Braintree District Ward Profiles

Stour Valley South Ward

Revised February 2019
Introduction

This profile explores the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Stour Valley South Ward and is largely based on data drawn from the 2011 Census. 2001 Census data has also been used to provide comparisons in the Ward over time for some of the characteristics. This profile is a snapshot, and is intended to support an understanding of Braintree District’s Ward characteristics.

These Ward profiles represent the new Ward boundaries introduced in the Braintree District by the Electoral Commission from May 2015. This has meant that it has not been possible to directly source data from the 2011 Census for these new Wards, as they didn’t exist when the Census was completed. Data for the rural Wards has been produced by adding up the Census data at a Parish level to make up the new Ward areas.
About Stour Valley South Ward

The Stour Valley South Ward is a predominantly rural Ward located in the north-east of the Braintree District and contains the following Parishes, Bulmer, Gestinthorpe, Wickham St. Paul, Bures Hamlet, Alphamstone, Great Henny, Lamarsh, Twinstead, Middleton and Little Henny. Following the redrawing of the Ward boundaries, the original Stour Valley South Ward was altered by expanding it to include the Parishes of Bulmer, Wickham St. Paul and Gestinthorpe. The Parish of Pebmarsh is no longer included within the boundaries of this Ward.

Local Governance

Stour Valley South Ward has Parish Councils in all of the Parishes that make up the Ward. For contact details please follow the below link:
http://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/ParishandTownCouncils.aspx

Stour Valley South Ward is currently served by the District Councillor, Wendy Scattergood. To find your District Councillor’s contact details please use the below link:
http://www.braintree.gov.uk/councillors/ward

Stour Valley South Ward is covered by the Hedingham County Electoral Division and the County Councillor serving this division is David Finch. To find your County Councillor’s contact details please use the below link:

The UK Parliament Constituency that covers the Stour Valley South Ward is the Braintree County Constituency and the MP responsible for this constituency is James Cleverly. To find your MP’s contact details please use the below link:
http://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200147/members_of_parliament/92/contact_your_mp

Community Facilities

For information on facilities, transport links, planning applications and crime levels within the Ward, please follow the below link and enter the postcode for the area you wish to investigate.
https://apps.esriuk.com/app/MyNearest/18/view/f1240506ad064aea8b7f5c8519d79b39/index.html

Major Businesses, Industrial Estates & Commercial Developments

If you would like information regarding businesses and commercial developments in the Ward please contact the Economic Development Team at the below email address:
ecodev@braintree.gov.uk
Development Sites

The Braintree Development Plan sets out what, where, when, and how development will be managed in the District.

Whilst the National Planning Policy Framework July 2018 (NPPF) sets out the presumption in favour of sustainable development, planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The NPPF does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making.

The current adopted Braintree District Development Plan is made up of a number of documents, including the Local Plan Review 2005 and the Core Strategy 2011.


The Local Plan Review is available to view as an interactive document at: [http://www.planvu.co.uk/bdc/plan_index.htm](http://www.planvu.co.uk/bdc/plan_index.htm)

The relevant maps show the allocations for homes, employment, open space and other designations. Inset maps can be found for each town or village with a defined development boundary, within which development is generally acceptable subject to the policies in the Plan. Areas outside of the development boundaries are classified as countryside where development is restricted to uses appropriate to the countryside.

The Pre Submission Site Allocations & Development Management Plan as amended by Further Changes (ADMP) was adopted at Full Council on 15th September 2014, as a material consideration in accordance with the Interim Planning Policy Statement. The ADMP also includes a Proposals Map and Inset Maps. The non-strategic sites and policies which are contained in the Pre Submission ADMP will be carried over into the new Local Plan unless new evidence or further changes in government policy require changes to be made.

ADMP text and maps are available at: [https://www.braintree.gov.uk/downloads/200521/site_allocations_and_development_management_plan](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/downloads/200521/site_allocations_and_development_management_plan)

The Authority begun work on a new Local Plan in the summer of 2014 to cover the period up to 2033. The new Local Plan is made up of two sections. Section 1 of the Plan is a Strategic Plan for North Essex - including the Garden Communities (This document is shared with Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council). Section 2 of the Plan covers policies, maps, sites for development, housing, employment, regeneration etc. within Braintree District.

