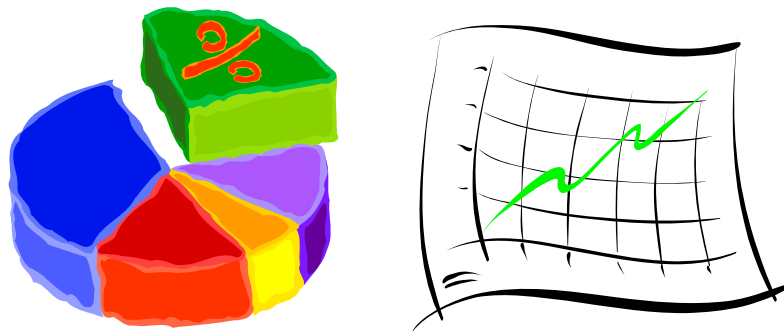




BURGESS HILL FACTS AND FIGURES



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This document details a variety of statistics with brief commentary for Burgess Hill. The document is divided into the following sections:

- Population
- The Economy
- Households
- Travel to Work Information

For an overview of the District and the other towns within Mid Sussex, see the Mid Sussex Facts and Figures document.

Introduction

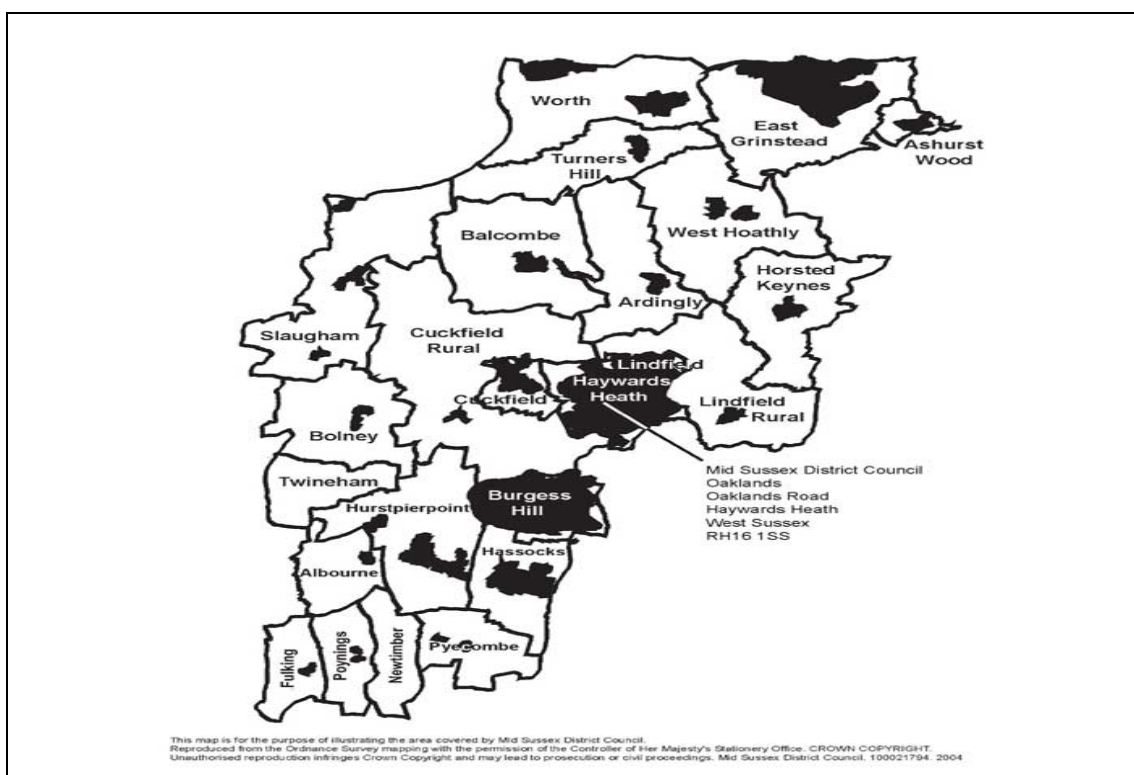
The Mid Sussex District is characterised by a number of towns and villages located within an extensive area of very attractive countryside. The majority of the population lives in these towns and villages. The larger centres have expanded considerably in recent years with the addition of new housing estates and in some cases large commercial developments. Some growth has also occurred in the villages and in a few cases new residential developments have significantly increased their size.

Burgess Hill

Burgess Hill is an attractive town surrounded by beautiful countryside including the South Downs. One of its attractions is its prime location, situated on the main London to Brighton rail link, close to the south coast and within easy reach of Gatwick Airport and London. The recently completed direct link to the A23 has improved this prime commercial location even further by routing traffic directly on to the motorway system.

Burgess Hill has expanded considerably over the past 50 years. The population has more than trebled since 1951 and until recently, was one of the fastest growing towns in Sussex. The town benefits from a modern town centre as well as excellent leisure and sporting facilities.

The Mid Sussex District by Town and Parishes



Executive Summary

Population

The population of Burgess Hill has undergone rapid expansion in recent years (growing by almost 12% between 1991 – 2001) and is now forecast to stabilise at approximately 28,800 up until 2016. The structure of the town's population generally mirrors that of the Mid Sussex District and West Sussex although it has a higher percentage of people in the younger age groups (0-44) and a lower percentage in the older age groups (45-75+). Burgess Hill's age structure generally matches that of England although it has a lower percentage of people in the 16-29 group and a higher percentage in the 30-44 group. Overall, 81.4% of the town's population is aged less than 60 years.

Workforce

Unemployment levels in Burgess Hill have generally followed national and regional trends in a sustained and steady decrease level over recent years. The town has a high level of economically active population that is above the district, county, regional and national level. A high percentage of the population are employed as managers and senior officials (18%), associate professional and technical occupations (15%) and administrative and secretarial occupations (15%).

Households

Just over one-third (36%) of households in Burgess Hill are two person households and 24% are single person households. Burgess Hill has a high level of vehicle ownership, with 85% of households owning one or more cars/vans. 84% of households in Burgess Hill are owner-occupiers. The town has a higher level of detached and semi-detached dwellings than the national average but a lower level of flats and terraced housing.

1 - Population

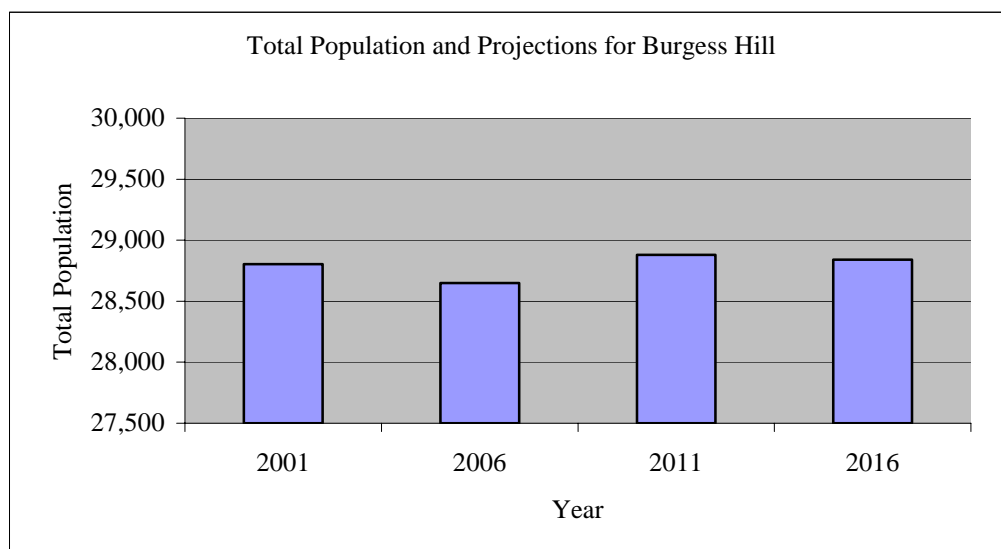
1.1 – Total population by settlement and sex

Area	Population	Males	Females
Albourne	600	298	302
Ardingly	1833	936	897
Ashurst Wood	1771	896	875
Balcombe	1765	850	915
Bolney	1209	592	617
Burgess Hill	28803	13981	14822
Cuckfield	3266	1570	1696
Cuckfield Rural	1574	802	772
East Grinstead	23942	11546	12396
Fulking	250	122	128
Hassocks	6821	3163	3658
Haywards Heath	22800	10918	11882
Horsted Keynes	1507	724	783
Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common	6264	3020	3244
Lindfield	5394	2500	2894
Lindfield Rural	2644	1287	1357
Newtimber	93	53	40
Poynings	287	138	149
Pyecombe	200	97	103
Slaugham	2226	1116	1110
Turners Hill	1849	1057	792
Twineham	271	134	137
West Hoathly	2121	1042	1079
Worth	9888	4866	5022
Total	127378	61708	65670

Source: 2001 Census

- Burgess Hill is the largest of the three towns in Mid Sussex with a population of 28,803

1.2 Total Population and Projections for Burgess Hill 2001 - 2016



Source: 2001 Census and 2001 West Sussex County Council Forecasts

- Although Burgess Hill experienced rapid population expansion between 1991-2001 (almost 12%), it is forecast to remain relatively stable for the forecast period up until 2016 at around 28,800.

