

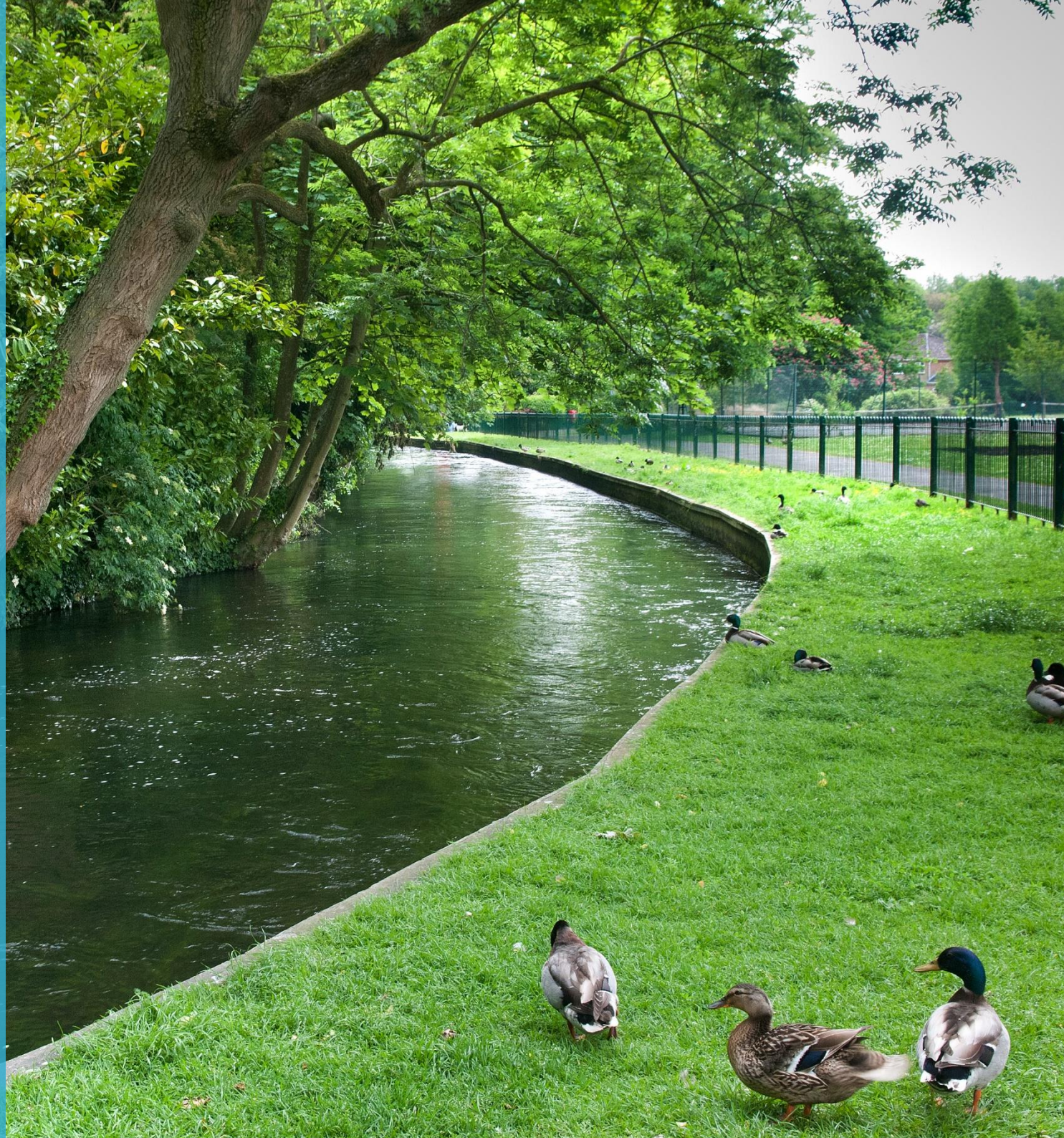
# Romsey

## Town Profile



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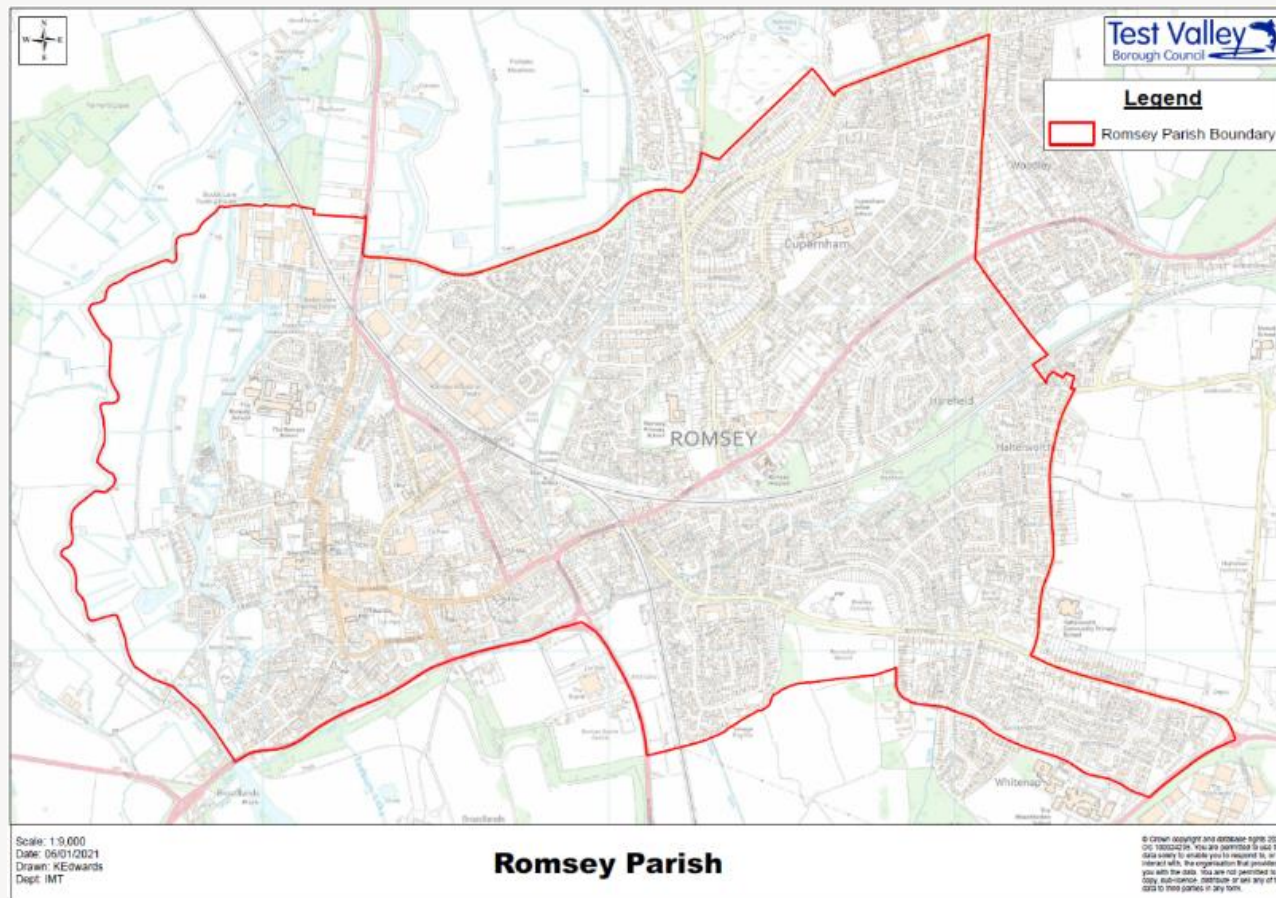


# Romsey Town Profile

This profile provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of the town of Romsey within Test Valley. It looks at information on topics such as the population structure, economic, housing, health and educational information for the town.

**Romsey Town** is one of the Test Valley's fifty-nine parishes. It has an area of **409.80** hectares which represents **0.65%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of size, **Romsey** is Test Valley's **fifty-third largest** parish. The town's population is **15,262** and its population density is **37.41** people per hectare, which is significantly higher than the borough's average population density of **2.10** people per hectare.

As the map sets out below, areas Romsey Town is entirely surrounded by Romsey Extra Parish. Romsey Extra has a population of 6,278 and encompasses many areas that may be considered being part of Romsey. Together, Romsey Town and Romsey Extra have a population of 21,608. Further information about Romsey Extra can be found in their Parish Profile on the Test Valley Borough Council website, which can be accessed using the following link: <https://testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/about-test-valley-the-facts-and-figures/parish-profiles>.



**Romsey Parish**

## Elected Representatives

### Hampshire County Councillor

**Councillor Mark Cooper**

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### Test Valley Borough Councillors

For Test Valley Borough Council, Romsey is represented by three electoral wards. These wards extend beyond Romsey town's boundaries and also cover areas in the surrounding parish of Romsey Extra.

To find out more about each of these, and the Councillors elected to represent them, please see the relevant Ward Profile which can be found [here](#).

