

BOCKING BLACKWATER Ward Profile 2023



Bocking Blackwater Ward is a predominantly urban Ward located in the south of the Braintree District within the town of Braintree & Bocking

Bocking Blackwater

This profile explores the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Bocking Blackwater 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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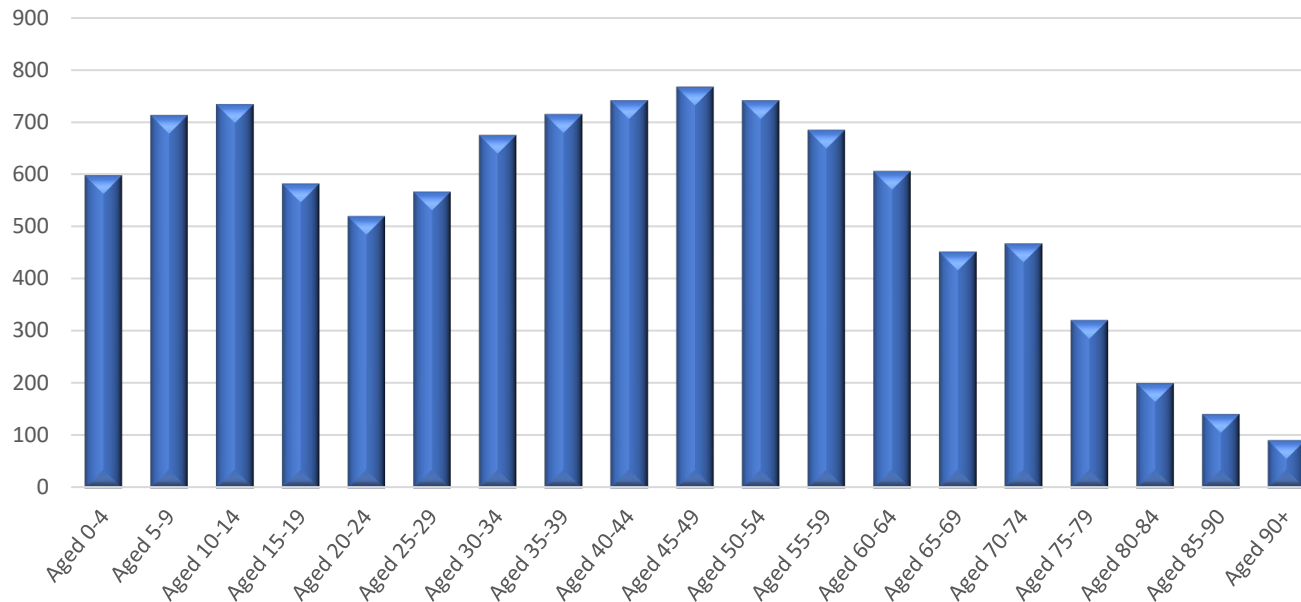
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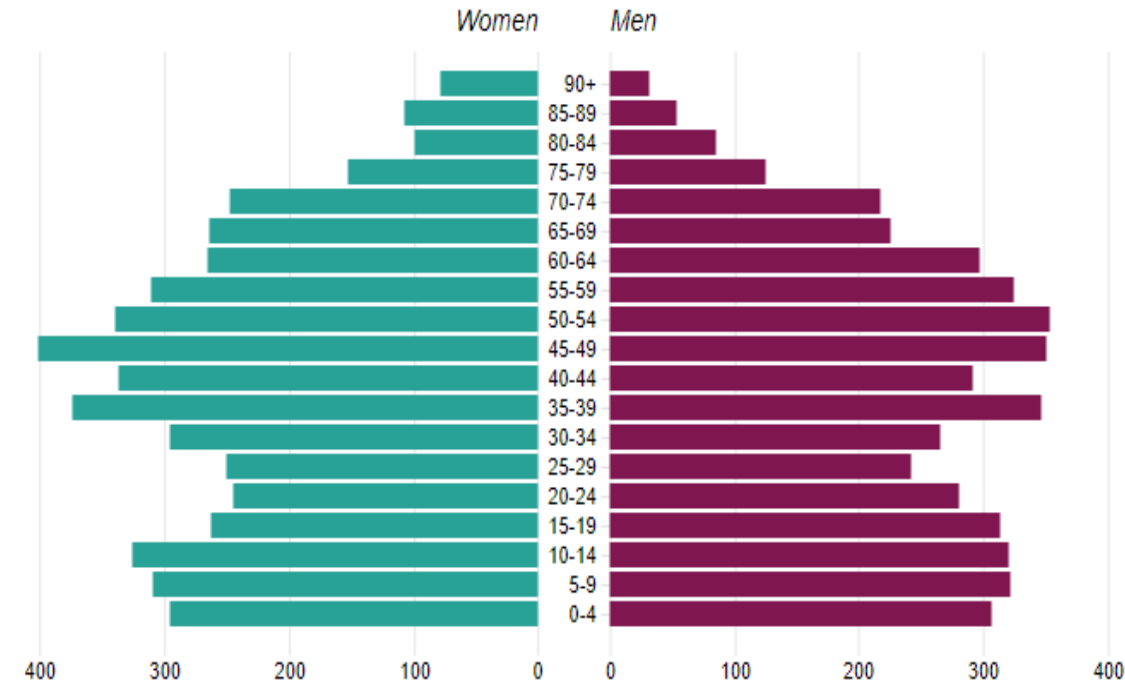
Bocking Blackwater - Population

