

# Romsey Abbey Ward Profile



2023



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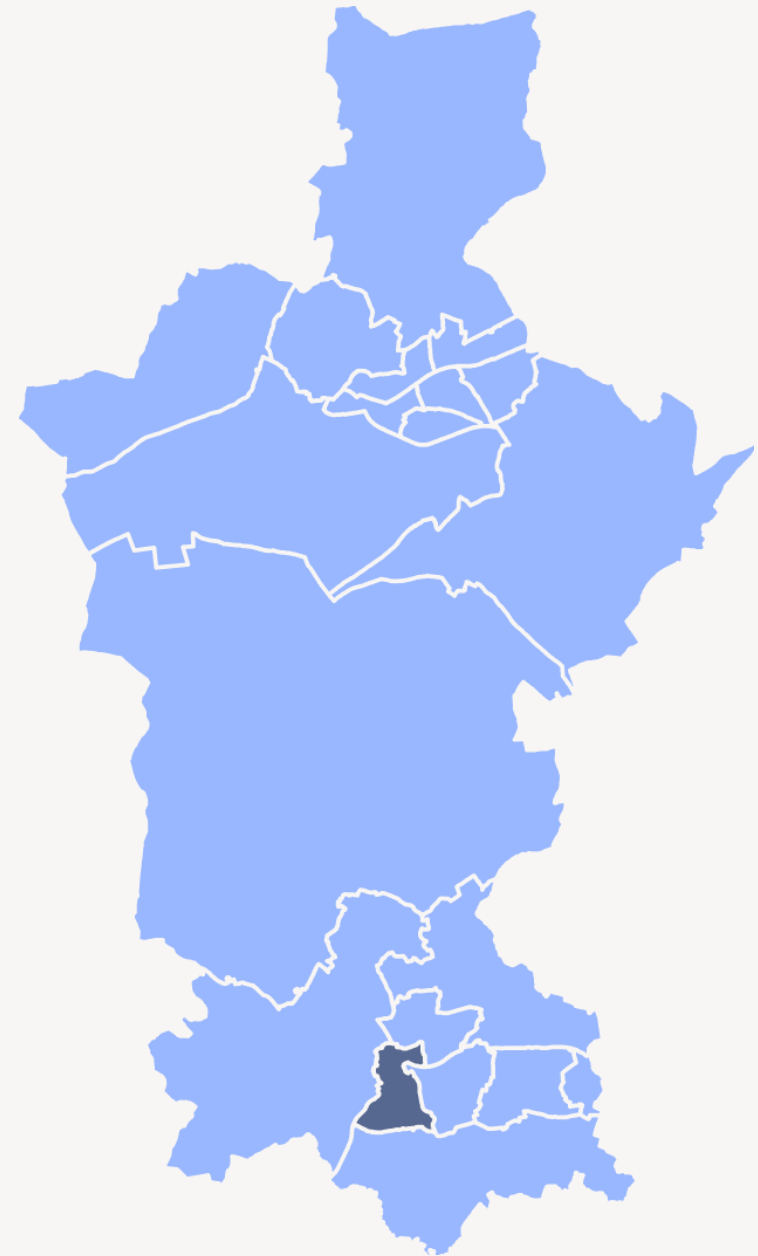
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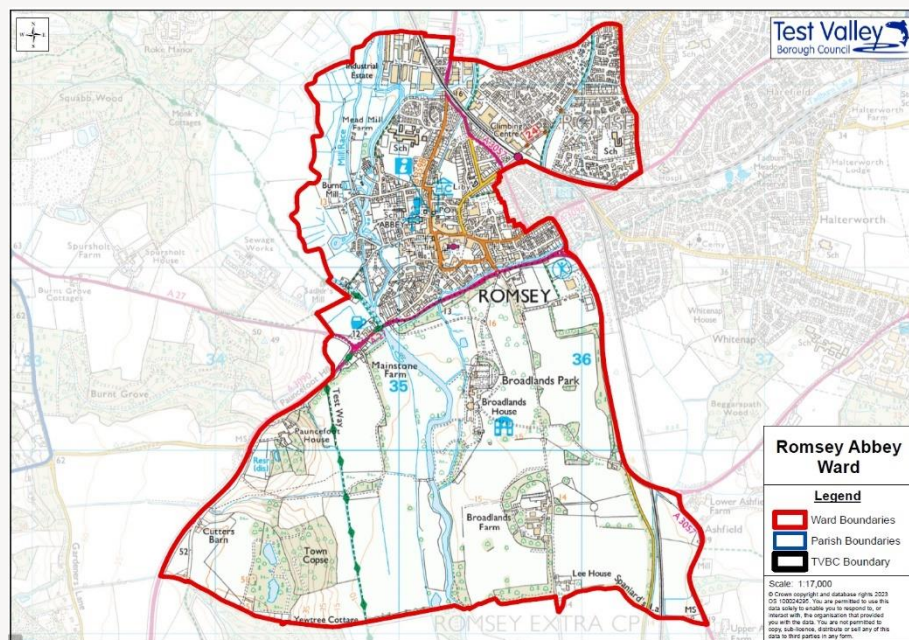
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# Romsey Abbey Ward Profile

