



Community Profile

- understanding our community

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Introduction

The Community Profile is an analysis of St Albans City and District's residents and their communities. This will help to identify the communities we need to engage with more effectively and provide a stronger evidence base for decision making.

We have analysed several sources of data, focusing on 'protected characteristics' from the Equalities Act 2010 and other significant population traits, to identify the features which are most important to our District. These are:

- Gender
- Age
- Ethnicity
- Religion
- Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Reassignment
- Socio-Economic Inequality
 - Health
 - Education
 - Employment

Focus for St Albans City and District

	Census 2001	Focus	Update	Comments
Gender	Male : 49.16% Female: 50.84%	In-line with national average	Male : 49.3% Female: 50.7% [ONS Population Estimate 2009]	In-line with national average
Age	Children: 20.5% Working age: 64.5% Older people: 14.9%	In-line with national average	Children: 21.5% Working age: 60.9% Older people: 17.6% [ONS Population Estimate 2009]	An ageing population, but at a lower rate than other areas – higher rates in Harpenden and Batchwood Current proportion of children is 9 th largest in the country – higher proportions in Batchwood and London Colney
Ethnicity	White British: 86.9% Other White: 4.3% Irish: 2% Bangladeshi: 1.3%	Highest proportion of Bangladeshis in the population in Hertfordshire and in the top 16% of East of England	White British: 82.8% Other White: 5.2% Irish: 1.7% Indian: 1.6% Bangladeshi: 1.4% [ONS Population Estimate 2007] Travellers: 40 pitches per 1,000 residents: 0.29 [DCLG 2010]	Bangladeshi population is 21 st highest population proportion in the country – high proportions in Sopwell, St Peters, London Colney and Ashley Contributing to 20% of Hertfordshire's travellers' pitches – sites in Redbourn, Colney Heath and Park Street
Religion	Christian: 71% No Religion: 17.5% Religion not stated: 6.6% Muslim: 2.6% Jewish: 0.9%	2 nd highest proportion of Muslims in the population in Hertfordshire, concentrated in Clarence, St Peters, Cunningham, Sopwell and London Colney 25 th highest proportion of Jews in the population in the country, predominantly in St Stephen and Park Street	No suitable dataset available	Size of populations relatively small, but high proportions of Muslims and Jews – high proportions in specific locations (Muslims: Clarence, St Peters Cunningham, Sopwell and London Colney; Jews: St Stephen and Park Street)
Disability	Limiting long-term illness: 13% Long term sick or permanently disabled: 2.8%	Below national average, 22 nd lowest council, and lowest in Hertfordshire. Higher proportion in Park Street, Sopwell and Harpenden East 45 th lowest rate of long term sick or disabled in England	Long-standing illness, disability or infirmity: 14.4% [Place Survey 2008] Employment Support Allowance: 0.386% [DWP Feb 2010]	Long-standing illness lower than average, with high proportions in Park Street, Sopwell and Harpenden East Employment Support Allowance lowest rate in Hertfordshire, 12 th lowest in England

Focus for St Albans City and District

	Census 2001	Focus	Update	Comments
Sexual Orientation	Same sex couples: 0.18%	In-line with national average Severely limited available data	National report 1.5% lesbian, gay & bi-sexual in East of England [ONS IHS 2010]	In-line with average, although severely limited available data
Gender Reassignment			In 1997/8 there were 152 gender re-assignment operations [Home Office 2000]	No local data available, national population appears to be small
Socio-Economic Inequality			5 sub-ward areas are below average on the Index of Multiple Deprivation [DCLG 2007]	Sub-ward areas in Batchwood, Cunningham, Sopwell (2) and Colney Heath are below the national average
- Health	Self reported good health: 75%	7 th highest in England	Self reported good health: 84% [Place Survey 2008] Life expectancy (at birth, in years) Male: 80.38 (England 77.92) Female 83.36 (England 82.02) [ONS LEAB 2006-08]	Self reported good health equal highest in county, 10 th highest in England Life expectancy at birth above national and county benchmarks, but below national average in Sopwell, St Peter's, Batchwood, Park Street and St Stephen wards.
- Education	<i>Highest achieved</i> - No qualifications: 17% NVQ 1: 12.8% NVQ 2: 19.6% NVQ3: 8.8% NVQ4/5: 36.4%	Proportion of residents with no qualifications is within the bottom quarter nationally Proportion of residents with higher education is 13 th highest nationally	<i>With at least</i> - No qualifications 7.1% NVQ 1+: 85.4% NVQ 2+: 77.8% NVQ3+: 66.6% NVQ4+: 50.7% [ONS APS 2009]	In bottom quarter for proportion of residents with no qualifications Over 50% of the residents have received higher education, the 11 th highest proportion nationally – low rates though in London Colney, Cunningham, Batchwood and Wheathampstead
- Employment	Manager, senior officials and professional occupations: 42.2% Unemployment: 1.7%	Top 3% of authority areas 23 rd lowest unemployment in England	Manager, senior officials and professional occupations: 49.1% [ONS APS 2009] Job Seekers Allowance: 1.2% 42 nd lowest unemployment in England [JSA October 2010]	Highly skilled workforce, 4 th highest proportion of manager, senior officials and professional occupations in the country Lower than national average for unemployment, lowest level in Hertfordshire - though higher rates in St Peters and Cunningham

Sources of Information

- Office National Statistics
 - Annual Population Survey
 - Census 2001 with an understanding of its limitations due to the age of the data
- Place Survey 2008
- Other formal sources of information
 - Department for Work and Pensions
 - Department of Education

All sources are listed in full at the end of this analysis.