Population by Age Group (%)

Age Group	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
Population aged 0-4 years (%)	6.2	5.5	5.7
Population aged 5 to 15 years (%)	14.4	13.6	13.3
Population aged 16 to 24 years (%)	10.1	8.8	9.5
Population aged 25 to 64 years (%)	52.0	51.5	50.9
Population aged 50 to 64 years (%)	19.5	20.8	20.1
Population aged 65 years and over (%)	17.3	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
10,300
 (rounded to the nearest 100 people)

Bocking Blackwater – Population Density

Population Density
(number of residents per square kilometre)

4356.6

The map on the right shows the density of Bocking Blackwater ward in comparison with other wards in the district. Bocking Blackwater has a higher population density than the majority of wards in the district.

The population of Bocking Blackwater ward has increased by 18.6% since 2011 which is higher than the average increase for the whole district which grew by 5.5% in the same period.

The Bocking Blackwater ward resident population is 6.6% of the total Braintree District population of 155,220.

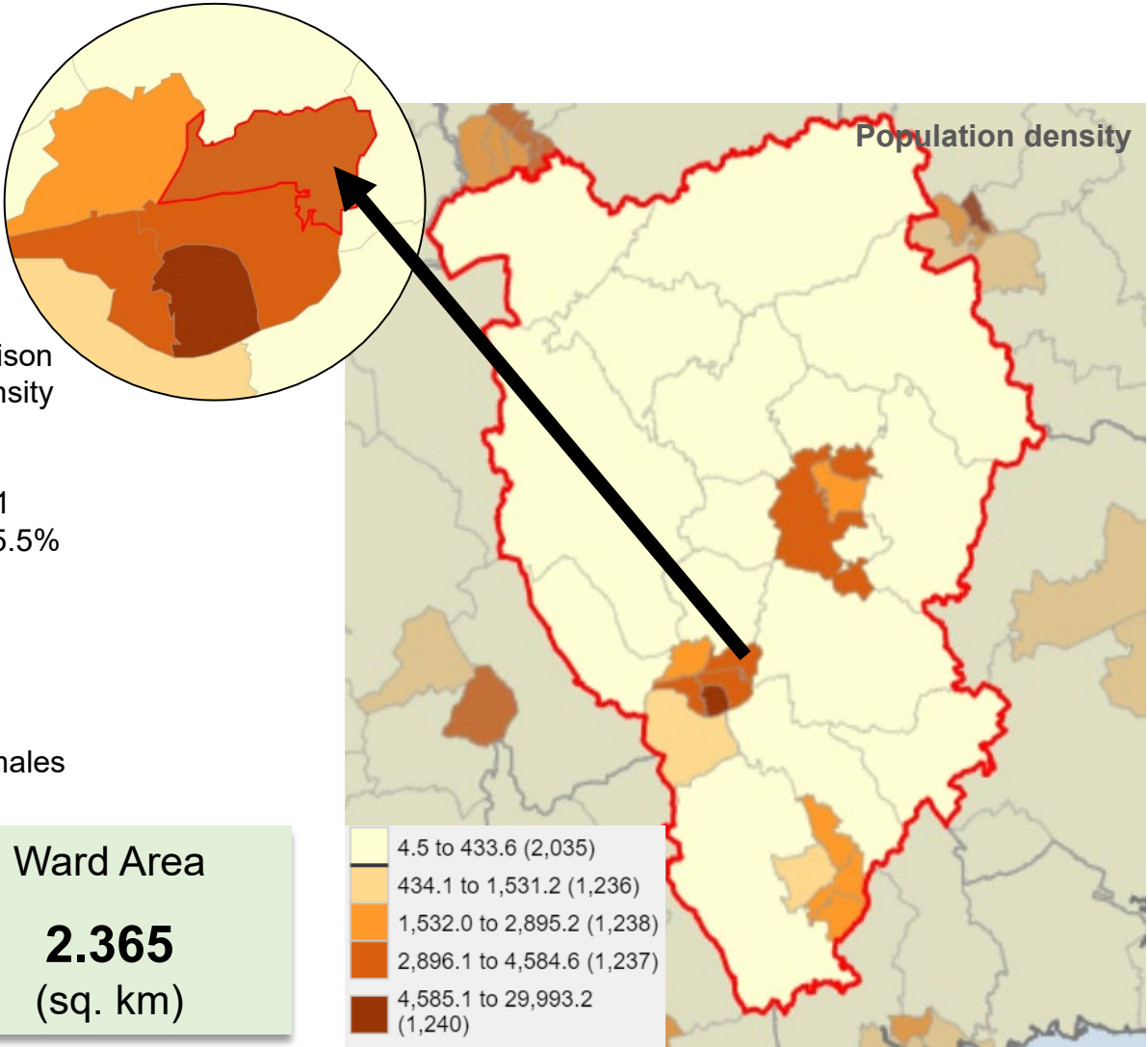
The largest age group in the ward is the 45 to 49 year olds. The proportion of males and females in the ward are 49% and 51% respectively.

