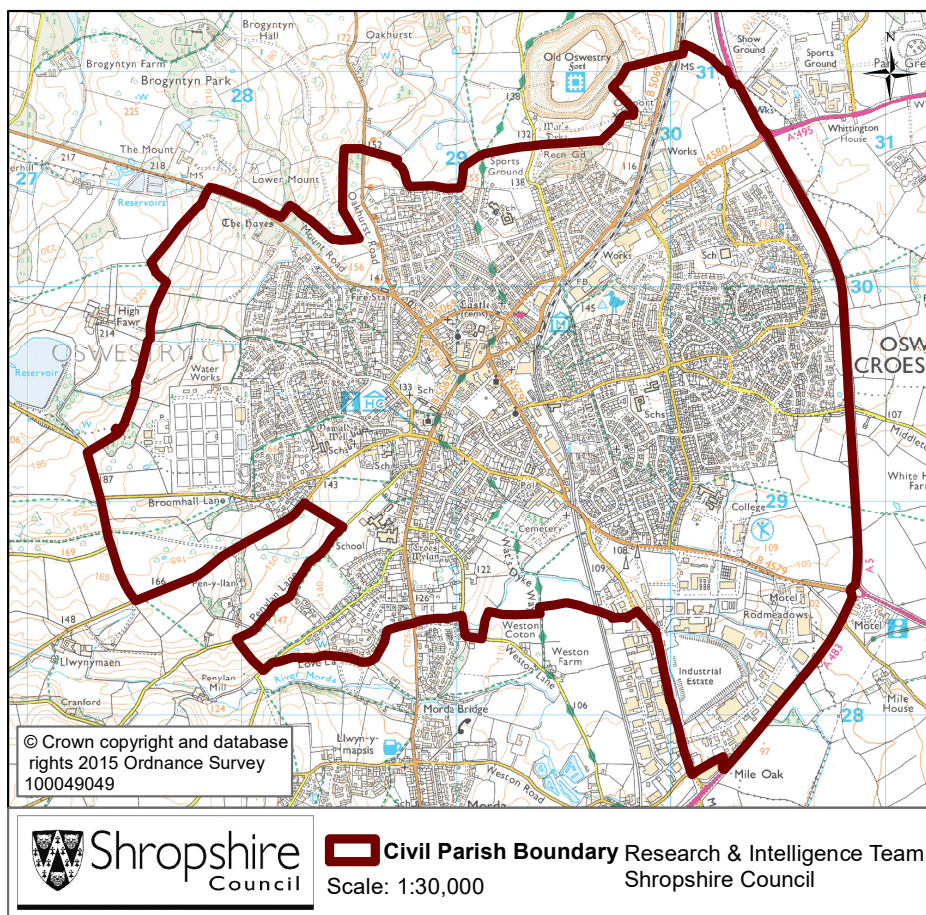


Oswestry Parish



Key Facts:	Oswestry Parish
Area:	882.0 hectares
Population Density:	19.40 persons per hectare
Total Population	17,105 (8,276 males, 8,829 females)
Household Population:	16,824 (98.4%)
Households: Dwellings:	7,671 7,989
Communal Establishment no. / population	26 Communal Establishments 281 residents (1.6% of total population)

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Population Age Structure

Table: Population by five year age group (2011 Census)

	Total Population	% of Total Population			
		Oswestry	Shropshire	West Midlands	England
All ages	17,105	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 – 4	963	5.6	5.1	6.3	6.3
5 – 9	910	5.3	5.1	5.8	5.6
10 – 14	934	5.5	5.9	6.1	5.8
15 – 19	1,077	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.3
20 – 24	1,085	6.3	5.4	6.8	6.8
25 – 29	1,113	6.5	5.1	6.5	6.9
30 – 34	1,038	6.1	5.0	6.1	6.6
35 – 39	1,160	6.8	5.8	6.4	6.7
40 – 44	1,323	7.7	7.2	7.3	7.3
45 – 49	1,205	7.0	7.7	7.2	7.3
50 – 54	1,073	6.3	6.9	6.3	6.4
55 – 59	964	5.6	6.6	5.7	5.7
60 – 64	1,022	6.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
65 – 69	845	4.9	6.2	5.0	4.7
70 – 74	757	4.4	4.9	4.0	3.9
75 – 79	611	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.1
80 – 84	498	2.9	2.9	2.4	2.4
85 – 89	363	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.5
90 Plus	164	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8

