

Bellinger Ward Profile



2023



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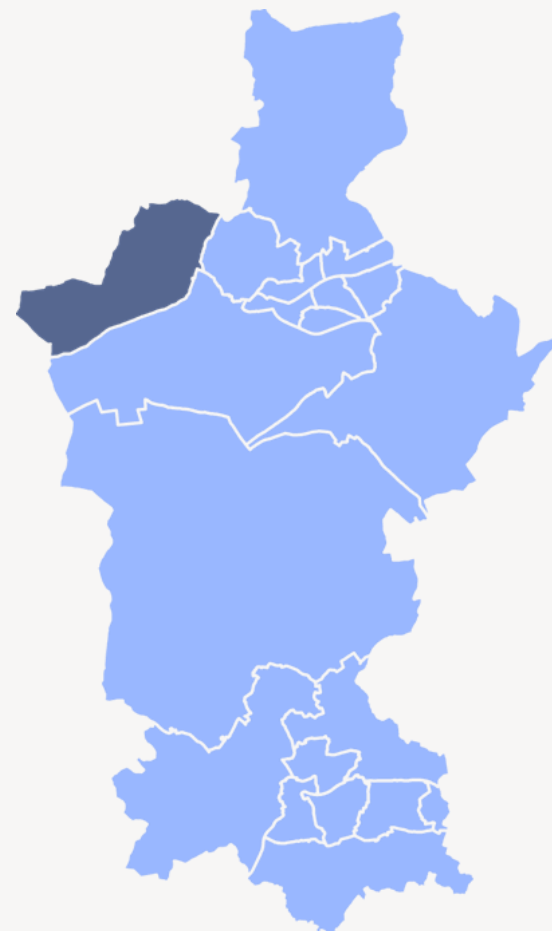
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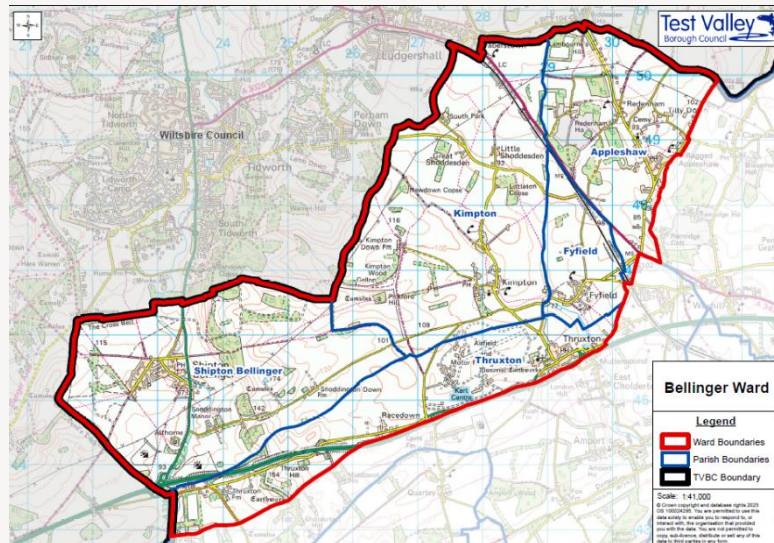
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Bellinger Ward Profile

This profile provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of the ward of Bellinger within Test Valley. It looks at information on topics such as the population structure, economic, housing, health and educational information for the ward.

Bellinger is one of the Test Valley's twenty wards. It has an area of **3,596.13** hectares which represents **5.7%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of area, Bellinger is Test Valley's **sixth largest** ward. The ward's population is **3,415** and its population density is **0.95** people per hectare, which is lower than the borough's average population density of **2.15** people per hectare.



Bellinger is a ward in the north-western part of Test Valley, with the north and west bordered by Wiltshire. To the south is the A303 and Anna Ward, to the east is Charlton and the Pentons. The ward is rural in nature, containing a number of villages including Appleshaw, Shipton Bellinger, Kimpton, and Thrupton.

