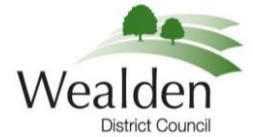


Wealden District profile

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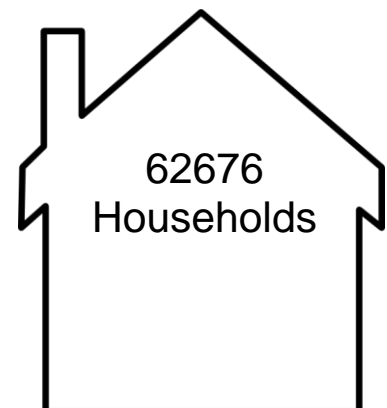
Covering 323 square miles, Wealden is the largest district in East Sussex.

Half the population live in five main towns: Crowborough, Hailsham, Heathfield, Polegate and Uckfield. The rest live in villages and hamlets in some of the most attractive countryside in the South of England.

With two-thirds of the district covered by the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the South Downs National Park, as well as 34 conservation areas and over 2,500 listed buildings, Wealden has to place a high value on protecting the countryside.



Population of 148915



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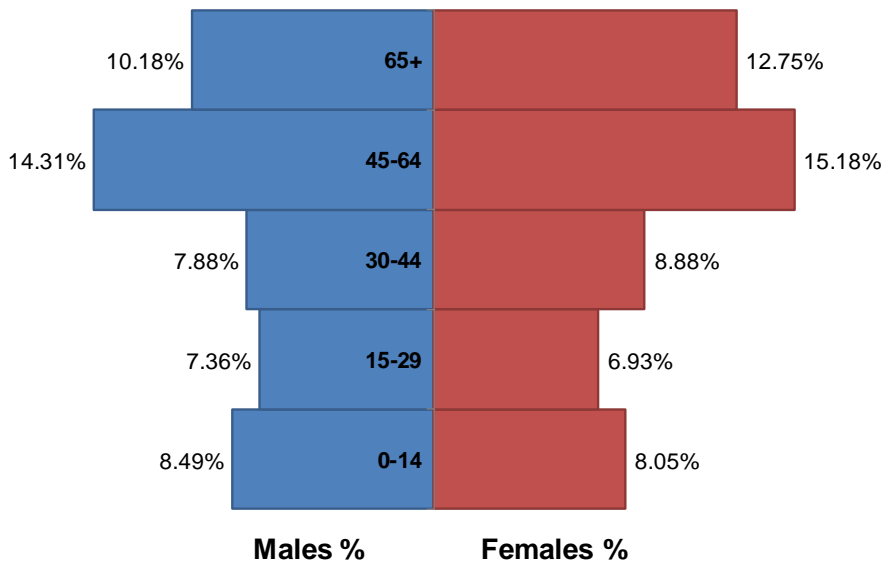


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Who lives in Wealden?

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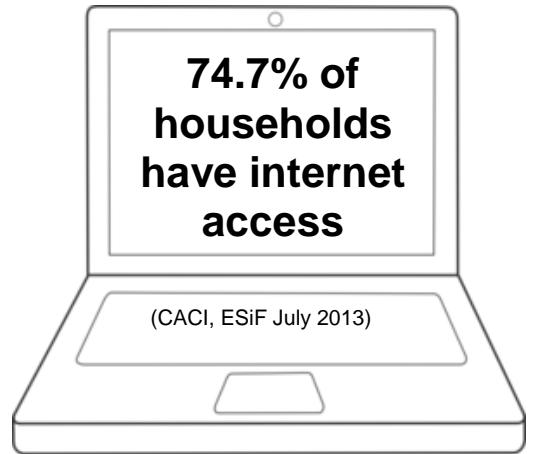
Population by Age and Gender



