

Mid Test Ward Profile



2023



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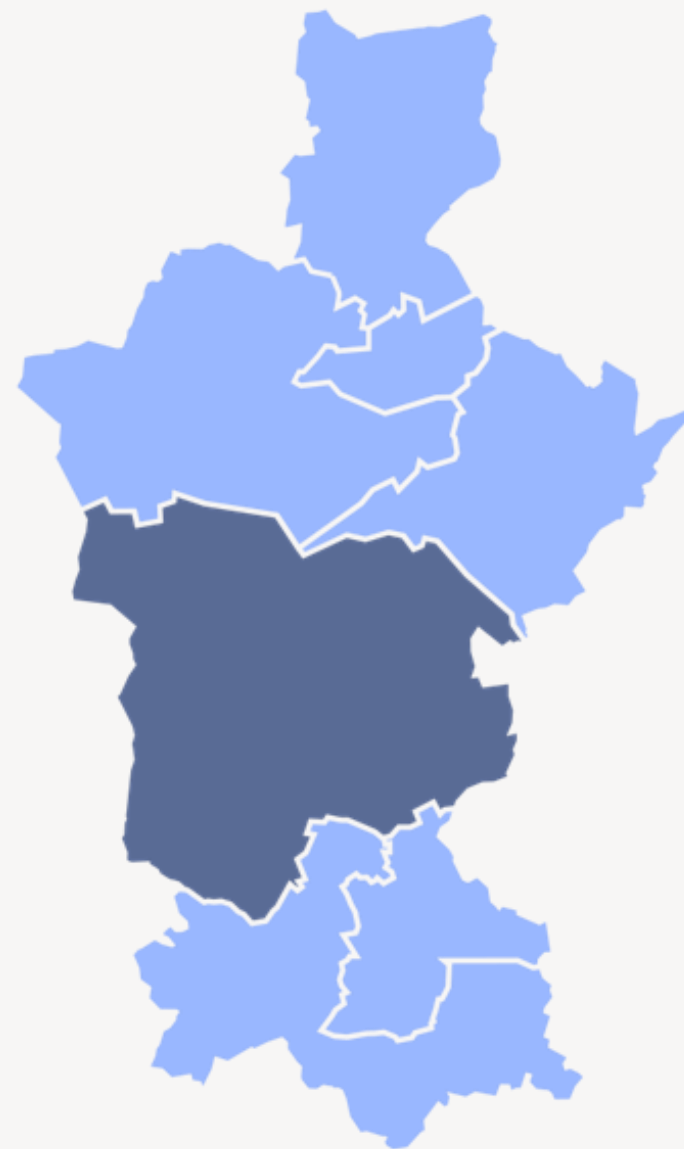
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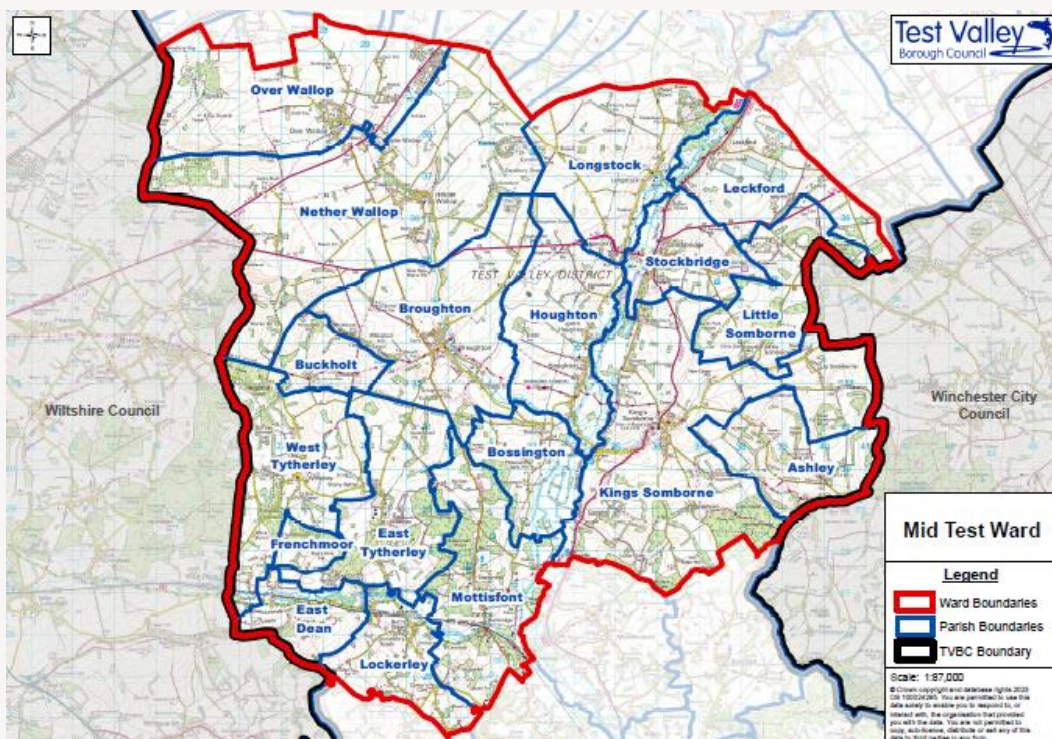
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Mid Test Ward Profile