Comparison with 2011 census

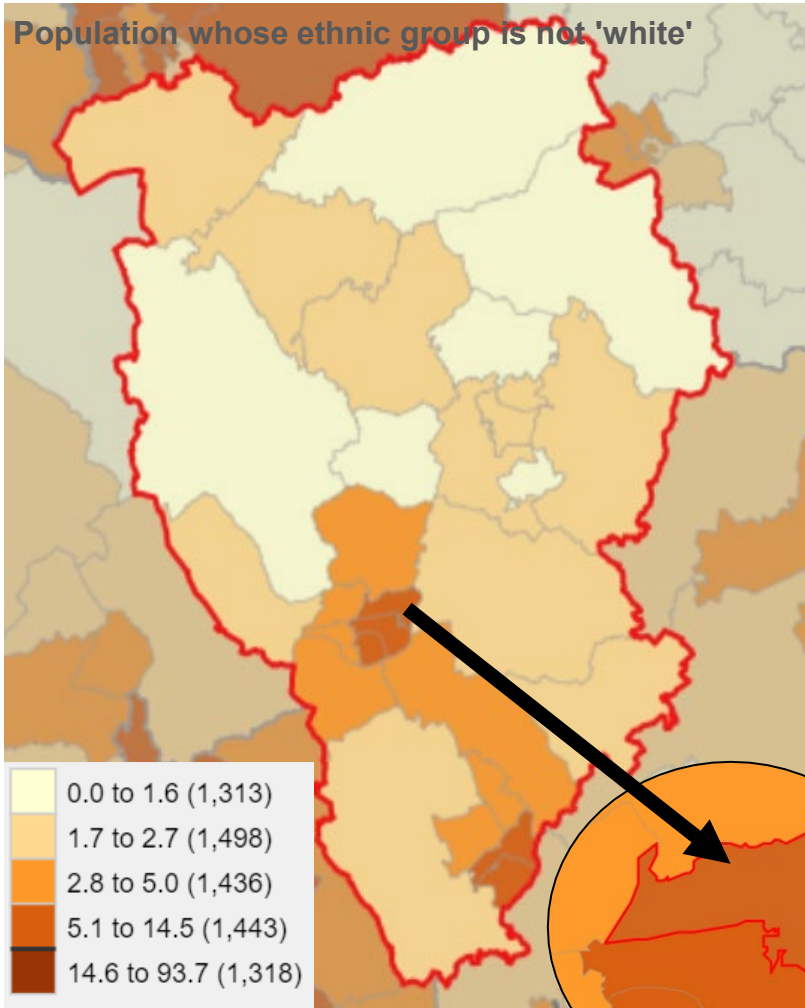
Year	Population (Census data)	Male Residents	Female Residents
2021	10,300	49%	51%
2011	8,183	49%	51%

Ward Area

2.365
(sq. km)



Bocking Blackwater - Diversity



Ethnic Group

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
White British (%)	92.6	94.7	90.4
Mixed (%)	1.9	1.9	2.4
Asian or Asian British (%)	2.6	1.7	3.7
Black or Black British (%)	2.3	1.2	2.5
Other Ethnic Group (%)	0.7	0.5	1.0

National Identity

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
UK identity only (%)	93.8	95.0	93.1
UK identity and non-UK identity (%)	1.3	1.0	1.3
Non-UK identity only (%)	4.9	4.0	5.6

Disability

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
Disabled under the Equality Act (%)	15.5	16.9	16.7
Not Disabled under the Equality Act (%)	84.5	83.1	83.3

Religion

Bocking Blackwater (Braintree)

No religion **47.4%** (45.0%)

Christian **44.6%** (47.1%)

Buddhist **0.3%** (0.3%)

Hindu **0.5%** (0.4%)

Jewish **0.2%** (0.2%)

Muslim **1.0%** (0.7%)

Sikh **0.0%** (0.1%)

