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## Section Two : Population

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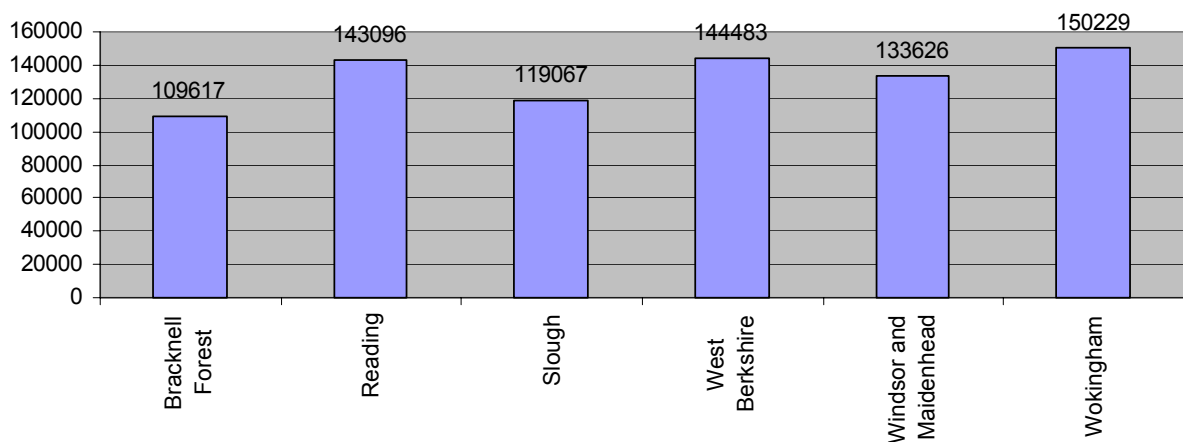
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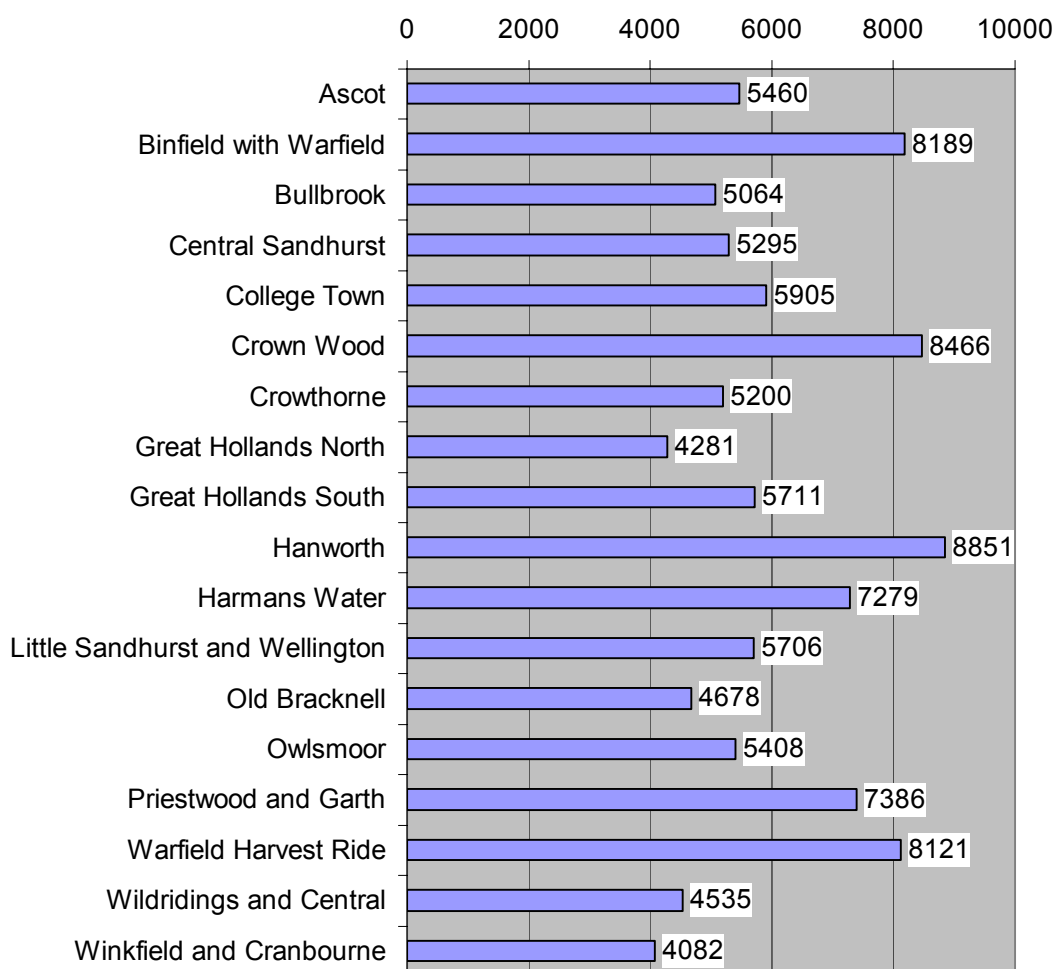
## 1 Population

