

Braintree District Ward Profiles
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward
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BRAINTREE DISTRICT WARDS & PARISHES



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1. Halstead Trinity
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3. Bocking South
4. Bocking Blackwater
5. Braintree West
6. Braintree South
7. Braintree Central and Beckers Green
8. Great Notley and Black Notley
9. Witham West
10. Witham North
11. Witham Central
12. Witham South

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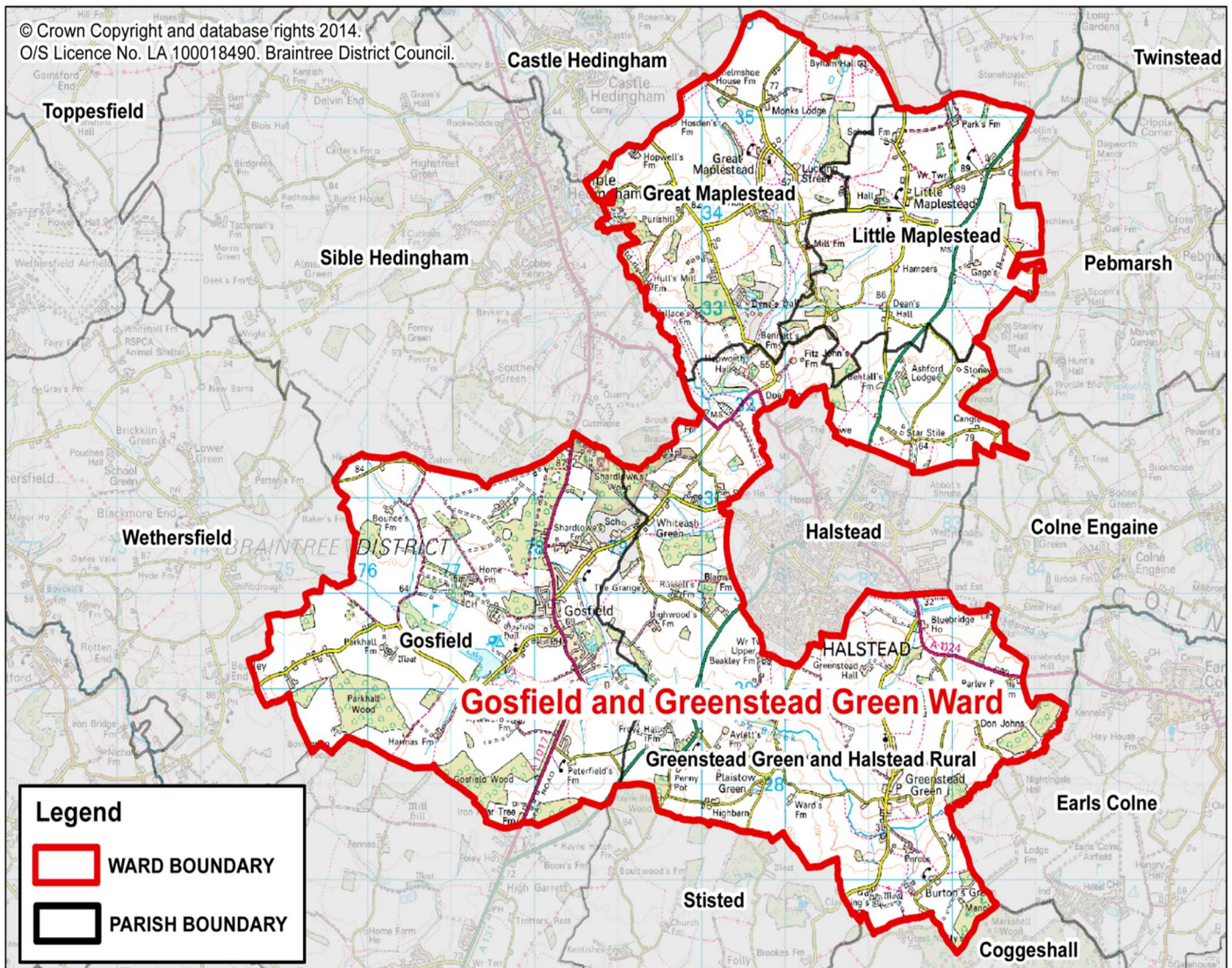
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Snapshot: February 2019

Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward



Introduction

This profile explores the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward and is largely based on data drawn from the 2011 Census. 2001 Census data has also been used to provide comparisons in the Ward over time for some of the characteristics. This profile is a snapshot, and is intended to support an understanding of Braintree District's Ward characteristics.

These Ward profiles represent the new Ward boundaries introduced in the Braintree District by the Electoral Commission from May 2015. This has meant that it has not been possible to directly source data from the 2011 Census for these new Wards, as they didn't exist when the Census was completed. Data for the rural Wards has been produced by adding up the Census data at a Parish level to make up the new Ward areas.

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About Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward

The Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward is a rural Ward located in the Centre of the Braintree District and contains the Gosfield, Greenstead Green & Halstead Rural, Great Maplestead and Little Maplestead Parishes. Following the redrawing of the Ward boundaries, Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward was expanded to now also include the Parish of Little Maplestead.

Local Governance

Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward contains Parish Councils in all of the Parishes that make up the Ward. For contact details please follow the below link:

<http://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/ParishandTownCouncils.aspx>

Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward is currently served by Braintree District Councillor Peter Schwier. To find your District Councillor's contact details please use the below link:

<https://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/Councillors/tabid/63/ScreenMode/Party/Default.aspx>

Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward is covered by two County Electoral Divisions. The Parishes of Gosfield and Greenstead Green are covered by the Halstead Electoral Division and the County Councillor serving this division is currently Christopher Siddall. The Parishes of Great Maplestead and Little Maplestead are covered by the Hedingham Electoral Division and the County Councillor serving this division is currently Peter Schweir. To find your County Councillor's contact details please use the below link:

<https://cmis.essex.gov.uk/essexcmis5/Councillors.aspx>

The UK Parliament Constituency that covers the Gosfield & Greenstead Ward area is the Braintree County Constituency; the MP responsible for this constituency is James Cleverly. To find your MP's contact details please use the below link:

<https://www.writetothem.com>

Community Facilities

For information on facilities, transport links, planning applications and crime levels within the Ward, please follow the below link and enter the postcode for the area you wish to investigate.

