

Andover Downlands Ward Profile



2023



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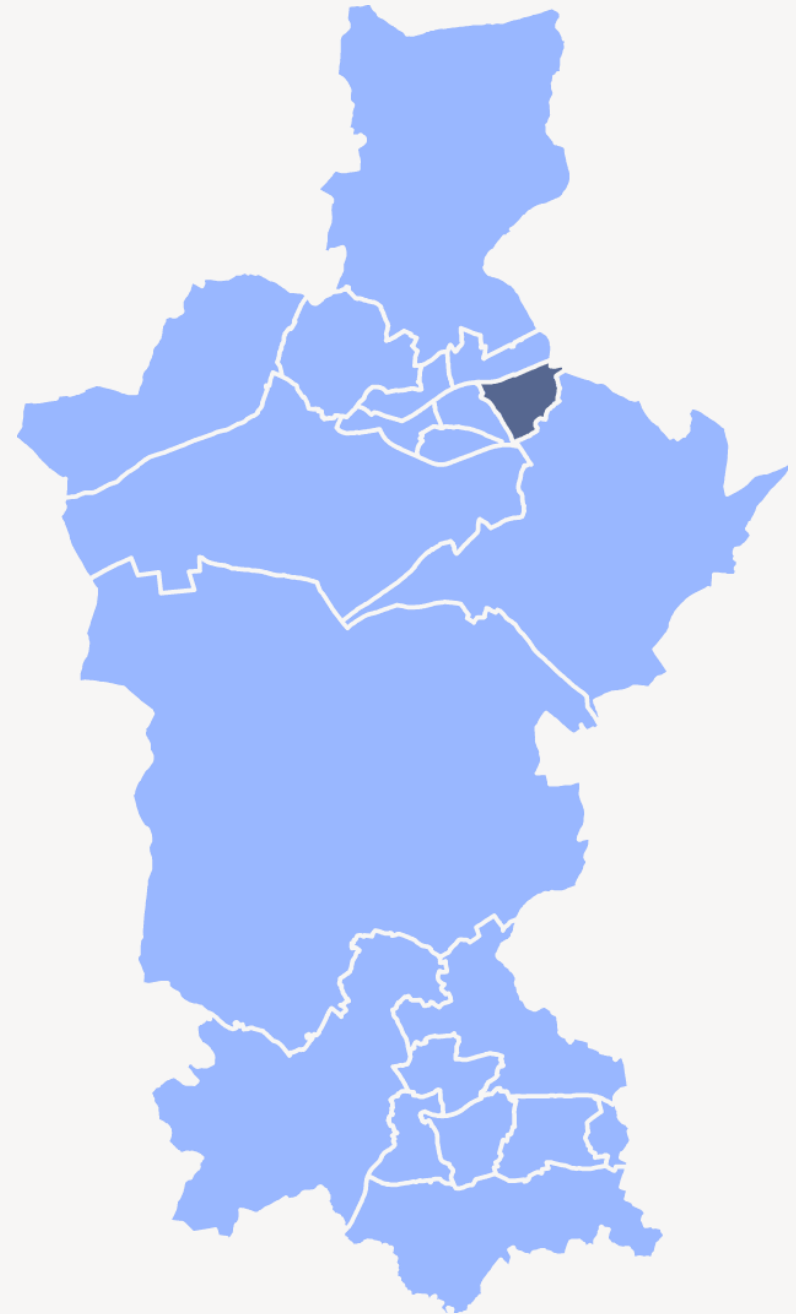
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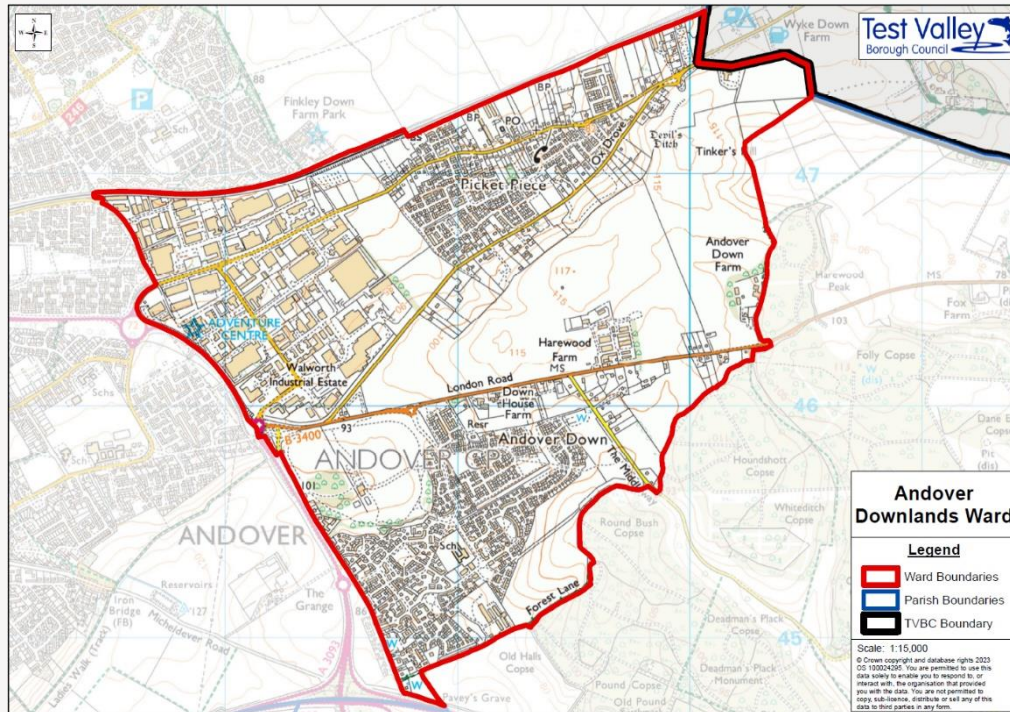
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Andover Downlands Ward Profile