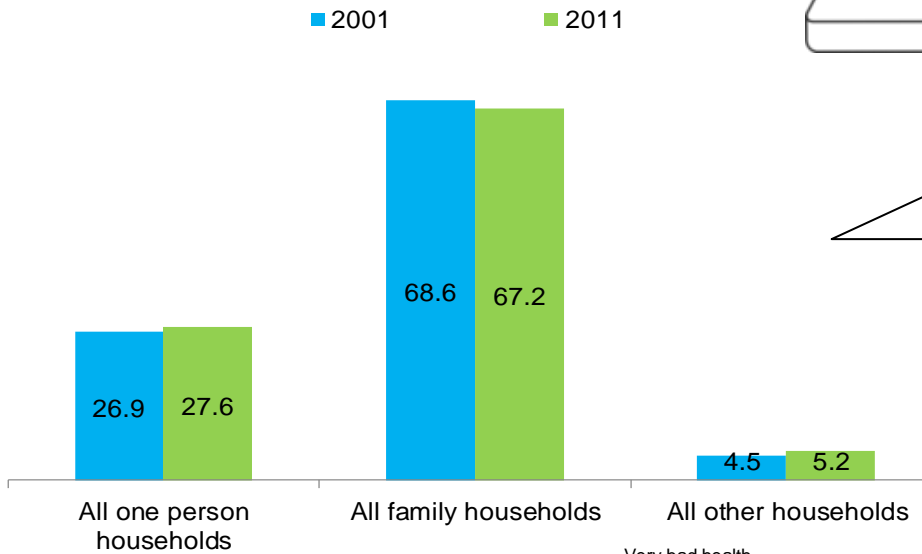
The largest age band is 45 to 64.

The average* age of the population is 44.

*Mean



Household Composition in 2001 and 2011 (%)



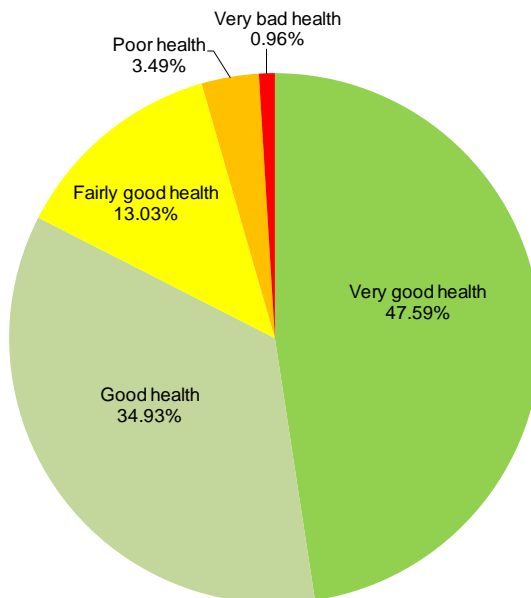
82.6

Life expectancy at birth (2005-2011)

5210

Disability Living Allowance Claimants

(Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study, Feb 2013)



The health of people and Life expectancy for both men and women in Wealden is generally better than the England average.

(Health Profile for Wealden, Public Health England, 2013)



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Education and the Economy in Wealden

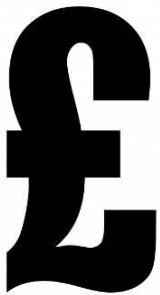
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- No qualifications
- Level 1 e.g. 1-4 GCSEs
- Level 2 e.g. 5+ GCSEs (A*-C)
- Apprenticeship
- Level 3 e.g. 2+ A-Levels/VCEs
- Level 4 and above e.g. Degree
- Other qualifications

The highest level of educational qualification achieved by the biggest group of Wealden residents (28.9%) is Level 4 and above. (ONS Census, 2011)

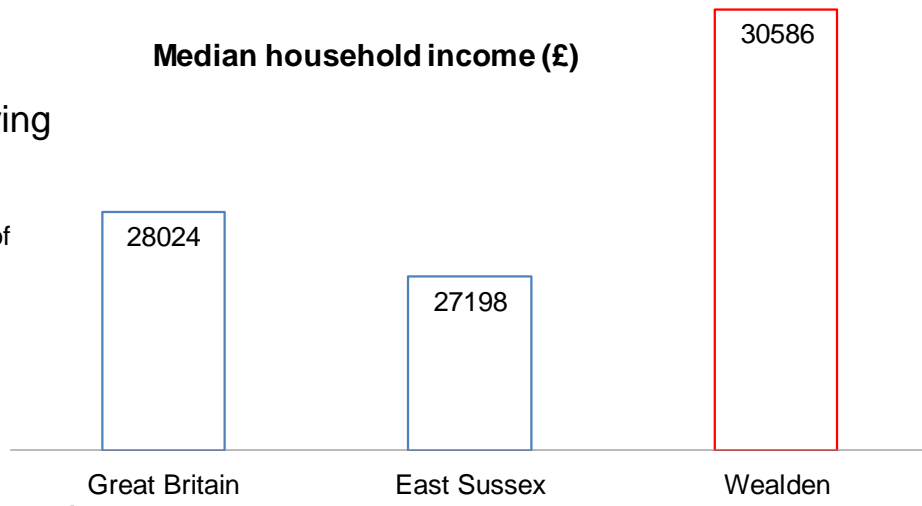
Levels of GCSE attainment are better than the England average. (Health Profile for Wealden, Public Health England, 2013)