- 1.1 In 2001, the population of Bracknell Forest was 109,617. This was made up of 54,378 females (49.94%) and 54,879 males (50.06%).
- 1.2 The population of Bracknell Forest amounted to 0.21% of the population of England and Wales (26,715,990), 1.37% of the population of the South East of England (8,000,645) and 13.70% of the population within Berkshire (800,118).
- 1.3 Of the six Berkshire unitary authorities, Bracknell had the lowest population in 2001. It was 7.9% lower than Slough (119,067), 18.0% lower than Windsor and Maidenhead (133,626), 24.0% lower than Reading (143,096), 24.1% lower than West Berkshire (144,483) and 27.0% lower than Wokingham (150,229).
- 1.4 Within the Borough in 2001, Winkfield and Cranbourne ward had the smallest population (2,074) whilst Hanworth had the largest (4,380).

**Population within Berkshire Unitary Authorities - 2001**



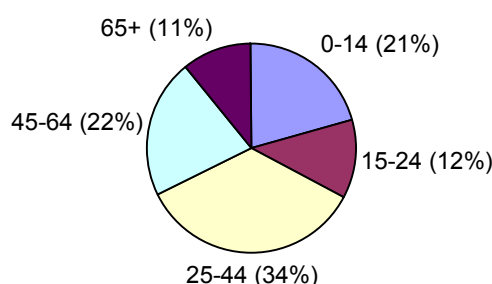
### Population within Bracknell Forest Wards - 2001



## 2 Age Structure

- 2.1 In 2001, 20.85% of people living within the Borough were aged 0-14. This is higher than the average for England and Wales (18.88%), the South East 18.68% and Berkshire 19.48%. With the exception of Slough, it is also higher than the other unitary authorities within Berkshire.
- 2.2 Within the Borough, Great Hollands South contained the highest proportion of 0 - 14 year olds (24.50%). Wildridings and Central contained the least (16.58%).

