



# HOUSING AND HOUSEHOLDS

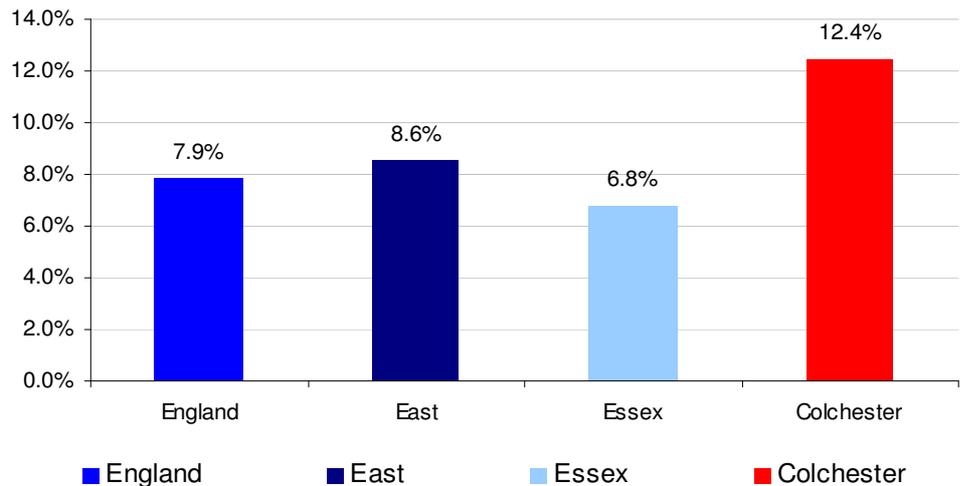
The first release of Census 2011 data was published at the end of 2012 and by comparing this with Census 2001 data we are able to see how our borough has changed over the past decade.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

**Figure 1:** Percentage increase in amount of households in Colchester with national, regional and county level comparators.

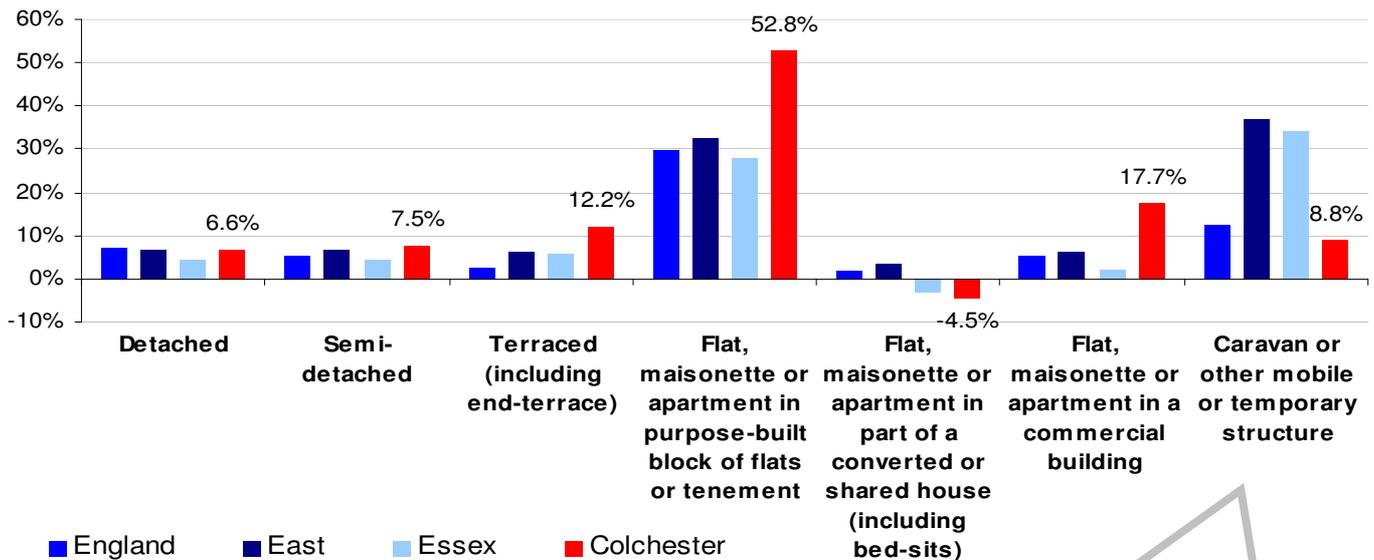
**2001 Households**  
 England - 20,451,427  
 East - 2,231,974  
 Essex - 544,701  
 Colchester - 63,706

**2011 Households**  
 England - 22,063,368  
 East - 2,423,035  
 Essex - 581,589  
 Colchester - 71,634



## 2. ACCOMMODATION TYPE

**Figure 2:** Percentage change of accommodation type in Colchester between 2001 and 2011, with national, regional and local authority comparators.



