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## Section Five : Economy and Society

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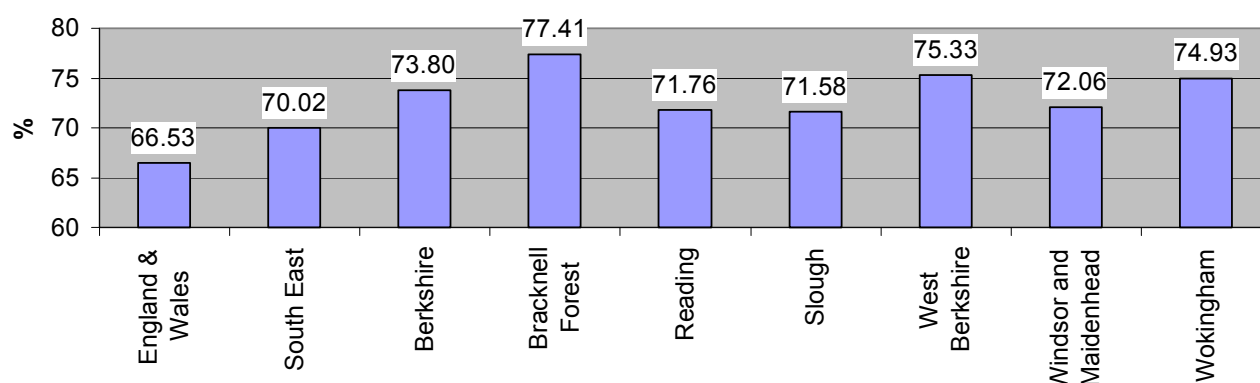
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## 1 Economic Activity

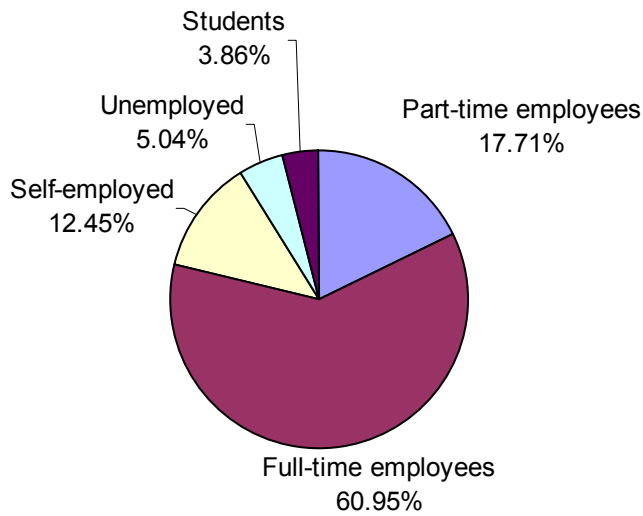
- 1.1 In 2001, 70.36% of females and 84.32% of males aged 16-74 within Bracknell Forest were economically active. This amounts to 77.41% of the Borough's population in total. This is 16.4% higher than the percentage of economically active 16-74 year olds across England and Wales. It is 10.5% higher than the South East average and 4.9% higher than the Berkshire average. Bracknell Forest has the highest proportion of economically active 16-74 year olds of all the six Berkshire unitary authorities.

