

Usual residents and household size

	2001 resident population All people	% males	% females	Area (hectares)	2001 density (person per hectares)	Number of households	Average household size
Brighton & Hove	247,817	48.4	51.6	8,267	30	114,476	2.09
South East	8,000,645	48.8	51.2	1,906,948	4.2	3,287,489	2.38
England & Wales	52,041,916	48.7	51.3	15,101,270	3.45	21,660,475	2.36

On Census Day 2001 (April 29th) the population of Brighton & Hove was 247,817. This represents an increase of under 2% over the past ten years. This is similar to national population growth since 1991 (when the city's population was estimated to be 243,881), but lower than growth in the South East (4%).

There were 114,476 households in 2001 and the average household size was 2.09. This is the smallest average household size in the South East and the fifth smallest in England & Wales.

In terms of density, there were 30 people per hectare in the city, this makes it the fifth most densely populated area in the South East.

Census 2001, Table KS01 Usual resident population.
Census 2001, Table KS19 Rooms, amenities, central heating and lowest floor level.

Age* structure

	Population under 16	Population aged 16-74	Population aged 20-44	Population aged over 60	Population aged over 85
	%	%	%	%	%
Brighton & Hove	16.65	74.38	41.58	20.6	2.62
South East	19.93	72.07	34.62	21.17	2.19
England & Wales	20.16	72.22	35.15	20.87	1.95

Whilst there was a slight rise in the number of people aged 85+, the total number of people aged 60+ has declined since 1991. In 1991 25% of the population of the city was aged 60 and over. According to the 2001 results this percentage has fallen to the national average of 21%. The percentage of the city's 85+ population, however, is above the national average, 2.6% compared with 1.95%.

The number of children aged under 16 has also grown by about 2,000 children since 1991 (almost half the total increase in the population since 1991). Despite this growth, however, they represent only 16% of the city's population compared with about 20% both nationally, and in the South East.

The lower than average percentage of children in the population compares with the distinctively large percentage of 20-44 year olds in the city. Nearly 42% of local people are aged 20-44 – above the England & Wales average of 35% and the figure of 34.6% for the South East.

* 'Age' is age at last birthday.
Census 2001, Table KS02 Age Structure

Marital Status

	All people aged 16 and over	Percentage of people aged 16 and over Single (never married)	Percentage of people aged 16 and over Married	Percentage of people aged 16 and over Remarried	Percentage of people aged 16 and over Separated	Percentage of people aged 16 and over Divorced	Percentage of people aged 16 and over Widowed
Brighton & Hove	206,556	43.4	30.5	6	2.5	9.5	8
South East	6,406,423	28.4	44.7	8.3	2.3	8.2	8
England & Wales	41,553,180	30	43.6	7.4	2.4	8.2	8.4

Brighton & Hove has the second highest percentage (43.4%) of the population aged 16 and over being single (never married) in the South East and the 18th highest percentage in England & Wales (out of 376 local authority areas).

Census 2001, Table KS04 Marital Status

It also has the second lowest percentage of people aged 16 and over who are married or re-married (36.5%) compared with other areas in the South East and the 17th lowest in England & Wales. Nationally and regionally, over half of the population (over 16) is married or re-married.

Household Composition

	One Person households %		Married couple households %			Cohabiting couple households %			Lone parent households %	
	Pensioner	Non-Pensioner	No children	With dependent children*	All children non-dependent	No children	With dependent children*	All children non-dependent	With dependent children*	All children non-dependent
Brighton & Hove	44.45		23.9			11.55			8.59	
	15.97	23.38	8.96	11.57	3.37	8.01	3.28	0.26	6.08	2.51
South East	28.51		38.86			8.63			7.91	
	14.39	14.12	14.09	18.97	5.80	5.22	3.09	0.32	5.22	2.69
England & Wales	30.02		36.55			8.28			9.52	
	14.43	15.59	13.00	17.56	5.99	4.72	3.24	0.32	6.46	3.06

Brighton & Hove has the lowest percentage of married couple households in the South East (23.9%) and the highest percentage of cohabiting couple households in England & Wales (11.55%).

**A dependent child is a person in a household aged 0-15 or a person aged 16-18 who is a full-time student and in a family with parent(s).*

It also has the highest percentage of one person households in the South East and the eighth highest in England & Wales (39.3%). Nearly 16% of all households are made up of pensioners and 23.38% of non pensioners.

Census 2001, Table KS20, Household Composition

In total 22.6% of all households in the city (25,841 households) have dependent children. While lone parent households with dependent children make up only 6% of all households in the city they make up over a quarter (27%) of all households with dependent children, compared with the South East where lone parent households with dependent children make up 18% of all households with dependent children, and England & Wales where they make up 22% of all households with dependent children. Ninety one percent of lone parent households in the city are headed by women.