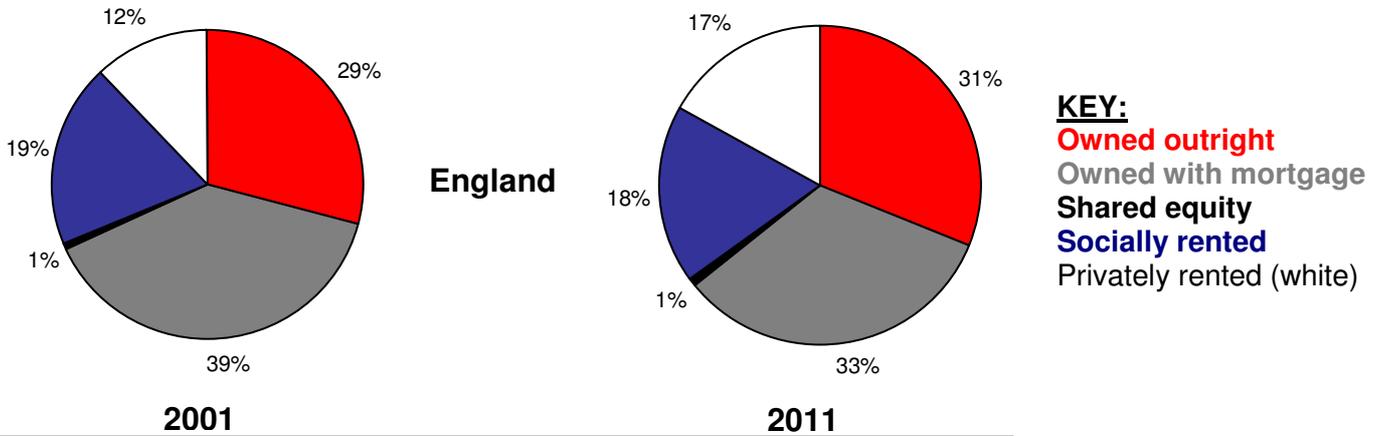
There was a **52.8% increase** in the amount of people living in purpose-built flats and a **17.7% increase** in the amount of people living in flats in commercial buildings.

Colchester saw an increase in households living in caravans or other mobile structures of **8.8%** however this is the equivalent of **only 10** more such households in the borough. In the east of England the total number rose by **over 1300** households.

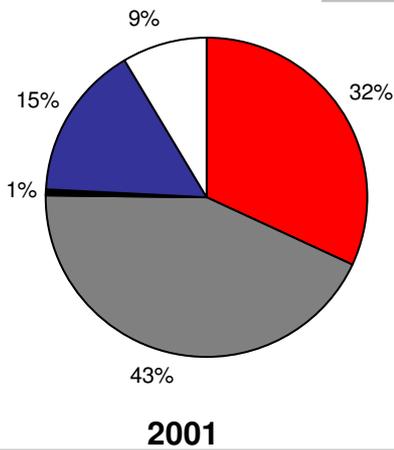
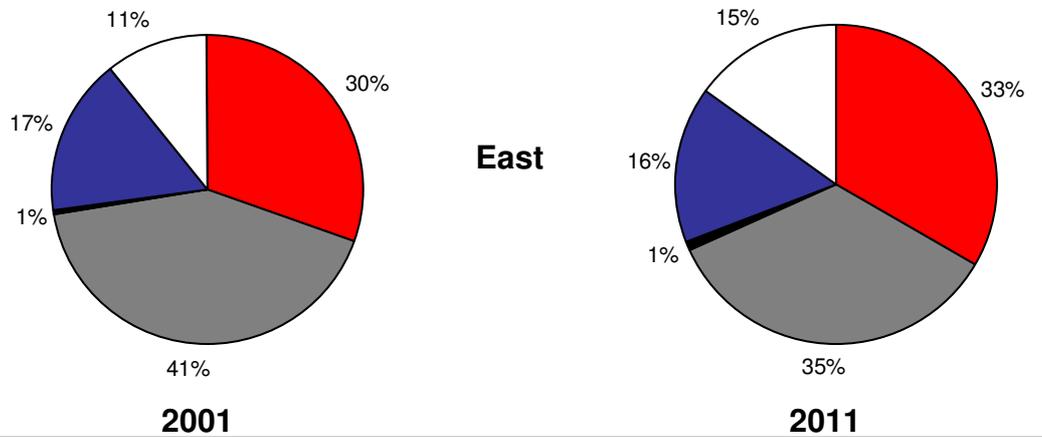
# 3. TENURE