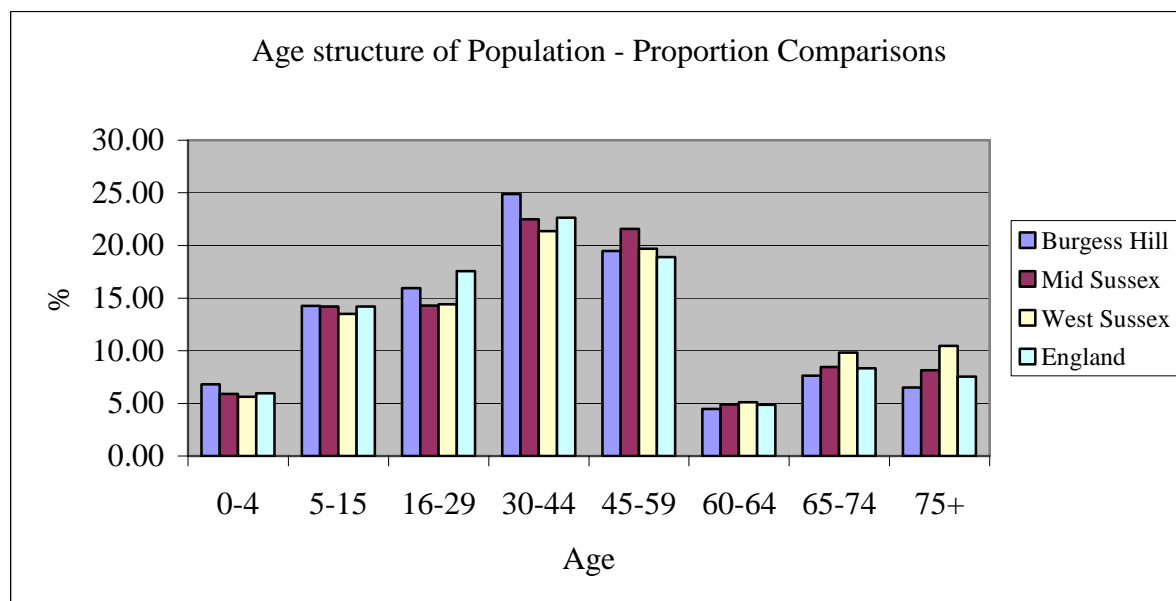
1.3 - Total Population and Projections 1991 – 2016

Area	Census		Estimates and Projections		
	1991	2001	2006	2011	2016
Burgess Hill	25,785	28,803	28,650	28,880	28,840
East Grinstead	25,870	23,942	26,045	26,175	26,275
Haywards Heath	22,725	22,800	25,545	25,820	25,915
Mid Sussex	124,490	127,378	130,525	134,620	138,920
West Sussex	714,420	764,205	780,225	794,460	806,920

* 2001 figure excludes Ashurstwood Parish which was included in the 1991 figure. Ashurstwood became separate Parish Council in April 2000.

Source: 1991 Census / 2001 Census / 2001 West Sussex County Council Forecasts

1.4 - Age structure of Burgess Hill Population



Source: 2001 Census

- The structure of the town's population generally mirrors that of the Mid Sussex District and West Sussex although it has a higher percentage of people in the younger age groups (0-44) and a lower percentage in the older age groups (45-75+).
- Burgess Hill's age structure generally matches that of England's although it has a lower percentage of people in the 16-29 group and a higher percentage in the 30-44 group. Overall, 81.4% of the town's population is aged less than 60 years.

1.5 - Age structure of Population – Table of Figures

Area	0-4	5-15	16-29	30-44	45-59	60-64	65-74	75+
Burgess Hill	1963	4110	4588	7172	5607	1285	2204	1874
Mid Sussex	7534	18114	18213	28660	27462	6239	10764	10392
West Sussex	42351	101770	108760	160919	148423	38566	74026	78799
England	2926238	6975343	8630216	11127511	9279693	2391830	4102841	3705159

Source: 2001 Census

1.6 - Age structure of Burgess Hill – Table of Figures (Percentages)

Area	0-4	5-15	16-29	30-44	45-59	60-64	65-74	75+
Burgess Hill	6.82%	14.27%	15.93%	24.90%	19.47%	4.46%	7.65%	6.51%
East Grinstead	5.76%	14.39%	15.22%	22.64%	22.28%	4.37%	7.68%	7.66%
Haywards Heath	5.99%	13.30%	15.78%	23.14%	20.61%	4.54%	7.84%	8.79%
Mid Sussex	5.91%	14.22%	14.30%	22.50%	21.56%	4.90%	8.45%	8.16%

Source: 2001 Census

1.7 - Ethnic Origin of the Burgess Hill population – Table of Figures

	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group
Burgess Hill	28014	260	291	58	181
Mid Sussex	124003	1146	1128	340	765
West Sussex	728031	6323	12511	2771	3978
South East	7608989	85779	186615	56914	62348
England	44679361	643373	2248289	1132508	435300

Source: 2001 Census

1.8 - Ethnic Origin of the Burgess Hill population – Table of Figures (Percentages)

	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group
Burgess Hill	97.3%	0.9%	1.0%	0.2%	0.6%
Mid Sussex	97.3%	0.9%	0.9%	0.3%	0.6%
West Sussex	96.6%	0.8%	1.7%	0.4%	0.5%
South East	95.1%	1.1%	2.3%	0.7%	0.8%
England	90.9%	1.3%	4.6%	2.3%	0.9%

Source: 2001 Census

The Economy

Introduction

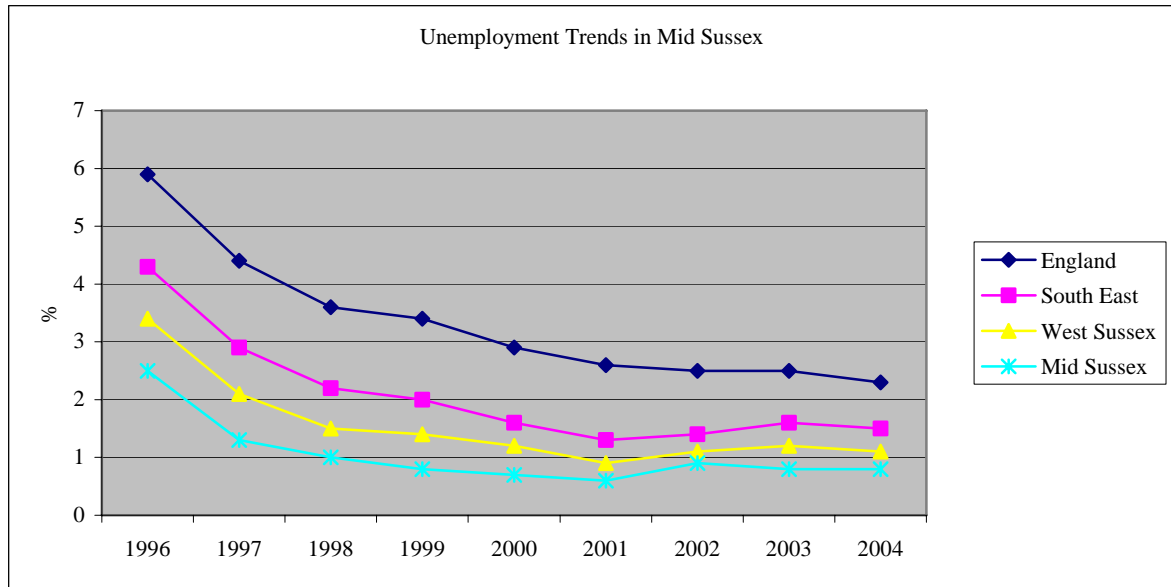
Mid Sussex has traditionally enjoyed a healthy and prosperous local economy, and in common with other parts of Central Sussex has experienced considerable economic growth over the last 20-30 years. Its location at the heart of a large regional market with excellent transport links by road, rail, sea and air, an outstanding physical environment and a skilled local workforce have all been significant factors in attracting business development and economic investment over this period.

