

Acton Profile

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Section 1 Acton Profile

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Many small settlements are home to vulnerable groups experiencing particular deprivation issues. Information at settlement level can help target programmes run by mainstream providers, as well as helping local communities with the evidence-base to support the development of community and parish plans and strengthening local funding applications.
- 1.1.2 This short area profile is based on detailed *Output Area* datasets developed and collected by Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion¹. We have used the Office for National Statistics Output Area definitions of settlements to develop these profiles.
- 1.1.3 Acton lies in Babergh district, and at the time of the 2001 Census had a population of 1635.

1.2 Population

- 1.2.1 Population size and composition are crucial elements in any attempt to identify, measure and understand social exclusion. It is important to know how many people live within a settlement, and their characteristics such as age and sex. Additional information such as ethnic composition, as well as the numbers of children and older people, add further valuable context to the analysis.

Key Population Indicators

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All People	1,635	-	668,553	-	5,388,140	-
Males	791	48.4%	327,900	49.0%	2,638,335	49.0%
Females	844	51.6%	340,653	51.0%	2,749,805	51.0%
Aged 0-4	98	6.0%	38,486	5.8%	321,579	6.0%
Aged 5-15	230	14.1%	94,104	14.1%	761,320	14.1%
Aged 0-15	328	20.1%	132,590	19.8%	1,082,899	20.1%
Working age	1,049	64.2%	395,660	59.2%	3,283,713	60.9%
Aged 65 and over	218	13.3%	122,731	18.4%	886,735	16.5%
All households	664	-	295,569	-	2,312,052	-

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Population Growth

	Acton	Suffolk	East of England
	N	N	N
2001	1,639	669,913	5,400,463
2002	1,612	671,574	5,422,397
2003	1,603	678,074	5,462,918
2004	1,620	683,736	5,491,293
Population increase 2001 to 2004	-1.2%	2.1%	1.7%

Source: OCSI (2007), from MYE 2001-4, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.3 Population Characteristics

Key Population Groups²

- 1.3.1 Although it is not possible to identify social exclusion issues from population counts of key communities, this information can help identify concentrations of people who may be particularly 'at-risk' of social exclusion and deprivation.

¹ These datasets were developed as part of the "Deprivation in Rural Norfolk" project, see OCSI (2006). *Deprivation in Rural Norfolk*.

² The denominator for lone parent households with dependent children is all households with dependent children. The denominator for lone pensioner households is all pensioner households.

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All households	664	-	295,569	-	2,312,052	-
Lone parent households with dependent children	27	12.9%	13,949	17.6%	117,962	18.0%
Pensioner households	141	21.2%	76,500	25.9%	551,657	23.9%
Lone pensioner households	81	57.4%	42,927	56.1%	315,542	57.2%
Student households	0	0.0%	56	0.0%	3,936	0.2%
One person households	145	21.8%	80,722	27.3%	631,113	27.3%
Married households	334	50.3%	111,528	37.7%	882,350	38.2%
Cohabiting households	49	7.4%	23,616	8.0%	196,076	8.5%
Other households	23	3.5%	17,684	6.0%	164,575	7.1%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Ethnicity overview

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All people	1,641	-	668,445	-	5,387,671	-
White British	1,606	98.2%	626,741	93.7%	4,927,343	91.4%
Other white	23	1.4%	23,392	3.5%	197,736	3.7%
Non-white	12	0.7%	18,312	2.7%	262,592	4.9%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Ethnicity detail

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Non-white	12	0.7%	18,312	2.7%	262,592	4.9%
Mixed	6	0.4%	7,063	1.1%	57,771	1.1%
South Asian (incl mixed)	0	0.0%	5,466	0.8%	139,028	2.6%
Indian	0	0.0%	1,598	0.2%	50,967	0.9%
Pakistani	0	0.0%	478	0.1%	38,810	0.7%
Bangladeshi	0	0.0%	1,164	0.2%	18,473	0.3%
Black (incl mixed)	3	0.2%	7,773	1.2%	74,233	1.4%
Black Caribbean	0	0.0%	2,283	0.3%	26,124	0.5%
Black African	3	0.2%	843	0.1%	16,971	0.3%
Chinese	3	0.2%	1,504	0.2%	20,375	0.4%
Other ethnic group	6	0.4%	3,569	0.5%	28,956	0.5%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Religion

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All people	1,510	-	613,355	-	4,970,388	-
Christian	1,300	86.1%	494,608	80.6%	3,886,778	78.2%
Buddhist	0	0.0%	1,167	0.2%	11,994	0.2%
Hindu	0	0.0%	913	0.1%	31,468	0.6%
Jewish	0	0.0%	630	0.1%	30,338	0.6%
Muslim	0	0.0%	2,619	0.4%	78,972	1.6%
Sikh	0	0.0%	430	0.1%	13,365	0.3%
Other religion	3	0.2%	1,825	0.3%	15,330	0.3%
No religion	207	13.7%	111,163	18.1%	902,143	18.2%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Occupation Groups

