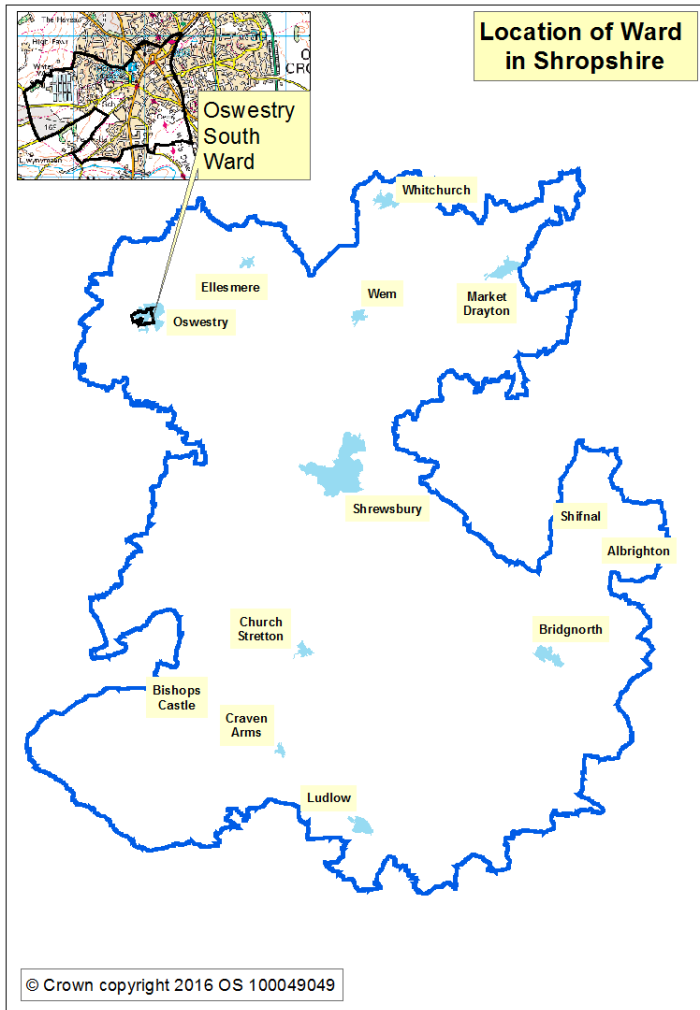


Oswestry South Ward



Key Facts

Total Population **4,361 (2015)**

Area **403** hectares

Population Density **10.8** (Shropshire average **0.96**)

Average Age - **43.3**

Total Households **1,990**

Total Dwellings **2,117**

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Ward Councillor - Paul Milner
Conservative

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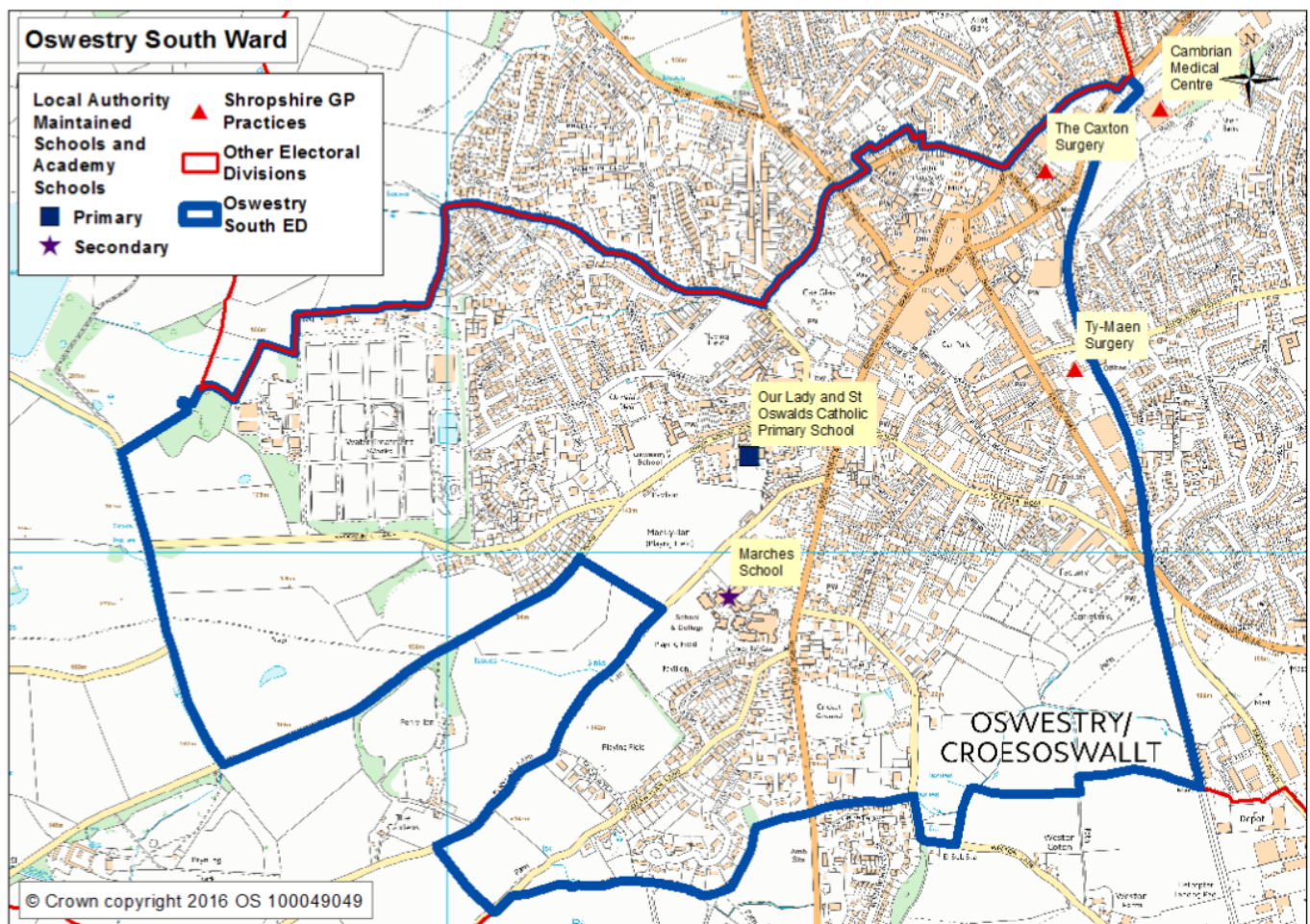
Election Results - May 2017

