

# Communities, Communications, Policy and Performance

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## Briefing Note

**TITLE: 2011 Census – Households and economic activity information**

### Introduction

In December 2012, the Office for National Statistics released a large amount of data from the 2011 Census. Summarised below is information relating to households and economic activity. This follows the earlier briefing relating to ethnicity, country of birth, language and religion circulated on 18/12/12.

### Key Points

#### Households

- While total households increased by 9% from 2001 to 2011 the number of lone parent households with dependent children increased by 71% – a far higher rate of increase than any other London borough and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest increase in the country. In 2011, Enfield had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest proportion of such households in the whole of England
- There was also a large increase in 'Other households with dependent children' and this type was 20<sup>th</sup> highest in England & Wales at 2011
- Enfield has a very high proportion of households that contain dependent children – the 5<sup>th</sup> highest in England & Wales
- Enfield is in a similarly poor position as in 2001 for household overcrowding, as measured against accepted standards for room requirements – 22<sup>nd</sup> worst in England and Wales in 2011
- There has been very substantial growth in the number of households in the private rented sector – up 103% in 10 years – higher than the national growth rate and far higher than across London. More than a fifth of all households in Enfield were in the private rented sector in 2011
- The proportion of households in owner occupation fell from 70.7% at 2001 to 58.8% at 2011

#### Economic Activity

- Enfield had a high proportion of people who were economically inactive (not working and not seeking work) compared with the London region. Although the majority of these were retired, students, long term sick or looking after the home, there was also a significant proportion who were economically inactive for another reason. Combining these others with the number of adults who were unemployed at the time produces a total of about 22,000 people (9.8% of all 16-74 year olds) – this was the 6<sup>th</sup> highest rate in London
- Enfield has the 12<sup>th</sup> highest level in England for workless households with dependent children and the 6<sup>th</sup> highest in London

## Household composition

Compared with the data from the previous census, the most substantive changes in household composition are the increases in numbers of lone parent households and those in the 'Other' group (with dependent children and Other).

Household type:	number	%	change from 2001
One person household: Aged 65 and over	12108	10.1%	-19%
One person household: Other	21251	17.7%	7%
One family only: All aged 65 and over	6563	5.5%	-13%
Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: No children	9533	7.9%	-6%
Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: Dependent children	20885	17.4%	-1%
Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: All children non-dependent	8176	6.8%	8%
Cohabiting couple: No children	4127	3.4%	-2%
Cohabiting couple: Dependent children	3562	3.0%	24%
Cohabiting couple: All children non-dependent	511	0.4%	49%
Lone parent: Dependent children	14129	11.8%	71%
Lone parent: All children non-dependent	5849	4.9%	40%
Other household types: With dependent children	5471	4.6%	47%
Other household types: All full-time students	310	0.3%	-8%
Other household types: All aged 65 and over	294	0.2%	-34%
Other household types: Other	7147	6.0%	43%
<i>Total</i>	<i>119916</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>9%</i>

The increase in lone parent households was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in England (excluding the Isles of Scilly) after Slough. The increase for lone parents with dependent children (71%) was far higher than any London borough – the next highest being Barking & Dagenham at 43%. By proportion of all households at 2011, Enfield ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the country for lone parent households with dependent children and for all lone parent households i.e. including those with non dependent children only, after Barking & Dagenham and Knowsley.

Out of the total number of 44047 households with dependent children, 14129 were lone parent households. This represented 32.1%, which was the 21<sup>st</sup> highest in England.

Enfield ranked 20<sup>th</sup> highest in England & Wales for the 'other households with dependent children' type.

Enfield had the 5<sup>th</sup> highest proportion of households in England and Wales that contain dependent children.

## Average household size

This has increased markedly since 2001 from 2.45 to 2.59 persons per household. The 2011 average size at 2011 was the 14<sup>th</sup> highest in England and 11<sup>th</sup> highest in London.

