

# Age Group profiles for Somerset

## Introduction

At the time of the 2011 Census, the population of Somerset was 529,972.

This document provides summary profiles for some of the key age groups:

- Children (aged 0 to 15 years)
- Working Age (aged 16 to 64 years)
- Older People Aged 65 or over
- Older People Aged 75 or over

The profiles give a snapshot of Somerset's population as of Census Day, 28 March 2011.

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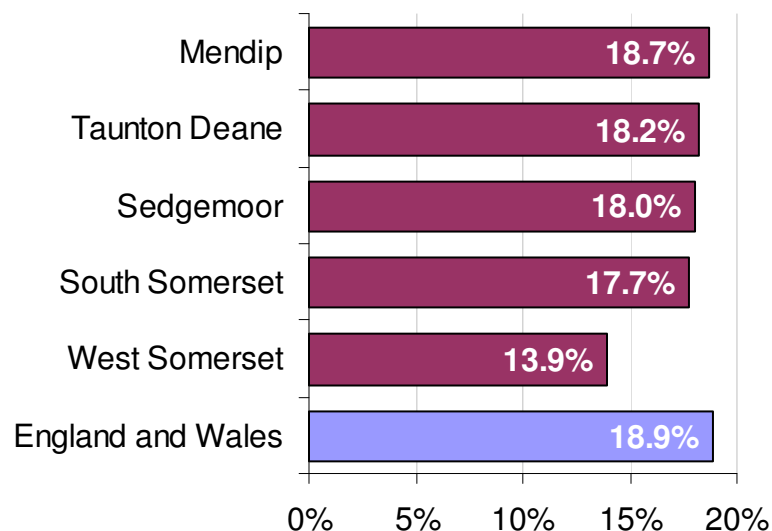
## Age Profile

### Children (aged 0 to 15)

#### Summary

- There were 94,590 child residents at the time of the 2011 Census, representing 17.8% of Somerset's overall population.
- 51.2% were male; 48.8% female
- The relative size of the child population in all Somerset districts is below the national average.
- Mendip has the highest proportion of child residents and West Somerset significantly the lowest.
- The proportion of children making up the local populace ranges from 1 in 3 (in the Roman Road area of Taunton) to around 1 in 11 (in North and West Minehead).

