

Basic facts about Church Ward

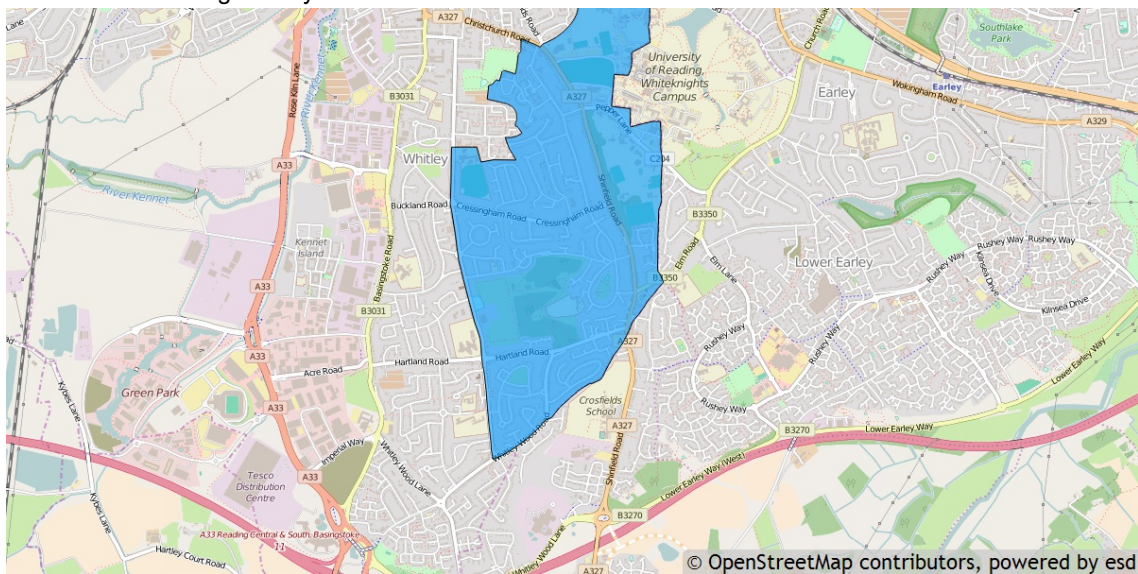
This report provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic and socio-economic make-up of the Church Ward within Reading Unitary. It looks at the population structure and provides information on the economic, housing and educational achievement of the Ward.

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Church is one of the 16 Wards of Reading. It has an area of 253 hectares which represents 6.26% of the total area of Reading Unitary.



Residents

Church has a resident population of 10,566 which represents 6.79% of the total Reading Unitary resident population of 155,698.

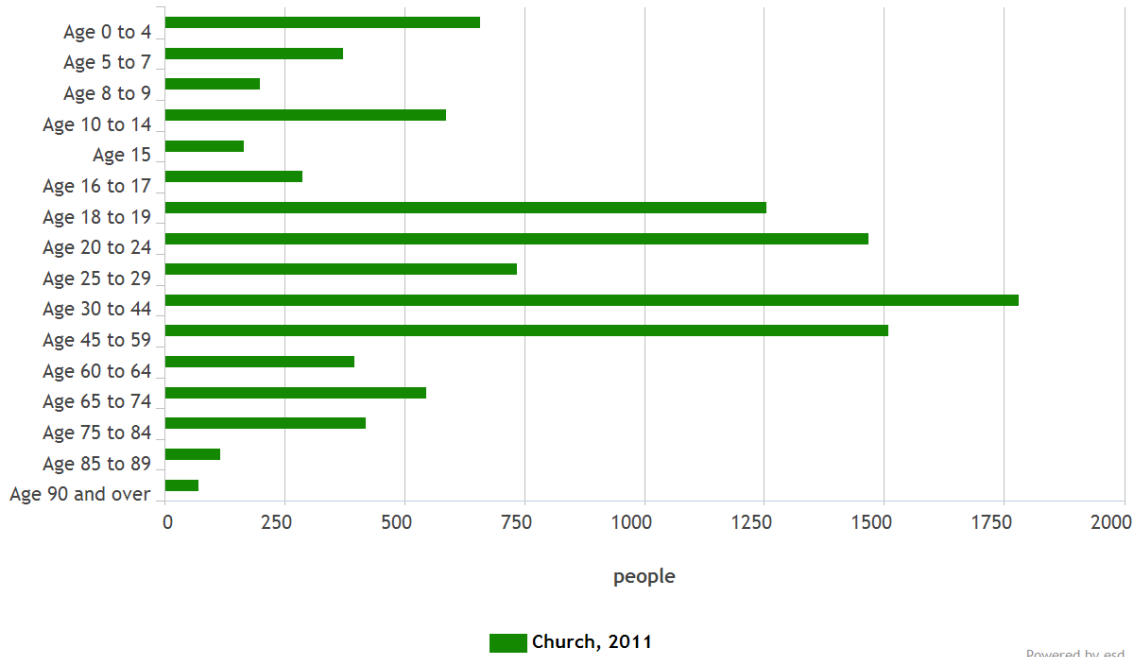
Church's resident population is 51.4% female and 48.6% male.