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Parish Councils

Bellinger ward includes parts of following parishes:

- **Appleshaw**
- **Fyfield**
- **Kimpton**
- **Shipton Bellinger**
- **Thrupton**

Further information about this, and Test Valley's other parishes, can be found on the [council's website](#).

Population



3,415

Population 2022



0.3%
increase



3,425

Estimated
population in 2029



8.4% of the population are military veterans
15.0% of the population are school children

Age breakdown

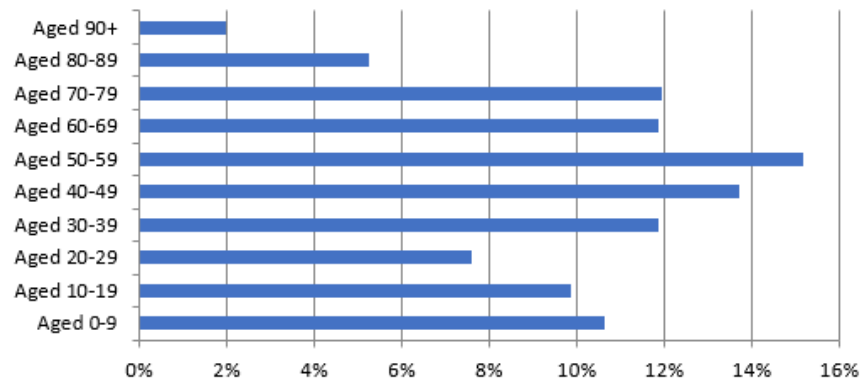
At 20.5% Bellinger has a smaller percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.6%. By 2029, the proportion of young people will decrease to 19.8%, and will then be 1.7% lower than the borough average.

At 19.5%, Bellinger has the same percentage of **young adults** (aged 20-39) than the borough average of 19.5%. The proportion of young adults living in the ward is expected to increase by 0.1% between 2022 and 2029, whereas across the borough, the equivalent figure is to the expected fall by 0.9%.

Middle aged residents (aged 40-69) constitute 40.8% of Bellinger population, which is slightly above the borough average of 40.0%. This is forecast to slightly decrease by 0.4% between now and 2029, when it'll be 0.2% lower than the borough average.

At 19.2%, Bellinger has a higher percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 1.3% above the borough average. By 2029 this percentage is forecast to increase by 1.1%, slower than the forecast of 2.2% for the borough as a whole.

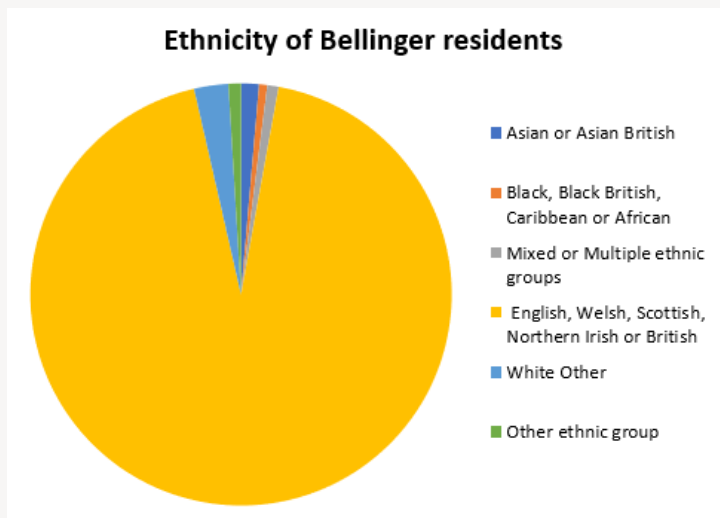
Percentage of the population by age group 2022



Population Data

This population data is taken from the Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF), provided by Hampshire County Council. Further information on this is available online at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>.