**Figure 3:** Percentage change of tenure type in England, East of England, Essex and Colchester between 2001 and 2011 (percentages rounded to whole numbers).

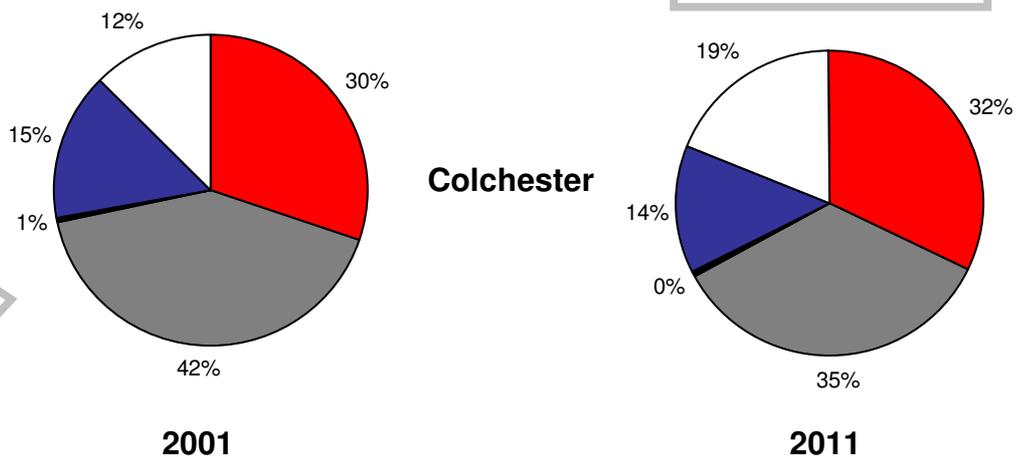


All comparison areas including Colchester saw a **decrease** in the number of households owned with a mortgage.



There is a clear trend across comparison areas of an **increase** in households owned outright without a mortgage. In Essex this increased from approximately a **32%** share to **35%** over the ten year period.

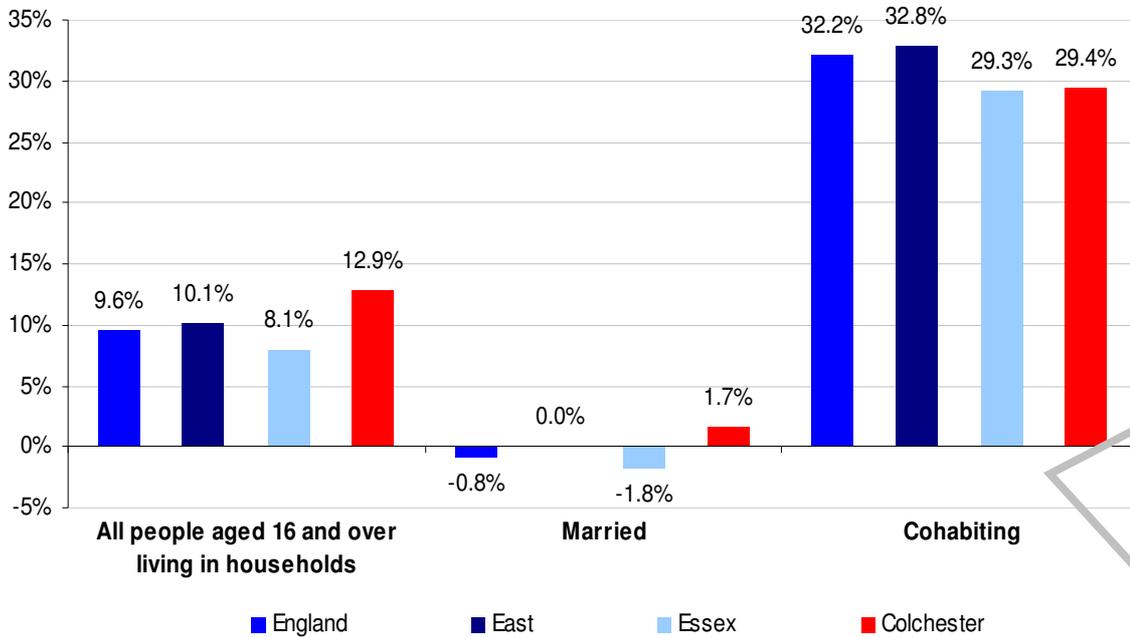
The two tenure types which changed the most in Colchester were 'privately rented' which **increased** from a **12%** share to a **19%** share and 'owned with a mortgage' which **decreased** from a **42%** share to **35%**.