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

**Romsey Abbey** is one of the Test Valley's twenty wards. It has an area of **569.64** hectares which represents **0.9%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of area, **Romsey Abbey** is Test Valley's **thirteenth largest** ward. The ward's population is **6,384** and its population density is **11.21** people per hectare, which is far higher than the borough's average population density of **2.15** people per hectare.



Romsey Abbey Ward covers the west of Romsey, including the town centre, War Memorial Park and the ward's namesake, Romsey Abbey, the largest parish church in Hampshire, which is the final resting place of Louis Mountbatten, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Mountbatten of Burma. A large part of the ward's area is the rural areas directly to the town's south, including the Broadlands Estate.

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### Parish Councils

Romsey Abbey ward is part of the following parish:

- **Romsey Town Council**

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

# Population



**6,384**

Population 2022



**3.6%**  
increase



**6,617**

Estimated  
population in 2029



**4.8%** of the population are military veterans  
**11.0%** of the population are school children

## Age breakdown

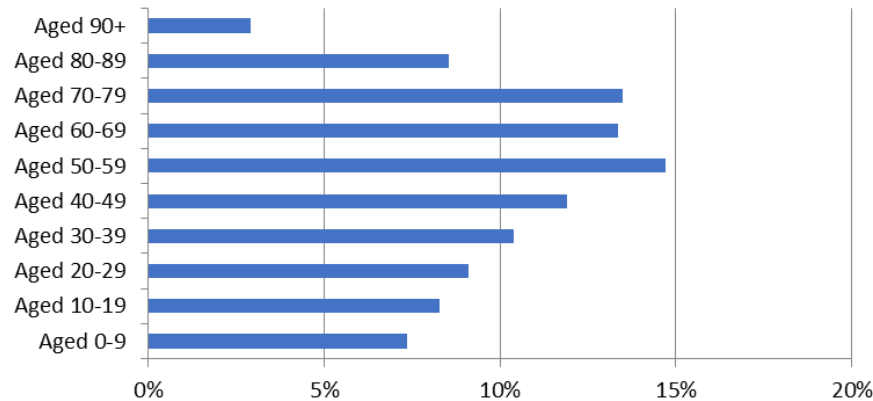
At 15.6% Romsey Abbey has a smaller percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.6%. By 2029, the proportion of young people will increase to 16.0%, and will then be 5.5% lower than the borough average.

At 19.5%, Romsey Abbey 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 decrease by 0.5% between 2022 and 2029, a slower rate than the expected fall of 0.9% across the borough.

**Middle aged residents** (aged 40-69) constitute 39.9% of Romsey Abbey's population, which is almost identical to the borough average of 40.0%. This is forecast to slightly increase by 0.6% between now and 2029, when it'll be 0.7% higher than the borough average.

At 24.9%, Romsey Abbey has a higher percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 7.4% above the borough average. By 2029 this percentage is forecast to decrease by 0.5%, in contrast to the increase of 2.2% that is forecast for the borough as a whole.

