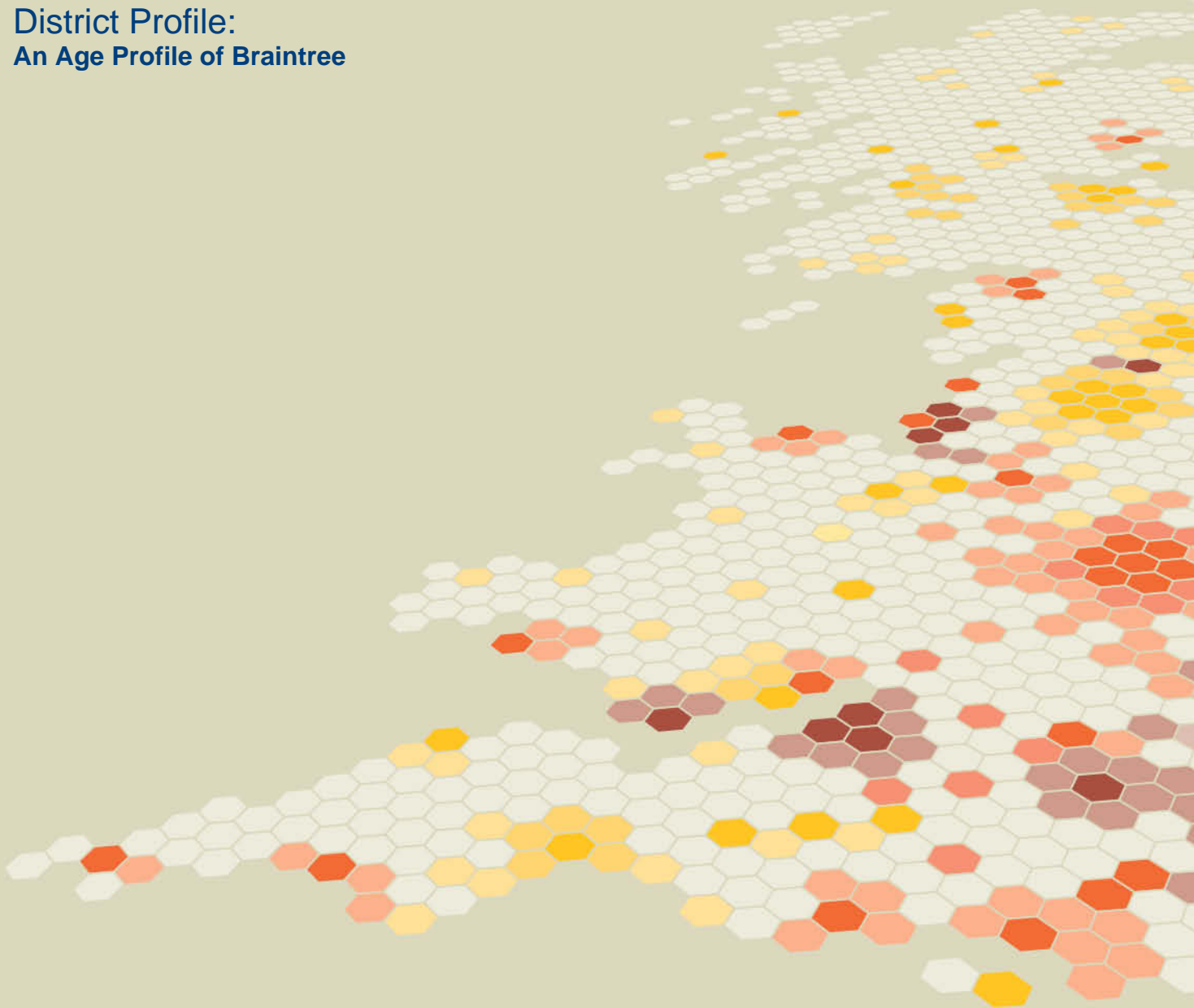


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## District Profile: An Age Profile of Braintree



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### Introduction

Demographic characteristics have a fundamental influence on the social and economic development of an area. The age distribution of residents has implications for long-term economic activity rates and spending power (with a younger profile) or current and future social care resourcing (with an older or aging population). This age profile assesses Braintree according to a number of indicators, including the age breakdown of residents, dependency ratios and birth rates.

