# Basic facts about Park Ward

This report provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic and socio-economic make-up of the Park 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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Park is one of the 16 Wards of Reading. It has an area of 133 hectares which represents 3.29% of the total area of Reading Unitary.
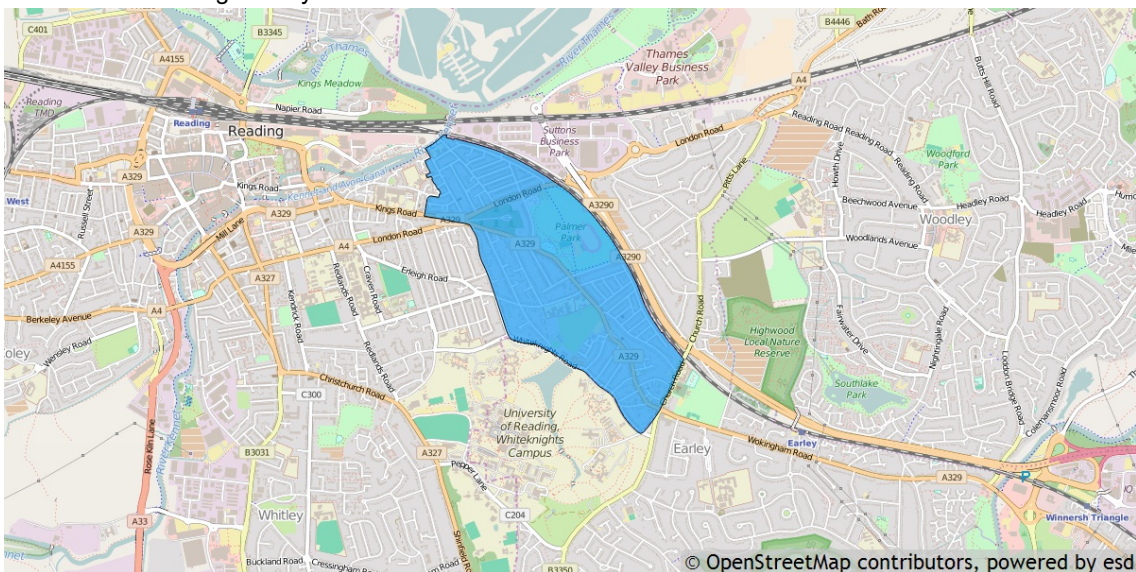
Residents

Park has a resident population of 11,102 which represents 7.13% of the total Reading Unitary resident population of 155,698.
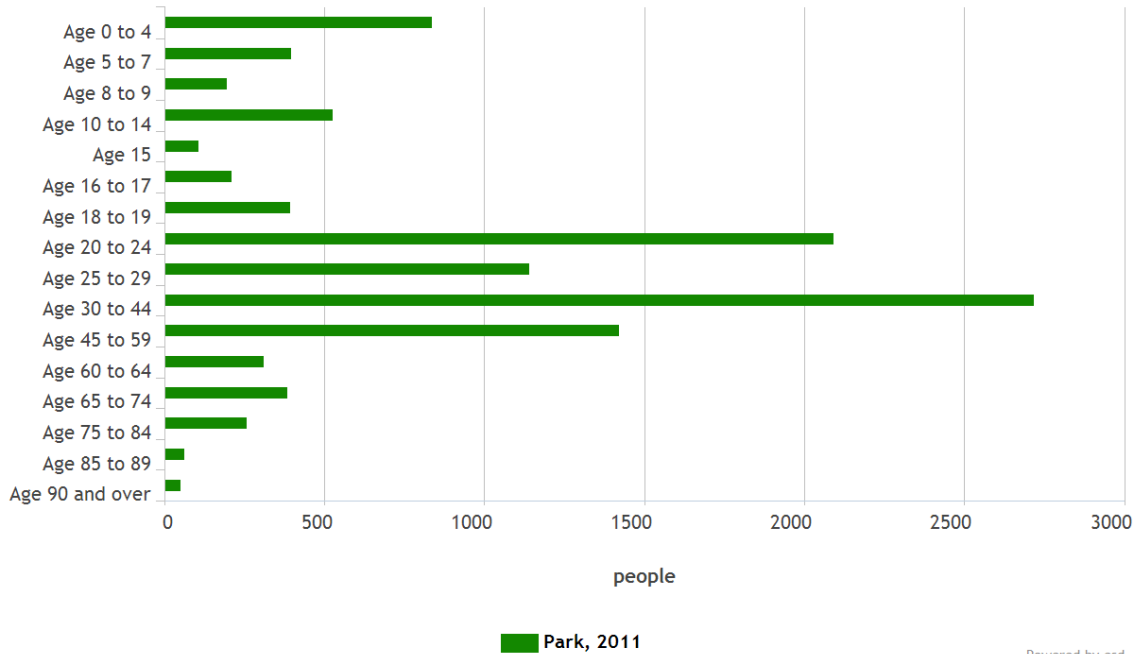
Park's resident population is 48.1% female and 51.9% male.