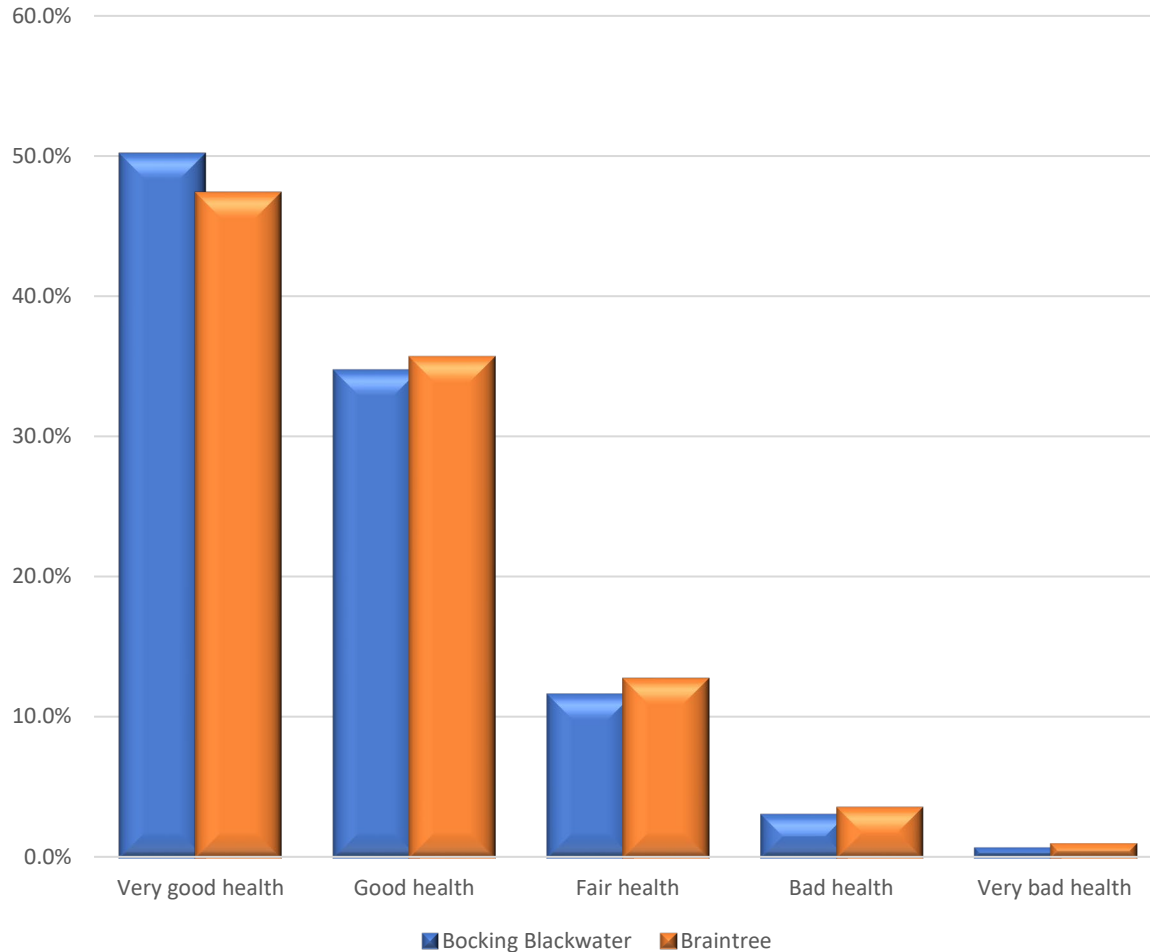
Other religion **0.4%** (0.4%)

Not answered **5.6%** (5.9%)

% of all people

Bocking Blackwater - Health

General Health



Life Expectancy

	Bocking Blackwater	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

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot (%)	5.7	6.7	6.8
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little (%)	9.9	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 (%)	7.3	7.8	7.1
Not disabled under the Equality Act: No long-term physical or mental health conditions (%)	77.1	75.3	76.2

Provision of unpaid care

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
Provides no unpaid care (%)	87.1	91.4	91.2
Provides 19 hours unpaid care a week (%)	3.7	4.4	4.5
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week (%)	1.5	1.6	1.6
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week (%)	1.9	2.6	2.6

Bocking Blackwater - Housing

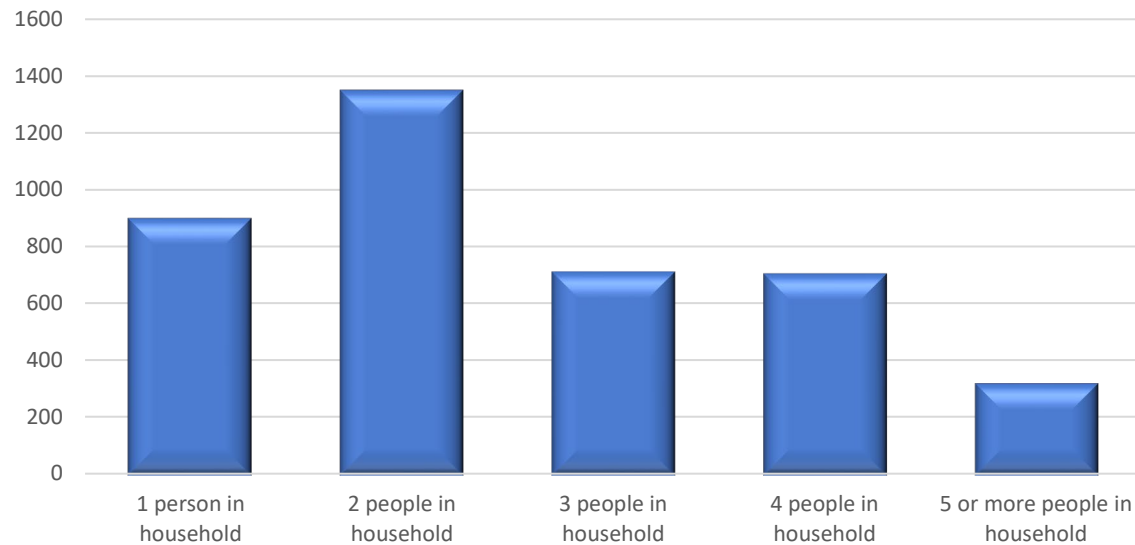
There are **3,967** households in the Witham Central ward