#### Proportion of population aged 0 to 15



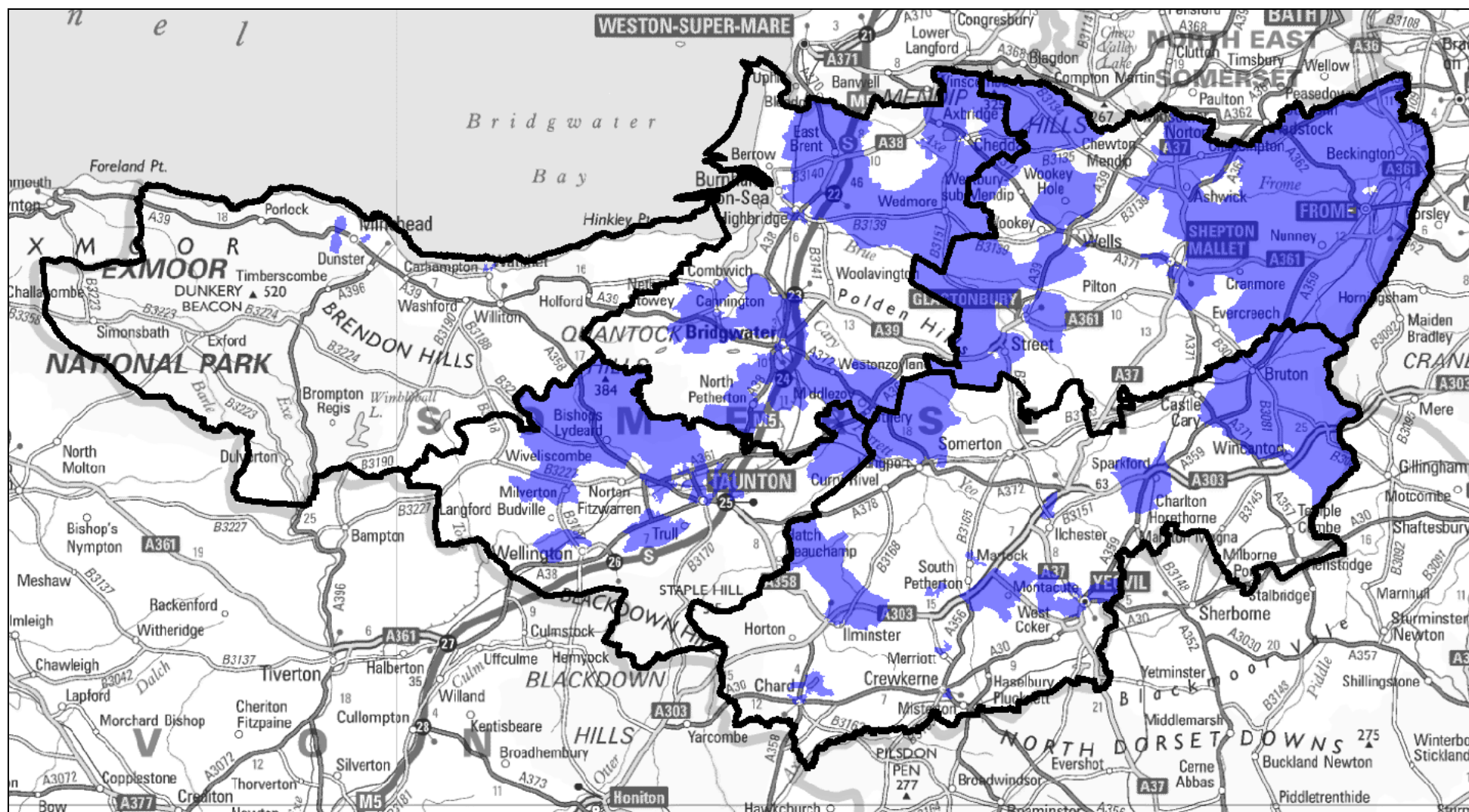
#### Areas with highest concentrations of Children

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
<b>Taunton</b> Roman Road	577	34.8%
<b>Wyke and Redlynch</b>	483	31.1%
<b>Yeovil</b> Westfield	476	29.3%
<b>Cotford St Luke</b>	674	29.2%
<b>Ilchester</b>	380	29.1%
<b>Bridgwater</b> Hamp East	362	26.6%
<b>Yeovil</b> Penn Mill North	403	26.5%
<b>Bridgwater</b> Sydenham North	371	26.4%
<b>Bridgwater</b> Kendale Road	654	26.0%
<b>Street</b> South East	544	25.6%

#### Areas with lowest concentrations of Children

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
<b>Minehead</b> West	133	9.1%
<b>Minehead</b> North	190	9.4%
<b>Burnham</b> North Central	148	9.6%
<b>West Quantock</b>	105	9.7%
<b>Bridgwater</b> Town Centre	189	10.1%
<b>Burnham</b> Esplanade North	164	10.4%
<b>Yeovil</b> Hendford Hill	172	10.5%
<b>Frome</b> College	108	10.6%
<b>Carhampton and Withycombe</b>	127	11.0%
<b>Norton Fitzwarren</b> West	210	11.1%

Map showing areas with above average concentrations of Child residents relative to the Somerset average



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- Areas coloured blue are Lower layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in which more than 17.8% of the population are children.