<https://apps.esriuk.com/app/MyNearest/18/view/f1240506ad064aea8b7f5c8519d79b39/index.html>

Major Businesses, Industrial Estates & Commercial Developments

If you would like information regarding businesses and commercial developments in the Ward please contact the Economic Development Team at the below email address:

ecodev@braintree.gov.uk

Development Sites

The Braintree Development Plan sets out what, where, when, and how development will be managed in the District.

Whilst the National Planning Policy Framework July 2018 (NPPF) sets out the presumption in favour of sustainable development, planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The NPPF does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making.

The current adopted Braintree District Development Plan is made up of a number of documents, including the Local Plan Review 2005 and the Core Strategy 2011.

See: https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/planning_policy/712/braintree_district_development_plan for further details.

The Local Plan Review is available to view as an interactive document at:

http://www.planvu.co.uk/bdc/plan_index.htm

The relevant maps show the allocations for homes, employment, open space and other designations. Inset maps can be found for each town or village with a defined development boundary, within which development is generally acceptable subject to the policies in the Plan. Areas outside of the development boundaries are classified as countryside where development is restricted to uses appropriate to the countryside.

The Pre Submission Site Allocations & Development Management Plan as amended by Further Changes (ADMP) was adopted at Full Council on 15th September 2014, as a material consideration in accordance with the Interim Planning Policy Statement. The ADMP also includes a Proposals Map and Inset Maps. The non-strategic sites and policies which are contained in the Pre Submission ADMP will be carried over into the new Local Plan unless new evidence or further changes in government policy require changes to be made.

ADMP text and maps are available at:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/site-allocations-development-management-plan?documentId=357&categoryId=20010>

The Authority begun work on a new Local Plan in the summer of 2014 to cover the period up to 2033. The new Local Plan is made up of two sections. Section 1 of the Plan is a Strategic Plan for North Essex - including the Garden Communities (This document is shared with Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council). Section 2 of the Plan covers policies, maps, sites for development, housing, employment, regeneration etc. within Braintree District.

Both sections of the Plan were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in October 2017, with examination hearings opening on 16th January 2018 for Section 1 of the Plan. The examination of Section 2 of the Plan will take place once the examination on Section 2 of the Plan has been concluded. Latest information on the new Local Plan can be found using the link below:

Link to the Braintree New Local Plan webpage:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/emerging-local-plan?documentId=257&categoryId=20010>

The Government introduced new powers under the 2011 Localism Act for local communities to create Neighbourhood Development Plans for their areas. Several neighbourhood plans are currently being produced in the district. More details on neighbourhood planning within Braintree District can be found below:

Link to Braintree Neighbourhood Planning webpage:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/neighbourhood-planning?documentId=261&categoryId=20010>

A full list of Development Plan Documents, evidence based documents and timetables for documents currently being produced can be found in the Authorities' Local Development Scheme (LDS).

Link to LDS:

https://www.braintree.gov.uk/downloads/download/905/local_development_scheme_lds

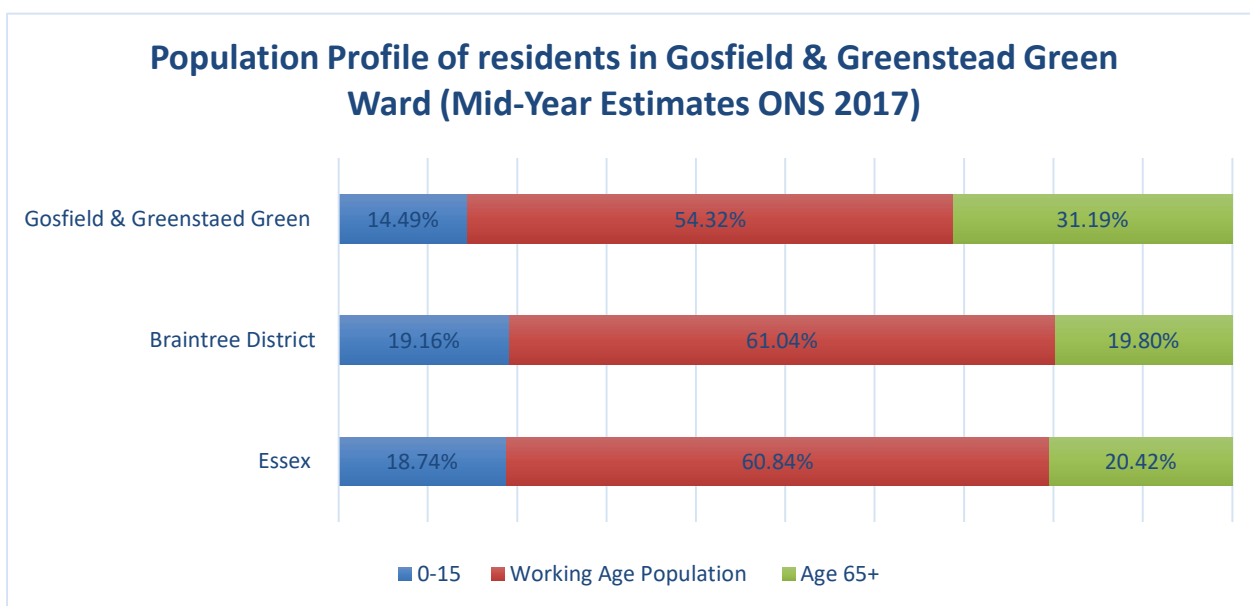
People

Population

Population of Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (Midyear Estimates ONS 2017)	2,719
Number of Households in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (Census 2011)	1,132

The Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward resident population is 1.8% of the total Braintree District population of 151,677 (ONS Midyear Estimate 2017).

Age



Below is a table detailing the number of Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward residents from the ONS 2017 Mid-Year Estimates who fall within each age group.