Age

The mean age of the Park Ward population is 31 years compared to a mean age of 35 years for residents in the whole of Reading . The predominant age band in Park is Age 30 to 44 which represents 24.50% of the total Ward population.
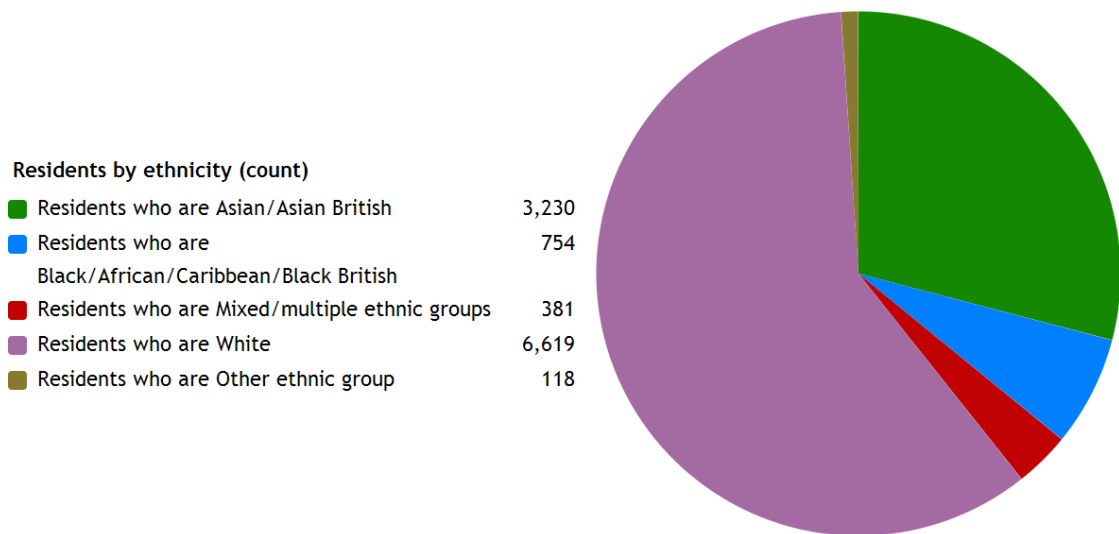
Age structure

people

Park, 2011

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Ethnicity

The largest ethnic group in Park is 'Number of usual residents who are White' with 59.7% 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 29.1% 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 Park's residents is shown below.

Residents by ethnicity (count)

Residents who are Asian/Asian British	3,230
Residents who are Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	754
Residents who are Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	381
Residents who are White	6,619
Residents who are Other ethnic group	118

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Households

Park Ward has 3,842 households, which represent 6.11% of Reading's 62,869 households. The household split by tenure is shown below.

Households by tenure (count)

🟩	Households rented from council or equivalent	74
🟦	Households rented from other private owners	89
🟥	Households rented from other social landlords	155
🟪	Households owned outright	733
🟫	Households owned with a mortgage or loan	1,232
🟥	Households rented from private landlord or letting agency	1,466
🟦	Households where occupiers living rent free	33
🟩	Households in shared ownership	60

The largest number of households lives in 'Number of all households - Private rented: Private landlord or letting agency' accommodation with 38.2% of Park households. That compares with 24.7% for Reading Unitary as a whole and 14.1% for South East.

The second largest number of households lives in 'Percentage of all households - Owned with a mortgage or loan' accommodation with 32.1% of the Ward's households. That compares with 32.2% for the Unitary as a whole and 33.5% for South East.

Park has 644 households with dependent children aged 0 to 4. That represents 16.80% of the Ward's households.

1,252 households in the Ward have dependent children of all ages. That represents 32.60% of the Ward's households.

