

Council areas of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough



Note: The administrative county of Cambridgeshire comprises the five Districts of Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire. Peterborough was made a Unitary Authority in 1998.

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Introduction and summary

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This report has been prepared by Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group. It is one of series of Census 2001 based reports covering all aspects of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's social and economic fabric.

These reports, together with a wealth of other Census 2001 material, are available from our website at: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/community/census/>

The main geographical focus of this report is the administrative county of Cambridgeshire and the unitary authority of Peterborough. Peterborough was made a unitary authority in 1998 but prior to this it was part of the county of Cambridgeshire¹.

Cambridgeshire County is made up of five districts, Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire. Sections 1 and 4 will examine these districts, along with Peterborough, in some detail. The appendices include a district level breakdown of the industries, occupations, distance and method of travel to work of both employed residents and the workplace population. England figures are used when making national comparisons.

¹ Throughout the report 'county' refers to the combined area of Cambridgeshire administrative county and Peterborough Unitary Authority

Summary of key indicators for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

The working age (defined as 16-64 for men and 16-59 for women) resident population of the county

Population

Total population 708,700 - 349,700 male and 359,100 female

Working age population 446,900. 232,200 male and 214,700 female

A greater percentage of the county's population is of working age than is the case nationally (63.1% compared to 61.5%).

Economic activity – working age

78.7% of people living in the county are economically active

75.7% are employed and 3.0% are unemployed

76.4% of people living in England are economically active

72.1% are employed and 4.3% are unemployed

Economic inactivity – working age

21.3% of people living in the county are economically inactive

Of these 3.5% are either sick or disabled

23.6% of people living in England are economically inactive

Of these 5.4% are either sick or disabled

Qualification levels – working age

19.9% of people living in the county have no qualifications

24.5% have a degree level qualification or above

23.0% of people living in England have no qualifications

21.2% have a degree level qualification or above

Employed residents and the working population aged 16 to 74

Population aged 16 to 74

Total population aged 16 to 74 is 518,300 - 258,400 male and 259,900 female

Employed residents – people living in the county with a job

Total employed residents 349,000. 191,800 male and 157,200 female

Employees 305,000, self-employed 44,000. Full-time 266,500, part-time 82,500

Women are five times more likely to be working part-time than men

Working population – people working in the county

Total working population 359,100. 195,600 male and 163,500 female

Industries and Occupations

The county has relatively more people employed in the following industries than in England as a whole (for both employed residents and workplace population)

- Agriculture, hunting and forestry
- Manufacturing
- Real estate, renting and business activities
- Education
- Public administration, defence and social security (men only)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has greater proportions working as Managers and Senior Officials (men only) and in Professional Occupations than nationally.

Commuting and travel to work

302,500 people live and work in the county.

56,600 work in the county but live outside and 46,300 live in the county but work outside. Net in-commuting to the county is around 10,000.

Of the 56,600 travelling into the county to work:

- 52% live in other parts of the East of England
- 37% live in the East Midlands
- 3% live in London
- 3% live in the South East
- 6% live in the remainder of the UK

Of the 46,300 living in the county and travelling to work elsewhere:

- 51% work in other parts of the East of England
- 20% work in London
- 16% work in the East Midlands
- 5% work in the South East
- 7% work in the remainder of the UK

Mode and distance travelled to work

On average, people working in the county travel further to work than nationally. Across England, 12.6% of the workplace population travels over 20km to get to work compared to the county's rate of 17.7%.

67.4% of people working in the county get to work by car compared to 61.1% for the national workforce. Of those people living less than 2km from their workplace, 43.3% travel to work by car. This compares to the national rate of 45.9%.