

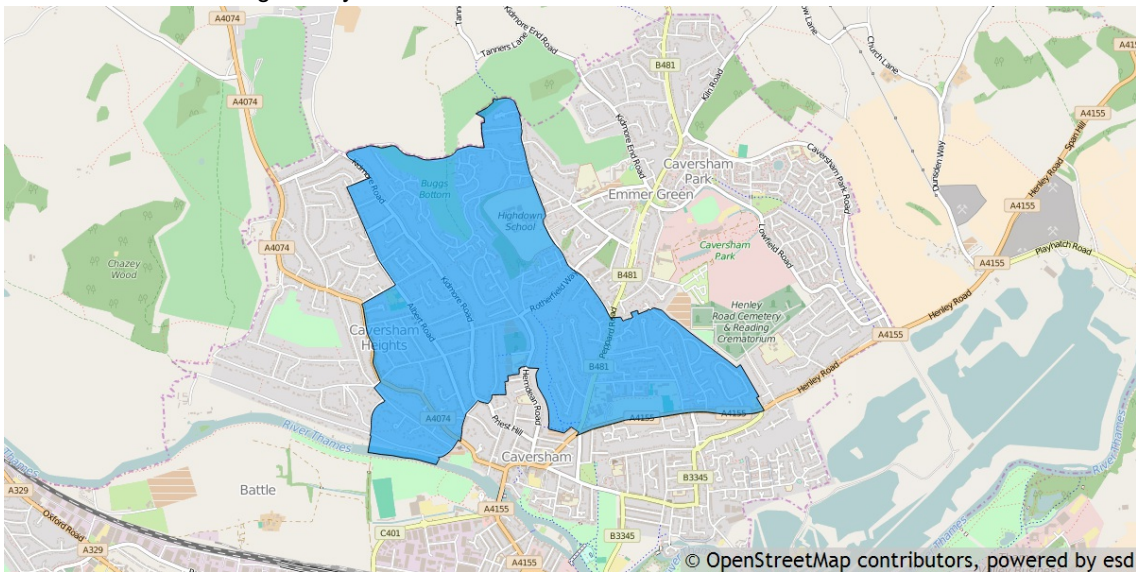
Basic facts about Thames Ward

This report provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic and socio-economic make-up of the Thames 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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Thames is one of the 16 Wards of Reading. It has an area of 282 hectares which represents 6.98% of the total area of Reading Unitary.



Residents

Thames has a resident population of 9,701 which represents 6.23% of the total Reading Unitary resident population of 155,698.

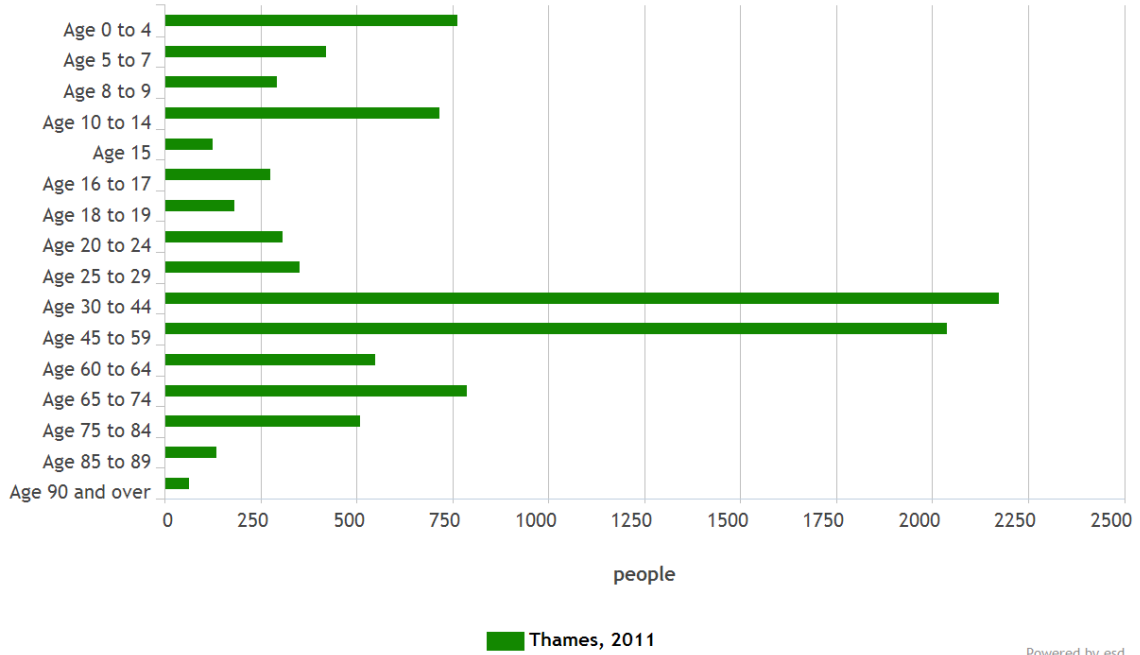
Thames's resident population is 51.9% female and 48.1% male.