Employment

The following chart provides a breakdown of Park 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	1,179
■	NS-SeC: Large employers and higher managerial and administrative	130
■	NS-SeC: Higher professional	1,049
■	NS-SeC: Lower managerial, administrative and professional	1,635
■	NS-SeC: Intermediate	691
■	NS-SeC: Small employers and own account workers	455
■	NS-SeC: Lower supervisory and technical	360
■	NS-SeC: Semi-routine occupations	882
■	NS-SeC: Routine occupations	563
■	NS-SeC: Never worked and long-term unemployed	519
■	NS-SeC: Never worked	406
■	NS-SeC: Long-term unemployed	113
■	NS-SeC: Not classified	2,387
■	NS-SeC: Full-time students	2,387
■	NS-SeC: Not classifiable for other reasons	0
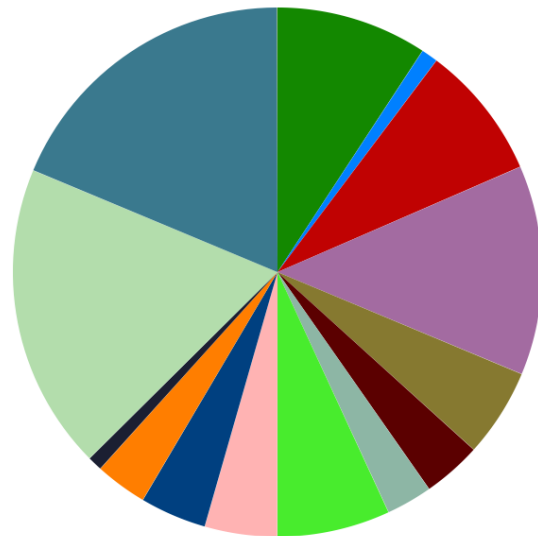
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The largest group is National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification - Not classified representing 27.50% of the Ward's population.

Education
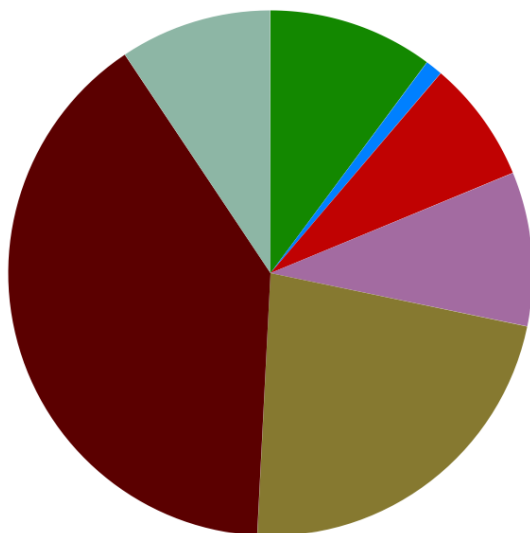
Residents by educational qualifications (count)

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■	No qualifications	921
■	Apprenticeship	96
■	Level 1 qualifications	680
■	Level 2 qualifications	857
■	Level 3 qualifications	2,039
■	Level 4 qualifications and above	3,599
■	Other qualifications	847

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39.80% of Park's residents have achieved level 4 qualifications and above compared to 34.80% in Reading as a whole and 10.20% of Park's residents have no qualifications compared to 17.40% in Reading .

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Health

Residents by level of health (count)

🟩	Very good health	6,020
🟦	Good health	3,894
🟥	Fair health	900
🟪	Bad health	226
🟫	Very bad health	62
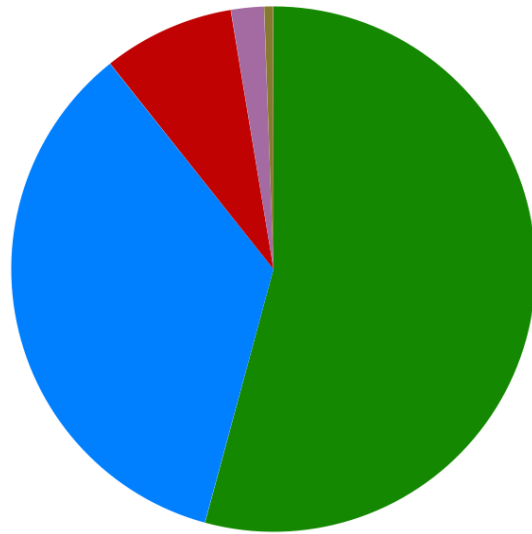
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Park has 226 (2.0%) residents that report being in bad health and 62 (0.6%) residents that report being in very bad health.

Its ranking for the number of residents in very bad health is 4 (out of 16 Wards) within Reading.

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