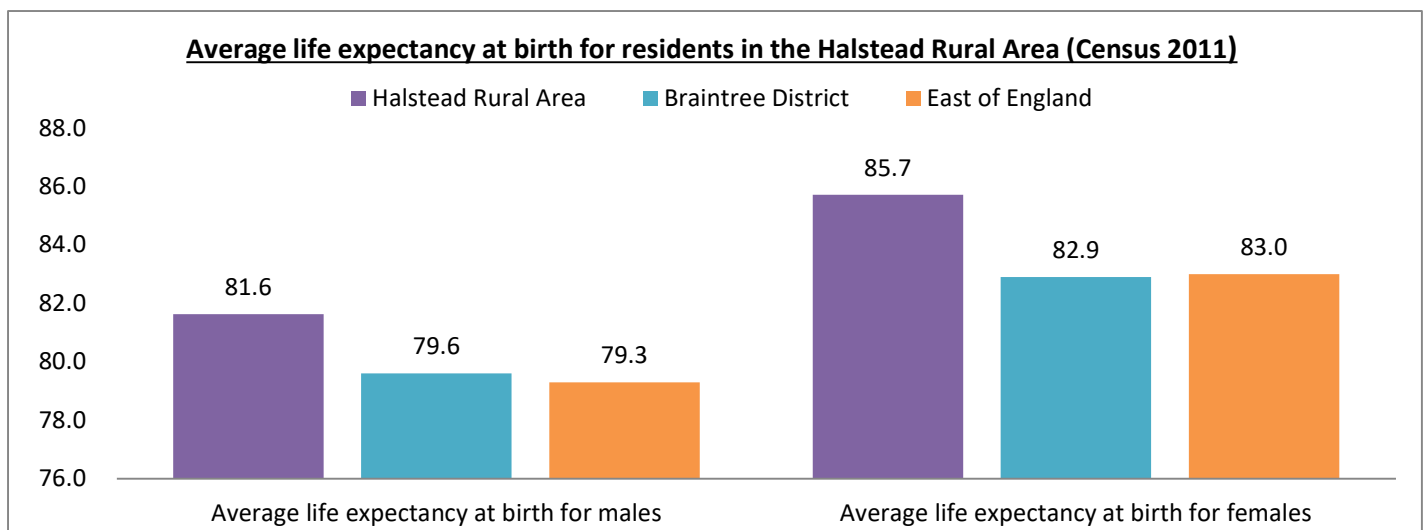
Area	Age 0-15	Working Age Population	Age 65+	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	394	1,477	848	2,719
Braintree District	29,056	92,581	30,040	151,677
Essex	275,142	893,293	299,742	1,468,177

Health

Life Expectancy

There was no data on resident's life expectancy at a Parish level that would have enabled figures for the new rural Ward boundaries to be produced. Census 2011 life expectancy data was instead found for the whole of the Halstead rural area using the old Ward boundaries. The Halstead rural area contains the following Wards (old boundaries), Bumpstead, Stour Valley North, The Colnes, Hedingham, Three Fields and Yeldham.

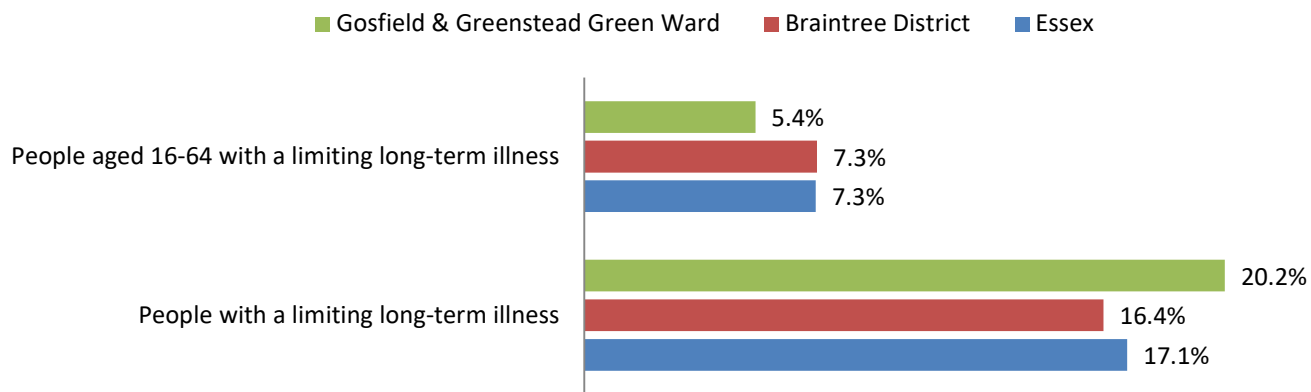
Area	Average life expectancy at birth for males (years)	Average life expectancy at birth for females (years)
Halstead Rural Area	81.6	85.7
Braintree District	79.6	82.9
East of England	79.3	83.0



The average life expectancy for males and females in the Halstead Rural Area was higher on average than the Braintree District and the East of England region as a whole.

Limiting long-term illness

Proportion of residents with a limiting long-term illness in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (Census 2011)

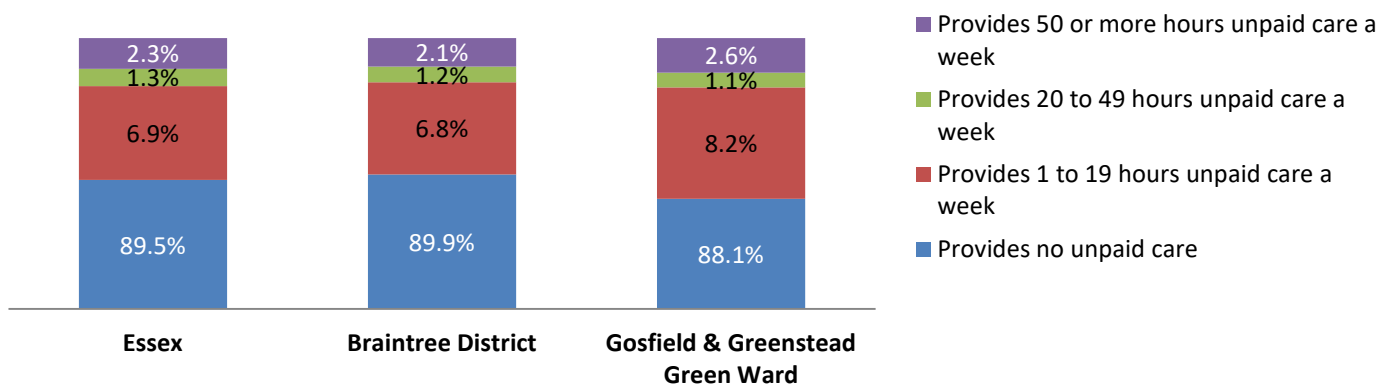


Area	People aged 16-64 with a limiting long-term illness	People with a limiting long-term illness	Total residents
Gosfield & Greenstead Ward	346	950	5,898

Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward has a higher proportion of people who aren't aged 16-64 and have a limiting long-term illness than the proportions seen in the District and County as a whole.