Age

The mean age of the Thames Ward population is 39 years compared to a mean age of 35 years for residents in the whole of Reading . The predominant age band in Thames is Age 30 to 44 which represents 22.40% of the total Ward population.

Age structure

source: Census 2011

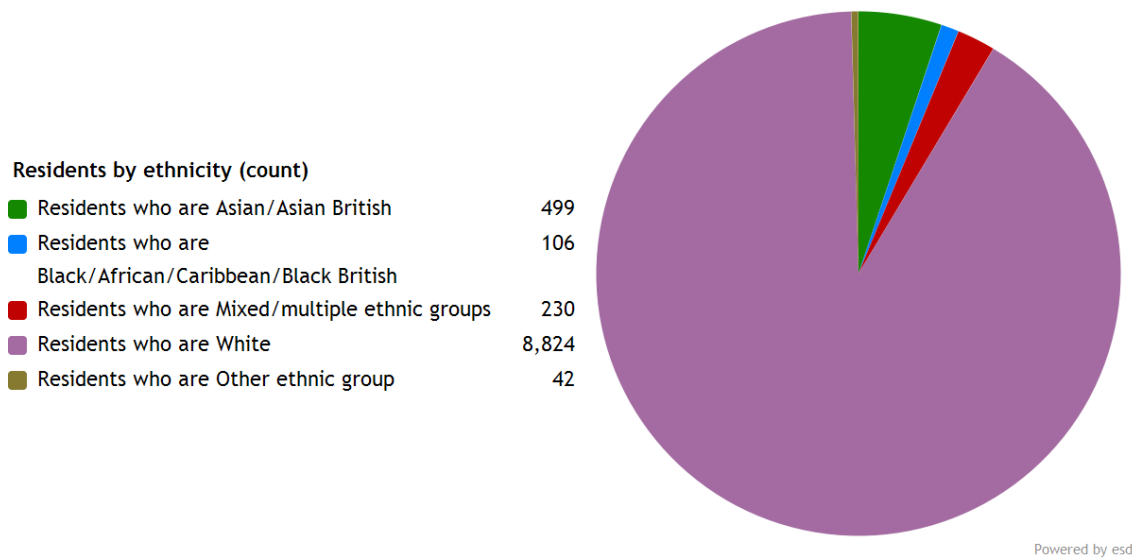


Ethnicity

The largest ethnic group in Thames is 'Number of usual residents who are White' with 90.9% 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 .

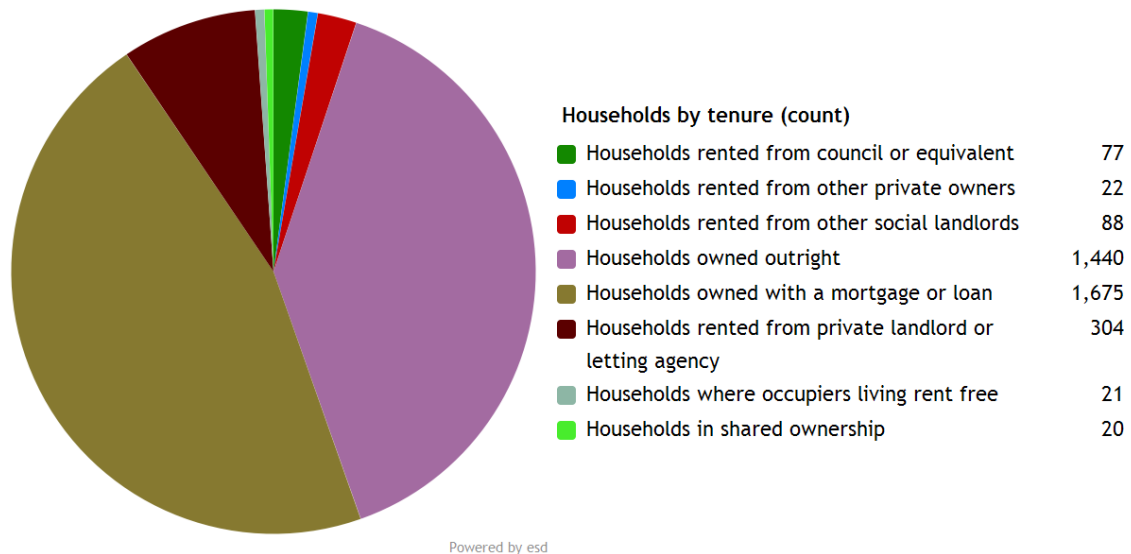
The second largest ethnic group is 'Number of usual residents who are Asian/Asian British' with 5.1% of the Ward's population. That compares with 13.6% for the Unitary as a whole and 5.2% for South East.