Name	Party	Votes
Paul Milner	Cons	703
Duncan Kerr	Green	640

Parliamentary Constituency - North Shropshire

MP - Owen Paterson, Conservative

Population and Diversity



Oswestry South Ward forms part of the key market town of Oswestry. The ward is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is densely populated. To ward has easy access to the A5 leading towards Shrewsbury and North Wales. The town centre is well served for shops and other amenities.

For more information and interactive maps please visit Shropshire Council website :

www.shropshire.gov.uk/maps

For further information please visit : www.shropshire.gov.uk/facts-and-figures

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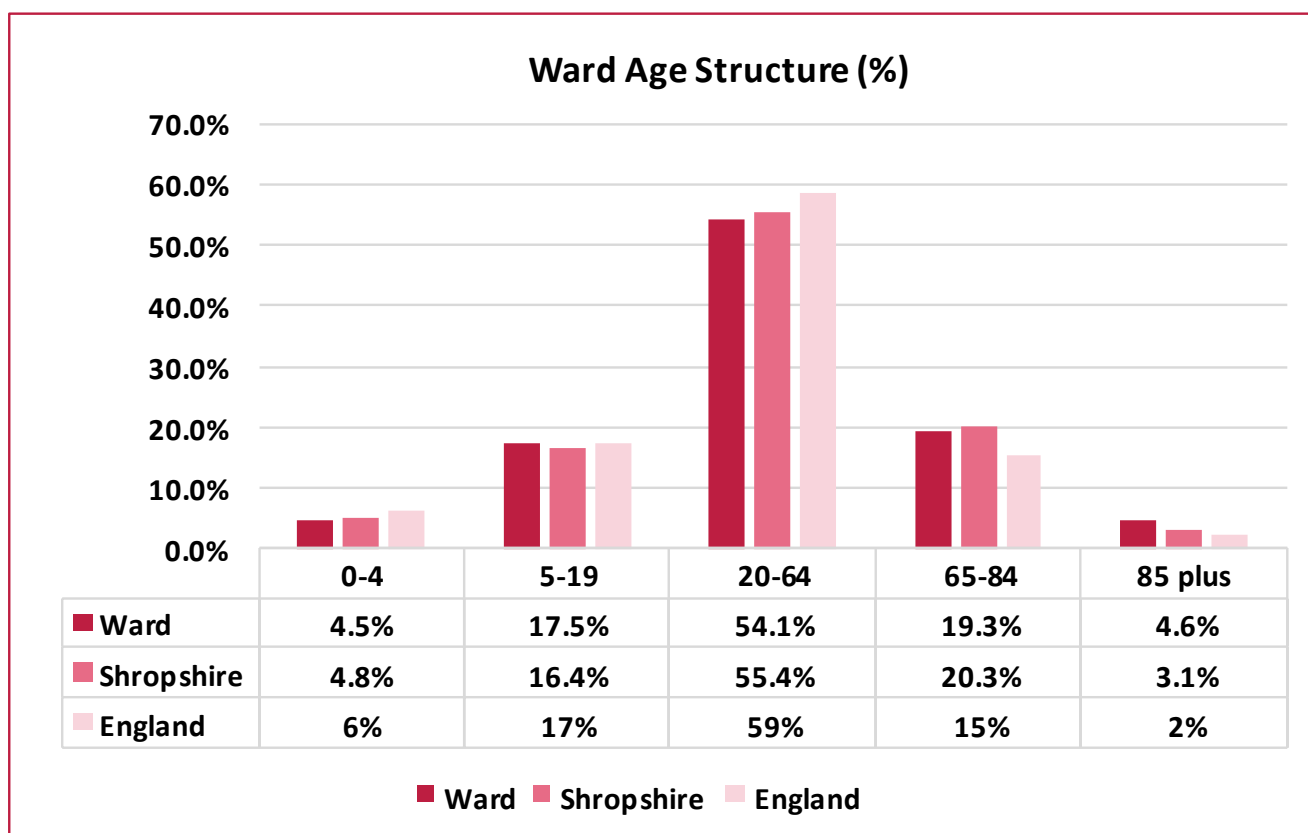
Other useful websites:

www.nomisweb.co.uk

www.ONS.gov.uk

Population and Diversity

Age Structure



Source: Office of National Statistics (ONS) Mid Year Estimates, 2015 - Ward Level Mid Year Population Estimates, Experimental Statistics 2016.



Mid year estimates for **2015**

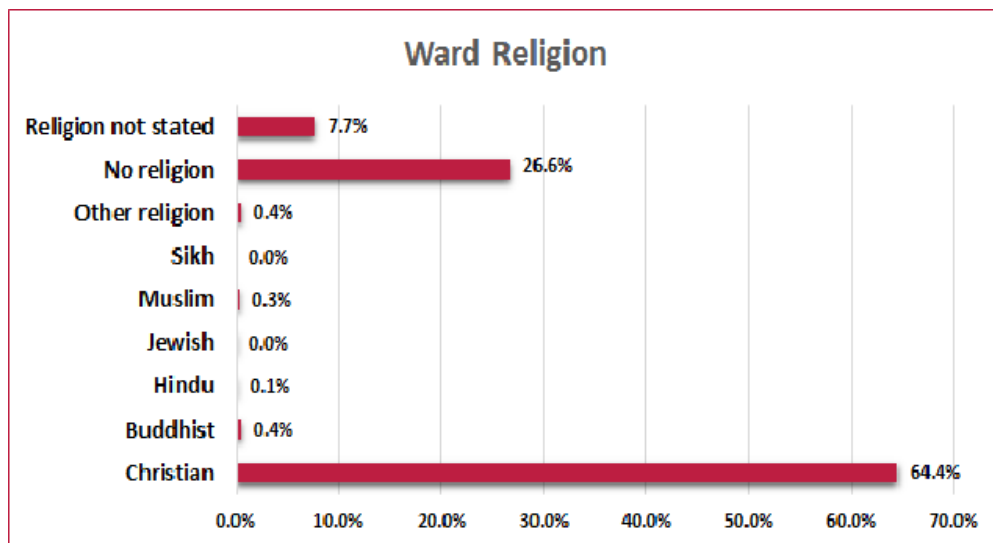
49.1% female and **50.9% male.**

Oswestry South has a **higher rate of people aged 5 to 19**, compared to both **Shropshire** and **England**.

Oswestry South has a **higher rate of older people**, aged 85 plus, **compared** to both Shropshire and England.

Population and Diversity

Religion



64.4% of People were Christian. 26.6% had no religion. Levels of other religions were low and similar to Shropshire and in general lower than national levels.

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics, Office for National Statistics (ONS).

	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
Shropshire	68.7%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%	22.8%	7.3%
England	59.4%	0.5%	1.5%	0.5%	5.0%	0.8%	0.4%	24.7%	7.2%

Ethnicity

91.9% of People were White British, lower to Shropshire but higher than England.

Fewer people from minority groups compared to England, higher levels than Shropshire. Slightly higher percentage of all minority ethnic groups than for Shropshire as a whole.

