

Census Theme Briefing: Industry of Employment and Travel to Work



This briefing looks in detail at the theme of qualifications and occupation in Somerset using the 2011 Census data to give a snapshot. Each table is broken down into urban and rural figures, based upon the ONS classification of output areas.

Industry of employment - All (2011)

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Area	All residents aged 16-74 in employment																	
	A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	B Mining and quarrying	C Manufacturing	D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	F Construction	G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	H Transport and storage	I Accommodation and food service activities	J Information and communication	K Financial and insurance activities	L Real estate activities	M Professional, scientific and technical activities	N Administrative and support service activities	O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	P Education	Q Human health and social work activities	R, S, T, U Other
Urban city and town	0.6%	0.2%	12.3%	0.7%	0.9%	8.1%	19.2%	4.0%	6.3%	2.2%	1.8%	1.0%	4.4%	4.3%	6.2%	9.1%	14.1%	4.4%
Rural town and fringe	1.7%	0.2%	12.0%	0.7%	0.8%	8.9%	18.0%	3.9%	5.3%	2.3%	1.6%	1.1%	5.1%	4.0%	5.8%	10.2%	13.1%	5.0%
Rural village	4.2%	0.3%	9.9%	0.6%	0.8%	8.3%	15.1%	3.2%	5.6%	3.1%	2.1%	1.5%	6.5%	3.8%	7.4%	11.1%	11.5%	5.0%
Rural hamlets and isolated dwellings	9.2%	0.3%	8.4%	0.5%	0.7%	8.1%	13.6%	2.7%	5.7%	2.9%	2.1%	1.6%	7.3%	3.9%	6.7%	10.0%	10.7%	5.5%
Total Rural	4.5%	0.3%	10.3%	0.6%	0.8%	8.5%	15.8%	3.4%	5.5%	2.7%	1.9%	1.4%	6.2%	3.9%	6.6%	10.5%	11.9%	5.1%
Total Somerset	2.5%	0.3%	11.3%	0.7%	0.9%	8.3%	17.6%	3.7%	6.0%	2.4%	1.9%	1.2%	5.3%	4.1%	6.4%	9.8%	13.0%	4.8%
Total England	0.8%	0.2%	8.8%	0.6%	0.7%	7.7%	15.9%	5.0%	5.6%	4.1%	4.4%	1.5%	6.7%	4.9%	5.9%	9.9%	12.3%	5.0%

- Somerset's largest industry in employment terms is wholesale and retail, with 17.6% employed in this sector. Human health and social work is the second largest sector in the County, employing 13% of the workforce.
- Urban and rural areas are characterised by differing sector profiles. Urban areas have a stronger presence of the following sectors: manufacturing, wholesale and retail, transport and storage, accommodation and food services, admin and support services and human health and social work. Across the profile of rural areas, agriculture is an important sector as would be expected, employing 9.2% of the workforce in sparse rural areas. ICT and profession, scientific and technical activities also show a strong presence in rural areas, perhaps supported by increasing levels of remote working and broadband.

Industry of employment - Males (2011)

Green = higher than Somerset overall, Red = lower than Somerset overall

Area	All males aged 16-74 in employment																		
	A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	B Mining and quarrying	C Manufacturing	D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	F Construction	G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	H Transport and storage	I Accommodation and food service activities	J Information and communication	K Financial and insurance activities	L Real estate activities	M Professional, scientific and technical activities	N Administrative and support service activities	O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	P Education	Q Human health and social work activities	R, S, T, U Other	
Urban city and town	0.9%	0.4%	17.7%	1.2%	1.5%	14.1%	18.7%	6.2%	5.3%	3.1%	1.5%	0.9%	4.3%	4.6%	6.7%	4.6%	5.1%	3.4%	
Rural town and fringe	2.6%	0.4%	17.1%	1.2%	1.3%	15.4%	17.7%	5.9%	4.0%	3.2%	1.4%	0.9%	4.8%	4.5%	6.7%	5.1%	4.0%	3.9%	
Rural village	5.6%	0.5%	13.7%	0.9%	1.2%	13.7%	14.9%	4.7%	4.3%	4.0%	2.1%	1.3%	6.6%	4.2%	9.0%	5.4%	4.0%	3.8%	
Rural hamlets and isolated dwellings	12.1%	0.4%	10.9%	0.9%	1.1%	12.7%	13.4%	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	2.3%	1.5%	7.5%	4.3%	8.1%	4.9%	3.9%	4.1%	
Total Rural	6.1%	0.4%	14.3%	1.0%	1.2%	14.1%	15.5%	5.0%	4.1%	3.6%	1.9%	1.2%	6.1%	4.4%	7.9%	5.2%	4.0%	3.9%	
Total Somerset	3.4%	0.4%	16.0%	1.1%	1.3%	14.1%	17.2%	5.6%	4.7%	3.4%	1.7%	1.0%	5.2%	4.5%	7.3%	4.9%	4.5%	3.7%	
Total England	1.1%	0.3%	12.5%	0.8%	1.1%	12.7%	15.9%	7.5%	4.9%	5.3%	4.4%	1.3%	6.8%	5.1%	5.9%	5.3%	5.0%	4.1%	