The median house price is **£317,850**
(June 2022)

Housing Tenure

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree
Owns outright (%)	34.8	34.3
Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership (%)	42.2	34.3
Social rented (%)	8.1	16.3
Private rented or lives rent free (%)	15.0	15.1

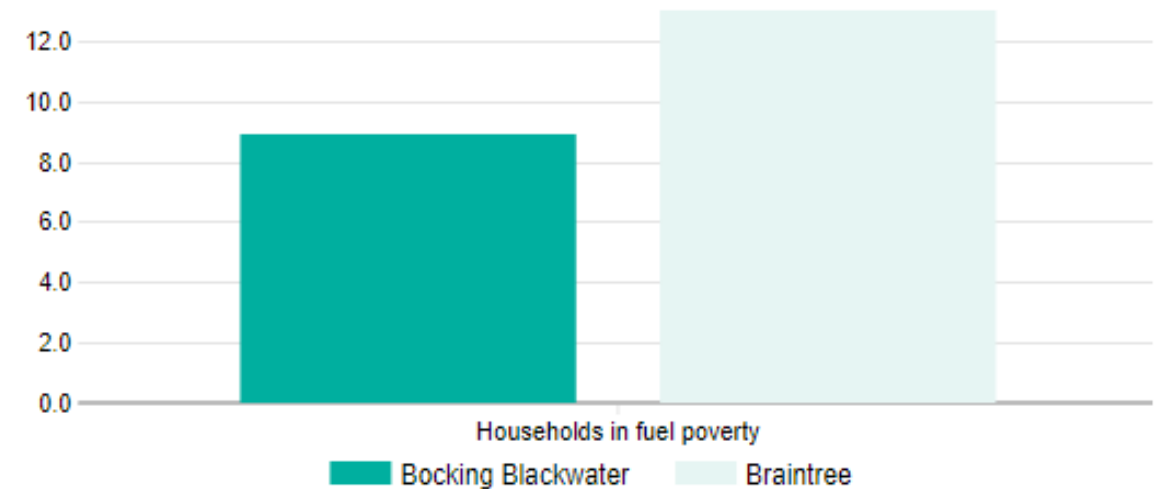
Household size



Household composition

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree
One person household (%)	22.5	27.4
Single family household (%)	72.0	68.1
Multiple family household (%)	5.4	4.6

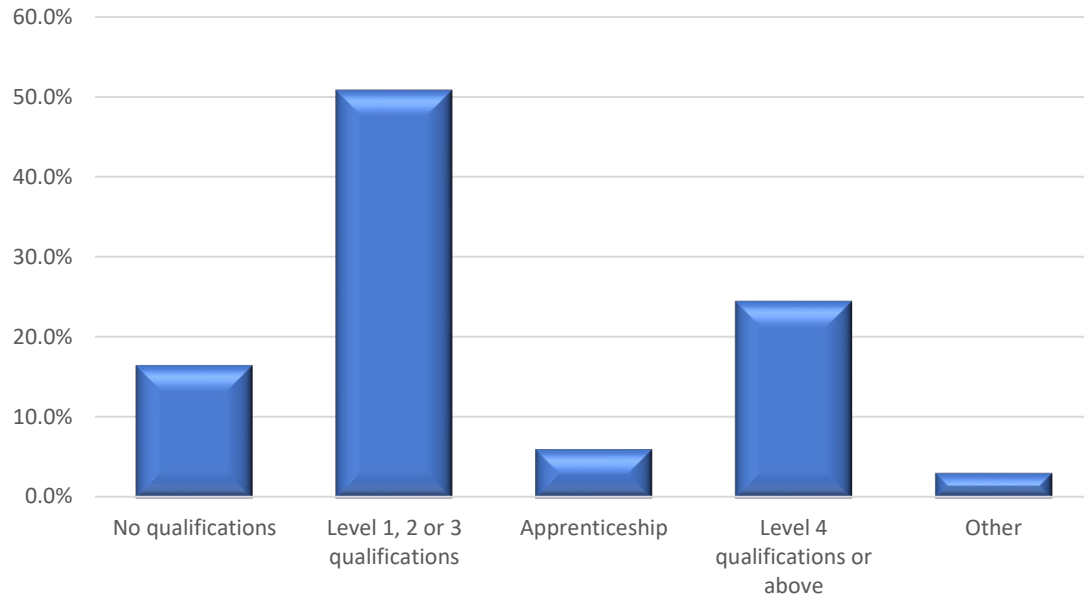
Modelled estimates of the proportion of households in fuel poverty, %, 2020