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

Andover Downlands is one of the Test Valley's twenty wards. It has an area of **456.7** hectares which represents **0.7%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of area, **Andover Downlands** is Test Valley's **14th largest** ward. The ward's population is 7,237 and its population density is **15.85** people per hectare, which is much higher than the borough's average population density of **2.15** people per hectare.



The ward of Andover Downlands is in the north-eastern part of Test Valley. The ward is bordered by the railway line in the north, the extent of the town in the east and south, and Churchill Way in the west. The ward contains the new communities of Picket Piece and Picket Twenty, as well as the Walworth Business Park.

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Parish Councils

Andover Downlands Ward contains the following parishes:

- **Andover Town**

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

Population

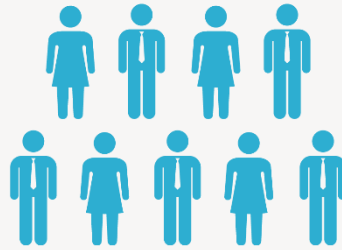


7,237

Population 2022



7.4%
increase



7,774

Estimated
population in 2029



3.9% of the population are military veterans
19.4% of the population are school children

Age breakdown

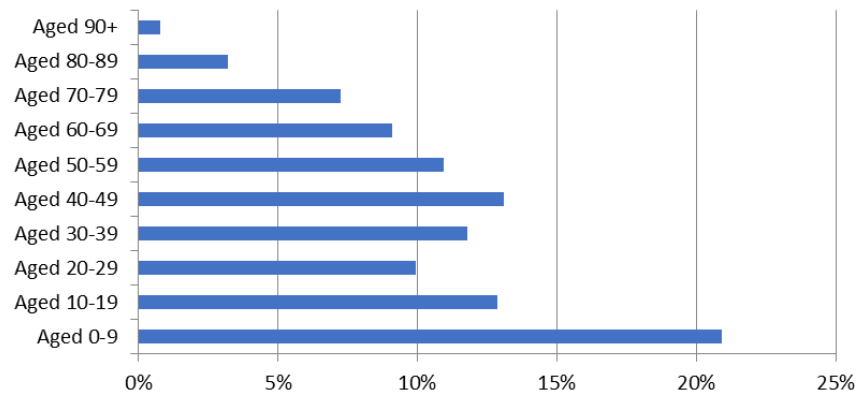
At 33.8% Andover Downlands has a larger percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.6%. By 2029, the proportion of young people will decrease to 30.8%, but will still be 9.3% higher than the borough average.

At 21.7%, Andover Downlands has a slightly higher 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 4.6% between 2022 and 2029, a faster rate than the fall of 0.9% across the borough.