Area	White	White: British	Mixed/ multiple	Asian/Asian British	Black/African/ Caribbean/ Black British	Other ethnic group	BME Total
Oswestry South	96.8%	91.9%	1.0%	1.6%	0.3%	0.3%	3.2%
Shropshire	98.0%	95.4%	0.7%	1.0%	0.2%	0.1%	2.0%
England	85.4%	79.8%	2.3%	7.8%	3.5%	1.0%	14.6%

For further information on population or other Census data please visit:

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/facts-and-figures>

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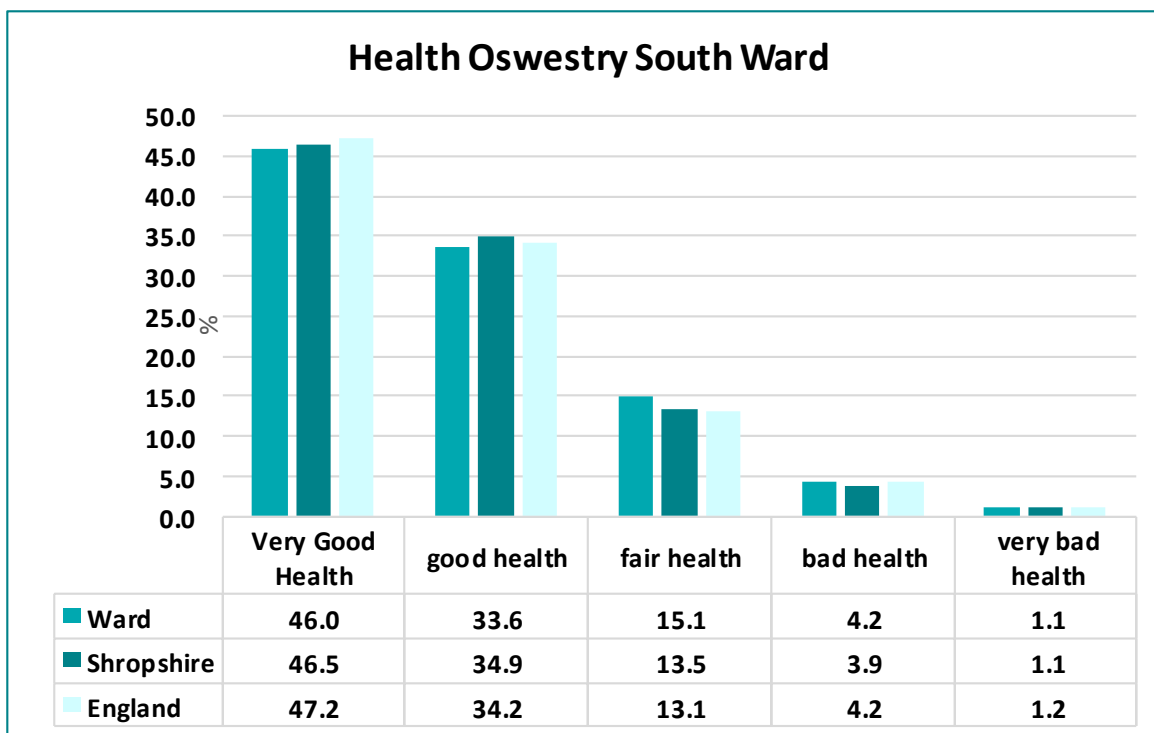
Health

Long Term Limiting Illness

9.3 % of People had a **Long Term Health Problem or Disability** which Limited their Life a lot. **Higher** than the **Shropshire average of 8.4%.**

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics, Office of National Statistics (ONS).

Health Condition



At the time of the 2011 Census, **80% of residents** in Oswestry South Ward, said that they felt they were **in very good or good health**. This was **lower** than the Shropshire and England **average of 81%.**

Provision of Social Care

	Provide 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week	Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week
Oswestry South	6.3%	1.3%	1.4%
Shropshire	7.5%	1.3%	2.4%
England	6.5%	1.4%	2.4%

6.3% of people provided in Oswestry South Ward **unpaid care for 1-19** hours per week, this was **lower** than **Shropshire as a whole.**

Qualifications and Jobs

Qualifications

Qualifications	Ward	Shropshire	England and
Level 1	15.8	15.4	15.2
Level 2	20.3	19.4	17.2
Level 3	14.9	14.7	14.5
Level 4/5	30.2	29.4	29.7
Other qualifications	7.4	7.1	8.6
No qualifications	11.2	14	15

According to the Census 2011, **30.2%** of residents had a **level 4** qualification or above, greater than Shropshire average of **29.4%**. There were more residents with low level qualifications than for Shropshire as a whole. **11.2%** had no qualifications compared to Shropshire figure of **14.0%**.

Source: 2011 Census, ONS, Highest Level of Qualification Population aged 16-64.

For further information on qualification levels and definitions visit Office of National Statistics (ONS)
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/qualificationsandlabourmarketparticipationinenglandandwales/2014-06-18#background-notes>

Economic Activity

The employment status of Oswestry South residents at the time of the 2011 Census showed **80.0%** of residents were economically active (this includes people who are both employed and actively seeking employment), this was broadly comparable to the Shropshire figure of **80.1%**. Of those who were economically active **73.0%** were in employment, **11.5%** were self-employed and **6.9%** were unemployed. This is compared with **75.8%**, **13.5%** and **5.4%** respectively for Shropshire.

