WITHAM NORTH Ward Profile 2023

Ordnance Survey

Witham North Ward is a predominantly urban Ward located in the south of the Braintree District within the town of Witham.

Witham North

This profile explores the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Witham North Ward and is largely based on data drawn from the 2021 Census. This profile is a snapshot, and is intended to support an understanding of Braintree District's Ward characteristics.

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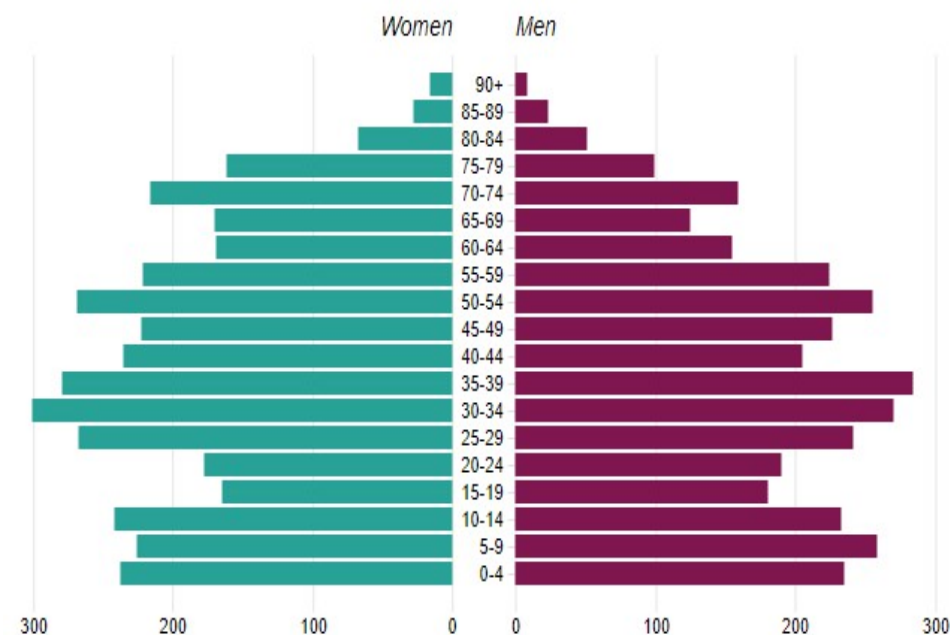
Witham North - Population

Population by Age Group (%)

Age Group	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
Population aged 0-4 years (%)	6.6	5.5	5.7
Population aged 5 to 15 years (%)	14.8	13.6	13.3
Population aged 16 to 24 years (%)	8.8	8.8	9.5
Population aged 25 to 64 years (%)	53.9	51.5	50.9
Population aged 50 to 64 years (%)	18.2	20.8	20.1
Population aged 65 years and over (%)	15.9	20.6	20.7
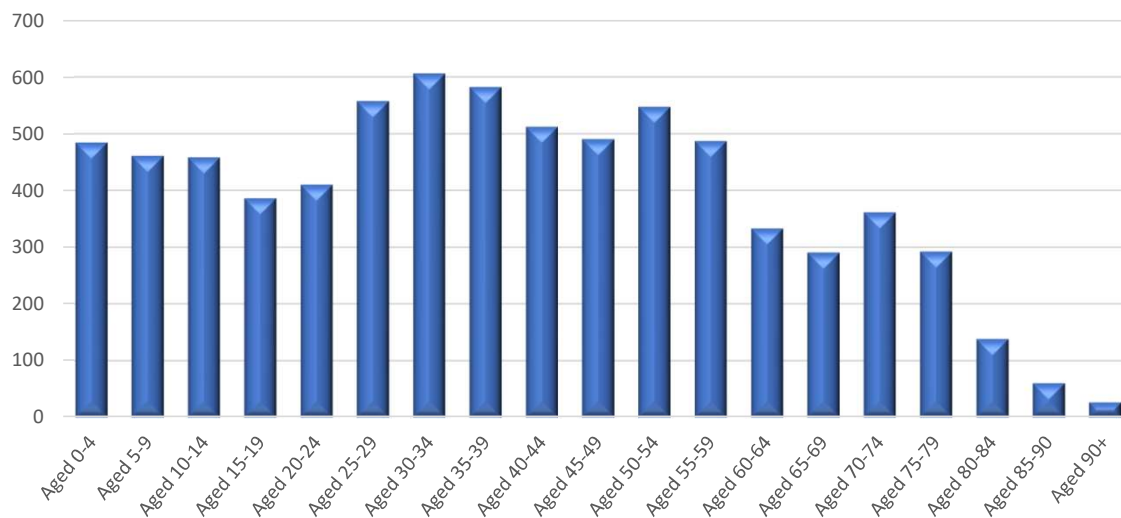
Population pyramid by five year age groups and gender