Along with the remainder of the region, the performance of the District's economy has been subject to periodic variations in recent decades. However, the local economy has remained relatively resilient when compared to the rest of West Sussex, the southeast region and the UK as a whole. For example, unemployment has remained well below the regional and national averages throughout this period. This trend has continued into the new century, with the overall health of the economy reflected by unemployment levels amongst the lowest in the country. This resilience and relative health makes Mid Sussex one of the most attractive locations for new business development. The economy of Mid Sussex is particularly diverse with a wide range of businesses engaged in a variety of activities. There are around 40 companies with over 100 employees, and a number of important companies have established their national or regional headquarters in the District. However, in common with the rest of Sussex the great majority of businesses are small or medium sized, employing fewer than 25 people.

In terms of employment, the service sector is predominant within the District. However, there are significant local variations. For example, in Burgess Hill approximately one third of employment is in manufacturing, whereas in Haywards Heath the service sector clearly predominates. The economies of the three main towns are generally complementary, with an emphasis on general and, increasingly, 'high tech' industries in Burgess Hill, offices in Haywards Heath, and a more even spread in East Grinstead. This diversity and the absence of any reliance on the fortunes of a few large companies is a particular strength, which has contributed to the overall resilience of the local economy during wider economic downturns. Mid Sussex is also fortunate in possessing a number of companies in potential growth sectors in the economy including electronics, engineering, science based industry, commercial and financial services and travel and tourism. There is also a high quality labour force with a range of skills and a history of good labour relations.

2- Workforce

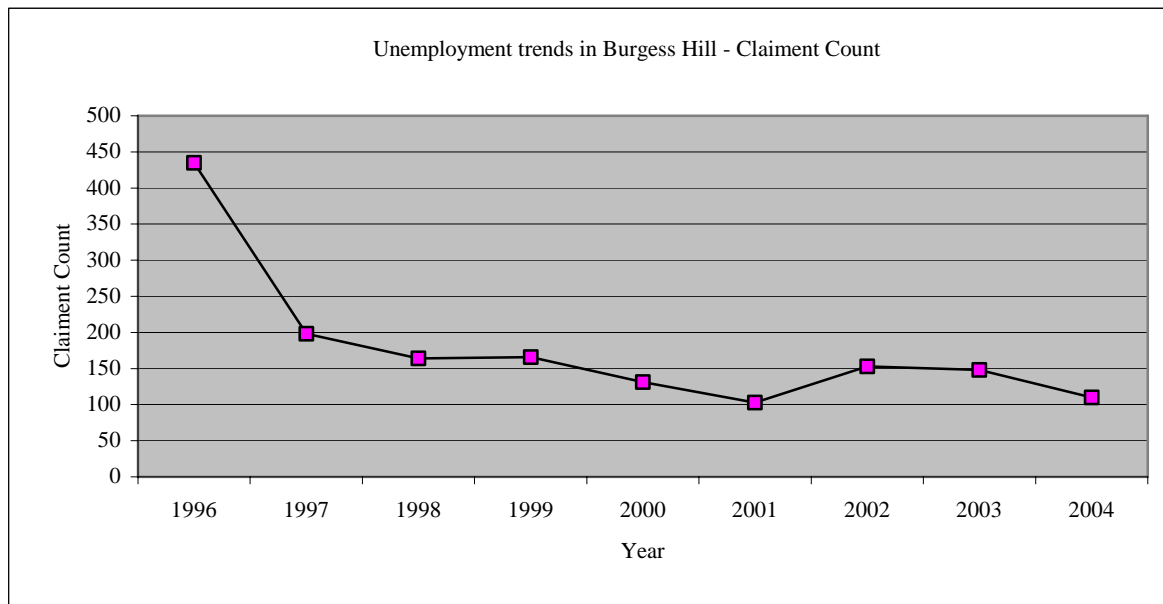
2.1 - Unemployment trends for Mid Sussex 1996 -2004



Source: NOMIS – Labour Market Statistics (Figures are for the month of May for each year)

- The above table details the percentage of claimants against the total workforce population for each year. The trend of unemployment in Mid Sussex has generally mirrored both national and regional trends of sustained falling unemployment levels. During the period from 1996 up until 2004, the Mid Sussex District has consistently had a lower unemployment rate than both national and regional levels.

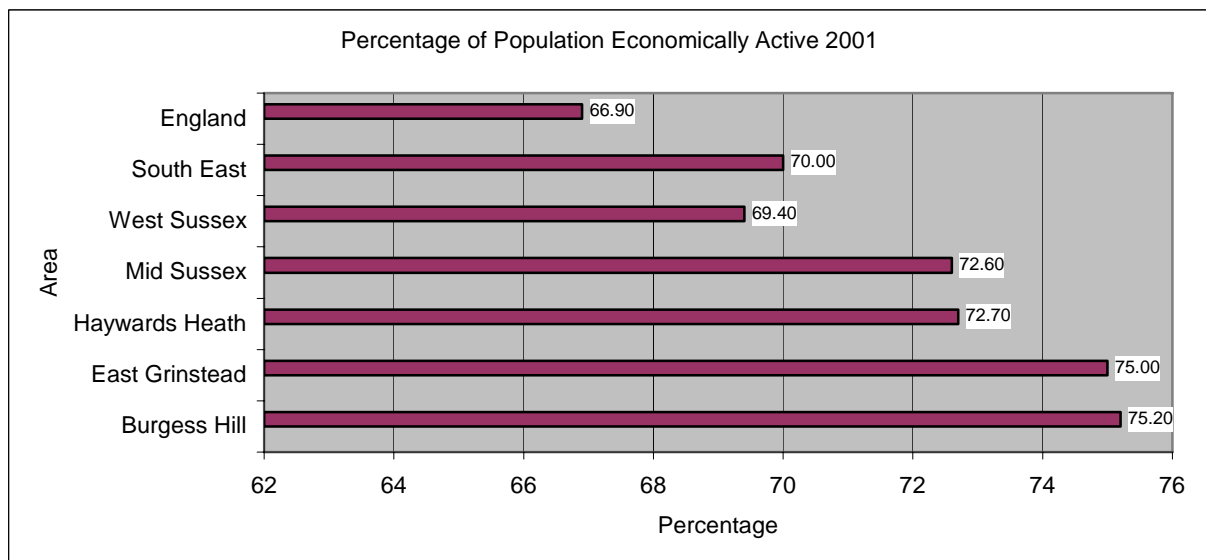
2.2 – Unemployment trends for Burgess Hill 1996 – 2004



Source: NOMIS – Labour Market Statistics (Figures are for the month of May for each year)

- The above table details the number of claimants for Burgess Hill 1996 -2004. The level of claimants has followed the nationwide and regional trend of a continued decline in unemployment figures.
- The claimant count has fallen by almost 75% since 1996.