**Percentage of all 16-74 year olds who are economically active - 2001**

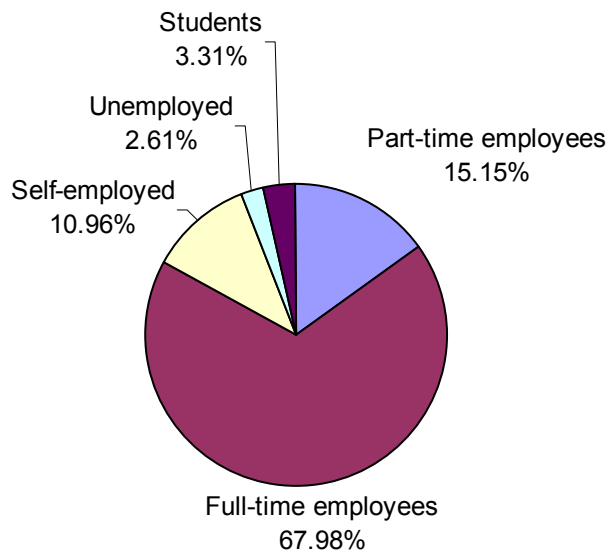


- 1.2 In 2001, Bullbrook ward had the lowest proportion of economically active females (61.22%) while Owlsmoor had the highest (78.05%). Crown Wood had the highest proportion of economically active males (91.38%) while Crowthorne had the lowest (69.38%). Ascot contained the highest proportion of economically active residents (77.41%). Crown Wood had the lowest overall economically active population (62.25%) but contained the highest proportion of economically active males (91.38%).
- 1.3 Of Bracknell Forest's economically active population in 2001, 15.15% were employed on a part-time basis and 67.98% were employed on a full-time basis. 10.96% were self-employed, 2.61% were unemployed and 3.31% were students.
- 1.4 The proportion of economically active residents within the Borough who were unemployed in 2001 was 48.2% lower than it was for England and Wales as a whole. It was 21.1% lower than the rate within the South East and was 11.5% lower than the level within Berkshire as a whole.

### Status of Economically Active Population across England and Wales - 2001



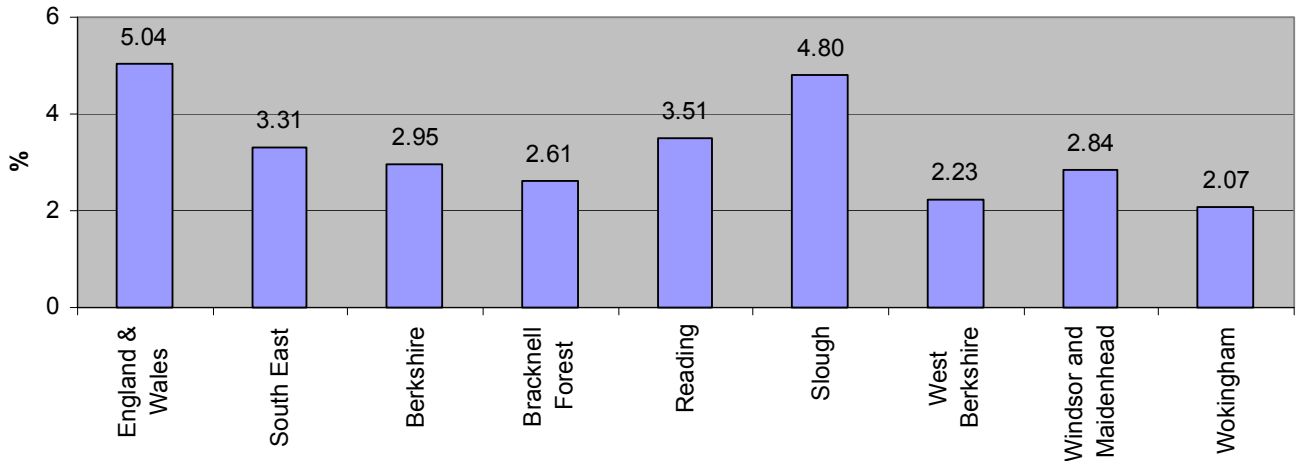
### Status of Economically Active Population within Bracknell Forest - 2001



