

Basic facts about Whitley Ward

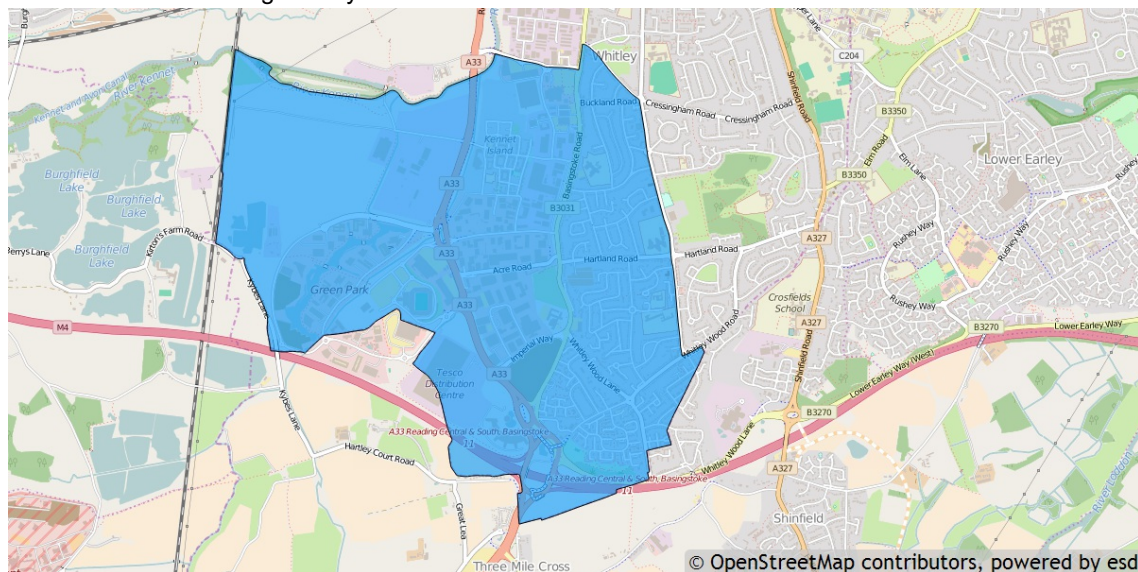
This report provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic and socio-economic make-up of the Whitley Ward within Reading Unitary. It looks at the population structure and provides information on the economic, housing and educational achievement of the Ward.

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Whitley is one of the 16 Wards of Reading. It has an area of 580 hectares which represents 14.36% of the total area of Reading Unitary.



Residents

Whitley has a resident population of 11,460 which represents 7.36% of the total Reading Unitary resident population of 155,698.

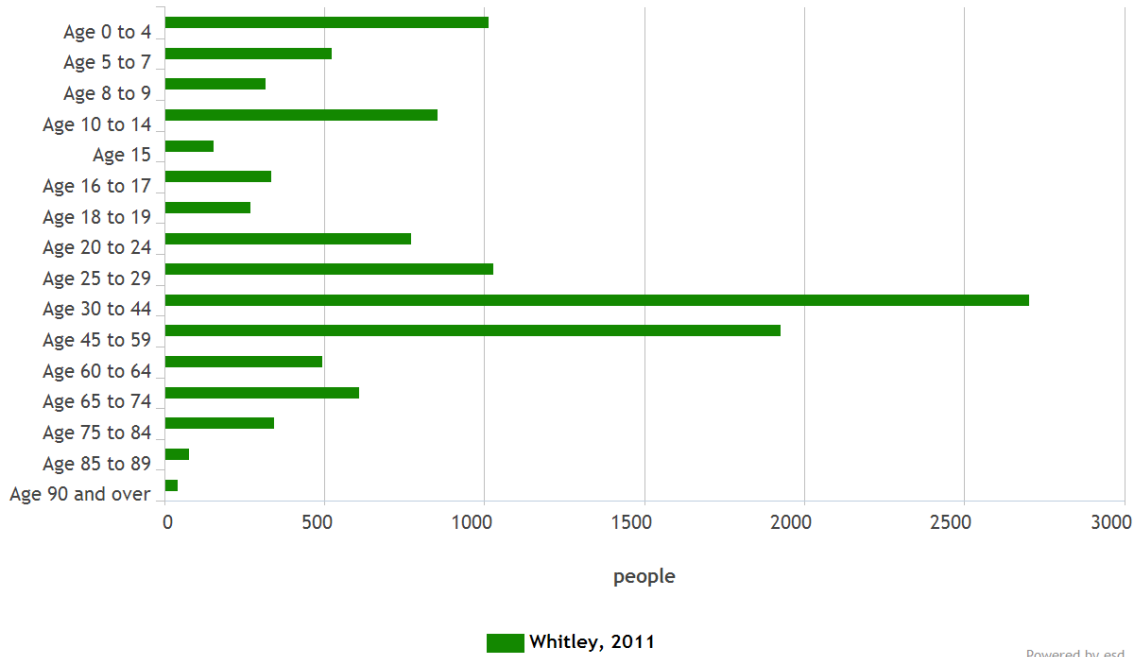
Whitley's resident population is 50.9% female and 49.1% male.

