



First Release Population & Household Information

COLCHESTER BOROUGH

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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 first release of 2011 Census population and household estimates for England and Wales was published on 16 July 2012. It is the first of four data releases. Further releases of data will become available between November 2012 and 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 (from 16 July 2012):

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/faq/index.html>

ABOUT THIS REPORT

First release – 16 July 2012

ONS issued first data from the 2011 Census, containing population figures for England and Wales as follows:

- Age (single year) by sex for England and for Wales (single year of age resident population figures for each country)
 - Age (5 year bands) for local and unitary authorities in England & Wales - all people
 - Age (5 year bands) for local and unitary authorities in England & Wales - males
 - Age (5 year bands) for local and unitary authorities in England & Wales - females
 - Additional summary household estimates table(s)
 - Supporting information such as definitions for data and geography, methodology papers and quality assurance packs which explain the quality assurance process
- 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.
 - Unrounded Census population figures are due for publication in September 2012, until that time rounded estimates will be used.
 - When comparisons are made to 2001 data, the population is compared with the mid-year population estimates from 2001, and the household data is compared with the occupied household data from the 2001 Census.
 - The ONS are planning to rebase the mid year estimates from 2002-2010 in line with the findings and improvements in methodology from the 2011 Census.
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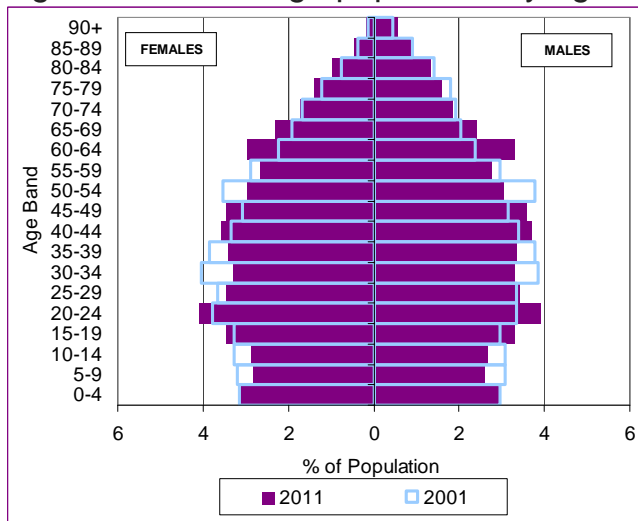


Estimated Census Day population:
173,100

Population

The population of Colchester Local Authority (LA) was estimated at 173,100 on the 27 March 2011. This figure is an 11.0% increase from the 2001 Mid Year Estimate (MYE) of 156,000.

Figure 1: Percentage population by age band, 2001 & 2011, Colchester



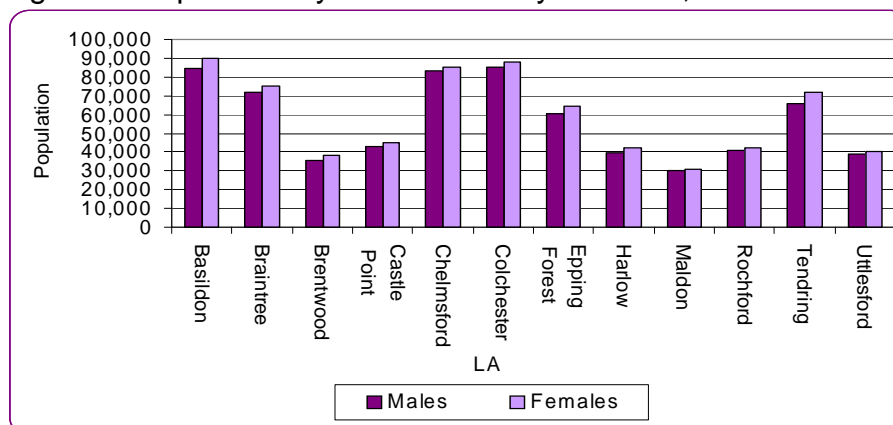
Estimated percentage of Colchester Population:

Aged 90+	0.8%
Aged 65+	15.7%
Aged 15-64	67.1%
Under 15	17.2%
Under 5	6.2%

The population density of Colchester was 526 people per km² on Census day, the 4th highest population density when compared to the other Essex LAs.

The median age of Colchester residents was 38.5 years on Census day, an increase of 1.6 years from 2001, when the median age was 36.9 years. The sex ratio (number of males per 100 females) was 97.3 in 2011, a slight drop from 2001 where the figure was 98.2.

Figure 2: Population by Local Authority in Essex, 2011



Colchester had the **highest** working age population out of all Essex LAs at 67.1%, Chelmsford had the second highest percentage at 66.1%.



