

# Poverty in Slough

## About this document

This document has been created to provide high-level insight on poverty in Slough and the residents who are most at risk of poverty. It is intended to be a tool to support the council in the development of our strategies and evidence-based decision making.

This document should be used alongside other key sources of information, such as the [Slough Insights data pack](#) (which provides insight on a wider range of topics), resident consultations, and other service-level sources of data.

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## National Trends

According to national profiling of those whose income was persistently low or in poverty, those who are on low incomes are more likely to fall in the following groups:

### Age and sex

- Single parents with children, noting women are more likely than men to be single parents (90%).
- Children in families where no one was working.
- Children in families with 3 or more children.
- Children under 5, especially in larger families.

### Ethnicity

- Asian/Asian British heads of household and Black/African/Caribbean/Black British heads of household.

### Disability

- Adults with limiting health conditions or who are disabled.
- Families living with disabled children.
- Unpaid carers were 50% more likely to be in poverty.

### Pregnancy and maternity

- Earnings are impacted negatively during and after pregnancy.

### Religion or belief

- Muslim people had the lowest percentage of people aged 16 to 64 years in employment.
- This resulted from the high percentages of people who were students or looking after home or family in this group.

### Sexual orientation

- Recent longitudinal research highlights the ways that Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual people may be more likely to face income inequalities.

### Gender identity

- There is less research on people whose gender is different from that registered at birth, but there is research that people may struggle with housing and (based on London data) live in deprived areas.

### Other groups

- Those in social housing.

Sources:

- National profiling and ethnicity: [Income Dynamics](#), ONS, 2024.
- Age & sex: [Families and households](#), ONS, 2024.
- Disability: [Below average resources](#), DWP, 2024; [Poverty and financial hardship of unpaid carers in the UK](#), Carers UK, Sept 2024.
- Religion or belief: [2021 Census](#).

- Sexual orientation: [Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals Asset-based Welfare and Housing in Great Britain](#), Social Policy and Society Journal, May 2024.
- Social housing: [Income Dynamics](#), ONS, 2024.

## Key points for Slough

People in poverty in Slough tend to be from the following groups:

### Children aged 0-15

- Over a quarter of residents in social rented homes are children.
- A quarter of residents living in deprived households are children.
- A third of Slough's children live in overcrowded homes.
- 24% of Slough's children aged 0-19 live in relative low-income families.

### Single parents

- Slough has a higher percentage of recipients of the single with children entitlement of Universal Credit.

### Families with dependent children

- Slough has a higher percentage of recipients of the child entitlement of Universal Credit.

### Women

- Almost a third of Slough's women were economically inactive in 2021.
- Single parents are more likely to be women.
- Pregnancy and maternity affect income.
- Slough Adult Social Care has higher activity with female residents.
- 53% of residents aged 65 and over are women, which intersects with older people being at more risk of poverty.

### Asian ethnic groups

- Slough has a much higher percentage of residents from Asian ethnic groups receiving Universal Credit than England.
- 46% of residents living in deprived households are from Asian ethnic groups. Just under a quarter are Pakistani.
- Half of Slough's children aged 0-15 are from Asian ethnic groups, which intersects with children and parents with dependent children being more at risk of poverty.

### Older people aged 65 and over

- Slough has a higher percentage of older people receiving pension credit than England.
- Just over a quarter of Sloughs' older residents live alone.
- Over a third of Slough's older residents are disabled.
- The highest Slough Adult Social Care activity rate is by older residents, especially female residents.

### Deprivation in wards

- There are particularly severe pockets of deprivation in Britwell, Chalvey, Herschel Park, Elliman, Wexham Court, and Colnbrook & Poyle.

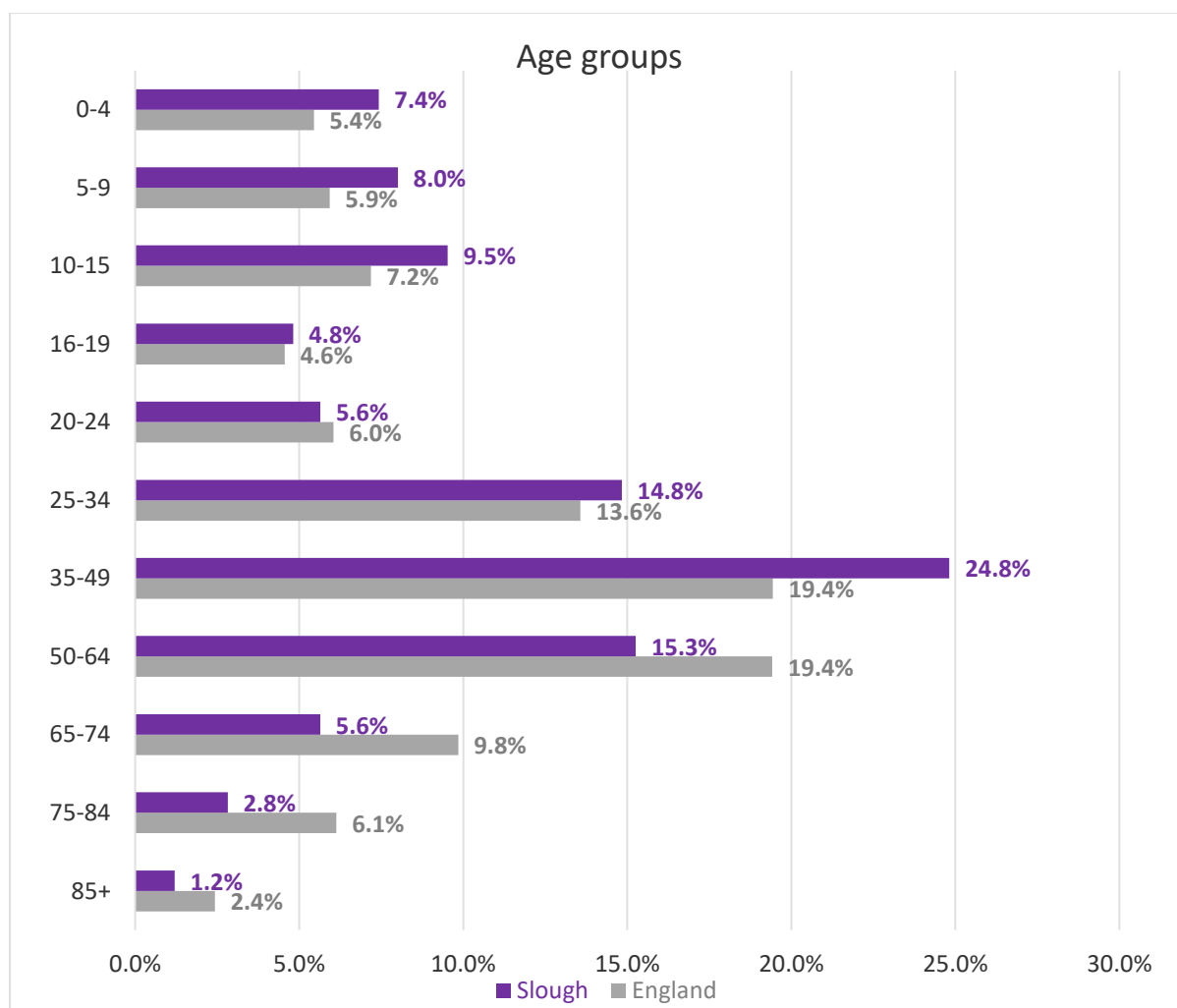
## Protected Characteristics

Basic demographic data on the nine protected characteristics: age, ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital & civil partnership status, disability, and pregnancy & maternity.

### Age

Slough's average age is 35, compared to 41 for the South East and England.

Slough has the second largest proportion of children aged 15 and under in England and Wales, behind only Barking and Dagenham.