Level of unpaid care provided

The level of unpaid care provided by residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (Census 2011)



Area	Provides no unpaid care	Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week	Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	2,331	217	29	68	2,645

The proportion of unpaid care provision by residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward is broadly similar to levels seen in the District and the County overall.

Ethnicity

Below is a table detailing the number of residents who identified themselves as a particular ethnicity according to the 2011 and 2001 Census data.

Area	White British	White Irish	White or Irish Traveller	Other White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other Ethnic Group	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (2011 Census)	2,573	19	-	21	21	8	3	-	2,645
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (2001 Census)	2,592	9	N/A	42	9	6	-	11	2,669

Below is a table detailing the proportion of residents who identified themselves as a particular ethnicity according to the 2011 Census.

Area	White British	White Irish	White or Irish Traveller*	Other White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other Ethnic Group	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	97.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%
Braintree District	93.2%	0.7%	0.1%	2.6%	1.2%	1.4%	0.6%	0.2%	100.0%
Essex	90.8%	0.8%	0.2%	2.6%	1.5%	2.5%	1.3%	0.4%	100.0%

Below is a table detailing the proportion of residents who identified themselves as a particular ethnicity according to the 2001 Census.

Area	White British	White Irish	White or Irish Traveller*	Other White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other Ethnic Group	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	97.1%	0.3%	N/A	1.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	100.0%
Braintree District	95.9%	0.8%	N/A	1.5%	0.7%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	100.0%
Essex	94.5%	0.9%	N/A	1.7%	0.9%	1.0%	0.5%	0.6%	100.0%

*White or Irish Traveller was not recorded in the 2001 Census Data

Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward saw a slight increase in the proportion of people who identified themselves as “White British” by 0.2 percentage points in the 2011 Census compared to 2001. This is the opposite trend to what has occurred at a District or County level.

Religion

Below is a table detailing the number of residents from the 2011 and 2001 Census who identified themselves as having a particular religion.

Area	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Not stated	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (2011 Census)	1,831	1	4	3	3	-	7	594	202	2,645
Gosfield & Greenstead Ward Green (2001 Census)	2,157	6	-	-	9	-	12	305	199	2,688

Below is a table detailing the proportion of residents from the 2011 Census who identified themselves as having a particular religion.

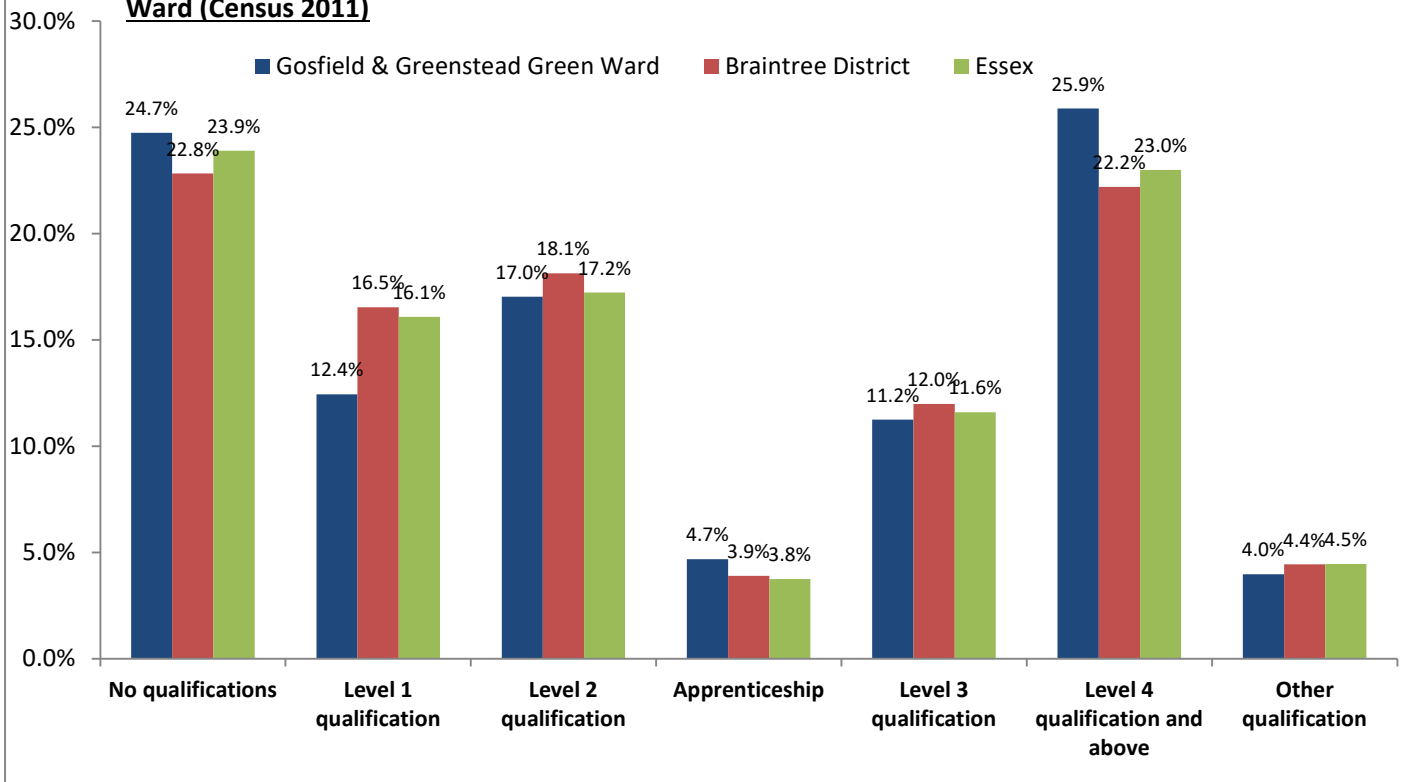
Area	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Not stated	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	69.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	22.5%	7.6%	100.0%
Braintree District	61.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%	30.0%	7.1%	100.0%
Essex	61.8%	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%	0.2%	0.4%	28.1%	7.2%	100.0%

A higher proportion of residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward describe themselves as Christian than seen at a District and County level when looking at the 2011 Census data. The number of residents who described themselves as having “No religion” almost doubled over the period within the Ward.