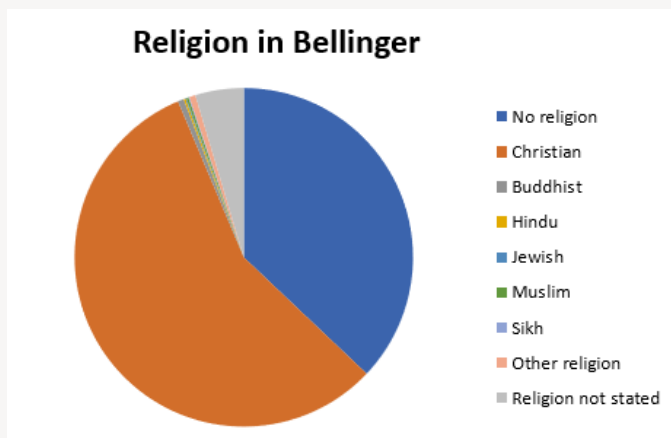
Ethnicity



Asian or Asian British	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	White Other	Other ethnic group
1.4%	0.6%	0.9%	93.6%	2.6%	1.0%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Bellinger by percentage. At the 2021 Census, 93.6% of Bellinger’s population as White British. This is higher than the borough average of 88.8%. Bellinger’s level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where only 73.5% of the population are White British.

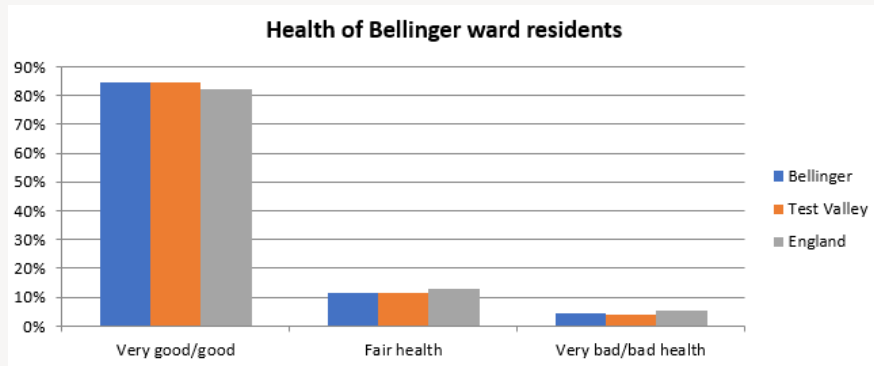
Religion



No religion	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	Religion not stated
37.1%	56.6%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	4.6%

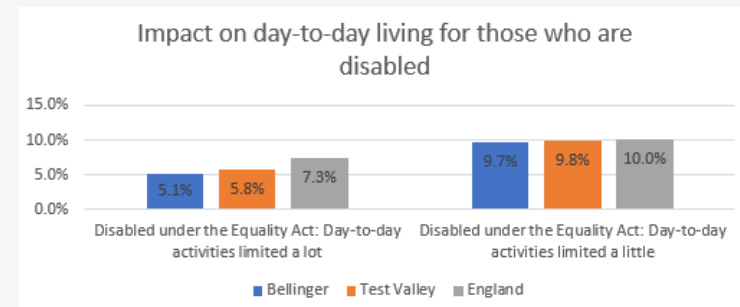
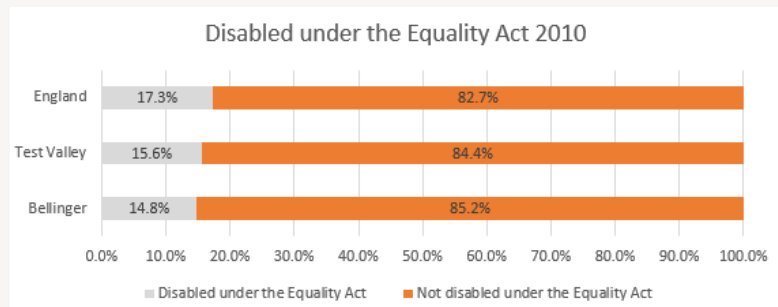
At the 2021 Census, the majority of Bellinger residents (56.6%) classify themselves as Christian, which is higher than both the borough average of 50.5% and the English average of 46.3%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (37.1%) which is lower than both the Test Valley average (40.6%) but higher than the English average (36.7%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, Buddhism is the second largest faith group, constituting 0.6% of the population of the ward. By comparison, 0.5% of England’s population identify as being Buddhist.