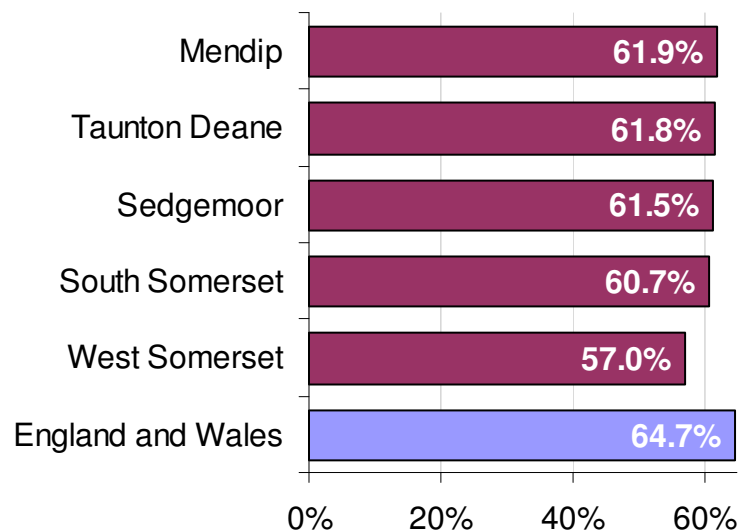
## Age Profile

### Working Age (16 to 64)

#### Summary

- There were 323,722 residents of working age at the time of the 2011 Census, representing 61.1% of the county's population.
- The relative size of the working age population is below the national average in all Somerset districts.
- The highest concentrations are in major towns and in areas housing military personnel (40 Commando, Norton Fitzwarren, and RNAS Yeovilton).
- In some areas of Burnham-on-Sea, Minehead and Frome less than half the population are of working age.

#### Proportion of population of aged 16 to 64



#### Areas with highest concentrations of Working Age residents

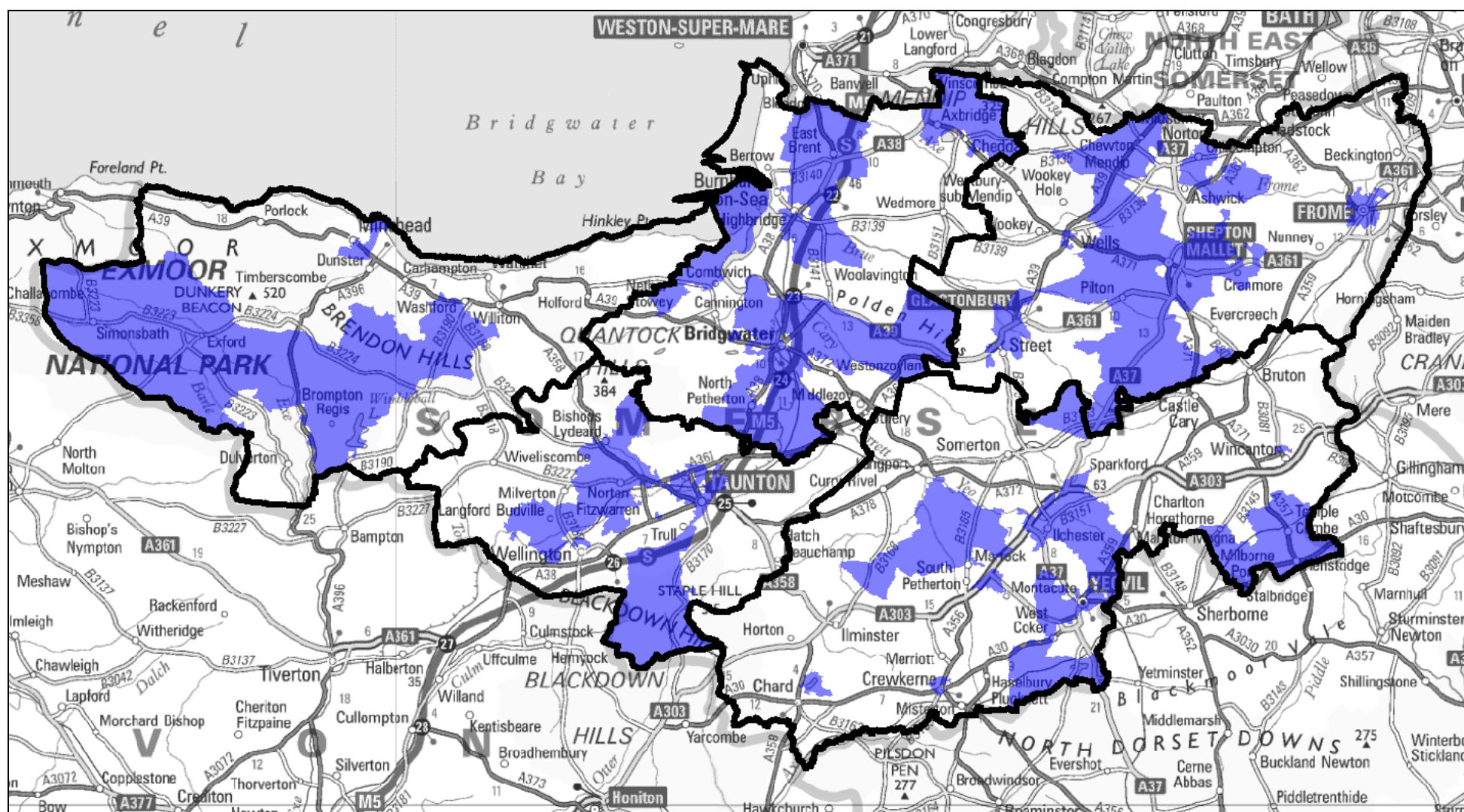
LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
<b>Norton Fitzwarren West</b>	1,496	79.3%
<b>Taunton Rowbarton South</b>	1,153	76.5%
<b>Taunton Priory Bridge Road</b>	1,776	75.6%
<b>Yeovilton and Mudford</b>	2,204	73.1%
<b>Taunton Blackbrook South</b>	1,010	72.9%
<b>Yeovil Houndstone East</b>	1,153	72.2%
<b>Shepton Mallet North</b>	1,015	71.7%
<b>Bridgwater Bower North</b>	1,159	71.2%
<b>Taunton East Reach</b>	1,178	70.9%
<b>Bridgwater Eastover Cental</b>	1,116	70.6%