[Highest level of qualification](#)

Below is a chart and table detailing the number and proportions of residents from the 2011 Census with a given highest level of qualification.

The highest level of qualification held by residents aged 16 and over in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (Census 2011)



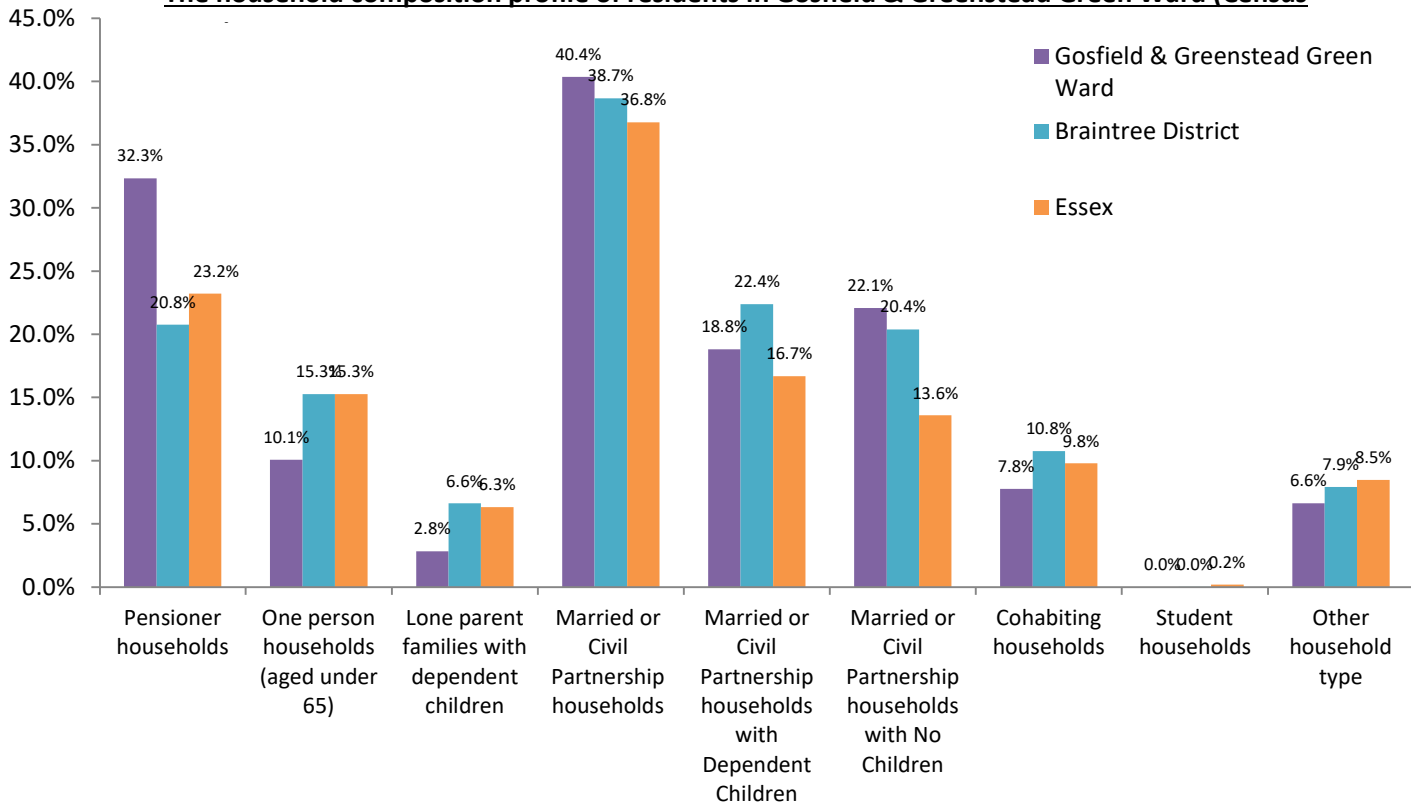
Area	No qualifications	Level 1 qualifications	Level 2 qualifications	Apprenticeship	Level 3 qualifications	Level 4 qualification and above	Other qualifications	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	561	282	386	106	255	587	90	2,267
Level 1 qualifications				Equivalent to GCSE Qualification Grade D-G				
Level 2 qualifications				Equivalent to GCSE Qualification A*-C				
Level 3 qualifications				Equivalent to a AS or A level Qualification				
Level 4 qualifications and above				Can include the following: Certificate of Higher Education, Bachelor's Degree, Doctorate.				

The proportion of residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward who hold a “Level 4 qualification and above” is higher than the proportion of residents who hold this level of qualification when looking at a District or County level.

Household composition

Below is a chart and table detailing the household composition of residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward from the 2011 Census.

The household composition profile of residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward (Census)