Braintree is ranked 260 out of 408 districts on the average age of residents, indicating an average age in the lowest 40% of districts nationally.

With an average age of 38.53 years, Braintree is below the national median. This is shown in the map, where areas with darker shadings have higher average ages and those with lighter shadings have lower averages.

The proportion of residents aged 15-24 in Braintree was 11.28% in 2007. By comparison, the Essex figure was 12.25%, the East of England figure was 12.38% and the national figure was 13.33%.

A glossary of the terms and definitions used in this profile are included at the end of the report.

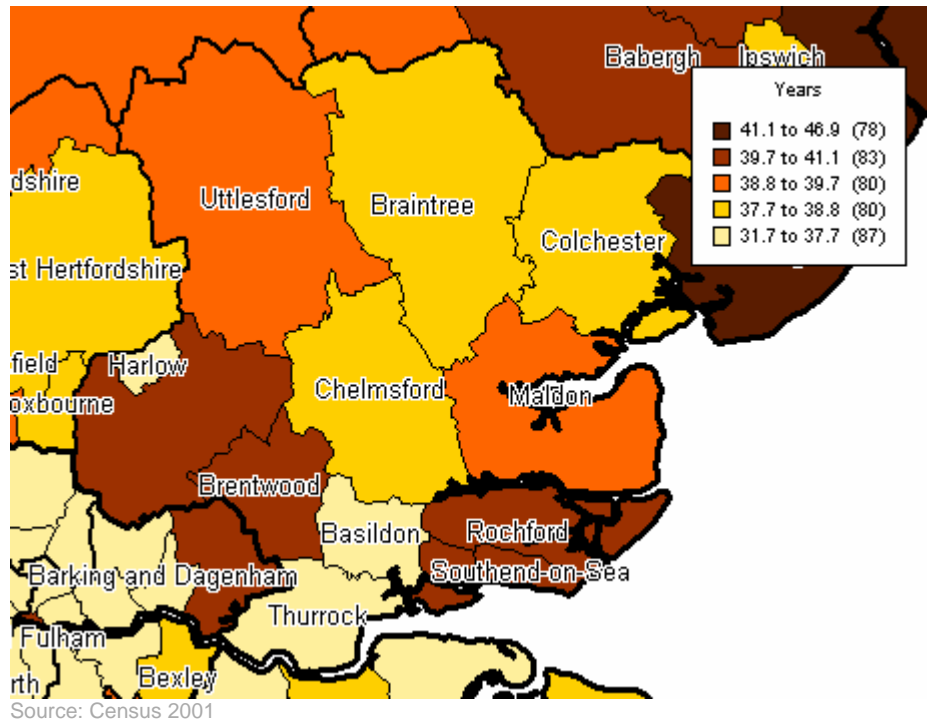
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## Average Age

The map shows the average age of residents in districts within Essex. The areas with very dark shading have higher average ages and those with very light shading have lower average ages.

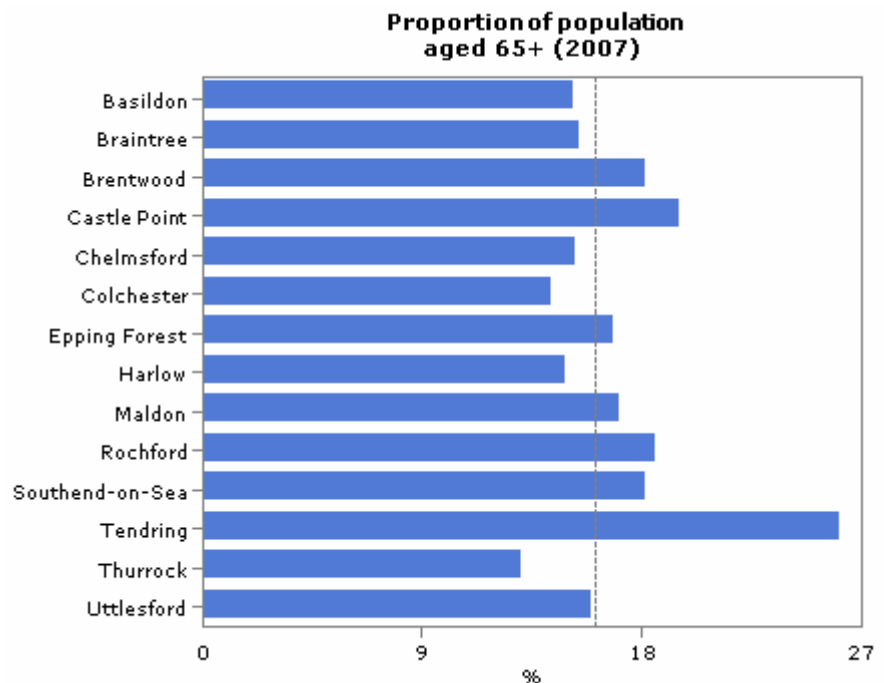
With an average age of 38.53 years, Braintree is in the lowest 40% of districts and is in a sub region that has an average age in the highest 40% of sub regions nationally.