Age

The mean age of the Whitley Ward population is 34 years compared to a mean age of 35 years for residents in the whole of Reading . The predominant age band in Whitley is Age 30 to 44 which represents 23.60% of the total Ward population.

Age structure

source: Census 2011

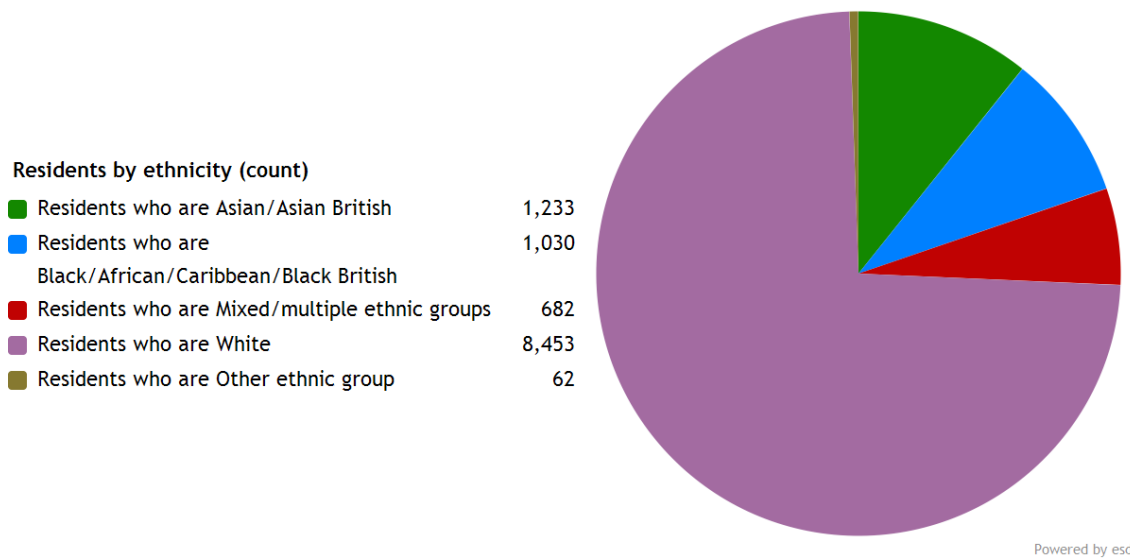


Ethnicity

The largest ethnic group in Whitley 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 .

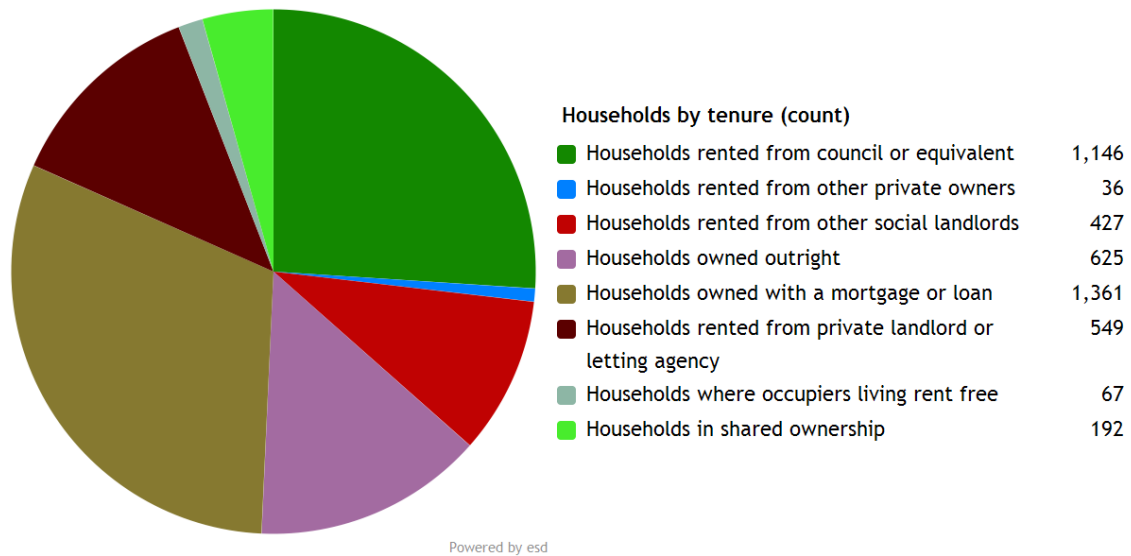
The second largest ethnic group is 'Number of usual residents who are Asian/Asian British' with 10.7% of the Ward's population. That compares with 13.6% for the Unitary as a whole and 5.2% for South East.