- The 3 largest employment sectors in Somerset for males are wholesale and retail (17.2%), manufacturing (16%) and construction (14.1%).
- For women, the 3 largest employment sectors in Somerset are human health and social work (22.5%), wholesale and retail (18%) and education (15.3%).
- Almost half of people in employment in urban areas (49.3%) travel less than 5km to work. As would be expected, people in rural areas generally travel further to work.
- Homeworking is more prevalent in rural areas, with 28.7% of people in rural and isolated areas working mainly at or from home.

Industry of employment - Females (2011)

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Area	All females aged 16-74 in employment																		
	A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	B Mining and quarrying	C Manufacturing	D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	F Construction	G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	H Transport and storage	I Accommodation and food service activities	J Information and communication	K Financial and insurance activities	L Real estate activities	M Professional, scientific and technical activities	N Administrative and support service activities	O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	P Education	Q Human health and social work activities	R, S, T, U Other	
Urban city and town	0.3%	0.1%	6.4%	0.2%	0.3%	1.6%	19.7%	1.6%	7.5%	1.1%	2.2%	1.3%	4.5%	3.9%	5.8%	14.1%	23.9%	5.6%	
Rural town and fringe	0.8%	0.1%	6.5%	0.2%	0.3%	1.8%	18.3%	1.7%	6.9%	1.3%	1.8%	1.4%	5.4%	3.4%	4.8%	15.9%	23.1%	6.2%	
Rural village	2.5%	0.0%	5.5%	0.2%	0.4%	2.2%	15.3%	1.5%	7.2%	2.0%	2.0%	1.8%	6.4%	3.4%	5.6%	17.6%	20.2%	6.4%	
Rural hamlets and isolated dwellings	5.9%	0.1%	5.6%	0.2%	0.3%	2.8%	13.8%	1.3%	7.4%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	7.1%	3.3%	5.0%	16.1%	18.7%	7.1%	
Total Rural	2.7%	0.1%	5.9%	0.2%	0.3%	2.2%	16.1%	1.5%	7.1%	1.7%	1.9%	1.6%	6.2%	3.4%	5.1%	16.6%	21.0%	6.5%	
Total Somerset	1.5%	0.1%	6.1%	0.2%	0.3%	1.9%	18.0%	1.5%	7.3%	1.4%	2.1%	1.4%	5.3%	3.7%	5.5%	15.3%	22.5%	6.0%	
Total England	0.5%	0.1%	4.7%	0.3%	0.3%	2.0%	16.0%	2.2%	6.3%	2.7%	4.4%	1.6%	6.6%	4.7%	5.8%	15.1%	20.7%	6.0%	

Distance travelled to work (2011)

Green = higher than Somerset overall, Red = lower than Somerset overall

Area	All residents aged 16-74 in employment									
	Less than 2km	2km to less than 5km	5km to less than 10km	10km to less than 20km	20km to less than 30km	30km to less than 40km	40km to less than 60km	60km and over	Work mainly at or from home	Other
Urban city and town	32.5%	16.8%	7.4%	13.0%	4.9%	3.2%	2.1%	3.0%	9.5%	7.7%
Rural town and fringe	16.7%	9.5%	15.6%	19.8%	7.7%	2.7%	2.5%	3.4%	13.1%	9.1%
Rural village	7.3%	11.2%	17.3%	17.9%	7.3%	3.3%	2.5%	3.8%	20.1%	9.4%
Rural hamlets and isolated dwellings	6.1%	9.4%	13.5%	15.9%	6.7%	3.6%	2.3%	4.1%	28.7%	9.7%
Total Rural	10.6%	10.1%	15.7%	18.1%	7.3%	3.2%	2.4%	3.7%	19.6%	9.3%
Total Somerset	21.9%	13.6%	11.4%	15.5%	6.0%	3.2%	2.3%	3.3%	14.3%	8.5%
Total England	16.6%	18.4%	17.3%	15.3%	5.7%	2.6%	2.3%	3.1%	10.3%	8.4%