Geographical focus within the District

The analysis highlights where there are geographical areas within the District with statistically high or low representation for each population feature.

The map opposite provides a key to the wards within the District.



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Gender – more women than men

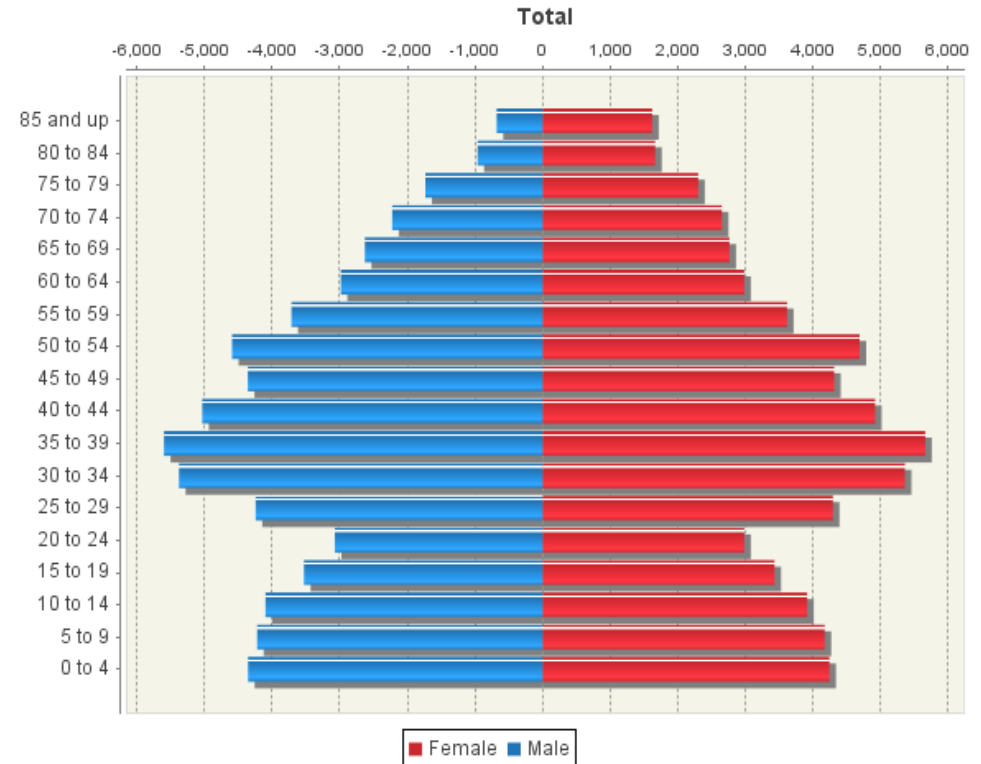
Current

The Census in 2001 recorded the population at 129,005 with a split of 50.84% to 49.16% female to male.

The Office of National Statistics Population Projection puts the 2009 population at 137,200 with a split of 50.7% to 49.3% female to male.

Future

The trend indicates a continuing stable split between men and women within the District.



A Vision of Britain Through Time: St Albans City & District (2001)

Gender – more women than men

Considerations for the District

- Gender balance in-line with other areas of the country and projected to be stable for the foreseeable future

Age – an ageing population

Current

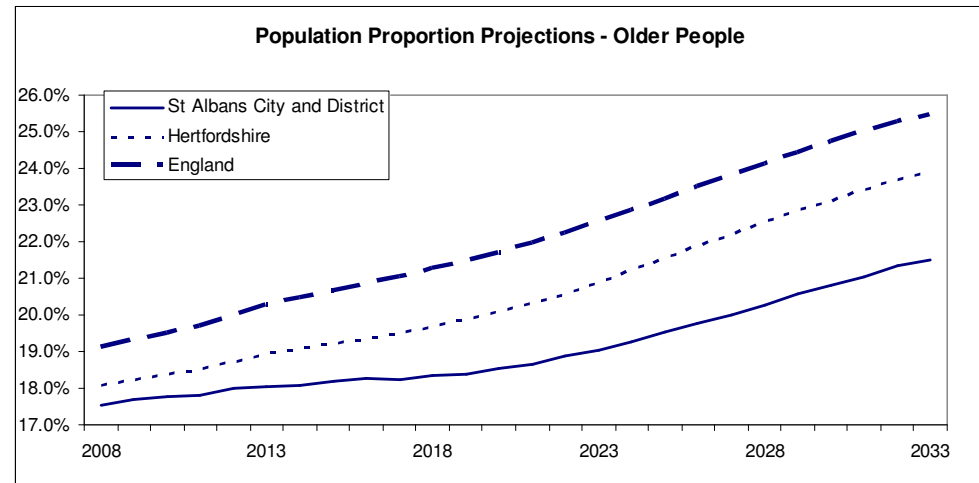
The proportion of each age group in the District are:

Children (0 -15 years): 21.5%

Working Age (16 - 64 years): 60.9%

Older People (65+ years): 17.6%

The current proportion of the population under 16 years of age is the 9th highest proportion in the country and is projected to increase over the next 10 years.