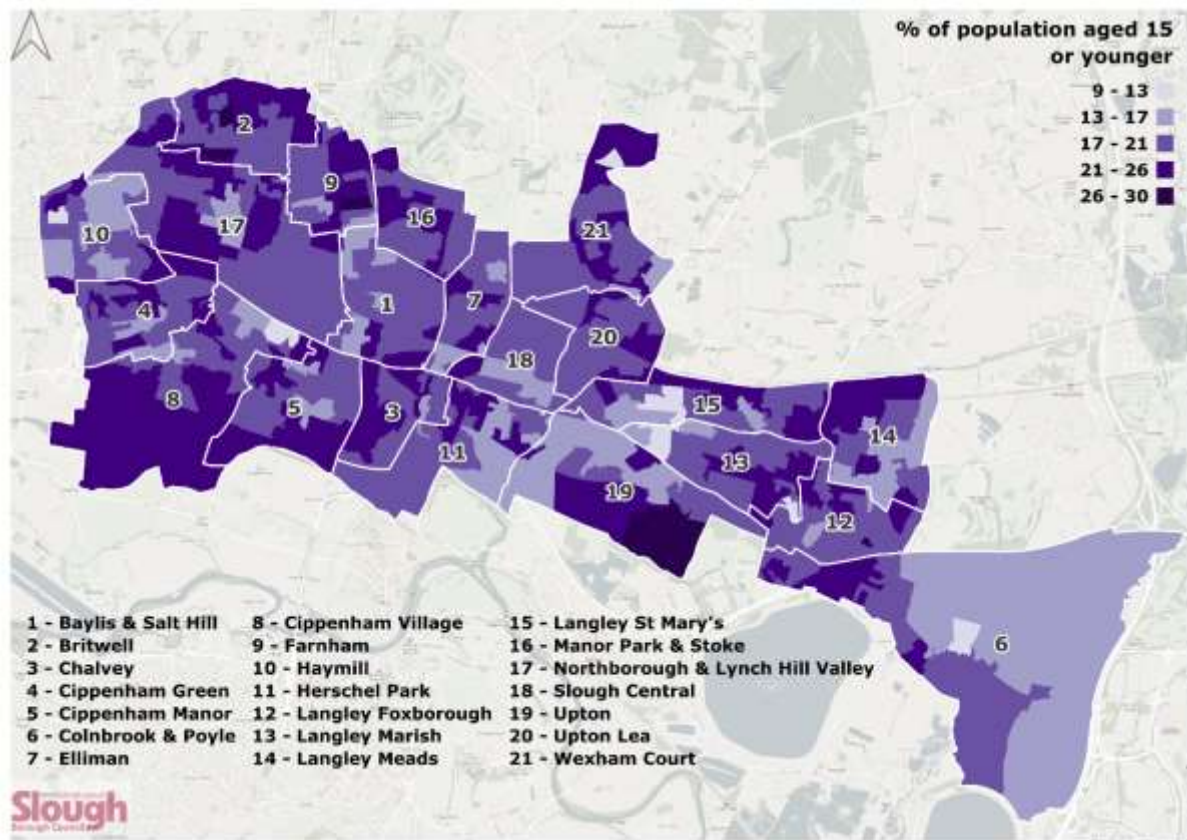
Broad age group	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
0-15	39,566	25.0%	18.6%
16-64	103,614	65.4%	63.0%
65+	15,320	9.7%	18.4%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

### Map of children aged 15 and under

This map shows the percentage of the population that was aged 15 and under across Slough in the 2021 census.

There are pockets of particularly high percentages of children aged 15 and under (darkest purple, 26-30%) in Britwell, Farnham, and Upton.



Source: [2021 Census](#). To access data at the LSOA level, you can [create a custom dataset](#).

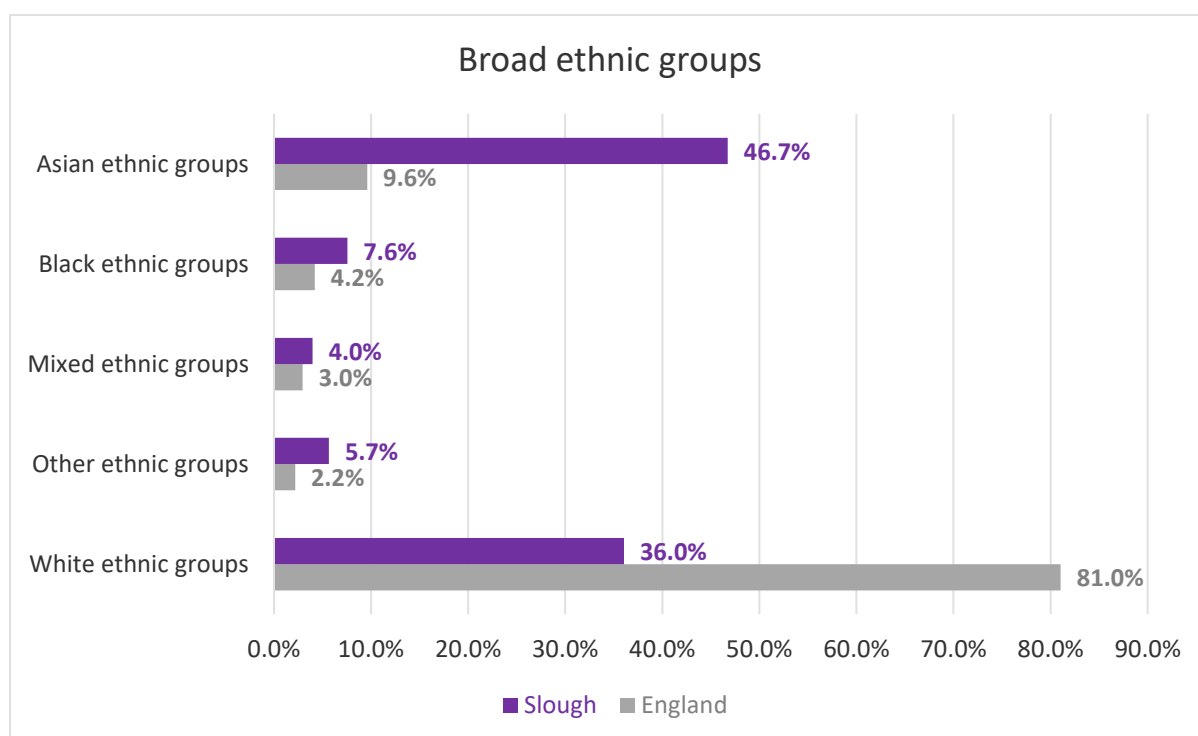
Note: The map uses Lower-tier Super Output Areas (LSOAs), which comprise between 400 and 1,200 households and have a usual resident population between 1,000 and 3,000 persons.

## Ethnicity

### Broad ethnic groups

46.7% of Slough's population are from Asian ethnic groups and 36.0% are from White ethnic groups.

Slough has a larger proportion of residents from Asian ethnic groups and smaller proportion of residents from White ethnic groups than the England average.

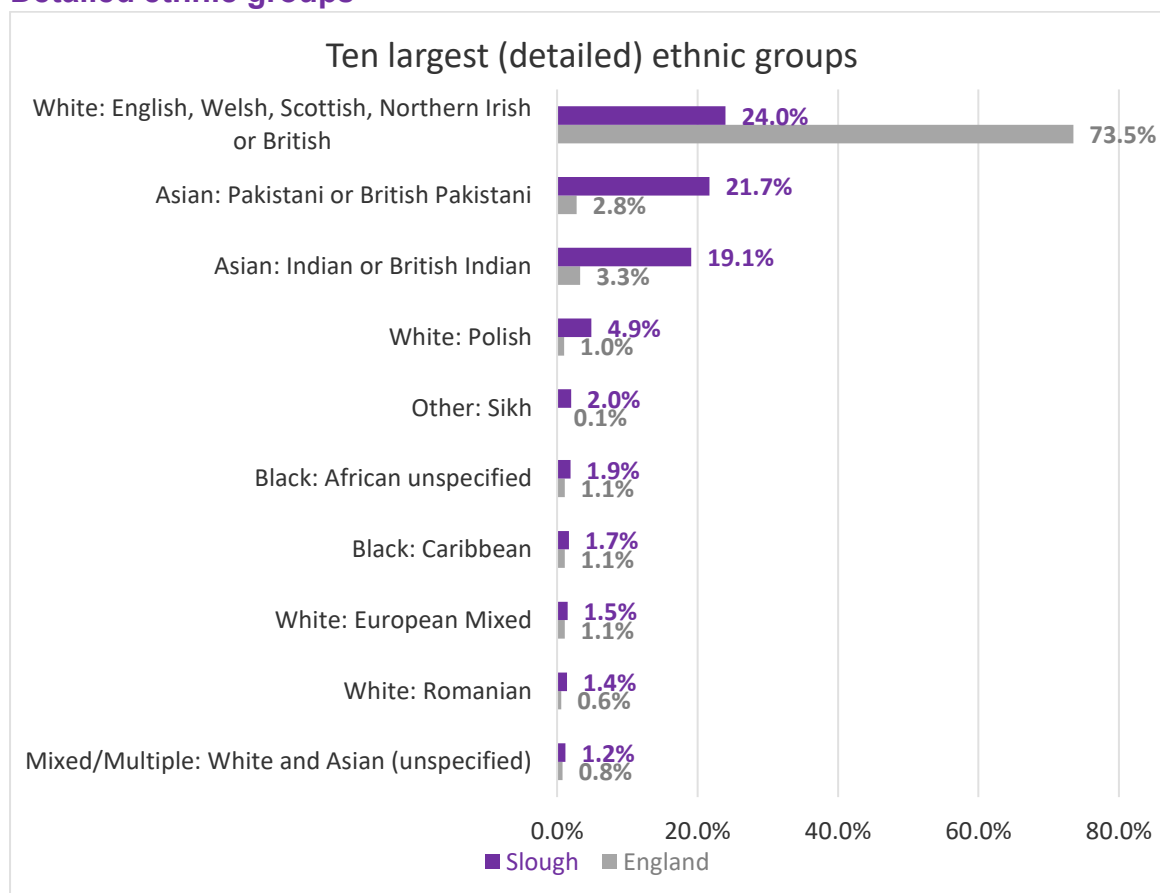


Broad ethnic groups	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Asian ethnic groups	74,093	46.7%	9.6%
Black ethnic groups	11,992	7.6%	4.2%
Mixed ethnic groups	6,311	4.0%	3.0%
Other ethnic groups	8,970	5.7%	2.2%
White ethnic groups	57,134	36.0%	81.0%

Source: [2021 Census](#).



