

# WRITTLE PARISH

TOTAL POPULATION:	5383
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS:	2263
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE:	2.38
AREA:	1806 hectares (7.0 sq miles)
AVERAGE POPULATION DENSITY:	2.98 people/hectare 769.00 people/sq mile)



The village and civil parish of Writtle lies 1 mile (1.6 km) west of Chelmsford. It has a traditional village green complete with duck pond and a Norman church. The village is now home to Writtle College, one of the UK's oldest and largest land-based colleges and a partner institution of the University of Essex. Today Writtle hosts the annual V Festival within the grounds of Hylands Park. Writtle holds a distinguished place in the history of radio broadcasting. In the early 1920s it was the site of the experimental Marconi station 2MT. Longmeads House is a large Victorian building with grounds, and an important feature of the village. The estate was acquired by Essex County Council in 1950 and is now the village's community centre.

## POPULATION

### Population age structure

0-4	202	3.75%
5-7	132	2.45%
8-9	99	1.84%
10-15	317	5.89%
16-17	135	2.51%
18-24	610	11.33%
25-44	1152	21.40%
45-64	1421	26.40%
65-74	673	12.50%
75-84	483	8.97%
85+	159	2.95%



### Ethnicity

White	5176	96.15%
Mixed	85	1.58%
Asian or Asian British	73	1.36%
Black or Black British	35	0.65%
Other ethnic group	14	0.26%

### Religion

Christian	3507	65.15%
Buddhist	18	0.33%
Hindu	17	0.32%
Jewish	8	0.15%
Muslim	41	0.76%
Sikh	1	0.02%
Other	14	0.26%
No religion	1398	25.97%
Religion not stated	379	7.04%

### Country of birth

England	4924	91.47%
Scotland	62	1.15%
Wales	41	0.76%
Northern Ireland	22	0.41%
Ireland	40	0.74%
Other EU Countries	96	1.78%
Born Elsewhere	198	3.68%

### Health

General health 'good'	2444	45.40%
General health 'very good'	1978	36.75%
General health 'fair'	738	13.71%
General health 'bad'	175	3.25%
General health 'very bad'	48	0.89%
Long term health problem or Disability	982	18.24%
Providing unpaid care	581	10.79%

# HOUSING AND HOUSEHOLDS

## Household Composition

Total households		2263	
One person		684	30.23%
Married Couple:	no children	296	13.08%
Married couple:	dependent children	338	14.94%
Married couple:	non dependent children	153	6.76%
Co-habiting couple:	no children	100	4.42%
Co-habiting couple:	dependent children	71	3.14%
Co-habiting couple:	non dependent children	10	0.44%
Lone parent:	dependent children	91	4.02%
Lone parent:	non dependent children	71	3.14%
All pensioner household over 65		399	17.63%

## Amenities

With central heating	2217	97.97%
Without central heating	46	2.33%

## Cars and Vans

Households with no car or van	343	15.16%
Households with one car or van	948	41.89%
Households with two cars or vans	709	31.33%
Households with three cars or vans	184	8.13%
Households with four or more cars or vans	79	3.49%
All cars and vans in the area	3290	

## Tenure

Owner occupied	1666	73.62%
Shared ownership	5	0.22%
Social rented	350	15.47%
Private rented	217	9.59%
Living rent free	25	1.10%

## Household Spaces and Accommodation Type

Detached	648	28.05%
Semi detached	847	36.67%
Terraced	500	21.65%
Flat or maisonette	281	12.16%
Caravan, mobile or temporary structure	34	1.47%
Vacant	47	2.03%



# ECONOMY AND WORKFORCE

## Population 16 - 74

All people 16 - 74	3991	
Males 16 - 74	1917	48.03%
Females 16 - 74	2074	51.97%

## Economic Activity - Males

Males economically active	1401	73.08%
In employment	1253	65.36%
- Part time	112	5.84%
- Full time	830	43.30%
- Self employed	311	16.22%
Unemployed	69	3.60%
Full time student	79	4.12%

## Economically Inactive - Males

Retired	300	15.65%
Student	153	7.98%
Looking after home/family	8	0.42%
Permanently sick/disabled	36	1.88%
Other	19	0.99%

## Males Unemployed

Age 16 - 24	27	1.41%
Age 50+	14	0.73%
Never worked	13	0.68%
Long term unemployed	18	0.94%

## Economic Activity - Females

Females economically active	1247	60.13%
In employment	1091	52.60%
- Part time	431	20.78%
- Full time	541	26.08%
- Self employed	119	5.74%
Unemployed	44	2.12%
Full time student	112	5.40%

## Economically Inactive - Females

Retired	451	21.75%
Student	189	9.11%
Looking after home/family	114	5.50%
Permanently sick/disabled	46	2.22%
Other	27	1.30%

## Females Unemployed

Age 16 - 24	9	0.43%
Age 50+	10	0.48%
Never worked	3	0.14%
Long term unemployed	18	0.87%



# ECONOMY AND WORKFORCE

## Industry of working population

All people	2500	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	37	1.48%
Mining and Quarrying	1	0.04%
Manufacturing	133	5.32%
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	27	1.08%
Construction	239	9.56%
Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles	333	13.32%
Transport and Storage	96	3.84%
Accommodation and Food Activities	109	4.36%
Information and Communication	67	2.68%
Financial and Insurance Activities	190	7.60%
Real Estate Activities	47	1.88%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	184	7.36%
Administration and Support Services Activities	98	3.92%
Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security	194	7.76%
Education	383	15.32%
Human Health and Social Work Activities	230	9.20%
Other	132	5.28%