ONS SNPP 2008: Older People (65M/60F and over)

Future

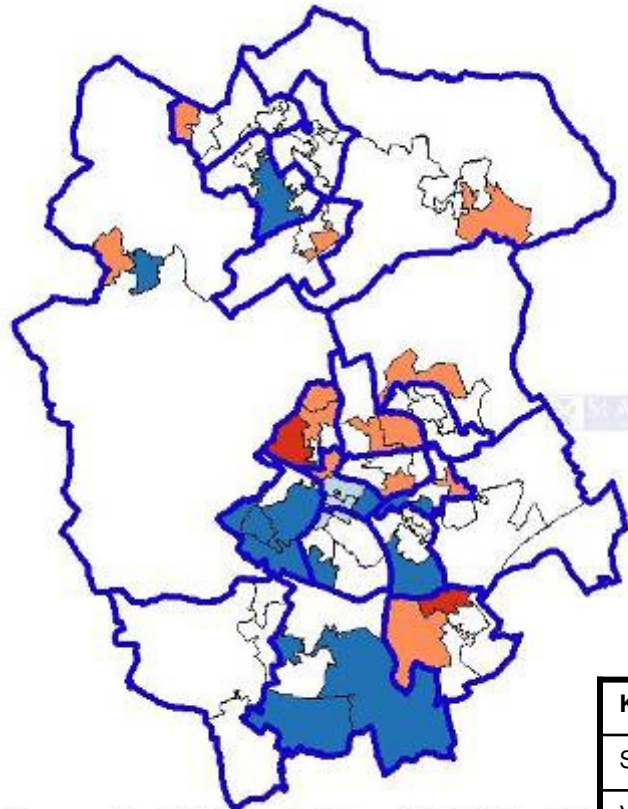
Population projections for the District indicate an ageing population, although this is at a lower rate than other Hertfordshire districts.

Age – an ageing population

Children (0-15 year olds)

Geographical focus

There are a high proportion of children in London Colney and Batchwood wards, with other significant small pockets scattered throughout the District.



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ONS Census 2001

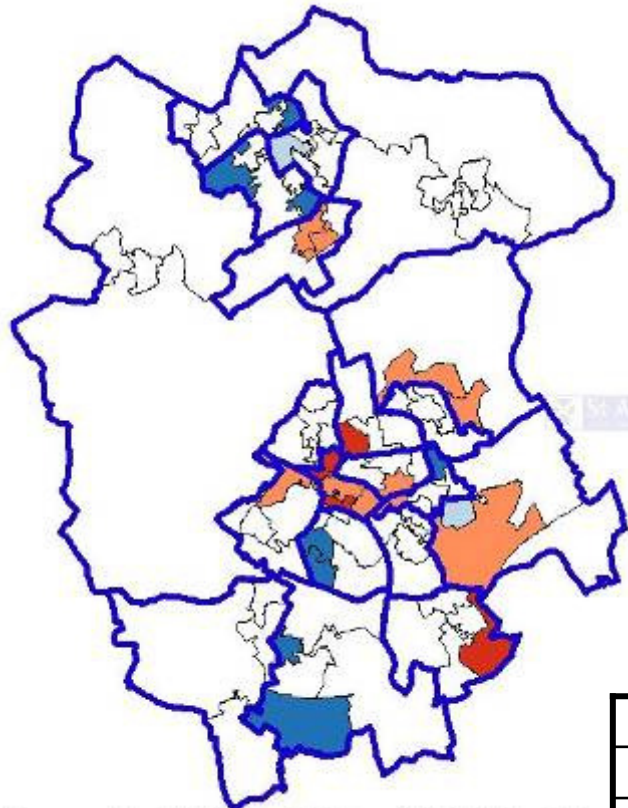
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Age – an ageing population

Working age (16 – 64)

Geographical focus

The highest proportions of working age residents are clustered around London Colney, St Peters and Marshalwick South.

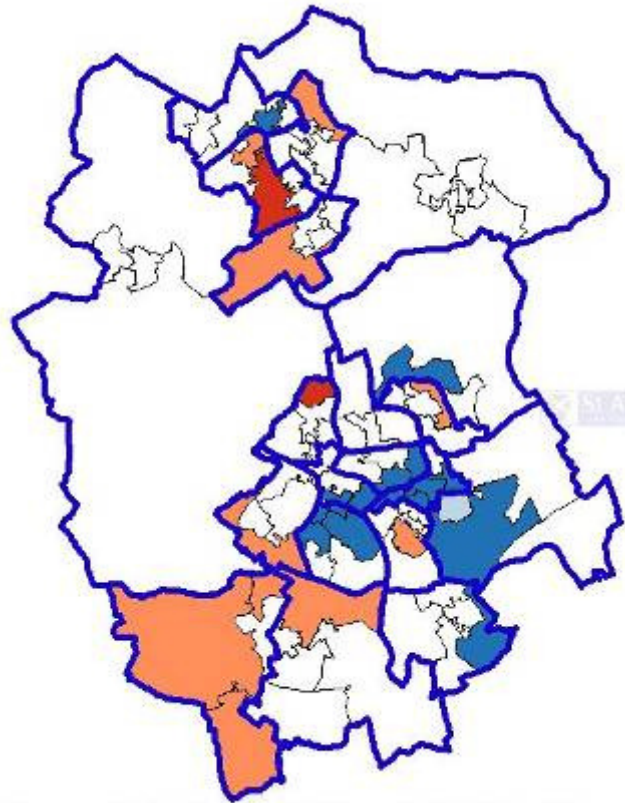


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Age – an ageing population



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Older people (65+)

Geographical focus

There are high proportions of older people in areas of Harpenden and Batchwood.

There are lower proportions of older people towards the south of St Albans city.