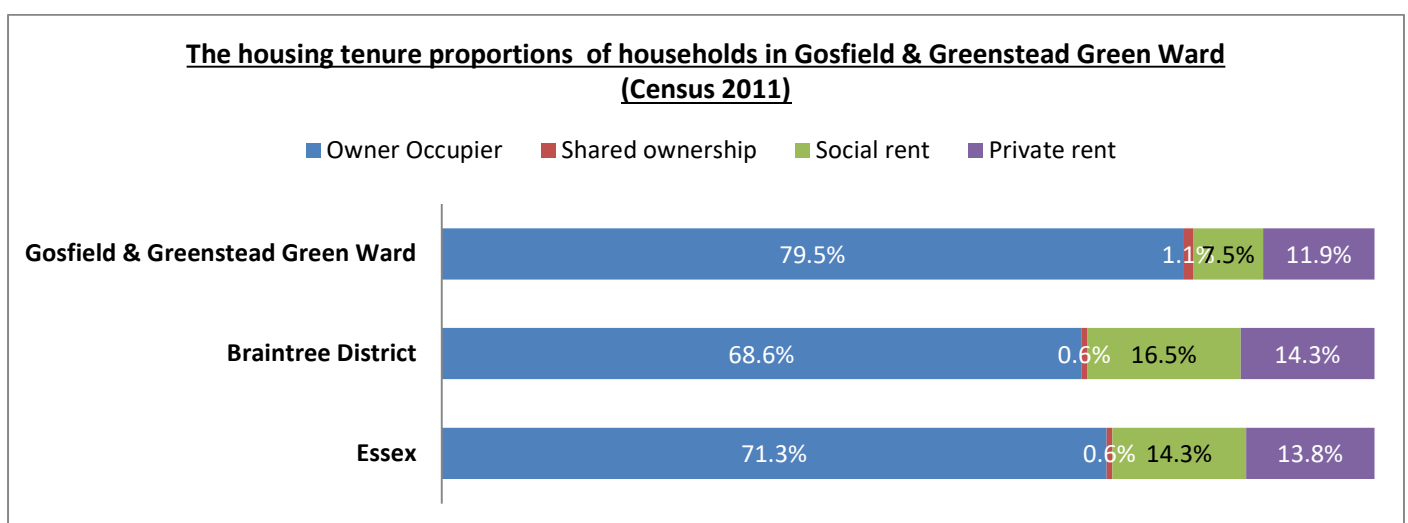
Household composition type	Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	Braintree District	Essex
Pensioner households	32.3%	20.8%	23.2%
One person households (aged under 65)	10.1%	15.3%	15.3%
Lone parent families with dependent children	2.8%	6.6%	6.3%
Married or Civil Partnership households	40.4%	38.7%	36.8%
Married or Civil Partnership households with Dependent Children	18.8%	22.4%	16.7%
Married or Civil Partnership households with No Children	22.1%	20.4%	13.6%
Cohabiting households	7.8%	10.8%	9.8%
Student households	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Other household type	6.6%	7.9%	8.5%

The proportion of households in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward that are “Pensioner households” is much higher than at a County and District level. Households living in the Ward are also much less likely to be “Lone parent families with dependent children” than at a County or District level.

Place

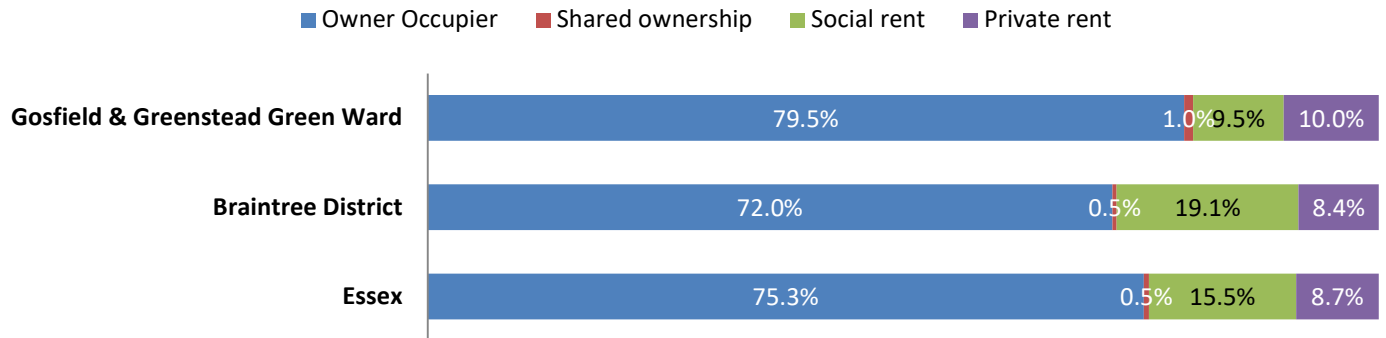
Housing tenure

Below is a table and charts detailing the proportion and number of households in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward who held a given housing tenure in the 2011 and 2001 Census. Those living “rent free” have been included with those residents in “private rent” tenures.



The above chart shows that according to the Census 2011 data the proportion of residents in the Ward who are owner occupiers is significantly higher than compared to the levels seen at a District and County levels.

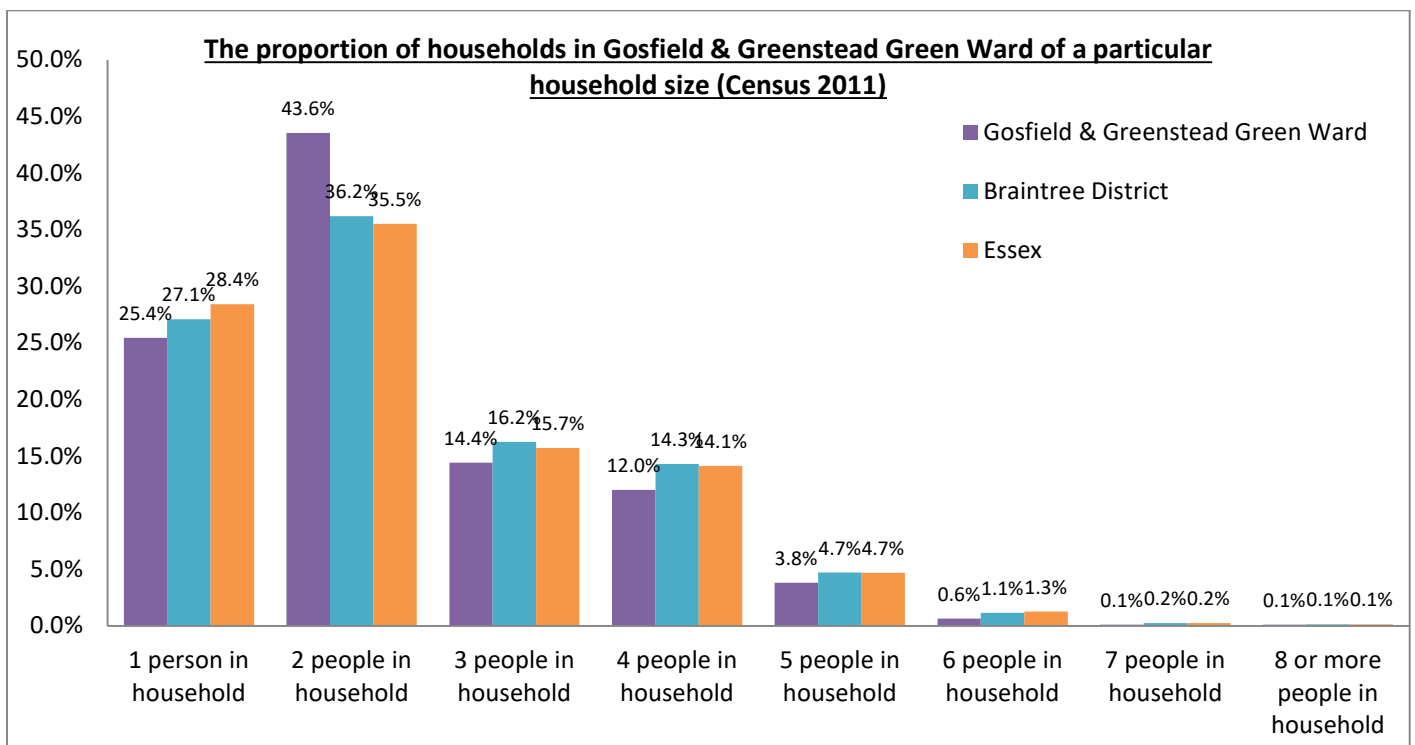
**The housing tenure proportions of households in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward
(Census 2001)**



