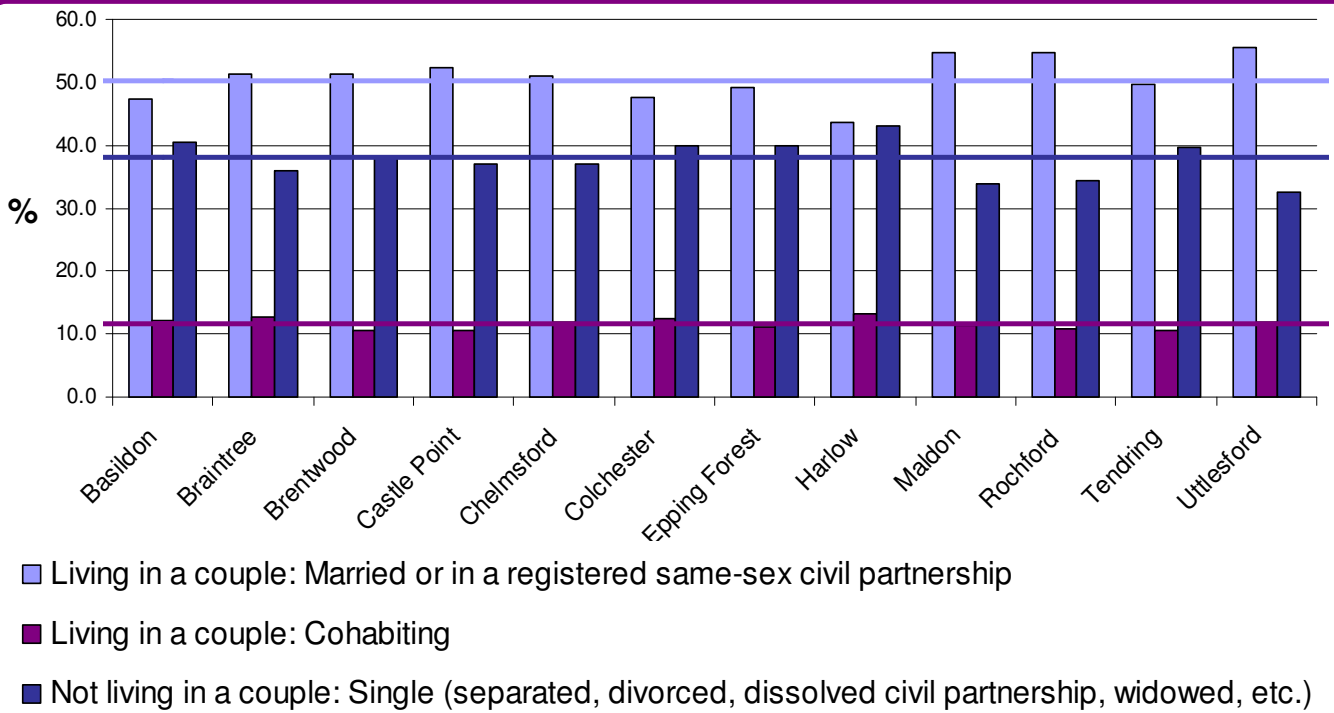


There are approximately 74,500 dwellings and 173,100 people in the Colchester borough. By using 2011 Census information we are able to look closely at the properties and people around us.

**18.7% of households in Colchester are privately rented. The Essex average is 12.6%.**



**Figure 1:** Essex residents' household type, by local authority



**Over 3000 dwellings in our borough have no usual occupants.**

On Census Day **1296** households in Colchester did not have central heating.

The average household size in our area is **2.3** people, the second lowest in Essex after Tendring (**2.2**). This compares with the England & Wales average of **2.4** people.



**Figure 2:**

Comparison of the percentage of people who have lived in the UK for two years or less, Colchester and Essex average.



**Colchester (2.4%) Essex Average (0.8%)**

In our borough **13.5%** of households are socially rented compared to an average of **17.6%** throughout England & Wales.