#### Areas with lowest concentrations of Working Age residents

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
<b>Minehead West</b>	635	43.6%
<b>Burnham North Central</b>	738	48.0%
<b>Frome College</b>	504	49.5%
<b>Burnham North West</b>	814	49.6%
<b>Taunton Sherford</b>	950	50.2%
<b>Wells North East</b>	697	51.8%
<b>West Quantock</b>	570	52.4%
<b>Minehead North</b>	1,061	52.5%
<b>Sparkford and Queen Camel</b>	805	52.8%
<b>Cheddar South</b>	794	52.8%



Map showing areas with above average concentrations of Working Age residents relative to the Somerset average



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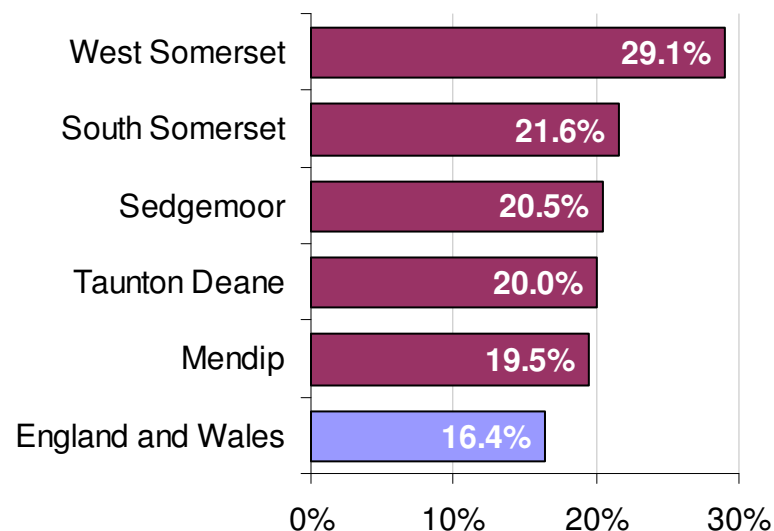
## Age Profile

### Older People (aged 65 or over)

#### Summary

- There were 111,660 residents aged 65 or over at the time of the 2011 Census, equating to 21.1% of the county's population.
- 44.6% were male; 55.4% female
- All Somerset districts have a higher proportion of their populace aged 65 or over than the national average.
- Rural West Somerset has a notably high proportion, and in parts of Minehead almost half of people are aged 65+.
- The older population can be sparse in areas with new housing developments, e.g. Nerrols Farm (Taunton), Houndstone (Yeovil) and Stockmoor (near Bridgwater).