Area	Owner occupier	Shared ownership	Social rent	Private rent	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Ward (Census 2011)	900	12	85	135	1,132
Gosfield & Greenstead Ward (Census 2001)	905	11	108	114	1,138

Residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward saw no change in the proportion of residents who are “owner occupiers” over the period; this is the opposite to what was seen in Essex and the Braintree District for this type of housing tenure. The Ward saw a slightly lower increase in the proportion of residents who now “privately rent” compared to the other areas.

Household Size



Area	1 person in household	2 people in household	3 people in household	4 people in household	5 people in household	6 people in household	7 people in household	8 or more people in household	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	288	493	163	136	43	7	1	1	1,132

Social housing stock

Our housing StatNav website gathers together housing needs statistics for all parishes and towns across the district. It is a research tool which has been created through a joint project by Greenfields Community Housing and Braintree District Housing.

To find out more information on Social Housing Stock please visit the Housing StatNav website at:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/housingstatnav/>

How residents travel to work

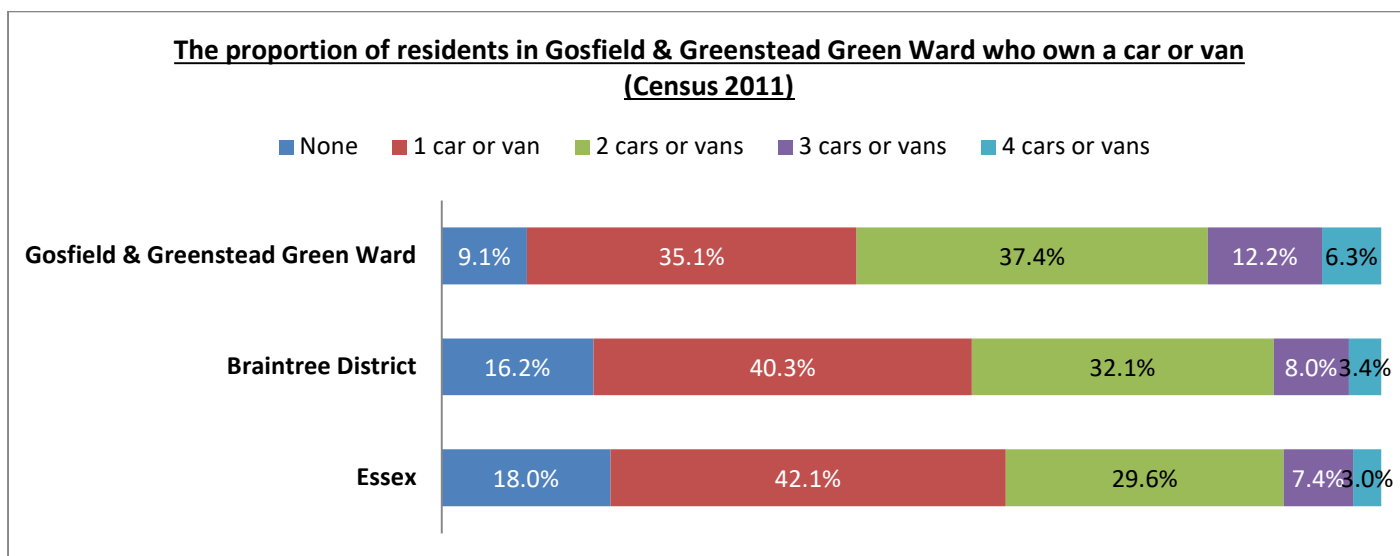
Below are tables detailing the number and proportions of how residents of Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward travel to work according to the 2011 Census.

Method of Travel to Work	Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	Braintree District	Essex
Works mainly at home	137	4,417	36,346
Underground, light rail	1	211	15,788
Train	59	6,295	71,710
Bus, minibus or coach	16	1,653	22,009
Taxi	4	262	3,913
Motorcycle, scooter or	9	460	4,982
Car or van	890	48,490	408,986
Passenger in Car or Van	57	3,654	31,594
Bicycle	6	1,101	14,247
On foot	96	7,256	62,214
Other method	7	401	3,742
Total	1,279	74,200	675,531
Method of Travel to Work	Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	Braintree District	Essex
Works mainly at home	10.7%	6.0%	5.4%
Underground, light rail	0.1%	0.3%	2.3%
Train	4.4%	8.5%	10.6%
Bus, minibus or coach	1.3%	2.2%	3.3%
Taxi	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
Motorcycle, scooter or	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%
Car or van	69.6%	65.4%	60.5%
Passenger in Car or Van	4.5%	4.9%	4.7%
Bicycle	0.5%	1.5%	2.1%

On foot	7.5%	9.8%	9.2%
Other method	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward are twice as likely to work at home than the average seen at a District or County level.