2.3 - Economic Activity

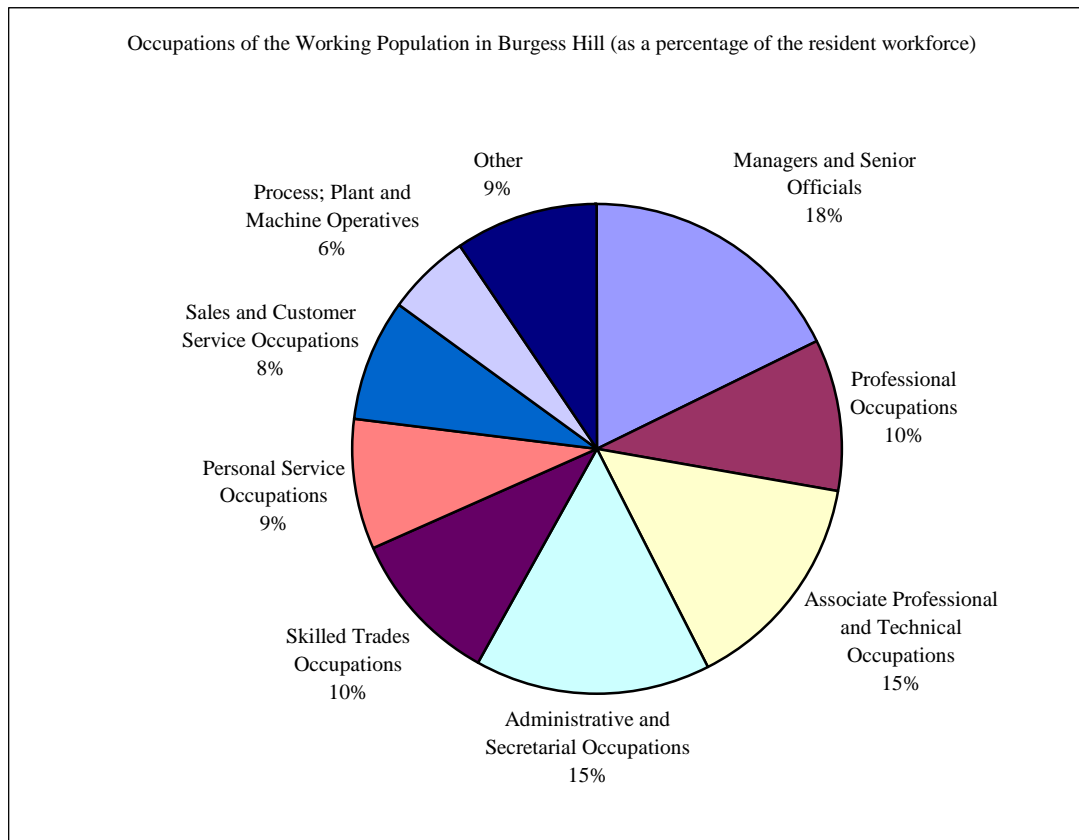


Source: 2001 Census

Note: Economic activity - applies only to people aged 16 to 74. It relates to whether or not a person was working or looking for work in the week before the Census. The concept of Economic Activity is compatible with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of economic status. All people who were working in the week before the Census are described as economically active. In addition, the category includes people who were not working but were looking for work and were available to start work within 2 weeks. (Source: Office for National Statistics)

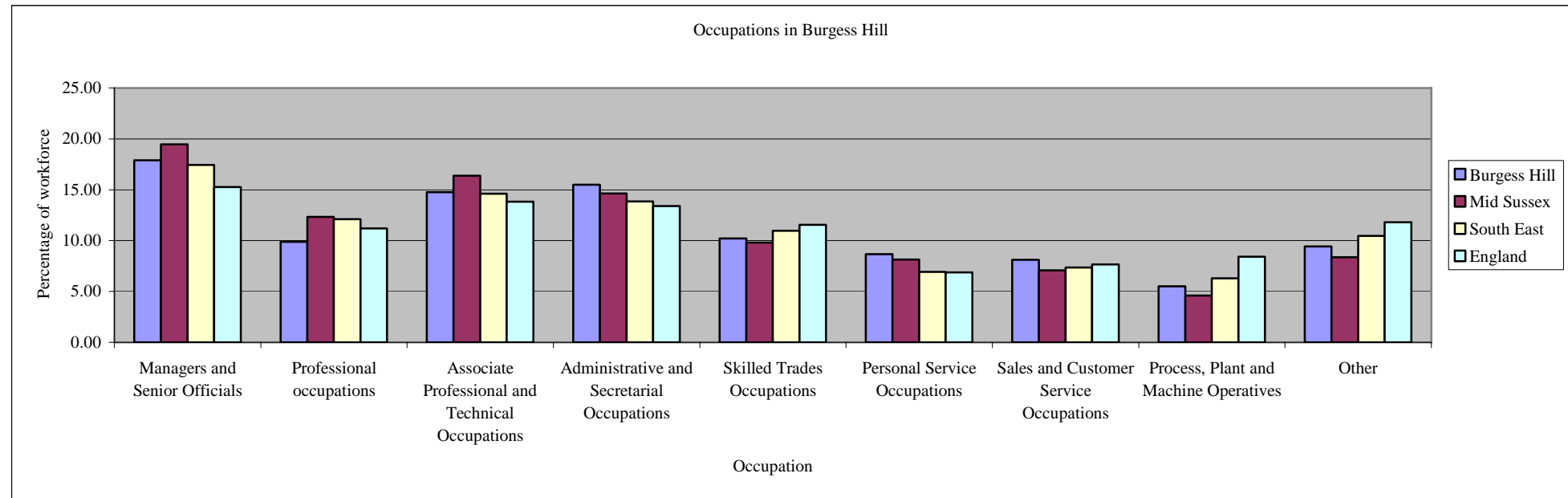
- Burgess Hill has a higher proportion of economically active persons compared to the county, region and national average.

2.4 - Occupation of the Working Population in Burgess Hill



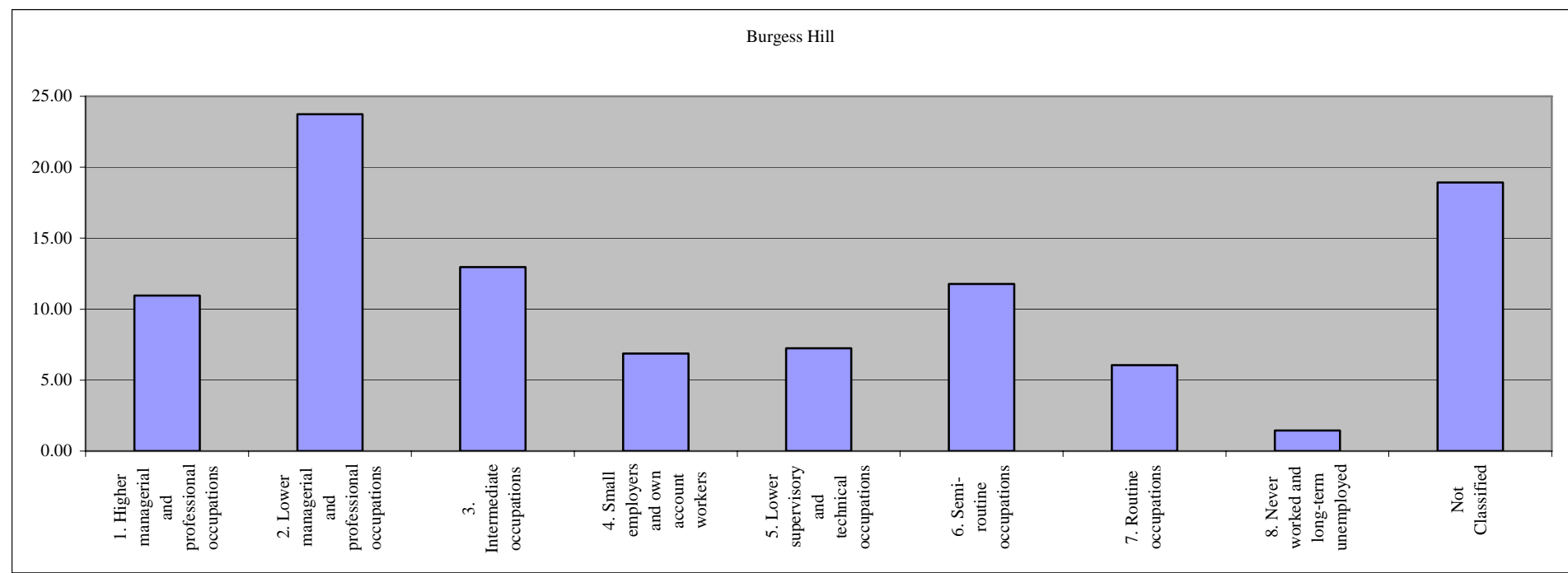
- A high percentage of the population are employed as managers and senior officials (18%), associate professional and technical occupations (15%) and administrative and secretarial occupations (15%).

2.5 - Occupations of the Working Population in Burgess Hill compared to wider context



- Compared with the Mid Sussex District, Burgess Hill has a higher proportion of residents occupied by administrative and secretarial occupations, personal services, sales and customer services occupations and process, plant and machine operatives.

