

Census 2011 Population Release – Key Facts

- First results from the 2011 Census were released on Monday 16 July 2012. These initial results only include population by 5-year age group and gender for local authority areas and higher geographies¹.
- The population of Kent grew by 10.1% or 134,000 people between 2001 and 2011 this is the biggest increase out of all other south east regions. Every Kent district saw a population increase in this period.
- Maidstone not only has the largest population of all the Kent districts it is also the area which grew the most in terms of population between 2001 and 2011 increasing by 16,300 people (11.7%). It is thought that migration alongside the fact that people are living longer is the reason behind this increase.

Age Profile

- Maidstone has a marginally lower proportion of 75's with only 7.86% compared to the Kent average of 8.7%. The figure for the whole KCC area is 8.52%
- Maidstone also has a lower proportion of under 25's at 29.44% compared to the average (29.8%) and that of the whole KCC area (30.62%).
- Maidstone has the highest percentage and actual population aged between 25-29 years old, accounting for 6.25% of the total population for Maidstone (9,700 people), the Kent average is 5.45%. The same is true for the age group 30-34 year olds with this group accounting for 6.19% of the population (9,600 people) compared

Age Group	Maidstone	Kent Average	% Difference
0-4	6.19%	6.13%	0.06%
05-9	5.57%	5.80%	-0.23%
10-14	6.06%	6.35%	-0.29%
15-19	5.99%	6.27%	-0.28%
20-24	5.54%	5.25%	0.29%
25-29	6.25%	5.45%	0.80%
30-34	6.19%	5.60%	0.59%
35-39	6.57%	6.35%	0.22%
40-44	7.67%	7.51%	0.16%
45-49	7.67%	7.63%	0.04%
50-54	6.64%	6.68%	-0.04%
55-59	5.93%	5.93%	0.00%
60-64	6.57%	6.79%	-0.22%
65-69	5.15%	5.37%	-0.22%
70-74	4.06%	4.26%	-0.20%
75-79	3.22%	3.43%	-0.21%
80-84	2.38%	2.67%	-0.29%
85-89	1.48%	1.63%	-0.15%
90 and over	0.77%	0.93%	-0.16%

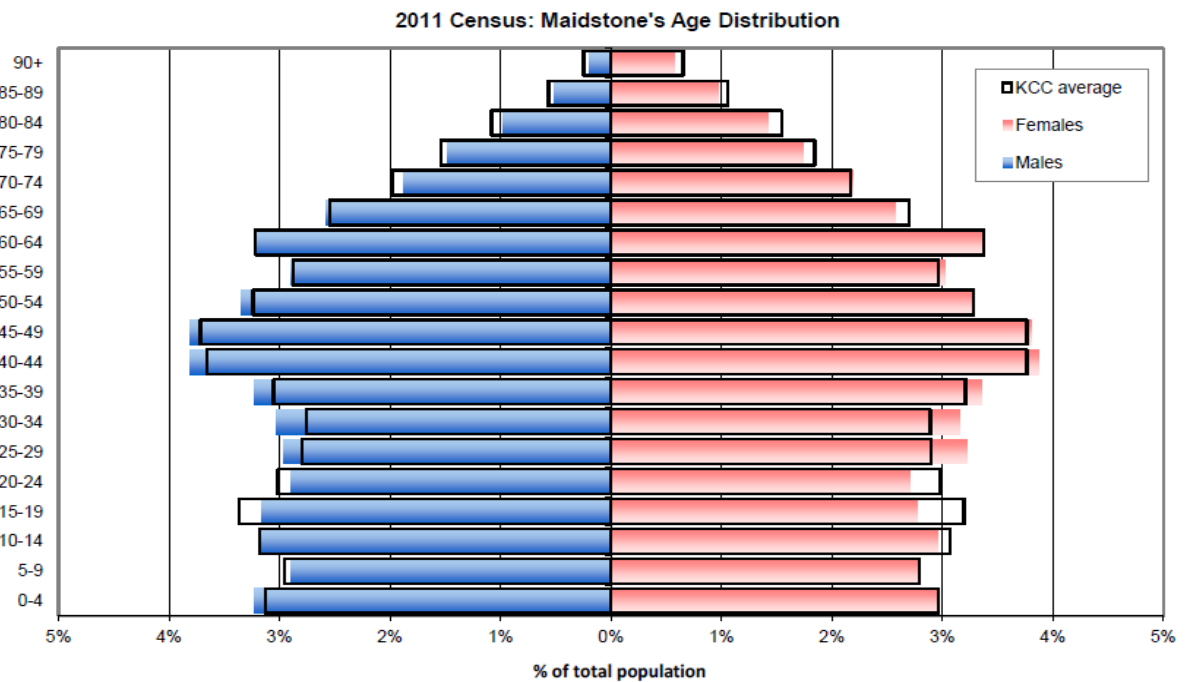
¹ All data released on the 16 July 2012 has been rounded to the nearest hundred by the ONS.

to the Kent average of 5.6%.

- Maidstone has a lower number of people aged 15-19 with only 5.99% compared to the all England figure of 6.30%. This bucks the trend for Kent where overall this group makes up 6.56% of the population.

Gender Profile

- There are slightly more females than males in Maidstone and this pattern is seen across all of the Kent districts. Although this is the case overall the female/male ratio changes with age.
- The graph below shows that there are variations between the male and female populations in Maidstone and the Kent average. Matching national trends there are slightly more females than males over 75.
- The graph shows that Maidstone has slightly more men aged between 25 and 54 compared to the Kent average, however, when comparing the results for Maidstone to the all England results male 40-54 years old are slightly better represented in Maidstone. The prison and barracks in Maidstone could account for this.



- Female 15-19 year olds in Maidstone are slightly under represented accounting for 5.46% of the female population compared to the Kent average of 6.21% and the overall all England result of 6.06%.
- Female 25-29 year olds appear to be marginally over represented in Maidstone (6.35%) compared to the Kent average (5.69%) however when looking as the figures for all England (6.79%) it seems Kent has a lower number of people in this group.

- Overall the total percentage of the female population in Maidstone aged over 60 is higher than that for all England, 25.29% compared to 23.87%. This is true for the rest of Kent also with the Kent average at 26.02%.
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Census 2011 Data Release Timetable

- The first release was 16 July 2012: Age and sex, and occupied households estimates for England and for Wales
- Second release November 2012 – February 2013: Key and Quick statistics
- Third release March 2013 – June 2013: Local Characteristics
- Fourth release July 2013 – October 2013: Detailed Characteristics, Theme and Armed Forces