20.0% of residents were economically inactive (these are people who are not seeking a job, and include those who are retired, full time students, looking after family or long term sick). This figure was almost identical to the Shropshire level of **19.9%**.

Unemployment

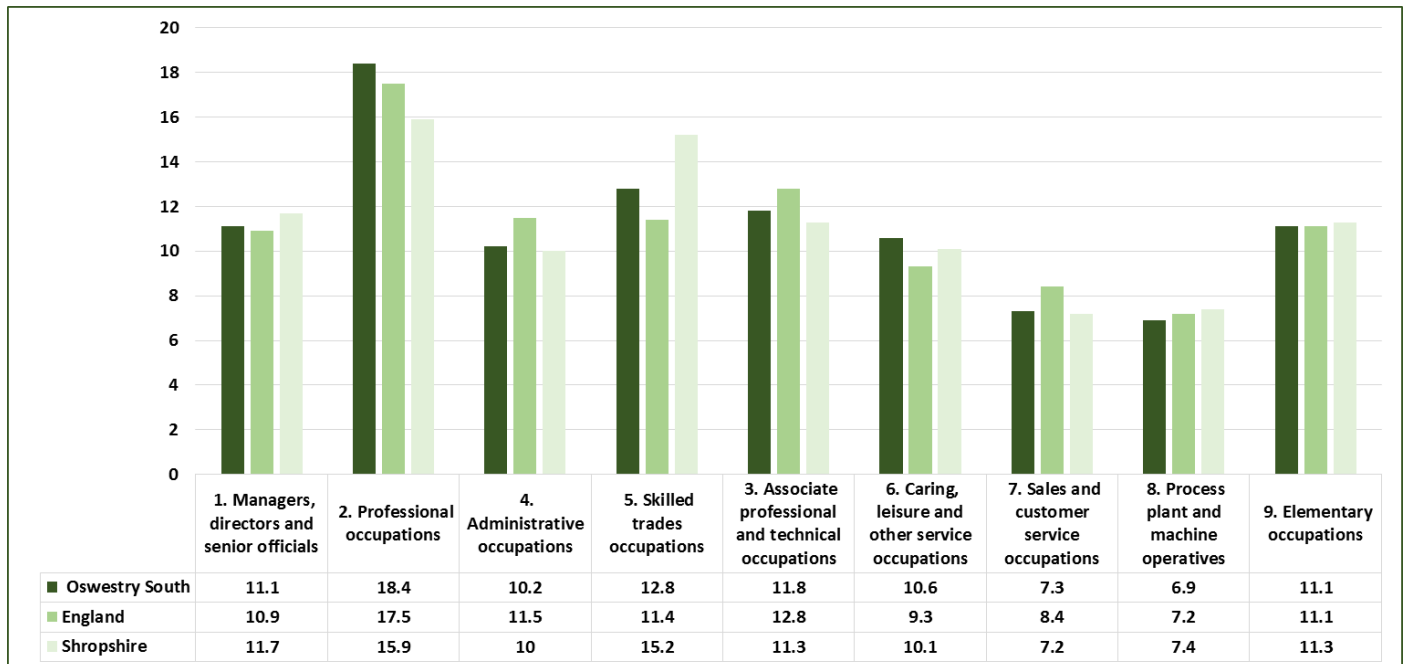
The Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) is payable to people under pensionable age who are available for, and actively seeking work. In October 2016 **2.1%** of resident people aged 16-64, were claiming JSA, this was higher than both the Shropshire figure of **1.1%** and the **1.8%** for Great Britain.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>
<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/contents.aspx>

Qualifications and Jobs

Employment by Occupation



Businesses and Employment

- **3,400** jobs in the ward
- **624 businesses** (Source: Mint 2015)

- **18.4 %** of residents were employed in Professional occupations (greater than for Shropshire as a whole **15.9%**)
- Fewer people work in Skilled trades occupations, **12.8%** compared to **15.2%** for Shropshire