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

Mid Test is one of the Test Valley's twenty wards. It has an area of **19,816.51** hectares which represents **31.6%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of area, **Mid Test** is Test Valley's **largest** ward. The ward's population is **9,951** and its population density is **0.50** people per hectare, which is far lower than the borough's average population density of **2.15** people per hectare.



The ward of Mid Test is the middle of Test Valley, bordering the Test Valley wards of Ampfield & Braishfield and Blackwater to the South, and the Anna and Harewood wards to the north. On Mid Test's western border is Wiltshire, and to the east is Winchester.

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Parish Councils

Mid Test ward contains the following parishes:

Ashley, Bossington Broughton Buckholt, East Dean, East Tytherley, Frenchmoor, Houghton, King's Somborne, Little Somborne, Lockerley, Longstock, Leckford, Mottisfont, Nether Wallop, Over Wallop, Stockbridge & West Tytherley

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

Population



9,951

Population 2022



2.5%
increase



10,197

Estimated
population in 2029



5.4% of the population are military veterans
15.5% of the population are school children

Age breakdown

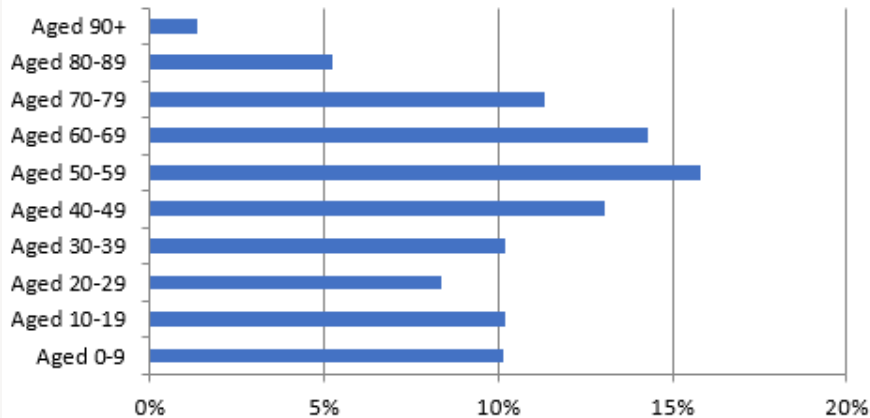
At 20.4% Mid Test has a smaller percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.6%. By 2029, the proportion of young people will decrease to 18.3%, and will then be 3.2% lower than the borough average.

At 18.6%, Mid Test has a smaller 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 fall by 0.1% between 2022 and 2029, a slower rate than the fall of 0.9% across the borough.

Middle aged residents (aged 40-69) constitute 43.1% of Mid Test's population, which is higher than the borough average of 40.0%. This is forecast to increase to 43.2% by 2029, 3.4% above the borough average.

At 17.9%, Mid Test has the same percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, as the borough average. By 2029 this percentage is forecast to increase by 2.0%, slightly lower than the rate of increase of 2.2% that is forecast for the borough as a whole.