Age

The mean age of the Church Ward population is 33 years compared to a mean age of 35 years for residents in the whole of Reading . The predominant age band in Church is Age 30 to 44 which represents 16.90% of the total Ward population.

Age structure

source: Census 2011

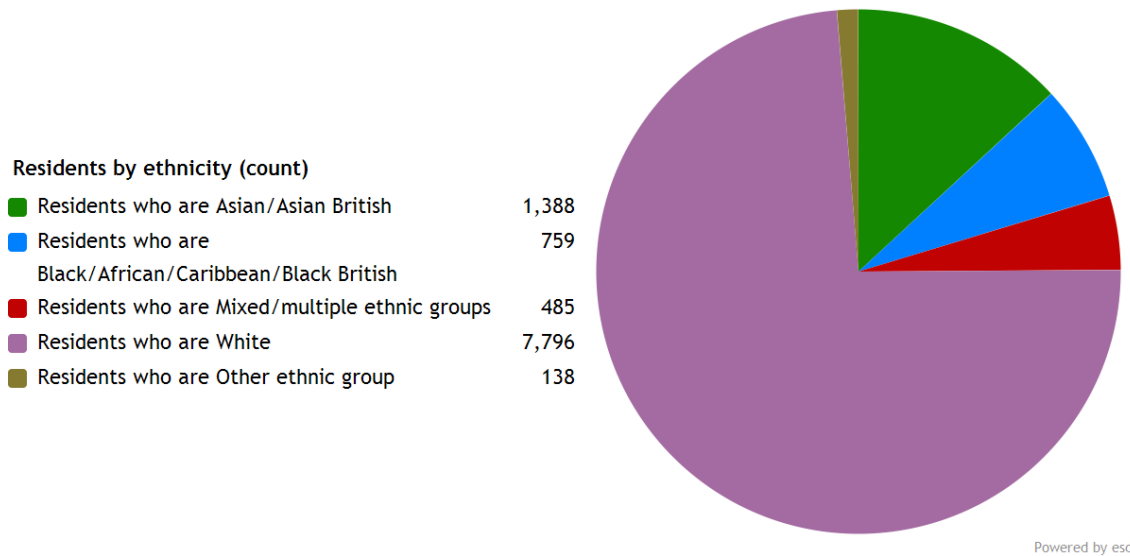


Ethnicity

The largest ethnic group in Church is 'Number of usual residents who are White' with 73.8% of the Ward's population. That compares with a figure of 74.8% for Reading Unitary as a whole and 85.4% for South East .