Middle aged residents (aged 40-69) constitute 33.2% of Andover Downland's population, which is lower than the borough average of 40.0%. This is forecast to increase to 37.8% by 2029, 2% below the borough average.

At 11.3%, Andover Downlands has a lower percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 6.6% below the borough average. By 2029 this percentage is forecast to increase by 3%, slightly higher 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

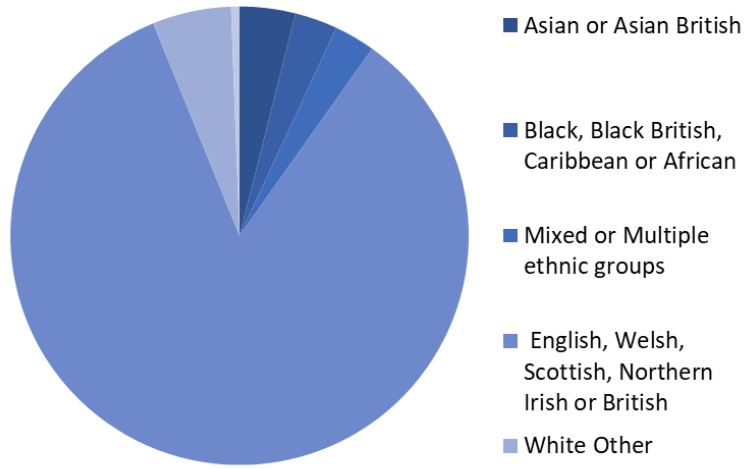


Population Data

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 Andover Downlands residents

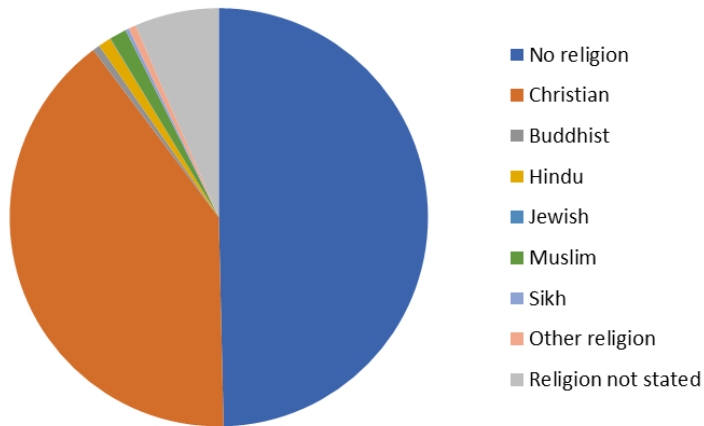


Asian or Asian British	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	White Other	Other ethnic group
3.9%	3.0%	2.9%	84%	5.6%	0.6%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Andover Downlands by percentage. At the 2021 Census, 84% of Andover Downland’s population identified as White British. This is lower than the borough average of 88.8%. Andover Downland’s level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where 73.5% of the population are White British.

Religion

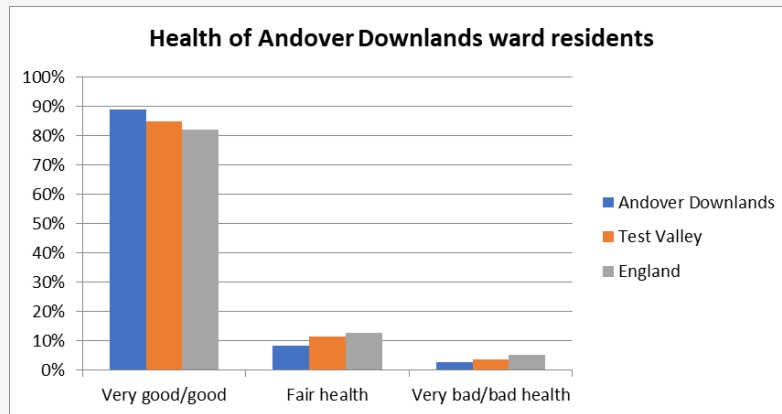
Religion in Andover Downlands



No religion	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	Religion not stated
49.6%	40.1%	0.6%	1.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.3%	0.6%	6.5%