Travel to Work

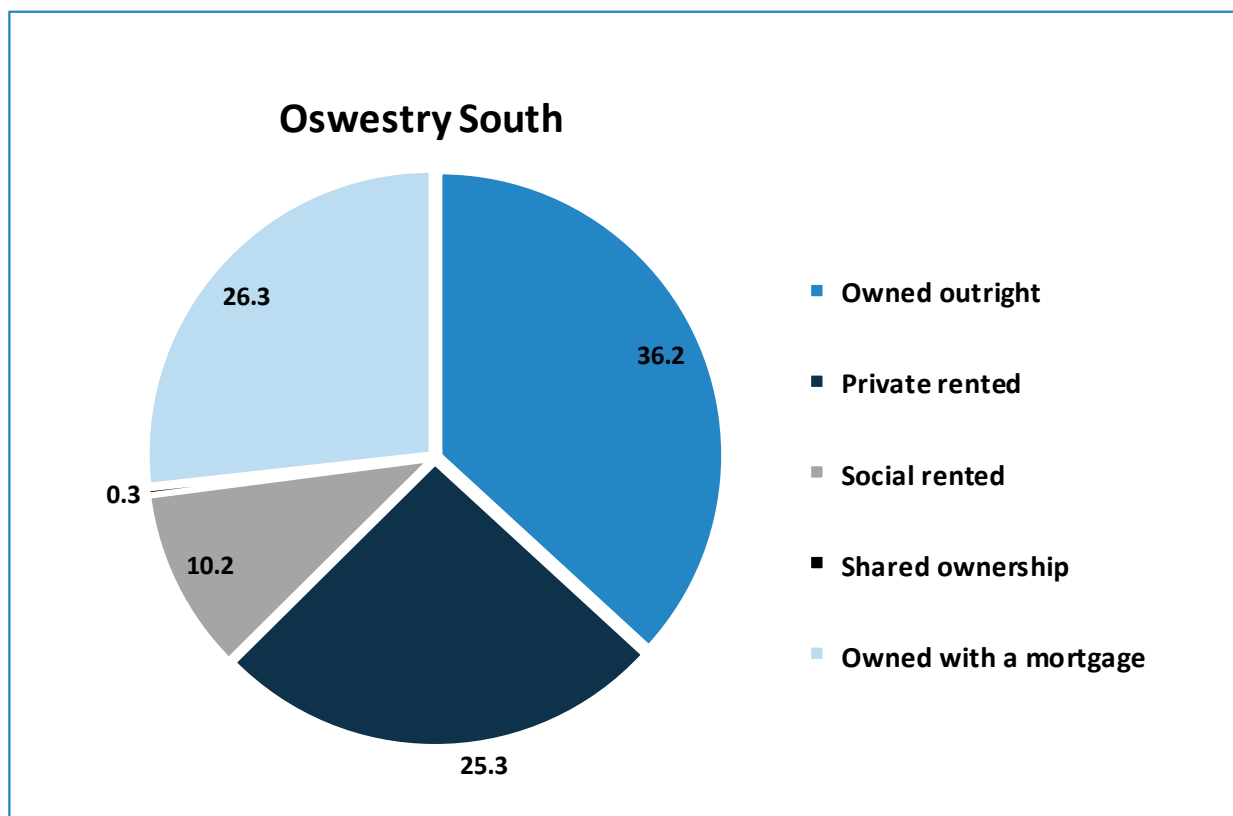
- **10.9%** of residents were self employed
- **3.8%** work from home (compared to **5.6%** for Shropshire)
- **42.4%** use the car as main travel mode to work
- **2.2%** used public transport

Housing

2,117 Dwellings and 1,990 Households

15 Communal Establishment with 226 residents

Housing Tenure



Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics, Office for National Statistics, © Crown Copyright 2017.

The largest proportion (**36.2%**) of houses in Oswestry South Ward were owned outright. This was lower than Shropshire (**38.6%**). **10.2%** of households were social rented housing, this was fewer than for Shropshire as a whole (**13.5%**) and fewer than for England (**17.7%**). A greater number of households in Oswestry South Ward were private rented (**25.3%**) compared to **15%** for Shropshire.