## Proportion Of Population Aged 65+

The bar chart shows the proportion of the resident population aged 65 and over (based on mid-year population estimates in 2007), for districts in Essex.

The chart shows that at 15.47%, Braintree has a below average proportion of older people. By comparison, the Great Britain average for those aged 65 and over, shown by the dashed line, is 16.10%.



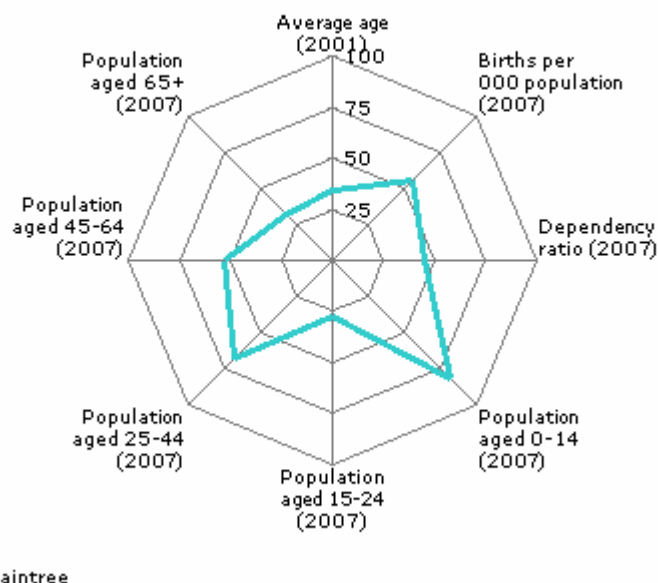
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## Age Indicators

The spider chart is a way of showing how Braintree rates against the national median. Data for every district in Great Britain is converted into a percentile score, with the highest ranking area scoring 100 and the bottom area zero.

The chart shows that Braintree has an average age below the national median. The chart also shows the age profile and a range of related demographic indicators for Braintree.



Source: Census 2001

## Age Indicators

Areas	Population aged 0-14 (%) 2007	Population aged 15-24 (%) 2007	Population aged 25-44 (%) 2007	Population aged 45-64 (%) 2007	Population aged 65+ (%) 2007	Births per 000 population (per 000) 2007	Dependency ratio (%) 2007	Average age (Years) 2001	Rank
Tendring	15.18	10.60	20.79	27.09	26.20	8.30	0.84	44.77	7/408
Brentwood	17.60	11.31	26.40	26.40	18.16	9.87	0.64	40.84	93/408
Castle Point	16.82	12.33	23.43	28.14	19.62	9.03	0.68	40.47	109/408
Rochford	17.64	11.44	25.18	27.13	18.61	9.86	0.66	40.24	122/408
Southend-on-Sea	17.90	12.04	27.04	24.81	18.21	12.51	0.65	40.24	122/408
Epping Forest	17.84	11.52	27.09	26.76	16.87	11.39	0.61	39.83	153/408
Maldon	17.63	10.90	24.68	29.33	17.15	9.72	0.64	39.53	174/408
Uttlesford	19.31	10.90	25.38	28.41	16	11.20	0.63	39.38	189/408
Braintree	18.74	11.28	27.89	26.61	15.47	11.45	0.60	38.53	260/408
Chelmsford	17.63	12.28	28.94	25.96	15.32	11.67	0.56	38.45	267/408
Colchester	16.70	16.13	29.46	23.42	14.36	11.12	0.51	37.98	307/408
Basildon	19.14	12.43	28.62	24.68	15.19	13.64	0.59	37.69	322/408
Harlow	19.03	13.03	29.50	23.50	14.94	15.36	0.57	36.97	358/408
Thurrock	20	12.53	30.73	23.80	13.07	14.78	0.56	36.55	370/408
<b>Essex</b>	<b>17.91</b>	<b>12.25</b>	<b>27.14</b>	<b>25.78</b>	<b>16.94</b>	<b>11.62</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>39.29</b>	<b>20/53</b>
<b>East of England</b>	<b>17.80</b>	<b>12.38</b>	<b>27.48</b>	<b>25.56</b>	<b>16.78</b>	<b>11.74</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>39.12</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Great Britain Average</b>	<b>17.51</b>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>28.07</b>	<b>24.99</b>	<b>16.10</b>	<b>12.09</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>39.28</b>	

