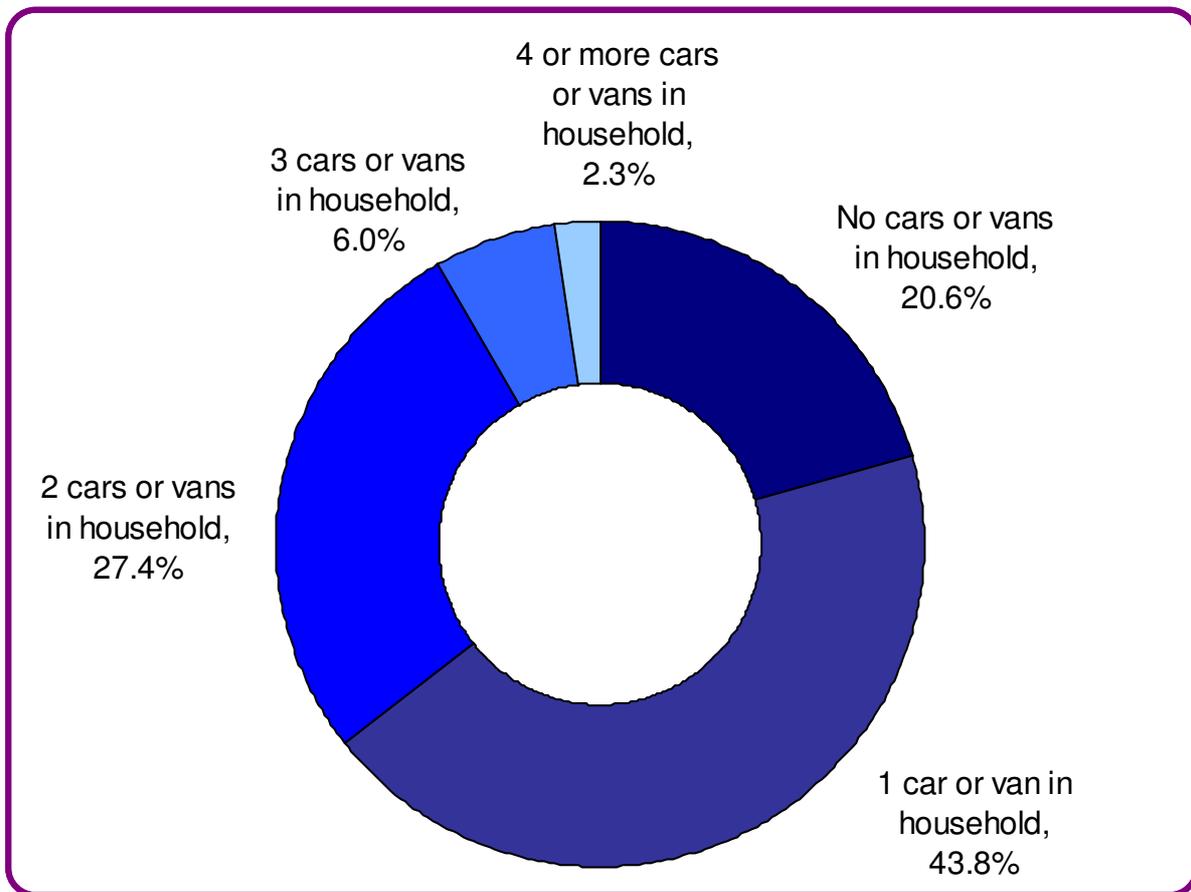


Census 2011 information provides us with useful data about the way we live. Using data from this source relating to transport we are able to build up an accurate picture of how many households have access to vehicles, if any, and how this compares with other areas.