Health



At the 2021 Census, 84.5% of residents in Bellinger said they felt they were in very good or good health. This is lower than average for Test Valley (85.7%) and higher than the average for England (82.2%). 4.2% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is higher than the figure for the borough (3.8%) and lower than the figure for England (5.2%)

Disability

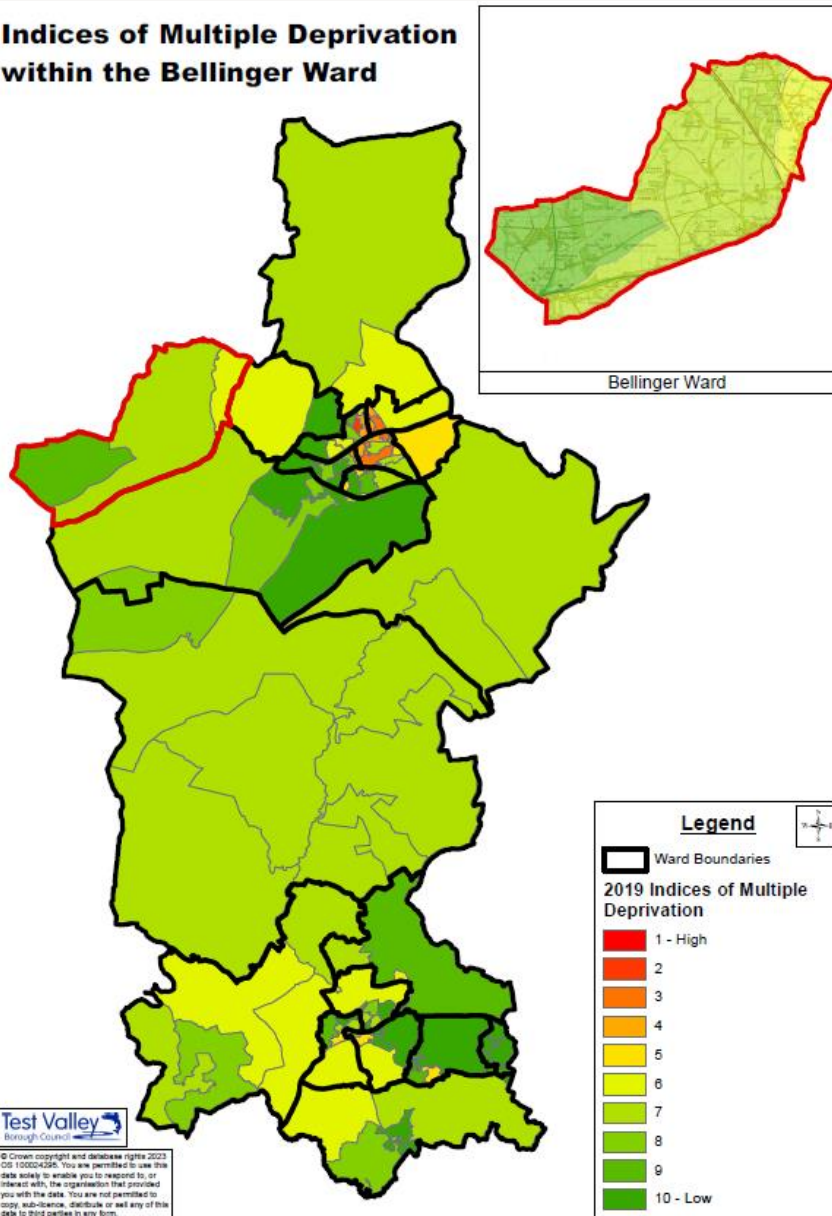


At the 2021 Census, 14.8% of Bellinger population identified as having a disability, as defined by the Equality Act 2010. This is a lower proportion than the population of Test Valley as a whole, where 15.6% identified as having a disability, and lower than the proportion of people in England as a whole, where the figure was 17.3%.