#### **Romsey Abbey**

**Councillor Nik Daas**

**Councillor Sandra Gidley**

#### **Romsey Cupernham**

**Councillor Janet Burnage**

**Councillor Neil Gwynne**

**Councillor Rohit Kohli**

#### **Romsey Tadburn**

**Councillor Mark Cooper**

**Councillor John Parker**

### Romsey Town Council

**Mayor:** **Councillor John Parker**

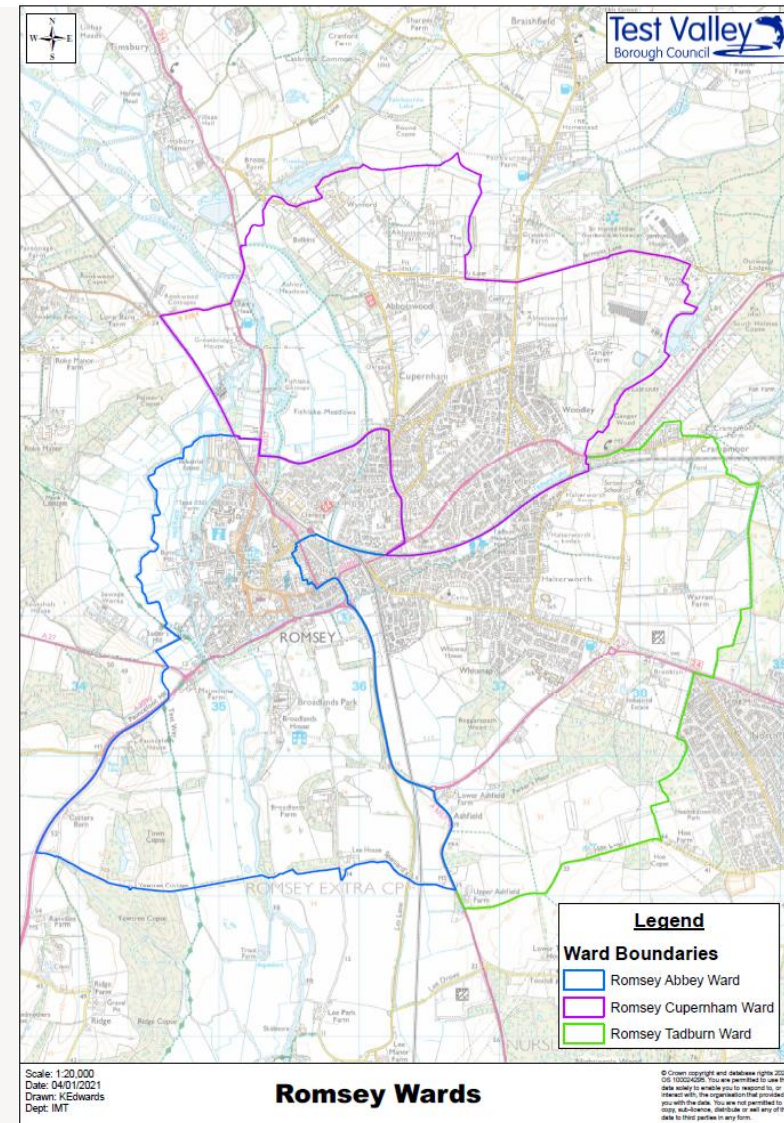
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### Census Data

Some of the data used in this profile is taken from the 2011 Census; where this is the case, this is clearly labelled. Though this data is from several years ago, the breadth and volume of information the Census collects means it remains a valuable source of data and a reasonable indication of current trends.

# Population



**15,262**  
Population 2020



0.1%  
increase



**15,275**  
Estimated  
population in 2027



**11.62% of Test Valley's population**

## Age breakdown

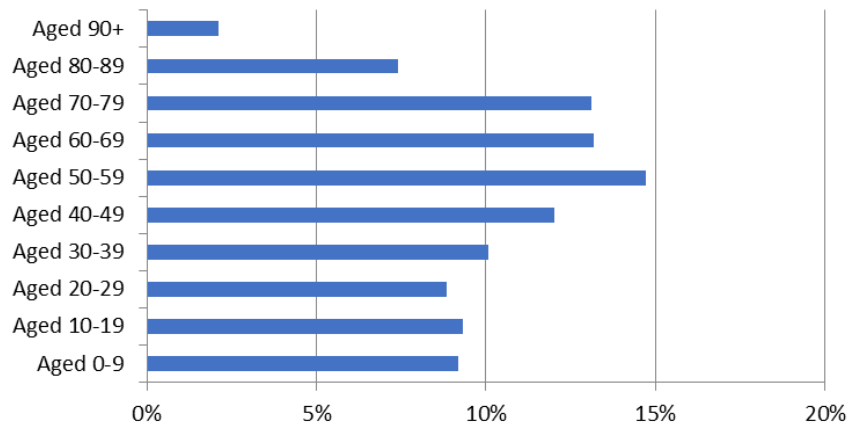
At 18.5% Romsey has a lower percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.8%. By 2027, the proportion of young people will remain decrease slightly and will then be 4.7% lower than the borough average.

At 18.9%, Romsey has slightly lower amount of **young adults** (aged 20-39) than the wider borough at 19.9%. The proportion of young adults living in the town is expected to decrease by 1.0% between 2020 and 2027, similar to a fall of 1.2% across the borough.

**Middle aged residents** (aged 40-69) constitute 39.9% of Romsey's population, which is lower than the borough average of 40.2%. This is forecast to decrease slightly to 39.6% by 2027, identical to the borough average.

At 22.7%, Romsey has a higher percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 5.5% above the borough average. By 2027 this percentage is forecast to increase by 1.6%, slightly higher than the forecast increase for the borough as a whole of 1.5%.