Age – an ageing population

Considerations for the District

- Ageing population
- Current population of over 65 year olds concentrated in areas of Harpenden and Batchwood
- High proportion of young people, particularly high in Batchwood and London Colney

Ethnicity – some significant communities

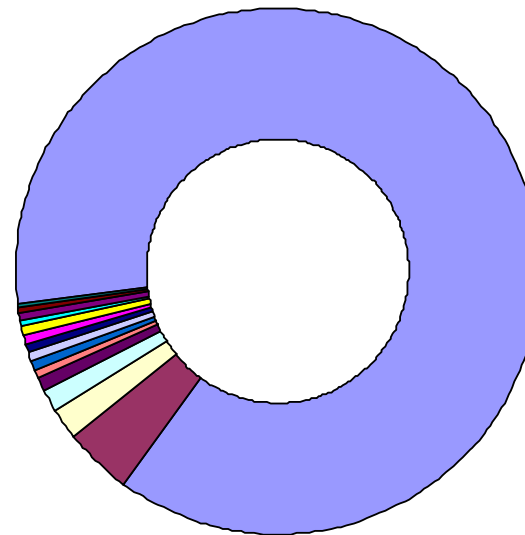
Current

The majority of residents in the District are White: British, 82.8%.

The other large proportions are:

- Other White 5.2%
- Irish 1.7%
- Indian 1.6%
- Bangladeshi 1.4% - the highest proportion of Bangladeshi residents across Hertfordshire districts, 21st highest in the country

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Ethnicity



- White: British
- White: Other White
- White: Irish
- Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British: Indian
- Black or Black British: Caribbean
- Asian or Asian British: Other Asian
- Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- Mixed: White and Asian
- Chinese or other ethnic group: Chinese
- Chinese or other ethnic group: Other ethnic group
- Mixed: Other Mixed
- Mixed: White and Black Caribbean
- Black or Black British: African
- Mixed: White and Black African
- Black or Black British: Other Black

ONS Census 2001

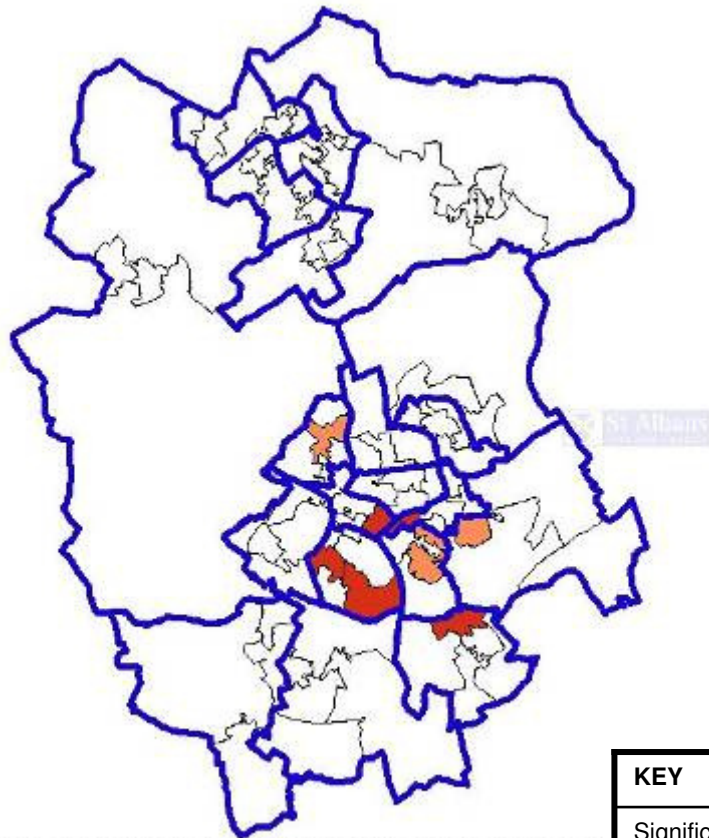
Ethnicity – some significant communities

Bangladeshi community

Geographical focus

The Bangladeshi community is, proportionally, the 21st largest Bangladeshi population in England.

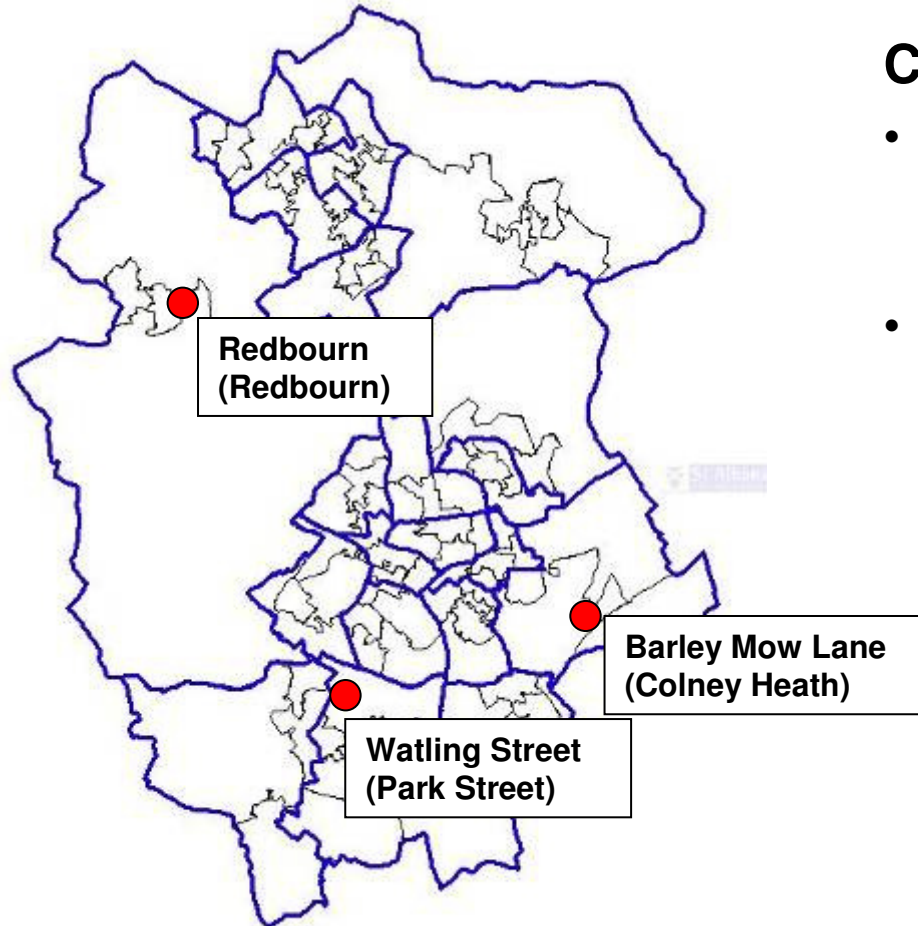
Bangladeshi communities are concentrated in a small number of locations, primarily within Sopwell, St Peters, London Colney and Ashley wards.