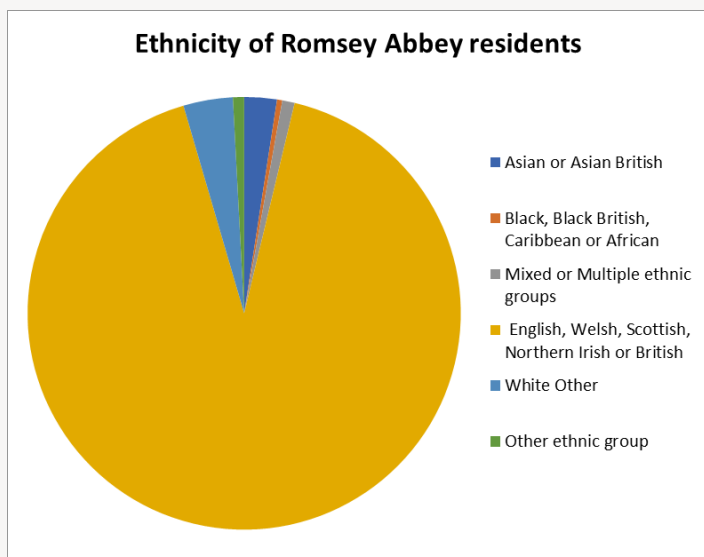
**Percentage of the population by age group 2022**



## 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>.

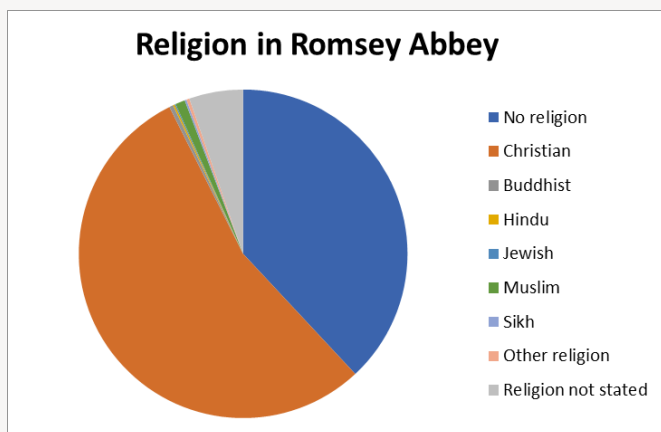
## Ethnicity



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
2.4%	0.4%	0.9%	91.7%	3.7%	0.8%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Romsey Abbey by percentage. At the 2021 Census, 91.7% of Romsey Abbey's population as White British. This is higher than the borough average of 88.8%. Romsey Abbey's level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where only 73.5% of the population are White British.

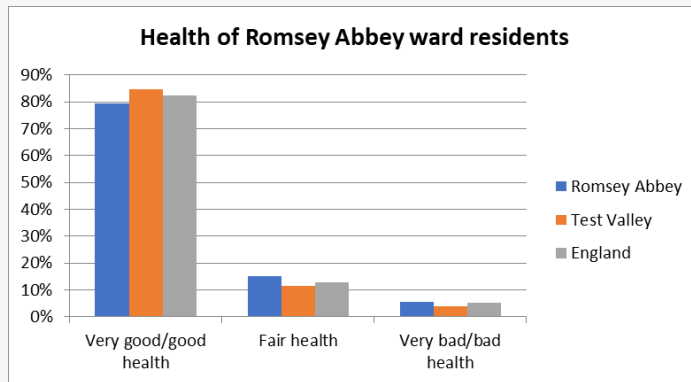
## Religion



No religion	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	Religion not stated
38.1%	54.5%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.9%	0.2%	0.3%	5.3%