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All People in work	894	-	313,823	-	2,579,358	-
Managers and senior officials	123	13.8%	45,356	14.5%	419,221	16.3%
Professional occupations	70	7.8%	29,614	9.4%	279,159	10.8%
Associate professional and technical occupations	100	11.2%	40,017	12.8%	349,431	13.5%
Administrative and secretarial occupations	112	12.5%	38,285	12.2%	353,232	13.7%
Skilled trades occupations	136	15.2%	43,232	13.8%	310,983	12.1%
Personal service occupations	69	7.7%	22,808	7.3%	173,180	6.7%
Sales and customer service occupations	71	7.9%	23,064	7.3%	188,081	7.3%
Process; plant and machine operatives	113	12.6%	30,131	9.6%	209,345	8.1%
Elementary occupations	100	11.2%	41,316	13.2%	296,726	11.5%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.4 Multiple Deprivation

1.4.1 The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 (IMD 2004) is based on seven separate "domains" of deprivation - income, worklessness, health, education and skills, crime, barriers to housing and services, and the living environment.

1.4.2 Detailed small area multiple deprivation analysis based on the IMD 2004 modelled down to Output Area (OA) level³ indicates that there are extremely deprived areas in Acton with 239 people (14.6% of the population) living in areas identified as among the most deprived 20% in the region.

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Working-age people receiving any DWP benefit	80	7.9%	51,735	12.9%	418,888	12.6%

Source: OCSI (2007), from DWP (2005), ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.5 Low Income

1.5.1 People living on a low income are among the most deprived groups in society. A person or household living on a low income may be out of work, or in work but on low pay.

	Acton		Suffolk		East of Eng	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ID 2004 Income domain score	118	7.3%	83,929	12.6%	696,355	12.6%
Income Support (IS) claimants	28	2.8%	19,428	4.8%	163,787	4.8%
Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI)	30	9.1%	20,166	15.2%	172,330	15.2%
ID 2004 Income Deprivation Affecting Older Persons Index (IDAOPI)	34	11.8%	19,476	12.3%	151,531	12.3%
Pension Credit (PC) claimants	63	22.4%	30,639	21.1%	230,152	21.1%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Norfolk CC (2006), ODPM (2004), DWP (2005), ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

³ Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2004 modelled down to Output Area (OA) level by OCSI - see OCSI (2006) *Deprivation in Rural Norfolk* for more details.

1.6 Employment and Enterprise

1.6.1 Being out of work can have a severe impact on an individual's quality of life - both in terms of the economic implications and in terms of the wider social exclusion implications. The impacts will be felt not only by the individual, but also by partners and dependent children.

Economic Status

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All People aged 16-74	1,197	-	476,013	-	3,883,987	-
Economically Active	923	77.1%	327,471	68.8%	2,689,563	69.2%
Full Time	576	48.1%	194,884	40.9%	1,654,887	42.6%
Part Time	170	14.2%	65,538	13.8%	484,731	12.5%
Self Employed	126	10.5%	44,320	9.3%	359,110	9.2%
Economically Inactive	272	22.7%	148,539	31.2%	1,194,218	30.7%
Working more than 49 hours per week	140	11.7%	56,633	11.9%	458,223	11.8%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Worklessness

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ID 2004 Employment domain score	42	4.2%	28,663	7.6%	226,078	7.2%
Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants	19	1.9%	10,702	2.7%	87,132	2.6%
Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance (IBSDA) claimants	35	3.4%	22,221	5.5%	177,499	5.3%

Source: OCSI (2007), ODPM (2004), DWP (2005), ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

What jobs are people doing?

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All People in work	895	-	313,835	-	2,579,458	-
Real estate, renting and business activities	102	11.4%	32,672	10.4%	343,229	13.3%
Manufacturing	211	23.6%	48,025	15.3%	373,152	14.5%
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	163	18.2%	53,382	17.0%	445,895	17.3%
Education	48	5.4%	18,804	6.0%	189,314	7.3%
Health and social work	82	9.2%	32,293	10.3%	249,784	9.7%
Construction	79	8.8%	23,369	7.4%	196,480	7.6%
Transport, storage and communications	60	6.7%	27,127	8.6%	191,265	7.4%
Public administration and defence, social security	30	3.4%	17,699	5.6%	133,092	5.2%
Hotels and restaurants	35	3.9%	15,538	5.0%	107,548	4.2%
Financial intermediation	28	3.1%	11,763	3.7%	149,796	5.8%
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	18	2.0%	9,592	3.1%	49,062	1.9%
Electricity, gas and water supply	6	0.7%	3,513	1.1%	16,287	0.6%
Mining and quarrying	0	0.0%	954	0.3%	5,320	0.2%
Fishing	0	0.0%	188	0.1%	629	0.0%
Other community, social and personal service activities	33	3.7%	18,916	6.0%	128,605	5.0%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.7 Health

1.7.1 Health is a fundamental determinant of quality of life, having a direct impact on an individual's ability to live a fulfilling and enjoyable life and also indirectly impacting on their ability to

sustain standards of living through income. Ill health may also have a severe effect on other people, either directly through changing relationships (for example forcing people into informal unpaid care), or through indirect effects such as change in household income.