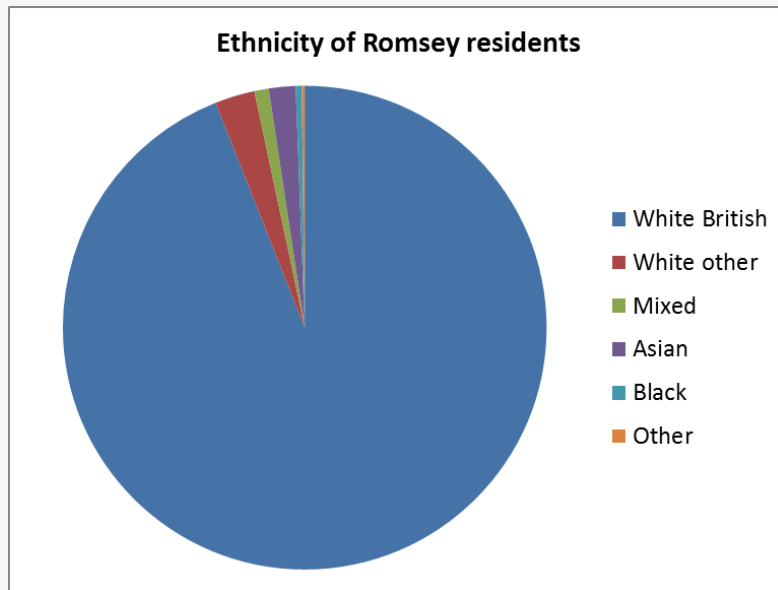
**Percentage of the population by age group 2020**



## Population Data

This population data is taken from the Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF), provided by Hampshire County Council. Further information on this is available online at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>.

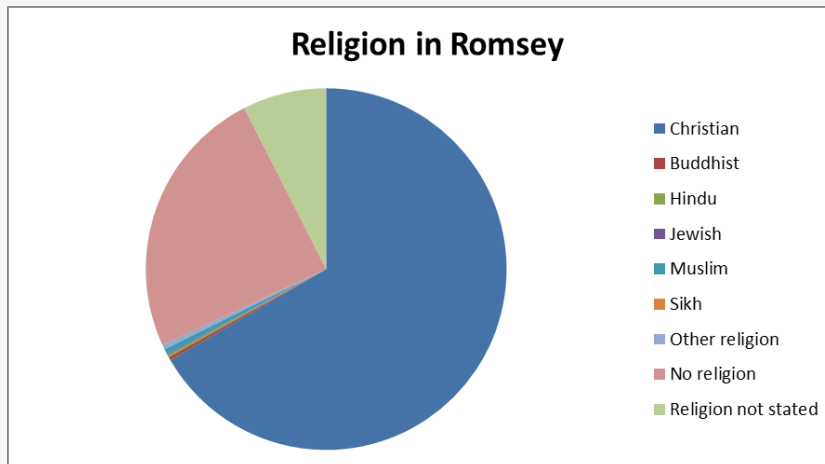
## Ethnicity



| White British | White other | Mixed/multiple ethnic groups | Asian | Black | Other |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 94.0%         | 2.7%        | 1.0%                         | 1.8%  | 0.4%  | 0.2%  |

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Romsey by percentage. In the 2011 Census, 94.0% of Romsey's population identified as White British. This is above the borough average of 93.1%. Romsey's level of ethnic diversity is also lower than England as a whole, where only 79.8% of the population are White British.

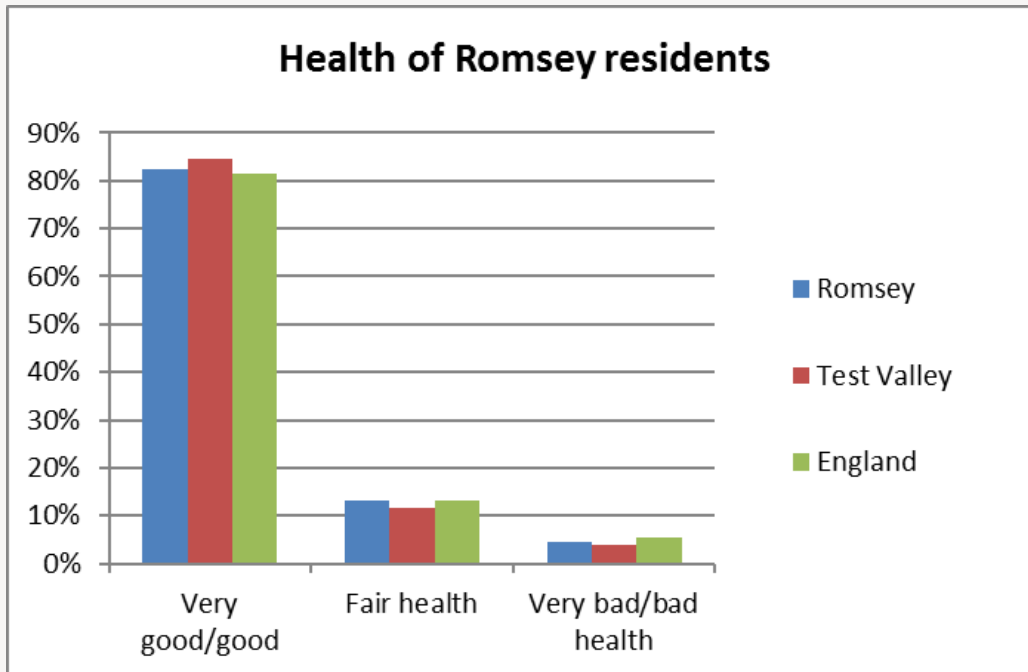
## Religion



| Christian | Buddhist | Hindu | Jewish | Muslim | Sikh | Other religion | No religion | Religion not stated |
|-----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 66.6%     | 0.3%     | 0.2%  | 0.1%   | 0.5%   | 0.0% | 0.4%           | 24.4%       | 7.5%                |

