

## Introduction

On 11 December 2012 the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published the latest release of data from the 2011 Census for England and Wales (data release 2.1). This provisional note highlights some of the key findings for South Gloucestershire – a more detailed analysis of this data release will be published early in the New Year.

Data in this release has only been published at South Gloucestershire (district level), no sub-district data is yet available. More detailed data is scheduled for release in 2013.

## Resident population

- The resident population of South Gloucestershire on Census Day (27 March 2011) was 262,767, a 7% increase on the 2001 estimate (245,641). (*Table KS102EW*)
- The age structure of the population is broadly consistent with the national (England and Wales) average; 19.0% of the population were children (aged 0-15) and 16.9% were aged 65 or over. (*Table KS102EW*)

## Housing and Tenure

- On Census Day there were 110,024 'household spaces' in South Gloucestershire. 107,538 were household spaces occupied by 'at least one usual resident' and 2,486 household spaces had 'no-usual resident' (i.e. they were vacant). (*Table KS401EW*)
- 40.5% of homes are owned with a mortgage or loan, considerably lower than the 50.4% recorded in the 2001 Census. However, the South Gloucestershire rate remains well above the national average of 32.7%. (*Table KS402EW*)
- 12.2% of homes are rented from a private land lord or letting agency, more than double the 5.6% recorded in the 2001 Census. However, the South Gloucestershire rate remains well below the national average (15.3%). (*Table KS402EW*)
- There were 6,816 lone parent households with dependent children. (*Table KS107 EW*)

## Ethnicity, National Identity and International migration

- At 249,574 residents (95.0% of the total population), 'White' was the majority ethnic group. Within this group 'White British' was the largest sub-group (accounting for 91.9% of the total population). The 'White Other' sub-group (which includes people of eastern European origin) accounts for 2.5% of the total population. (*Table KS201EW*)
- 13,193 residents (5.0%) of the population were from black and minority ethnic (BME) groups – more than twice the number recorded in 2001 (5,796 residents / 2.4% of the total population). (*Table KS201EW*)
- 95.5% of the usual resident population identified with at least one UK national identity (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, and British) – above the national average of 91.0%. (*Table KS202EW*)
- 6.6% (17,297 usual residents) were born outside the UK – considerably lower than the national average (13.4%). (*Table KS204EW*)
- The most common non-UK countries of birth for usual residents were Poland (1,828) and India (1,695). (*Table QS203EW*)
- 93.4% of residents were born in the UK – the national average is 86.6%. (*Table QS803EW*)

## Health and un-paid care

- 84.0% of the population (220,816 residents) described themselves as being in good or very good health, which is above the national average of 81.2%. (*Table KS301EW*)
- In terms of long-term health problems or disability; the 'day-to-day activities' of 40,914 residents (15.6% of the total population) are limited to some extent – lower than the national average of 17.9%. (*Table KS301EW*)
- 27,639 residents (10.5% of the total population) provided un-paid care, which is consistent with the national average (10.3%). (*Table KS301EW*)

## Religion

- 59.6% of the population were Christian - considerably lower than the proportion recorded in the 2001 Census (73.9%). (*Table KS209EW*)
- 30.7% of the population stated that they do not have a religion – nearly double the proportion recorded in the 2001 Census (17.5%) and higher than the national average (25.1%). (*Table KS209EW*)

## Qualifications

- There were more people with Level 4 or above qualifications, e.g. a Bachelor's degree (26.7%), than people with no qualifications (18.6%). (*Table KS501EW*)

## Car or van availability

- Car ownership in South Gloucestershire is higher than the national average. On average each household in the district owns, or has access to 1.5 cars or vans – compared to the national average of 1.2. (*Table KS404EW*)
- 13.1% of households do not have access to a car or van – considerably lower than the national average of 25.6%. (*Table KS404EW*)
- In 2011, there were 19,497 more cars in the district than there were in 2001. (*Table KS404EW*)

## Further data releases and analysis

A more detailed analysis of this data release (2.1) will be published early in the New Year.

Further census data is scheduled for release throughout 2013. Analysis of this data will be produced as it is received by the Corporate Research and Consultation Team.

## Further information

Further information about the 2011 Census can be found on the ONS website: [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk) or by contacting the Corporate Research & Consultation Team - 01454 863990, email [andy.cornelius@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:andy.cornelius@southglos.gov.uk)