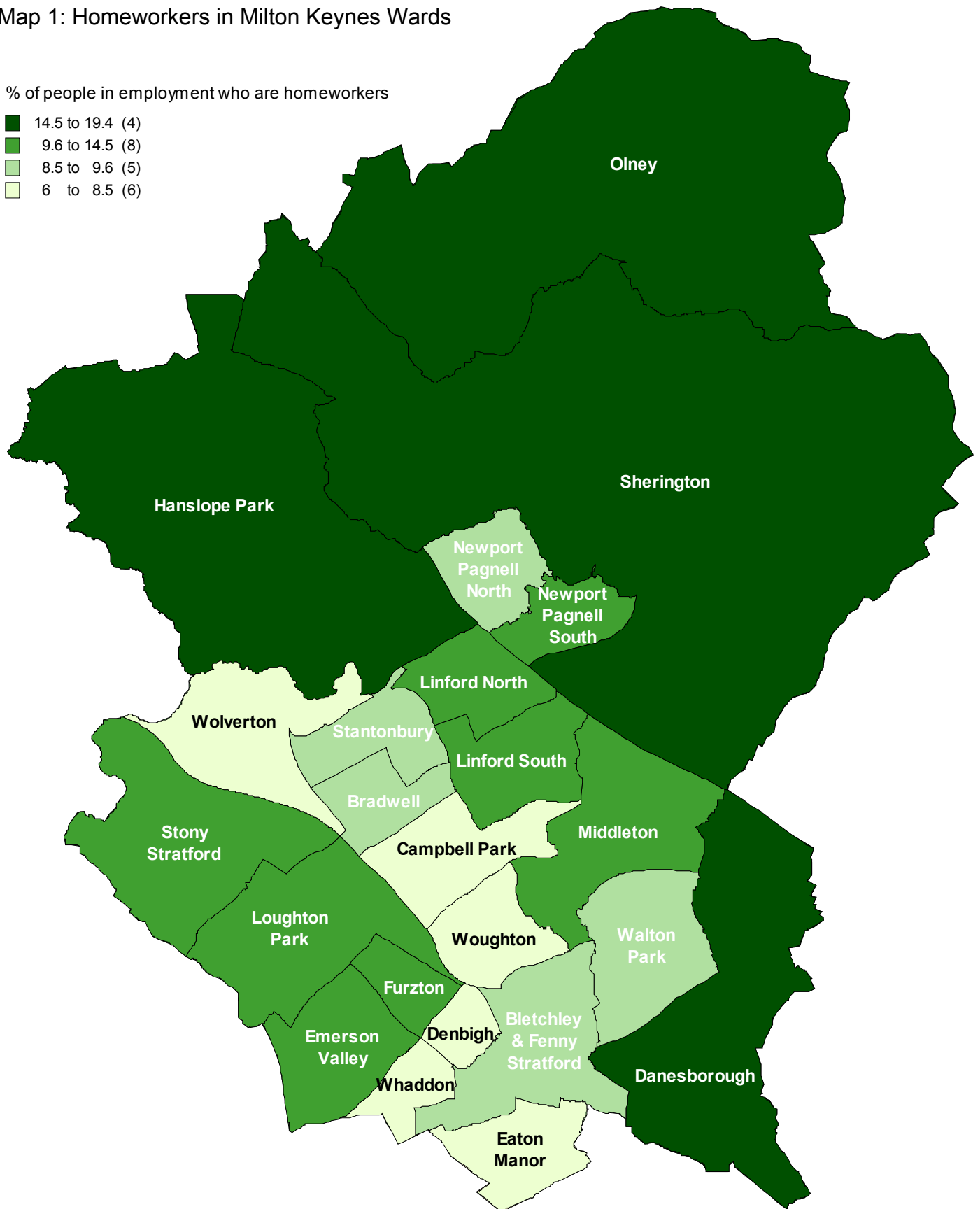
Geographic Location of Homeworkers

The Census also provides the number of homeworkers by ward. Map 1 outlines that rural wards have the highest proportion of homeworkers. 15.9% of those in employment in Danesborough ward worked from home. This compares to just 6.0% in Eaton Manor ward.

Map 1: Homeworkers in Milton Keynes Wards

% of people in employment who are homeworkers

- 14.5 to 19.4 (4)
- 9.6 to 14.5 (8)
- 8.5 to 9.6 (5)
- 6 to 8.5 (6)



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