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Travellers – significant communities



Current

- 40 pitches, 20% of Hertfordshire pitches
 - 0.29 pitches per 1,000 residents
- 139 caravans, 26% of the county's caravans (July 2010)
 - 81 caravans on Council managed sites
 - 29 private caravans on authorised sites
 - 29 on unauthorised sites (on own land but with no planning permission)

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Ethnicity – some significant communities

Considerations for the District

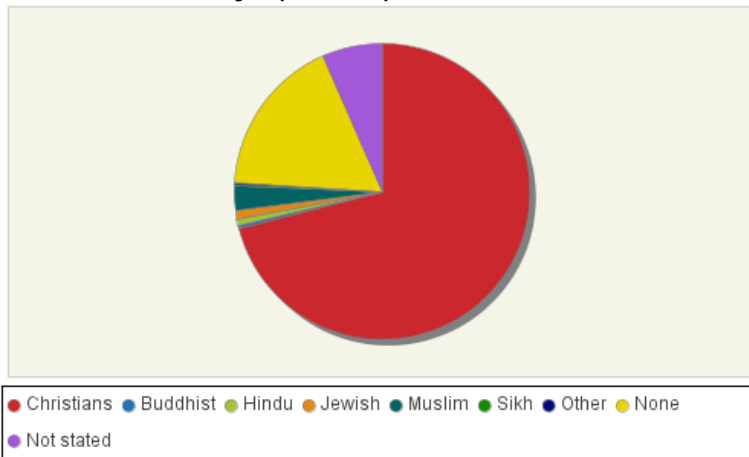
- Small, but mixed ethnic groups
- High proportions of Bangladeshis, particularly in Sopwell, St Peters, London Colney and Ashley
- Significant traveller community, main sites are:
 - o Park Street
 - o London Colney
 - o Redbourn

Religion – a diverse community

Current

The proportion of followers of each religion, within the District, is broadly equivalent to national proportions.

The most prevalent religion is Christianity (71%).



A Vision of Britain Through Time: St Albans City and District (2001)

The other large proportions are:

- 17.5% of people actively stating No Religion
- 6.6% did not state a religion
- 2.6% Muslims - the 2nd largest religious group, within the top quartile for England
- 0.9% Jews - the 3rd largest religious group, within the top quartile for England

Buddhists were statistically above average within the District, accounting for 0.27% of population. Due to the relatively small sample, mapping this data is not suitable.

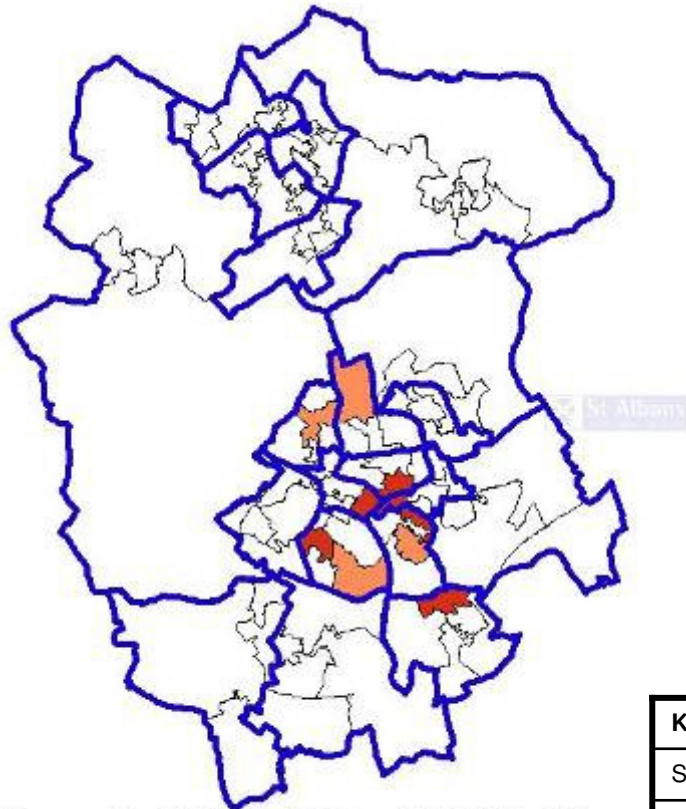
Religion – a diverse community

Muslim community

Geographical focus

Islam is the 2nd largest religion in the District, accounting for 2.6% of the population. This is the 2nd largest community in Hertfordshire.