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA) claimants	47	2.9%	26,547	3.9%	205,590	3.8%
People permanently sick or disabled (Census)	30	2.5%	19,257	4.0%	151,737	3.9%
People with a limiting long-term illness (Census)	230	14.1%	114,292	17.1%	873,168	16.2%

Source: OCSI (2007), from DWP (2005), Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.8 Education and Skills

1.8.1 Improving the level of education and skills present within a local population remains an important policy objective for both local and central government. The task of implementing initiatives to improve life-long learning and enhance individual development (and employability) represents a significant and essential challenge for local authorities.

Adult Skills

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
People aged 16 - 74	1,102	-	439,061	-	3,603,395	-
No qualifications	313	28.4%	144,039	32.8%	1,085,264	30.1%
Highest qualification attained level 1	277	25.1%	84,920	19.3%	707,197	19.6%
Highest qualification attained level 2	287	26.0%	95,978	21.9%	797,625	22.1%
Highest qualification attained level 3	78	7.1%	35,512	8.1%	308,566	8.6%
Highest qualification attained level 4/5	147	13.3%	78,612	17.9%	704,743	19.6%

Source: OCSI (2006), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.9 Housing

1.9.1 Information on housing and households allows us to identify areas where people may be at risk of social exclusion, due to the type and condition of their housing or their household structure.

Tenure

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All households	651	-	281,150	-	2,232,025	-
Owner occupied	563	86.5%	200,910	71.5%	1,622,860	72.7%
Social rented	50	7.7%	43,181	15.4%	368,702	16.5%
Private rented	22	3.4%	24,980	8.9%	169,074	7.6%
Other	16	2.5%	12,079	4.3%	71,389	3.2%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Households by Dwelling Type

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All households	664	-	295,569	-	2,312,052	-
Detached house	231	34.8%	104,787	35.5%	697,517	30.2%
Semi-detached house	261	39.3%	92,364	31.2%	721,565	31.2%
Terraced house	149	22.4%	65,718	22.2%	543,424	23.5%
Flat (purpose built)	20	3.0%	22,054	7.5%	262,671	11.4%
Flat (other)	3	0.5%	8,929	3.0%	72,628	3.1%
Caravan or other mobile or temporary accommodation	0	0.0%	1,717	0.6%	14,247	0.6%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Key Housing Indicators

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All households	664	-	295,569	-	2,312,052	-
Overcrowded households	15	2.3%	10,936	3.9%	115,357	5.2%
Households lacking central heating	22	3.4%	21,608	7.7%	115,685	5.2%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Council Tax Bands

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All Households	684	-	304,052	-	2,373,948	-
Council Tax band A-B	358	52.3%	156,821	51.6%	844,864	35.6%
Council Tax band C-D	264	38.6%	102,073	33.6%	1,037,908	43.7%
Council Tax band E-F	50	7.3%	36,840	12.1%	386,990	16.3%
Council Tax band G-H	12	1.8%	8,318	2.7%	104,186	4.4%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Valuation Office Agency (2005), ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.10 Access to Services

1.10.1 Access to services is a major factor in quality of life for people and communities. People are at risk from social exclusion where necessary services such as food shops and post offices are not easily accessible. This is especially likely to present difficulties for people whose mobility is limited, are unable to drive, or in areas where public transportation is poor.

	Acton		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Households with no car or van	87	13.3%	55,604	19.8%	441,880	19.8%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.11 Indicator definitions and sources

Population

- All population breakdowns are from the Census 2001

Multiple Deprivation

- IMD 2004 (ODPM - Indices of Deprivation 2004, OCSI modelled data 2006)
- Working-age people receiving any DWP benefit - Working Age Client Group (DWP Quarterly Benefit Datasets: August 2005, OCSI modelled data 2006)

Low Income

- ID 2004 Income domain, ID 2004 Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI), ID 2004 Income Deprivation Affecting Older Persons Index (IDAOPI) (ODPM - Indices of Deprivation 2004, OCSI modelled data 2006)
- Income Support (IS) claimants, Pension Credit (PC) claimants (DWP Quarterly Benefit Datasets: August 2005, OCSI modelled data 2006)

Employment and Enterprise

- Economic activity; Hours worked; Industry of Employment (Census 2001)
- ID 2004 Employment domain (ODPM - Indices of Deprivation 2004, OCSI modelled data 2006)
- Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants ; Incapacity Benefit/ Severe Disablement Allowance (IBSDA) claimants (DWP Quarterly Benefit Datasets: August 2005, OCSI modelled data 2006)

Health

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) claimants (DWP Quarterly Benefit Datasets: August 2005, OCSI modelled data 2006)
- People permanently sick or disabled, People with a limiting long-term illness (Census 2001)

Education and Skills

- Qualifications (Census 2001)

Housing

- Tenure; Housing type; Overcrowded households; Households lacking central heating (Census 2001)
- Council Tax bands (Valuation Office Agency 2004)

Access to Services

- Households with no car or van (Census 2001)