

Ethnic diversity and migration data sheet

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Summary: According to the 2011 Census, Rushmoor has become more diverse since the 2001 Census. This is partly due to an increase in Nepali residents in the area.

The Nepali community has a particularly strong presence in Rushmoor because of the Gurkha connection with Aldershot Garrison during their service. Also the Gurkhas were based in nearby Church Crookham until they moved to Maidstone.

Following a 2008 High Court ruling, the Government gave Gurkhas who retired before 1997 and their dependant families, the right to settle in the UK. This ruling resulted in a further increase in the number of Nepali people coming to England and a high proportion of those coming to Rushmoor.

The 2011 Census showed that 6,131 people in Rushmoor (6.5%) are Nepalese (includes Gurkha). This was the highest percentage for a local authority area in England and Wales and accounts for 10.2% of all those who identified themselves as Nepalese in the 2011 Census.

Ethnic diversity

The table below shows the ethnic group Rushmoor residents define themselves.

2011 Census: Ethnic group	Number	%	England and wales %
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	75,511	80.5	80.5
White: Irish	718	0.8	0.9
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	155	0.2	0.1
White: Other White	3,136	3.3	4.4
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	624	0.7	0.8
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	342	0.4	0.3
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	644	0.7	0.6
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	447	0.5	0.5
Asian/Asian British: Indian	1,310	1.4	2.5
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	635	0.7	2.0
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	206	0.2	0.8
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	497	0.5	0.7
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	7,107	7.6	1.5
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	1,115	1.2	1.8
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	538	0.6	1.1
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	215	0.2	0.5
Other ethnic group: Arab	134	0.1	0.4
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	473	0.5	0.6

Rushmoor has the same population of White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British (80.5%) as the national average. In the 2001 Census 92.7% of Rushmoor were White: British, which was higher than the national average of 87%. The largest BME ethnic group in Rushmoor is Asian/Asian British: Other Asian. This group includes Nepali residents. Rushmoor is the most ethnically diverse area in Hampshire.

Religion

The 2001 Census showed that 73% of Rushmoor residents indicated they were Christians, the next largest group were those who indicated they had no religion (16.8%) followed by those who did not state their religion (8%). The 2011 Census showed that the percentages have changed considerably. The table below shows which religion Rushmoor residents indicated they were.

Census: Religion	2001 Census	2011 Census
Christian	73.0% (66,444)	57.8% (54,206)
Buddhist	0.4% (354)	3.3% (3,092)
Hindu	0.6% (561)	3.4% (3,222)
Jewish	0.1% (68)	0.1% (65)
Muslim	0.7% (674)	1.4% (1,356)
Sikh	0.1% (90)	0.2% (183)
Other religion	0.3% (297)	0.4% (367)
No religion	16.8% (15,265)	26.4% (24,773)
Religion not stated	8.0% (7,234)	7.0% (6,543)

Although the largest religion is still Christian this has decreased from 73% to 57.8%. The second largest group are still those who indicated they have no religion (26.4%). The largest increase in percentages is in those who are Buddhist and Hindu. At 3.3% Rushmoor has the highest percentage of Buddhists in a local authority area in England and Wales.