#### Proportion of population aged 65 or over



#### Areas with highest concentrations of people aged 65+

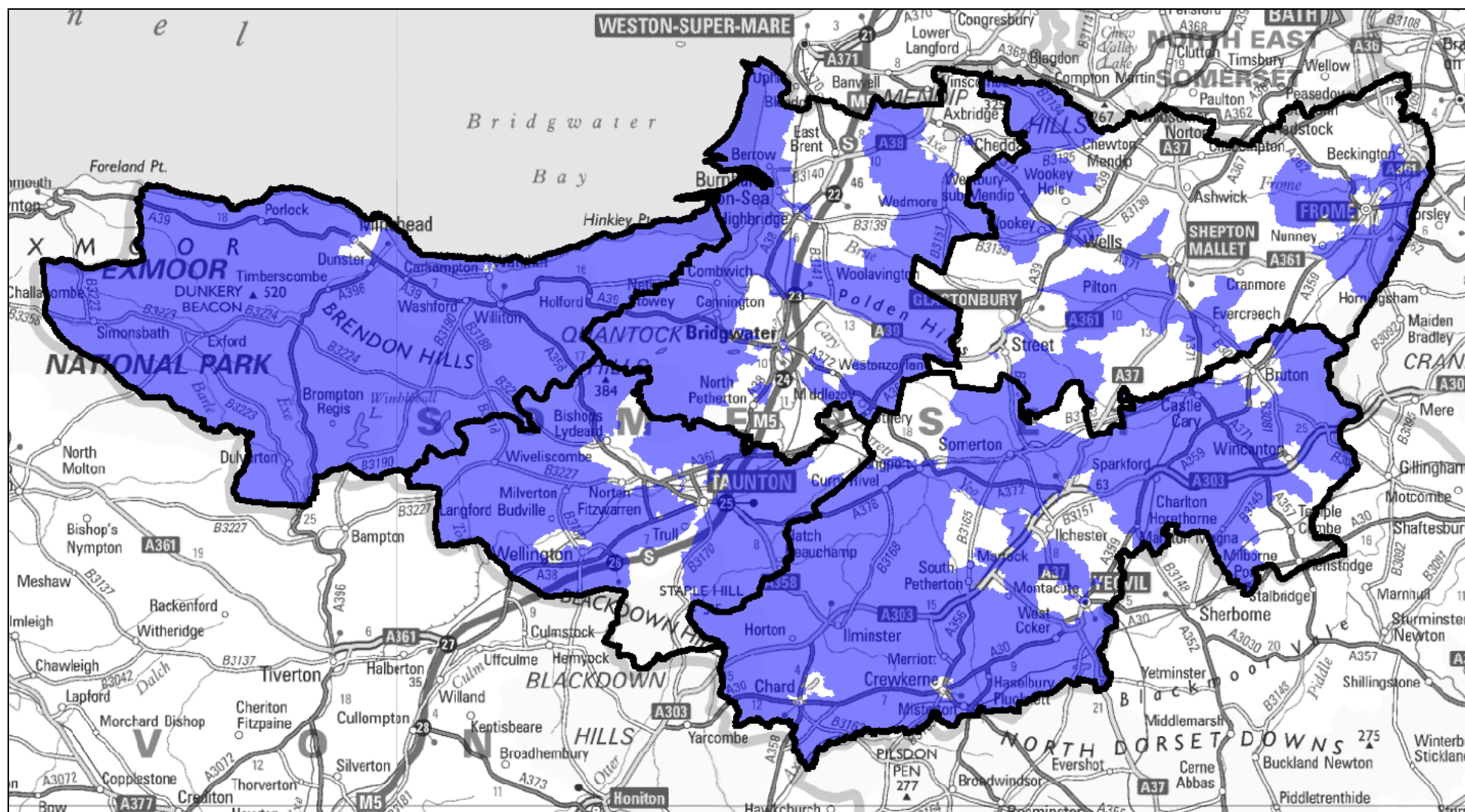
LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Minehead West	690	47.3%
Burnham North Central	650	42.3%
Frome College	406	39.9%
Minehead North	771	38.1%
West Quantock	413	38.0%
Burnham North West	606	36.9%
Taunton Sherford	655	34.6%
Yeovil Hendford Hill	564	34.4%
Dulverton	656	34.0%
Porlock and District	702	33.8%