At the 2011 Census, the majority of Romsey residents (66.6%) classified themselves as Christian, which is higher than both the borough average of 65.7% and the English average of 59.8%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (24.4%) which is lower than both the Test Valley average (25.1%) and the English average (27.7%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, Islam is the second largest groups at 0.6%. This is identical to the wider Test Valley average but lower than the equivalent figure for England, where 5.0% identified as adhering to Islam.

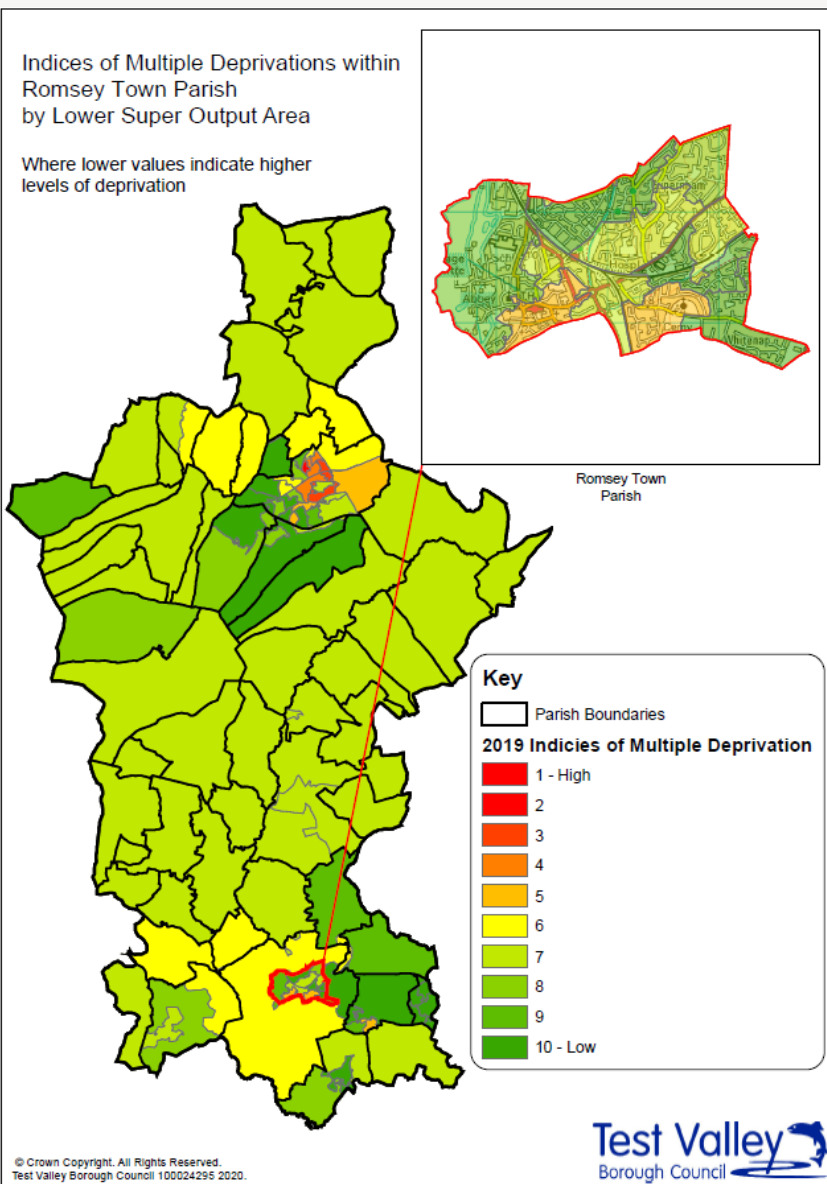
## Health



At the 2011 Census, 82.5% of residents in Romsey said they felt that they were in very good or good health. This is slightly lower than both the average for Test Valley (84.6%) but higher to the average for England (81.4%). 4.4% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is higher than the borough average (3.8%) but lower than the average for England (5.5%).

**2.8% of Romsey residents are long-term sick or disabled (2011 Census)**

## Deprivation



The English Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 is designed to identify areas where communities lack resources and are in need. To do this, seven factors are considered, which are:

- income deprivation;
- employment deprivation;
- education, skills and training deprivation;
- health deprivation and disability;
- crime;
- barriers to housing and services;
- living environment deprivation.

Areas are scored on each of these factors, and ranked nationally from least deprived to most deprived.