Of this 14.8%, 5.1% of the ward's population said they had a disability that limited their day-to-day activities a lot, lower than the equivalent figure for Test Valley (5.8%) and lower than the English average (7.3%). 9.7% said they had a disability that impacted them a little, lower than the respective figures for the borough (9.8%) and country (10.0%).

Deprivation

Indices of Multiple Deprivation within the Bellinger Ward



The English Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 is designed to identify areas where communities lack resources and are in need. To do this, seven factors are considered, which are:

- income deprivation
- employment deprivation
- education, skills and training deprivation
- health deprivation and disability
- crime
- barriers to housing and services
- living environment deprivation.

Areas are scored on each of these factors and ranked nationally from least deprived to most deprived.

This map shows the deprivation scores for Bellinger against all areas in Test Valley. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, areas of Bellinger rank from 19,664th to 26,720th, this puts the ward in both the **60% of most deprived** areas in the country and the **10% of least deprived** areas in the country.

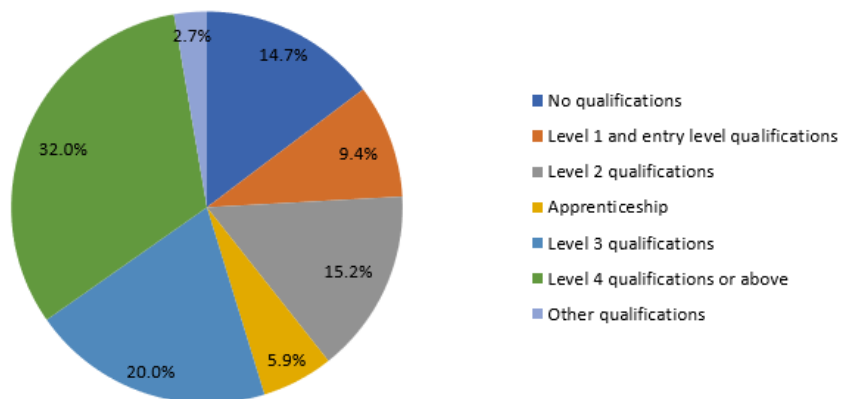
Despite the differences, there are some patterns, with the whole ward falling into the **40% least deprived** areas in regard to **living environment**, and **30% least deprived areas for indoors sub-domain**. **Additionally**, much of the ward falls into the **10% most deprived areas for geographical barriers**.

Further information about the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities 2019 English Indices of Deprivation is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>

Education and employment

Qualifications

Percentage of people with qualifications in Bellinger



The pie chart shows the qualifications gained by Bellinger's residents aged 16-74 years, according to the 2021 Census.

82.5% of people living in Bellinger have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is lower than the Test Valley average of 83.3% but very similar to the English average of 79.1%.

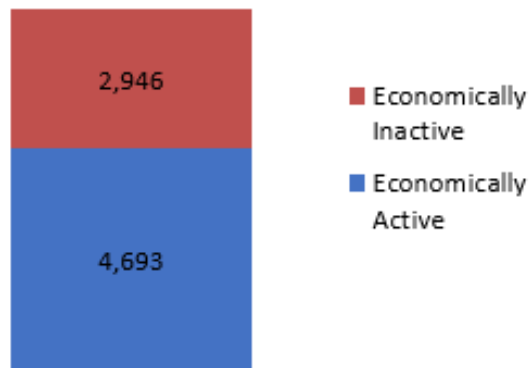
This means that 14.7% of Bellinger residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is 0.6% higher than the borough average but 3.4% lower than the English average.

In addition, 32.0% of Bellinger residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is lower than the borough average of 35.7% but higher than the English average of 33.9%. Similarly, 5.9% of the ward's population have undertaken an apprenticeship.