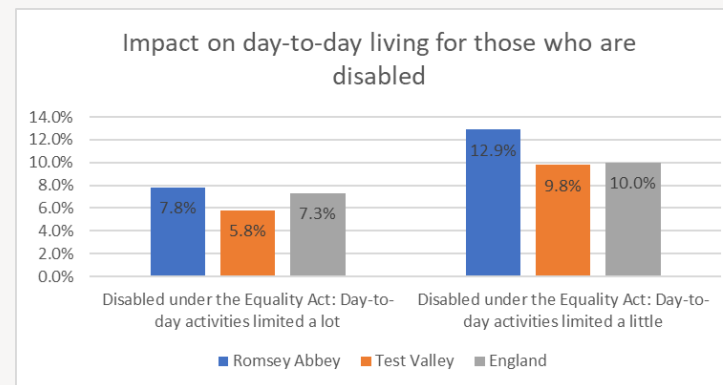
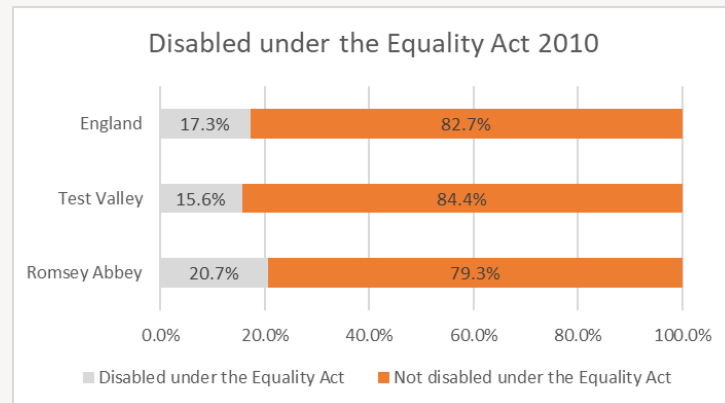
At the 2021 Census, the majority of Romsey Abbey residents (54.5%) classify themselves as Christian, which is higher than both the borough average of 50.5% and the English average of 46.3%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (38.1%), which is lower than the Test Valley average (40.6%) but higher than the English average (36.7%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, Islam is the second largest faith group, constituting 0.9% of the population of the ward. By comparison, 6.7% of England's population identify as being Muslim.

## Health



At the 2021 Census, 79.4% of residents in Romsey Abbey said they felt that they were in very good or good health. This is lower than both the average for Test Valley (84.7%) and the average for England (82.2%). 5.6% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is higher than equivalent figure for the borough (3.8%) and the English average (5.2%)