This map shows the deprivation scores for Romsey against all areas in Test Valley. Romsey is made up of 10 different Lower Super Output Areas, these are geographies created by the Office for National Statistics that include an average of 1,500 people.

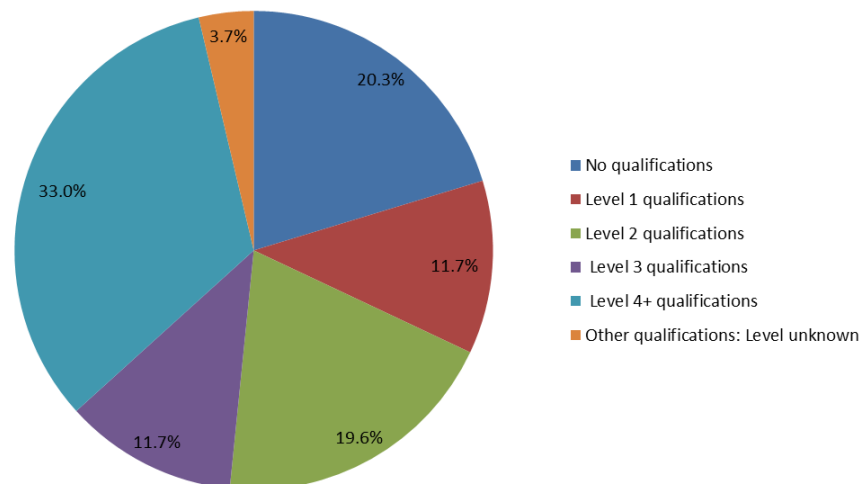
As the map shows, the Output Areas that make up Romsey vary in their deprivation rankings. Some areas to the south of the town are within the 50% of most deprived areas in the country. Conversely, several areas to the north, west and south-east of the town are within the top 10% of least deprived areas in the country.

Further information about the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government 2019 English Indices of Deprivation is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>

# Education and employment

## Qualifications

Percentage of people with qualifications in Romsey



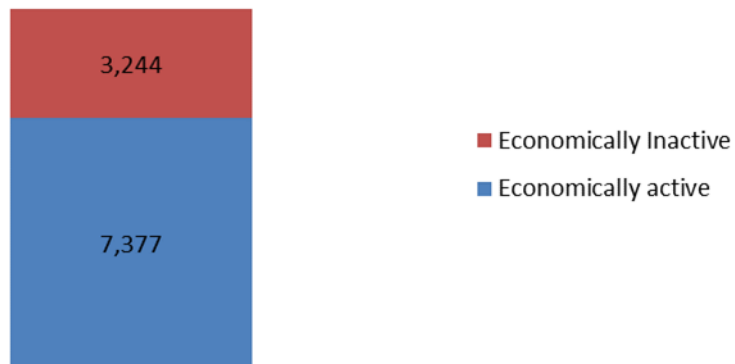
The pie chart shows the qualifications gained by Romsey residents aged 16-74 years, according to the 2011 Census. 76.0% of people living in Romsey have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is slightly lower than the Test Valley average of 77.6%. Additionally, 3.7% of residents have an unknown qualification, which is similar to the borough average. This means that 20.3% of Romsey residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is 1.9% higher than the borough average. In addition, 33.0% of Romsey residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is slightly higher than the borough average of 30.5%.

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| No qualifications   | No academic or professional qualifications.  |
| Level 1             | 1+'O' level passes, 1+CSE/GCSE any grades, NVQ level 1, Basic/Essential skills, NVQ Level 1.   |
| Level 2             | 5+'O' level passes, 5+GCSEs (grades A*-C) 1 A level/2-3 AS levels. City and Guilds Craft, Apprenticeship, NVQ level 2.   |
| Level 3             | 2+'A' levels, Higher School certificate, NVQ level 3, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, BTEC National.   |
| Level 4/5           | Degree (for example BA, BSc) higher degree (for example Master's, PhD, PGCE), NVQ levels 4 and 5, Qualified Teacher status, Nurse or Accountancy. BTEC Higher level. |
| Other qualification | Level unknown, vocational/work-related Qualifications, Foreign qualifications.   |