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS) Small area population estimates: mid 2020

Population

7,500
(rounded to the nearest 100 people)

Witham North – Population Density

Population Density
(number of residents per square kilometre)

2,063.5

The map on the right shows the density of Witham North ward in comparison with other wards in the district. Witham North has a higher population density than the majority of wards in the district and is one of the highest in the Witham area.
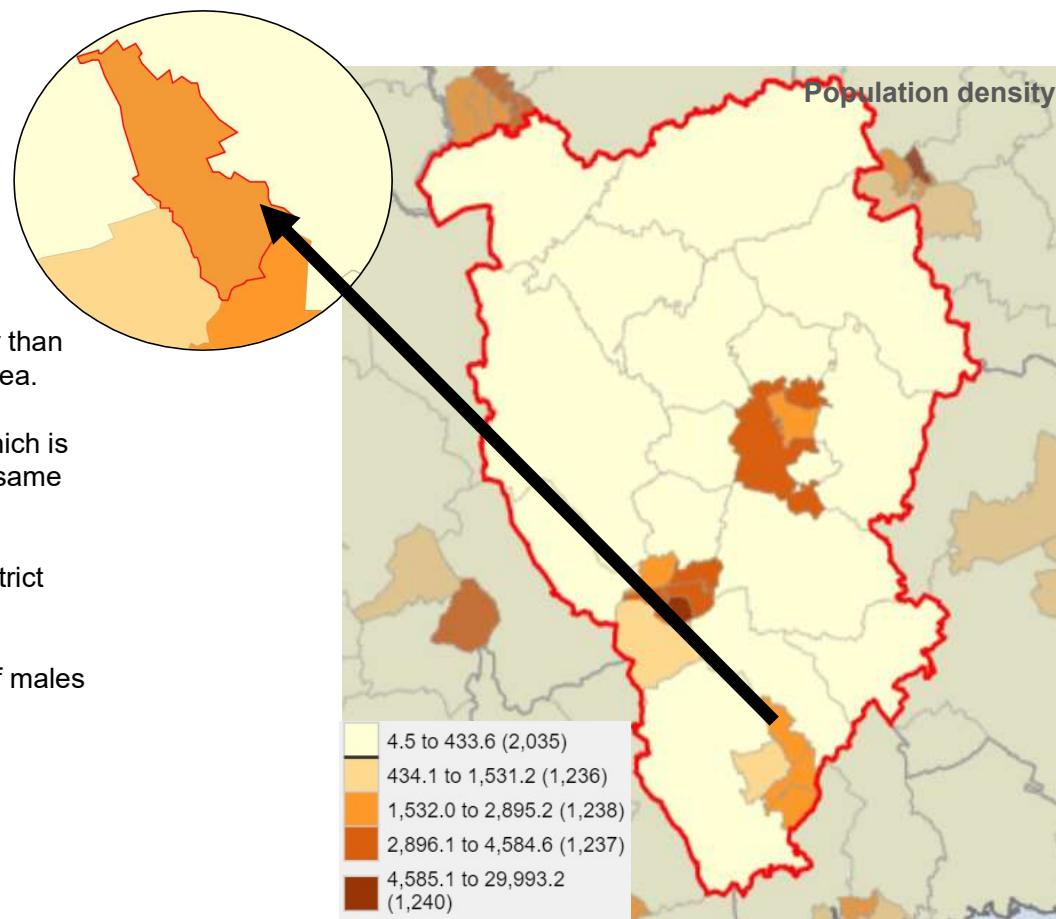
The population of Witham North ward has increased by 12.5% since 2011 which is above the average increase for the whole district which grew by 5.5% in the same period.