## 4. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

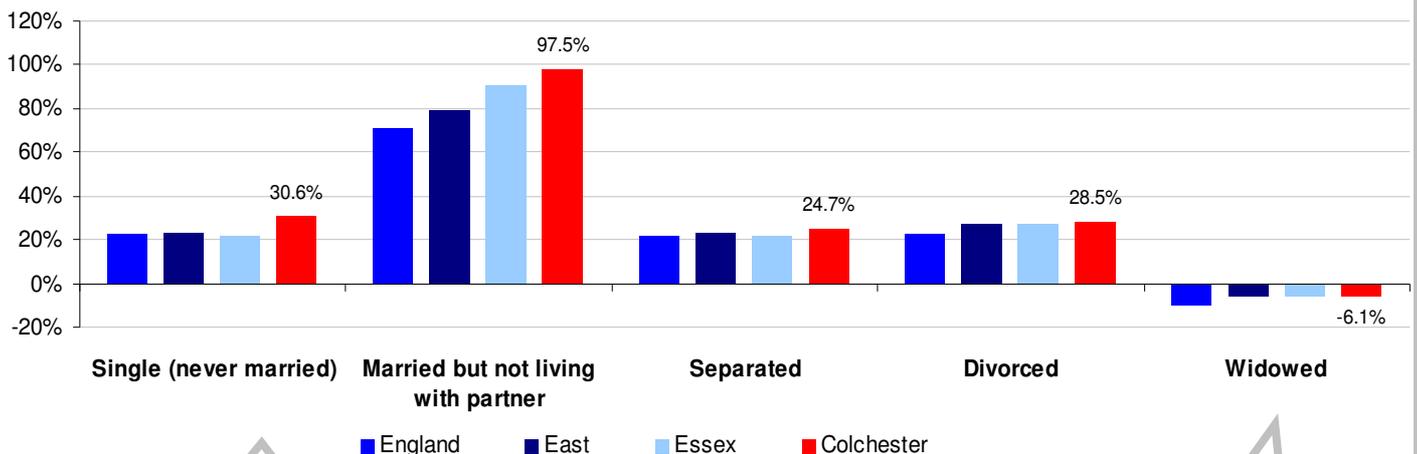


**Figure 4:** Percentage change of people living as a married couple or cohabiting in Colchester, with regional, local authority and national comparators between 2001 and 2011.



Colchester has gone **against** the national trend of a decrease in married households with a **1.7% increase**. However when the overall increase in the amount of people in the area is taken into account this is an **effective decrease**.

**Figure 5:** Percentage change of people not living in a couple in Colchester between 2001 and 2011, with national, regional and local authority comparators.



