# 1.1. TELFORD

## **OVERVIEW**

- Between 1991 and 2001 the population of Telford grew by some 13.6% or 15,960 people. Similarly, the number of households over the same period grew significantly, by some 22.4%. These different rates of change resulted in the average household size in Telford falling from 2.7 to 2.5 people.
- Whilst Telford accounts for only 27.4% of the Borough's area, in 2001 the town accounted for 84.3% of the population. Reflecting this, the age profile of Telford was similar to the Borough-wide profile. In particular, some 23.0% of the population were aged 15 years or less compared with 22.3% Borough-wide and some 11.8% of the population were aged 65+ compared with 12.4% Borough-wide.
- Some 5.9% of the population were from a BME community, up from 4.0% in 1991. The Asian community was the largest at 3.3%, up from 2.6% in 1991.
- Just over one in four households in the town, 26.4%, contained a single person and just over a third of households, 34.6%, contained dependent children, with 8.5% being lone parent with dependent children households.
- More than two thirds of households, 67.2%, in Telford were owner occupiers. A further 24.1% rented their home from a registered social landlord. The proportion of households that rented from a private landlord increased from 3.0% in 1991 to 5.6% in 2001.
- Some 73.8% of working people travelled to work by car or van, up from 72.3% in 1991.
- In 1991 some 12.3% of residents indicated that they had a long-term illness, by 2001 this had increased to 18.1%. In 2001, some 68.2% of the population described their health as good.
- Just less than one in ten residents, 9.9%, provided unpaid care to a friend or relative.



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## KEY STATISTICS

Table 1: Key Ward Statistics

		1991	2001	% Change		
		1771	2001	Ward	Borough	
Po	Male	57,646	65,430	13.5	13.9	
Population	Female	59,911	68,093	13.7	13.0	
	Total 117,563 1		133,523	13.6	11.9	
Hou	seholds	44,073	53,940	22.4	21.7	
Average household size		2.7	2.5	-7.3	-8.0	
Area (hectares)		-	7,940	-	-	
Population Density		14.8	16.8	13.5	11.9	

## **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

#### Table 2: Age Structure

	Borough	Ward					
		2001		1991			
	%	People	%	People	%		
0 - 4	6.6	9,337	7.0	9,243	7.9		
5 - 9	7.0	9,629	7.2	8,716	7.4		
10 - 14	7.3	9,899	7.4	8,083	6.9		
15	1.4	1,919	1.4	1,615	1.4		
16 - 19	5.2	6,853	5.1	6,981	5.9		
20 - 29	12.6	17,259	12.9	19,422	16.5		
30 - 44	23.3	31,664	23.7	26,043	22.2		
45 - 64	24.2	31,289	23.4	23,804	20.2		
65 - 84	11.1	14,098	10.6	12,699	10.8		
85 +	1.3	1,576	1.2	957	0.8		
Total	100	133,523	100	117,563	100		

### Table 3: Ethnicity

	Borough	Ward				
		2001		1991		
	%	People	%	%		
Asian or Asian British	2.9	4,413	3.3	2.6		
Black or Black British	0.6	899	0.7	0.8		
Chinese	0.3	499	0.4	0.2		
Mixed	1.1	1,650	1.2	-		
Other Ethnic group	0.3	483	0.4	0.3		
White	94.8	125,581	94.1	96.0		
Total	100	133,525	100	100		

#### Table 4: Religion

	Borough	Ward		
	%	People	%	
Buddhist	0.3	378	0.3	
Christian	74.3	97,347	72.9	
Hindu	0.4	619	0.5	
Jewish	0.0	57	0.0	
Muslim	1.3	1,984	1.5	
Sikh	1.2	1,733	1.3	
Other religion	0.2	313	0.2	
No religion	15.1	21,163	15.8	
Religion not stated	7.3	9,935	7.4	
Total	100	133,529	100	