The Witham North ward resident population is 4.8% of the total Braintree District population of 155,220.
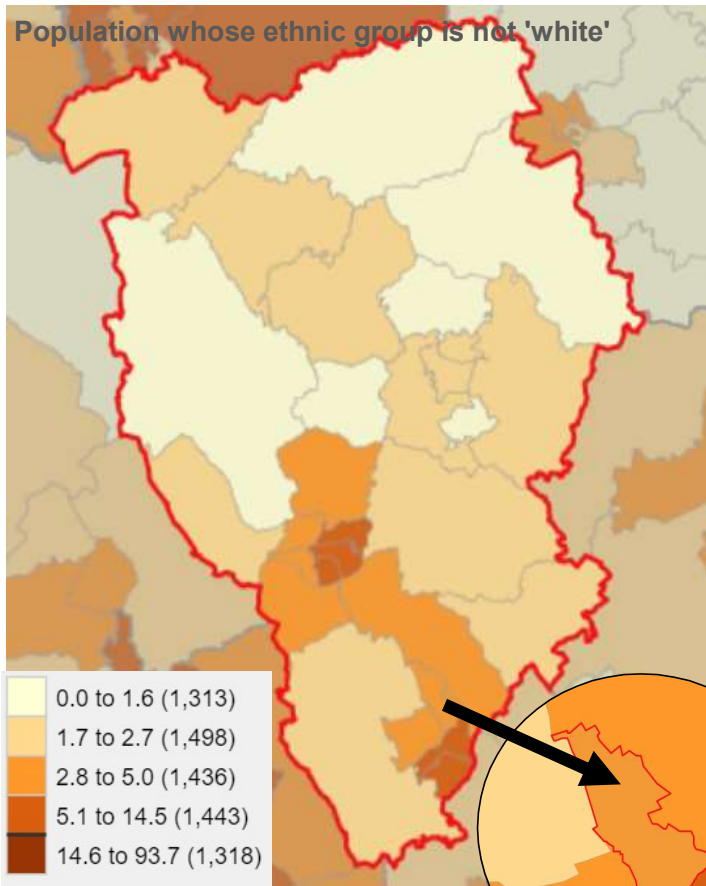
The largest age group in the ward is the 30 to 34 year olds. The proportion of males and females in the ward are 49% and 51% respectively.

Comparison with 2011 census

Year	Population (Census data)	Male Residents	Female Residents
2021	7,500	49%	51%
2011	6,665	49%	51%

Population density

	4.5 to 433.6 (2,035)
	434.1 to 1,531.2 (1,236)
	1,532.0 to 2,895.2 (1,238)
	2,896.1 to 4,584.6 (1,237)
	4,585.1 to 29,993.2 (1,240)

Witham North - Diversity

Population whose ethnic group is not 'white'

Legend:
- 0.0 to 1.6 (1,313)
- 1.7 to 2.7 (1,498)
- 2.8 to 5.0 (1,436)
- 5.1 to 14.5 (1,443)
- 14.6 to 93.7 (1,318)

Ethnic Group

	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
White British (%)	92.5	94.7	90.4
Mixed (%)	2.8	1.9	2.4
Asian or Asian British (%)	2.2	1.7	3.7
Black or Black British (%)	1.4	1.2	2.5
Other Ethnic Group (%)	1.1	0.5	1.0

National Identity

	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
UK identity only (%)	94.0	95.0	93.1
UK identity and non-UK identity (%)	0.9	1.0	1.3
Non-UK identity only (%)	5.0	4.0	5.6

Disability

	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
Disabled under the Equality Act (%)	17.3	16.9	16.7
Not Disabled under the Equality Act (%)	82.7	83.1	83.3

Religion

Witham North |(Braintree)