## Overcrowding

The census data provides two measures of overcrowding. These are:

- occupancy rating by total number of *rooms* in the household, and
- occupancy rating by total number of *bedrooms* in the household

### Occupancy by total number of rooms

The known high rate of overcrowding (as shown by the 2001 Census) has changed little – at 2011, 18.3% of households had an ‘occupancy rating’ of minus 1 or worse, i.e. deficient by one room or more, according to accepted standards of rooms required to suit the household composition. This ranked Enfield as 22<sup>nd</sup> worst in England & Wales.

The 2011 Census also asked for numbers of bedrooms allowing a similar occupancy rating to be calculated – 11.4% of households in Enfield were overcrowded on that basis, ranking 17<sup>th</sup> worst in England & Wales.

### Tenure

Owner occupation, including shared ownership, has declined from 70.7% at 2001 to 58.8% at 2011. Private landlords have boosted the private rented sector from 11.9% to 22.2%. The relative increase in the number of private renting households (103%) was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in London and the absolute numeric increase (13,486) was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest, after Tower Hamlets, Newham and Hackney. The relative increases were 57% in London and 82% in England.

As expected, the estimate of Council landlarded households is higher than shown by official records of Enfield Council owned dwellings around Census day – it is thought that some tenants believe the Council is their landlord when it is actually a social or private landlord. This is borne out by the opposite finding of the officially recorded RSL stock being much higher than the estimate of households in that sector.

The comparative tenure profile for Enfield and London is:

Tenure category:	Enfield %	London %
Owned: Owned outright	26.2%	21.1%
Owned: Owned with a mortgage or loan	31.7%	27.1%
Shared ownership (part owned and part rented)	0.9%	1.3%
Social rented: Rented from council	11.4%	13.5%
Social rented: Other	6.2%	10.6%
Private rented: Private landlord or letting agency	21.2%	23.7%
Private rented: Other	1.0%	1.3%
Living rent free	1.4%	1.3%

### Economic activity

Economic activity refers essentially to the work related status of people and households. The results released so far are of limited use as the age range covers 16-74 year olds although there is an estimate of unemployed 16-24 year olds (3,168, which is 8.3% of that age group). The most interesting finding is the number of people who are categorised as ‘inactive other’ – who did not tick the unemployed, retired, studying, looking after home or family, long term sick or disabled boxes. This was 8,735 (3.9%) and was the 6<sup>th</sup> highest proportion of 16-74s in England & Wales. Combining the unemployed and ‘inactive other’ categories produces a sum of 21,927 (9.8%), the 6<sup>th</sup> equal highest rate in London.

There were an estimated 13,192 unemployed people of whom 3,031 had never worked. As a proportion of all aged 16-74 the never worked rate was the 7<sup>th</sup> highest in London, whereas the total unemployed rate was only the 11<sup>th</sup> highest.

The comparative activity profile for Enfield and London is:

Activity category:	Enfield %	London %
active: Employee: Part-time	13.0%	10.9%
active: Employee: Full-time	34.5%	39.8%
active: Self-employed	11.2%	11.7%
active: Unemployed	5.9%	5.2%
active: Full-time student	3.8%	4.1%
inactive: Retired	9.8%	8.4%
inactive: Student	7.7%	7.8%
inactive: Looking after home or family	6.0%	5.2%
inactive: Long-term sick or disabled	4.1%	3.7%
inactive: Other	3.9%	3.2%

### Workless households with dependent children

23.1% of all households in Enfield with dependent children have no adult in employment. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> highest rate in England and 6<sup>th</sup> highest in London. This is not entirely surprising given what we know from the child poverty indicators that have been published in recent years.

The following table shows the local authorities with the 10 highest levels of workless households with dependent children (shown as a proportion of all households). Enfield ranks second in England and Wales on this basis.

LA	%
Barking and Dagenham	10.4
Enfield	8.5
Newham	8.1
Middlesbrough	7.8
Manchester	7.7
Birmingham	7.7
Tower Hamlets	7.7
Knowsley	7.6
Hackney	7.6
Haringey	7.2

Further census data on Enfield's population will follow in phases from 30 January 2013 onwards. For more information contact the Corporate Policy and Research Team on 020 8379 3669 or email [Robert.flynn@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:Robert.flynn@enfield.gov.uk) or [Colin.rumsey@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:Colin.rumsey@enfield.gov.uk)