

# 2011 Census Update – Household Characteristics

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## 1 Introduction

The second release of Census data provides information on household structure within local authorities and some characteristic information such as car and van access.

### What is this data telling us?

- Nearly one in nine households in Telford and Wrekin (10.7%) are lone person pensioner households lower than the regional and national figures.
- A third (33.0%) of households in Telford and Wrekin have dependent children, higher than the regional and national figures.
- Around one in ten (10.2%) of people in Telford and Wrekin are divorced or have legally dissolved a same-sex civil partnership, higher than the regional and national rates.
- A fifth of households (20.6%) in Telford and Wrekin have no access to a car or

## 2 Household Composition

There are a total of 12,313 households in the Borough where all residents are aged 65 and over, some 18.5% of all households lower than the regional (21.5%) and national (20.7%) figures. A third (33.0%) of Telford and Wrekin households have dependent children, higher than the regional (30.2%) and national (29.1%) figures.

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**Table 1: Household composition in Telford and Wrekin, West Midlands and England**

		Telford and Wrekin		West Midlands	England	
		Count	%	%	%	
One person household	Aged 65 and over	7,113	10.7%	12.6%	12.4%	
	Other	9,680	14.5%	16.9%	17.9%	
One family only	All aged 65 and over	5,035	7.6%	8.6%	8.1%	
	Married or same-sex civil partnership couple	No children	9,221	13.8%	12.1%	12.3%
		Dependent children	10,915	16.4%	15.4%	15.3%
		All children non-dependent	4,075	6.1%	6.2%	5.6%
	Cohabiting couple	No children	3,793	5.7%	4.8%	5.3%
		Dependent children	3,759	5.6%	4.3%	4.0%
		All children non-dependent	399	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
	Lone parent	Dependent children	5,394	8.1%	7.5%	7.1%
All children non-dependent		2,416	3.6%	3.8%	3.5%	
Other household types	With dependent children	1,928	2.9%	2.9%	2.6%	
	All full-time students	182	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	
	All aged 65 and over	165	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	
	Other	2,533	3.8%	3.6%	4.5%	
<i>All households</i>		<i>66,608</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	

*Source: Office for National Statistics 2011 Census*

### 3 Marital Status

Around a third (32.9%) of Telford and Wrekin residents aged 16 and over are single having never married or registered a same-sex civil partnership, lower than the regional and national rates. Just under half (47.6%) of 16+ Borough residents are currently married, in line with the regional and slightly higher than the national figures.

**Table 2: Marital status in Telford and Wrekin, West Midlands and England**

	Telford and Wrekin		West Midlands	England
	Count	%	%	%
Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	43,520	32.9%	33.7%	34.6%
Married	63,028	47.6%	47.5%	46.6%
In a registered same-sex civil partnership	281	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	3,614	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%
Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	13,546	10.2%	8.7%	9.0%
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership	8,451	6.4%	7.3%	6.9%
<i>All residents aged 16 and over</i>	<i>132,440</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

*Source: Office for National Statistics 2011 Census*

## 4 Car and Van Availability

At the time of the 2011 Census there were a total of 84,671 cars or vans in the Borough accessible by households, an average of 1.3 per household. Households in Telford and Wrekin were more likely to have access to a car or van than regionally or nationally with just over a fifth (20.6%) of households in the Borough not having access to a car or van compared to almost a quarter (24.7%) regionally and 25.8% nationally.

**Table 3: Access to cars and vans in Telford and Wrekin, West Midlands and England**

	Telford and Wrekin		West Midlands	England
	Count	%	%	%
No cars or vans in household	13,748	20.6%	24.7%	25.8%
1 car or van in household	28,700	43.1%	41.5%	42.2%
2 cars or vans in household	18,576	27.9%	25.8%	24.7%
3 cars or vans in household	4,178	6.3%	5.9%	5.5%
4 or more cars or vans in household	1,406	2.1%	2.1%	1.9%
All cars or vans in the area	84,671	-	-	-
<i>All households</i>	<i>66,608</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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## 5 Further information

Further information on households for other areas in England and Wales is available at [www.ons.gov.uk/census](http://www.ons.gov.uk/census).

Additional data for small areas such as wards will be released by ONS at the end of January 2013, with further data allowing analysis by characteristics such as age released from spring 2013 onwards. Delivery & Planning will produce local analysis of this data as it becomes available and will publish these reports on [www.telford.gov.uk/factsandfigures](http://www.telford.gov.uk/factsandfigures).