Age Structure of Bracknell Forest - 2001



- 2.3 In 2001, 11.95% of the Borough residents were aged 15-24. This is lower than the average for England and Wales (12.18%), the South East (11.82%) and Berkshire (12.68%). It is lower than the proportion within Reading, Slough and Wokingham but higher than West Berkshire and Windsor and Maidenhead.
- 2.4 Within the Borough, the proportion of 15 - 24 year olds ranged from 6.40% in Wild Harvest Ride to 17.30% in Little Sandhurst and Wellington.
- 2.5 In 2001, 34.64% of the Borough residents were aged 25 – 44. This is higher than the averages for England and Wales, the South East and Berkshire. It is similar to that of Reading, Slough and West Berkshire but is higher than West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham.
- 2.6 25 - 44 year olds formed at least a quarter of residents within every ward in the Borough. The lowest proportion was within Little Sandhurst and Wellington (25.83%). The highest was within Warfield Harvest Ride (47.25%).
- 2.7 In 2001, 21.73% of the Borough residents were aged 45-64. This is lower than the average for England and Wales (23.82%), the South East (24.29%) and Berkshire (22.80%). It is higher than the proportion within Reading and Slough but lower than within West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham.
- 2.8 Within the Borough, the proportion of 45 - 64 year olds ranged from 15.27% in Crown Wood to 27.27% in Crowthorne.
- 2.9 In 2001, 10.82% of Borough residents were aged 65 or over. This is lower than the average for England and Wales (15.97%), the South East (16.36%) and Berkshire (12.67%). It is also lower than every other unitary authority within Berkshire.
- 2.10 The proportion of people aged 65 or over within the Borough ranged from 5.44% in Owlsmoor to 19.48% in Priestwood and Garth.

### 3 Households with Children

- 3.1 In 2001, there were 18,339 households with children in Bracknell Forest, representing 42.26% of the total households within the Borough. 78.97% of these households contained at least one dependent child. 21.03% contained no dependent children.
- 3.2 The percentage of houses supporting dependent children within the Borough is higher than the average for England and Wales (38.87%), the South East (38.00%) and Berkshire (40.49%). It is higher than Reading, West Berkshire and Windsor and Maidenhead but slightly lower and Slough and Wokingham.
- 3.3 Within the Borough, at least 30% of households contained at least one child. Great Hollands South had the highest percentage of households with children (58.34%).

### 4 Ethnic Population

Area	% White	% Mixed	% Asian or Asian British	% Black or Black British	% Chinese	% Other
England	90.9	1.3	4.6	2.3	0.4	0.4
South East	95.1	1.1	2.3	0.7	0.4	0.4
Berkshire	88.7	1.5	6.8	2.0	0.5	0.5
Bracknell Forest	95.1	1.2	1.9	1.0	0.4	0.4
Reading	86.8	2.4	5.2	4.1	0.7	0.7
Slough	63.7	2.3	27.9	5.1	0.3	0.7
West Berkshire	97.4	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3
Windsor and Maidenhead	92.4	1.4	4.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Wokingham	93.9	1.1	3.1	0.9	0.5	0.5

- 4.1 In 2001, 95.1% of residents within Bracknell Forest were classified as 'White'. 1.2% were classified as 'Mixed'. 1.9% were classified as 'Asian or Asian British'. 1.0% were classified as 'Black or Black British'. 0.4% were classified as 'Chinese' and 0.4% were classified as 'Other'.
- 4.2 Taking into account those individuals classified as 'White Irish' and 'White Other' within the 2001 Census, the percentage of the population within Bracknell Forest who are part of a minority ethnic group (in this case, not 'White British'), was 9.44%. This was lower than the figure for England (13.0%). (No data was provided for Wales in this case).
- 4.3 The percentage of Bracknell Forest residents classified as 'white' was identical to the South East average but is higher than the average for England (90.1%) and

Berkshire (88.7%). It is also higher than the other unitary authorities of Berkshire with the exception of West Berkshire.

- 4.4 The percentage of residents classified as 'white' within the Borough ranged from 92.2% in College Town to 97.2% in Winkfield and Cranbourne.