Population Age Structure

- Early years: 5.6% (963 children) of the population were aged 0 to 4 years in March 2011. This compares with 5.1% at County level, 6.3% regionally and 6.3% nationally.
- School age: 14.5% (2,486 children) of the population were aged 5 to 17 years in March 2011. This compares with 14.9% at County level, 15.8% regionally and 15.1% nationally.
- Working age: 60.9% (10,418 people) of the population were aged 18 to 64 years in March 2011. This compares with 59.3% at County level, 61.0% regionally and 62.3% nationally.
- Retirement age: 18.9% (3,238 people) of the population were aged 65 and over in March 2011. This compares with 20.7% at County level, 16.9% regionally and 16.3% nationally.
- Over 85 year olds: 3.1% (527) of the population were aged 85 and over in March 2011. This compares with 2.7% at County level, 2.2% regionally and 2.2% nationally.

Diversity

- The 2011 Census showed Oswestry Parish had a black and minority ethnic group population of 403 (2.36%). The largest broad ethnic group is 'Asian' (within this the largest group is 'Chinese'). For the first time the 2011 Census showed Oswestry Parish had a gypsy population of 21.
- When asked about their religion 32.3% (5,524 people) identified themselves as having no religion or did not state it on the form. The majority of people (66.2%) identified themselves as Christian and 1.5% (250 people) identified themselves as having an alternative religion.
- The 2011 Census showed that 184 people could not speak English well and 63 people could not speak English at all.

Car Ownership

- The 2011 Census showed that 1,821 households (23.7%) did not own a car and subsequently are reliant on other forms of transport such as public transport services. In total 8734 cars are owned by households resident in the parish area.

Health

General Health

The 2011 Census asked three questions relating to health and the provision of unpaid care. The questions relate to whether people felt their general health was good, whether they looked after or gave help or support to other family members, friends, neighbours or others and lastly whether their day to day activities were limited because of a health problem or disability.

- At the time of the 2011 Census 46% of people in Oswestry said that they felt they were in "Very Good Health", this compares to 46% for Shropshire as a whole.
- 1.2% reported that they were in "Very Bad Health". This is slightly higher than the overall result for Shropshire (1%).

Provision of Unpaid Care

The question asked "do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either; a long term physical or mental ill health/disability? Or because of problems related to old age?

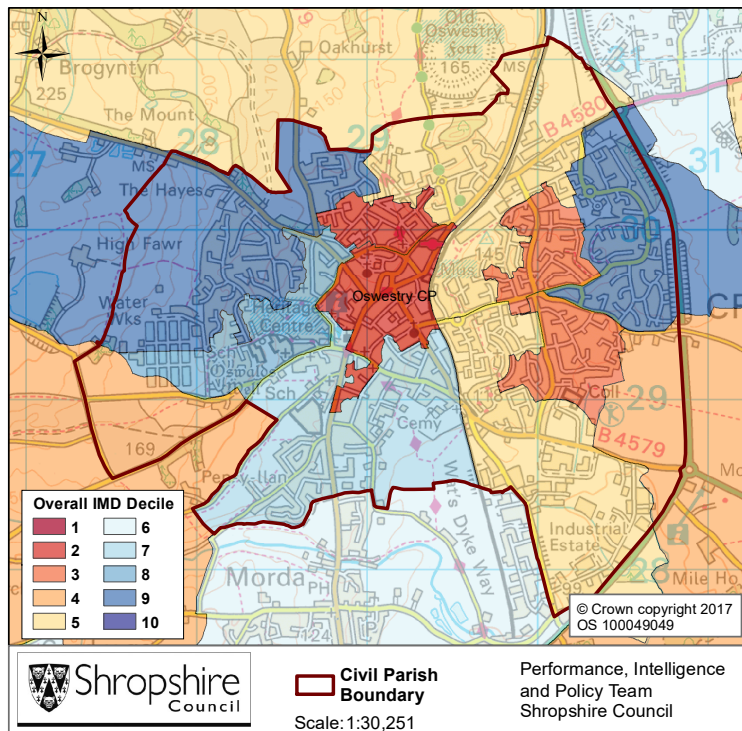
- At the time of the Census 6% said that they were providing 1 to 19 hours of unpaid care a week. This is less than the Shropshire figure of 7%.
- 1% said they provided between 20 and 49 hours per unpaid care. This is in line with the Shropshire figure of 1%.
- 2% said they provided over 50 hours of unpaid care. This is in line with the figure for Shropshire as a whole (2%) and the figure for England & Wales (2%).