- No religion **49.3%** (45.0%)
- Christian **43.2%** (47.1%)
- Buddhist **0.3%** (0.3%)
- Hindu **0.3%** (0.4%)
- Jewish **0.1%** (0.2%)
- Muslim **0.7%** (0.7%)
- Sikh **0.1%** (0.1%)
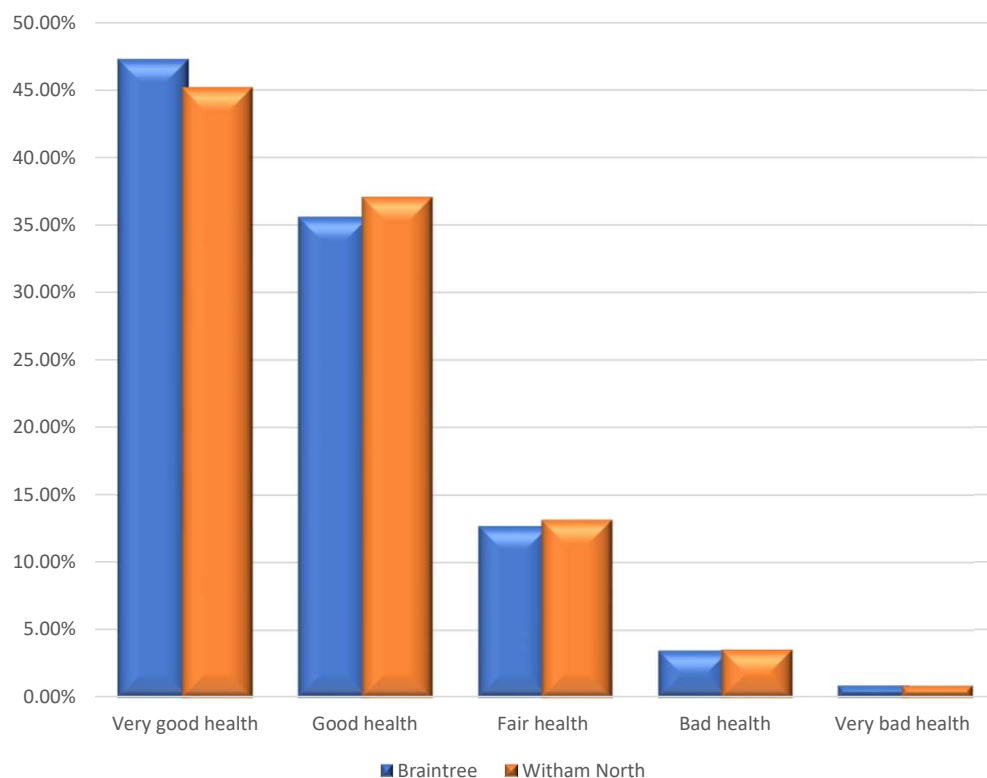- Other religion **0.4%** (0.4%)
- Not answered **5.6%** (5.9%)

% of all people

Witham North - Health

General Health

Life Expectancy

	Witham North	Braintree	Essex	England
Life expectancy at birth for males (years)	78.9	80.1	80.2	79.5
Life expectancy at birth for females (years)	82.2	83.2	83.5	83.2

Limiting long-term illness or disability

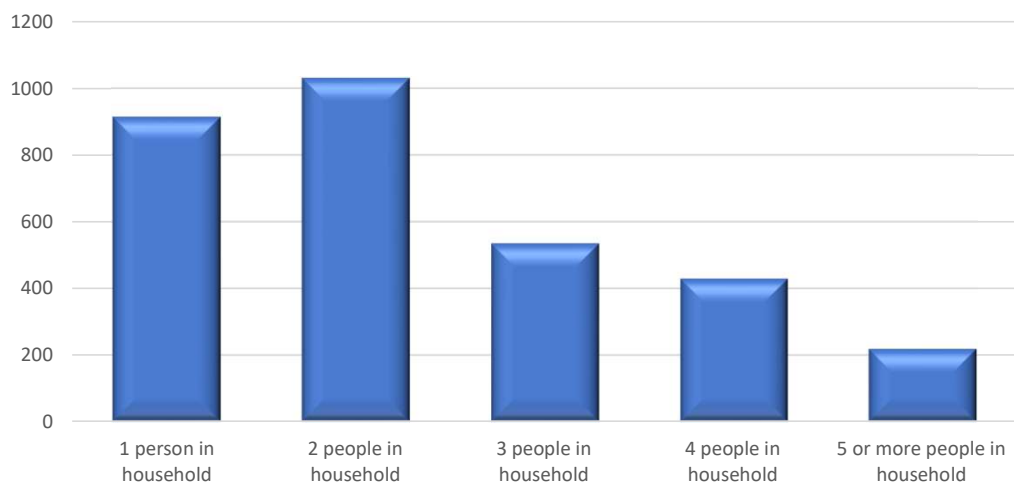|	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot (%)	6.8	6.7	6.8
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little (%)	10.5	10.3	9.9
Not disabled under the Equality Act: Has long-term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited (%)	8.4	7.8	7.1
Not disabled under the Equality Act: No long-term physical or mental health conditions (%)	74.4	75.3	76.2