Source: Census 2001

The rankings in the table are based on the "Average age" indicator

## Age Indicators Summary

Looking at some of the indicators from the table we find that:

- The proportion of the resident population aged 0-14 was estimated at 18.74% in 2007, which is very high by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the top 20% of districts. By comparison, the Essex figure was 17.91% and the national average was 17.51%.
- The proportion of the resident population aged 15-24 was estimated at 11.28% in 2007, which is low by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the bottom 40% of districts. By comparison, the Essex figure was 12.25% and the national average was 13.33%.
- The proportion of the resident population aged 25-44 was estimated at 27.89% in 2007, which is high by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the top 40% of districts. By comparison, the Essex figure was 27.14% and the national average was 28.07%.
- The proportion of the resident population aged 45-64 was estimated at 26.61% in 2007, which is average by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the middle 20% of districts. By comparison, the Essex figure was 25.78% and the national average was 24.99%.
- The proportion of the resident population aged 65 and over was estimated at 15.47% in 2007, which is low by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the bottom 40% of districts. By comparison, the Essex figure was 16.94% and the national average was 16.10%.
- The number of live births per 1000 of the resident population was 11.45 in 2006, which is average by national standards. This placed Braintree in the middle 20% of districts. By comparison, the Essex figure was 11.62 and the national figure was 12.09.
- The dependency ratio (the ratio of economically dependent people to those who are economically active) in Braintree is 0.60. This is average by national standards. By comparison, the Essex figure is 0.62 and the

## Nearest Neighbours

For the indicators in the spider chart shown earlier, the areas in the country with the most similar profiles are shown on the right. These are statistically the nearest neighbours to Braintree, with North Wiltshire in Wiltshire being the most similar on the age indicators.

Rank	Place Name	Sub Region
1	North Wiltshire	Wiltshire
2	Dacorum	Hertfordshire
3	South Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire
4	East Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire
5	Tonbridge and Malling	Kent & Medway
6	Three Rivers	Hertfordshire
7	Surrey Heath	Surrey
8	Vale of White Horse	Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire
9	Maidstone	Kent & Medway
10	South Oxfordshire	Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire

Source: Census 2001

## Glossary of terms

Average age	The mean average age of the resident population.
Dependency ratio	The ratio of economically dependent people within society to those who are economically active.
Live births per 1000 of the resident population	The number of live births per 1,000 residents.
Projected population aged 20 - 64	The likely proportion of the population which will be aged between 20 and 64 years over a twenty-five year period.
Proportion of population by age group	The percentage of the resident population aged 0-14, 15-24, 25-44, 45-64 and 65 and over.

## Data Sources and Definitions

Average age	This indicator was supplied in this format by the source.
Dependency ratio	The sum of those aged under 15 and those aged over 64, as a proportion of the total working age population.
Live births per 1000 of the resident population	The number of live births as a proportion of the total population (per 1000).
Projected population aged 20 - 64	Population projections are released by the ONS based on modelling techniques applied to mid-year population estimates. Births, deaths and other factors such as migration are taken into account when the data is modelled.
Proportion of population by age group	The number of residents in each age group as a proportion of an area's total population.

Source: Local Knowledge; Midyear population estimates; Sub-national Population projections by sex and quinary age groups; Census 2001 (ONS Crown Copyright).

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