## Travel to work patterns

Main part of journey to work by:		
Car or van (incl. as passenger)	1662	64.80%
Rail	189	7.37%
Bus	116	4.52%
Motor cycle	31	1.21%
Bicycle	114	4.44%
Taxi	6	0.23%
Walking	176	6.86%
Other	13	0.51%
Works from home	258	10.06%

## Qualifications of population age 16 and over

All people 16 and over	4633	
No qualifications	990	21.37%
Highest qualification attained at level 1	615	13.27%
Highest qualification attained at level 2	686	14.81%
Highest qualification attained at level 3	642	13.86%
Highest qualification attained at level 4/5	1343	28.99%
Apprenticeships	166	3.58%
Other qualifications	191	4.12%

# GLOSSARY AND DEFINITIONS

## Further Information

Further statistical information about this parish can be obtained from the Office for National Statistics website. Log on to [www.neighbourhoodstatistics.gov.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodstatistics.gov.uk)

This profile draws on information from the 2011 Census. The source of the data is the Office for National Statistics. Full definitions are provided within [www.neighbourhoodstatistics.gov.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodstatistics.gov.uk)

### 2011 population

A resident was defined as someone who spent most of their time at a specific address. It included: people who usually lived at that address but were temporarily away (on holiday, visiting friends or relatives, or temporarily in a hospital or similar establishment); people who worked away from home for part of the time; students, if it was their term-time address; a baby born before 30 April 2011 even if it was still in hospital; and people present on Census Day, even if temporarily, who had no other usual address.

### Accommodation type

Accommodation type describes the type of accommodation occupied by an individual household, or if unoccupied, available for an individual household, for example the whole of a terraced house or a flat in a purpose built block of flats.

### Age

Age is derived from the date of birth question and is the age at a person's last birthday.

### Cars or vans

The number of cars or vans owned, or available for use, by one or more members of a household. It included company cars and vans available for private use. The count of cars or vans in an area is based on details for private households only.

### Dwelling

A household's accommodation (a household space) is defined as being in a shared dwelling if it has accommodation type 'part of a converted or shared house', not all the rooms (including bathroom and toilet, if any) are behind a door that only that household can use and there is at least one other such household space at the same address with which it can be combined to form the shared dwelling. If any of these conditions is not met, the household space forms an unshared dwelling. Therefore a dwelling can consist of one household space (an unshared dwelling) or two or more household spaces (a shared dwelling).

### Economically active

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 two weeks.

### Economically inactive

Specific categories of Economic Inactivity are: Retired, Student (excludes those students who were working or in some other way were economically active). A person who is looking for work but is not available to start work within two weeks is counted as Economically Inactive.

### Employee

The distinction between employee and self-employed is determined by the response to the question 'Do (did) you work as an employee or are (were) you self-employed?'. It relates to the person's main job in the week before the Census or, if not working in the week before the Census, their last Main job.

### Ethnic group

The ethnic group question records each person's ethnic group as perceived by the individual themselves.

### Full-time student

A full-time student is a person of any age who has indicated that they are a schoolchild or student in fulltime education.

### Full-time working

Working full-time is defined as working 31 hours or more a week.

### Household space

A household space is the accommodation occupied by an individual household or, if unoccupied, available for an individual household.

### Industry

The industry in which a person works is determined by the response to the question asking for a description of the business of the person's employer (or own business if self-employed).

### In employment

Any person who carried out paid work in the week before the Census, whether self-employed or an employee, is described as employed or in employment.

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## Long term health problem or disability

A self assessment of whether or not a person has a limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits their daily activities or the work they can do, including problems relating to old age.

## Long-term unemployed

A person is described as long-term unemployed if they have not worked since 2009 or earlier.

## Occupation

A person's occupation is coded from the responses to the questions asking for the full title of the main job and the description of what is done in that job.

## Owned

This includes accommodation that is either owned outright or owned with a mortgage or loan.

## Part-time working

Working part-time is defined as working 30 hours or less a week.

## Permanently sick / disabled

This is a sub-category of 'economically inactive'. There is no direct connection with long term health problem or disability.

## Pensioner

This term is used to describe someone of pensionable age i.e. 65 and over for males and 60 and over for females.

## Population density

Number of people per hectare.

## Private rented

Accommodation that is rented from a private landlord or letting agency, employer, household member or other non-social rented.

## Qualifications

The term 'no qualifications' describes people without any academic, vocational or professional qualification. The term 'lower level' qualification is used to describe qualifications equivalent to level 1 to 3 of the National Key Learning Targets (ie GCSE's, O levels, A levels, NVQ levels 1-3). The term 'higher level' refers to qualifications of levels 4 and above (ie first degrees, higher degrees, NVQ levels 4 and 5, HND, HNC and certain professional qualifications).

## Self-employed

The distinction between employee and self-employed is determined by the response to the question 'Do (did) you work as an employee or are (were) you self employed?' It relates to the person's Main job in the week before Census or, if not working in the week before Census, their last Main job.

## Shared ownership

Through shared ownership (part owned and part rented).

## Social rented

Accommodation that is rented from a Local Authority or a Housing Association, Housing Co-operative, Charitable Trust or Registered Social Landlord.

## Tenure

The tenure of a household is derived from the response to the question asking whether the household owns or rents its accommodation and if, rented, from the response to the question asking who is the landlord.

## Unemployed

A person is defined as unemployed if he or she is not in employment, is available to start work in the next two weeks and has either looked for work in the last four weeks or is waiting to start a new job.

## Working age population

Working age includes males aged 16-64 and females aged 16-64. Source: ONS mid-year population estimates

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