Provision of unpaid care

	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
Provides no unpaid care (%)	91.5	91.4	91.2
Provides 19 hours unpaid care a week (%)	3.6	4.4	4.5
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week (%)	1.8	1.6	1.6
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week (%)	3.1	2.6	2.6

Witham North - Housing

There are **3,123** households in the Witham North ward

The median house price is **£272,250** (June 2022)

Household size

Household composition

	Witham North	Braintree
One person household (%)	29.2	27.4
Single family household (%)	65.6	68.1
Multiple family household (%)	5.1	4.6

Housing Tenure

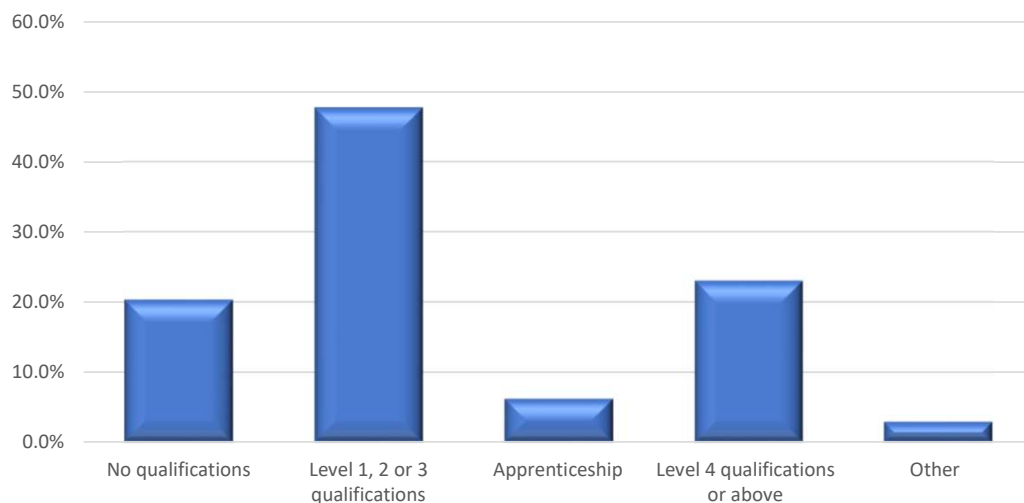|	Witham North	Braintree
Owns outright (%)	26.0	34.3
Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership (%)	34.3	34.3
Social rented (%)	21.9	16.3
Private rented or lives rent free (%)	17.8	15.1

Modelled estimates of the proportion of households in fuel poverty, %, 2020
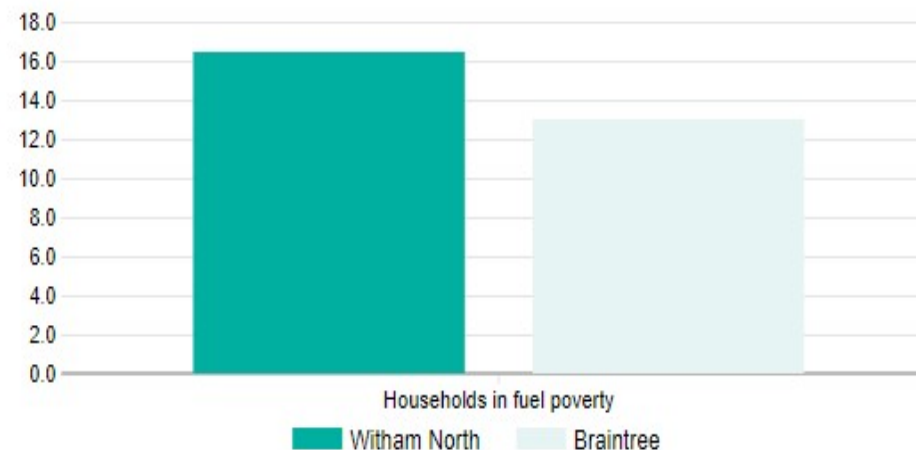
Source: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Witham North – Education and Qualifications