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Estimated Number of Households:
71,600

Short Term Residents

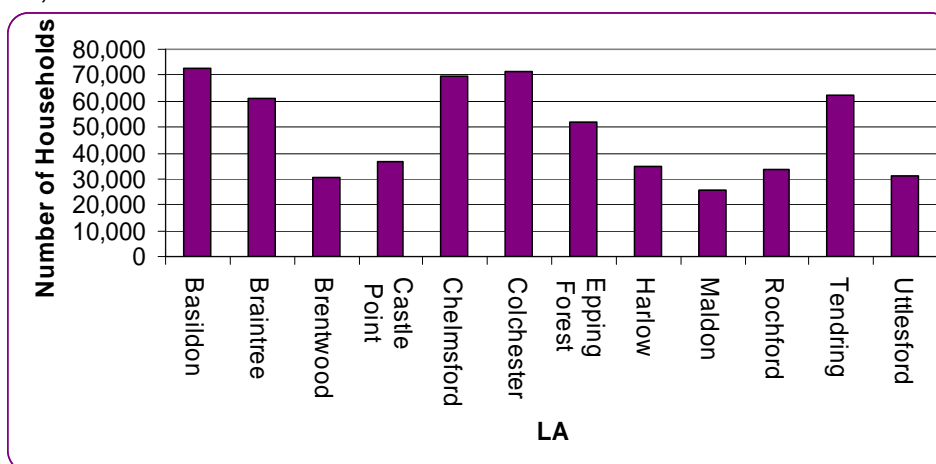
A short-term resident is defined as anyone born outside the UK who intends to stay in the UK for a period of 3-12 months.

Colchester had the highest number of short term residents in Essex on Census day. 800 individuals were recorded in this classification, making up 47.1% of all short term residents in Essex.

Households

On Census day there were an estimated 71,600 occupied households in the Borough, compared to 63,700 in 2001. The average household size was 2.3 individuals.

Figure 3: Estimated number of households with at least one usual resident by Essex LA, 2011



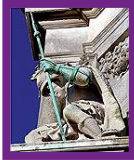
Colchester had the **second highest** number of households in Essex. Basildon had the highest at 72,700.



There are approximately 6,000 residents living in communal establishments in Colchester. This figure is nearly 3 times higher than the Essex LA with the second highest number residents living in communal establishments (Tendring - 2,200), and composes 33.1% of all residents in communal establishments in Essex.

The high number of residents in communal establishments is likely to be due to the high numbers of students studying at the Colchester campus of the University of Essex.

The population and household information from the 2011 Census will be examined in more detail once unrounded figures have been released in September 2012.

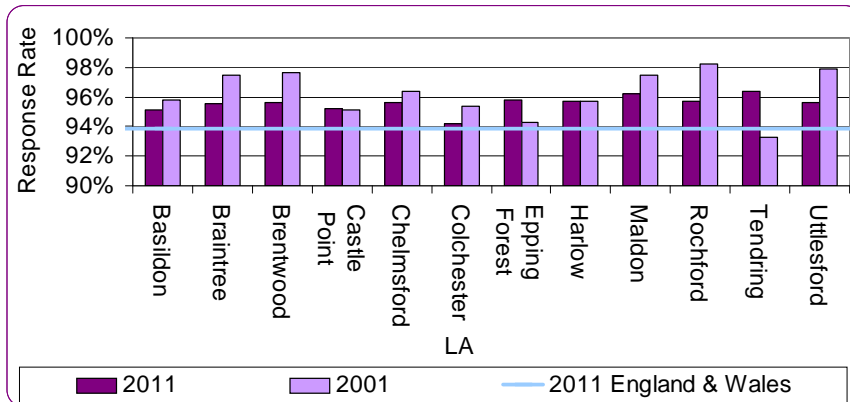


2011 Census Response Rates

Census Response Rate: **94.2%**

The Colchester response rate for the 2011 Census was 94.2%; slightly higher than the response rate for England and Wales (93.9%). Females had a higher response rate than males, (95.7% response rate in females compared to 92.8% males). When looking at gender and age; males aged 25-29, and females aged 20-24, had the lowest response rates at 82.8% and 89.5% respectively. We have a large number of armed forces personnel resident in Colchester. On Census day many would have been in Afghanistan (they returned in April 2011), this may have had an impact upon census response rates.

Figure 4: 2001 & 2011 Census Response Rates by Local Authority in Essex



The average response rate for Essex was 95.6%.

Mile End ward had the highest percentage of internet responses (22.7%). West Mersea had the lowest (11.8%). When looking at Essex overall, Homelands ward in Tendring had the lowest percentage of internet responses (5.7%), and Birchanger in Uttlesford had the highest at 23.7%.

Figure 5: 2011 Census questionnaires returned by internet, Colchester

