

Knowing our Community

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The following publication shows some of the information which the Council continues to gather and analyse on a regular basis to ensure that it knows and understands the constantly changing community within Hertsmere. It is also used when implementing and making decisions on new policies and procedures across the Council's functions.

2 Hertfordshire Local Information System

- 2.1 The Hertfordshire Local Information System - [HertsLIS](#) - website, formerly known as the Hertfordshire Observatory, enables access to a wide range of data, information and intelligence relating to the county of Hertfordshire. Content includes economic development, community safety strategies, community and corporate plans, area profiles, socio-economic data, demographic data, crime and policing statistics and much more.

3 Community Profiles

- 3.1 The purpose of the [Community Profiles](#), which are available via [HertsLIS](#), is to develop a deeper understanding of the community and their needs by conducting ward and district profiling using detailed information. The snapshots have helped to improve our customer focus and awareness of and involvement in access to services, giving a better basis for which to design services and add value through working in partnership.

4 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

- 4.2 The [Indices of Multiple Deprivation](#) are compiled by the Office for National Statistics. The most recent update was published in September 2015.
- 4.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) are designed to identify the characteristics of small areas, which is particularly useful in an area such as Hertsmere where small pockets of deprivation are often hidden by overall levels of affluence. They therefore assist in the development of more targeted policies and more informed funding allocations. Indices of Multiple Deprivation are assessed and published every three years.
- 4.4 Hertsmere's [district average deprivation](#) rank across its 62 lower-layer super output areas (LSOAs) is 21,818 which is slightly below the Hertfordshire average of 22,160. However, Hertsmere is a very diverse borough with varying levels of deprivation with overall IMD levels of LSOAs ranging from 3,049 (Borehamwood Cowley Hill 006C, the most deprived LSOA in Hertfordshire and in the top 10% most deprived nationally) to 32,695 (Bushey Heath 013C in the top 1% least deprived nationally).

5 Health Profiles

- 5.1 This [profile](#), produced by Public Health England, gives a picture of health in the area. It is designed to help local government and health services understand their community's needs, so that they can work to improve people's health and reduce health inequalities.
- 5.2 The [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#), which is a statutory document produced by the County Council, also provides valuable information on Health and wellbeing and the wider Community.

6 Citizen Advice Bureau

- 6.1 The [Client Profiles](#) collected by the Citizen Advice Bureau are particularly useful in understanding who is seeking advice on various issues including debt, housing and employment. These are collected quarterly by the CAB in Hertsmere and shared with Hertsmere Borough Council at monitoring meetings helping to shape services and understand the changing community.

People and Place

7 Race / Ethnicity

75.75% of the population are white British (2011)

2.13% of population are white Irish (2011)

7.02% of population are white other (2011)

3.9% of population are Afro Caribbean (2011)

2.62% of population are mixed race (2011)

7.39% of population are Asian (2011)

1.02% of population are Chinese/other (2011)

- The White British population of Hertsmere has declined from 81,383 persons in 2001 to 75,750 persons in 2011. Its proportion of the total population has decreased from 86.2% in 2001 to 75.75% in 2011.
- The White Irish population of Hertsmere has slightly increased from 2,070 persons in 2001 to 2,130 person in 2011. Its proportion of the total population has decreased slightly from 2.2% in 2001 to 2.13% in 2011.
- The White Other population of Hertsmere has increased from 3,924 persons in 2001 to 7,029 persons in 2011. Its proportion of the total population has increased from 4.2% in 2001 to 7.03 in 2011.
- The Asian population of Hertsmere more than doubled in size between 2001 and 2009, rising from 3,136 persons to 7393 persons in 2011. Its proportion of the total population has increased from 3.3% in 2001 to 7.4% in 2011.