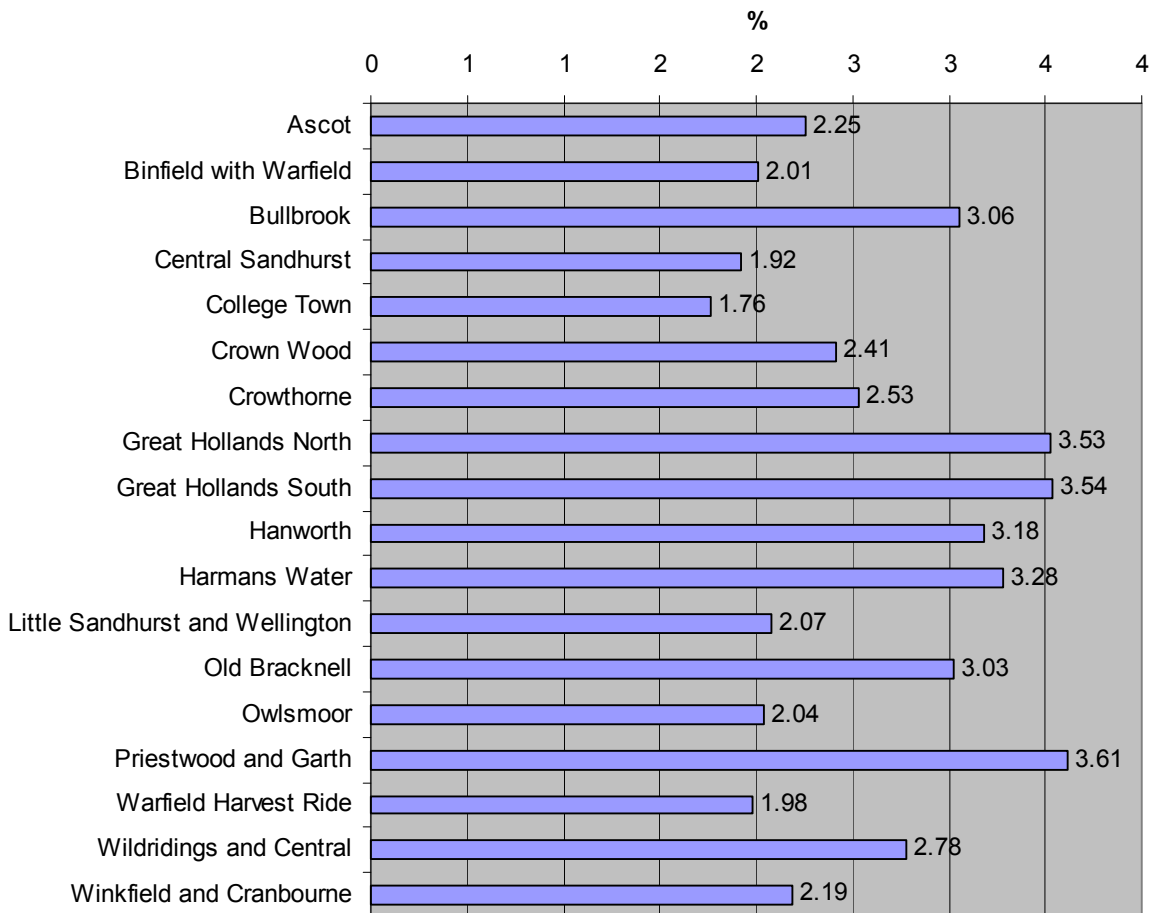
- 1.5 The proportion of economically active residents within the Borough who were unemployed in 2001 was 25.6% lower than it was in Reading (3.51%), 45.6% lower than it was in Slough (4.80%) and 8.1% lower than it was in Windsor and Maidenhead (2.84%). However, it was 17.0% higher than within West Berkshire (2.23%) and 26.1% higher than within Wokingham (2.07%).

1.6 The proportion of economically active residents within the Borough who were unemployed in 2001 was lowest in College Town (1.76%). It was highest in Priestwood and Garth (3.61%), Great Hollands North (3.53%) and Great Hollands South (3.54%).

**Percentage of economically active residents who are unemployed - 2001**

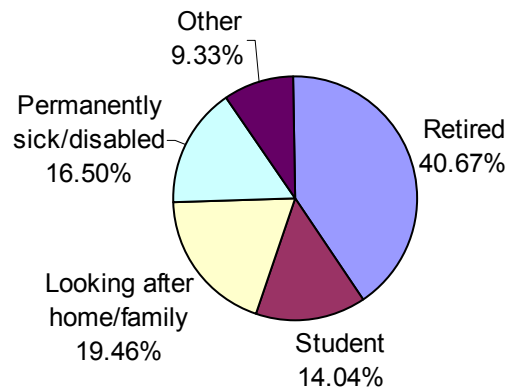


**Percentage of economically active residents who are unemployed - 2001**

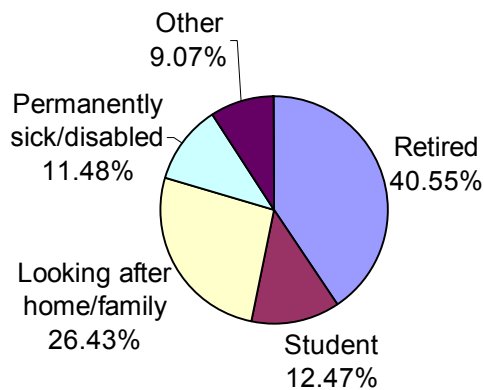


- 1.7 Of Bracknell Forest's economically inactive population in 2001, 40.55% were retired, 12.47% were students, 26.43% were looking after the home/family, 11.48% were permanently sick or disabled and 9.07% were classified as 'other'.