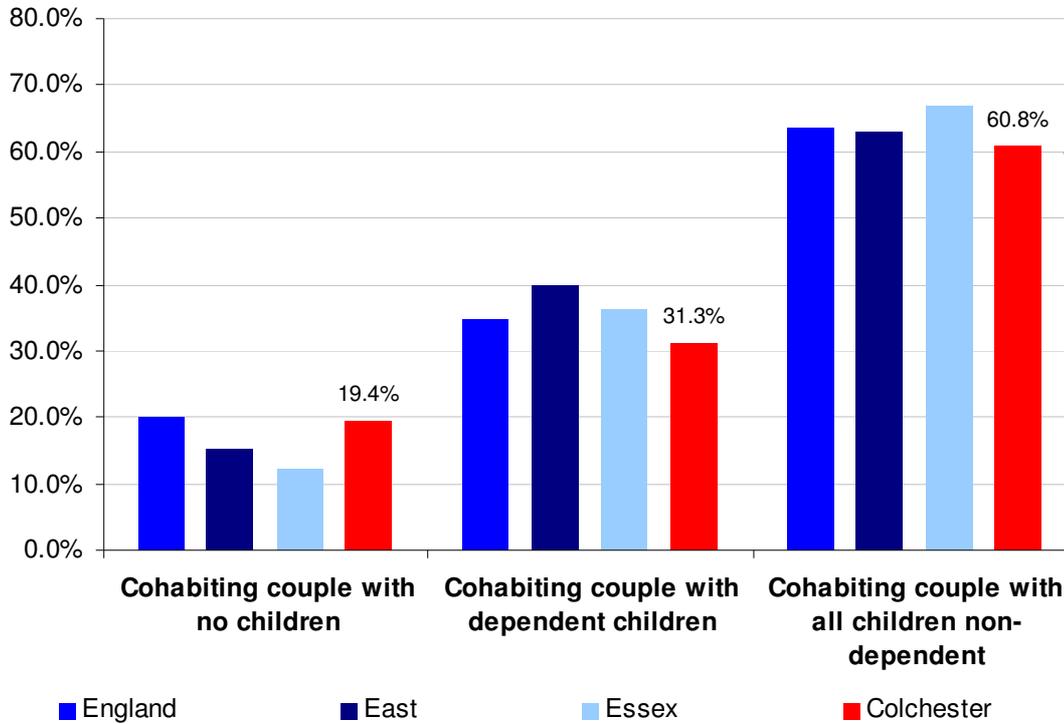
The overall amount of people over the age of 16 years old in Colchester **increased** more than any of the comparators. A large proportion of these are people who are living alone and have never been married; this group increased by **over 8% more** than the England average.

Despite a **12.9% increase** in the number of adults, there was a **6.1% decrease** in the number of widows and widowers living alone.

## 5. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION



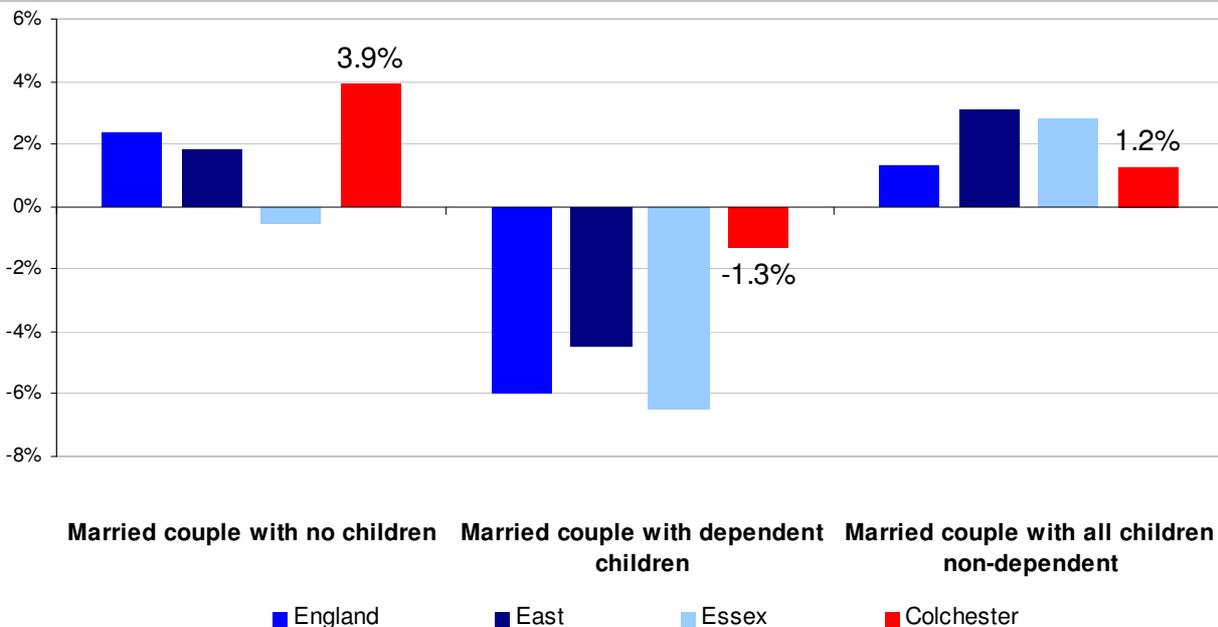
**Figure 6:** Percentage increase of household composition type in Colchester between 2001 and 2011, with national, regional and local authority comparators - cohabiting (unmarried) couples.