- The Afro Caribbean population of Hertsmere has also more than doubled in size between 2001 and 2011, rising from 1,325 persons to 3,927 persons. Its proportion of the total population has increased from 1.4% to 3.9%

Numbers and percentages of ethnic groups in Hertsmere, 2001 and 2011			
		2001	2011
Total Population		94,450	100,031
White British	No.	81,383	75,750
	%	86%	76%
White Irish	No.	2,070	2,130
	%	2%	2%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	No.	/	154
	%	/	0%
White other	No.	3,924	7,029
	%	4%	7%
Mixed Race	No.	1,465	2,619
	%	2%	3%
Asian	No.	3,136	7,393
	%	3%	7%
Afro-Caribbean	No.	1,325	3,927
	%	1%	4%
Chinese/Other	No.	1,147	1,029
	%	1%	1%

Source: Census 2001, 2011

7.1 Age

The table below compares the resident population of Hertsmere with the County as a whole by age, over time. It shows that Hertsmere has and is predicted to have a higher than the County average proportion of those aged over 75 years. The proportion of those aged over 85 is projected to increase from 2.7% of the population to 3.2% a rise of 429 people in real terms.

	2011		2015		2020 (projection)	
	Hertsmere (%)	Herts (%)	Hertsmere (%)	Herts (%)	Hertsmere (%)	Herts (%)
0-4	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.5
5-9	6.0	5.9	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.7
10-14	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.8	6.7	6.5
15-19	6.1	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.3
20-24	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.6	4.5	4.8
25-29	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.3
30-34	6.3	6.7	6.3	6.7	6.4	6.8
35-39	6.9	7.2	6.7	7.0	6.7	7.1
40-44	7.5	7.8	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.9
45-49	7.9	7.9	7.3	7.5	6.6	6.9
50-54	6.7	6.7	7.3	7.3	6.8	7.0
55-59	5.7	5.6	6.0	6.0	6.7	6.6
60-64	5.8	5.6	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.4
65-69	4.5	4.3	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.4
70-74	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.7	4.4
75-79	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.2
80-84	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.5
85+	2.7	2.2	2.9	2.5	3.2	2.8

Source: Census 2011 and www.nomisweb.co.uk

7.2 The breakdown by ward of resident population in the 2011 census shows that Potters Bar Parkfield has the highest number of residents in the age range 60-90+ at 2,527. Borehamwood Hillside has the highest number of residents in the age range 0-59 at 8,135. The Mid-2014 Population Estimate shows that Borehamwood Hillside has the highest number of residents in the age range 0-59 at 8,391 and Potters Bar Parkfield has the highest number of residents in the range 60-90+ at 2,210.

Source: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/pop-estimate/population-estimates-for-uk--england-and-wales--scotland-and-northern-ireland/mid-2014/stb---mid-2014-uk-population-estimates.html>

Age composition of Ethnic Groups, 2011				
		0-15 years old	16-64 years old	65+ years old
Total population	No	20,190	63,513	16,328
	%	20%	63%	16%
White British	No	14,594	46,809	14,347
	%	19%	62%	19%
White Irish	No	195	1,318	617
	%	9%	62%	29%
White Other	No	1,188	5,230	611
	%	17%	74%	9%
Mixed Race	No	1,199	1,357	63
	%	46%	52%	2%
Asian	No	1,501	5,389	503
	%	20%	73%	7%
Afro-Caribbean	No	1,233	2,588	106
	%	31%	66%	3%
Chinese/Other	No	144	717	57
	%	16%	78%	6%

Source: https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011/DC2101EW/view/1946157225?rows=c_age&cols=c_ethpuk11

7.3 Disability

Information from Department of Work and Pensions shows of those who are in the working age client group and live in Hertsmere 2,630 people were claiming incapacity benefits and 530 disability allowance (As at May 2016). These show a small decrease from 2015.

Source: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157225/report.aspx?town=hertsmere#tabempunemp>

7.4 Gender (mid 2015)

48 % of the population are male – 49,500 males

52% of the population are female - 53,500 females

Although there has been work on estimating the number of transgender people within the UK population there is no publicly available statistical data on which to make reliable estimates. Research undertaken by the Office for National Statistics to assess the feasibility of gathering transgender data concluded that asking a question in a survey is not the most appropriate method of data collection due to difficulties such as sample sizes, privacy and acceptability of terminology.