Source: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Bocking Blackwater – Education and Qualifications

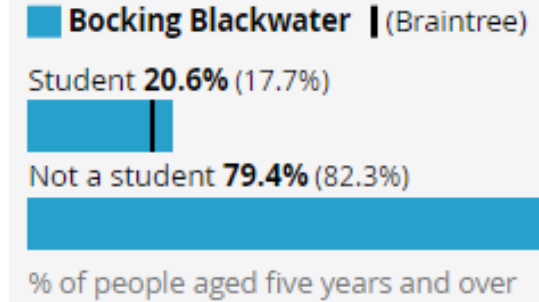
Highest level of qualification



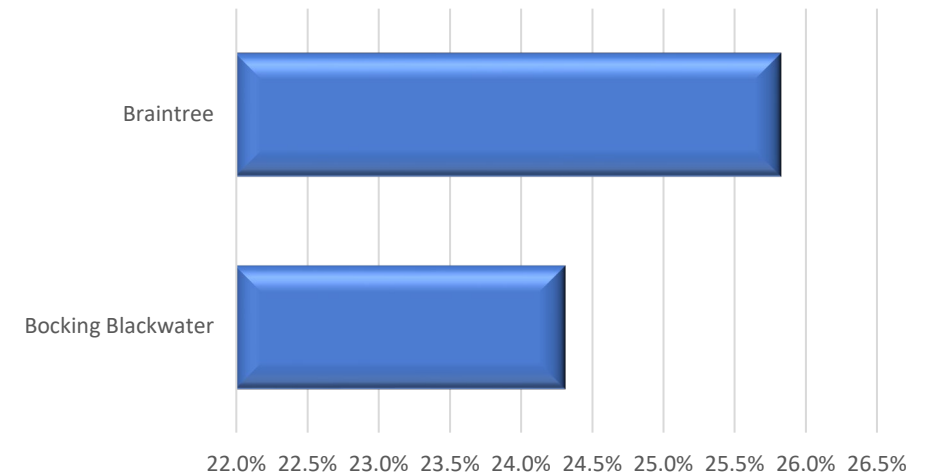
Highest level of qualification (comparison with Braintree and Essex)

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
No qualifications (%)	16.3	18.4	18.9
Level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications (%)	50.7	47.2	44.8
Apprenticeship (%)	5.9	5.9	5.6
Level 4 qualifications and above (%)	24.3	25.8	27.9
Other qualifications (%)	2.9	2.7	2.8

Schoolchildren and full-time students



Level 4 qualification or above



Bocking Blackwater – Employment activity

Economic activity status

Bocking Blackwater | (Braintree)

Economically active: In employment
65.0% (60.3%)



Economically active: Unemployed
2.8% (2.8%)



Economically inactive **32.2%** (36.9%)