#### Areas with lowest concentrations of people aged 65+

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Taunton Nerrols Farm	82	5.4%
Taunton Rowbarton South	91	6.0%
Yeovil Houndstone North	163	6.1%
Ilchester	83	6.4%
Shepton Mallet North	91	6.4%
Yeovil Houndstone East	112	7.0%
Stockmoor Village	114	7.1%
Taunton Roman Road	119	7.2%
Bridgwater Homberg Way	100	7.4%
Taunton Blackbrook South	109	7.9%



**Map showing areas with above average concentrations of Older residents aged 65 or over relative to the Somerset average**



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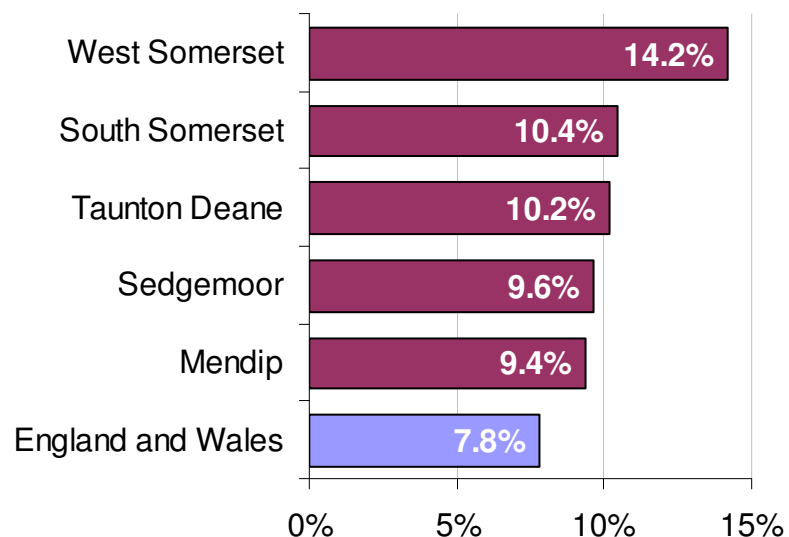
## Age Profile

### Older People (aged 75 or over)

#### Summary

- There were 54,197 Somerset residents aged 75 or over at the time of the 2011 Census, equating 10.2% of the county's population.
- 40.7% were male; 59.3% female
- In West Somerset around 1 in 7 residents are aged 75 or over.
- All Somerset district have a higher proportion of their populace aged 75+ than the national average.
- In parts of Burnham-on-Sea, Minehead, Taunton, Frome and Wells more than 1 in 5 of the local population are aged 75 or over.