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



Households

Thames Ward has 3,647 households, which represent 5.80% 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 45.9% of Thames 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 39.5% of the Ward's households. That compares with 22.6% for the Unitary as a whole and 31.0% for South East.

Thames has 573 households with dependent children aged 0 to 4. That represents 15.70% of the Ward's households.

1,387 households in the Ward have dependent children of all ages. That represents 38.00% of the Ward's households.

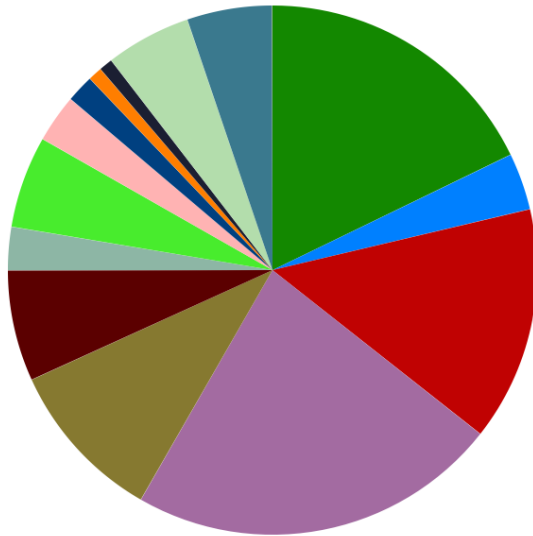
Employment

The following chart provides a breakdown of Thames 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)

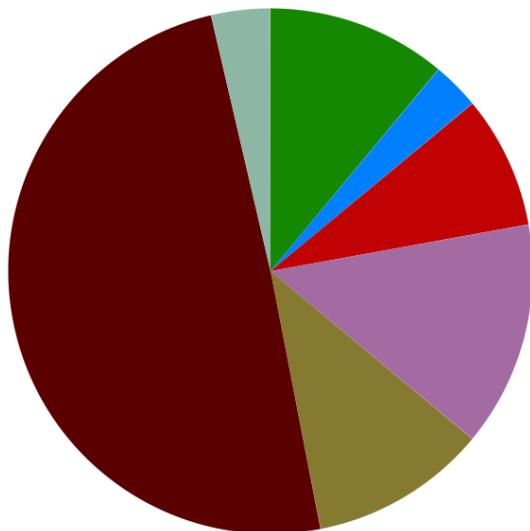
NS-SeC: Higher managerial, administrative and professional	1,579
NS-SeC: Large employers and higher managerial and administrative	310
NS-SeC: Higher professional	1,269
NS-SeC: Lower managerial, administrative and professional	2,009
NS-SeC: Intermediate	878
NS-SeC: Small employers and own account workers	601
NS-SeC: Lower supervisory and technical	235
NS-SeC: Semi-routine occupations	498
NS-SeC: Routine occupations	260
NS-SeC: Never worked and long-term unemployed	150
NS-SeC: Never worked	76
NS-SeC: Long-term unemployed	74
NS-SeC: Not classified	462
NS-SeC: Full-time students	462
NS-SeC: Not classifiable for other reasons	0



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The largest group is National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification - 2. Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations representing 30.10% of the Ward's population.

Education



Residents by educational qualifications (count)

No qualifications	817
Apprenticeship	217
Level 1 qualifications	602
Level 2 qualifications	1,024
Level 3 qualifications	806
Level 4 qualifications and above	3,648
Other qualifications	268

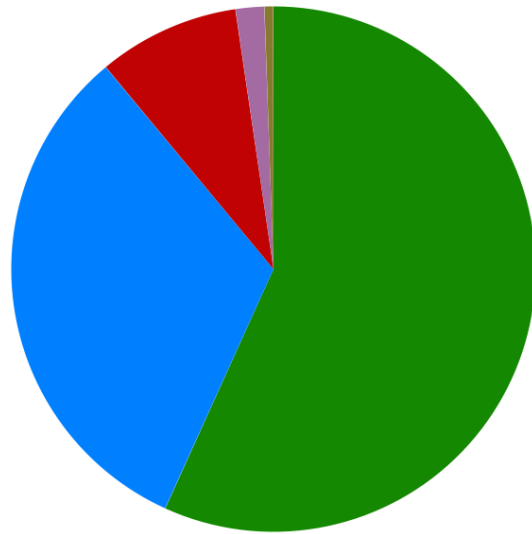
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49.40% of Thames's residents have achieved level 4 qualifications and above compared to 34.80% in Reading as a whole and 11.10% of Thames's residents have no qualifications compared to 17.40% in Reading .

Health

Residents by level of health (count)

Very good health	5,508
Good health	3,123
Fair health	845
Bad health	172
Very bad health	53



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Thames has 172 (1.8%) residents that report being in bad health and 53 (0.5%) residents that report being in very bad health.

Its ranking for the number of residents in very bad health is 2 (out of 16 Wards) within Reading.

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