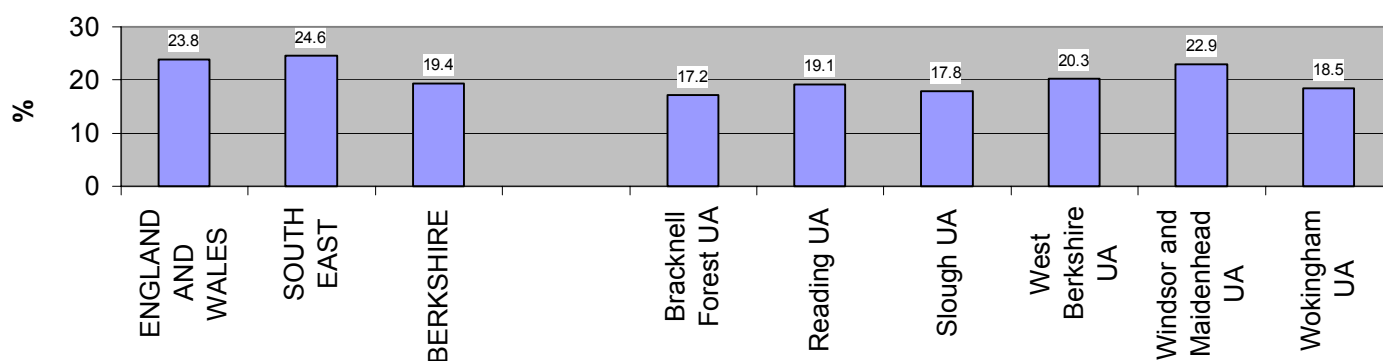
## 5 Lone parent households containing dependent children

- 5.1 In 2001 there were 2,368 lone parent households containing dependent children within Bracknell Forest. This figure represents 5.46% of the total households within the Borough.
- 5.2 This proportion is higher than the Berkshire average (4.82%) and slightly higher than the South East average (5.22%) but lower than the average for England and Wales (6.46%).
- 5.3 The proportion of lone parent households containing dependent children within Bracknell Forest is higher than it is within West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham. It is marginally lower than the figures for Reading and Slough.
- 5.4 The percentage of lone parent households containing dependent children was highest in Great Hollands North (9.48%) and Great Hollands South (8.93%). It was lowest in Crowthorne (3.07%).

## 6 Retired Households

- 6.1 In 2001, 7,455 (17.2%) of households in Bracknell Forest contain residents of a pensionable age (men over 65 and women over 60). This represents the lowest proportion of retired households in Berkshire.
- 6.2 The percentage of retired households in Bracknell Forest was lower than it was for England and Wales (23.8%), the South East (24.6%) and Berkshire (19.4%).