Highest level of qualification

Schoolchildren and full-time students

Witham North | (Braintree)

Student **18.1%** (17.7%)

Not a student **81.9%** (82.3%)

% of people aged five years and over

Highest level of qualification (comparison with Braintree and Essex)

	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
No qualifications (%)	20.3	18.4	18.9
Level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications (%)	47.7	47.2	44.8
Apprenticeship (%)	6.2	5.9	5.6
Level 4 qualifications and above	23.0	25.8	27.9
Other qualifications	2.9	2.7	2.8

Level 4 qualification or above
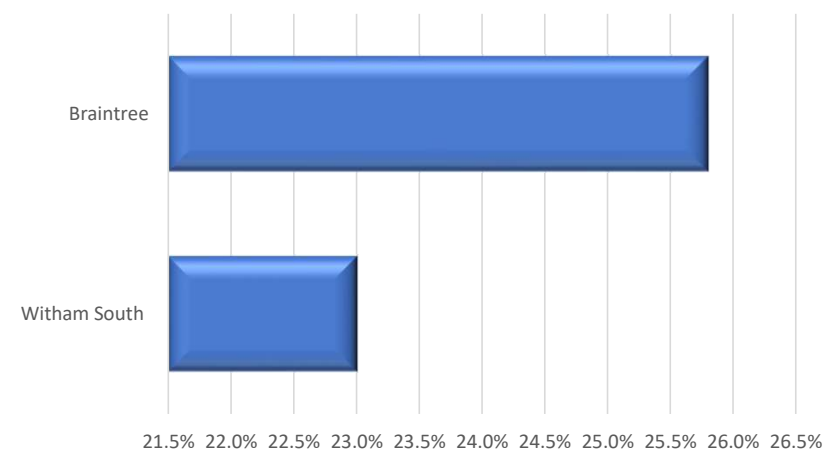
Witham North – Employment activity

Economic activity status

■ **Witham North** | (Braintree)

Economically active: In employment
63.2% (60.3%)

Economically active: Unemployed
3.6% (2.8%)

Economically inactive **33.2%** (36.9%)

% of people aged 16 years and over

Unemployment rates

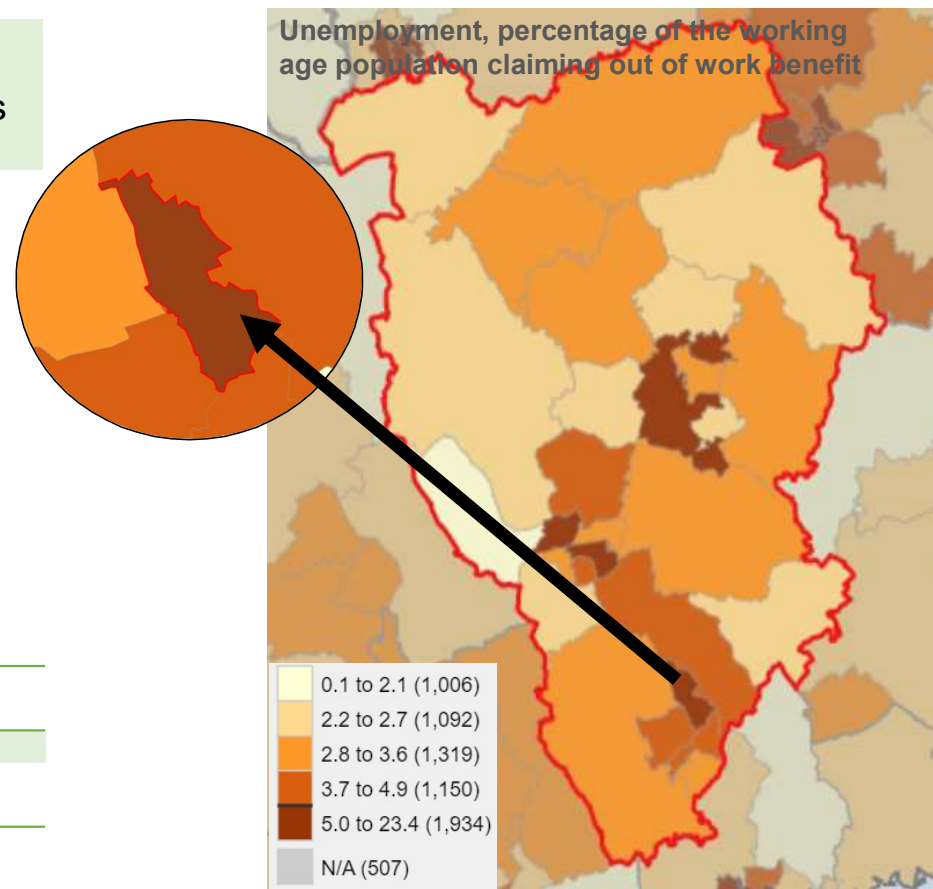|	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
Unemployment (%)	5.2	3.7	4.1
Long term unemployment (crude rate per 1,000 residents) (%)	0.3	0.7	1.3