No qualifications	No academic or professional qualifications.
Level 1	any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate, one Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level, NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) level 1, Basic or Essential Skills, skills for life, literacy and numeracy, Level 2 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Level 2	five or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), Intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate, one A level, two to three AS levels, NVQ level 2, Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) General, City and Guilds Craft, Level 2 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Apprenticeship	Has completed any form of apprenticeship, at any level.
Level 3	two or more A levels, four or more AS levels, Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate, NVQ level 3, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, Ordinary National Certificate (ONC), Ordinary National Diploma (OND), BTEC National, International Baccalaureate, Level 3 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Level 4 or above	degree, foundation degree, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master's degrees, Higher National Diploma (HND) or Higher National Certificate (HNC), NVQ level 4 or above, professional qualifications (for example, teaching or nursing)
Other qualification	Any other qualifications, equivalent unknown

Economic Activity

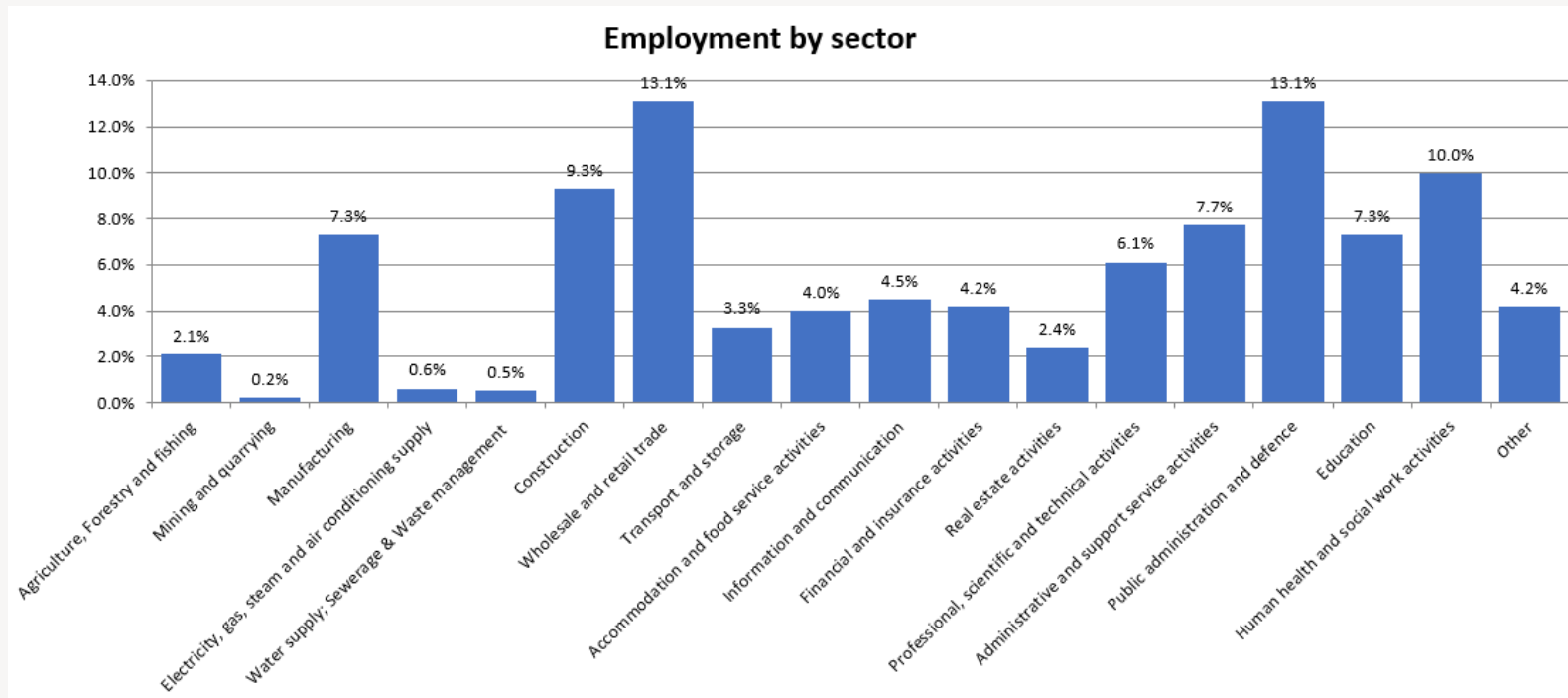
Economic activity (count)



According to the 2021 Census, 60.8% of Bellinger residents aged 16-74 are economically active, lower than Test Valley as a whole where the figure is 63.8% of residents. This includes people in full-, part- and self-employment, those who are actively seeking a job, and full-time students.