Household language

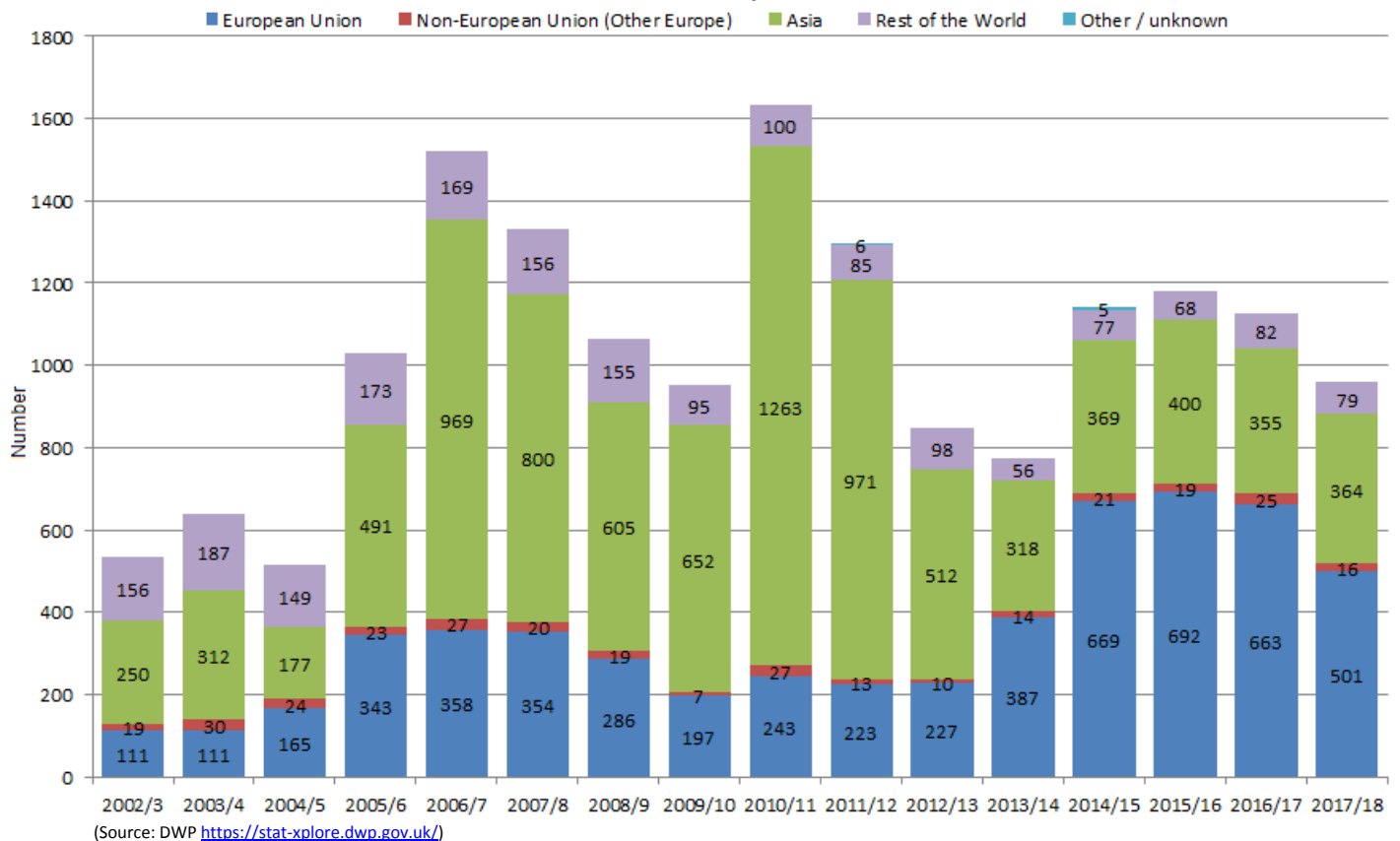
The 2011 Census showed that Rushmoor, with 5.5%, had a slightly higher percentage of households that did not have anyone in the household that spoke English as their main language. The average for England and Wales was 4.3%.

2011 Census: Household language	Number	%	England and wales %
All people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	32,736	90.1	91.2
At least one but not all people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	1,276	3.5	3.7
No people aged 16 and over in household but at least one person aged 3 to 15 has English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	341	0.9	0.8
No people in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	1,991	5.5	4.3