## Detailed ethnic groups



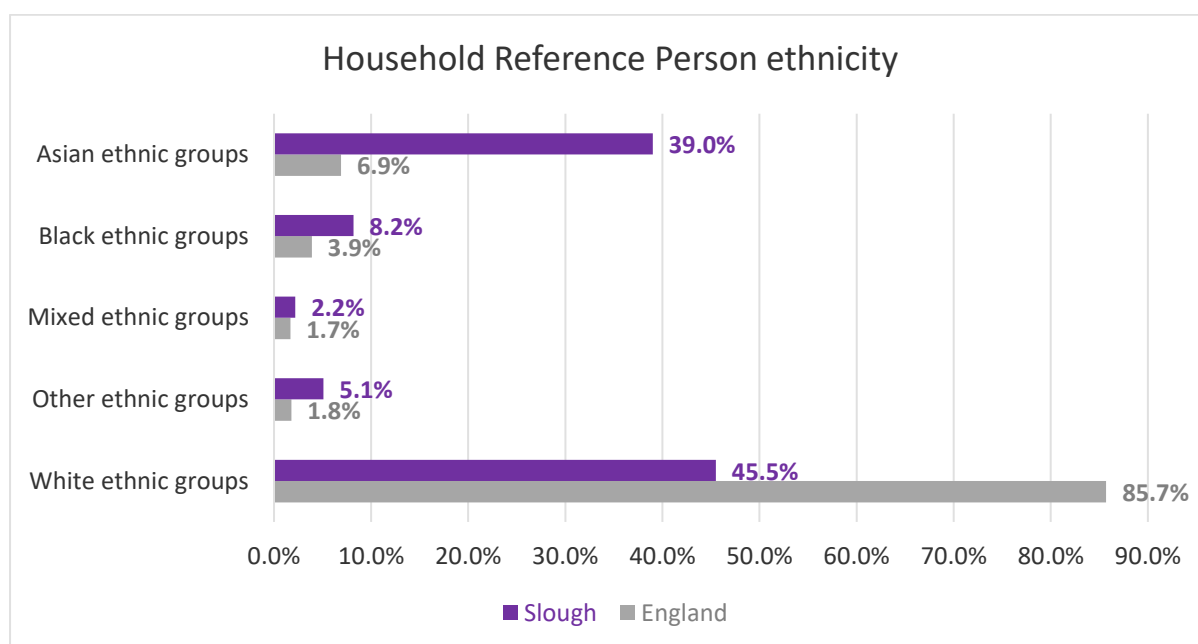
Ten largest (detailed) ethnic groups in Slough	Slough No.	Slough %	England %
White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	38,093	24.0%	73.5%
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh: Pakistani or British Pakistani	34,317	21.7%	2.8%
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh: Indian or British Indian	30,209	19.1%	3.3%
White: Polish	7,778	4.9%	1.0%
Other ethnic group: Sikh	3,200	2.0%	0.1%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh of African background: African unspecified	2,933	1.9%	1.1%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh or Caribbean background: Caribbean	2,769	1.7%	1.1%
White: European Mixed	2,363	1.5%	1.1%
White: Romanian	2,258	1.4%	0.6%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups: White and Asian (unspecified)	1,945	1.2%	0.8%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

### Ethnicity of Household Reference Persons (HRPs)

In 2021, 45.5% of Slough's HRPs were from White ethnic groups and 39% were from Asian ethnic groups (England: 85.7% from White ethnic groups and 6.9% from Asian ethnic groups.)

Household Reference Person (HRP) replaced Head of Household. They are usually\* the household member who owns the accommodation or is legally responsible for the rent.



Broad ethnic groups	Slough %	England %
Asian ethnic groups	39.0%	6.9%
Black ethnic groups	8.2%	3.9%
Mixed ethnic groups	2.2%	1.7%
Other ethnic groups	5.1%	1.8%
White ethnic groups	45.5%	85.7%

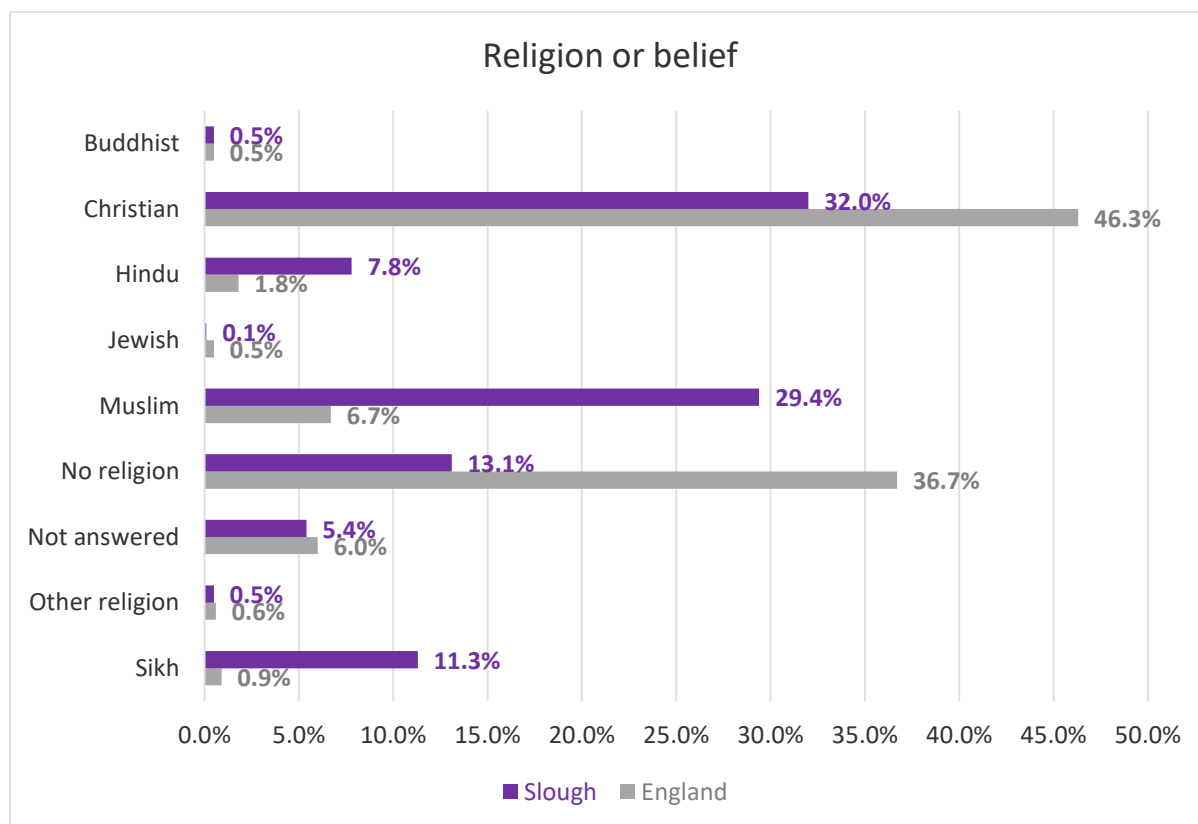
Source: [2021 Census](#).

Notes:

- \*The ONS defines the Household Reference Person (HRP) as: “the householder, who is the household member who owns the accommodation; is legally responsible for the rent; or occupies the accommodation as reward of their employment, or through some relationship to its owner who is not a member of the household. If there are joint householders, the one with the highest income is the HRP. If their income is the same, then the eldest one is the HRP.”
- HRPs provide an individual within a household to act as a reference point for producing further statistics or characterising a household according to the characteristics of the reference person.

## Religion or belief

81.6% of Slough's residents identified with a religion or belief, compared to 57.3% for England.



Religion or belief	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Buddhist	776	0.5%	0.5%
Christian	50,664	32.0%	46.3%
Hindu	12,343	7.8%	1.8%
Jewish	85	0.1%	0.5%
Muslim	46,661	29.4%	6.7%
No religion	20,726	13.1%	36.7%
Not answered	8,544	5.4%	6.0%
Other religion	716	0.5%	0.6%
Sikh	17,985	11.3%	0.9%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

## Sex and gender reassignment

### Sex

Sex	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Female	80,005	50.5%	51.0%
Male	78,495	49.5%	49.0%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

### Gender reassignment

Gender reassignment (aged 16 and over)	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth	107,503	90.4%	93.5%
Gender identity different from sex registered at birth (total)	1,081	0.9%	0.9%
Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given <sup>1</sup>	633	0.5%	0.2%
Trans woman	186	0.2%	0.1%
Trans man	206	0.2%	0.1%
Non-binary	25	0.0%	0.1%
All other gender identities	31	0.0%	0.0%
Not answered	10,351	8.7%	6.0%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

Note: Gender reassignment data is only for residents and 16 and over.