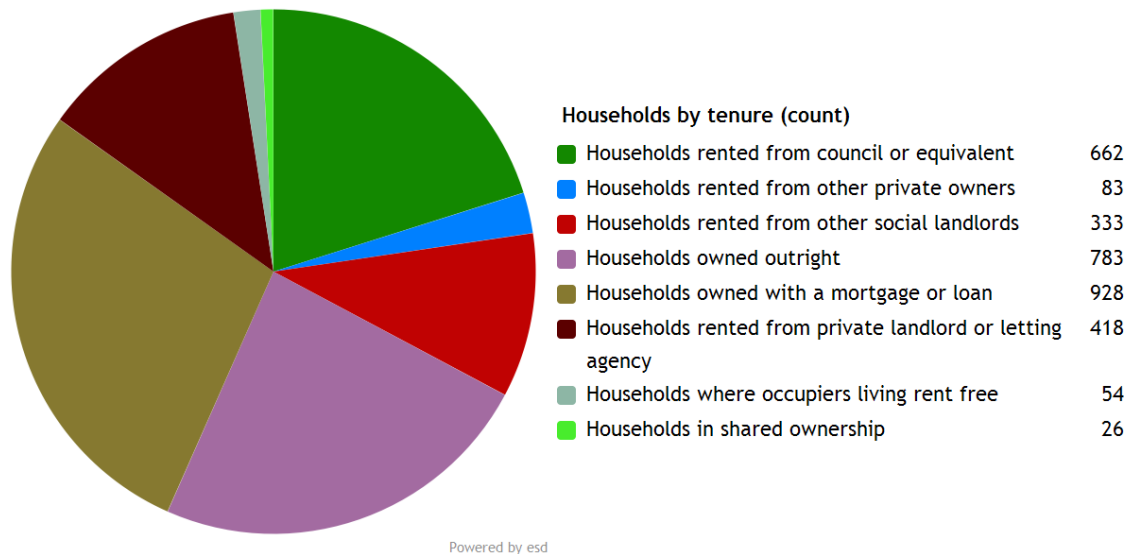
The second largest ethnic group is 'Number of usual residents who are Asian/Asian British' with 13.2% of the Ward's population. That compares with 13.6% for the Unitary as a whole and 5.2% for South East.

The ethnic split of Church's residents is shown below.



Households

Church Ward has 3,287 households, which represent 5.23% of Reading's 62,869 households. The household split by tenure is shown below.



The largest number of households lives in 'Number of all households - Owned with a mortgage or loan' accommodation with 28.2% of Church households. That compares with 32.2% for Reading Unitary as a whole and 33.5% for South East.

The second largest number of households lives in 'Percentage of all households - Owned outright' accommodation with 23.8% of the Ward's households. That compares with 22.6% for the Unitary as a whole and 31.0% for South East.

Church has 509 households with dependent children aged 0 to 4. That represents 15.50% of the Ward's households.

1,129 households in the Ward have dependent children of all ages. That represents 34.30% of the Ward's households.

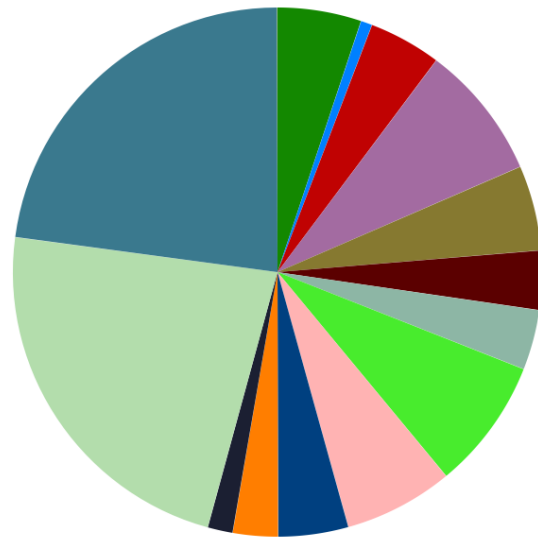
Employment

The following chart provides a breakdown of Church Ward by socio-economic classification for all residents aged 16 – 74.