Housing Type

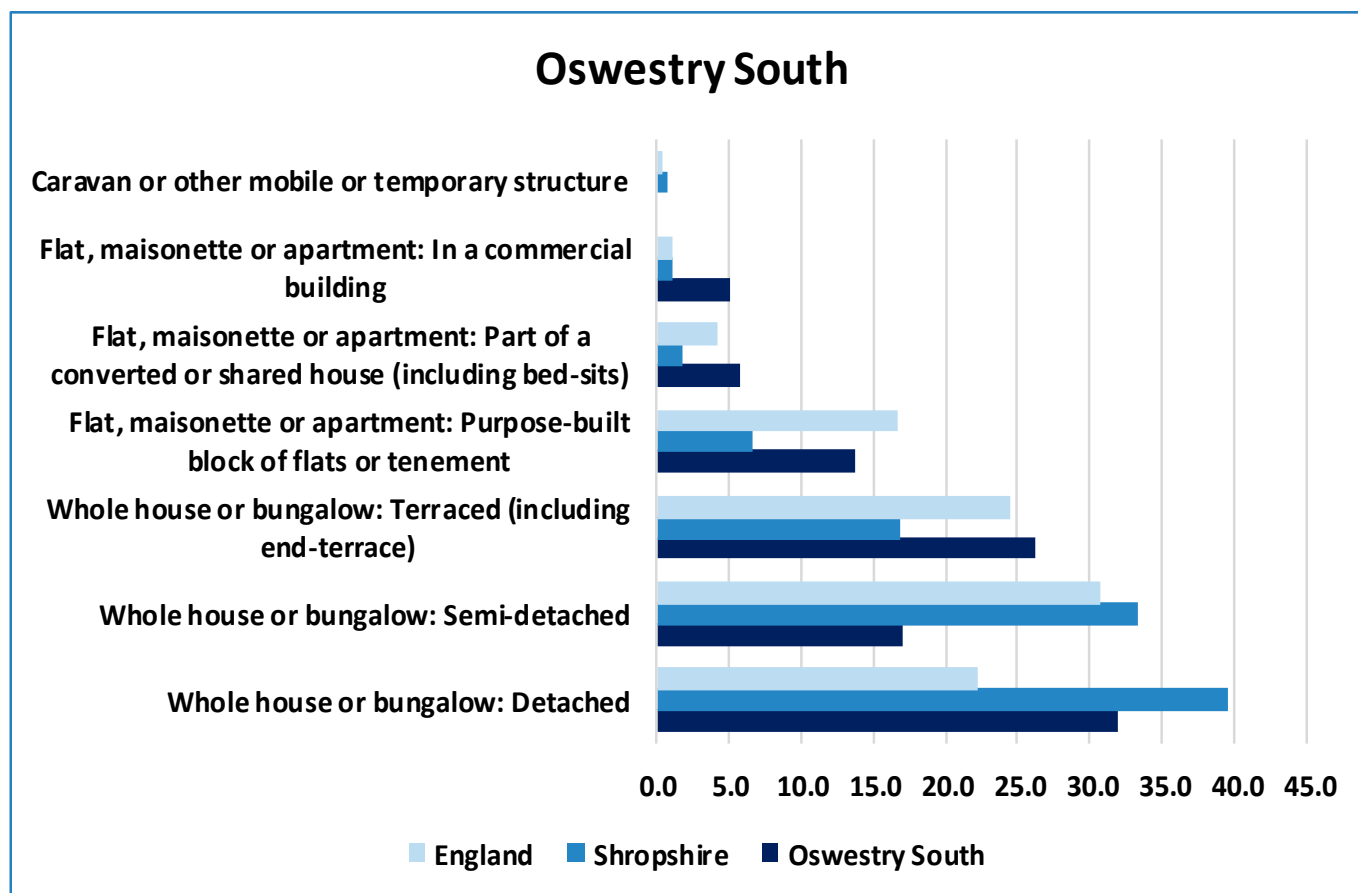
Fewer Oswestry South household spaces were detached properties (**31.9%**) compared to Shropshire as a whole (**39.5%**).

Fewer household spaces were semi-detached (**17.1%**) compared to Shropshire as a whole (**33.4%**).

A greater number of household spaces in Oswestry South Ward were terraced (including end-terrace), (**26.3%**) compared to Shropshire (**16.8%**).

Housing

Housing Type



Housing Composition

39.9% of households were One Person Households greater than the Shropshire average (**28.9%**) and England (**30.2%**).

4.6% of households were Lone Parent with dependent children lower than the Shropshire average (**5.2%**) and England (**7.1%**).

16.5% of households were One Person Pensioner aged 65 and over, greater than the Shropshire average of (**13.9%**) and England (**12.4%**).

11.7% of households were married couples with dependent children lower than the Shropshire average of (**14.9%**) and England (**12.3%**).

3.8% of households were co-habiting couples with dependent children lower than the Shropshire average of (**4.2%**) and England (**4.1%**).

Community Safety

Crime levels in Shropshire are **very low compared to national levels**. Crime and ASB are **high** in Oswestry South Ward. Relative to the rest of Shropshire, Oswestry South had the **2nd highest crime rate** per 1,000 population of all **63** Shropshire Wards.

Crime per 1000 Population in Oswestry South Ward was **145.4**, **higher** than Shropshire average of **44.9** and **higher** than England and Wales **78.4**.

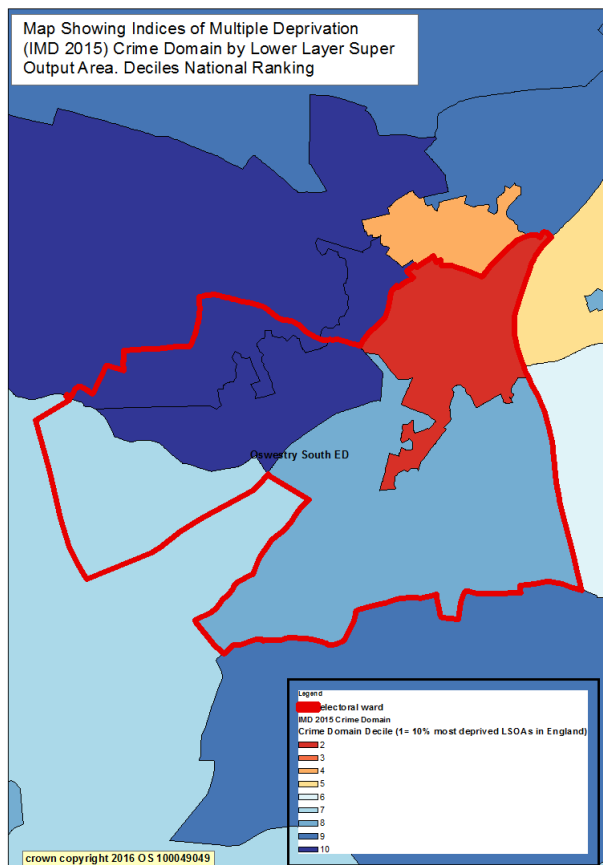
Source: Police Recorded Crime Data and Crime in England and Wales Statistical Bulletin, ONS, July 2016, year end 2016