**Figure 1:** Amount of cars or vans owned by households in Colchester.



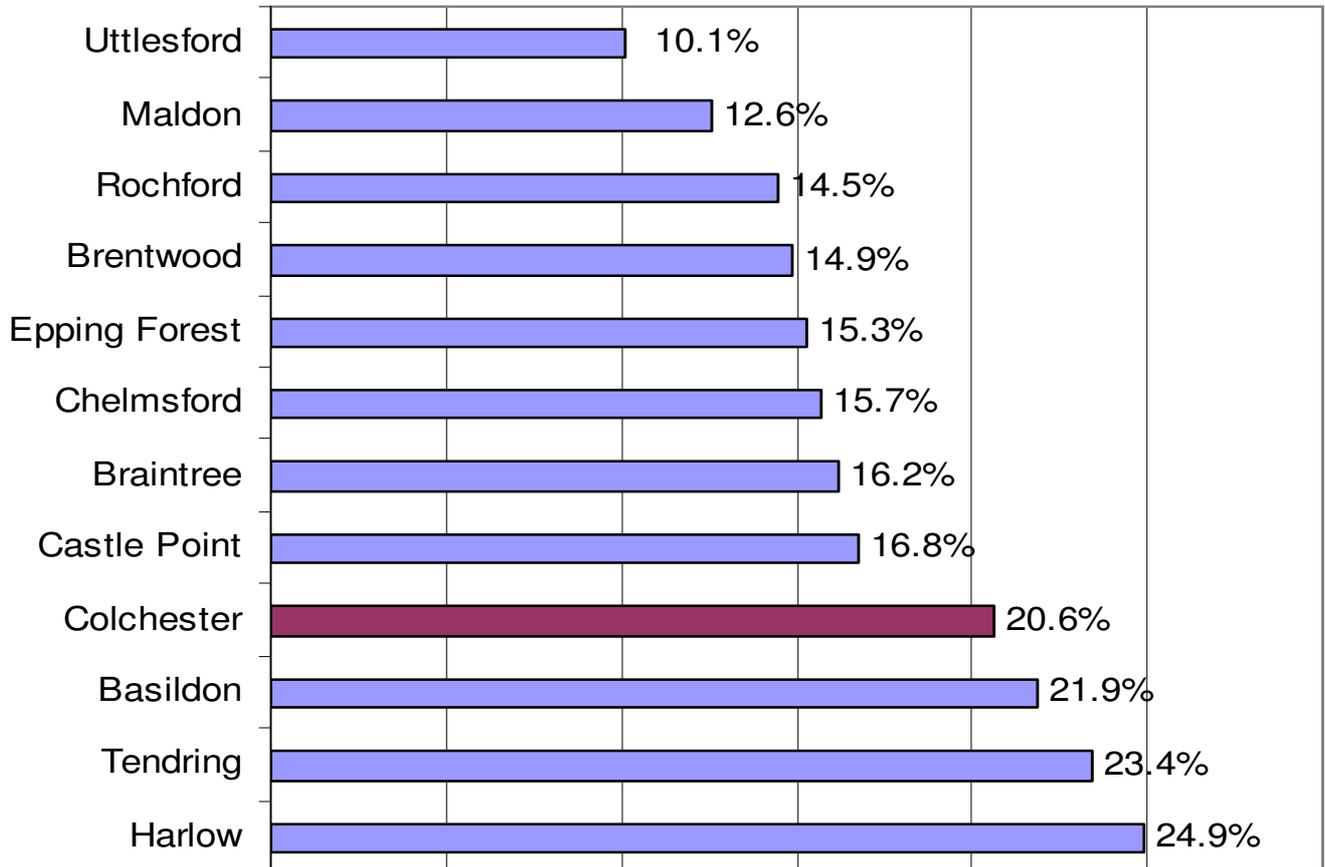
There are approximately **27.3m** vehicles available to households in England & Wales. Of those **795,400** are in the Essex area and of these **90,700** are in the Colchester borough.



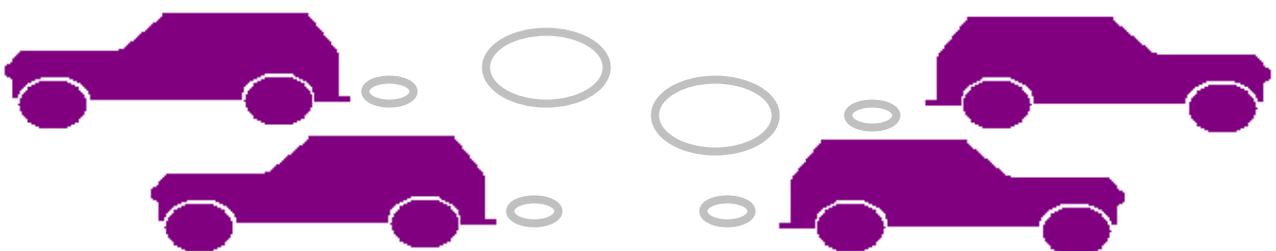
**14,741** households in our area have do not have a car or van available to them. This is the second highest in Essex.

Colchester has more cars or vans than any other local authority in Essex, bar Chelmsford.

**Figure 2:** Percentage of households with no access to cars or vans, by local authority



There are **1623** households in Colchester with 4 cars or vans or more. The average by local authority across Essex is **1451**. This means there are **11.9%** more of these households in Colchester than average.



## Cars and vans

The number of cars or vans that are owned, or available for use, by one or more members of a household. This includes company cars and vans that are available for private use. It does not include motorbikes or scooters, or any cars or vans belonging to visitors.

The count of cars or vans in an area relates only to households. Cars or vans used by residents of communal establishments are not counted.

Households with 10 or more cars or vans are counted as having only 10.

Responses indicating a number of cars or vans greater than 20 were treated as invalid and a value was imputed.

## 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.



## 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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