## Sexual orientation

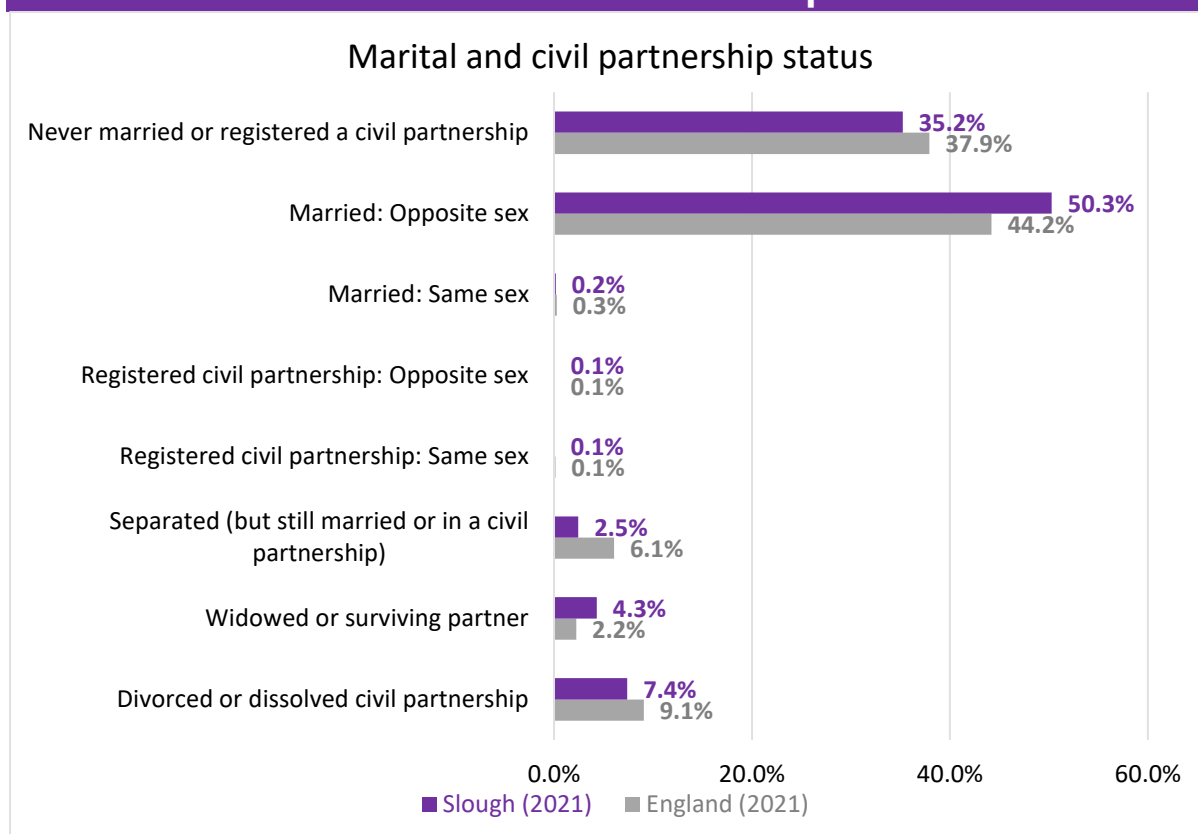
1.9% of Slough's population identified as an LGB+ orientation in the 2021 census (lower than the England average of 3.2%).

Sexual orientation (aged 16 and over)	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Straight or Heterosexual	104,943	88.2%	89.4%
LGB+ orientation (total)	2,313	1.9%	3.2%
Gay or Lesbian	806	0.7%	1.5%
Bisexual	1,095	0.9%	1.3%
Pansexual	335	0.3%	0.2%
Asexual	29	0.0%	0.1%
Queer	7	0.0%	0.0%
All other sexual orientations	41	0.0%	0.0%
Not answered	11,677	9.8%	7.5%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

Note: Sexual orientation data is only for residents aged 16 and over.

## Marital and Civil Partnership status



Marital and civil partnership status (aged 16 and over)	Slough No.	Slough %	England %
Never married or registered a civil partnership	41,898	35.2%	37.9%
Married: Opposite sex	59,800	50.3%	44.2%
Married: Same sex	201	0.2%	0.3%
Registered civil partnership: Opposite sex	82	0.1%	0.1%
Registered civil partnership: Same sex	76	0.1%	0.1%
Separated (but still married or in a civil partnership)	2,925	2.5%	6.1%
Widowed or surviving partner	5,151	4.3%	2.2%
Divorced or dissolved civil partnership	8,799	7.4%	9.1%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

Notes:

- The marriage and civil partnership data only applies to residents aged 16 or over.
- Data Quality Info: The ONS has noted that the census response data contained “implausibly high numbers of people reporting to be in opposite-sex civil partnerships and same-sex marriages”. They have corrected most of these apparent errors by using information from the relationship matrix question on the census questionnaire. However, this correction is not possible where people do not live with their current or ex-partner. This means the ONS considers estimates for the legal partnership status “Separated”,

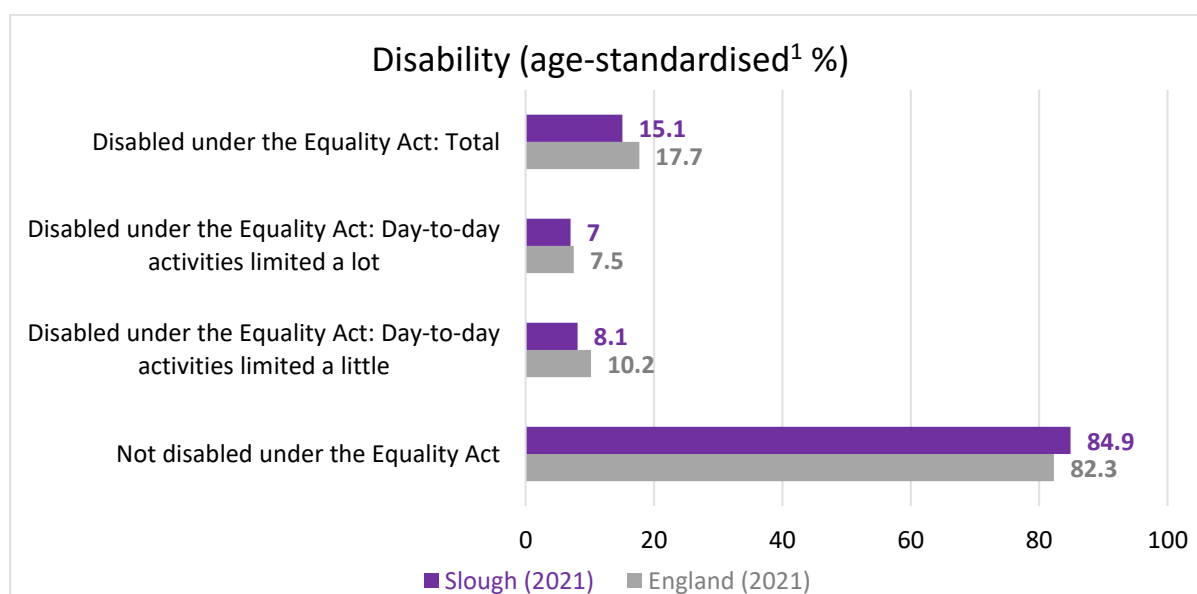
“Divorced/dissolved”, and “Widowed/surviving partners” to be reliable, however, the disaggregation of those groups by opposite- and same-sex partnerships is not. Therefore, these groups are not separated into opposite- and same-sex partnerships in the published data.

## Disability

### Disabled individuals

Disability (non-standardised <sup>1</sup> )	Slough Number	Slough %
Disabled: Total	17,975	11.3%
Disabled: Day-to-day activities limited a lot	7,880	5.0%
Disabled: Day-to-day activities limited a little	10,095	6.4%
Not disabled/day-to-day activities not limited	140,523	88.7%

The following graph and table are age-standardised<sup>1</sup> to allow for comparison with England.



Disability (age-standardised <sup>1</sup> )	Slough %	England %
Disabled: Total	15.1%	17.7%
Disabled: Day-to-day activities limited a lot	7%	7.5%
Disabled: Day-to-day activities limited a little	8.1%	10.2%
Not disabled/day-to-day activities not limited	84.9%	82.3%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

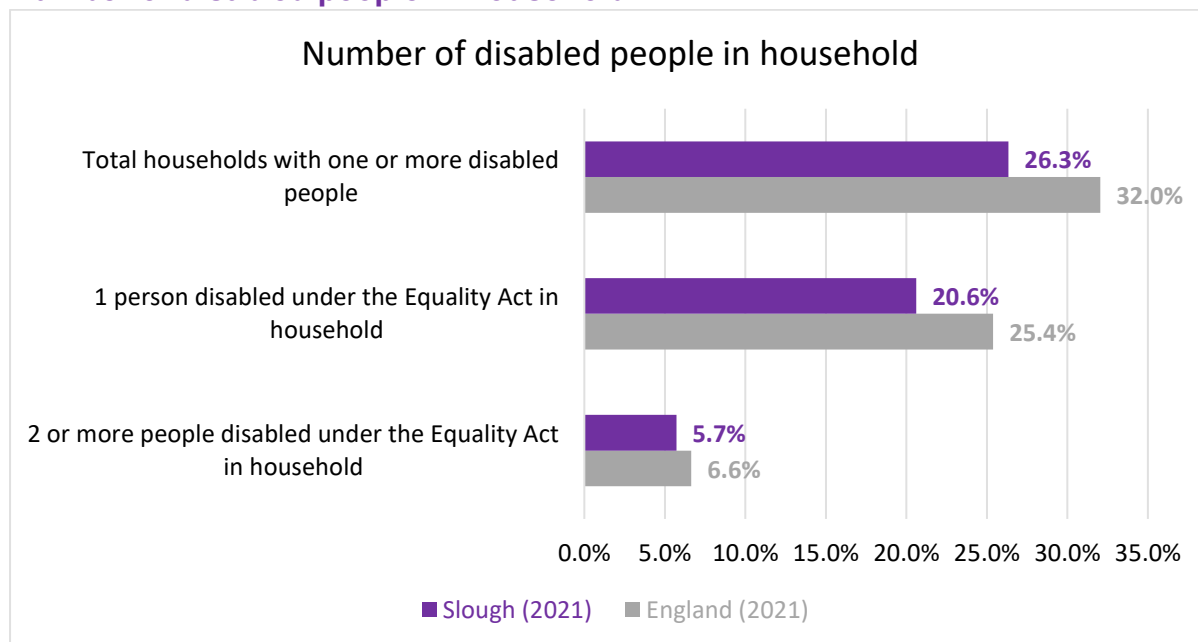
#### Notes:

- This section uses non-standardised data for the first table (Slough only) and age-standardised data for the graph and second table (Slough & England). When comparing between geographical areas, the ONS recommends using age-standardised proportions.
- <sup>1</sup>Age Standardisation: Disability is closely related to the age of a population (e.g., it is typically more common in older populations). This can make it difficult to compare areas with different population age structures (e.g., is



there a genuine difference in health or is the difference due to a higher number of young people in one group?). To overcome this, the ONS has provided age-standardised proportions. Age-standardisation mathematically adjusts the data to have the same age structure as a “standard population” for both groups, allowing for comparisons. [Read more about standardisation on this ONS blog.](#)

### Number of disabled people in household



Number of disabled people in household	Slough No.	Slough %	England %
1 disabled person in household	10,810	20.6%	25.4%
2 or more disabled people in household	2,998	5.7%	6.6%
Total households with 1 or more disabled people	13,808	26.3%	32.0%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

Note: This section uses non-standardised data for both the graph and table. This data does not need to be age-standardised as it uses the number of households, not residents, and therefore is not affected by differences in the age structure of populations.