### Status of Economically Inactive Population Across England and Wales - 2001



### Status of Economically Inactive Population within Bracknell Forest - 2001

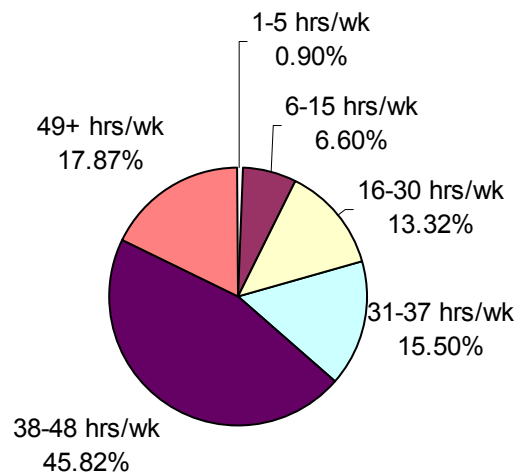


- 1.8 The proportion of economically inactive residents within Bracknell Forest who were looking after the home/family in 2001 was 35.8% higher than it was across England and Wales (19.46%). It was 21.0% higher than it was within the South East (21.84%)

and 10.3% higher than the average for Berkshire (23.96%). It was also the highest of all six Berkshire unitary authorities.

- 1.9 The lowest proportion of economically inactive residents within the Borough who were looking after the home/family in 2001 was within Great Hollands North (15.38%). The highest, at over twice the average for England and Wales, was Warfield Harvest Ride (42.08%) - closely followed by Crown Wood (39.40%).
- 1.10 The proportion of economically inactive residents within Bracknell Forest in 2001 who were permanently sick/disabled was 30.4% lower than it was across England and Wales. It was 0.3% lower than the level within the South East but 15.3% higher than the Berkshire average. Of the six Berkshire unitary authorities it was the second highest after Slough (13.68%).
- 1.11 The percentage of economically inactive residents within the Borough in 2001 who were permanently sick/disabled ranged from 4.64% in Ascot to 24.08% in Crowthorne.

### Average Number of Hours Worked per Week by 16-74 year olds in employment in Bracknell Forest - 2001



## 2 Hours Worked

- 2.1 In 2001, 45.82% of 16-74 year olds in employment within Bracknell Forest worked between 38-48 hours per week. 17.87% worked 49 hours per week or more. 15.50% worked between 31 and 27 hours per week. 13.32% worked 16-30 hours per week. 6.60% worked between 6 and 15 hours a week and less than 1% worked 1-5 hours per week.
- 2.2 Within Bracknell Forest in 2001, females aged between 16 and 74 worked a mean average of 32.76 hours per week. This was over an hour more than the average for



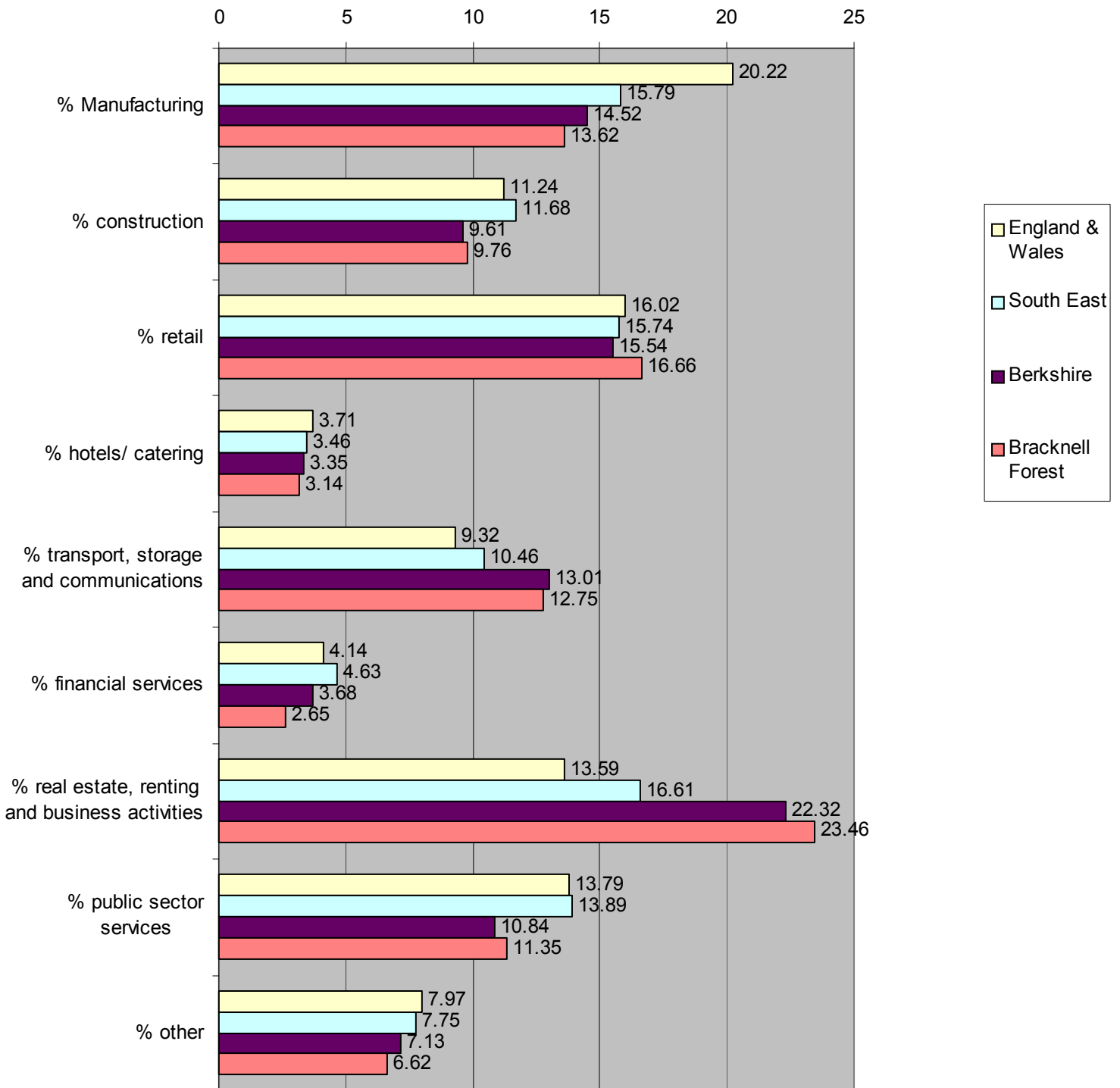
England and Wales (31.37 hrs/wk) and the South East (31.34 hrs/wk). It was marginally higher than the figure for Berkshire as a whole (32.70 hrs/wk).