## Economic Activity

### Economic activity (count)



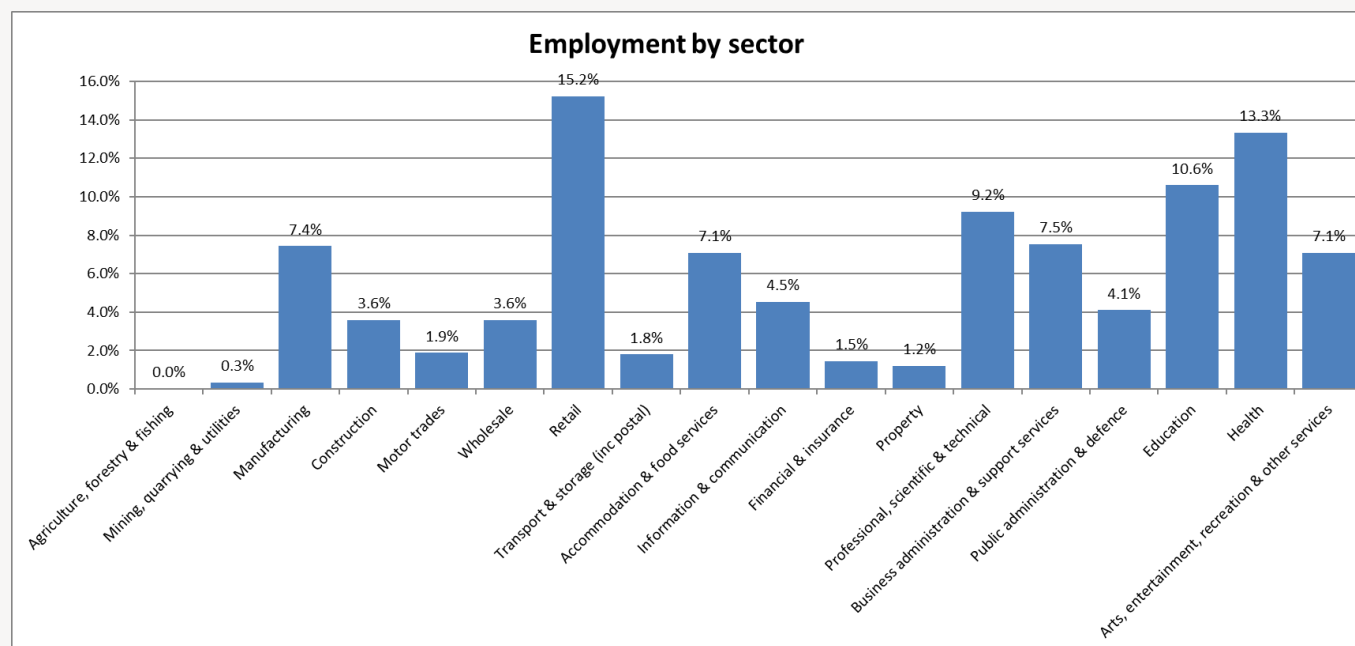
According to the 2011 Census, 69.5% of Romsey residents aged 16-74 are economically active, lower than Test Valley as a whole where the figure is 73.4% of residents. This includes people in full-, part- and self-employment, those who are actively seeking a job, and full-time students.

The remaining 30.5% of residents aged 16-74 are economically inactive, compared to 26.6% of Test Valley residents. This includes people who are retired, long-term sick or disabled, or who look after the home and family.

## Employment by sector

Following the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review in 2017, new Ward and Parish boundaries have been introduced in Test Valley. Hence, this information has been produced on a 'best fit' basis, it's not an exact representation of Romsey but provides as good an indication as is currently feasible.

This data is taken from the 2018 UK Business Register and Employment Survey which is produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This dataset relies upon a sample of 85,000 businesses across the country, from which these estimates are modelled. As such, there will be some sampling variability which result in the quality of the estimates deteriorating for smaller geographies.



This graph shows the percentage of the workforce by sector, according to the latest Business Register and Employment Survey in 2018. The largest sector employing people in Romsey is Retail (15.2%) followed by Health (13.3%) and then Education (10.6%)

# Properties

Total number of properties

**7,151**

## Dwellings

## Estimated Average Value

**30.7%**

*Terraced*



**£315,522**

**25.8%**

*Semi-Detached*



**£371,023**

**19.0%**

*Flat*



**£243,403**

**24.4%**

*Detached*



**£680,652**

**0.0%**

*Mobile*

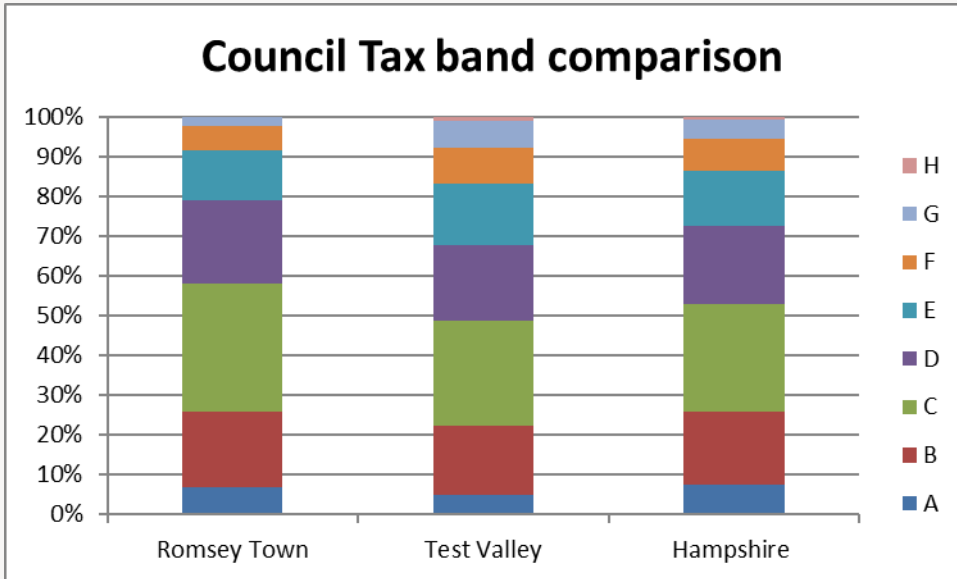





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According to Zoopla estimates, the average value of a property in Romsey in 2021 is **£458,238**. This is an increase of 1% over the past 5 years and makes Romsey the forty-first most expensive parish in Test Valley.