IMD 2015 Crime Domain

The **Crime Domain measures** the **risk** of personal or material **victimisation** at local level.

The indicators:

- The rate of **violence** per 1,000 at risk population
- The rate of **burglary** per 1,000 at risk properties
- The rate of **theft** per 1,000 at risk population
- The rate of **criminal damage** per 1,000 at risk population



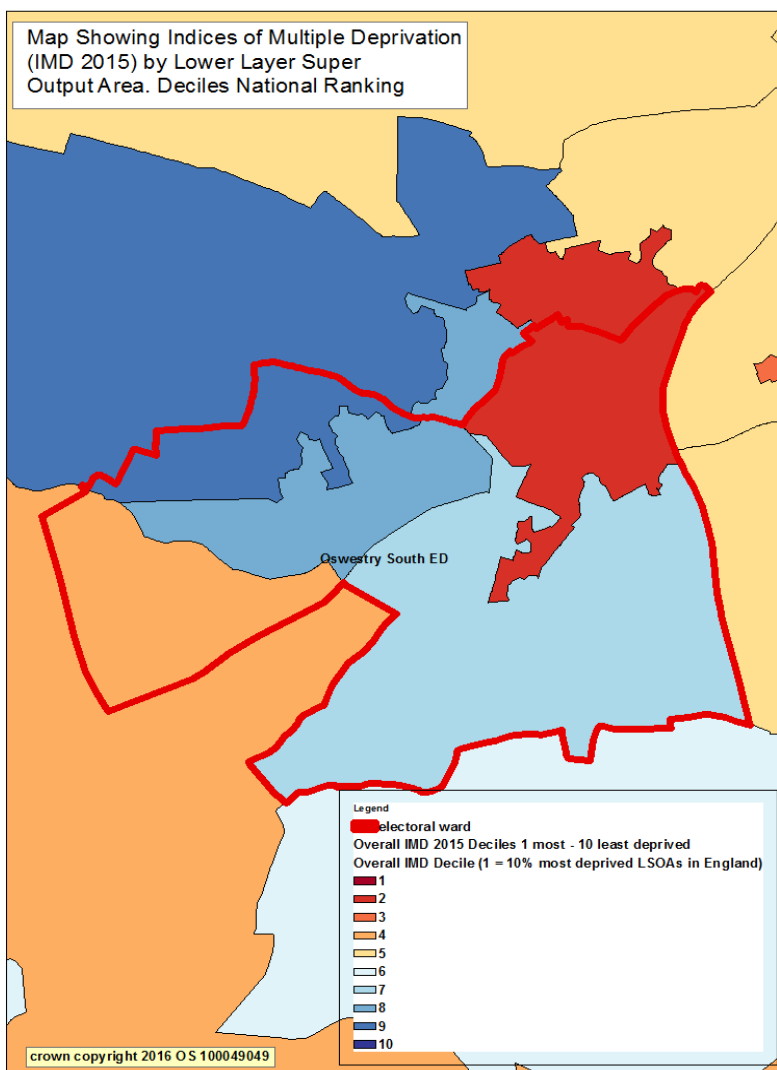
Oswestry South Ward has **high levels** of **crime** compared to national rankings.

When looking at the five lower super output areas (Ilsoa's) which cover the ward. These areas fall into **deciles 2, 6, 8 and 10** (decile one being the highest, decile 10 being the lowest) when compared with national levels.

Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD 2015)

Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD 2015) is designed to identify areas where communities lack resources and are in need. To do this, seven factors are considered, which are:

- Income deprivation
- Employment deprivation
- Health deprivation and disability
- Education deprivation
- Barriers to housing and services
- Crime
- Living environment deprivation



There are **5 Lower layer Super Output Areas (LLSOA)** which partially cover Oswestry South Ward.

These areas fall into the **2nd 4th, 7th 8th and 9th** least deprived deciles nationally.

Source: IMD 2015, Department for Communities and Local Government, Crown Copyright, 2016.