## HOUSING AND HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Table 5: Household Structure																
		Hou	seholds w Chil		dent	Single House	Single Person All other Households									
		Lone Parent	Married couple	Cohabiting couple	Other	Single Pensioner	Single non-pensioner	All pensioner	Cohabiting couple with no children	Cohabiting couple with non-dependent children	Married couple no children	Married couple with non-dependent children only	Lone Parent with non- dependent children	All student	Other	Total
	Borough %	7.9	19.7	4.2	2.1	11.5	14.5	7.5	5.0	0.4	14.8	6.3	3.2	0.2	2.6	100
Ward	Households	4,611	10,47 6	2,423	1,203	6,083	8,122	3,752	2,740	235	7,735	3,335	1,751	26	1,4 56	53,94 8
ard	%	8.5	19.4	4.5	2.2	11.3	15.1	7.0	5.1	0.4	14.3	6.2	3.2	0.0	2.7	100

### Table 6: Tenure

	Borough Ward					
		2001				
	%	Households	%	%		
Owner Occupied	68.8	36,248	67.2	64.4		
Housing Association/ Registered Social Landlord	22.0	12,981	24.1	31.2		
Private Landlord	5.9	3,045	5.6	3.0		
Other	3.3	1,669	3.1	1.4		
Total	100	53,943	100	100		

## Table 7: Dwelling Type

	Borough			
		2001	1991	
	%	Dwellings	%	%
Detached	30.6	15,143	27.4	21.6
Semi-detached	36.7	20,449	37.0	35.5
Terrace (including end terrace)	22.4	13,727	24.8	31.5
Flat	10.3	6,000	10.8	11.3
Total	100	55,319	100	100

## Table 8: Households with Access to A Car or Van

	Borough	Ward					
		1991					
	%	Households	%	%			
None	22.4	13,054	24.2	30.5			
One	45.5	24,925	46.2	47.0			
Twoor more	32.2	15,961	29.6	22.5			
Total	100	53,940	100	100			

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Table 9: Economically Active Population (16+ to
74)

	Borough				
		2001			
	%	People	%	%	
Full time employees	66.3	44,457	67.4	66.4	
Part-time employees	16.8	10,921	16.5	13.9	
Self-employed	8.7	5,103	7.7	7.8	
Un-employed	4.8	3,435	5.2	9.6	
Full time student	3.4	2,085	3.2	0.7	
Govt Scheme	-	-	-	1.6	
Total	100	66,001	100	100.0	
Economic Activity Rate	68.7	-	68.9	65.1	

## Table 10: Industry of Employment

	Borough			
		2001		1991
	%	People	%	%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1.4	532	0.9	0.7
Mining and Utilities	0.8	514	0.8	4.2
Construction	5.8	3,556	5.7	7.2
Manufacturing	25.4	16,754	26.9	32.9
Wholesale, Retail and Hotels	20.5	13,021	20.9	19.4
Transport and Communication	4.9	3,128	5.0	3.9
Finance and Business Services	14.0	8,594	13.8	6.1
Public Services	23.6	14,037	22.5	25.5
Other Services	3.6	2,147	3.4	20.0
Total	100	62,284	100	100

#### Table 11: Standard Occupational Class Of Residents in Employment

	Borough			
		2001		1991
	%	People	%	%
Managers and Senior Officials	13.8	8,190	13.1	12.1
Professional Occupations	9.0	5,226	8.4	5.5
Associate professional and technical occupations	11.9	7,180	11.5	6.3
Administrative and secretarial occupations	12.5	7,635	12.3	15.2
Skilled trades occupations	11.9	7,535	12.1	17.1
Personal service occupations	5.9	3,620	5.8	7.6
Sales and customer service occupations	7.5	4,883	7.8	7.6
Process, plant and machine operatives	13.2	8,738	14.0	19.0
Elementary occupations (including not stated)	14.4	9,277	14.9	9.5
Total	100	62,284	100	100