Percentage of the population by age group 2022

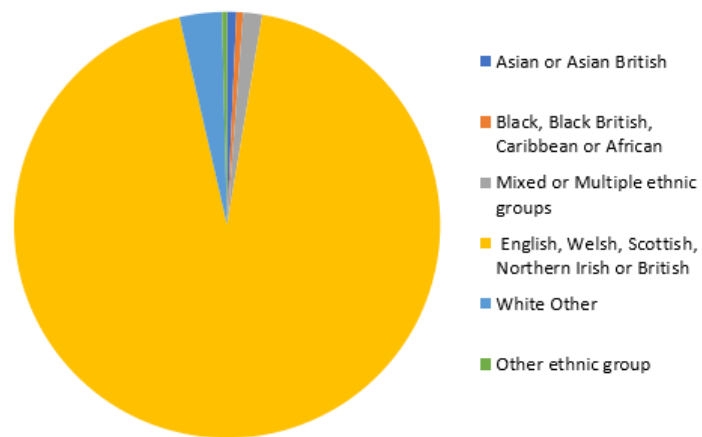


Population Data

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

Ethnicity of Mid Test residents

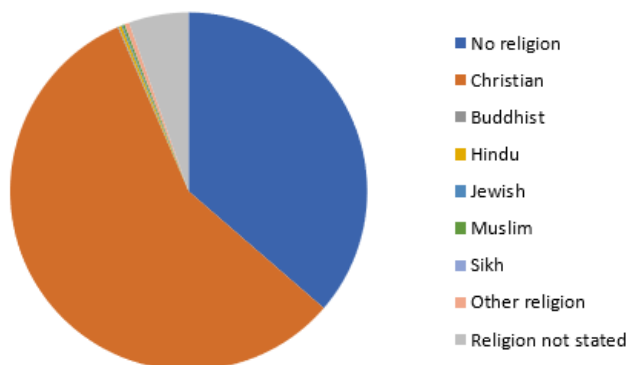


Asian or Asian British	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	White Other	Other ethnic group
0.7%	0.5%	1.4%	93.8%	3.2%	0.4%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Mid Test by percentage. At the 2021 Census, 93.8% of Mid Test’s population identified as White British. This is higher than the borough average of 88.8%. Mid Test’s level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where only 73.5% of the population are White British.

Religion

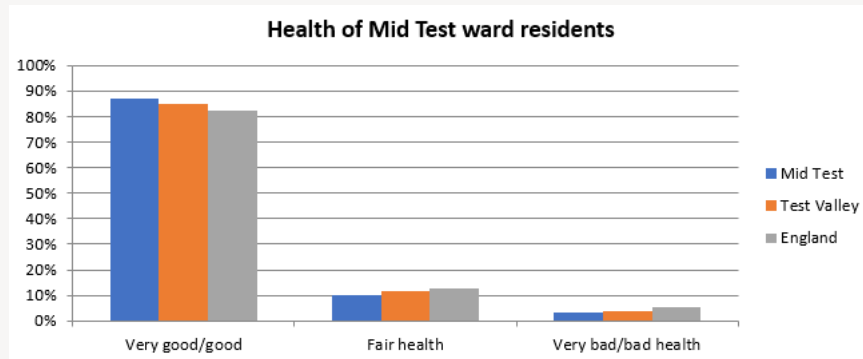
Religion in Mid Test



No religion	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	Religion not stated
36.3%	57.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	5.4%

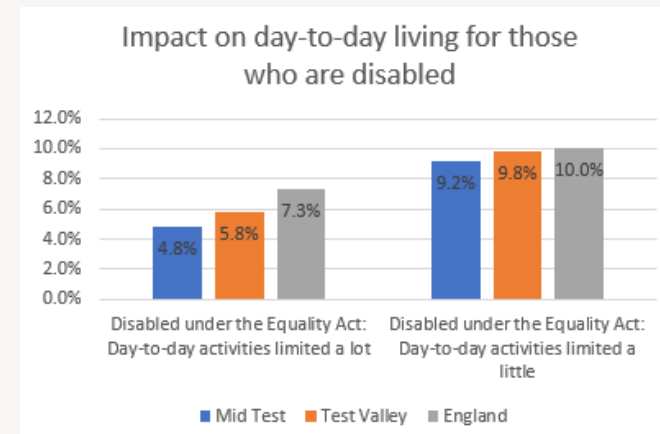
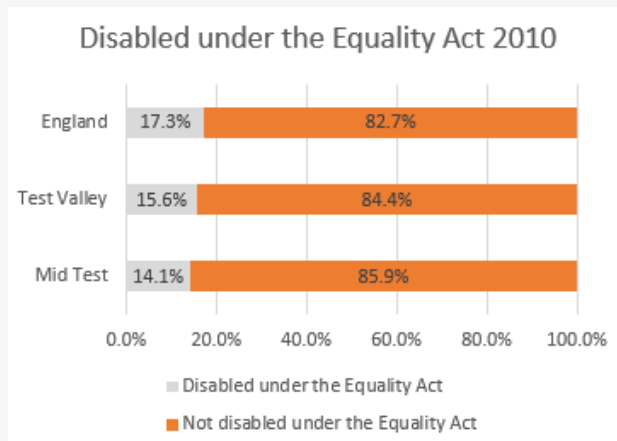
At the 2021 Census, the largest proportion of Mid Test residents (57.2%) classify themselves as Christian, which is higher than the borough average of 50.5% and the English average of 46.3%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (36.3%), which is lower than the Test Valley average (40.6%) and the English average (36.7%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, other religion is the second largest group at 0.4%, this is 0.2% lower than the equivalent figure for England.