## Pregnancy and maternity

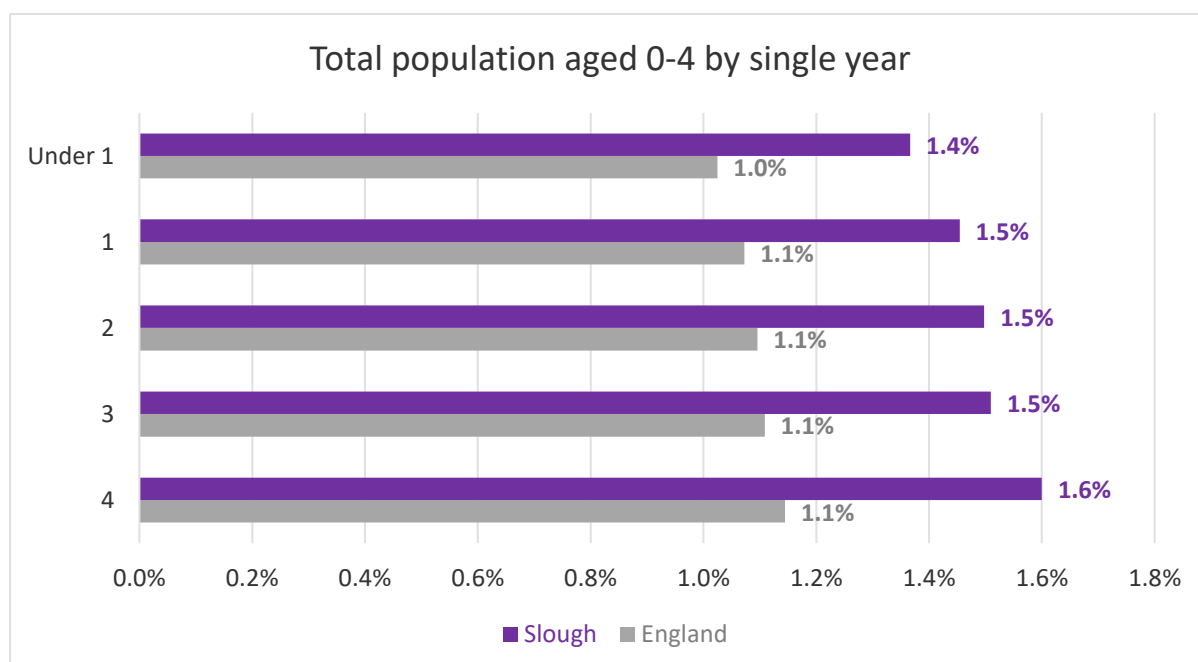
The Total Fertility Rate for Slough was 1.93 in 2023, which is higher than the rate for England (1.44).

There were 2,268 live births in 2022/23.

The number of 0–4-year-olds in Slough decreased by 7.9% from 2011 to 2021. However, Slough still had a higher percentage of 0–4-year-olds than England in 2021 (Slough: 7.4%, England: 5.4%).

The number of 0–4-year-olds in Slough is estimated to have decreased again by 1.5% between the 2021 census and 2023 population estimates.

Pregnancy increases the risk of poverty. Slough's higher than average fertility rate and proportion of babies means more babies and parents are at risk of poverty.



Age of young children	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Under 1	2,166	1.4%	1.0%
1	2,305	1.5%	1.1%
2	2,374	1.5%	1.1%
3	2,393	1.5%	1.1%
4	2,536	1.6%	1.1%

Sources:

- Total Fertility Rate & live births: [ONS, 2023](#).
- Children & age: [2021 Census](#) (the graph and table use 2021 census data), [2011 Census](#), [2023 ONS population estimates](#).

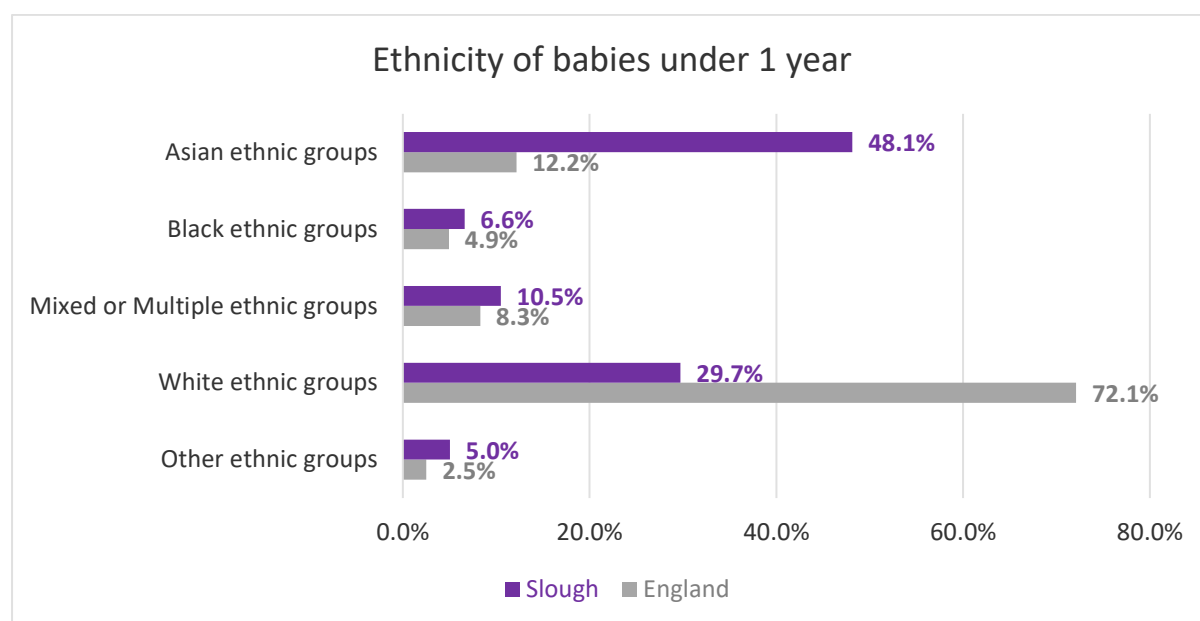
Note: The ONS defines Total Fertility Rate (TFR) as “the average number of live children that a group of women would have if they experienced the age-specific fertility rates for the calendar year in question throughout their childbearing lifespan.

It is a better measure of trends than the number of live births, since it accounts for the size and age structure of the female population of childbearing age. The rate provides a timely measure of fertility levels and can be affected by changes in the timing of childbearing, completed family size, and the population structure.”

### Pregnancy and maternity: ethnicity

Slough had a much larger proportion of babies aged under 1 year from Asian ethnic groups (48.1%) than England (12.2%) in 2021.

This intersects with Asian ethnic groups having a higher chance of poverty, which means these babies and parents are at higher risk of poverty.



Ethnic group of babies under 1yr	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Asian ethnic groups	1,041	48.1%	12.2%
Black ethnic groups	143	6.6%	4.9%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	227	10.5%	8.3%
White ethnic groups	643	29.7%	72.1%
Other ethnic groups	109	5.0%	2.5%

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

## Children and Parents

### Single parents with dependent children

In 2021, there were 4,429 single parent households with dependent children.

- This was 8% of all Slough households and 19% of households with dependent children (England: 7% and 24%).
- 48.8% of these single parent households (2,162 households) had one dependent child and 51.2% (2,267) had two or more dependent children.

Slough had a higher proportion of single parent households receiving Universal Credit than the national average in 2024 (Slough: 11.94% of all households receiving UC, England: 7.85%).

Sources:

- [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).
- Households on Universal Credit: DWP, August 2024, via Local Insight.

### Couples with children

In 2021, there were 14,431 single family households consisting of a couple with dependent children.

- This was 27.5% of all Slough households and 62.3% of all households with dependent children (England: 18.9% and 66.3%).
- 37.3% of these (5,387 households) had one dependent child and 62.7% (9,044) had two or more dependent children.
- 12,606 of these were a married or civil partnership couple. 4,562 of these married or civil partnership couples had one dependent child and 8,044 had two or more.
- 1,825 of these were a cohabiting couple. 825 of these cohabiting couples had one dependent child and 1,000 had two or more.