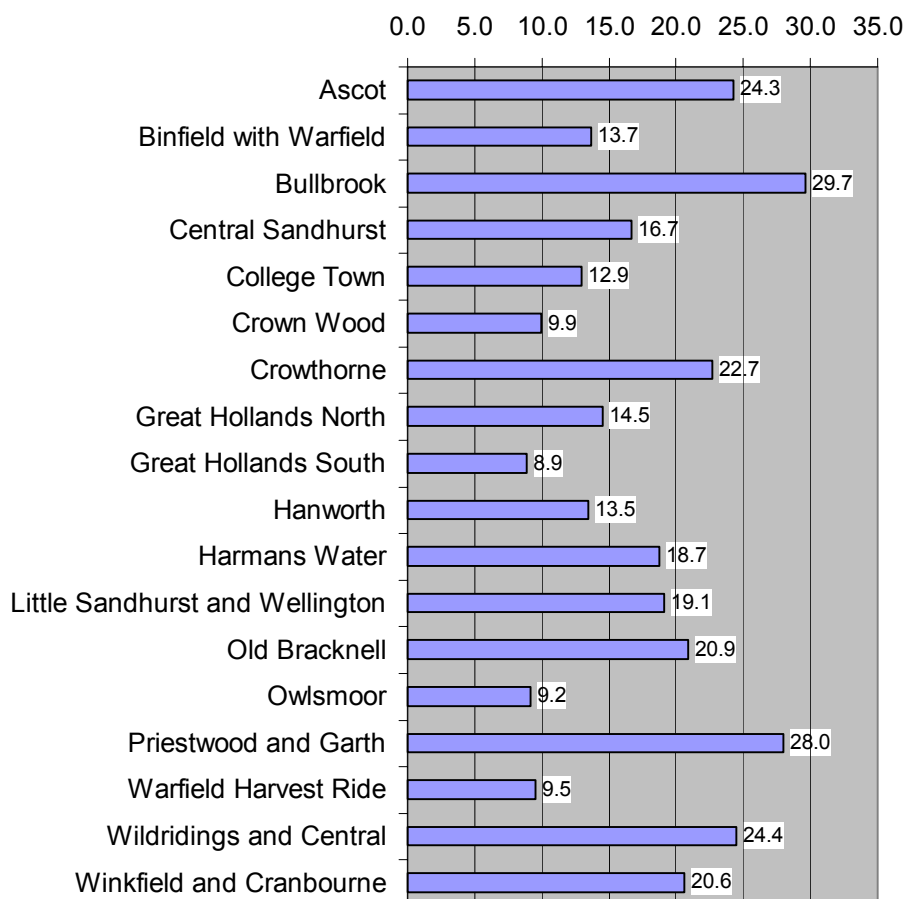
Percentage of Retired households - 2001





6.3 The highest percentage of retired households within the Borough was within Bullbrook (29.7%). In contrast, the lowest was within Great Hollands South (8.9%).

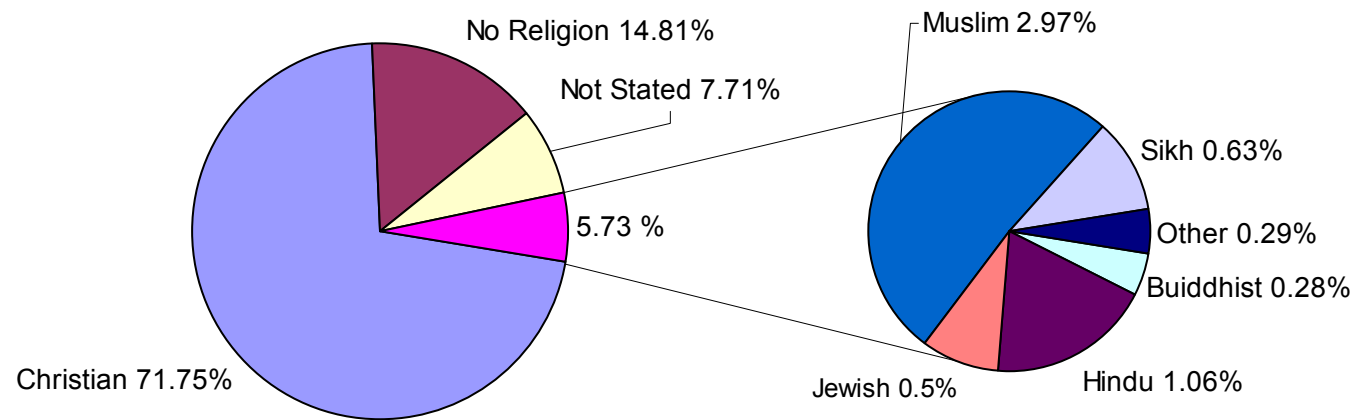
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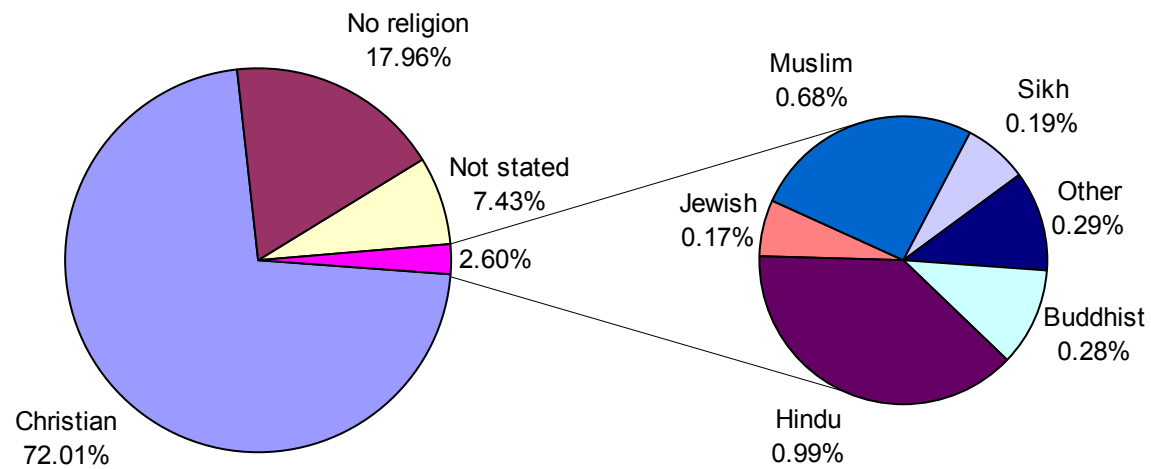
## 7 Religion