Health



At the 2021 Census, 86.9% of residents in Mid Test said they felt that they were in very good or good health. This is higher than both the average for Test Valley (84.7%) and England (82.2%). 3.2% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is lower than both the borough (3.8%) and English averages (5.2%)

Disability

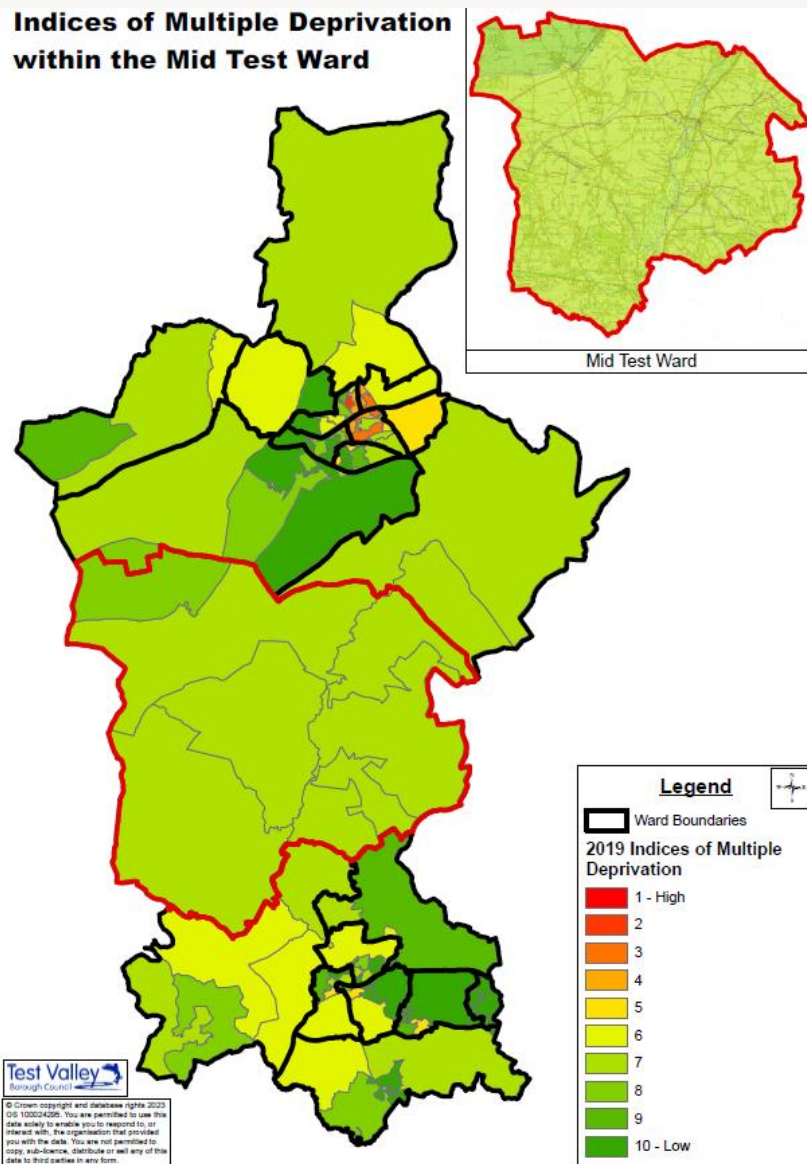


At the 2021 Census, 14.1% of Mid Test's population identified as having a disability, as defined by the Equality Act 2010. This is a lower proportion than the population of Test Valley as a whole, where 15.6% identified as having a disability, or England, where the figure was 17.3%.

Of this 14.1%, 4.8% of the ward's population said they had a disability that limited their day-to-day activities a lot, whilst 9.2% said they had a disability that impacted them a little. These figures are both lower than the equivalent figures for Test Valley and England.

