Second Release
Migration, Religion and Ethnicity

COSTCHESTER BOROUGH

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Figure 1: Essex Residents Born in the UK, by Local Authority

88.8% of the Colchester population were born in the UK.

Only Harlow had a lower percentage at 88.4%.

Of all Colchester residents that were not born in the UK:
- 2.3% were age 20-24 upon arrival to the UK
- 1.8% were age 0-4 upon arrival to the UK

National Identity

- 92.1% of Colchester residents listed that they felt they belonged to at least one of the following identities: English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British
- 64.2% listed their identity as English only
- 15.7% listed their identity as British only
- 10.1% listed their identity as British and English
- 7.1% listed their identity as other

77.0% of Colchester residents held a United Kingdom passport.

16.1% of Colchester residents did not have a passport.

3.0% of Colchester residents held a European (EU) passport – this excludes the Republic of Ireland which is classified separately (0.5% of Colchester residents held a ROI passport).

86.0% of Colchester residents listed England as their country of birth (148,814 individuals).

1.6% of Colchester residents were born in Scotland (2,701 individuals).
On Census Day:

- 57.7% of Colchester residents reported themselves as Christian
- 31.4% stated they had no religion
- 7.3% did not state their religion
- 1.6% were Muslim
- 0.7% were Hindu
- 0.6% were Buddhist
- 0.5% were of other religions
- 0.2% were Jewish
- 0.1% were Sikh

- 93.1% of Colchester households have English as their main language
- 3.3% of Colchester households have no one in their household that uses English as their main language

On Census Day:

- 92.0% of Colchester respondents described their broad ethnic category as White.
- Colchester was the 3rd most ethnically diverse area in Essex, behind only Harlow and Epping Forest.
KEY INFORMATION
- The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has been responsible for conducting a census in England and Wales every ten years. The most recent census of England and Wales took place on 27 March 2011.

- The second release of 2011 Census information was published on 11 December 2012. It is the second of four data releases. Further releases of data will become available up until autumn 2013.

- Census population and household estimates help the government, local authorities, businesses and community organisations identify community needs and plan future service provision.

For the latest FAQs about the 2011 Census:

ABOUT THIS REPORT
- This release is based on the data published within the second release from 11 December 2012.
- This report is part of the Key Statistics for local authorities in England and Wales, the first release of the key statistics that add detail to the population estimates from the 2011 Census of Population for England and Wales that were published in July 2012.
- Supporting information such as definitions for data and geography, methodology papers and quality assurance packs which explain the quality assurance process.
- This report looks at data for Colchester as a local authority, based on the information above.
- The information in this report was, as far as is known, correct at the date of publication. Colchester Borough Council cannot accept responsibility for any error or omission.