The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. It is an Office for National Statistics standard classification. To assign a person aged 16 to 74 to an NS-SEC category their occupation title is combined with information about their employment status, whether they are employed or self-employed, and whether or not they supervise other employees. Full-time students are recorded in the 'full-time students' category regardless of whether they are economically active or not.

Residents by NS-Sec (count)

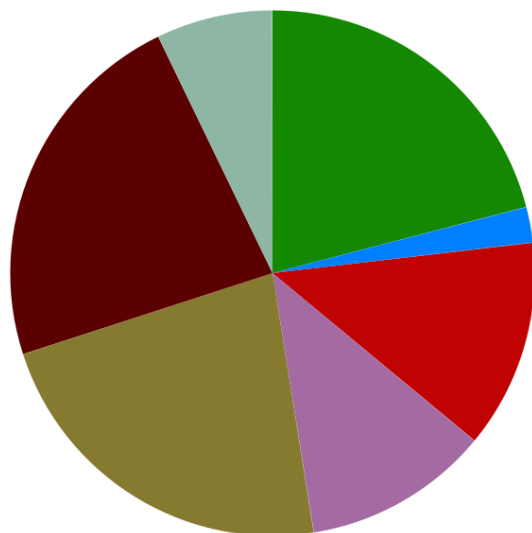
NS-Sec: Higher managerial, administrative and professional	604
NS-Sec: Large employers and higher managerial and administrative	81
NS-Sec: Higher professional	523
NS-Sec: Lower managerial, administrative and professional	970
NS-Sec: Intermediate	613
NS-Sec: Small employers and own account workers	427
NS-Sec: Lower supervisory and technical	432
NS-Sec: Semi-routine occupations	946
NS-Sec: Routine occupations	787
NS-Sec: Never worked and long-term unemployed	504
NS-Sec: Never worked	325
NS-Sec: Long-term unemployed	179
NS-Sec: Not classified	2,695
NS-Sec: Full-time students	2,695
NS-Sec: Not classifiable for other reasons	0



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The largest group is National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification - Not classified representing 33.80% of the Ward's population.

Education



Residents by educational qualifications (count)

No qualifications	1,799
Apprenticeship	188
Level 1 qualifications	1,104
Level 2 qualifications	986
Level 3 qualifications	1,933
Level 4 qualifications and above	1,959
Other qualifications	615

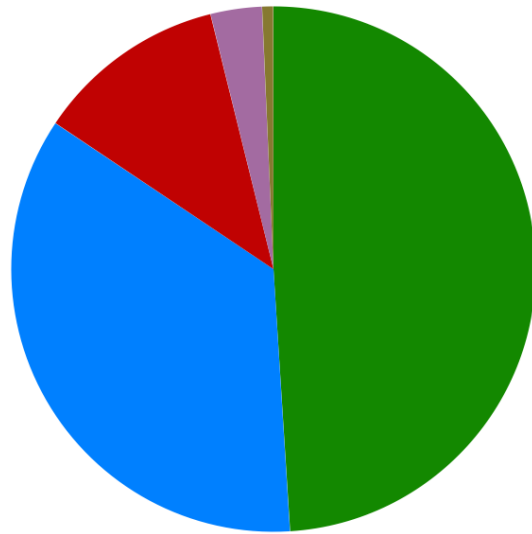
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22.80% of Church's residents have achieved level 4 qualifications and above compared to 34.80% in Reading as a whole and 21.00% of Church's residents have no qualifications compared to 17.40% in Reading .

Health

Residents by level of health (count)

Very good health	5,177
Good health	3,739
Fair health	1,242
Bad health	335
Very bad health	73



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Church has 335 (3.2%) residents that report being in bad health and 73 (0.7%) residents that report being in very bad health.

Its ranking for the number of residents in very bad health is 8 (out of 16 Wards) within Reading.

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