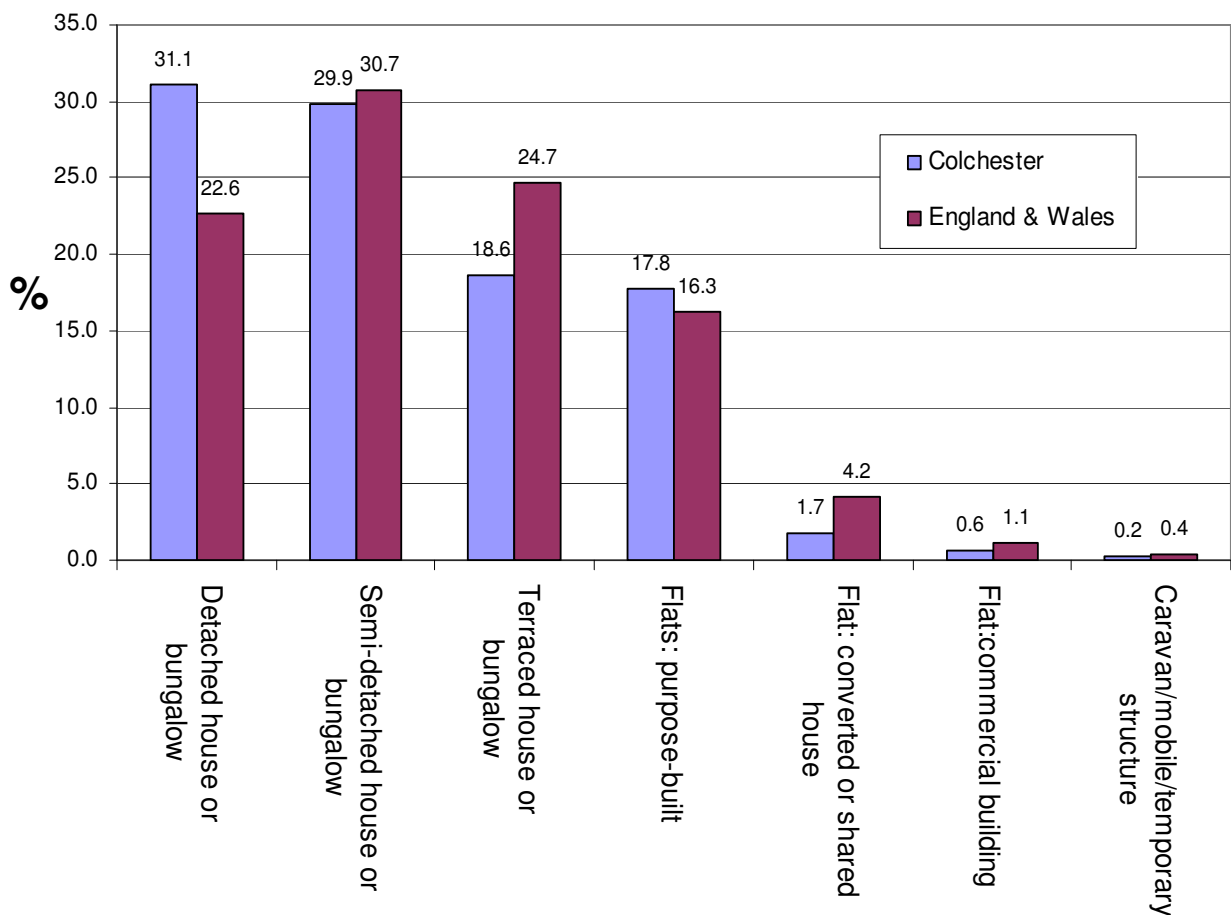
**6.4%** of the population of Colchester have lived in the UK for ten years or less.

**2.4%** of the population have lived in the UK for two years or less which is higher than the England & Wales average at **1.7%**.

**11.2%** of people in Colchester were born outside of the UK.

**31.9%** of Colchester households own their property outright. This contrasts with **44.6%** in Tendring.

**Figure 3:** Comparison of Dwelling Types, Colchester and England & Wales average



## Household

A household is defined as one person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area

A household must contain at least one person whose place of usual residence is at the address. A group of short-term residents living together is not classified as a household, and neither is a group of people at an address where only visitors are staying.

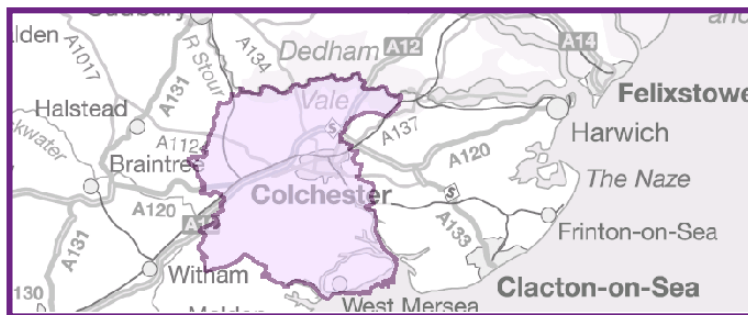
## Dwelling

A dwelling is a unit of accommodation in which all rooms - including the kitchen, bathroom and toilet - are behind a door that only that household can use.

A dwelling may comprise one or more household spaces (the accommodation used or available for use by an individual household).

A dwelling may be classified as shared or unshared. A dwelling is shared if:

- the household spaces it contains have the accommodation type 'part of a converted or shared house'
- not all of the rooms (including kitchen, bathroom and toilet, if any) are behind a door that only that household can use, and
- there is at least one other such household space at the same address with which it can be combined to form the shared dwelling.



## 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:

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

## 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.
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