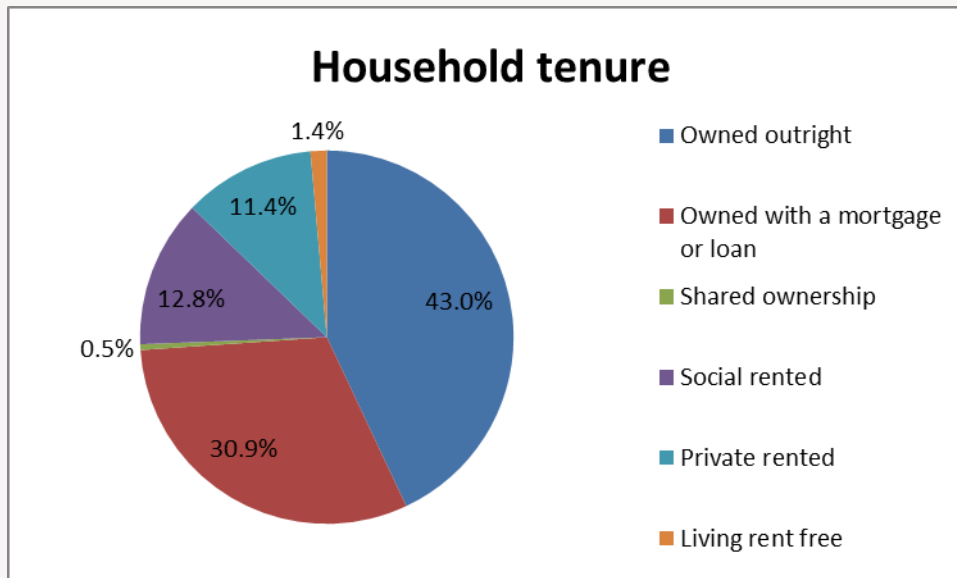
In Hampshire, the average value of a property is £381,137 (a 12% rise in 5 years) whilst in South East England, the average is £424,800 (an 11% rise in 5 years).

## Council Tax Bandings



|  | Romsey       | Test Valley  |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Bands F-H</b>  | <b>8.5%</b>  | <b>16.9%</b> |
| <b>Bands C-E</b>  | <b>65.5%</b> | <b>60.8%</b> |
| <b>Bands A-B</b>  | <b>26.0%</b> | <b>22.3%</b> |

## Household Tenure



Household tenure refers to the financial arrangements under which people occupy their homes and is taken from the 2011 Census.

This pie chart depicts the tenure of households in Romsey. 73.9% of people in Romsey live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is higher than the average for Test Valley, which is 70.3%, and the average for the South East of England, which is 67.6%.

12.8% of residents rent their property from a Housing Association, lower than the borough average of 14.4%.

11.4% of residents privately rent their property; this figure is slightly lower than the borough average of 12.9%.

## Community facilities

In Romsey there is good range of community facilities. This includes a number of primary and secondary schools, various parks and green spaces, three GP surgeries, Romsey Hospital, a range of shops and a railway station.

The town also has Romsey Future, a partnership that brings together the town's residents, community groups, businesses and public bodies. Guided by a long-term strategic vision, Romsey Future looks to capitalise on the town's strong community spirit to positively shape Romsey, ensuring the town remains a vibrant and thriving market town over the decades ahead. Further information about Romsey Future can be found on its website: <https://www.romseyfuture.org.uk/>



## Community plans

In September 2020, the Romsey South of Town Centre masterplan was adopted by Test Valley Borough Council. The masterplan is an ambitious blueprint to transform this area of the town, and further information can be found using the link below:

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/south-of-romsey-town-centre-masterplan>

Additionally, Romsey Town, alongside the Crampmoor, Halterworth, Highwood, Ganger and Woodley parts of Romsey Extra, have a **Town Design Statement** which was adopted by Test Valley Borough Council in January 2008 as Supplementary Planning Guidance. This document now forms part of the Local Development (LDF) for the area and therefore forms part of the basis for decisions on land use planning affecting the area, further information can be found using the link below:

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/village-design-statements/romseytds>

Details of any completed community planning exercises your town is undertaking can be added here. Please get in touch with the Policy Team at the email address below and we will be more than happy to add information at your request.

## Test Valley Borough Council – Policy Team

The information in this profile has been prepared by Test Valley Borough Council's Policy Team. If you have any further queries or would like to talk to us about other information you would like to see, then please contact the Policy Team who will be happy to help:

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