The Muslim community is highly represented in parts of St Peters and Clarence, Cunningham, Sopwell and London Colney wards.



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ONS Census 2001

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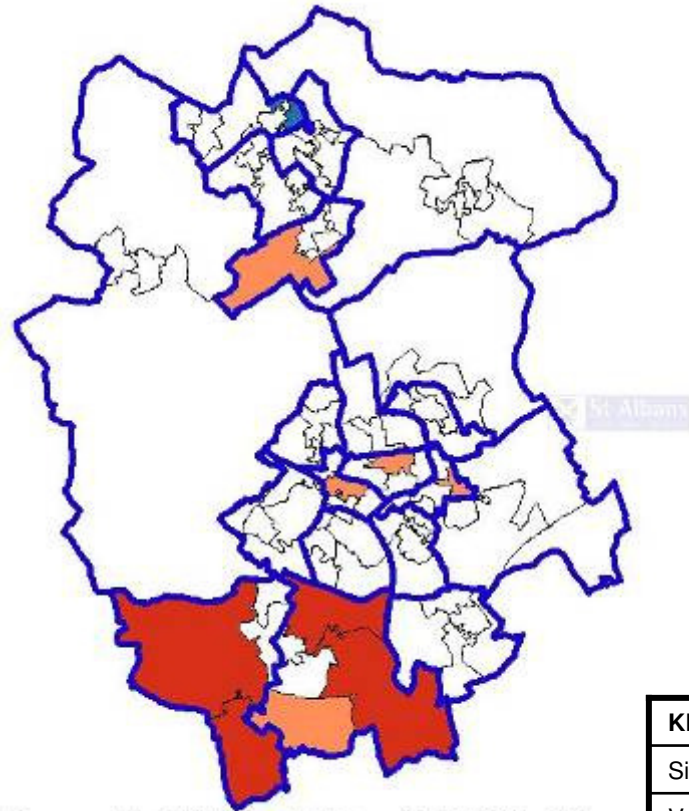
Religion – a diverse community

Jewish community

Geographical focus

Judaism is the 3rd largest religion in the District, accounting for 0.9% of the population. This is the 25th highest Jewish proportion of the population in the country.

The Jewish community is highly represented in the south of the District towards Watford and Hertsmere – St Stephen and Park Street wards.



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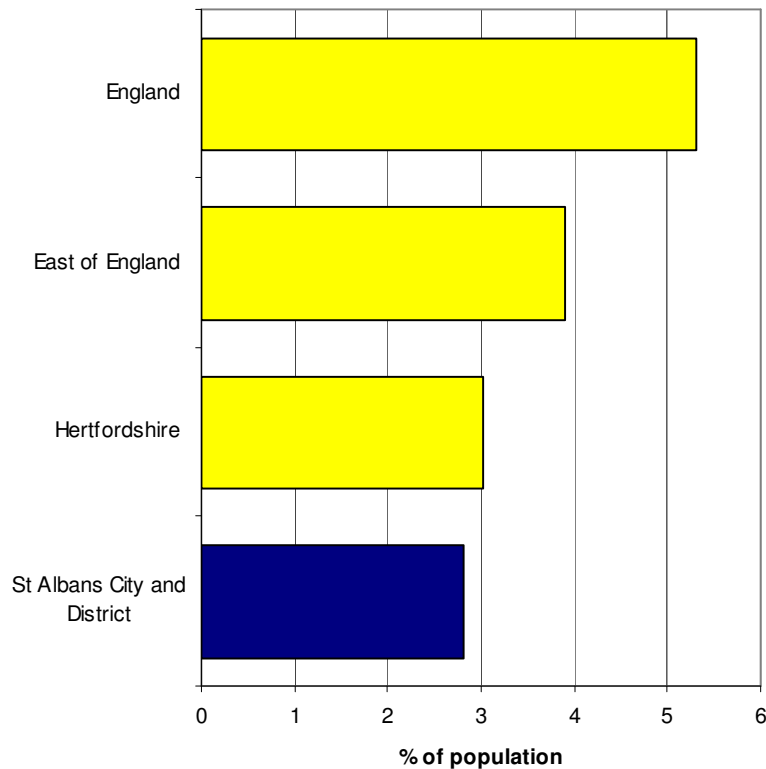
Religion – a diverse community

Considerations for the District

- Diverse range of faiths, although represented in relatively small numbers
- Proportionally high Muslim community, particularly in Clarence, St Peters, Cunningham, Sopwell and London Colney
- Proportionally high Jewish community, particularly in St Stephen and Park Street

Disability – at low levels

People aged 16-74: Permanently sick / disabled



ONS – Census 2001 (Economic Activity)



Current

Self reporting

The District has the 45th lowest proportion of people reporting they are permanently sick or disabled in England (2001).