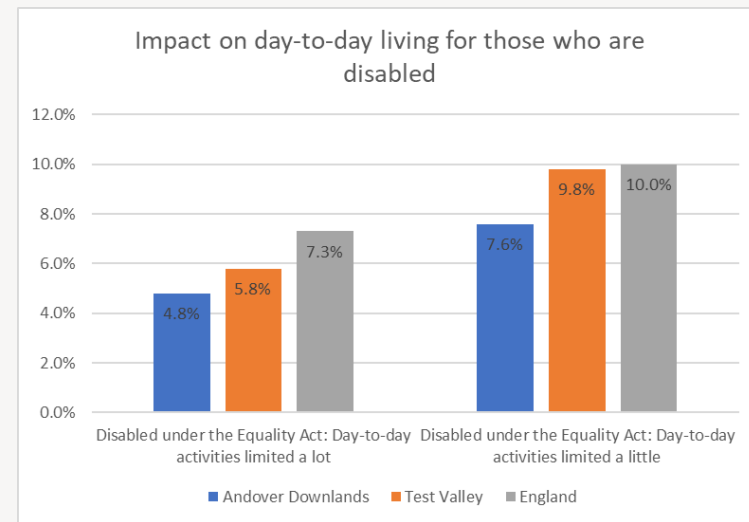
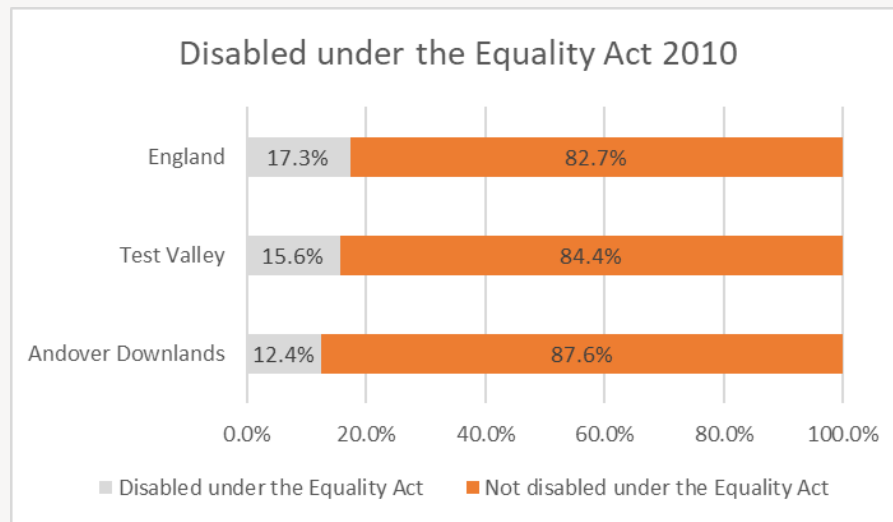
At the 2021 Census, the largest proportion of Andover Downlands residents (49.6%) classify themselves as having no religion, which is higher than the borough average of 40.6% and higher than the English average of 36.7%. The next largest group are those that classify themselves as Christian (40.1%), which is lower than the Test Valley average (50.5%) and lower than the English average (46.3%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, 1.3% classify themselves as Muslim which makes up the second largest religion in the ward, however this is 5.4% lower than the equivalent figure for England.

Health



At the 2021 Census, 89% of residents in Andover Downlands 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%). 2.7% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is lower than both the borough (3.8%) and English (5.2%) averages.

