

OLD WOKING

Resident Population and Age

The resident population of Old Woking, as measured in the 2001 Census, was 2,644 of which 50 per cent were male and 50 per cent were female. The resident population of Woking was 89,840, of which 49 per cent were male and 51 per cent were female.

Resident population (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
Under 16	23.1	20.6	20.2
16 to 19	4.8	4.3	4.9
20 to 29	12.8	12.3	12.6
30 to 59	43.3	43.8	41.5
60 to 74	10.1	12.0	13.3
75 and over	5.8	7.0	7.6
Average age	35.7	38.0	38.6

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Marital Status

Resident population aged 16 and over (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
Single (never married)	31.0	28.0	30.1
Married or re-married	51.1	55.4	50.9
Separated	2.4	2.2	2.4
Divorced	9.2	7.2	8.2
Widowed	6.2	7.1	8.4

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Ethnic Group

Resident population (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England
White	96.6	91.3	90.9
Mixed	1.0	1.4	1.3
Asian or Asian British	1.3	5.8	4.6
Indian	0.7	1.1	2.1
Pakistani	0.4	3.9	1.4
Bangladeshi	0.0	0.3	0.6
Other Asian	0.2	0.5	0.5
Black or Black British	0.4	0.5	2.1
Caribbean	0.2	0.2	1.1
African	0.2	0.2	1.0
Other Black	0.0	0.1	0.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	0.7	1.0	0.9

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Religion

Resident population (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
Christian	72.2	71.3	71.8
Buddhist	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hindu	0.6	0.7	1.1
Jewish	0.2	0.3	0.5
Muslim	0.6	5.1	3.0
Sikh	0.0	0.1	0.6
Other religions	0.3	0.3	0.3
No religion	18.8	15.1	14.8
Religion not stated	7.0	6.8	7.7

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Health and provision of care

The 2001 Census asked people to describe their health, over the preceding 12 months as 'good', 'fairly good' or 'not good'.

Resident population (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
Good	71.0	74.4	68.6
Fairly good	22.8	19.7	22.2
Not good	6.2	5.9	9.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

It also asked questions about any limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limited peoples daily activities or the work they could do.

Resident population (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
With a limiting long-term illness	13.9	13.0	18.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

For the first time, the 2001 Census asked a question about any voluntary care provided to look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long term physical or mental ill-health or disability, or problems relating to old age.

Resident population (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
Provided unpaid care	8.9	9.1	10.0

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

There are two main benefits associated with health that are paid to people needing help with personal care. They are the 'Disability Living Allowance' and the 'Attendance Allowance'.

The Disability Living Allowance is a benefit paid to people under 65, who are disabled, and need help with personal care, and/or getting around. In August 2000, 1,480 people in Woking received this benefit.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

The Attendance Allowance is paid to people over the age of 65, who are so severely

disabled, physically or mentally, that they need supervision or a great deal of help with personal care. In May 2000, 1,215 people in Woking received this benefit.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Economic Activity

Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
Employed	71.2	68.8	60.6
Unemployed	2.1	1.8	3.4
Economically active full-time students	2.9	2.6	2.6
Retired	8.9	12.0	13.6
Economically inactive students	2.6	2.6	4.7
Looking after home/family	6.6	7.3	6.5
Permanently sick or disabled	3.0	2.4	5.5
Other economically inactive	2.7	2.4	3.1

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Within Old Woking, 20 per cent of those unemployed were aged 50 and over, 10 per cent had never worked and 18 per cent were long term unemployed.

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

In August 2000, there were 155 Jobseeker Allowance claimants in Woking of which 48 per cent had child dependants. The Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) is payable to people under pensionable age who are available for, and actively seeking, work of at least 40 hours a week. Figures produced here are those only for people claiming income-based JSA.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

In August 2000, there were 2,995 Income Support claimants in Woking, of which 2 per cent were aged under 20. Income support was introduced on April 11th 1988 and can be paid to a person who is aged 16 and over, is not working 16 hours or more a week, and has less money coming in than the law says they need to live on.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Students and Qualifications

Students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
Total number of full-time students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74	96	3,313	2,648,992
Percentage of total resident population	3.6	3.7	5.1
Total number aged 16 to 17	52	1,744	1,014,284
Total number aged 18 to 74	44	1,569	1,634,708

Note : Students and schoolchildren were counted at their term-time address.

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
Had no qualifications	30.9	19.6	29.1
Qualified to degree level or higher	19.2	28.9	19.8

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Housing and Households

In Old Woking there were 1,046 households in 2001. 100 per cent of the resident population lived in households. The remainder of the population lived in communal establishments. The number of households in Woking was 36,941.

Number of households (percentage)

	Old Woking	Woking	England and Wales
One person households	23.7	28.3	30.0
Pensioners living alone	11.6	12.9	14.4
Other All Pensioner households	7.1	8.9	9.4
Contained dependent children	33.2	30.6	29.5
Lone parent households with dependent children	7.5	4.6	6.5
Owner occupied	73.1	76.9	68.9
Rented from Council	18.6	9.1	13.2
Rented from Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord	0.9	3.1	6.0
Private rented or lived rent free	7.5	10.8	11.9
Without central heating	4.2	3.7	8.5
Without sole use of bath, shower or toilet	0.3	0.3	0.5
Have no car or van	17.1	15.1	26.8
Have 2 or more cars or vans	38.4	42.8	29.4
Average household size (number)	2.5	2.4	2.4
Average number of rooms per household	5.2	5.7	5.3

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

£'s and number of households (percentage)

	Woking		England & Wales	
	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property
Detached	341,547.0	33.3	178,806.0	22.8
Semi-detached	172,792.0	24.9	101,733.0	31.6
Terraced	145,986.0	20.3	89,499.0	26.0
Flat	122,502.0	21.2	120,185.0	19.2
All property types	192,178.0		119,436.0	

Sources: 2001 Census, ONS
The Land Registry, 2001

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