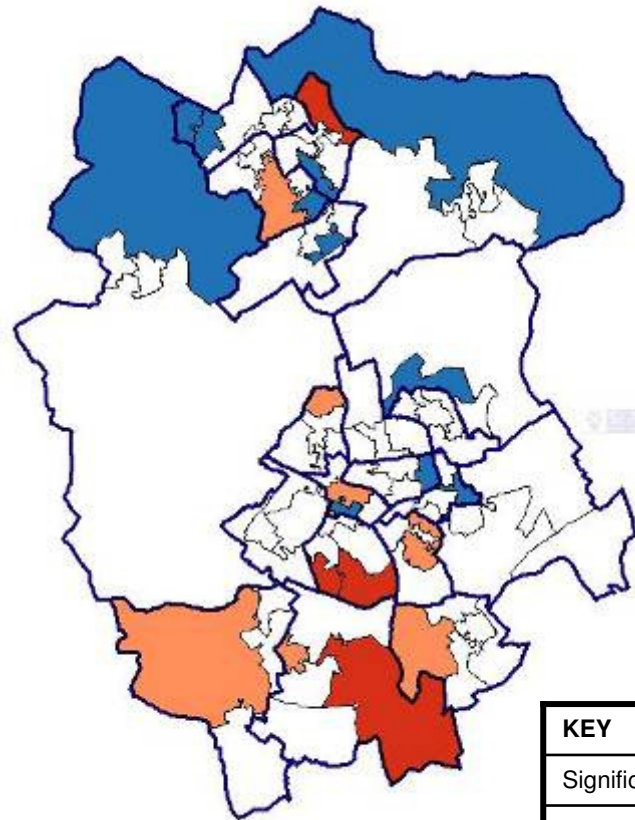
The District has the lowest proportion of people who self-reported limiting long-term illness in Hertfordshire and is the 20th lowest district in England (2008).

Claimants

The District has the 2nd lowest number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) benefit claimants in Hertfordshire (2009).

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Disability – at low levels



Geographical exception

The highest proportions of residents reporting limiting long-term illness live in areas of Sopwell, Park Street and Harpenden East.

Due to the relatively small sample, mapping the claimant data is not suitable.

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ONS Census – Limiting Long-term Illness (2001)

Disability – at low levels

Considerations for the District

- Small population of disabled people
- Need to consider different requirements of different disabilities

Sexual Orientation

– a small population

Current

The Census 2001 indicated that 0.18% of the District's population (178 people) were living in a same-sex couple. This is above the Hertfordshire and East of England average of 0.15%, but below the England average of 0.20%

Considerations for the District

- Population seemingly small and data very limited
- Recent focus group of representatives expressed the need for targeted information and awareness raising in the District

Gender Reassignment

– an unknown population

Current

In 1997/8, as part of an interdepartmental working group, the Home Office produced a report of the interdepartmental working group on transsexual people.

The report highlights the limitation in available data, a highlighted study from the primary care trust in Scotland suggests the national population was between 1,300 and 2,000 males to female and between 250 to 400 female to male transsexual people.

Considerations for the District

- No local data, but population potentially very small

Socio-Economic Inequality – an affluent district with pockets of inequality

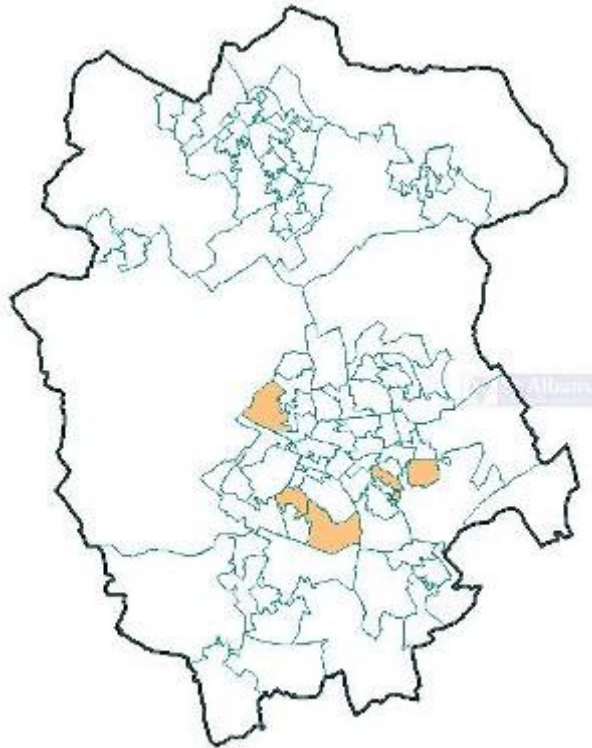
Current

The District is an affluent area with residents generally enjoying a high quality of life:

- Ranked 317 out of 354 Local Authorities in England in the 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation (354 being least deprived)
- 13th highest house prices in England
- Over 50% of residents with a degree or equivalent
- The average weekly earning of £676.70, 38% higher than the British average.
- 84% of residents report they are in good health

However, 5 areas in the District are rated as being more deprived than the national average.

Socio-Economic Inequality – an affluent district with pockets of inequality



Geographical focus

The 5 super output areas (small sub-ward areas) of the District that were below the national average for deprivation are within:

Batchwood

Cunningham

Sopwell – 2 sub areas

Colney Heath

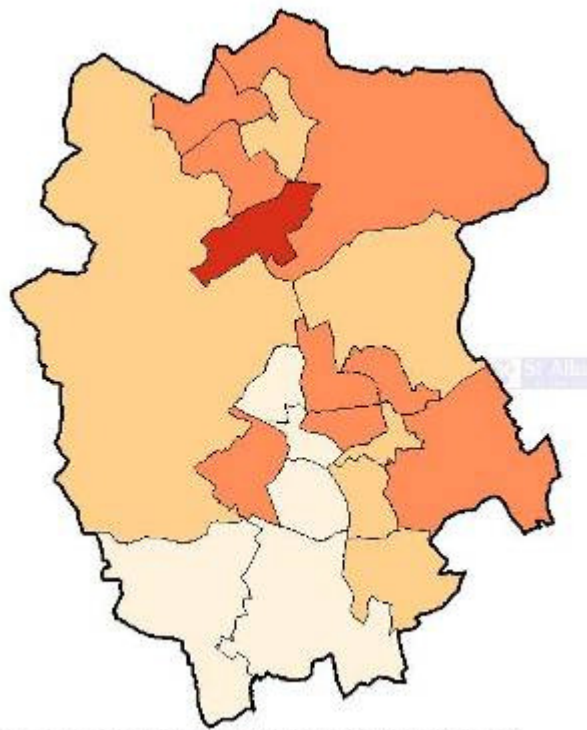
3 of these are in the bottom 30% - Batchwood, Cunningham and Sopwell.