## Table 12: Qualifications (all people aged 16 to 74)

	Borough	Ward	
	%	People	%
No qualifications	31.8	31,883	33.3
Level 1: 1+ O level passes, 1+ CSE/GCSE any grades, NVQ Level 1, Foundation GNVQ	18.6	18,362	19.2
Level 2: 5+ O level passes, 5+ CSEs (grade 1s), 5+ GCSEs (Grade AC), School Certificate, 1+ A Levels, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ	21.1	20,114	21.0
Level 3: 2+ A Levels, 4+ AS levels, Higher School Certificate, NVQ level 3, Advanced GNVQ	7.3	6,498	6.8
Level 4/5: First degree, Higher degree, NVQ levels 4 and 5, HNC, HND, Qualified Teacher, Medical Doctor, Dentist, Nurse, Midwife or Health Visitor	14.2	12,375	12.9
Other qualifications/level unknown	6.9	6,578	6.9
Total	100	95,810	100

### Table 13: Means of Travel to Work

Table 13. Wears of Travel to Work				
	Borough	Ward		
	2001 19		1991	
	%	People	%	%
Mainly work at home	7.8	4,409	7.1	2.5
Train	1.0	637	1.0	0.9
Bus	4.3	3,000	4.8	8.5
Motorcycle	1.0	652	1.0	1.5
Driving a car or van	64.4	39,620	63.6	59.7
Passenger in a car or van	9.6	6,341	10.2	12.5
Bicycle	2.5	1,621	2.6	2.3
On foot	8.3	5,185	8.3	10.5
Other	1.2	819	1.3	1.6
Total	100	62,284	100	100

## HEALTH AND CARE

#### Table 14: Long-term Limiting Illness

	Borough	Ward		
		2001		1991
	%	People	%	%
Yes	18.0	24,182	18.1	12.3
No	82.0	109,341	81.9	87.7
Total	100	133,523	100	100

#### Table 15: General Health

	Borough	Ward		
	%	People	%	
Good	68.6	91,052	68.2	
Fairly good	22.0	29,790	22.3	
Not good	9.3	12,681	9.5	
Total	100	133,523	100	

#### Table 16: Provision of Unpaid Care

	Borough	Ward	
	%	People	%
1-19 hours a week	6.3	8,160	6.1
20 - 49 hours a week	1.2	1,609	1.2
50 or more hours a week	2.4	3,385	2.5
Total	9.9	13,154	9.9

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## The Census

The 2001 Census was carried out on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. As the response rate was 94.2% in the Borough, it was necessary for the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to impute missing responses. All data from the Census are therefore estimates and subject to standard error.

In order to monitor local trends, 1991 Census data has been modelled to 2001 ward boundaries. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that this exercise produces accurate results, it must be remembered that at best the 1991 data included in this report are estimates.

Due to rounding, table columns in this document may not sum to the presented total.

## **Migration**

A migrant is defined as a person with a different address one year before the Census to that on Census Day.

## **Ethnicity**

The 2001 Census was the first Census to use the "mixed" ethnicity response.

#### **Dependent Children**

A dependent child is a person in a household aged 0-15 years (whether or not in a family) or a person aged 16-18 who is a full-time student and in a family with parents

#### **Economic Activity**

The economically active population is more usually defined as all people aged 16+ who are either full or part time employees, self employed, unemployed or a full time student who is working. To date, ONS have only published data for 16-74 year olds, excluding residents who are 75+ and economically active. It has not been possible to produce ward based estimates of the economically active population from the 1991 Census which excludes those who are aged 75+. However, the percentage of economically active people who were aged 75+ in the 1991 Census was less than 0.13%.

## Economic Dependency Ratio

The economic dependency ratio is the ratio between people of working age, 16 to 65, and the rest of the population. A high rate indicates that there are disproportionately more people not of working age in a population than working age.

## Unemployment Rate

The Census definition of unemployment is broader and therefore produces a higher unemployment rate than the measure normally used by ONS (residents claiming Job Seekers Allowance).

#### Long-term Limiting Illness

An illness, health problem or disability which limits daily activities or the work a person can do.

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