- 2.3 Females aged 16-74 worked, on average, over an hour more each week in Slough (33.83 hrs/wk) than they did within Bracknell Forest. In Wokingham, females aged the same worked, on average, approximately 55 minutes less per week (31.84 hrs/wk) than they did in Bracknell Forest.
- 2.4 The mean average number of hours worked per week by females within the Borough ranged from 31.26 in Bullbrook to 34.42 in Warfield Harvest Ride.
- 2.5 Within Bracknell Forest in 2001. Males aged between 16 and 74 worked a mean average of 42.92 hours per week. This is slightly more than 40 minutes higher than the average for England and Wales (42.21 hrs/wk). It is slightly less than 20 minutes higher than the average for the South East (42.61 hrs/wk) and Berkshire (42.64 hrs/wk).
- 2.6 Males aged 16-74 worked, on average, over an hour and a half more each week in Reading (41.39 hrs/wk) than they did within Bracknell Forest. In Windsor and Maidenhead, females aged the same worked, on average, just over 40 minutes less per week (31.84 hrs/wk) than they did in Bracknell Forest.
- 2.7 The mean average number of hours worked per week by males within the Borough ranged from 41.22 in Bullbrook to 46.11 in College Town.

### **3 Industry of Employment**

- 3.1 In 2001, 23.36% of Bracknell Forest residents aged 16-74 in employment worked within real estate, renting and business activities. 16.66% worked in retail. 13.62% worked in manufacturing. 12.75% worked in transport, storage or communications. 11.35% worked within public sector services. 9.76% worked in construction. 3.14% worked in hotels and catering. 2.65% worked in financial services. 6.62% worked in other types of industry.
- 3.2 The percentage of people aged 16-74 in employment within Bracknell Forest who worked within manufacturing in 2001 was 32.6% lower than the percentage across England and Wales (20.22%). It was 13.7% lower than the South East level (15.79%) and 6.2% lower than the Berkshire average (14.52%). Of the Berkshire authorities, Reading contained the lowest proportion of employees working in manufacturing (11.37%). Slough contained the highest (18.59%).
- 3.3 Within the Borough, Old Bracknell contained the highest proportion of 16-74 year olds in employment working in manufacturing (16.04%). The lowest was within Ascot (10.14%).
- 3.4 The percentage of people aged 16-74 in employment within Bracknell Forest who worked within real estate, renting and business activities in 2001 was 72.6% higher than it was across England and Wales overall (13.59%), 41.2% higher than within the South East (16.61%) and 5.1% higher than the Berkshire average (22.32%). Of the Berkshire unitary authorities, Wokingham contained the highest percentage (25.75%). Slough contained the lowest (16.39%).

