

Statistics about Witham

Witham Ward is within Boston LAD or UA

People Statistics

Resident Population and Age

The resident population of Witham, as measured in the 2001 Census, was 3,821 of which 49 per cent were male and 51 per cent were female. The resident population of Boston was 55,750, of which 49 per cent were male and 51 per cent were female.

Resident population (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
Under 16	19.3	18.7	20.2
16 to 19	4.2	4.7	4.9
20 to 29	13.2	10.3	12.6
30 to 59	39.9	40.9	41.5
60 to 74	14.1	16.3	13.3
75 and over	9.3	9.1	7.6
Average age	39.8	41.4	38.6

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Marital Status

Resident population aged 16 and over (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
Single (never married)	29.0	23.8	30.1
Married or re-married	47.6	55.4	50.9
Separated	2.4	2.1	2.4
Divorced	10.6	9.0	8.2
Widowed	10.4	9.7	8.4

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Ethnic Group

Resident population (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England
White	98.5	98.5	90.9
of which White Irish	0.4	0.4	1.3
Mixed	0.5	0.4	1.3
Asian or Asian British	0.8	0.5	4.6
Indian	0.3	0.3	2.1
Pakistani	0.4	0.1	1.4
Bangladeshi	0.0	0.0	0.6
Other Asian	0.1	0.1	0.5
Black or Black British	0.1	0.2	2.3
Caribbean	0.0	0.0	1.1
African	0.1	0.2	1.0
Other Black	0.0	0.0	0.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	0.1	0.4	0.9

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Religion

Resident population (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
Christian	75.5	80.2	71.8
Buddhist	0.2	0.1	0.3
Hindu	0.1	0.2	1.1

Jewish	0.0	0.1	0.5
Muslim	0.6	0.4	3.0
Sikh	0.2	0.0	0.6
Other religions	0.1	0.2	0.3
No religion	14.9	11.4	14.8
Religion not stated	8.5	7.4	7.7

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Health and provision of care

The 2001 Census asked people to describe their health, over the preceding 12 months as 'good', 'fairly good' or 'not good'.

Resident population (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
Good	65.2	64.6	68.6
Fairly good	26.2	25.6	22.2
Not good	8.6	9.7	9.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

It also asked questions about any limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limited peoples daily activities or the work they could do.

Resident population (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
With a limiting long-term illness	18.6	20.3	18.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

For the first time, the 2001 Census asked a question about any voluntary care provided to look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long term physical or mental ill-health or disability, or problems relating to old age.

Resident population (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
Provided unpaid care	8.9	10.1	10.0

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

There are two main benefits associated with health that are paid to people needing help with personal care. They are the 'Disability Living Allowance' and the 'Attendance Allowance'.

The Disability Living Allowance is a benefit paid to people under 65, who are disabled, and need help with personal care, and/or getting around. In August 2000, 2,000 people in Boston received this benefit.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

The Attendance Allowance is paid to people over the age of 65, who are so severely disabled, physically or mentally, that they need supervision or a great deal of help with personal care. In May 2000, 1,115 people in Boston received this benefit.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Economic Activity

Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
Employed	63.1	60.6	60.6
Unemployed	3.8	2.8	3.4
Economically active full-time students	1.5	1.8	2.6
Retired	14.8	16.8	13.6
Economically inactive students	2.2	2.4	4.7
Looking after home/family	6.0	6.4	6.5
Permanently sick or disabled	5.6	6.1	5.5
Other economically inactive	3.0	3.0	3.1

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Within Witham, 17 per cent of those unemployed were aged 50 and over, 12 per cent had never worked and 16 per cent were long term unemployed.

In August 2000, there were 365 Jobseeker Allowance claimants in Boston of which 26 per cent had child dependants. The Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) is payable to people under pensionable age who are available for, and actively seeking, work of at least 40 hours a week. Figures produced here are those only for people claiming income-based JSA.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

In August 2000, there were 3,690 Income Support claimants in Boston, of which 2 per cent were aged under 20. Income support was introduced on April 11th 1988 and can be paid to a person who is aged 16 and over, is not working 16 hours or more a week, and has less money coming in than the law says they need to live on.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Students and Qualifications

Students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
Total number of full-time students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74	98	1,684	2,648,992
Percentage of total resident population	2.6	3.0	5.1
Total number aged 16 to 17	49	964	1,014,284
Total number aged 18 to 74	49	720	1,634,708

Note : Students and schoolchildren were counted at their term-time address.

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
Had no qualifications	37.3	39.9	29.1
Qualified to degree level or higher	11.2	10.0	19.8

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Housing and Households

In Witham there were 1,744 households in 2001. 98 per cent of the resident population lived in households. The remainder of the population lived in communal establishments. The number of households in Boston was 23,989.

Number of households (percentage)

	Witham	Boston	England and Wales
One person households	35.9	28.8	30.0
Pensioners living alone	15.5	15.8	14.4
Other All Pensioner households	9.8	12.2	9.4
Contained dependent children	25.5	26.5	29.5
Lone parent households with dependent children	6.0	5.1	6.5
Owner occupied	69.3	70.3	68.9
Rented from Council	7.7	9.8	13.2
Rented from Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord	6.1	10.2	6.0
Private rented or lived rent free	16.8	9.7	11.9
Without central heating	8.2	6.1	8.5
Without sole use of bath, shower or toilet	0.4	0.6	0.5
Have no car or van	28.6	21.8	26.8
Have 2 or more cars or vans	19.4	29.0	29.4
Average household size (number)	2.2	2.3	2.4
Average number of rooms per household	5.2	5.4	5.3

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

£'s and number of households (percentage)

	Boston		England & Wales	
	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property
Detached	89,111	43.5	178,806	22.8
Semi-detached	53,079	31.0	101,733	31.6
Terraced	42,979	15.1	89,499	26.0
Flat	30,793	9.8	120,185	19.2
All property types	66,425		119,436	

Sources: 2001 Census, ONS
The Land Registry, 2001

Area Statistics

Levels Of Crime in Boston

Notifiable offences recorded by the police. April 2000 to March 2001.

	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary from a dwelling	Theft of a motor vehicle	Theft from a motor vehicle
Total number of offences recorded, Boston	363	35	16	272	152	637
Rate per 1,000 population, Boston	6.7	0.6	0.3	5.0	2.8	11.7
Rate per 1,000 population, England and Wales	11.4	0.7	1.8	7.6	6.4	11.9

Source: Home Office, 2001

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