Deprivation

Indices of Multiple Deprivation within the Mid Test 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 Mid Test against all areas in Test Valley. These are measured in Super Output Areas. Mid Test falls within seven LSOAs. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, areas of Mid Test rank between 20,299th and 24,711th this puts the ward in the **30% of least deprived** areas in the country.

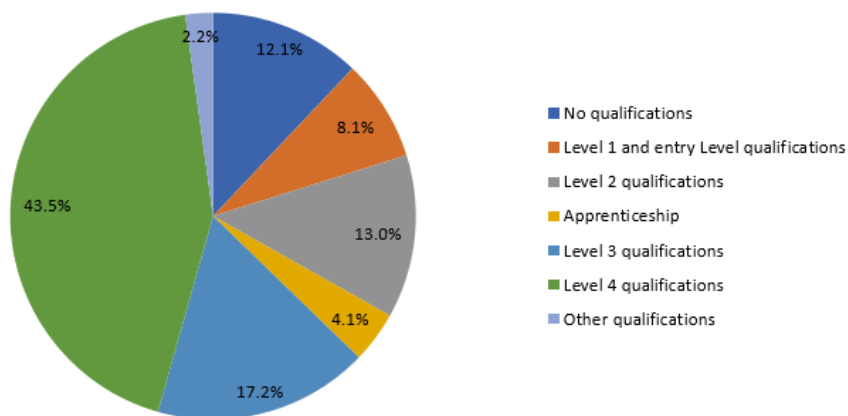
The whole ward falling into the **30% least deprived** areas in regard to **employment deprivation, income deprivation, education, training and skills deprivation** and the **20% least deprived** areas in regard to **health deprivation and disability**. Mid Test falls into the **20% most deprived** areas for **geographical barriers**. Most of the ward also falls into the **10% most deprived** for **barriers to housing**.

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 Mid Test



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

85.9% of people living in Mid Test have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is higher than the Test Valley average of 83.3% and the English average of 79.1%.

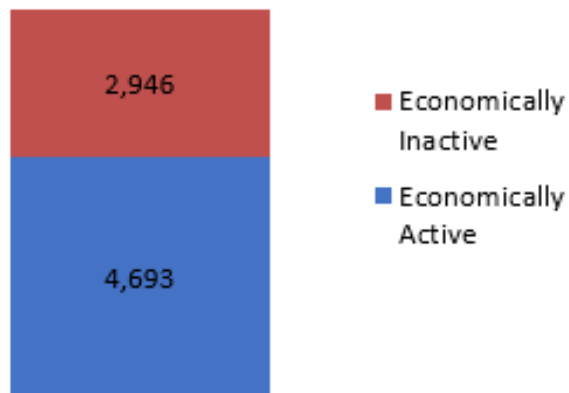
This means that 12.1% of Mid Test residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational, or professional qualifications, which is 2.0% lower than the borough average and 6.0% lower than the English average.

In addition, 43.5% of Mid Test residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is higher than the borough average of 35.7% and the English average of 33.9%. Similarly, 4.1% 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