2.6 Socio – Economic Classification – Burgess Hill

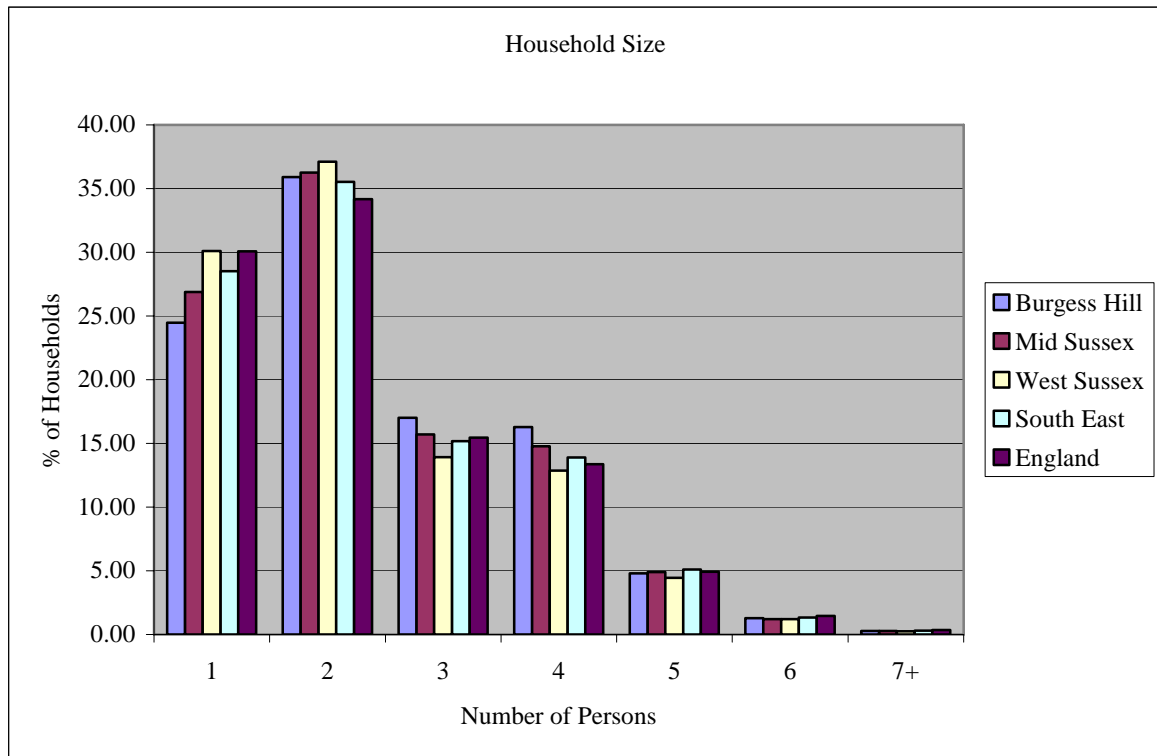


Source: 2001 Census

Note: The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification - From 2001 the National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) will be used for all official statistics and surveys. It will replace Social Class based on Occupation (SC, formerly Registrar General's Social Class) and Socio-economic Groups (SEG). This change has been agreed by the National Statistician following a major review of government social classifications commissioned in 1994 by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (now the Office for National Statistics) and carried out by the Economic and Social Research Council. The NS-SEC is an occupationally based classification but has rules to provide coverage of the whole adult population. The information required to create the NS-SEC is occupation coded to the unit groups (OUG) of the Standard Occupational Classification 2000 (SOC2000) and details of employment status (whether an employer, self-employed or employee; whether a supervisor; number of employees at the workplace). Similar information was previously required for SC and SEG.

3 - Households

3.1 – Number of Persons per Household compared to wider context

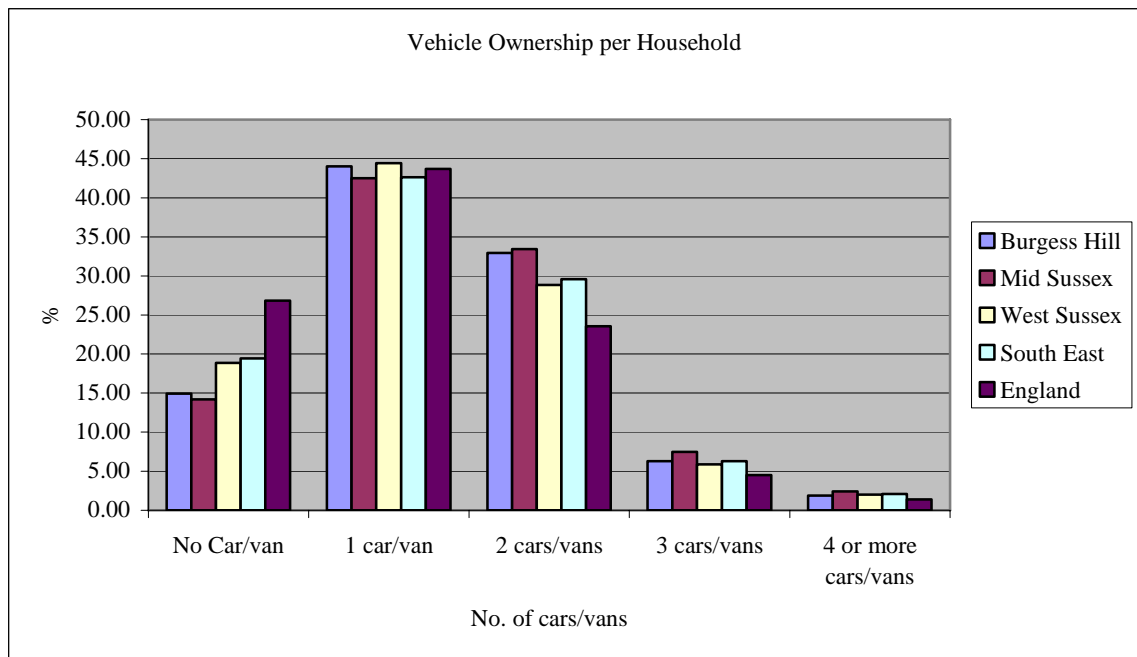


- Burgess Hill has a lower proportion of single person and 2 person dwellings than the Mid Sussex District but a higher proportion of 3 and 4 person dwellings.
- Just over 60% of households in Burgess Hill are occupied by one or two people compared with 64.2% in England.

3.2 – Number of Persons per Household – Table of figures

Area	All occupied household spaces	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7+ Persons
England	20451427	6150264	6985981	3161192	2732975	1008873	297933	69731
South East	3287489	937468	1167958	499191	456875	167294	44168	9594
West Sussex	320915	96617	119111	44634	41259	14298	3885	773
Mid Sussex	51969	13970	18838	8166	7677	2548	630	140
Burgess Hill	11545	2824	4144	1964	1880	553	148	32

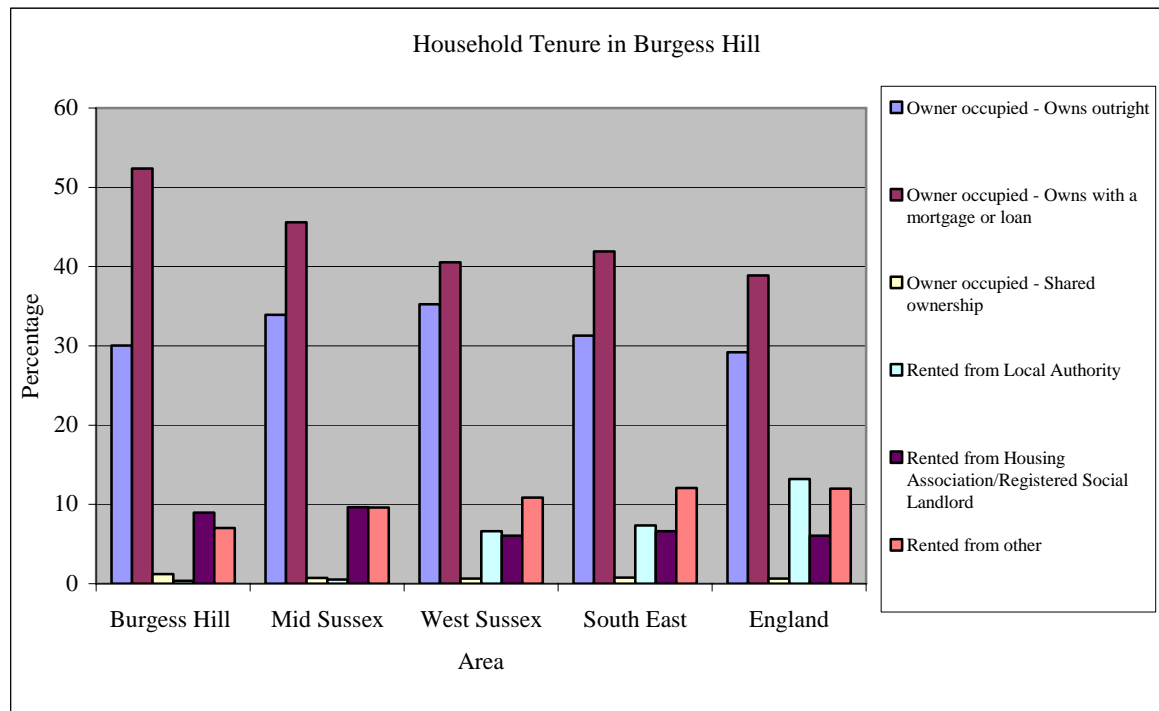
3.3 – Vehicle ownership per household



Source: 2001 Census

- Burgess Hill residents have a higher percentage of one-car households (44%) compared to Mid Sussex (42.5%).
- Although Burgess Hill has a slightly lower proportion of two car households (32.9%) than Mid Sussex (33.4%), it has a greater proportion than the residents of West Sussex (28.8%), South East (29.6%) and England (23.6%)
- The proportion of households with no car/van in Burgess Hill (14.9%) is significantly lower than the national average (26.8%).