Despite a **bigger increase** in household types overall, Colchester's number of cohabiting couples did not **increase as much** as the comparators.

In terms of numbers cohabiting couples with no children have increased by **673**; cohabiting couples with dependent children by **710**; and cohabiting couples with all children non-dependent by **127**.

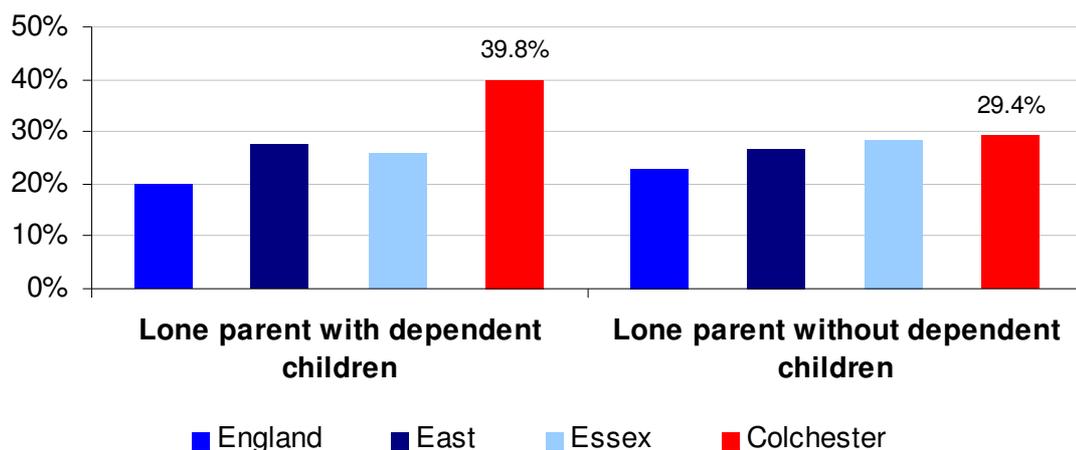
**Figure 7:** Percentage increase of household composition type in Colchester between 2001 and 2011, with national, regional and local authority comparators – married couples.



Colchester **increased** its share of married couples with no children by **3.9%** which means there were over **9600** such households in the area in 2011. In comparison Essex saw an average **decrease** of **0.6%**.

The amount of married couples in Colchester with dependent children **fell** by **1.3%** although the comparators saw far larger **decreases**. There were approximately **11,900** such households in the borough in 2011 down from just under **11,800** in 2001.

**Figure 8:** Percentage change of lone parent households in Colchester between 2001 and 2011 with national, regional and local authority comparators.



The amount of lone parent households in Colchester **increased by 39.8%** (1395 households) between 2001 and 2011. This increase was double the England increase of **19.9%**.

**NB:** A 'lone parent without dependent children' is a parent with a child over 16 years' old or over 18 years' old if in full-time education.

## NOTES

### Married and registered civil partnership

Please note the 2001 Census was carried out prior to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 so those values do not include couples in a registered same-sex civil partnership. When the terms 'married' or 'married couple' are used this includes couples in a registered same-sex civil partnership (for 2011 Census data). The term 'married' is used for brevity only.

### Cohabiting

Two people are described as cohabiting if they are living together as a couple but are not married to each other or in a registered same-sex civil partnership together. This includes people living with a partner of the same sex.

A cohabiting person might be married or in a civil partnership (with someone not resident in the household) but will not be shown as married, in a civil partnership or separated in results relating to living arrangements because cohabiting in this classification takes priority over legal marital or partnership status.

### 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.

### Living in a couple

The term 'living in a couple' includes people who are living together in a couple and are either married, in a same-sex civil partnership, or are cohabiting with a partner of any sex.

### Not living as a couple

A person 'not living in a couple' can be classified as married or in a same-sex civil partnership if they denote their marital status as married or in a same-sex civil partnership but have no spouse or same-sex partner resident in the household.

### Dependent child

A dependent child is a person aged 0 – 15 in a household (whether or not in a family) or aged 16 – 18 in full-time education and living in a family with his or her parent(s). It does not include any children who have a spouse, partner or child living in the household.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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