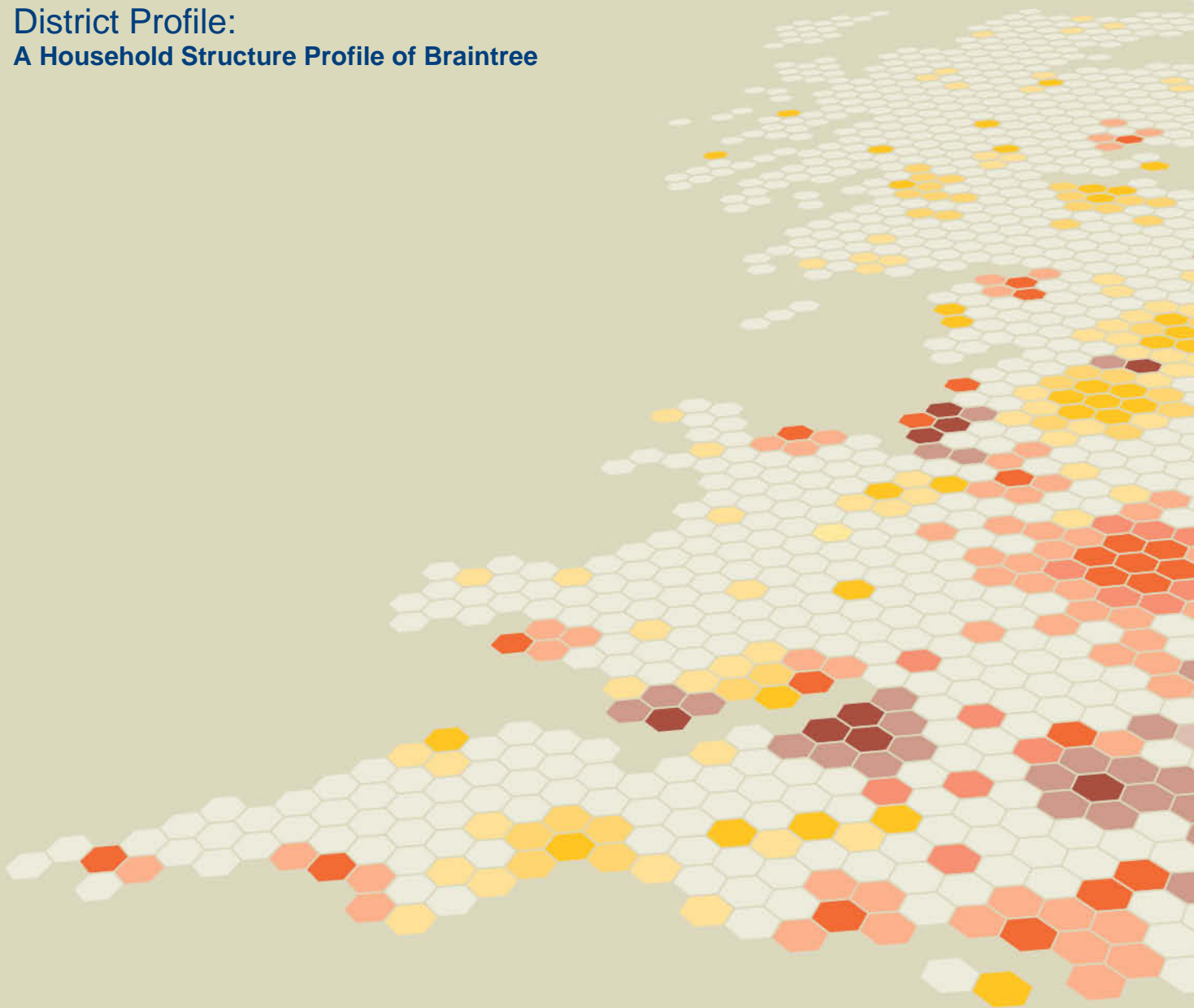


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## District Profile: A Household Structure Profile of Braintree



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## Household Structure Profile: Braintree

### Introduction

Demographic characteristics have a fundamental influence on the social and economic development of an area. The size and structure of households has implications for planning, housing demand and entitlement to benefits. This household structure profile assesses Braintree according to household composition; overall average household size; and projections of change in the number of households.

Braintree is ranked 152 out of 408 districts on the average household size, placing the area in the highest 40% of districts nationally.

With an average household size of 2.43 people, Braintree is above the national median. This is shown in the map, where areas with darker shadings have higher average household sizes and those with lighter shadings have lower averages.

The proportion of one person households in Braintree was 26.58% in 2001. By comparison, the Essex figure was 28.70%, the East of England figure was 28.28% and the national figure was 30.27%.