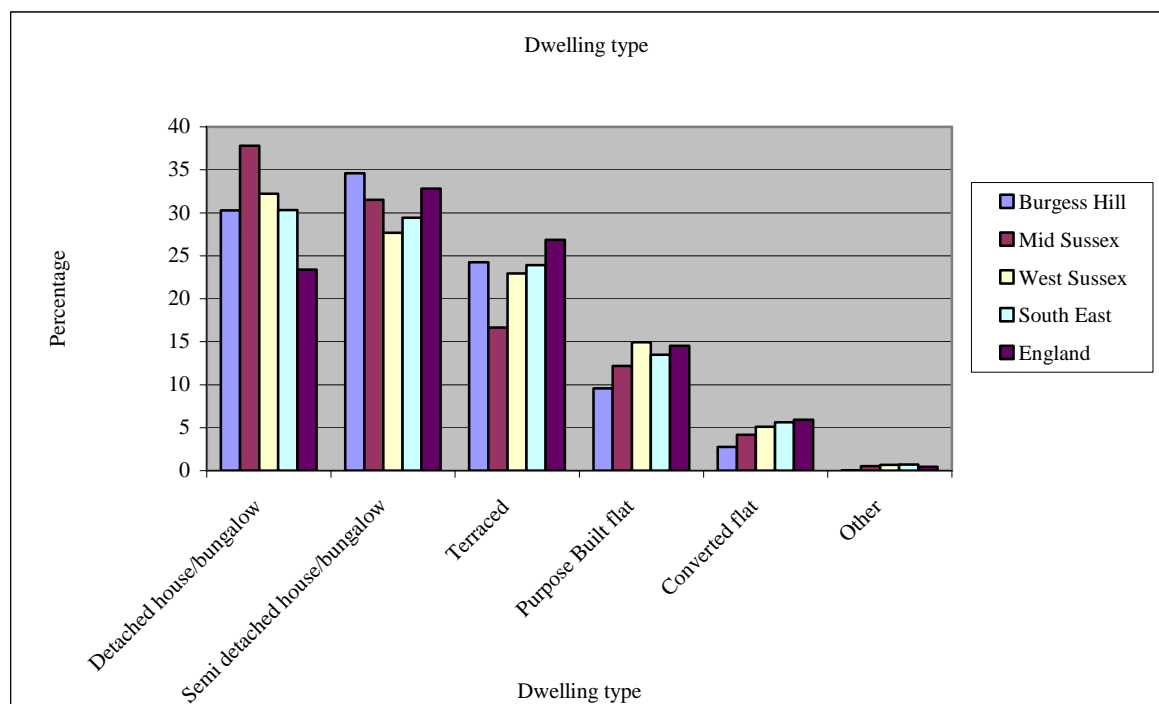
3.4 - Household Tenure in Burgess Hill



Source: 2001 Census

- Well over three-quarters of all households in Burgess Hill (83%) are owner-occupied compared to the national average (69%).

3.5 – Dwelling type

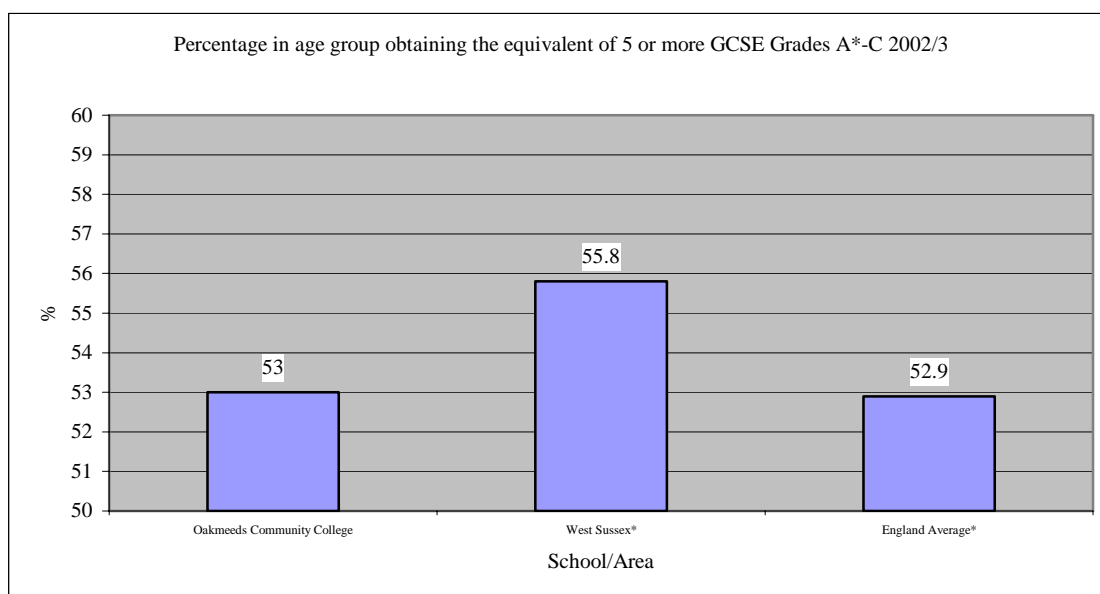


Source: 2001 Census

- Burgess Hill has a higher proportion of semi-detached properties (35%) compared with Mid Sussex (32%), West Sussex (28%), the South East (29%) and England (33%).
- Burgess Hill has a higher proportion of terraced houses (24%) compared to the rest of Mid Sussex (17%).
- The town has a lower proportion of purpose built and converted flats.

4 – Education

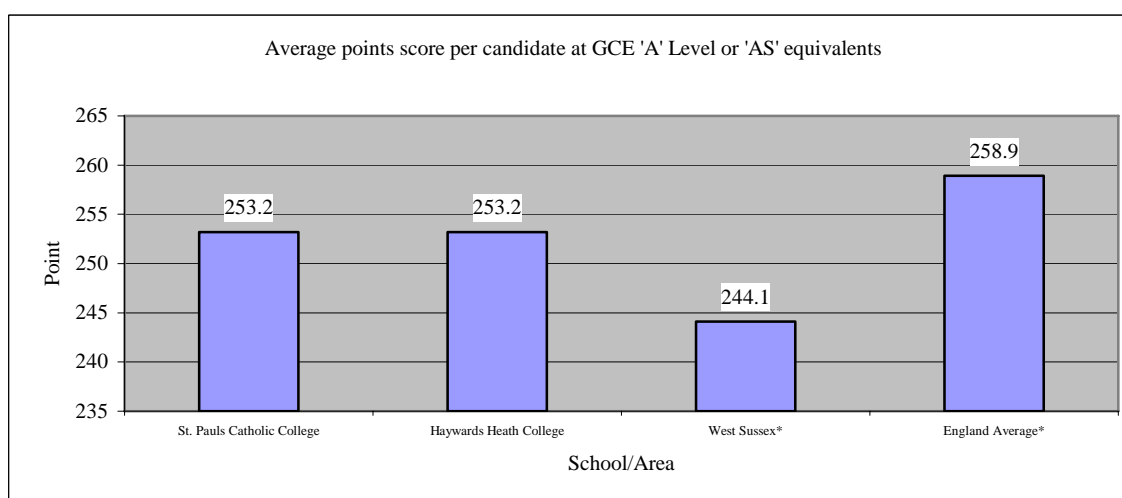
4.1 – GCSE Results for pupils aged 15 at start of the school year 2002 – 2003



*Includes both independent and non-independent schools

- The proportion of pupils from Oakmeeds School achieving 5 or more GCSE's at grades A* - C is slightly below the West Sussex average but on par with the England average.