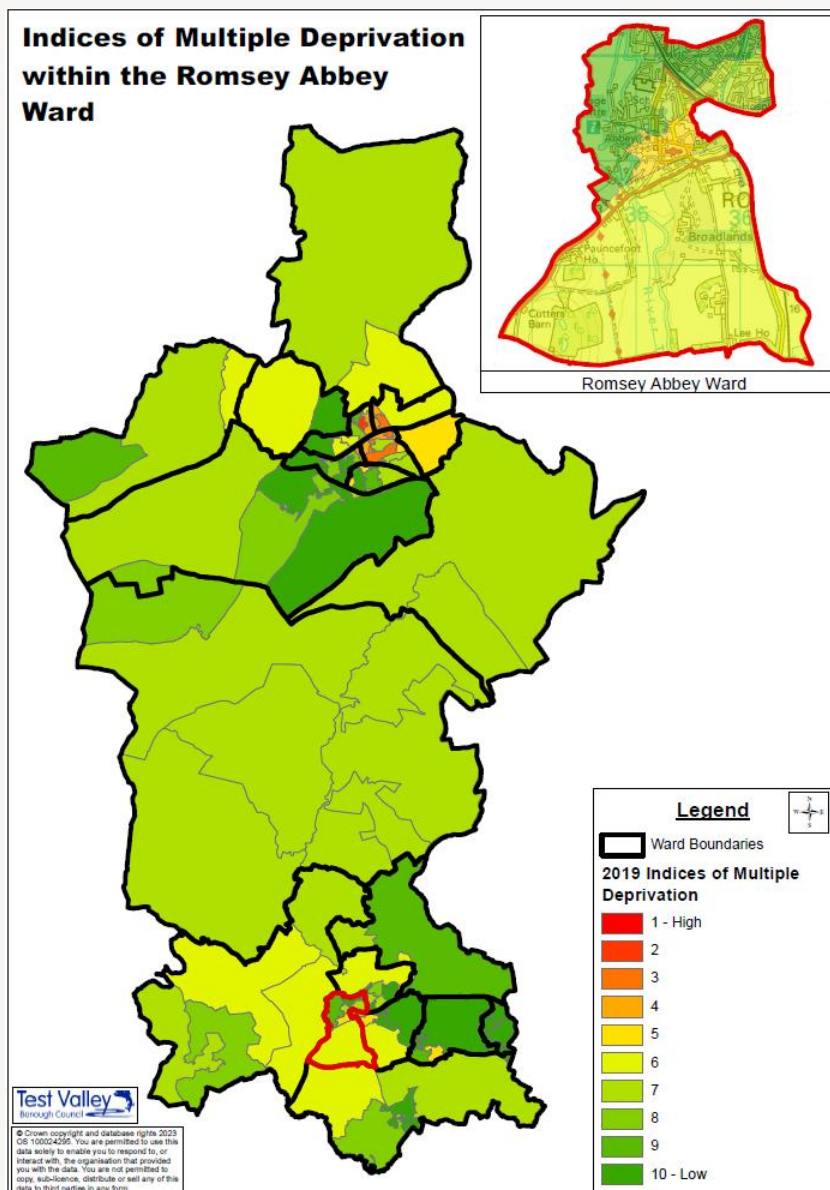
## Disability



At the 2021 Census, 20.7% of Romsey Abbey's population identified as having a disability, as defined by the Equality Act 2010. This is a higher proportion than the population of Test Valley as a whole, where 15.6% identified as having a disability, and also higher than the proportion of people in England as a whole, where the figure was 17.3%.

Of this 20.7%, 7.8% of the ward's population said they had a disability that limited their day-to-day activities a lot, higher than the equivalent figures for Test Valley and England. 12.9% said they had a disability that impacted them a little, higher than the respective figures for the borough and country.

## Deprivation



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.

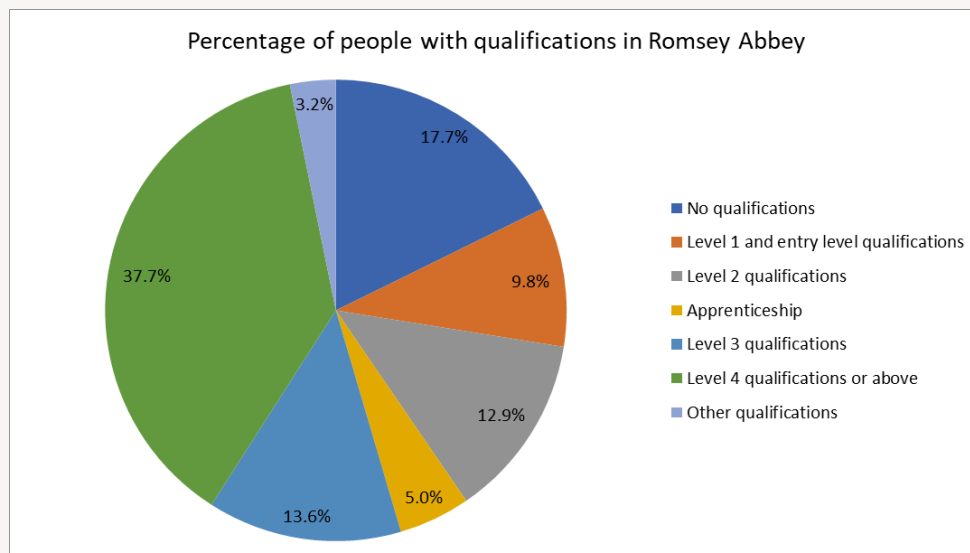
This map shows the deprivation scores for Romsey Abbey against all areas in Test Valley. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, areas of Romsey Abbey rank from 14,675<sup>th</sup> to 32,275<sup>th</sup>, this puts parts of the ward in from the **10% of least deprived** areas in the country and the **50% of least deprived** areas in the country.