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

### Other households with children

In 2021, there were 4,298 households of “other”\* composition types with dependent children.

- This was 8.2% of all Slough households and 18.6% of households with dependent children (England: 2.7% and 9.4%).
- 39.9% of these (1,717 households) had one dependent child and 60.1% (2,581) had two or more dependent children.

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

Note: \*The ONS does not specify what is included in “Other” household types with dependent children, but it excludes single family households consisting of a couple and single parents.

## Children in low-income families

### Relative low-income families

In 2024, 23.77% of children aged 0-19 in Slough were in relative low-income families before housing costs (England: 22.17%).

- 21.11% of children in relative low-income families were in out-of-work families (England: 31.17%).
- 38.39% children in relative low-income families were in single parent families (England: 51.91%).

### Absolute low-income families

In 2024, 20.59% of children aged 0-19 in Slough were in absolute low-income families before housing costs (England: 19.18%).

- 25.30% of children in absolute low-income families were in out-of-work families (England: 31.87%).
- 37.91% of children in absolute low-income families were in single parent families (England: 50.87%).

### Workless households

In 2023, there were 1,900 workless households with dependent children in Slough.

- There were 4,100 children under 16 in these workless households.

Sources:

- Relative and absolute low-income families: DWP, March 2025 (for 2024), via Local Insight.
- Workless households: APS, 2023, via [NOMIS](#).

Note: Both the DWP relative and absolute low-income families data is before housing costs.

## Children in large families

In 2021, there were 13,892 households in Slough with two or more children.

- This was 26.5% of all households and 60% of all households with dependent children (England: 16% and 56.1%).

In 2021, there were 19,183 children aged 0-15 living in households consisting of 5 or more people.

- 5 people: 8,227 children (20.8% of children)
- 6 people: 5,161 children (13%)
- 7 people: 2,445 children (6.2%)
- 8 or more people: 3,350 children (8.5%)

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

Note: It was not possible to break the household data down further into more specific numbers of children (e.g., 3 or 4).

## Children under 5

In the 2021 census, there were 11,772 children aged 4 and under in Slough.

In 2023, there were estimated to be 11,668 children aged 4 and under in Slough.

Slough has a higher percentage of households receiving Universal Credit for the child entitlement than the national average (Slough: 17.36%, England: 10.63%).

Sources:

- [2021 Census](#).
- [ONS Population Estimates](#), 2023.
- Households on Universal Credit: DWP, August 2024, via Local Insight.

## Children 0-15: protected characteristics

The following protected characteristics data is for children in Slough aged 0-15 (and comparisons) from the [2021 Census](#).

### Sex

49.2% of Slough children aged 0-15 were female and 50.8% were male.

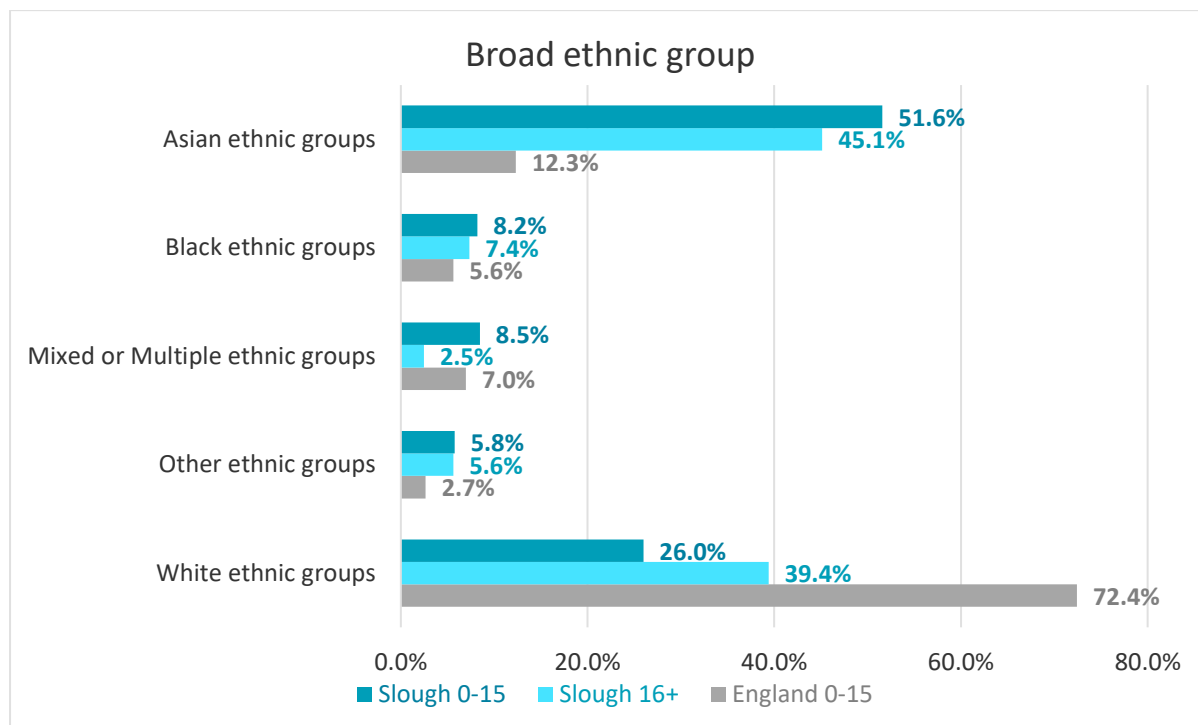
### Disability

4.4% of Slough children aged 0-15 were disabled under the Equality Act.

This is compared to:

- 10.3% of Slough residents aged 16-64 (working age).
- 36.3% of Slough residents aged 65 and over.
- 6.3% of England's children aged 0-15.

Slough has a much smaller percentage of children from White ethnic groups and larger percentages of all other ethnic groups, especially Asian ethnic groups, than England.

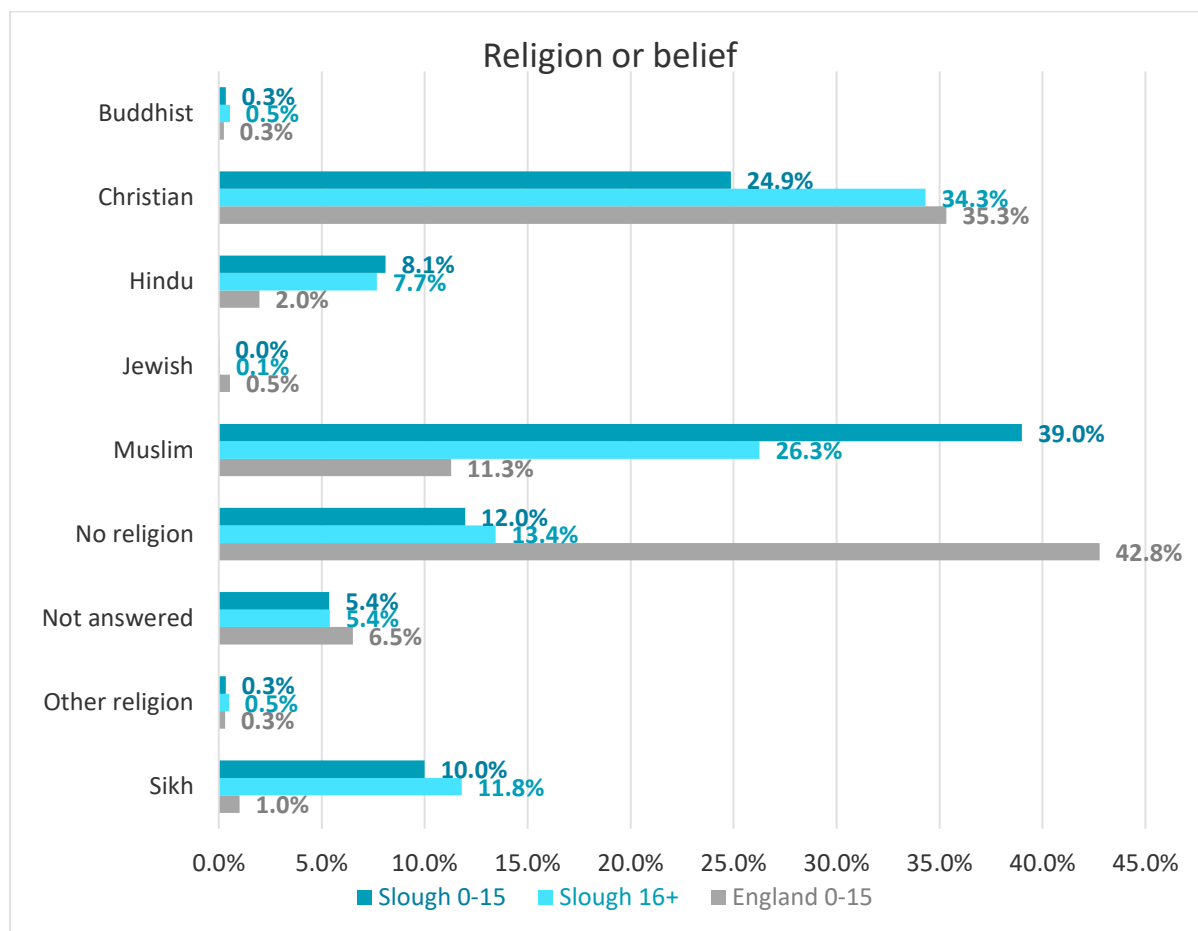


Broad ethnic group	Slough No. aged 0-15	Slough % aged 0-15	Slough % aged 16+	England % aged 0-15
Asian ethnic groups	20,410	51.6%	45.1%	12.3%
Black ethnic groups	3,241	8.2%	7.4%	5.6%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	3,351	8.5%	2.5%	7.0%
Other ethnic groups	2,282	5.8%	5.6%	2.7%
White ethnic groups	10,282	26.0%	39.4%	72.4%

Note: The graph and table show the percentage of Slough children (and comparisons) that are from each ethnic group (e.g., 51.6% of Slough children aged 0-15 are from Asian ethnic groups).