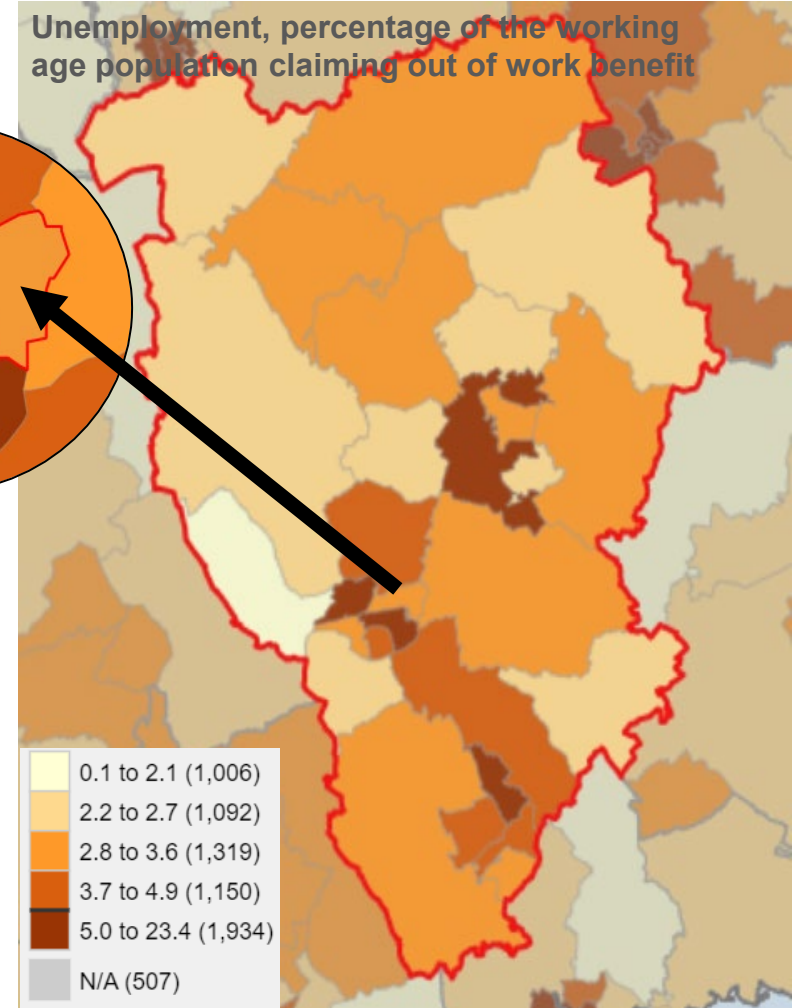
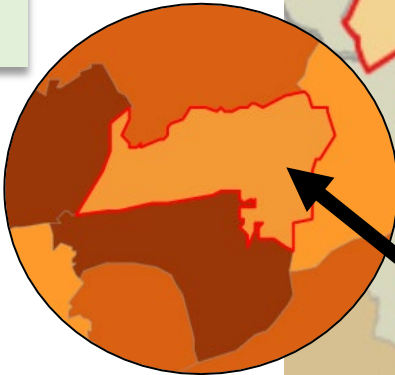


% of people aged 16 years and over

5,349
Economically active residents
(aged 16-64)

Bocking Central ward has a relatively high percentage of economically active adults with unemployment rates significantly better 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.

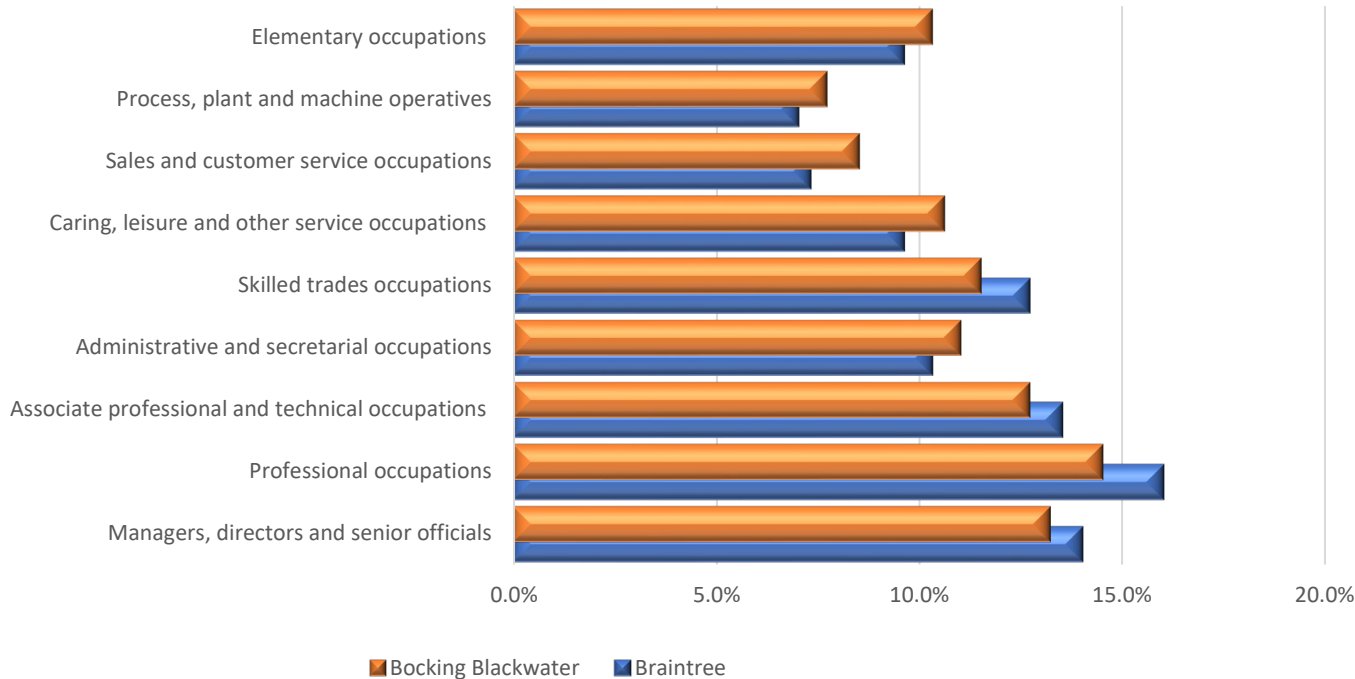


Unemployment rates

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
Unemployment (%)	2.8	3.7	4.1
Long term unemployment (crude rate per 1,000 residents) (%)	0.8	0.7	1.3