In 2000 Press for Change estimated there were around 5,000 transsexual people in the UK, based upon numbers of those who had changed their passports (Home Office 2000), though a Scottish Needs Assessment Survey in 2001 would indicate half that number (Scottish Needs Assessment Programme 2001). In 2009-10, 290 people in the UK had been awarded a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC). (see http://data.gov.uk/dataset/gender_recognition_certificate_statistics) However, there is no reliable information on how many people in the UK identify as transgender.

Some estimates suggest gender reassignment rate to be 20 per 100,000 people in the UK. This would suggest there are around 10,000, of which 6,000 would have gone through transition. Year on year the number of people presenting increases by 15%, if this trend continues it means the number of trans gendered people could double every five years. The median age of those presenting for treatment is 42 years old. These estimates do not take into account those who transition through private medical care - this is based solely on NHS statistics.

If the rate of 20 per 100,000 people estimated for the UK is applied to Hertfordshire for those aged 15 or over, it would mean there were **around 183 transgendered people in the County**.

7.5 Religion or belief

Religion	2001 Census	2011 Census
Christian	63.04%	51.71%
Jewish	11.34%	14.29%
Hindu	2.00%	3.17%
Muslim	1.34%	2.40%
No Religion	13.36%	19.17%

The 2011 Census states that:

- 51.71% of the Hertsmere population state their religion as Christian
- 14.29% of the Hertsmere population state their religion as Jewish
- 3.17% of the Hertsmere population state their religion as Hindu
- 2.40% of the Hertsmere population state their religion as Muslim

8 Economy

- 8.1 Information from [nomis](#) shows data gathered in 2015/16 on the economic status of people living in Hertsmere and Hertfordshire, including whether people are part time or full time employed.

July 2015- June 2016	Hertsmere		Hertfordshire		Eastern Region
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	%
Economically active-	54,700	85.6	615,700	82.1	80.1
In Employment	53,700	84.0	595,100	79.2	77.1
Employees	43,300	68.8	504,700	67.9	66.1
Self-Employed	10,400	15.2	86,300	10.8	10.7
Unemployed	1,900	3.4	20,600	3.3	3.7

Source: [Nomis Labour Market Profile – Hertsmere](#)

9 Sexual Orientation

- 9.1 In 2010 Hertfordshire County Council commissioned a [survey](#) to gather information on the views, experiences and needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender¹ people. In 2013 Hertfordshire Healthwatch commissioned a health needs assessment for transgender people. [here](#)

10 Health

- 10.1 Self reported statistics from the 2011 Census indicate that Hertsmere has good general health with 84.76% reporting being in very good or good health and only 4.01% reporting bad or very bad health. The breakdown by ward of resident general health in the 2011 census shows that Aldenham East has the best health in Hertsmere with 90.55% reporting very good or good health. However, Borehamwood Cowley Hill ward have the worst with only 78.6% reporting very good or good health. Further information on health deprivation is available via the [2015 Indices of Multiple Deprivation](#).
- 10.2 Smoking prevalence in adults (18+) in Hertsmere during 2015 was 16%, which is similar to the England average of 16.9%, but not as low as the Hertfordshire average of 15.5%. Source: <http://www.tobaccoprofiles.info/>

¹ Transgender refers to a diverse and inclusive community of people ranging from part time cross dressers to transsexual people who undergo gender reassignment surgery. It is an umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or gender expression are those not traditionally associated with their birth sex.

- 10.3** Life expectancy for males at birth in Hertsmere is 80.6 years which is similar to the Hertfordshire average of 80.7. For females life expectancy is 83.5 years which is just below the Hertfordshire average of 83.8 years. The figure for Hertsmere varies at MSOA level with life expectancy for men in Aldenham West at 83.8 years whilst in Borehamwood Hillside it is 76.6 years. www.ons.gov.uk
- 10.4** 62.4% of adults in Hertsmere are classified as overweight or obese. 30.6% of children aged 10 – 11 are classified as overweight or obese and so are 22% of 4 – 5 year olds.
<http://www.phoutcomes.info>