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

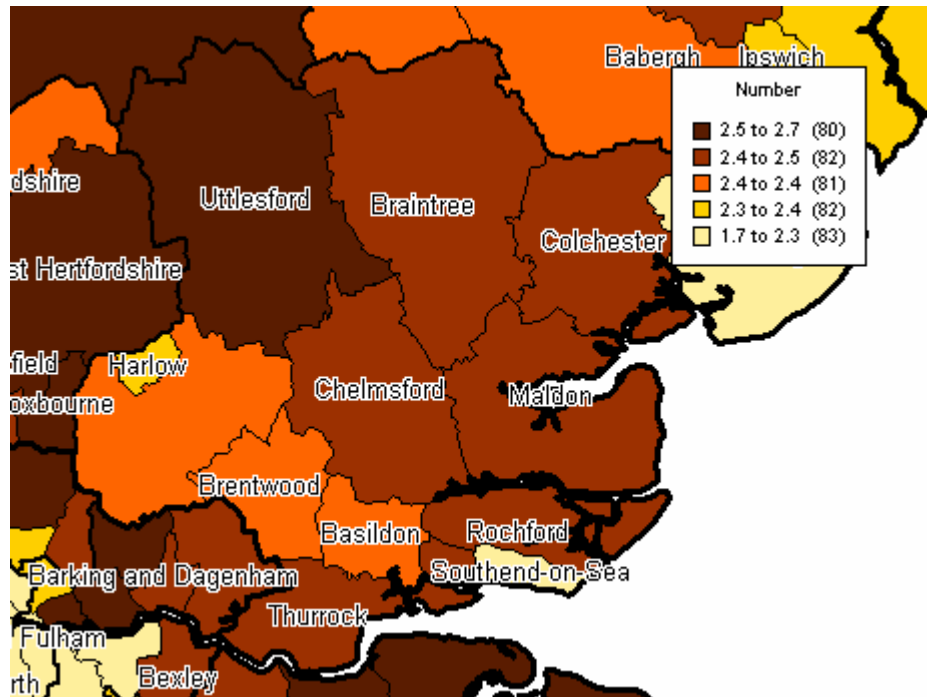
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## Average Household Size

The map shows the average household size in districts within Essex. The areas with very dark shading have higher averages and those with very light shading have lower averages.

With an average household size of 2.43 people, Braintree is in the highest 40% of districts and is in a sub region that has an average age in the middle 20% of sub regions nationally.

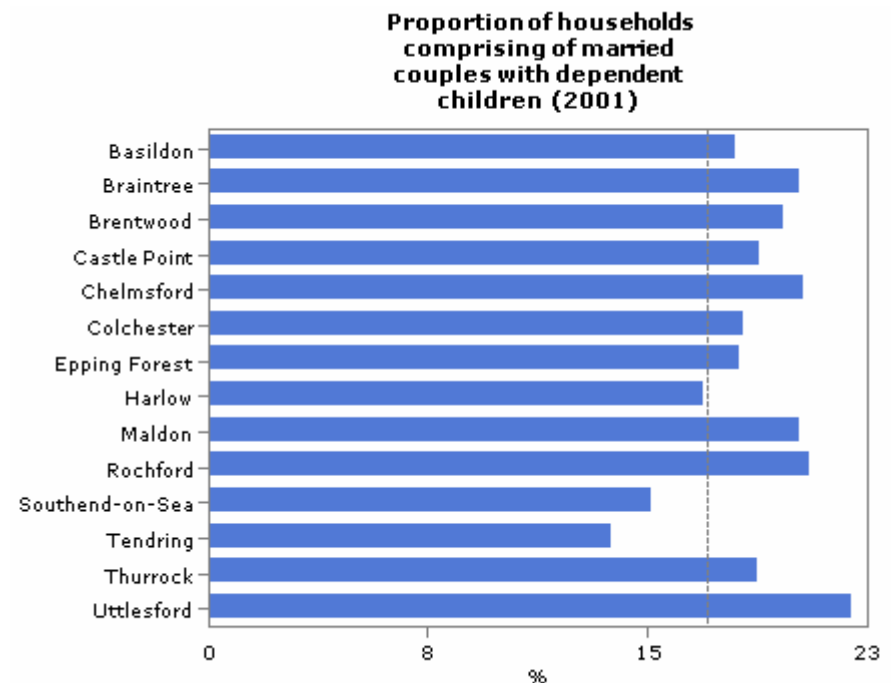


Source: Census 2001

## Proportion Of Households Comprising Of Married Couples With Dependent Children

The bar chart shows the proportion of households with married couples and dependent children in 2001, for districts in Essex.

The chart shows that at 20.71%, Braintree has a high proportion of households with married couples and dependent children. By comparison, the Great Britain average, shown by the dashed line, is 17.48%.



Source: Census 2001

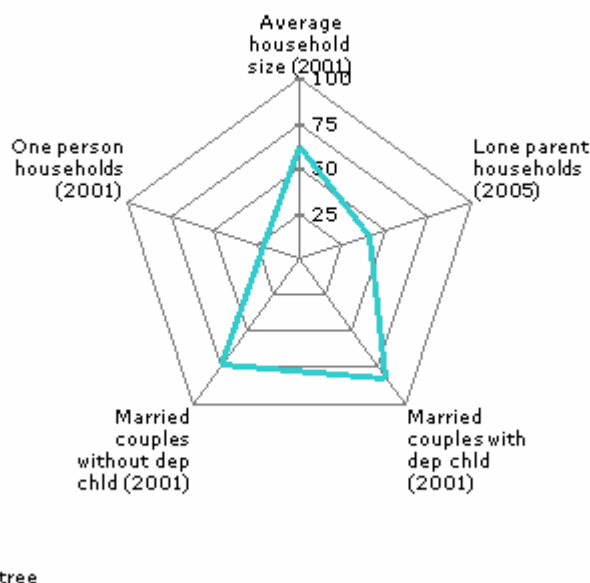
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## Household Structure Indicators

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 national median is shown by the 50th percentile.