Bocking Blackwater – Employment activity

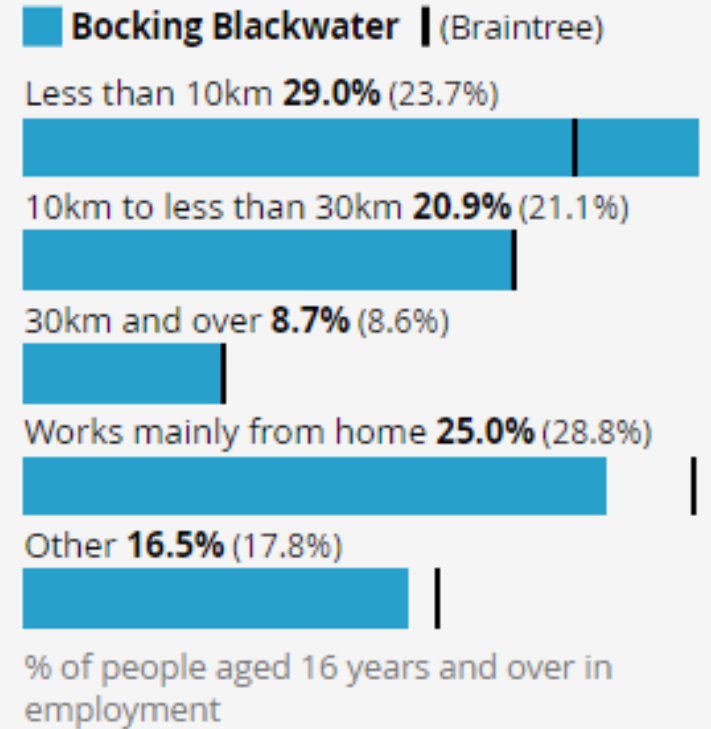
Occupational groups



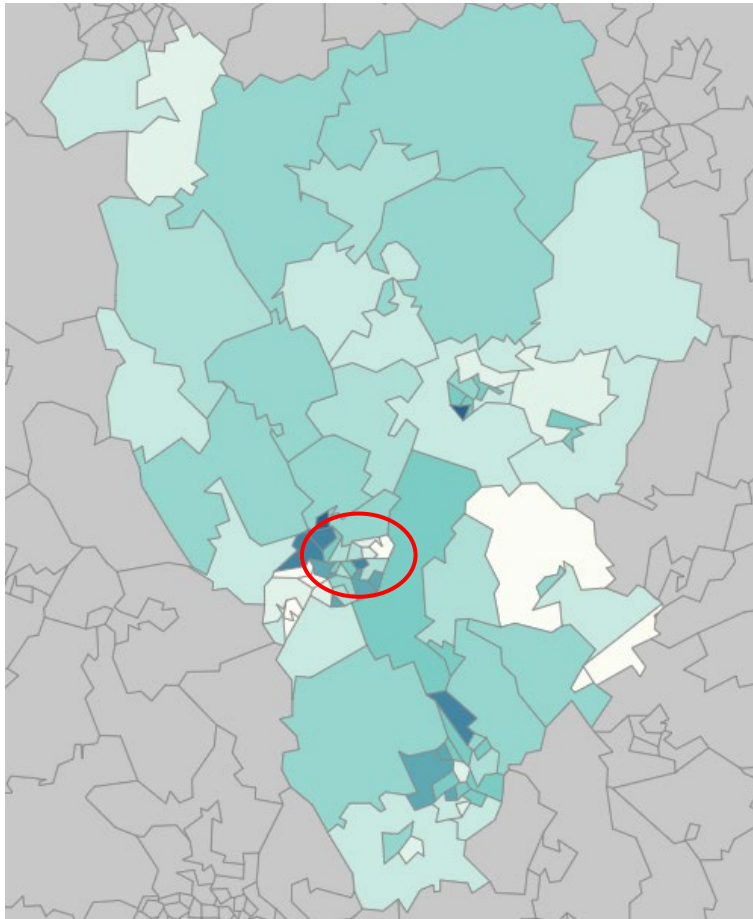
Hours per week worked

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex
Part-time: 15 hours or less worked (%)	10.1	11.3	11.2
Part-time: 16 to 30 hours worked (%)	19.6	18.8	18.8
Full-time: 31 to 48 hours worked (%)	58.6	57.3	57.5
Full-time: 49 or more hours worked (%)	11.7	12.6	12.5

Distance travelled to work



Bocking Blackwater - 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.

	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Essex	England
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Score	10.4	14.7	17.0	21.7

Household deprivation

Bocking Blackwater | (Braintree)

Household is not deprived in any dimension **51.8%** (50.0%)



Household is deprived in one dimension **34.9%** (34.1%)



Household is deprived in two dimensions **11.3%** (13.0%)



Household is deprived in three dimensions **1.9%** (2.7%)



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