Oxfordshire Insight

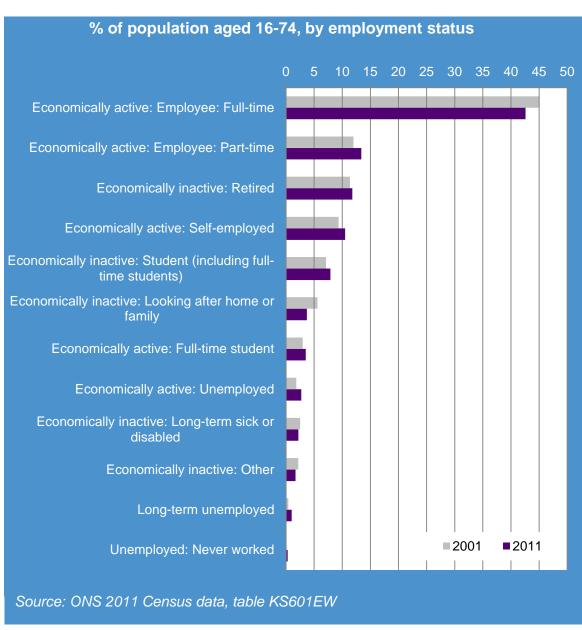


2011 Census Briefing - Release 2: Economy and Employment



The second release from the 2011 Census (11th December 2012) by the Office for National Statistics shows that 482,238 people in Oxfordshire aged between 16 and 74 years (72.7%) were economically active on 27th March 2011, above the regional and national averages and up from 71.2% in the previous Census in 2001.

- The proportion of people in full time employment in Oxfordshire has fallen slightly from 45.1% in 2001 to 42.6% in 2011, but remains above the regional (40.4%) and national averages (38.6%).
- 50,400 people were self-employed in Oxfordshire in 2011 (10.5%, up slightly from 9.3% in 2001). This is above the national average (9.8%), but just below the regional average (11.0%)
- 2.7% of the economically active population in Oxfordshire were unemployed in March 2011, below the regional (3.4% and national (4.4%) rates, and although the proportions of long term unemployed and those who have never worked have increased in Oxfordshire since 2001, the rates remain well below the regional and national averages.
- Almost 18,000 people (3.7% of the working age population) in the County are economically inactive to look after the home or family, falling from 5.6% in 2001.

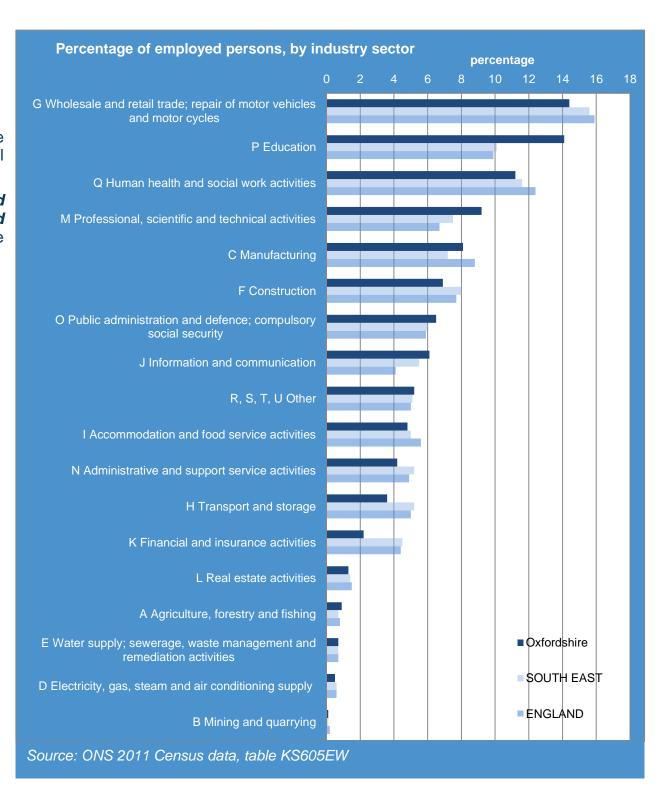


Employment by industry sector

Of the 334,400 people employed in Oxfordshire on 27th March, 2011:

- The highest proportion were employed in the Wholesale and retail sector (14.4%), below the national and regional averages
- Employment in the 'Education', 'Information and Technology', and 'Public administration and defence' sectors in Oxfordshire is well above the regional and national averages

South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire districts are amongst the 10% of local authorities across England and Wales with the lowest proportions of unemployed.



Employment by occupation

- There are 13,300 fewer managers and senior officials in Oxfordshire in 2011 than in 2001 (25% reduction), in line with national trends but just ahead of national reduction (20%).
- The number of people employed in associate professional and technical occupations in Oxford declined by 15% since 2001, while employment in elementary occupations rose by 11% (contrasting with changes of less than 2% in each Countywide).