7.1 In 2001, 72.01% of residents within Bracknell Forest stated their religion as 'Christian'. 17.96% said they had 'no religion' and 7.43% did not state any religion. The remaining 2.60% of residents stated their religion as 'Buddhist' (0.28%), 'Hindu' (0.99%), 'Jewish' (0.17%), 'Muslim' (0.68%), 'Sikh' (0.19%). 0.29% of responses were classified as 'Other'.

Religion within England and Wales - 2001

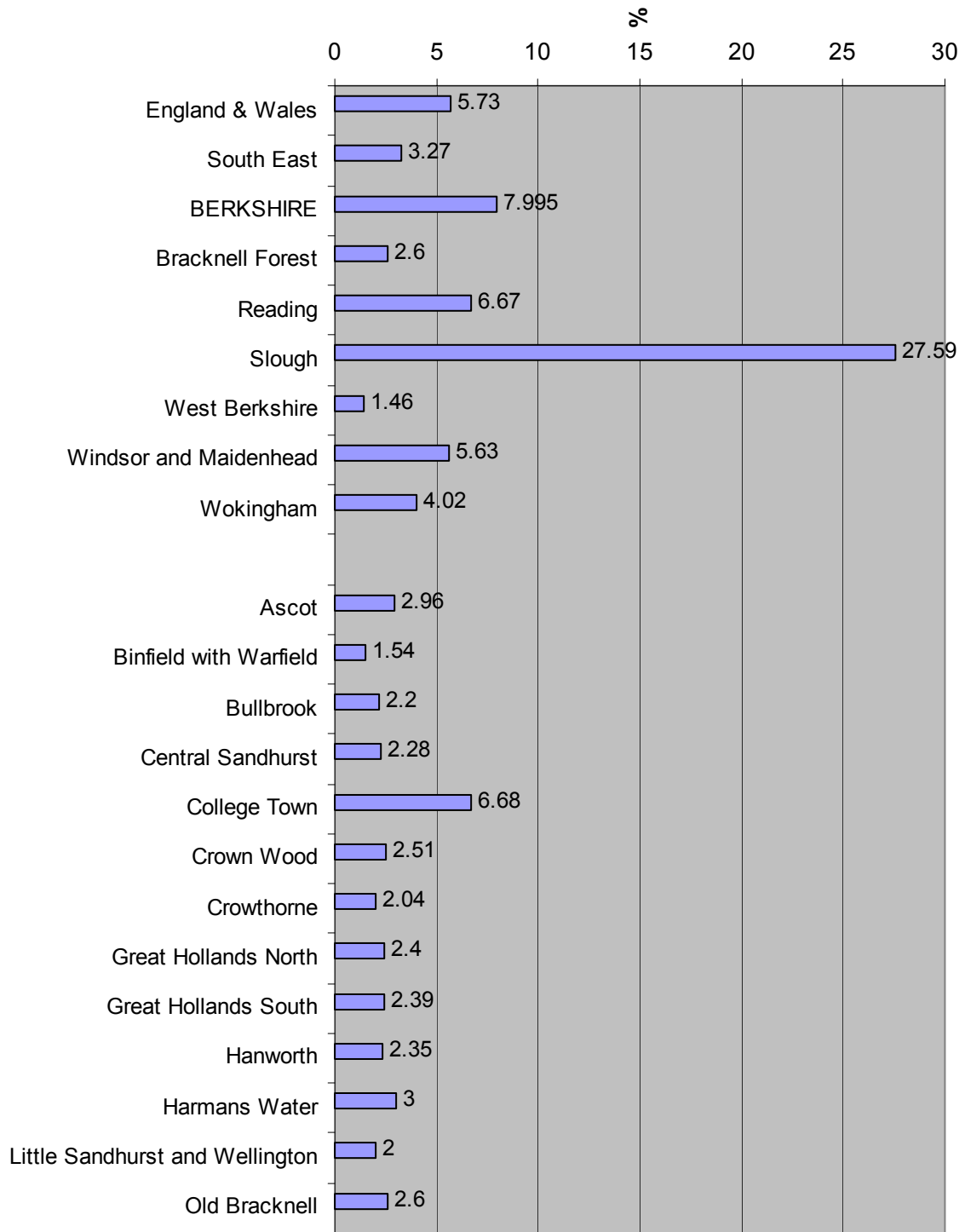


**Religion within Bracknell Forest - 2001**



- 7.2 In 2001, the proportion of Bracknell Forest residents describing their religion as 'Christian' was higher than the average figure within Berkshire (68.46%). However, it was slightly lower than the average across England and Wales (71.75%) and the South East (72.78%). It was 33.97% higher than the proportion within Slough (53.75%) and 5.16% lower than the proportion within West Berkshire (75.93%).
- 7.3 The proportion of residents who described themselves as 'Christian' within the Borough was highest in Winkfield and Cranbourne (78.86%) and lowest in Wildridings and Central (68.34%).
- 7.4 The proportion of Bracknell Forest residents who described themselves as having 'no religion' was higher than the average for England and Wales (14.81%), the South East (16.5%), and Berkshire (16.18%). It was the second highest proportion amongst the six Berkshire unitary authorities, after Reading (22.00%).