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



Households

Whitley Ward has 4,403 households, which represent 7.00% 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 30.9% of Whitley 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 - Social rented: Rented from council (Local Authority)' accommodation with 26.0% of the Ward's households. That compares with 10.1% for the Unitary as a whole and 7.7% for South East.

Whitley has 795 households with dependent children aged 0 to 4. That represents 18.10% of the Ward's households.

1,707 households in the Ward have dependent children of all ages. That represents 38.80% of the Ward's households.

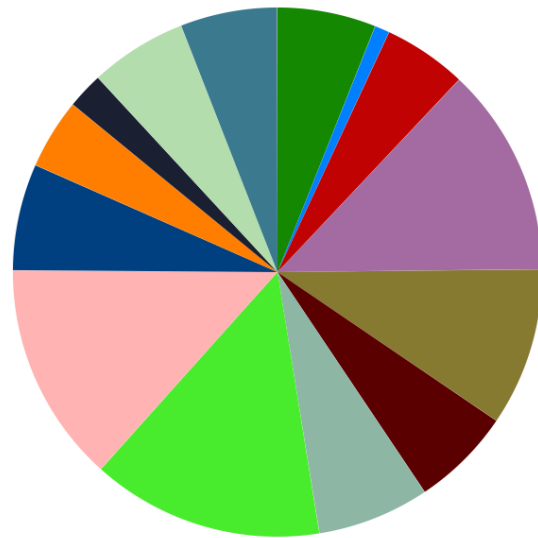
Employment

The following chart provides a breakdown of Whitley 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)

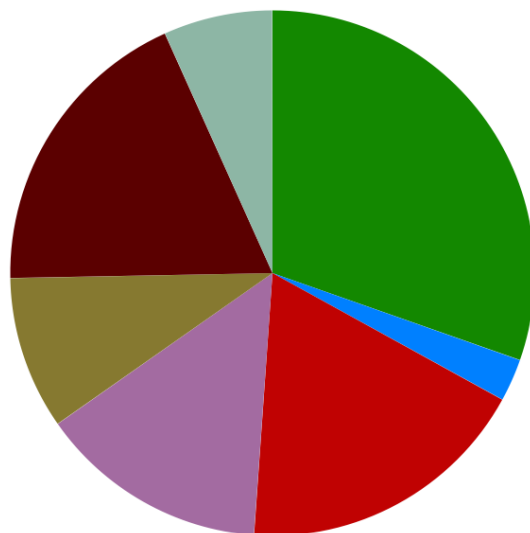
NS-Sec: Higher managerial, administrative and professional	601
NS-Sec: Large employers and higher managerial and administrative	91
NS-Sec: Higher professional	510
NS-Sec: Lower managerial, administrative and professional	1,277
NS-Sec: Intermediate	964
NS-Sec: Small employers and own account workers	609
NS-Sec: Lower supervisory and technical	685
NS-Sec: Semi-routine occupations	1,412
NS-Sec: Routine occupations	1,346
NS-Sec: Never worked and long-term unemployed	649
NS-Sec: Never worked	428
NS-Sec: Long-term unemployed	221
NS-Sec: Not classified	592
NS-Sec: Full-time students	592
NS-Sec: Not classifiable for other reasons	0



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The largest group is National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification - 6. Semi-routine occupations representing 17.40% of the Ward's population.

Education



Residents by educational qualifications (count)

No qualifications	2,612
Apprenticeship	226
Level 1 qualifications	1,558
Level 2 qualifications	1,216
Level 3 qualifications	810
Level 4 qualifications and above	1,597
Other qualifications	578

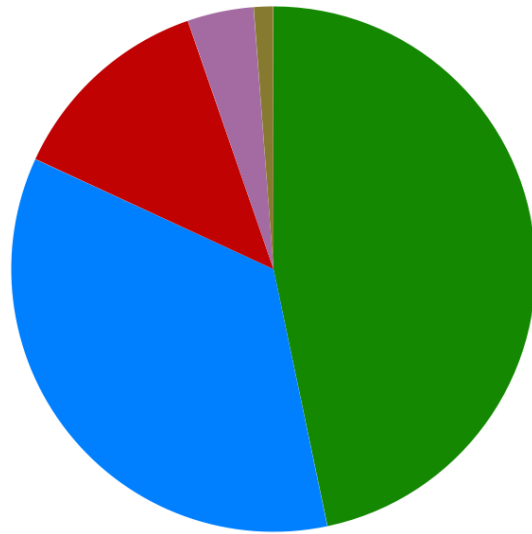
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18.60% of Whitley's residents have achieved level 4 qualifications and above compared to 34.80% in Reading as a whole and 30.40% of Whitley's residents have no qualifications compared to 17.40% in Reading .

Health

Residents by level of health (count)

Very good health	5,352
Good health	4,031
Fair health	1,471
Bad health	469
Very bad health	137



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Whitley has 469 (4.1%) residents that report being in bad health and 137 (1.2%) residents that report being in very bad health.

Its ranking for the number of residents in very bad health is 13 (out of 16 Wards) within Reading.

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