The data shows us that the areas of Romsey Abbey experience deprivation quite differently. Some areas within the ward have higher levels of deprivation on specific factors. For example, the area of the ward around Banning Street is in the **top 30% of most deprived areas for income deprivation affecting children**, whereas the majority of the ward falls into the **70% of the least deprived areas for this factor**. The area to the south of Fishlake Meadows is in the **top 20% of most deprived areas for geographical barriers to local services**, most of the ward is in the **70% of the least 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



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

79.0% of people living in Romsey Abbey 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 17.7% of Romsey Abbey residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is 3.6% higher than the borough average but 0.4% lower than the English average.

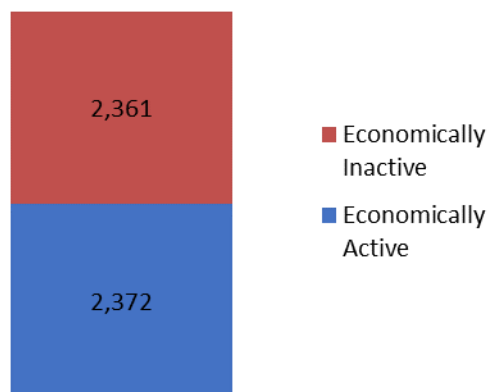
In addition, 37.7% of Romsey Abbey residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is higher than the borough average of 35.7% and the English average of 33.9%. Similarly, 5.0% of the ward's population have undertaken an apprenticeship.

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

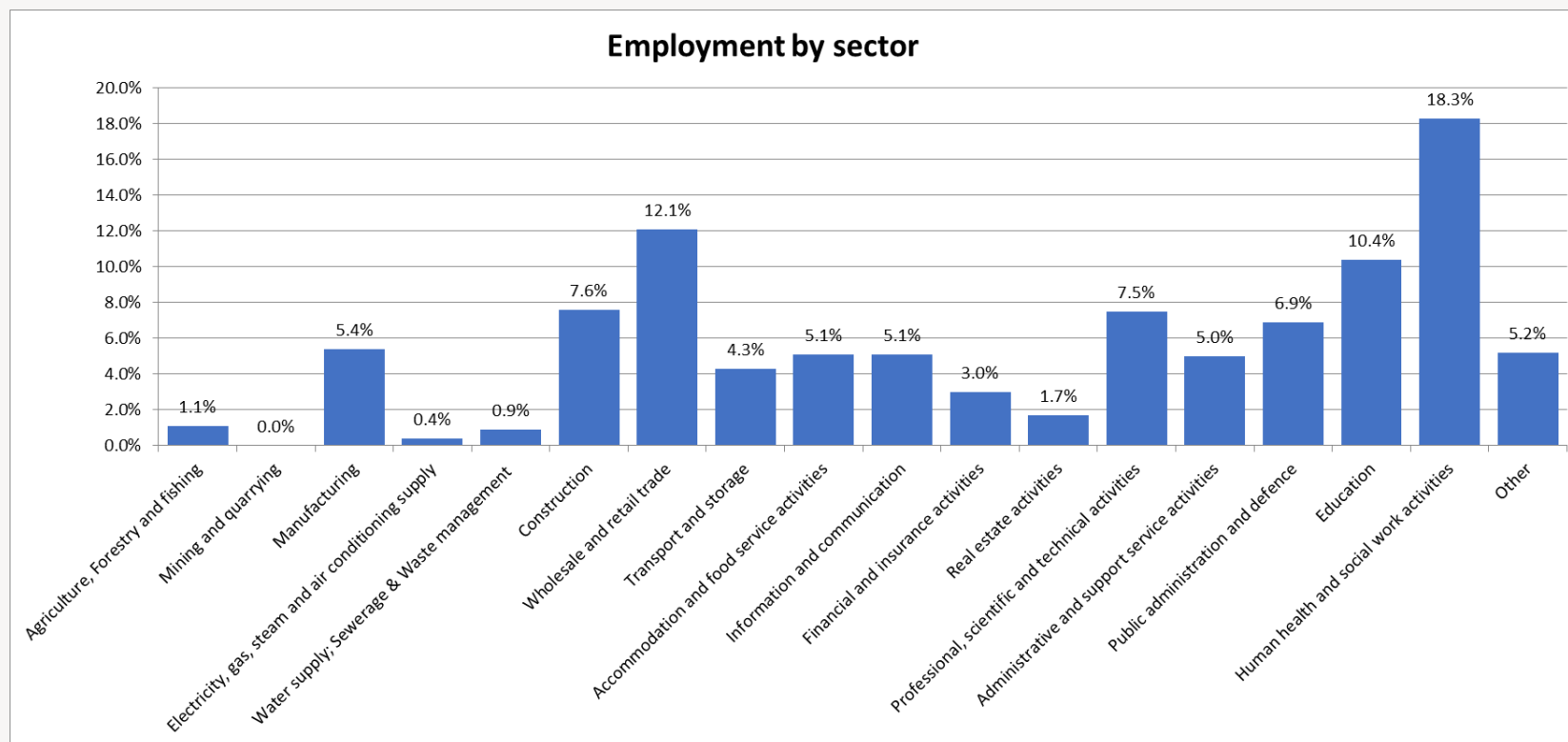
### Economic activity (count)