Both sections of the Plan were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in October 2017, with examination hearings opening on 16th January 2018 for Section 1 of the Plan. The examination of Section 2 of the Plan will take place once the examination on Section 2 of the Plan has been concluded. Latest information on the new Local Plan can be found using the link below:

Link to the Braintree New Local Plan webpage: [https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/local_development_framework_and_planning_policy/701/new_local_plan](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/local_development_framework_and_planning_policy/701/new_local_plan)

The Government introduced new powers under the 2011 Localism Act for local communities to create Neighbourhood Development Plans for their areas. Several neighbourhood plans are currently being produced in the district. More details on neighbourhood planning within Braintree District can be found below:

Link to Braintree Neighbourhood Planning webpage: [https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/local_development_framework_and_planning_policy/458/neighbourhood_planning](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/local_development_framework_and_planning_policy/458/neighbourhood_planning)
A full list of Development Plan Documents, evidence based documents and timetables for documents currently being produced can be found in the Authorities’ Local Development Scheme (LDS).


**People**

**Population**

| Population of Stour Valley South Ward (Midyear Estimates ONS 2017) | 2,942 |
| Number of Households in Stour Valley South Ward (Census 2011) | 1,261 |

The Stour Valley South Ward resident population is 1.9% of the total Braintree District population of 151,677 (ONS Midyear Estimate 2017).

**Age**

Below is a table detailing the number of Stour Valley South Ward residents from the ONS 2017 Mid-Year Estimates who fall within each age group.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Age 0-15</th>
<th>Working Age Population</th>
<th>Age 65+</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>402</td>
<td>1,734</td>
<td>806</td>
<td>2,942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Braintree District</td>
<td>29,056</td>
<td>92,581</td>
<td>30,040</td>
<td>151,677</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Essex</td>
<td>275,142</td>
<td>893,293</td>
<td>299,742</td>
<td>1,468,177</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Health

Life Expectancy

There was no data on resident’s life expectancy at a Parish level that would have enabled figures for the new rural Ward boundaries to be produced. Census 2011 life expectancy data was instead found for the whole of the Halstead rural area using the old Ward boundaries. The Halstead rural area contains the following Wards (old boundaries), Bumpstead, Stour Valley North, The Colnes, Hedingham, Three Fields and Yeldham.

There was also no data available at a County level, so the East of England region is used as a comparison instead in the below table and chart.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Average life expectancy at birth for males (years)</th>
<th>Average life expectancy at birth for females (years)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Halstead Rural Area</td>
<td>81.6</td>
<td>85.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Braintree District</td>
<td>79.6</td>
<td>82.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East of England</td>
<td>79.3</td>
<td>83.0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The average life expectancy for males and females in the Halstead Rural Area was higher on average than the Braintree District and the East of England region as a whole.

Limiting long-term illness

Proportion of residents with a limiting long-term illness in Stour Valley South Ward (Census 2011)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Stour Valley South Ward</th>
<th>Braintree District</th>
<th>Essex</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>People aged 16-64 with a limiting long-term illness</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>People with a limiting long-term illness</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
<td>16.4%</td>
<td>17.1%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Stour Valley South Ward has a lower proportion of people with a limiting long-term illness than at a District and County levels

**Level of unpaid care provided**

The level of unpaid care provided by residents in Stour Valley South Ward (Census 2011)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Provides no unpaid care</th>
<th>Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week</th>
<th>Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week</th>
<th>Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>2,585</td>
<td>266</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>2,936</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The proportions of unpaid care provision by residents in Stour Valley South Ward are broadly similar to levels in the District and the County.

**Ethnicity**

Below is a table detailing the number of residents who identified themselves as a particular ethnicity according to the 2011 and 2001 Census data.
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>White British</th>
<th>White Irish</th>
<th>White or Irish Traveller*</th>
<th>Other White</th>
<th>Mixed</th>
<th>Asian or Asian British</th>
<th>Black or Black British</th>
<th>Other Ethnic Group</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>95.7%</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Braintree District</td>
<td>93.2%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>1.2%</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Essex</td>
<td>90.8%</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>97.6%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>0.5%</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
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*White or Irish Traveller was not recorded in the 2001 Census Data

Stour Valley South Ward saw a decrease in the proportion of people who identified themselves as “White British” by 1.9 percentage points when comparing the 2011 and 2001 censuses.