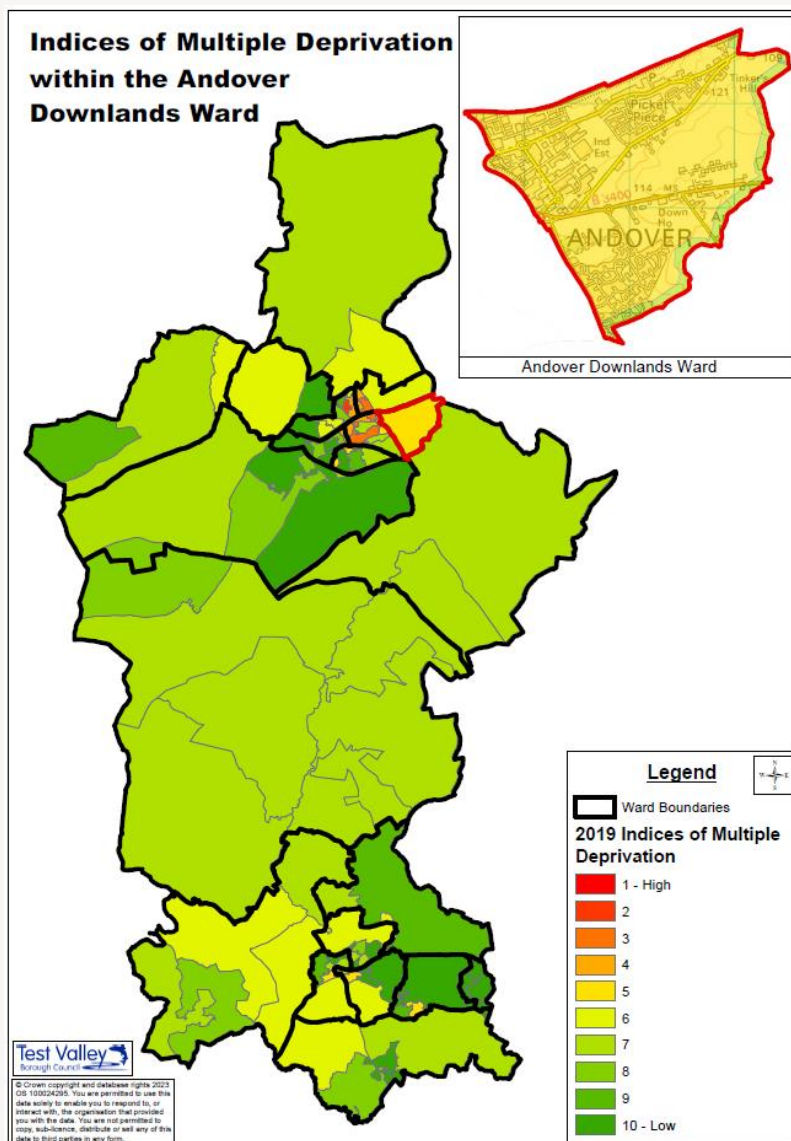
Disability



At the 2021 Census, 12.4% of Andover Downlands' 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 12.4%, 4.8% of the ward's population said they had a disability that limited their day-to-day activities a lot, whilst 7.6% 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



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.

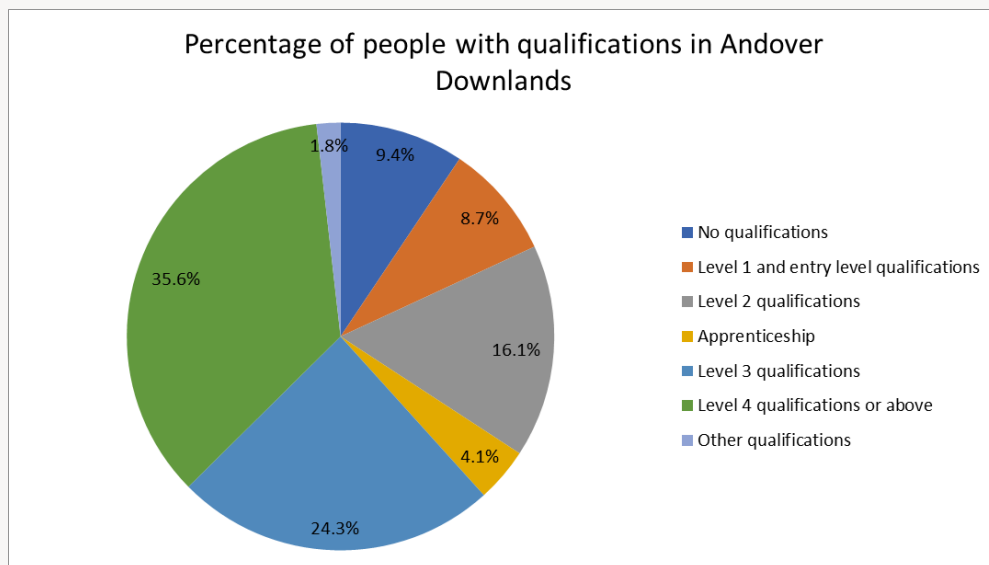
This map shows the deprivation scores for ward of Andover Downslands against all areas in Test Valley. These are measured in Super Output Areas, one of which makes up Andover Downslands. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, Andover Downslands ranks at 15,074th, this puts the ward in the **50%** of **least deprived** areas in the country.