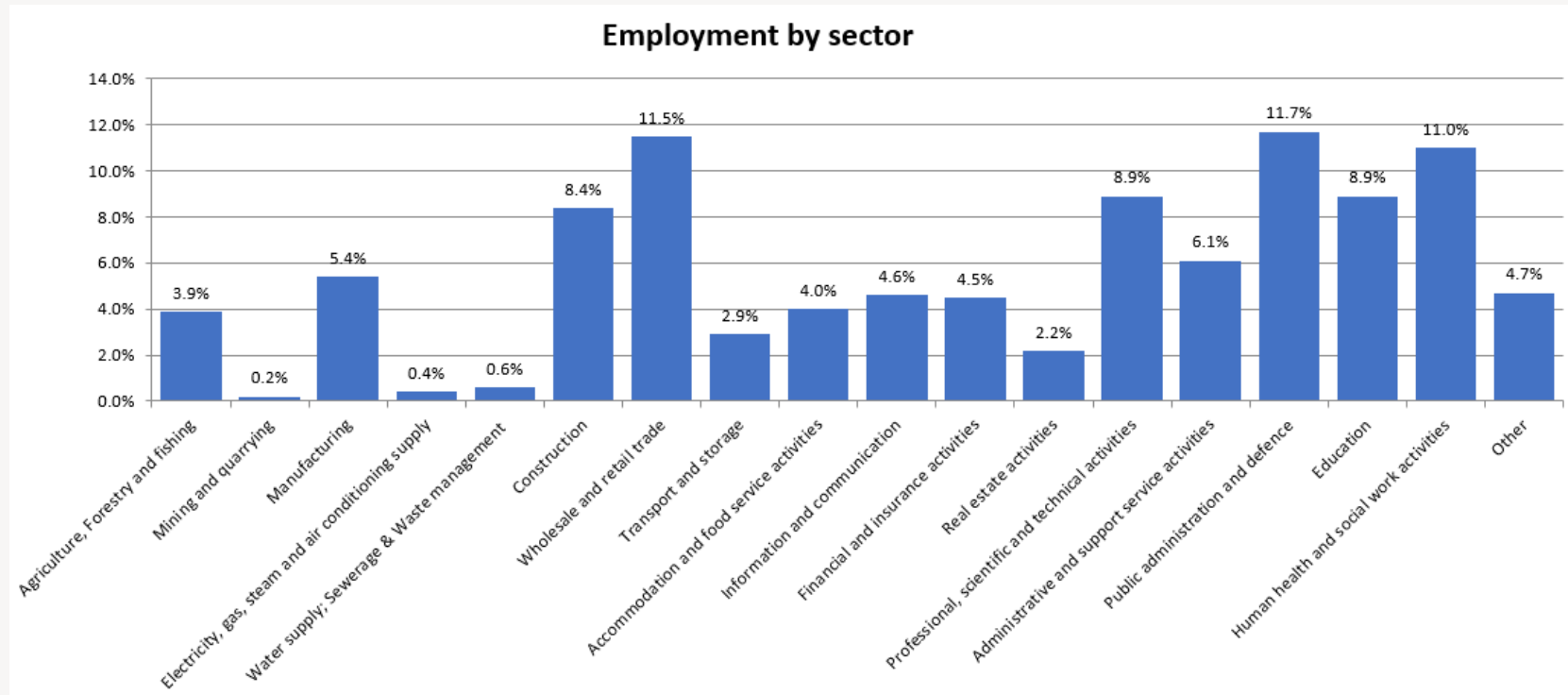
Economic activity (count)



According to the 2021 Census, 60.8% of Mid Test's 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 Mid Test ward work in, according to the 2021 Census. The largest sector employing people in Mid Test is public administration and defence (11.7%) followed by wholesale retail and trade (11.5%) and then by human health and social work activities (11.0%).

Properties

Total number of properties

3,836

Dwellings



11.5%
Terraced



33.7%
Semi-Detached



47.1%
Detached



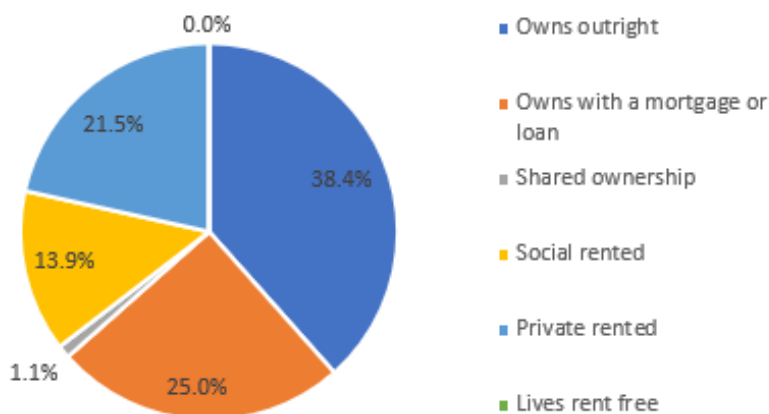
4.7%
Flat



1.6%
Mobile or other

Household Tenure

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 Mid Test. 63.4% of people in Mid Test live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is lower the average for Test Valley, which is 69.0%, but higher than the average for England, which is 61.3%.

13.9% 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% 21.5% of residents privately rent their property; this figure is higher than the borough average of 14.8% and lower than the figure for England of 20.5%.

1.1% of households are part of a shared ownership scheme whilst 0.0% live rent free.

Community facilities

Mid Test is a large ward in the centre of Test Valley with a high street in Stockbridge and food stores in the villages.

There are multiple primary schools and one secondary school, Test Valley School in Stockbridge. The size of the ward means it has many leisure facilities including parks and recreation grounds. There are over eight village halls as well as other halls and social clubs.



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:

communityteam@testvalley.gov.uk

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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