- 7.5 The proportion of residents within the Borough describing themselves as having 'no religion' ranged from 11.64% in Winkfield and Cranbourne to 21.86% in Great Hollands North.
- 7.6 The proportion of residents within the Borough who described their religion as other than 'Christian' (including 'Buddhist', 'Hindu', 'Jewish', 'Muslim', 'Sikh' and 'other' but not including 'no religion' and 'religion not stated') was 2.6% in 2001. This is less than half the figure for England and Wales (5.73%), more than 25% lower than that of the South East (3.27%) and less than a third of the proportion within Berkshire (7.99%). After West Berkshire (1.46%), it was the lowest of all the Berkshire unitary authorities. The highest was within Slough (27.59%).
- 7.7 The highest proportion of residents describing their religion as other than 'Christian' (including 'Buddhist', 'Hindu', 'Jewish', 'Muslim', 'Sikh' and 'other' and not including 'no religion' and 'religion not stated') within the Borough was within College Town (6.68%). The lowest was within Binfield with Warfield (1.54%).

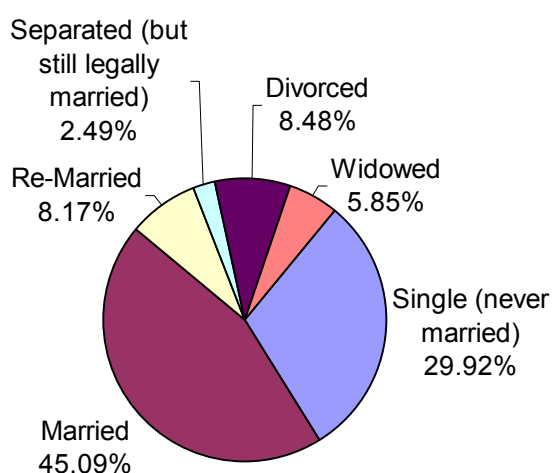
**% of Residents describing their religion as other than 'Christian' in 2001**