Despite this, the ward falls within the **10%** of **most deprived** areas with regards to **geographical barriers** and **barriers to housing and services**. Additionally, the ward falls into the **30%** of **most deprived** areas for **education, skills, and training; children and young people; and adult skills**.

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 Andover Downlands' residents aged 16-74 years, according to the 2021 Census.

88.8% of people living in Andover Downlands have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is slightly higher than the Test Valley average of 83.3% and the English average of 79.1%.

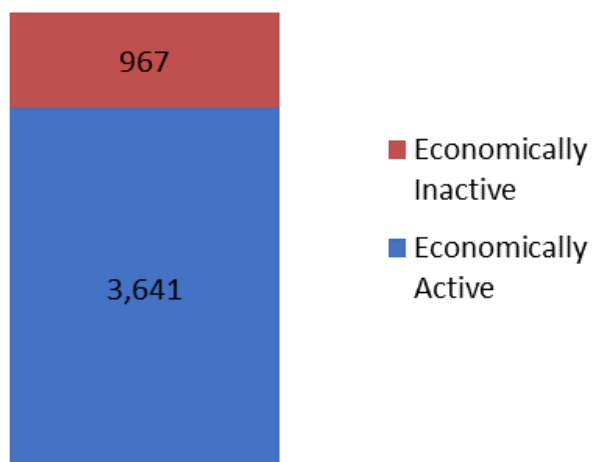
9.4% of Andover Downlands residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is 4.7% lower than the borough average and 8.7% lower than the English average.

In addition, 35.6% of Andover Downlands residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is a fraction lower than the borough average of 35.7% and higher than the English average of 33.9%. In addition, 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

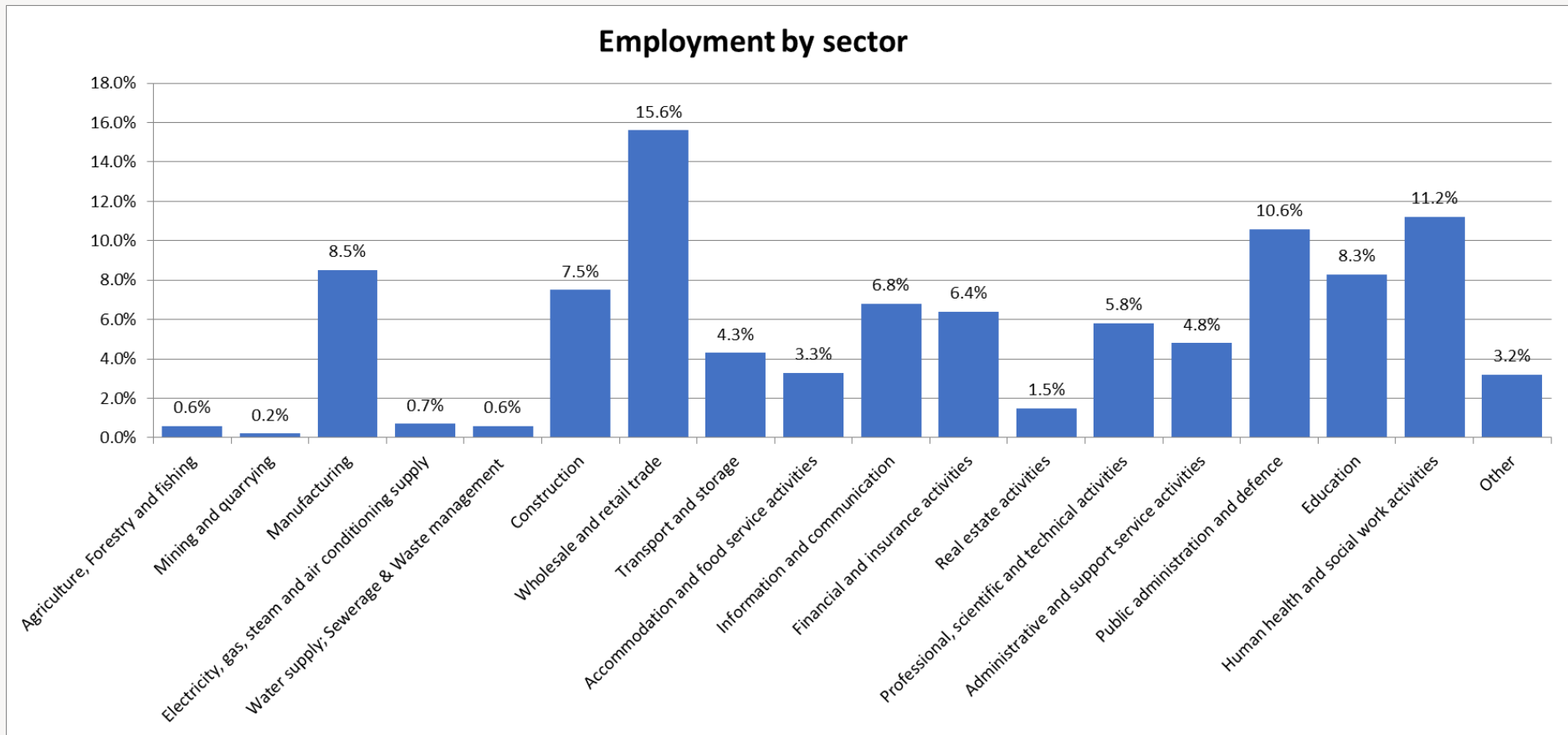
Economic activity (count)