23.8% of households in Wealden are living in **poverty***

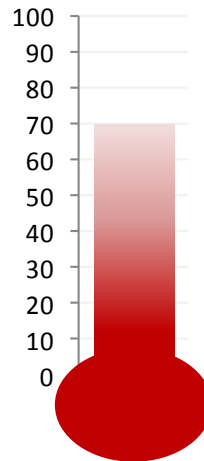
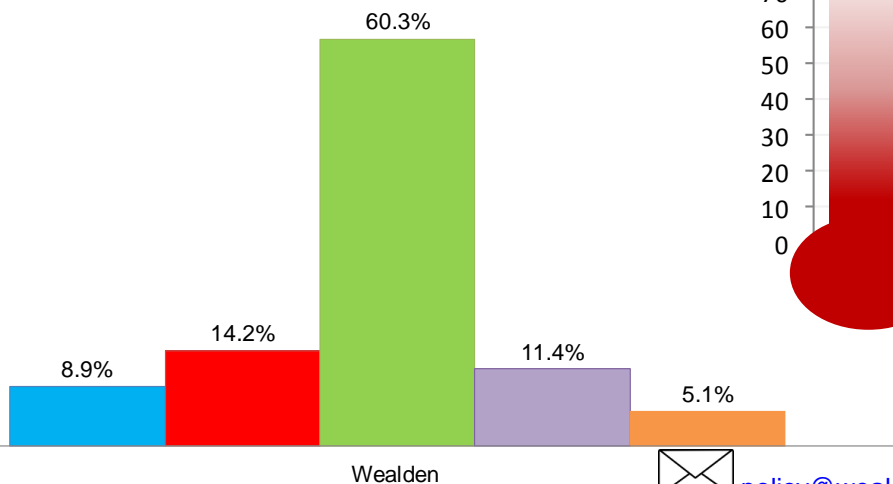
*earning below 60% of GB median income.

Median household income (£)



Economically Inactive

- Long-term sick or disabled
- Looking after home or family
- Retired
- Economically inactive student (includes full-time students)
- Other economically inactive