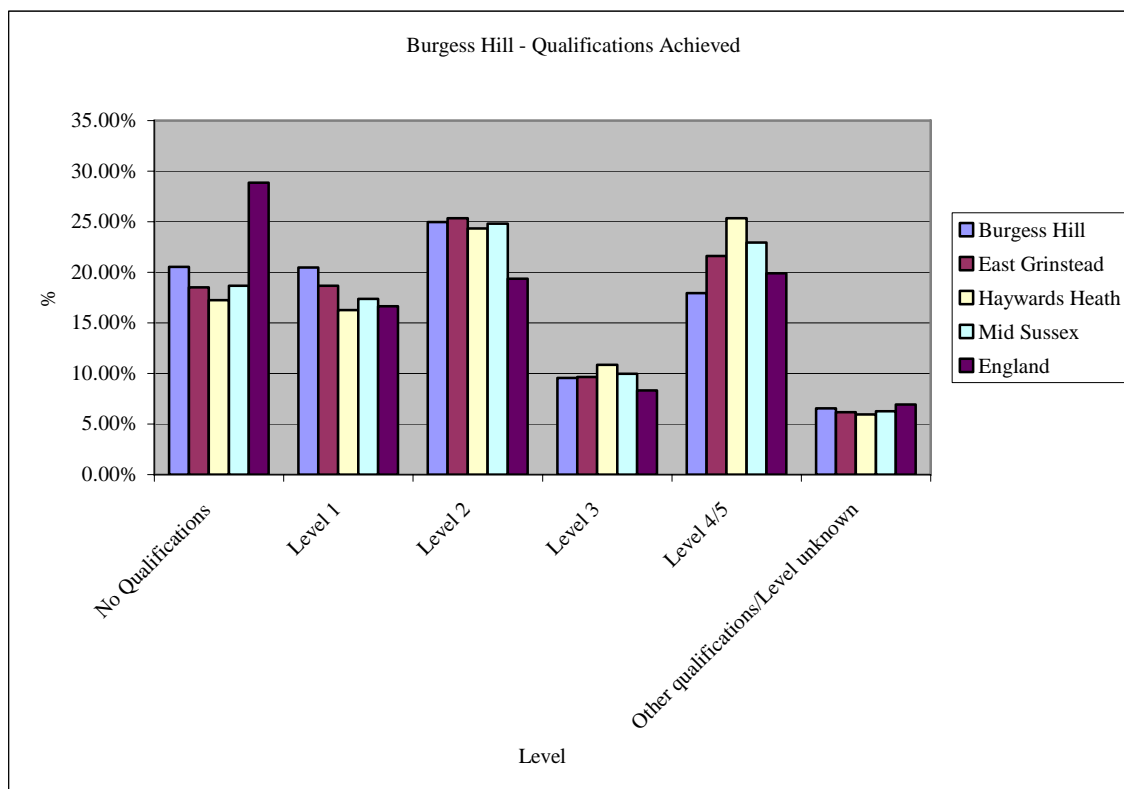
4.2 – Results for students aged 16,17,18 at start of school year 2002-2003



*Includes both independent and non-independent schools

- Both colleges that serve the Burgess Hill area (based within Mid Sussex) are above the West Sussex average.
- Both fall just below the national average.

4.3 – Highest level of qualification achieved



Notes:

Highest Level of Qualification

In England and Wales, the highest level of qualification is derived from responses to both the qualifications question and the professional qualification question, which is summarised below:

No Qualifications: No academic, vocational or professional qualifications.

Level 1: 1+ 'O' level passes, 1+CSE/GCSE any grades, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ

Level 2: 5+ 'O' level passes, 5+CSEs (grade 1). 5+GCSEs (grades A-C), School Certificate, 1+ 'A' levels/AS levels, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ

Level 3: 2+ 'A' levels, 4+AS levels, Higher School certificate, NVQ level 3, Advanced GNVQ

Level 4/5: First degree, Higher degree, NVQ levels 4 and 5, HNC, HND, Qualified Teacher status, Qualified Medical Doctor, Qualified Dentist, Qualified Nurse, Midwife, Health Visitor

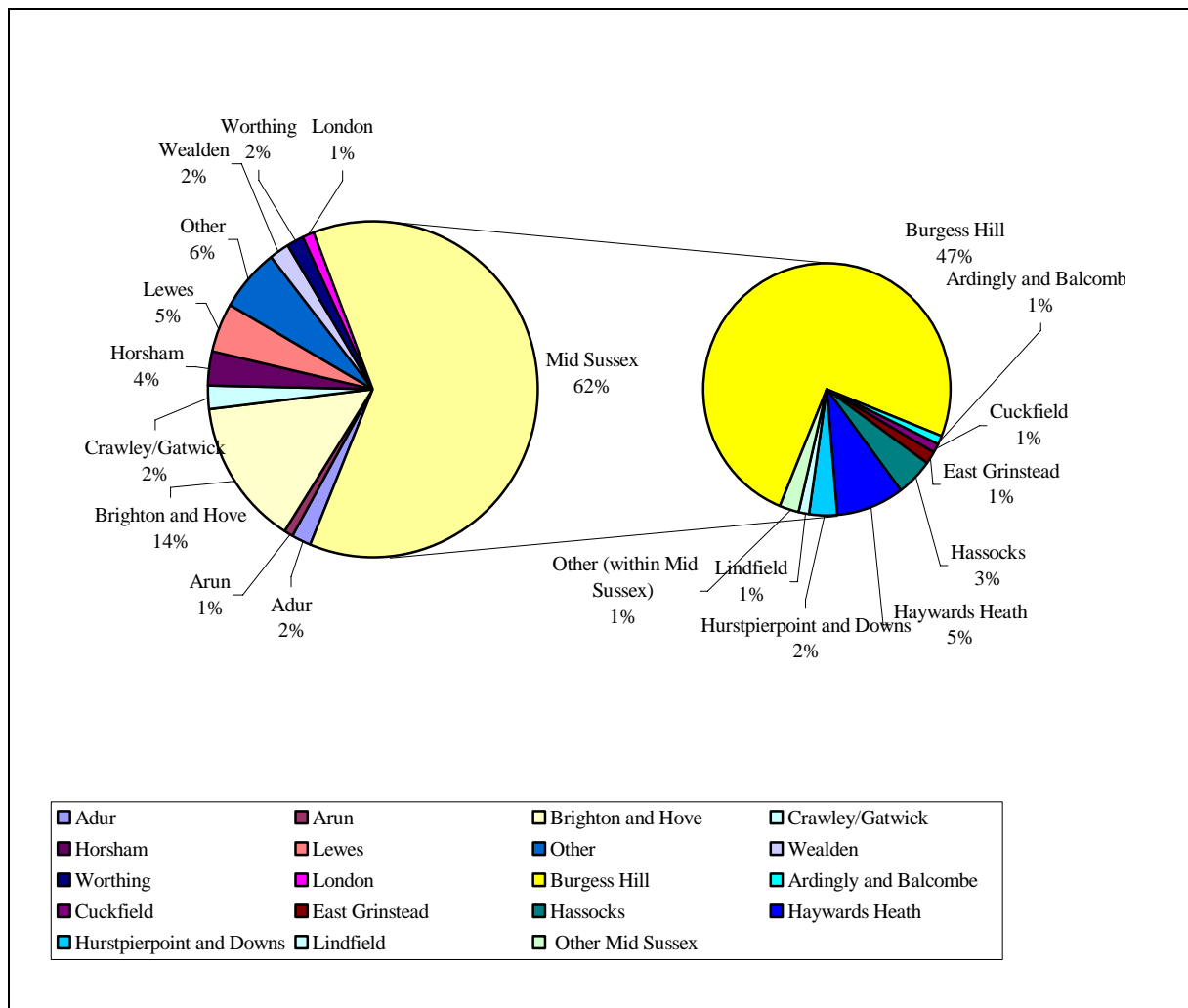
Other qualifications/level unknown: Other qualifications (e.g. City and Guilds, RSA/OCR, BTEC/Edexcel), Other Professional Qualifications.

5 – Travel to Work

This section details Travel to Work Information for Burgess Hill and shows the home location of workers within the town and the workplace of residents from the town.

Around 13,300¹ people travel to work in Burgess Hill.