## Religion or belief

Slough has a smaller percentage of children with no religion and Christian children, and larger percentages of Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh children than England.



Religion or belief	Slough No. aged 0-15	Slough % aged 0-15	Slough % aged 16+	England % aged 0-15
Buddhist	135	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%
Christian	9,837	24.9%	34.3%	35.3%
Hindu	3,205	8.1%	7.7%	2.0%
Jewish	12	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%
Muslim	15,433	39.0%	26.3%	11.3%
No religion	4,734	12.0%	13.4%	42.8%
Not answered	2,124	5.4%	5.4%	6.5%
Other religion	132	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%
Sikh	3,954	10.0%	11.8%	1.0%

Note: The graph and table show the percentage of Slough children (and comparisons) that are from each religion or belief (e.g., 0.3% of Slough children aged 0-15 are Buddhist).

Sources: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).



## Children's health

- Infant mortality rate: 8.1 (England: 4.1).
- Child mortality rate (1-17 years): 14.3 (England: 10.4).
- 3.7% of Slough's term babies have low birth weight (under 2,500g) (England: 2.9%).
- 25.7% of Slough's children in year 6 are obese (England: 22.1%).
- 34.9% of 5-year-olds have experience of visually obvious dental decay (England: 23.7%).

Sources: OHID, [Fingertips Public Health Data](#).

- Infant mortality rate, 2021-23.
- Child mortality rate 2020-22.
- Low birth weight of term babies (Persons,  $\geq 37$  weeks gestational age at birth), 2022.
- Year 6: Prevalence of obesity (including severe obesity) (Persons, 10-11 years), 2023/24.
- Percentage 5-year-olds with experience of visually obvious dental decay, 2021/22.

## Older People

### Older people (aged 65 and over)

Slough has a higher proportion of pensioners in poverty (receiving pension credit) than the England average (Slough: 17.35%, England: 10.81%).

9.7% of residents aged 65 and over were unpaid carers (compared to 8.2% of residents aged 16-64).

4,055 (26.5%) residents aged 65 and over live alone (compared to 7.6% of residents aged 16-64).

- 19.6% of residents aged 65-69 live alone.
- 26.5% of residents aged 70-79 live alone.
- 34.6% of residents aged 80-89 live alone.
- 58.5% of residents aged 90+ live alone.

Source:

- Pension Credit: DWP, May 2024, via Local Insight.
- Unpaid care and living alone (household composition): [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

### Older people: protected characteristics

The following protected characteristics data is for older people in Slough aged 65 and over (and comparisons) from the [2021 Census](#).

#### Sex

53.1% were female and 46.9% were male.

This is compared to:

- Slough residents aged 0-64: 50.2% female and 49.8% male.
- England aged 65 and over: 54.2% female and 45.8% male.

#### Disability

36.3% of Slough residents aged 65 and over were disabled under the Equality Act.

This is compared to:

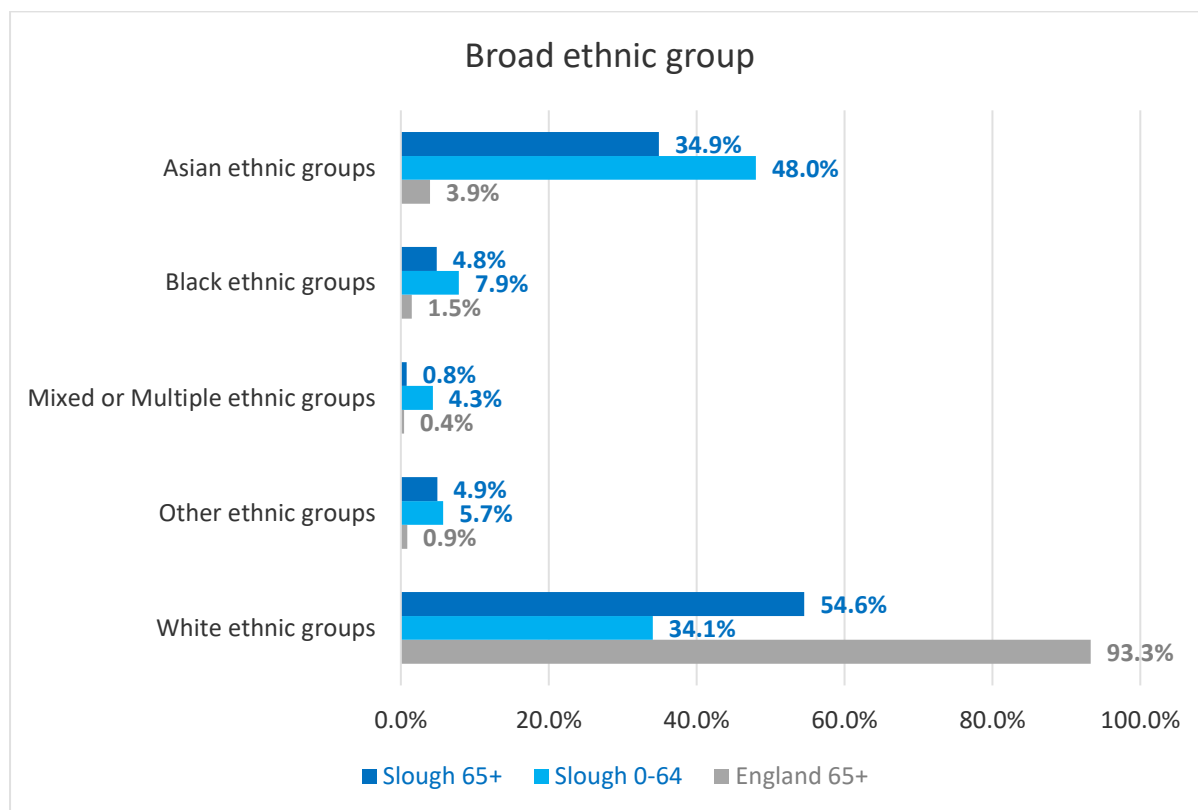
- Slough aged 0-64: 8.7%
- England aged 65 and over: 35.2%

#### Economic activity

86.4% were economically inactive (England: 89%).

91.2% of economically inactive residents were retired.

Slough has a larger proportion of residents aged 65 and over from Asian ethnic groups than England, and a smaller proportion from White ethnic groups.