3,907
Economically active residents
(aged 16-64)

Witham North ward has a higher percentage of economically active adults compared with the Braintree District with unemployment rates higher than Braintree and Essex.

The next page will look at occupational groups, hours worked and the distance ward residents travel to work taken from the 2021 census.
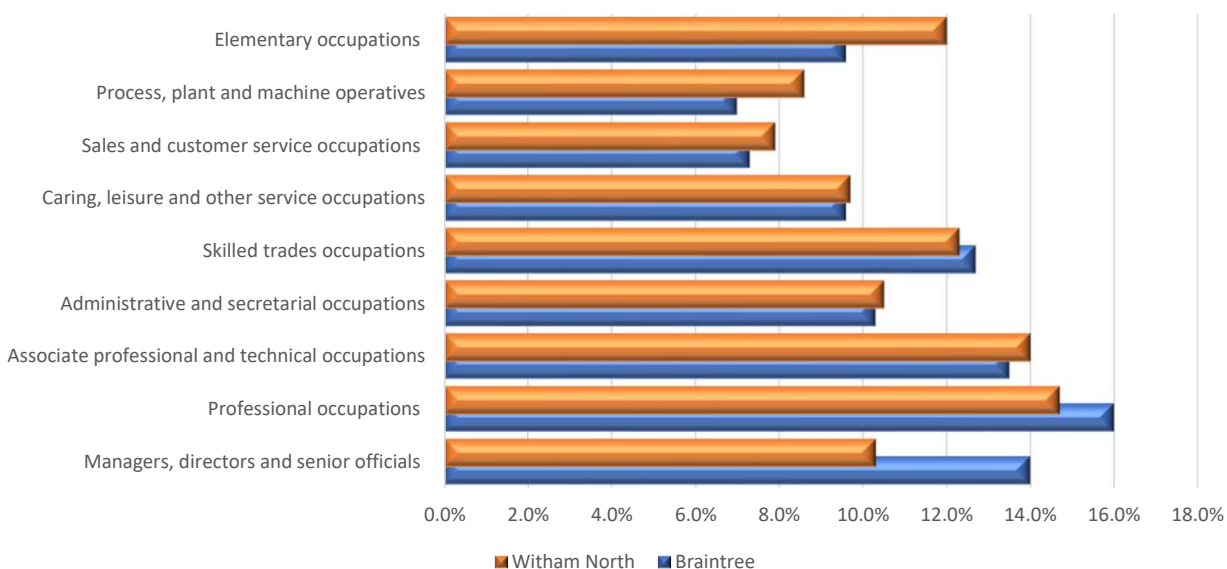
Unemployment, percentage of the working age population claiming out of work benefit

0.1 to 2.1 (1,006)
2.2 to 2.7 (1,092)
2.8 to 3.6 (1,319)
3.7 to 4.9 (1,150)
5.0 to 23.4 (1,934)
N/A (507)