The following sections look in more detail at inequalities in health, education and employment.

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Indices of Multiple Deprivation: Department for Communities and Local Government (2007)

Socio-Economic Inequality – an affluent district with pockets of inequality



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ONS LEAB 2006-08

<79 years
79 to 81 years
81 to 83 years
>83 years



Health

Current

84% of residents report they are in good health.

The District's life expectancy at birth is:

- Males 80.38 years
(2.46 years above the England average)
- Females 83.36 years
(1.34 years above the England average)

Geographical focus

Residents of Sopwell have a life expectancy at birth of 76.1 years, while in Harpenden South this is 86 years – a difference of 9.9 years.

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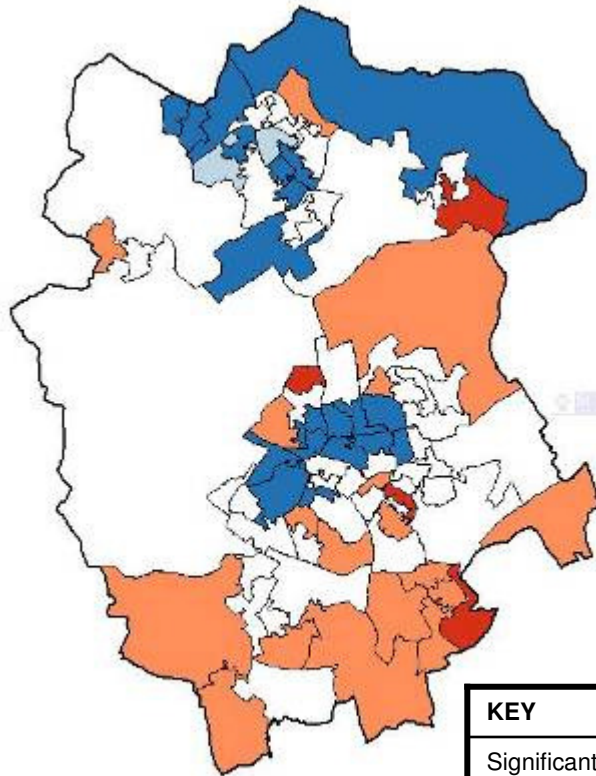
Socio-Economic Inequality – an affluent district with pockets of inequality

Education

Current

In 2009, 50.7% of working age residents held at least a degree or equivalent qualification, which is the 11th highest proportion in England.

14.6% of working age residents have less than 5 GCSEs (A to C grades).



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1 or less GCSE - ONS Census (2001)

Geographical focus

There are areas within London Colney, Cunningham, Batchwood and Wheathampstead where qualification level is low (1 or less GCSEs).

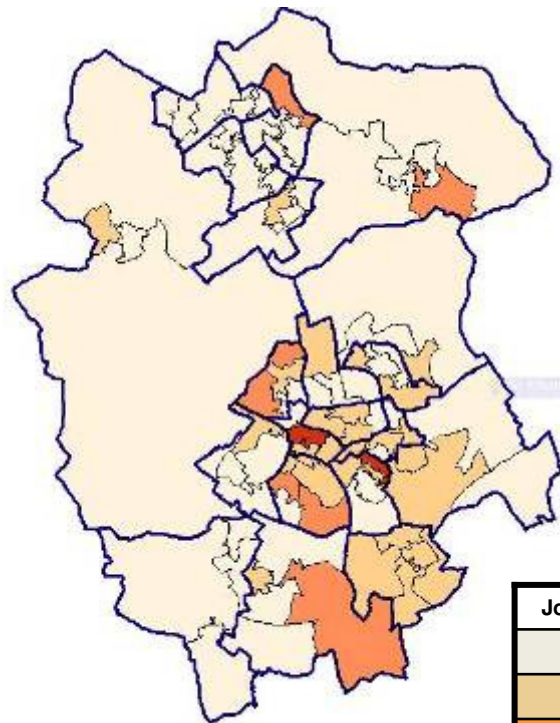
Socio-Economic Inequality – an affluent district with pockets of inequality

Employment

Current

68.7% of working age residents are managers, senior officials or in professional occupations, compared to 44.3% nationally.

Jobseeker claimant rates (October 2010) are low, 1.2%, compared to 3.5% in Great Britain.



Job Seekers Claimants	
5 – 18	
19 – 32	
33 – 46	
>47	

Geographical focus

Jobseeker rates are highest within St Peters and Cunningham.

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DWP JSA 2009

Socio-Economic Inequality – an affluent district with pockets of inequality

Considerations for the District

- Overall, an affluent area
- 5 sub-ward areas - within Batchwood, Cunningham, Sopwell (2 areas) and Colney Heath - are below national deprivation average
- 3 of these – within Batchwood, Cunningham and Sopwell - in the bottom 30% for the country
- Inequality in employment, education and health across the District

Next Steps for Community Profiling

This analysis is being extended to provide detailed place profiles e.g. for St Albans city, Harpenden town, other settlements, wards and key local neighbourhoods.

In order for the Community Profile to continue to be of value the analysis will be reviewed and updated annually. There will be a quick review in March 2011 to reflect the outcome of the Community Survey 2010. The next full review will update in light of the Census 2011.

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