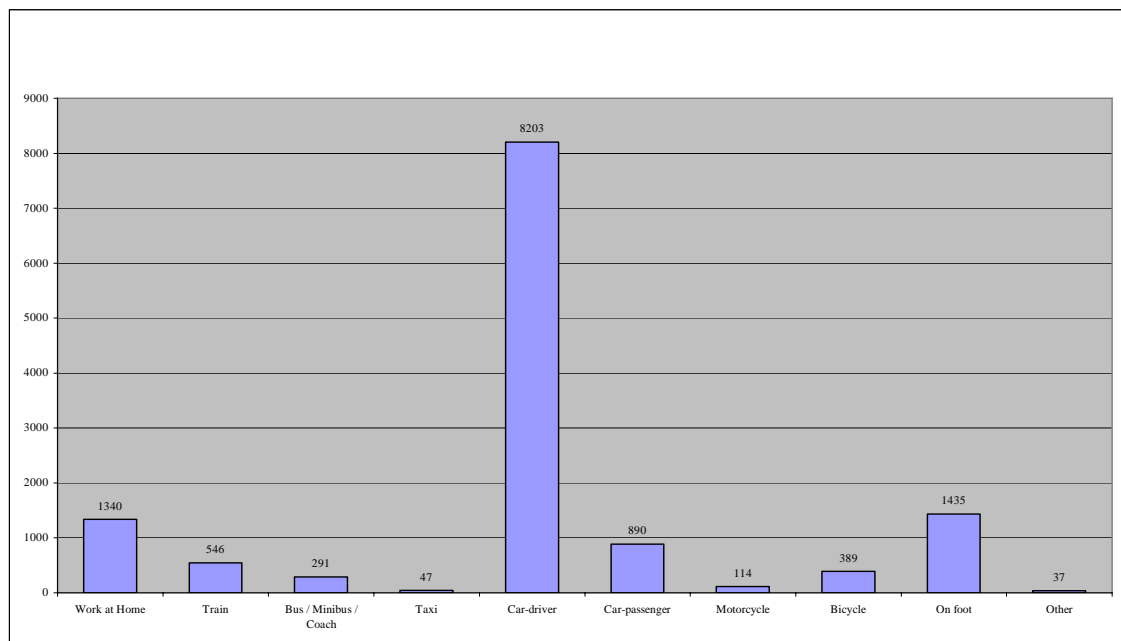
5.1 – Home location of all Burgess Hill workers



- 62% of all Burgess Hill workers are residents of Mid Sussex.
- 14% of all Burgess Hill workers are residents of Brighton and Hove, 5% are residents of Haywards Heath.
- 1% of the total workforce commute from East Grinstead

¹ The actual figure is 13,292 people.

5.2 – Method used to travel to work into Burgess Hill by all workers

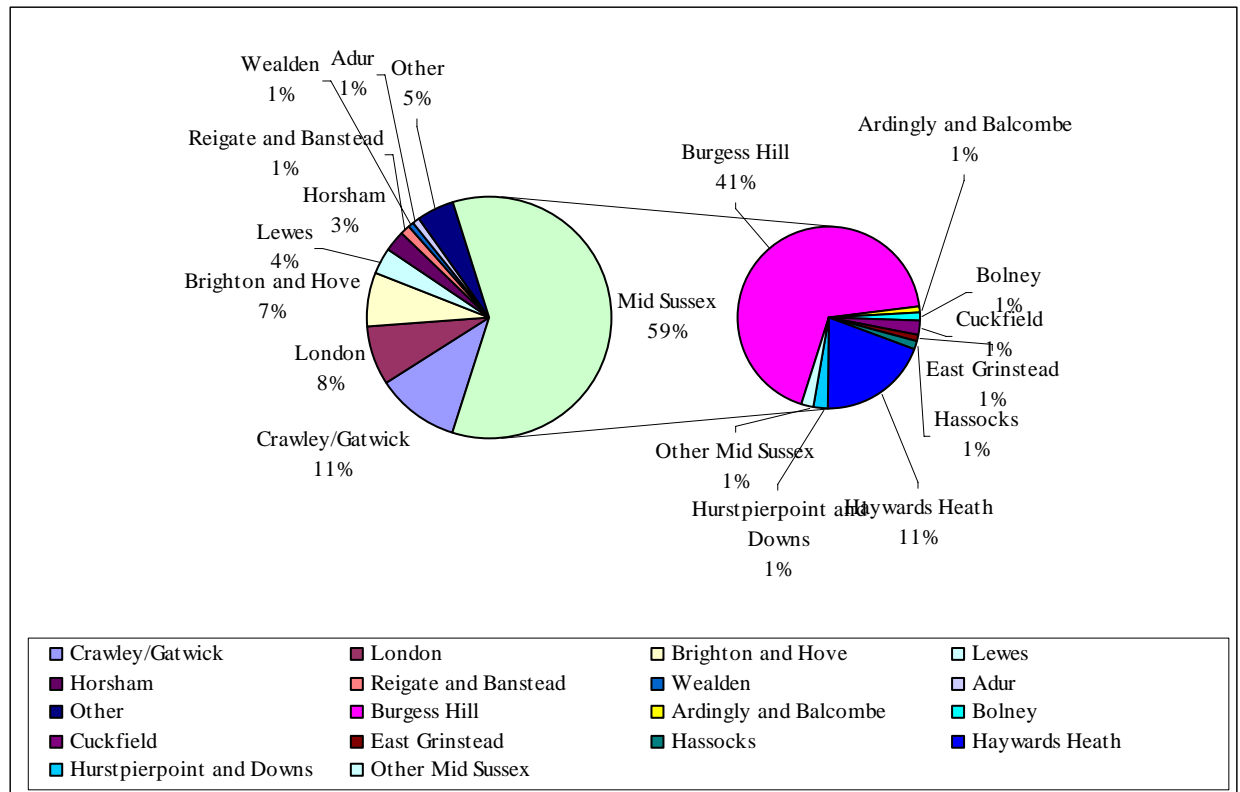


- Approximately 68% of all workers commuting to work in Burgess Hill travel by private car (driver/passenger).
- About 7% use public transport², of which 4% use the train.
- 10% work at home and 11% walk to work.

² Train, Bus/Minibus/Coach and Taxi.

5.3 – Workplace of Burgess Hill Residents

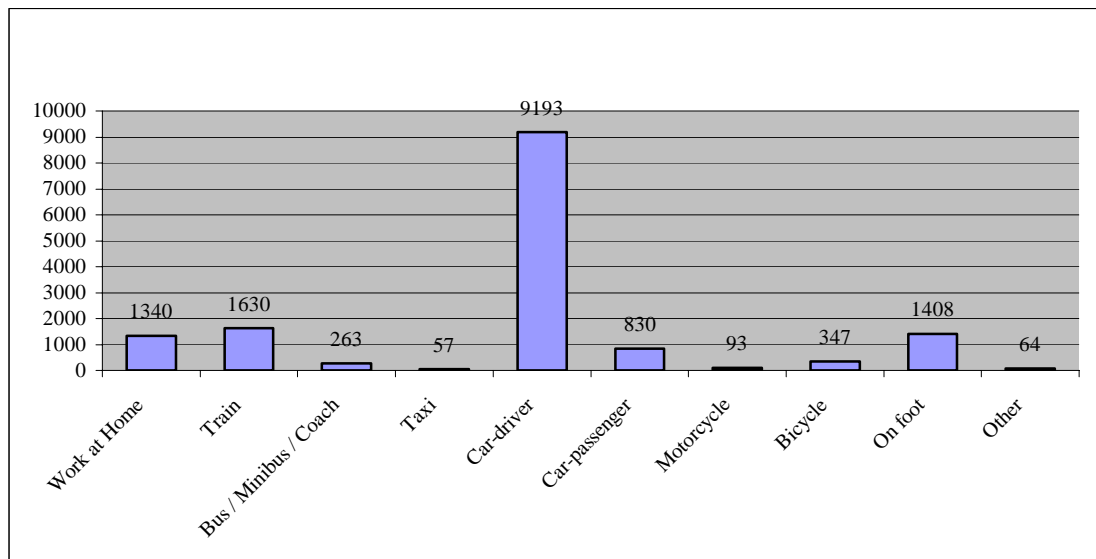
Around 15,200³ people travel to work from Burgess Hill. Approximately 6,200 of the workforce from Burgess Hill also work in the town.



- About 59% of the workforce works in Mid Sussex.
- 11% work in Crawley and Gatwick and 8% in London. A further 7% work in Brighton and Hove.
- 11% work in Haywards Heath, 1% work in East Grinstead.

³ The actual figure is 15,225 people. .

5.4 – Method used to travel to work from Burgess Hill



- Approximately 66% of the resident workforce travel to work by private car (driver/passenger).
- About 13% use public transport⁴ of which 11% use the train as a means to get to work, about 9% walk to work.

Please check Mid Sussex Website (<http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/>) for regular updates of statistics and information.

Useful links



<http://www.statistics.gov.uk>

Official statistics reflecting Britain's economy, population and society at national and local level. Summary stories and detailed data releases are published here free of charge.

<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>

Official Labour Market Statistics

<http://www.midsussex.gov.uk>

Mid Sussex District Council Website

<http://www.westsussex.gov.uk>

West Sussex County Council website

⁴ Train, Bus/Minibus/Coach and Taxi.