According to the 2021 Census, 49.7% of Romsey Abbey residents aged 16-74 are economically active, significantly lower than Test Valley, 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 49.9% 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 Romsey Abbey ward work in, according to the 2021 Census. The largest sector employing people in Romsey Abbey is Human health and social work activities (18.3%) followed by Wholesale and retail trade (12.1%) and then by Education (10.4%).

# Properties

Total number of properties

# 2,806

## Dwellings



**31.8%**  
*Terraced*



**18.0%**  
*Semi-Detached*



**21.4%**  
*Detached*

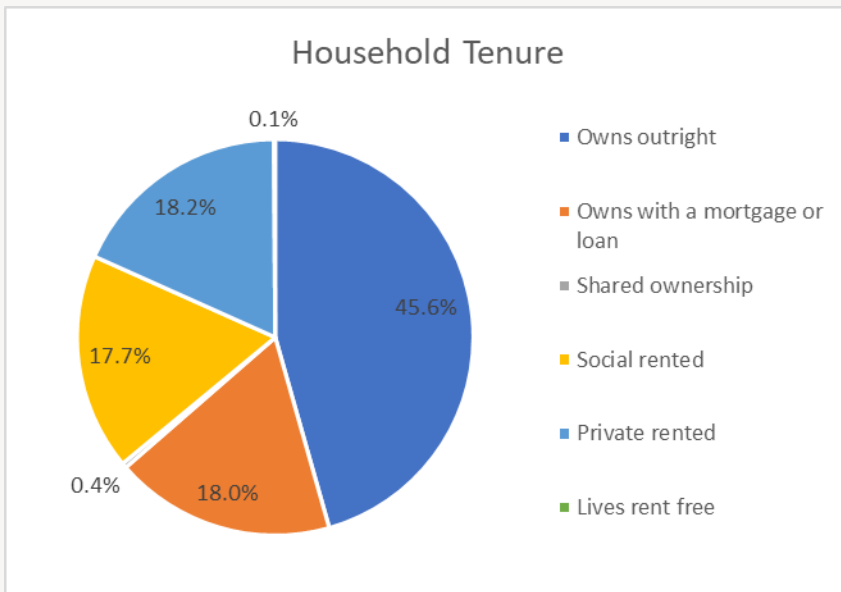


**22.2%**  
*Flat*



**6.6%**  
*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 Romsey Abbey. 63.6% 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%.

17.7% of residents rent their property from a Housing Association, which is higher than the borough average of 14.3% as well as the English average of 17.1% 18.2% 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%.

0.4% of households are part of a shared ownership scheme whilst 0.1% live rent free.

## Community facilities

Within Romsey Abbey there are a range of community facilities. These include Romsey town centre, with its various shops and facilities, the Crosfield Hall and other community facilities, Romsey Library. The ward is also home to the town's historic Abbey as well as War Memorial Park, which holds the prestigious Green Flag Award.

The ward has several schools like Romsey Primary School and The Romsey School as well as GP surgeries like the Abbeywell and Nightingale surgeries. The nearest railway station, Romsey, is located in the east of the ward.



## 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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