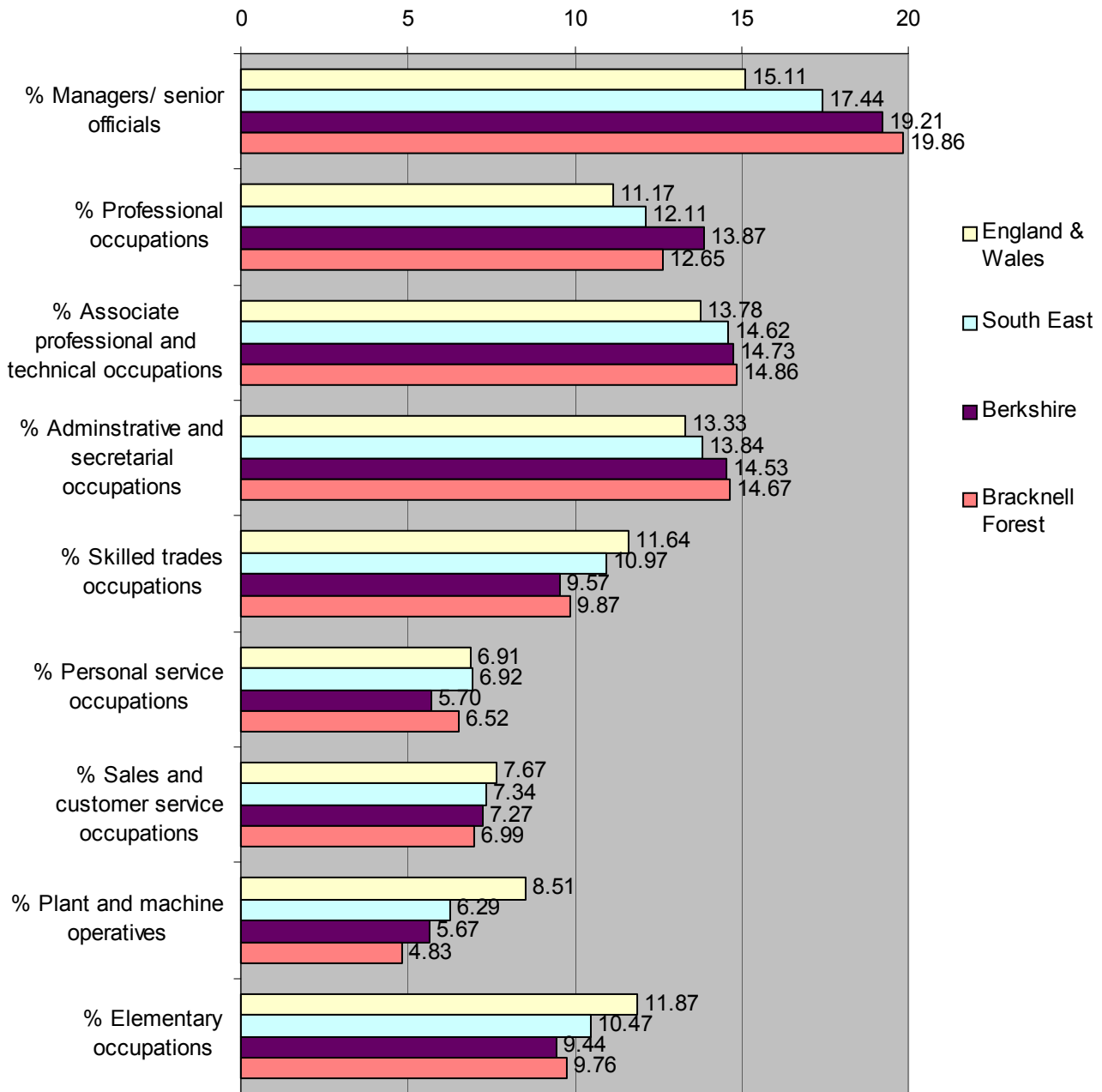
**Industry of Employment of People aged 16-74 - 2001**