Witham North – Employment activity

Occupational groups

| | Witham North | Braintree |

(Chart showing occupational groups horizontal bar chart with axis from 0.0% to 18.0%. Categories from top to bottom: Elementary occupations, Process, plant and machine operatives, Sales and customer service occupations, Caring, leisure and other service occupations, Skilled trades occupations, Administrative and secretarial occupations, Associate professional and technical occupations, Professional occupations, Managers, directors and senior officials)

Distance travelled to work

Witham North | (Braintree)

Less than 10km **27.2%** (23.7%)

10km to less than 30km **18.3%** (21.1%)

30km and over **10.4%** (8.6%)

Works mainly from home **26.8%** (28.8%)

Other **17.2%** (17.8%)

% of people aged 16 years and over in employment
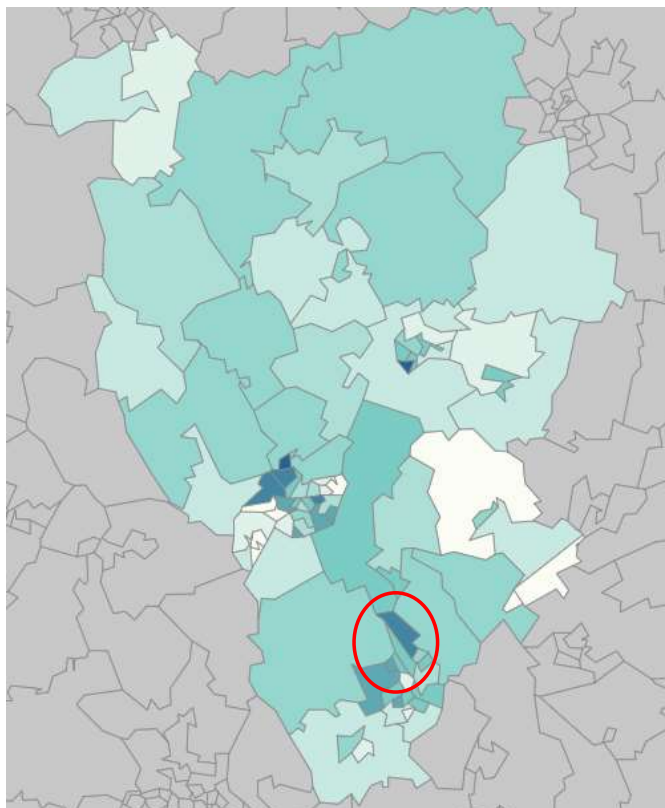
Hours per week worked

	Witham North	Braintree	Essex
Part-time: 15 hours or less worked (%)	8.8	11.3	11.2
Part-time: 16 to 30 hours worked (%)	17.0	18.8	18.8
Full-time: 31 to 48 hours worked (%)	62.3	57.3	57.5
Full-time: 49 or more hours worked (%)	11.9	12.6	12.5

Witham North - Deprivation

Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019

The map shows the spread of deprivation across the Braintree district at Lower Super Output areas. The most deprived areas are shaded blue, tend to be in the towns of Braintree, Halstead and Witham with the least deprived shaded light green or white in the more outer areas of the district.

Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) are small geographical units. Deprivation is measured using the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019. For each LSOA, a deprivation score is calculated covering a broad range of issues:

- Income
- Employment
- Health and disability
- Education and skills
- Housing and services
- Crime
- Living environment

There are wide inequalities between people living in areas of high levels of deprivation and those living in areas of low deprivation; more deprived populations generally have poorer outcomes in terms of health, education etc. All 87 LSOAs in the Braintree district are ordered by IMD score.

	Witham North	Braintree	Essex	England
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Score	21.2	14.7	17.0	21.7

Household deprivation

Witham North | (Braintree)

Household is not deprived in any dimension **46.1%** (50.0%)

Household is deprived in one dimension **36.1%** (34.1%)

Household is deprived in two dimensions **14.0%** (13.0%)

Household is deprived in three dimensions **3.7%** (2.7%)

Household is deprived in four dimensions **0.2%** (0.1%)

% of all households

The data and boundaries displayed in this profile are aggregated from small areas on a best-fit basis, and therefore may differ slightly from other sources