**Religion**

Below is a table detailing the number of residents from the 2011 and 2001 Census who identified themselves as having a particular religion.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Christian</th>
<th>Buddhist</th>
<th>Hindu</th>
<th>Jewish</th>
<th>Muslim</th>
<th>Sikh</th>
<th>Other religion</th>
<th>No religion</th>
<th>Not stated</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward (2011 Census)</td>
<td>1,971</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>689</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>2,936</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward (2001 Census)</td>
<td>1,649</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>336</td>
<td>142</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>76.9%</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>15.7%</td>
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<td>Braintree District</td>
<td>61.3%</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A much higher proportion of residents in the Ward describe themselves as “Christian” than the District and County average when looking at the 2011 Census data. The number of residents who described themselves as having “No religion” doubled over the period between the censuses.

**Highest level of qualification**

Below is a chart and table detailing the number and proportions of residents from the 2011 Census with a given highest level of qualification.

![Chart showing highest level of qualification](chart.png)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ward</th>
<th>No qualifications</th>
<th>Level 1 qualifications</th>
<th>Level 2 qualifications</th>
<th>Apprenticeship</th>
<th>Level 3 qualifications</th>
<th>Level 4 qualification and above</th>
<th>Other qualifications</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South</td>
<td>420</td>
<td>316</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>310</td>
<td>754</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>2,452</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
The proportion of residents in Stour Valley South Ward who hold a “Level 4 qualification and above” is much higher than the proportion of residents who hold this level of qualification when looking at a District or County level. The proportion of residents in the Ward who hold “No qualifications” is also much lower when compared to the other areas.

**Household composition**

Below is a chart and table detailing the household composition of residents in Stour Valley South Ward from the 2011 Census.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Stour Valley South Ward</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pensioner households (aged under 65)</td>
<td>27.2%</td>
<td>23.2%</td>
<td>20.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>One person households</td>
<td>10.8%</td>
<td>6.6%</td>
<td>5.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lone parent families with dependent children</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Married or Civil Partnership households with Dependent Children</td>
<td>42.3%</td>
<td>46.8%</td>
<td>38.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>22.4%</td>
<td>18.4%</td>
<td>22.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>25.0%</td>
<td>16.7%</td>
<td>13.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cohabiting households</td>
<td>8.2%</td>
<td>10.8%</td>
<td>8.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Student households</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other household type</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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<td>Braintree District</td>
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</table>

The proportion of households in Stour Valley South Ward that are “Pensioner households” is much higher than at a County and District level. Households living in Stour Valley South Ward are also less likely to be “Lone parent families with dependent children” than at a County or District level.

**Place**

**Housing tenure**

Below is a table and charts detailing the proportion and number of households in Stour Valley South Ward who held a given housing tenure in the 2011 and 2001 Census. Those living “rent free” have been included with those residents in “private rent” tenures.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>The housing tenure proportions of households in Stour Valley South Ward (Census 2011)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Owner Occupier</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
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<tr>
<td>Braintree District</td>
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<tr>
<td>Essex</td>
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The above chart shows that according to the Census 2011 data, the proportions of households who are owner occupiers are significantly higher than the overall District and County proportions. The proportion of households socially renting in the Ward is also much lower than the overall District level proportion.
Residents in Stour Valley South Ward saw a slight increase in the proportion of residents who are owner occupiers and a fall in those who privately rent over the period when compared to the overall Essex and the Braintree District proportions. This trend in the Ward was the reverse of what was seen when looking at the County and District as a whole.

### Household Size

![The proportion of households in Stour Valley South Ward of a particular household size (Census 2011)]
### Social housing stock

Our housing StatNav website gathers together housing needs statistics for all parishes and towns across the district. It is a research tool which has been created through a joint project by Greenfields Community Housing and Braintree District Housing.

To find out more information on Social Housing Stock please visit the Housing StatNav website at:

https://www.braintree.gov.uk/housingstatnav/downloads

### How residents travel to work

Below are tables detailing the number and proportions of how residents of Stour Valley South Ward travel to work according to the 2011 Census.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method of Travel to Work</th>
<th>Stour Valley South Ward</th>
<th>Braintree District</th>
<th>Essex</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Works mainly at home</td>
<td>186</td>
<td>4,417</td>
<td>36,346</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Underground, light rail</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>211</td>
<td>15,788</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Train</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>6,295</td>
<td>71,710</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bus, minibus or coach</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>1,653</td>
<td>22,009</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taxi</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>262</td>
<td>3,913</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motorcycle, scooter or</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>460</td>
<td>4,982</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Car or van</td>
<td>999</td>
<td>48,490</td>
<td>408,986</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Passenger in Car or Van</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>3,654</td>
<td>31,594</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bicycle</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>1,101</td>
<td>14,247</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>On foot</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>7,256</td>
<td>62,214</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other method</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>401</td>
<td>3,742</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,432</strong></td>
<td><strong>74,200</strong></td>
<td><strong>675,531</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Method of Travel to Work</td>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>Braintree District</td>
<td>Essex</td>
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<tr>
<td>Works mainly at home</td>
<td>13.0%</td>
<td>6.0%</td>
<td>5.4%</td>
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<td>Underground, light rail</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
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<td>Train</td>
<td>6.1%</td>
<td>8.5%</td>
<td>10.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bus, minibus or coach</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
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<td>Taxi</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motorcycle, scooter or</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Car or van</td>
<td>69.8%</td>
<td>65.4%</td>
<td>60.5%</td>
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<td>Passenger in Car or Van</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
<td>4.7%</td>
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<td>Bicycle</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>On foot</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
<td>9.2%</td>
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<td>Other method</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>100.0%</strong></td>
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Residents in Stour Valley South Ward are twice more likely to work at home than on average when compared to a District or County level.

**Car & van ownership**

The proportion of residents in Stour Valley South Ward who own a car or van (Census 2011)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>None</th>
<th>1 car or van</th>
<th>2 cars or vans</th>
<th>3 cars or vans</th>
<th>4 cars or vans</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
<td>33.1%</td>
<td>39.9%</td>
<td>12.0%</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
<td>1,261</td>
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<tr>
<td>Braintree District</td>
<td>16.2%</td>
<td>40.3%</td>
<td>32.1%</td>
<td>8.0%</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Essex</td>
<td>18.0%</td>
<td>42.1%</td>
<td>29.6%</td>
<td>7.4%</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
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Prosperity

Economic activity

The economic activity of residents aged 16-74 in Stour Valley South Ward (Census 2011)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Employed</th>
<th>Unemployed</th>
<th>Retired</th>
<th>Student</th>
<th>Long-term sick or disabled</th>
<th>Economically Inactive</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>1,397</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>451</td>
<td>112</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>135</td>
<td>2,168</td>
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</table>

Employment type

The type of employment held by residents of Stour Valley South Ward (Census 2011)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Part-Time</th>
<th>Full-Time</th>
<th>Self Employed</th>
<th>Total Employed</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stour Valley South Ward</td>
<td>22.5%</td>
<td>49.3%</td>
<td>28.2%</td>
<td>1,397</td>
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<tr>
<td>Braintree District</td>
<td>21.9%</td>
<td>60.9%</td>
<td>17.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Essex</td>
<td>22.3%</td>
<td>60.5%</td>
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## Employment sectors

The information below shows the three largest employment sectors of residents in Stour Valley South Ward, as well as the number and percentage of employed people working in each of these sectors (Census 2011).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Largest employment sector</th>
<th>Second largest employment sector</th>
<th>Third largest employment sector</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Stour Valley South Ward</strong></td>
<td><strong>Retail</strong></td>
<td><strong>Education</strong></td>
<td><strong>Construction</strong></td>
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<td></td>
<td>203 employees</td>
<td>164 employees</td>
<td>157 employees</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(14.2% of 1,432 people in employment*)</td>
<td>(11.5% of 1,432 people in employment*)</td>
<td>(11% of 1,432 people in employment*)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Braintree District</strong></td>
<td><strong>Retail</strong></td>
<td><strong>Health &amp; Social Work</strong></td>
<td><strong>Construction</strong></td>
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<td>12,125 employees</td>
<td>8,076 employees</td>
<td>7,828 employees</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(16.3% of 74,200 people in employment)</td>
<td>(10.9% of 74,200 people in employment)</td>
<td>(10.5% of 74,200 people in employment)</td>
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<td><strong>Essex</strong></td>
<td><strong>Retail</strong></td>
<td><strong>Health &amp; Social Work</strong></td>
<td><strong>Construction</strong></td>
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<td>107,292 employees</td>
<td>77,204 employees</td>
<td>67,575 employees</td>
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<td>(15.9% of 675,531 people in employment)</td>
<td>(11.4% of 675,531 people in employment)</td>
<td>(10% of 675,531 people in employment)</td>
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*The total employed figure for the Ward in the in the above table may differ slightly to the total employed figure seen in the earlier “Employment type” table because of the way this data has been modelled.*