Long Term Illness or Disability

The Census asked "Are your day-to-day activities limited a lot due to a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- 9% said that their day-to-day activities limited a lot due to a health problem or disability. This is slightly higher than the figure of 8% for Shropshire as a whole.
- The percentage who reported their day-to-day activities were limited a little was 11%. This is slightly higher than the figure of 10% for Shropshire as a whole.

Index of Multiple Deprivation



The lower super output areas that cover Oswestry Parish fall within Deciles 2 to 9 nationally.

Decile 1 is the most deprived nationally and Decile 10 the least deprived nationally.

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Housing Data:

- There were 7,671 households in Oswestry at the time of the 2011 Census.
- The parish had 17,105 usual residents and covers an area of 882 hectares.
- 2,507 households were owner occupiers (owned outright) equating to 32.7% of all households. There were 2,416 households (31.5%) who owned their home with a mortgage or loan.
- There were 1,212 households (15.8% of all households) that privately rented their home from a landlord. There were also 99 households (1.3% of all households) who privately rented from a landlord classified as 'Other'.
- 848 households were renting social housing from the Council totalling 11.1% of all households. There were also 452 households (5.9%) renting social housing from 'Other' sources.
- In Oswestry there were 2,171 detached dwellings representing 27.2% of all dwellings. There were also 2,652 semi-detached and 1,946 terraced dwellings equating to 33.2% and 24.4% respectively.
- 14.9% of all households were one person pensioner households.
- 26.4% of households in the area had dependent children. The number of married couple households with dependent children was 997 and the number of cohabiting couples with dependent children was 355.
- There were 536 lone parent households (with dependent children), which equates to 7.0% of all households.

Unemployment and Labour Market

Unemployment

- At the time of the Census, there were 619 residents who were unemployed but available for work. This is 5.0% of the 16-74 year old population, compared to 3.3% for Shropshire.
- 204 young people (aged 16-24) were unemployed, plus a further 109 who were 50 to 74.
- Long term unemployment is also an issue – 40.23% of all unemployed people were classed as long-term unemployed in 2011. This is the equivalent of 249 people.

Labour Force

- 8950 Oswestry residents aged 16-74 are economically active.
- 21.8% of the Oswestry population has level 4 or above qualifications compared with 27.5% in Shropshire and 27.4% in England.
- The number with no formal qualifications at all stands at 3351 people – at 23.8% of the population (aged over 16), this compares with the county average of 22.5%.
- 31.7% of the population work in standard occupation classifications 1-3 (managers, directors and senior officials, professional, associate professional and technical) and 22.7% work in standard occupation classifications 8 and 9 (process, plant and machine operatives and elementary occupations).

Travel to Work (Census 2011)

- 8.6% of the population in Oswestry are self-employed, and 2.3% work from home compared with 5.6% for Shropshire.
- The car is used as the main means of travel to work for 47.1%, while 1.7% use public transport.

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