#### Proportion of population aged 75 or over



#### Areas with highest concentrations of people aged 75+

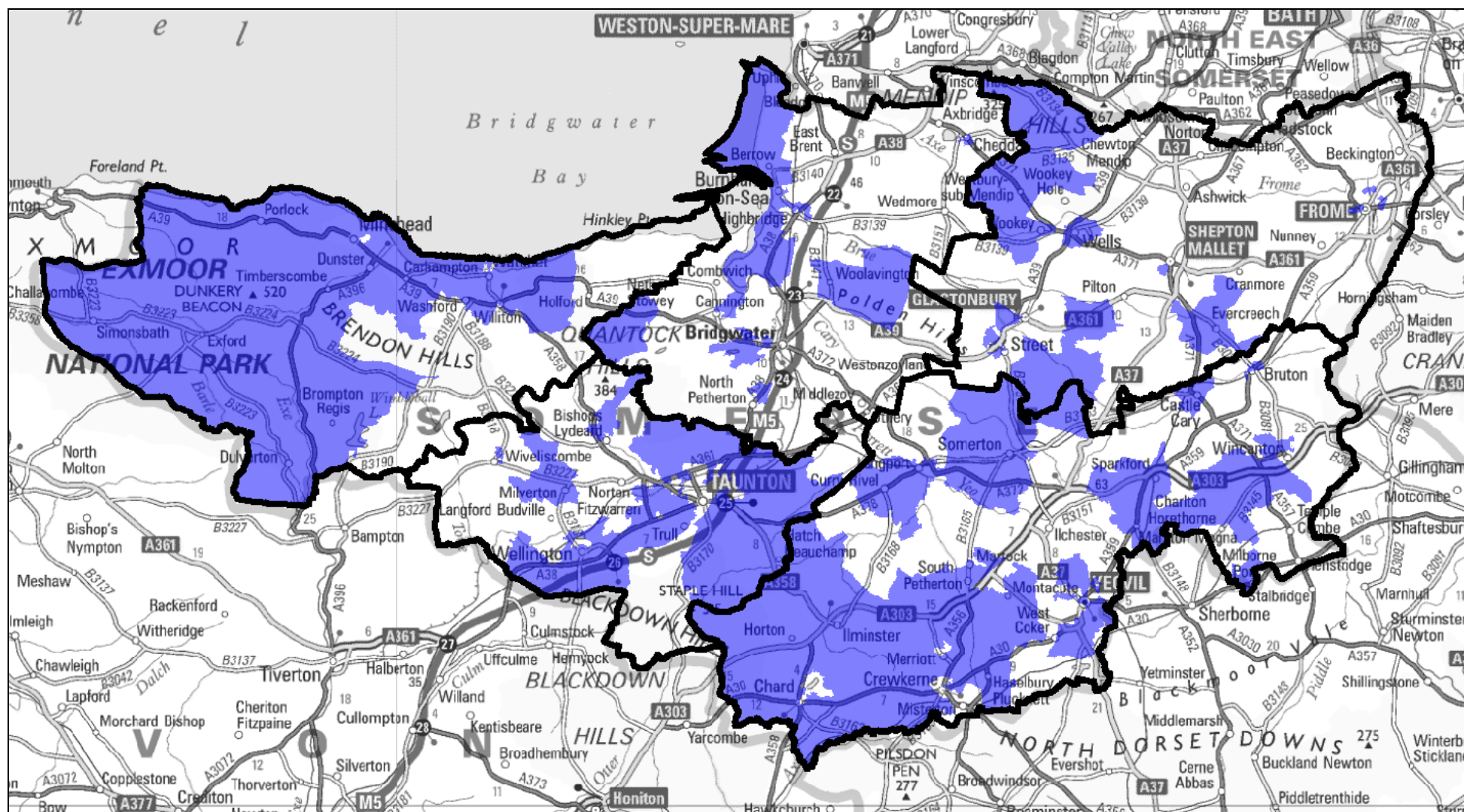
LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Minehead West	359	24.6%
Burnham North Central	371	24.2%
Taunton Sherford	420	22.2%
Minehead Central	385	21.6%
Frome College	210	20.6%
Wells Central	357	20.5%
Burnham South Central	321	20.3%
Minehead North	409	20.2%
Taunton Dowlands West	320	20.2%
Burnham North West	327	19.9%

#### Areas with lowest concentrations of people aged 75+

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Taunton Nerrols Farm	28	1.8%
Bridgwater Homberg Way	27	2.0%
Yeovil Houndstone North	60	2.3%
Yeovil Houndstone East	40	2.5%
Shepton Mallet North	36	2.5%
Bridgwater Bower North	46	2.8%
Taunton Rowbarton South	42	2.8%
Taunton Blackbrook South	40	2.9%
Ilchester	42	3.2%
Yeovil Houndstone West	51	3.3%



**Map showing areas with above average concentrations of Older residents aged 75 or over relative to the Somerset average**



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