## 4 Occupation Group

- 4.1 Of the 60,010 people aged 16-74 in employment in Bracknell in 2001, 19.86% were managers or senior officials. 14.86% were employed in associate professional and technical occupations. 14.67% were employed in administrative or secretarial occupations. 12.65% had professional occupations. 9.87% were employed in skilled trades occupations. 9.76% were employed in elementary occupations. 6.99% were employed in sales or customer service occupations. 6.52% were employed in personal service occupations. 4.83% were plant or machine operatives.
- 4.2 The proportion of 16-74 year olds in employment in Bracknell Forest in 2001 who were managers or senior officials was 31.4% higher than it was for across England and Wales as a whole (15.11%). It was 13.9% higher than the proportion within the South East (17.44%) and 3.4% higher than the average across Berkshire (19.21%). Of the Berkshire unitary authorities, Windsor and Maidenhead had the highest proportion (23.93%) and Slough had the lowest (13.66%).
- 4.3 Within Bracknell Forest in 2001, Warfield Harvest Ride contained the highest percentage of managers and senior officials (30.93%). Great Hollands North contained the lowest (12.06%).
- 4.4 The proportion of 16-74 year olds in employment in Bracknell Forest in 2001 who were plant and machine operatives was 43.2% lower than the same figure for England and Wales (8.51%). It was 23.2% lower than the proportion within the South East (6.29%) and 14.8% lower than that within Berkshire as a whole (5.67%). Of the Berkshire unitary authorities, Wokingham contained the smallest percentage of employees working as plant and machine operatives (3.91%). Slough contained the largest (10.04%).
- 4.5 Within Bracknell Forest in 2001, Great Hollands North contained the highest percentage of managers and senior officials (7.80%). Warfield Harvest Ride contained the lowest (2.97%).

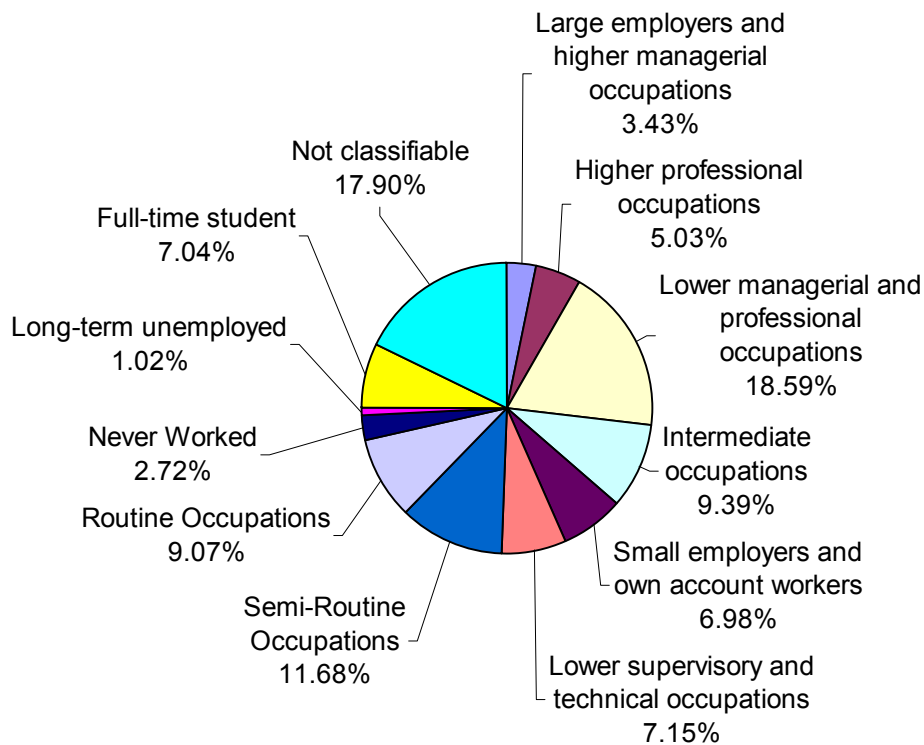
**Occupational Group of Residents aged 16-74 years old in employment - 2001**