## 8 Marital Status

- 8.1 Of those aged 16 and over in Bracknell Forest in 2001, 45.09% were married. 29.92% were single (never married), 8.48% were divorced, 8.17% were re-married, 5.85% were widowed and 2.49% were separated but still legally married.
- 8.2 The percentage of married individuals within Bracknell Forest in 2001 was 3.5%

**Marital status of those aged 16 and over within  
Bracknell Forest - 2001**



higher than it was across England and Wales as a whole. It was 0.8% higher than within the South East but 0.5% lower than the Berkshire average. It was 20.9% higher than within Reading, which had the lowest percentage (37.3%). It was 11.3% lower than Wokingham, which had the highest percentage (50.85%).

- 8.3 The percentage of those within the Borough who were married ranged from 37.85% in Crown Wood to 51.61% in Warfield Harvest Ride.
- 8.4 The percentage of single individuals within Bracknell Forest in 2001 was 0.6% lower than it was across England and Wales as a whole. It was 5.4% higher than within the South East but 4.7% lower than the Berkshire average. It was 10.1% higher than within West Berkshire, which had the lowest percentage (27.17%). It was 27.2% lower than Reading, which had the highest percentage (41.10%).
- 8.5 The percentage of those within the Borough who were single ranged from 22.43% in Winkfield and Cranbourne to 37.54% in Crown Wood.

## 9 Key Facts and Figures

Bracknell Forest (2001)	England & Wales (2001)	Further Information
Total Population – 109,617	Total Population – 52,041,916	Sub-section 1: Population
0 – 14 year olds      20.9% 15 –24 year olds      12.0% 25 – 44 year olds      34.6% 45 –64 year olds      21.7% 65+ year olds          10.82%	0 – 14 year olds      18.9% 15 –24 year olds      12.2% 25 – 44 year olds      29.2% 45 –64 year olds      23.8% 65+ year olds          16.0%	Sub-section 2: Age Structure
18,339 households (42.3%) containing children.	6,388,261 households (38.9%) containing children.	Sub-section 3: Households with Children
The largest ethnic group was 'White British' (90.6%). Those within minority ethnic groups (including 'White Irish' and 'White Other') made up 9.44% of the population.	The largest ethnic group was 'White British' (87.0%). Those within minority ethnic groups (including 'White Irish' and 'White Other') made up 13.0% of the population. (Data provided for England only).	Sub-section 4: Ethnic Population
2,368 (5.5%) lone parent households containing dependent children.	1,399,939 (6.5%) lone parent households containing dependent children.	Sub-Section 5: Lone Parent Households containing dependent children
7,455 (17.2%) households containing pensioners.	5,157,862 (23.8%) households containing pensioners.	Sub-section 6: Retired Households
72.0% of residents stated their religion as 'Christian'. 18.0% said they had 'no religion' and 7.4% did not state any religion. The remaining 2.6% of residents was made up of people who stated their religion as 'Buddhist', 'Hindu', 'Jewish', 'Muslim', and 'Sikh' and 'other'.	71.8% of residents stated their religion as 'Christian'. 14.8% said they had 'no religion' and 7.7% did not state any religion. The remaining 5.7% of residents was made up of people who stated their religion as 'Buddhist', 'Hindu', 'Jewish', 'Muslim', and 'Sikh' and 'other'.	Sub-section 7: Religion
45.1% of the adult population were married. 29.9% were single (never married). 8.5% were divorced, 8.2% were re-married, 5.9% were widowed and 2.5% were separated but still legally married.	43.6% of the adult population were married. 30.1% were single (never married). 8.2% were divorced, 7.4% were re-married, 8.4% were widowed and 2.4% were separated but still legally married.	Sub-section 8: Marital Status