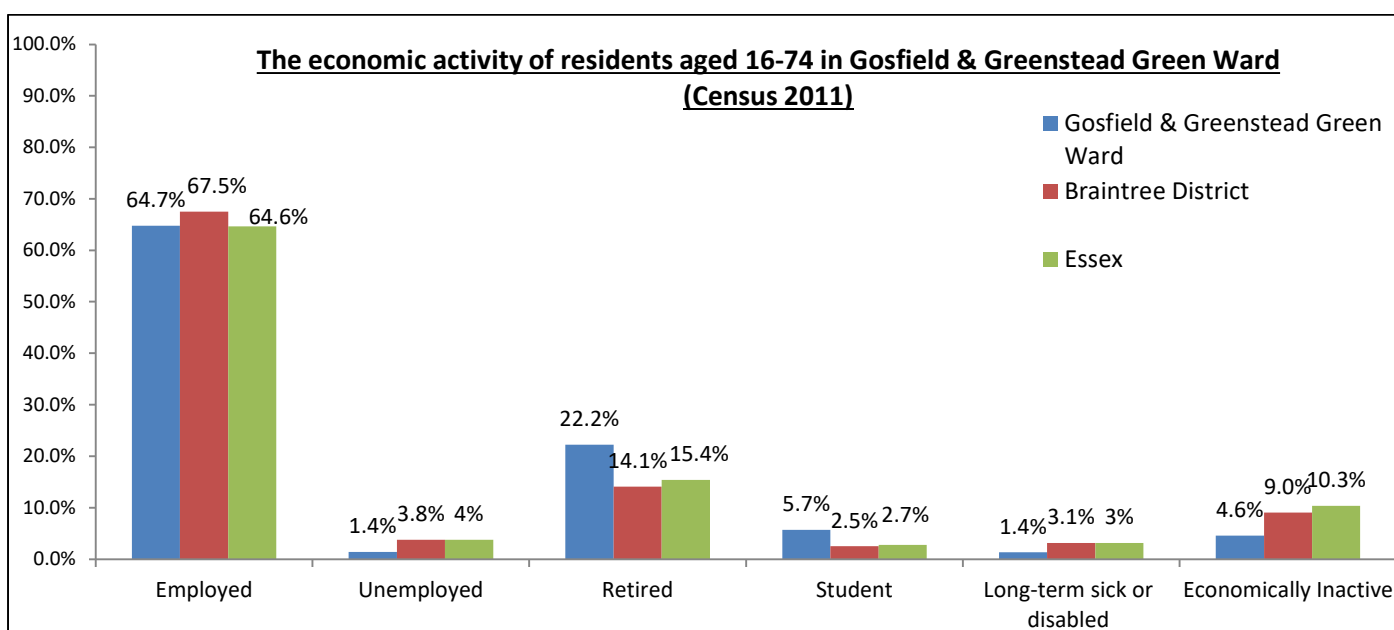
Car & van ownership



Area	None	1 car or van	2 cars or vans	3 cars or vans	4 cars or vans	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	103	397	423	138	71	1,132

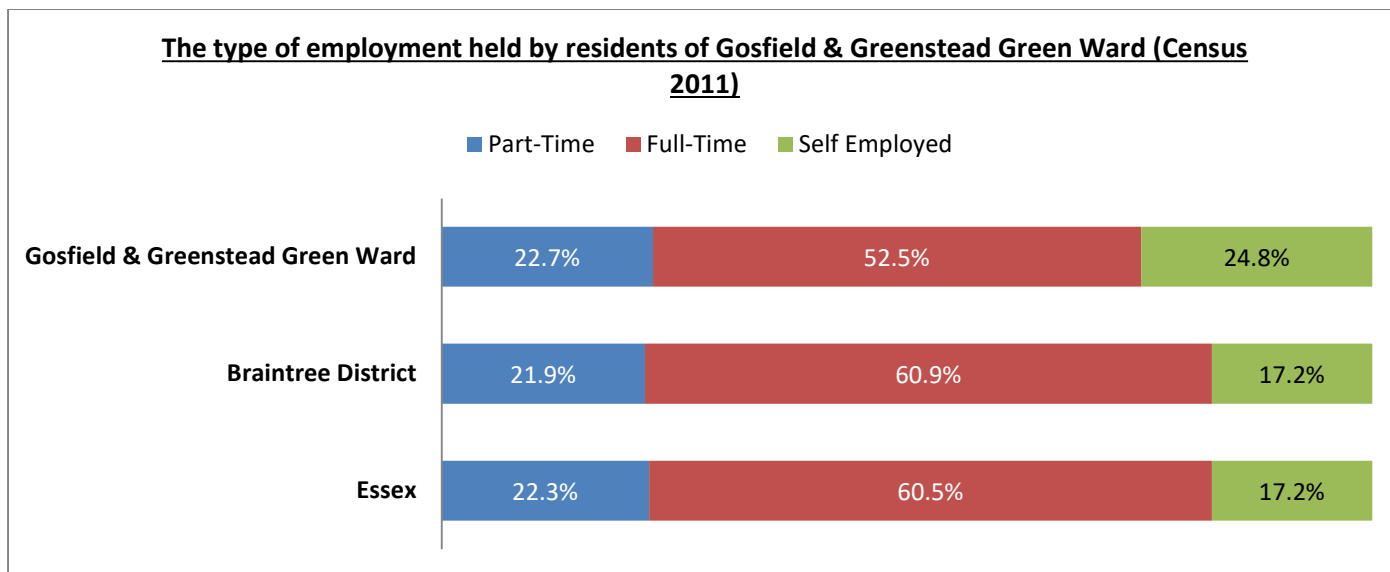
Prosperity

Economic activity



Area	Employed	Unemployed	Retired	Student	Long-term sick or disabled	Economically inactive	Total
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	1,241	27	426	109	26	88	1,917

Employment type



Area	Part-Time	Full-Time	Self Employed	Total Employed
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	282	651	308	1,241

Employment sectors

The information below shows the three largest employment sectors of residents in Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward, as well as the number and percentage of employed people working in each of these sectors (Census 2011)

Area	Largest employment sector	Second largest employment sector	Third largest employment sector
Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	<i>Retail</i> 193 employees (15.1% of 1,279 people in employment*)	<i>Education</i> 164 employees (12.8% of 1,279 people in employment*)	<i>Construction</i> 143 employees (11.2% of 1,279 people in employment*)
Braintree District	<i>Retail</i> 12,125 employees	<i>Health & Social Work</i> 8,076 employees	<i>Construction</i> 7,828 employees

	(16.3% of 74,200 people in employment)	(10.9% of 74,200 people in employment)	(10.5% of 74,200 people in employment)
Essex	<u>Retail</u> 107,292 employees (15.9% of 675,531 people in employment)	<u>Health & Social Work</u> 77,204 employees (11.4% of 675,531 people in employment)	<u>Construction</u> 67,575 employees (10% of 675,531 people in employment)

*The total employed figure for the Ward in the in the above table may differ slightly to the total employed figure seen in the earlier "Employment type" table because of the way this data has been modelled.