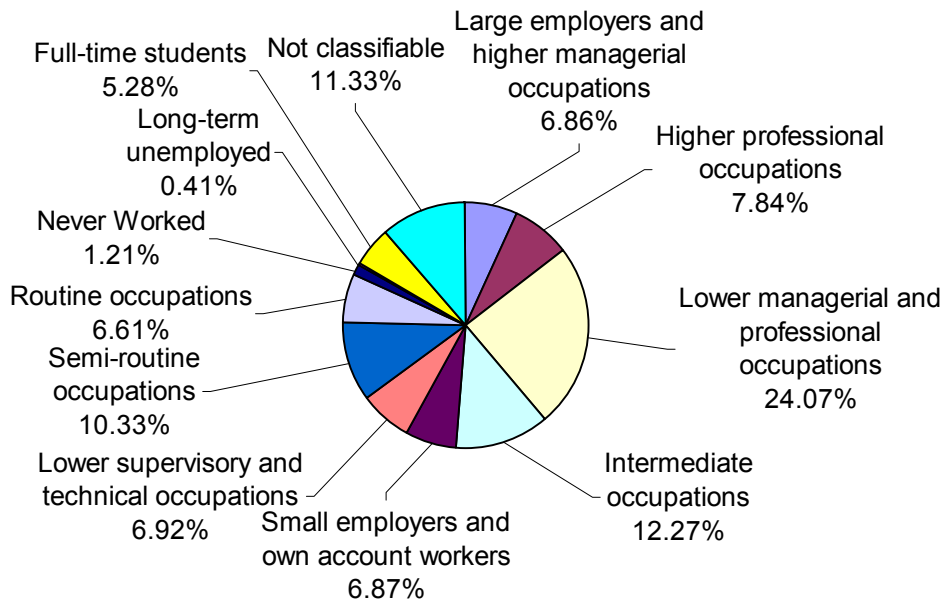
## 5 Socio-Economic Classification

5.1 In 2001, 38.77% of all 16-74 year olds in Bracknell Forest had some type of managerial or professional occupation. 16.94% had routine or semi-routine occupations. 26.06% worked within occupations classified as being between these two types. 1.62% had either never worked or were long-term unemployed. 5.28% were full-time students. 11.3% were 'not classified for other reasons'. This group included those who were unemployed, but not 'long term unemployed' as well as individuals whose jobs were not coded under this particular classification system.

**Socio-Economic Classification of all 16-74 year olds in England and Wales - 2001**



**Socio-Economic Classification of 16-74 years  
in Bracknell Forest - 2001**



## 6 Key Facts and Figures

Bracknell Forest (2001)	England & Wales (2001)	Further Information
<p>77.4% of all 16 – 74 year old residents were economically active:</p> <p>Full-time 68.0%</p> <p>Part-time 15.2%</p> <p>Self-employed 11.0%</p> <p>Unemployed 2.6%</p> <p>Students 3.3%</p>	<p>66.5% of all 16 – 74 year old residents were economically active:</p> <p>Full-time 61.0%</p> <p>Part-time 17.7%</p> <p>Self-employed 12.5%</p> <p>Unemployed 5.0%</p> <p>Students 3.9%</p>	Sub-section 1: Economic Activity
<p>22.6% of all 16 – 74 year old residents were economically inactive:</p> <p>Retired 40.6%</p> <p>Students 12.5%</p> <p>Looking after home 26.4%</p> <p>Sick/disabled 11.5%</p> <p>'Other' 9.1%</p>	<p>33.5% of all 16 – 74 year old residents were economically inactive:</p> <p>Retired 40.1%</p> <p>Students 14.0%</p> <p>Looking after home 19.5%</p> <p>Sick/disabled 16.5%</p> <p>'Other' 9.3%</p>	Sub-section 1: Economic Activity
<p>Employed females aged between 16 and 74 worked an average of 32.76 hours per week.</p> <p>Employed males aged between 16 and 74 worked an average of 42.92 hours per week.</p>	<p>Employed females aged between 16 and 74 worked an average of 31.37 hours per week.</p> <p>Employed males aged between 16 and 74 worked an average of 42.21 hours per week.</p>	Sub-section 2: hours worked
<p>Employment by industry:</p> <p>Real estate, renting, business 23.4%</p> <p>Retail 16.7%</p> <p>Manufacturing 13.6%</p> <p>Transport, storage communications 12.8%</p> <p>Public Sector 11.4%</p> <p>Construction 9.8%</p> <p>Hotels/catering 3.1%</p> <p>Financial Services 2.7%</p> <p>Other 6.6%</p>	<p>Employment by industry:</p> <p>Real estate, renting, business 13.6%</p> <p>Retail 16.0%</p> <p>Manufacturing 20.2%</p> <p>Transport, storage communications 9.3%</p> <p>Public Sector 13.8%</p> <p>Construction 11.2%</p> <p>Hotels/catering 3.7%</p> <p>Financial Services 4.1%</p> <p>Other 8.0%</p>	Sub-section 3: Industry of Employment

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<b>Bracknell Forest (2001)</b>	<b>England &amp; Wales (2001)</b>	<b>Further Information</b>
Occupation group:	Occupation group:	Sub-section 4: Occupation Group
Managers/senior           19.9%	Managers/senior           15.1%	
Associate professional/Technical 14.9%	Associate professional/Technical 13.8%	
Admin/secretarial       14.7%	Admin/secretarial       13.3%	
Professional           12.7%	Professional           11.2%	
Skilled trades           9.9%	Skilled trades           11.6%	
Elementary              9.8%	Elementary              11.9%	
Sales, customer service 7.0%	Sales, customer service 7.7%	
Personal service       6.5%	Personal service       6.9%	
Plant/machine operatives 4.8%	Plant/machine operatives 8.5%	