The chart shows that Braintree has an average household size above the national median. The chart also shows a range of household structure indicators for Braintree.



Source: Census 2001

## Household Structure Indicators

Areas	One person households (%) 2001	Married couples without dep chld (%) 2001	Married couples with dep chld (%) 2001	Lone parent households (%) 2005	Average household size (Number) 2001	Rank
Uttlesford	24.71	17.14	22.54	4.60	2.51	39/408
Rochford	24.85	15.98	21.07	7.70	2.46	108/408
Maldon	25.23	17.16	20.71	6.20	2.46	109/408
Castle Point	25.62	15.73	19.28	3.90	2.46	110/408
Thurrock	27.38	13.02	19.19	7	2.45	126/408
Colchester	28.30	14.53	18.72	5.90	2.45	131/408
Braintree	26.58	15.74	20.71	5.70	2.43	152/408
Chelmsford	27.36	14.67	20.83	3.50	2.43	153/408
Basildon	28.59	13.48	18.43	10	2.39	220/408
Epping Forest	29.07	13.46	18.60	11.80	2.39	228/408
Brentwood	28.40	14.02	20.10	4.70	2.38	242/408
Harlow	29.53	12.10	17.33	6.40	2.37	250/408
Southend-on-Sea	35.23	10.98	15.49	6.90	2.26	383/408
Tendring	32.57	13.71	14.09	3.90	2.26	384/408
<b>Essex</b>	<b>28.70</b>	<b>14.06</b>	<b>18.68</b>	<b>6.43</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>26/53</b>
<b>East of England</b>	<b>28.28</b>	<b>14.42</b>	<b>18.95</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Great Britain Average</b>	<b>30.27</b>	<b>12.97</b>	<b>17.48</b>	<b>7.20</b>	<b>2.41</b>	

Source: Census 2001  
The rankings in the table are based on the "Average household size" indicator

## Household Structure Indicators Summary

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

- The proportion of one person households was 26.58% in 2001, which is low by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the bottom 40% of districts. By comparison, the Essex average was 28.70% and the national figure was 30.27%.
- The proportion of households with married couples but no dependent children was 15.74% in 2001, which is high by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the top 40% of districts. By comparison, the Essex average was 14.06% and the national figure was 12.97%.
- The proportion of households with married couples and dependent children was 20.71% in 2001, which is very high by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the top 20% of districts. By comparison, the Essex average was 18.68% and the national figure was 17.48%.
- The proportion of lone parent households was 5.70% in 2005, which is average by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the middle 20% of districts. By comparison, the Essex average was 6.43% and the national figure was 7.20%.

Source: Census 2001

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## 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 Rushcliffe in Nottinghamshire being the most similar on the household structure indicators.

Rank	Place Name	Sub Region
1	Rushcliffe	Nottinghamshire
2	Mid Sussex	Sussex
3	North West Leicestershire	Leicestershire
4	Hinckley and Bosworth	Leicestershire
5	North Warwickshire	Coventry & Warwickshire
6	West Lothian	Eastern Scotland
7	High Peak	Derbyshire
8	Castle Morpeth	Northumberland
9	Flintshire	Eastern Wales
10	South Ribble	Lancashire

Source: Census 2001

## Glossary of terms

Average household size	The mean average number of people living within a household.
Projected total households	The likely change in the number of households over a twenty-five year period.
Proportion of households comprising of married couples with dependent children	The proportion of households with married couples with dependent children. Dependent children are those under 16, or are aged 16-18, studying full-time and living in a family.
Proportion of households comprising of married couples with no children	The proportion of households with married couples with no children, whether dependent or not.
Proportion of lone parent households	The proportion of households that contain lone parents with dependent children. A lone parent is defined as a parent with a dependent child living in a household with no other people (whether related to that dependent child or not).
Proportion of one person households	The proportion of households that are occupied by only one person.

## Data Sources and Definitions

Average household size	This indicator was supplied in this format by the source.
Projected total households	Household projections are calculated by the ODPM (now DCLG) and are based on population projections published by the ONS.
Proportion of households comprising of married couples with dependent children	The number of households containing married couples with dependent children as a proportion of all households.
Proportion of households comprising of married couples with no children	The number of households containing married couples with no children as a proportion of all households.
Proportion of lone parent households	This indicator was supplied in this format by the source.
Proportion of one person households	The number of households containing only one person as a proportion of all households.

Source: Local Knowledge; Census 2001; Regional Trends; Household Estimates and Projections (ONS Crown Copyright).

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