Migration

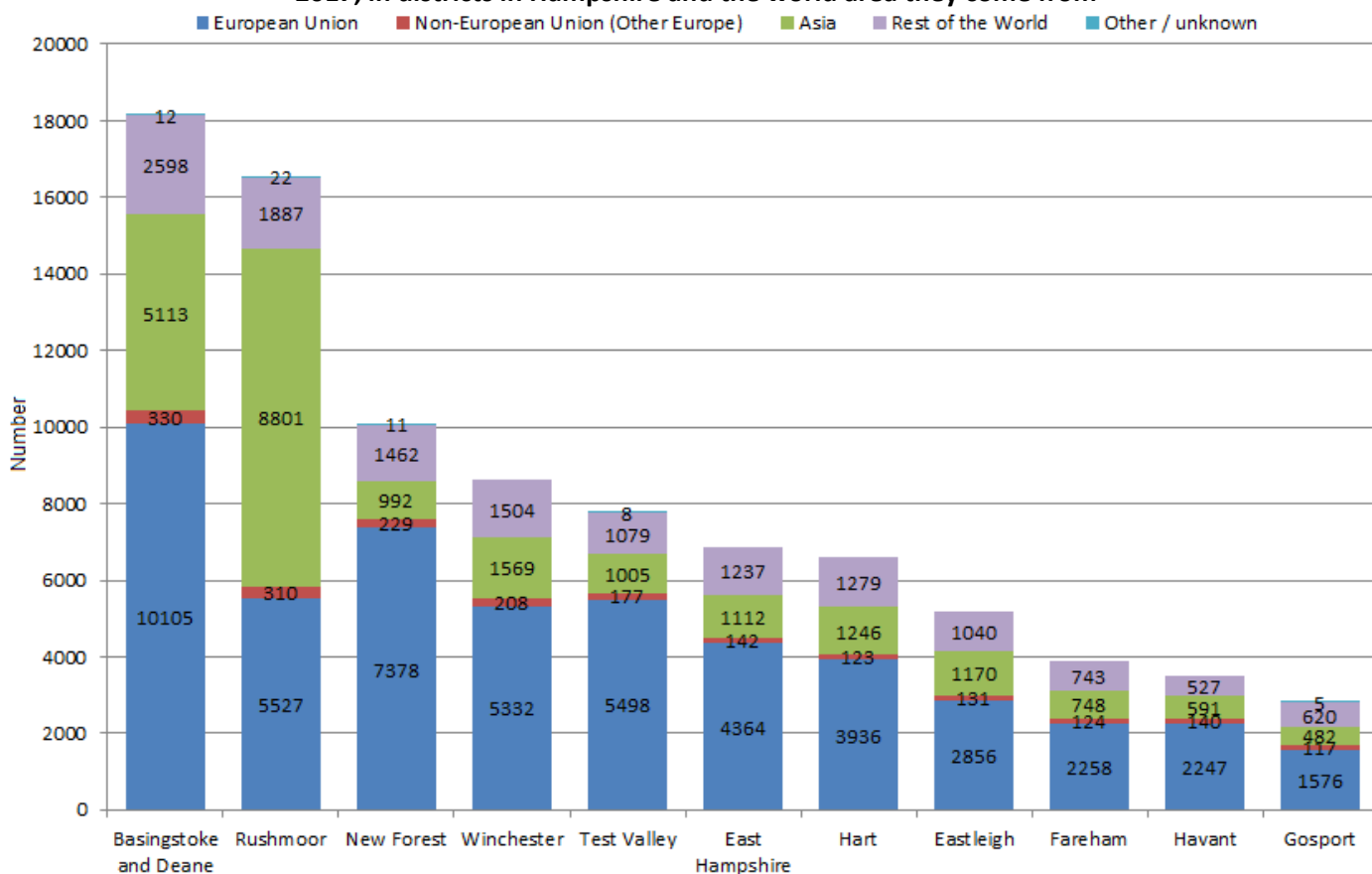
Between 2002/03 and 2017/18, there were 16,557 National Insurance numbers allocated to 'Adult Overseas Nationals' in Rushmoor. The following chart shows the number of National Insurance numbers allocated to 'Adult Overseas Nationals' in Rushmoor over the past 16 years, and the world area they come from. The highest number each year used to come from Asia until 2013/14, where the highest number is from Europe.

The number of National Insurance numbers allocated to 'Adult Overseas Nationals' in Rushmoor, and the world area they come from



The following chart shows the National Insurance number allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals from April 2002 to March 2018, in districts in Hampshire and the world area they come from. In Hampshire only Basingstoke and Deane had a higher number of allocations than Rushmoor, with 18,161. In Rushmoor just over 53.2% of these (8,801) were to people from Asia, of those from Asia 6,884 were from Nepal. The highest allocations in all other districts in Hampshire were to people from Europe.

National Insurance number allocations to 'Adult Overseas Nationals' from April 2002 to March 2017, in districts in Hampshire and the world area they come from



(Source: DWP <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>)

Country of birth

The table below shows the top 10 countries of birth for Rushmoor residents from the 2011 Census.

2011 Census: Country of birth	Number	%	England and wales %
England	73,940	78.8	80.0
Other Southern Asia	4,908	5.2	0.2
Scotland	1,697	1.8	1.3
Germany	1,261	1.3	0.5
Wales	1,152	1.2	4.9
Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China)	999	1.1	0.2
India	856	0.9	1.2
Ireland	631	0.7	0.7
Poland	671	0.7	1.0
Northern Ireland	535	0.6	0.4

Rushmoor has a slightly lower percentage of those born in England (78.8%) compared to the national average (80%). In 2001, 86.4% of Rushmoor residents were born in England, this was 1% lower than the national average of 87.4%.

Rushmoor has the highest percentage of residents for a local authority in England and Wales who were born in Other Southern Asia and in Hong Kong. This is likely to be linked to Rushmoor's Nepali population.

Births in Rushmoor to mothers not born in the UK

In 2017, statistics show that 33.8% of births in Rushmoor, were to mothers not born in the UK (up from 30.6% in 2016). This is above the England average of 29.2%, and much higher than the Hampshire average of 16.7%. Rushmoor's figure is higher than the other districts in Hampshire and higher than our geographical neighbours – Guildford's figure is 26.6%, Surrey Heath's figure is 23.4%, Waverley's figure is 19.9% and Hart's figure is 16.9% and.

There were 1,259 live births to Rushmoor residents in 2017 (down from 1,410 in 2016). Of these, 66.2% were to mothers born in the UK; 17.6% were to mothers born in the EU (including the new EU countries 7.1%); 13.13% were to mothers born in the Middle East and Asia; 5.9% were to mothers born in Africa; 2.7% were to mothers born in the rest of the world and 1.7% were to mothers born in Europe non-EU countries.

(Source: Office for National Statistics

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/livebirths/bulletins/parentscountryofbirthenglandandwales/2017>)