The remaining 38.6% of residents aged 16-74 are economically inactive, compared to 36.1% of Test Valley residents. This includes people who are retired, long-term sick or disabled, or who look after the home and family.

Employment by sector



This graph shows the different industries residents of Bellinger ward work in, according to the 2021 Census. The largest two sectors employing people in Bellinger are Wholesale and retail trade (13.1%) and Public administration and defence (13.1%) followed by Human health and social work activities (10.0%)

Properties

Total number of properties

1,429

Dwellings



17.1%
Terraced



40.9%
Semi-Detached



37.7%
Detached

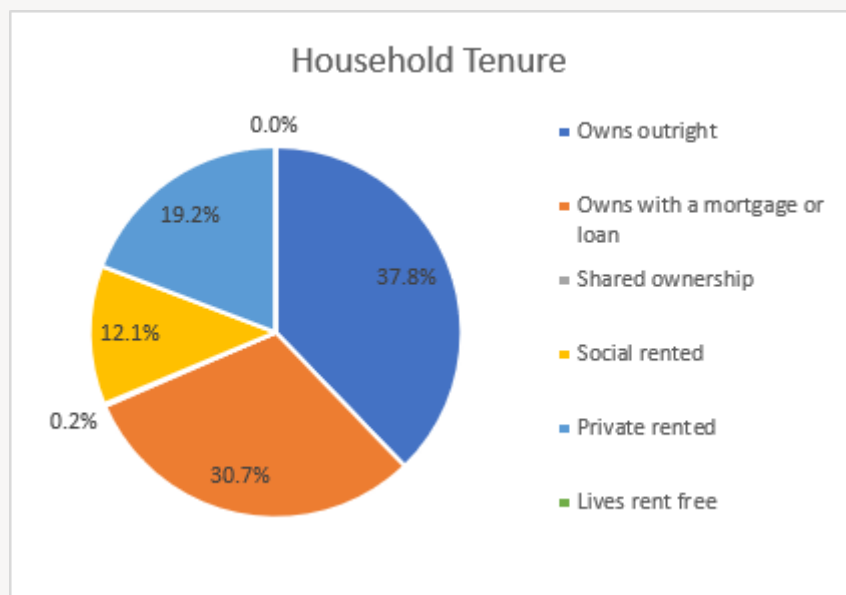


2.9%
Flat



1.3%
Mobile or other

Household Tenure



Household tenure refers to the financial arrangements under which people occupy their homes and is taken from the 2021 Census.

This pie chart depicts the tenure of households in Bellinger. 68.5% of people in the ward live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is lower than the average for Test Valley, which is 69.0%, but higher than the average for England, which is 61.3%.

12.1% of residents rent their property from a Housing Association, which is lower than the borough average of 14.3% as well as the English average of 17.1% 19.2% of residents privately rent their property; this figure is higher than the borough average of 14.8% but lower than the figure for England of 20.5%.

0.2% of households are part of a shared ownership scheme whilst 0.0% live rent free.

Community facilities

As a largely rural ward on the edge of Andover, Anna contains a good number of facilities, spread across the villages that it's made up of. These include primary schools in Appleshaw, Shipton Bellinger, and Thruxton; village halls in villages like Appleshaw, Thruxton, and Shipton Bellinger. The ward is also home to Thruxton Circuit.

For the villages across Bellinger, the nearby towns of Andover, Ludgershall or Tidworth are the closest locations of most other facilities, like shops, secondary schools, and GP surgeries. The closest railway stations are located in Grateley and Andover.



Further Information

The Community Team at Test Valley Borough Council provide support to local councillors and communities. They are also able to signpost local organisations to grant funding and other resources that may be available. To contact them, please email:

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The information in this profile has been prepared by Test Valley Borough Council's Policy Team. If you have any further queries or would like to talk to us about other information you would like to see, then please contact one of the Policy Team who will be happy to help:

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