According to the 2021 Census, 78.3% of Andover Downlands' residents aged 16-74 are economically active, higher 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 21% 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 Andover Downlands ward work in, according to the 2021 Census. The largest sector employing people in Andover Downlands is Wholesale and retail trade (15.6%) followed by Human health and social work activities (11.2%) and then by Public administration and defence (10.6%).

Properties

Total number of properties

2,442

Dwellings



20.2%
Terraced



37.8%
Semi-Detached



26.1%
Detached

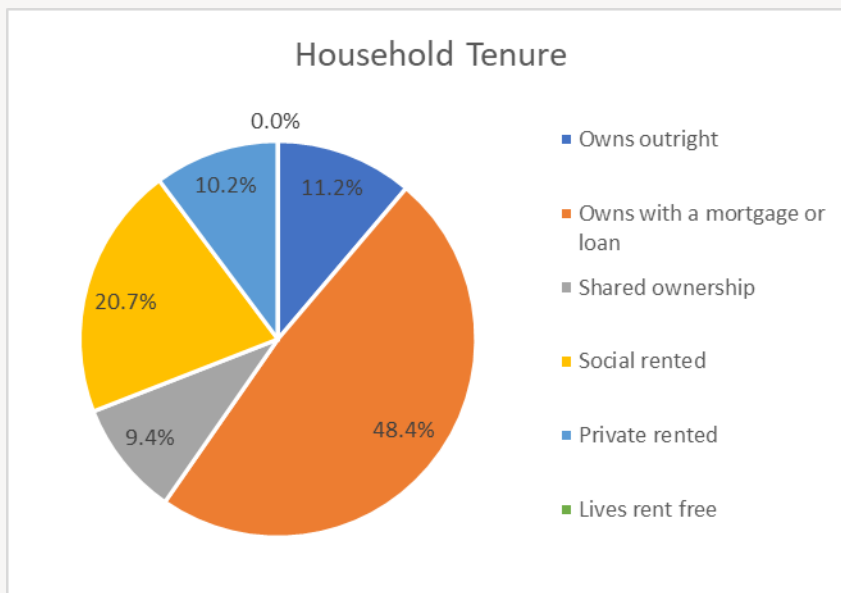


13.8%
Flat



2%
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 Andover Downlands. 59.6% of people in Andover Downlands live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is lower than both the average for Test Valley, which is 69.0%, and the average for England, which is 61.3%.

20.7% 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% 10.2% of residents privately rent their property; this figure is lower than the borough average of 14.8% and the figure for England of 20.5%.

9.4% of households are part of a shared ownership scheme whilst 0.0% live rent free.

Community facilities

Andover Downlands ward is centered on the communities of Picket Twenty and Picket Piece. Both have local facilities including shops, play areas and sport facilities such as Picket Twenty Sports Ground. A larger number of stores can be found in the industrial estate in the ward's north-west. Both communities have halls, Picket Twenty Community Centre and Picket Piece Social Club and Village Hall.

The nearest secondary school can be found to the west of the ward, whilst Picket Twenty had a primary school, Pilgrims Cross Primary School. The closest railway station is Andover.



Further Information

The Communities 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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