70.1% of 16 – 74 year olds in Wealden are **economically active**



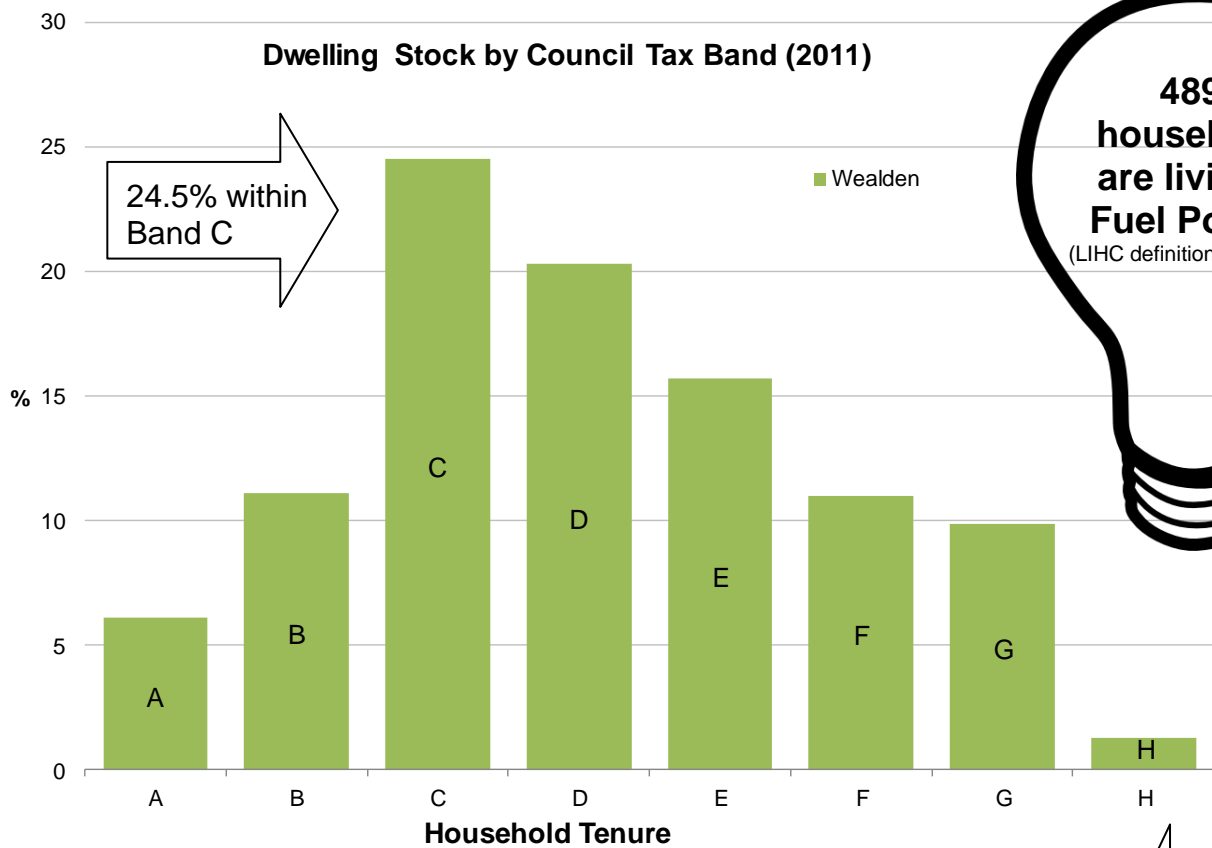
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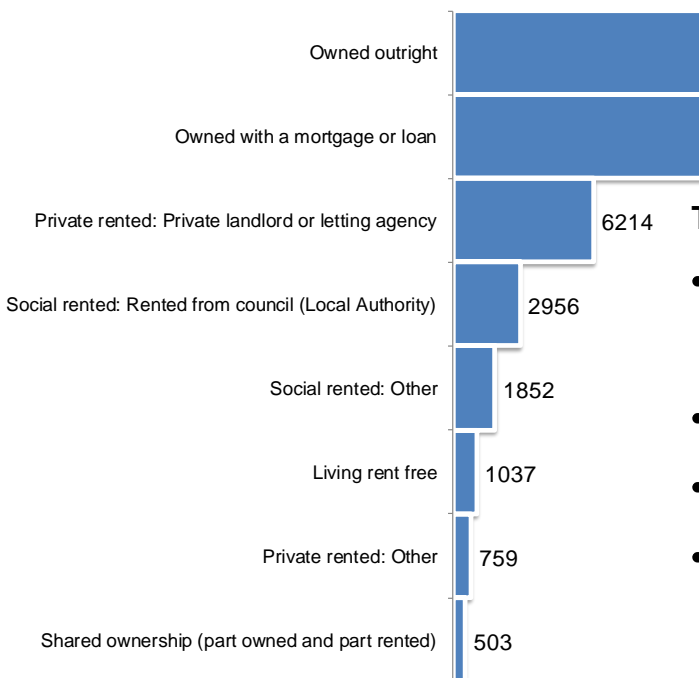
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Housing and Development in Wealden

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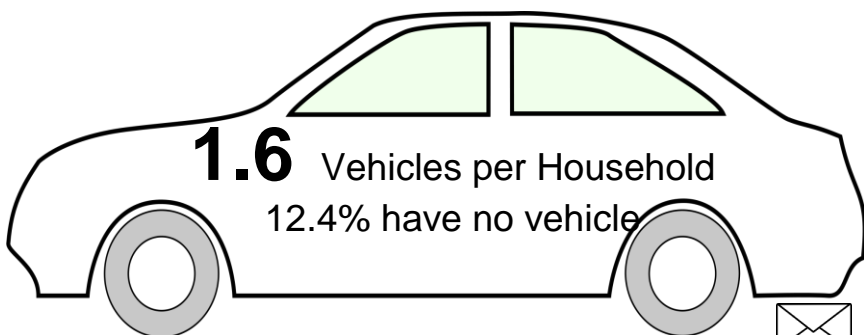


4890 households are living in Fuel Poverty
(LHC definition, ESIF 2011)



The Core Strategy Local Plan until 2027;

- Most growth is proposed in the form of sustainable urban extensions to promote sustainability, ease of access to services and reduce the carbon footprint of development.
- Proposes significant growth within Hailsham (1300 dwellings) and Uckfield (1000 dwellings)
- Additional growth at Stone Cross (650 dwellings) and Polegate (700 dwellings).
- Lesser and proportionate growth proposed for Crowborough (300 dwellings) owing to environmental and economic constraints.
- Allocates some 40,000 sq. metres of employment land, principally in Hailsham, Polegate and Uckfield.
- Promotes provision of an additional 17,000 sq. m of retail floor space, centred upon Uckfield and Hailsham.



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