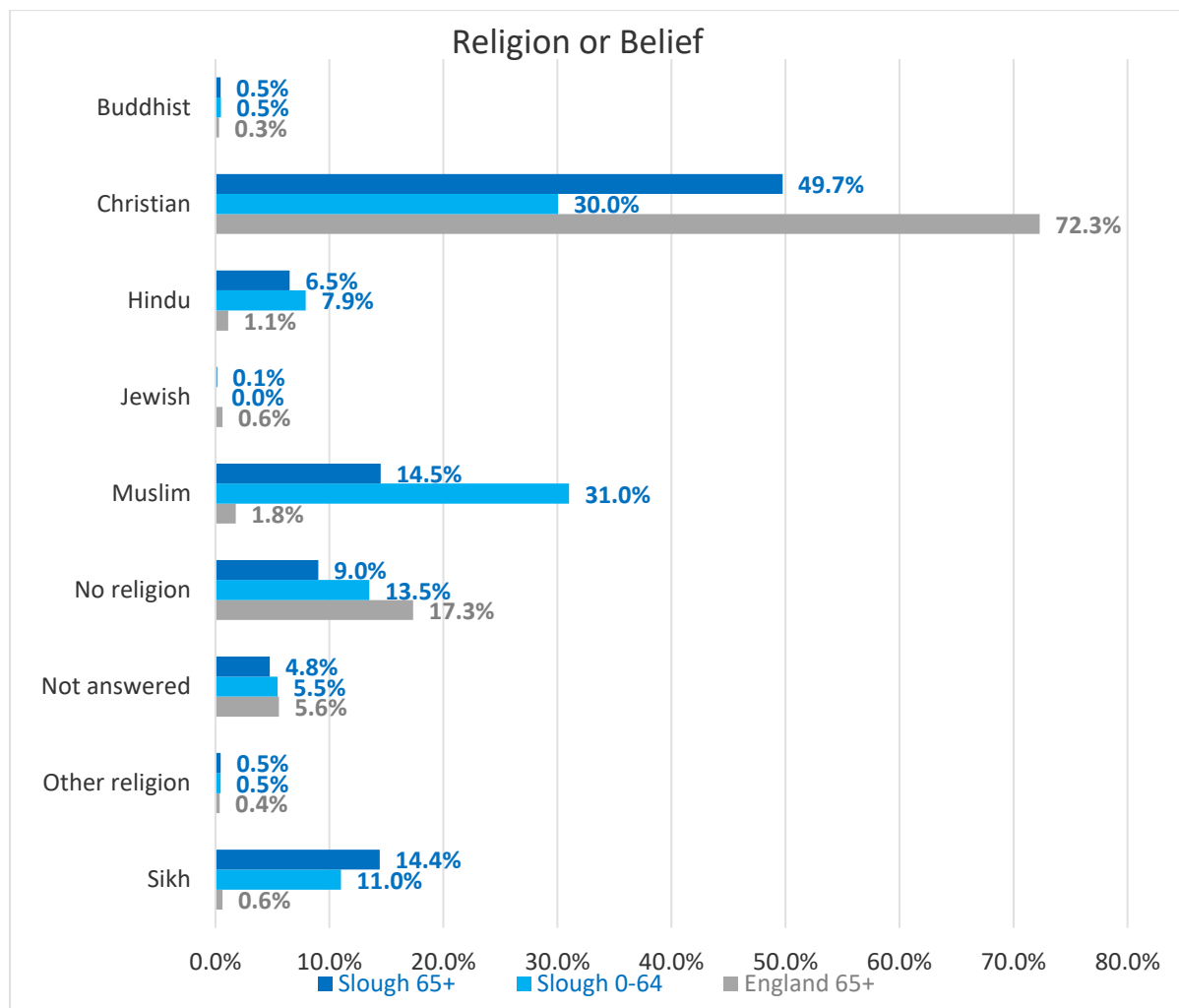


Broad ethnic group	Slough No. aged 65+	Slough % aged 65+	Slough % aged 0-64	England % aged 65+
Asian ethnic groups	5,344	34.9%	48.0%	3.9%
Black ethnic groups	742	4.8%	7.9%	1.5%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	120	0.8%	4.3%	0.4%
Other ethnic groups	755	4.9%	5.7%	0.9%
White ethnic groups	8,359	54.6%	34.1%	93.3%

Note: The graph and table show the percentage of Slough's older people (and comparisons) that are from each ethnic group (e.g., 34.9% of Slough residents aged 65+ are from Asian ethnic groups).

## Religion

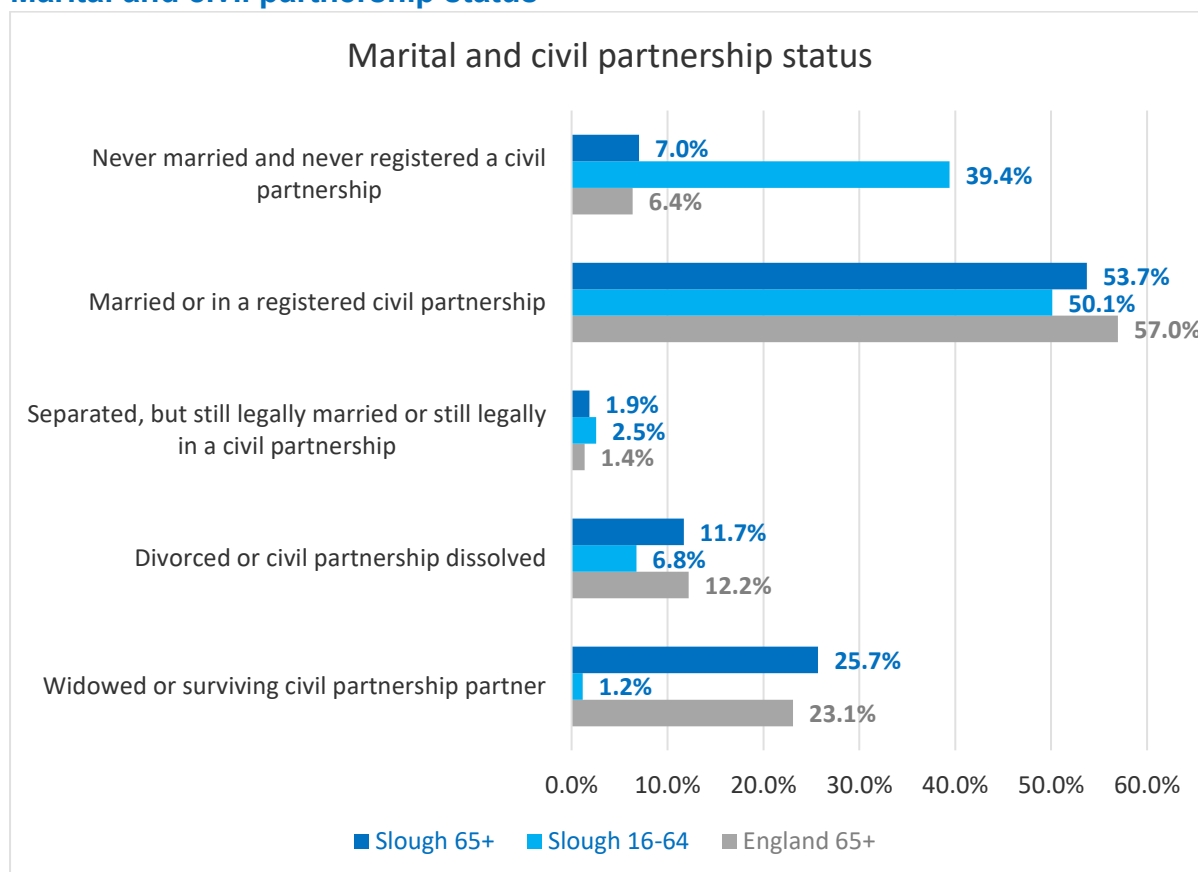
Slough has a smaller proportion of Christian older residents and older residents with no religion than England, and a larger proportion of Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu older residents.



Religion or belief	Slough No. aged 65+	Slough % aged 65+	Slough % aged 0-64	England % aged 65+
Buddhist	70	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%
Christian	7,621	49.7%	30.0%	72.3%
Hindu	998	6.5%	7.9%	1.1%
Jewish	21	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%
Muslim	2,220	14.5%	31.0%	1.8%
No religion	1,382	9.0%	13.5%	17.3%
Not answered	729	4.8%	5.5%	5.6%
Other religion	71	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%
Sikh	2,208	14.4%	11.0%	0.6%

Note: The graph and table show the percentage of Slough's older people (and comparisons) that are from each religion or belief (e.g., 0.5% of Slough residents aged 65+ are Buddhist).

## Marital and civil partnership status



Marital and civil partnership status	Slough No. aged 65+	Slough % aged 65+	Slough % aged 16-64	England % aged 65+
Never married and never registered a civil partnership	1,078	7.0%	39.4%	6.4%
Married or in a registered civil partnership	8,228	53.7%	50.1%	57.0%
Separated, but still legally married or still legally in a civil partnership	285	1.9%	2.5%	1.4%
Divorced or civil partnership dissolved	1,791	11.7%	6.8%	12.2%
Widowed or surviving civil partnership partner	3,938	25.7%	1.2%	23.1%

Note: The graph and table show the percentage of Slough's older people (and comparisons) that have each marital/civil partnership status (e.g., 7% of Slough residents aged 65 have never married or registered a civil partnership).

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

## Older people: adult social care

The highest Slough Adult Social Care (ASC) activity rate is by those in the 65+ age group.

- Activity by this group has greatly increased from March to August 2024.
- Within this group, the highest users are those in the 90+, 80-89 and 70-79 age bands.

ASC activity changes follow a similar pattern when comparing sex, with female activity consistently higher than male activity over the past year, except for July 2024.

Source: SBC Adult Social Care, 2024.

## Disability and Unpaid Care

### Adults with limiting health conditions or disability

In 2021, there were 15,982 residents aged 18 and over who were disabled (under the Equality Act) (14% of residents aged 18+).

5,563 residents aged 18+ were not disabled (under the Equality Act) but had a long-term physical or mental health condition that did not limit their day-to-day activities (5% of residents aged 18+).

5.14% of Slough households receive the limited capability for work entitlement of Universal Credit, which is just below the England average (5.6%).

Slough's healthy life expectancy is 58.1 for male residents and 60.3 for female residents, which is several years lower than England (M: 63.1 and F: 63.9).

Sources:

- Disabled residents: [2021 Census](#) ([non-age-standardised](#)). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).
- Households on Universal Credit: DWP, August 2024, via Local Insight (updated quarterly).
- Healthy life expectancy at birth (Male and Female, All ages), OHID, [Fingertips Public Health Data](#) 2018 – 20.

Note: Healthy life expectancy = The number of years a person can typically expect to live in full health without disabling illness or injury.

### Families with disabled children

In 2021, there were 1,725 children aged 0-15 who were disabled (4% of children).

569 children were not disabled (2% of children) but had a long-term physical or mental health condition that did not limit their day-to-day activities.

1.73% of Slough households receive the disabled child entitlement of Universal Credit, similar to England (1.66%).

Sources:

- Disabled children: [2021 Census](#) ([non-age-standardised](#)). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).
- Households on Universal Credit: DWP, August 2024, via Local Insight (updated quarterly).

## Unpaid carers

In 2021, there were 10,143 unpaid carers (aged 5 and over) in Slough (6.9% of Slough's population).

0.69% of children aged 5-15 were unpaid carers.

3.35% of Slough Households receive the carer entitlement of Universal Credit, similar to the England average (3.21%).

Sources:

- Unpaid care: [2021 Census \(non-age-standardised\)](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).
- Households on Universal Credit: DWP, August 2024, via Local Insight (updated quarterly).

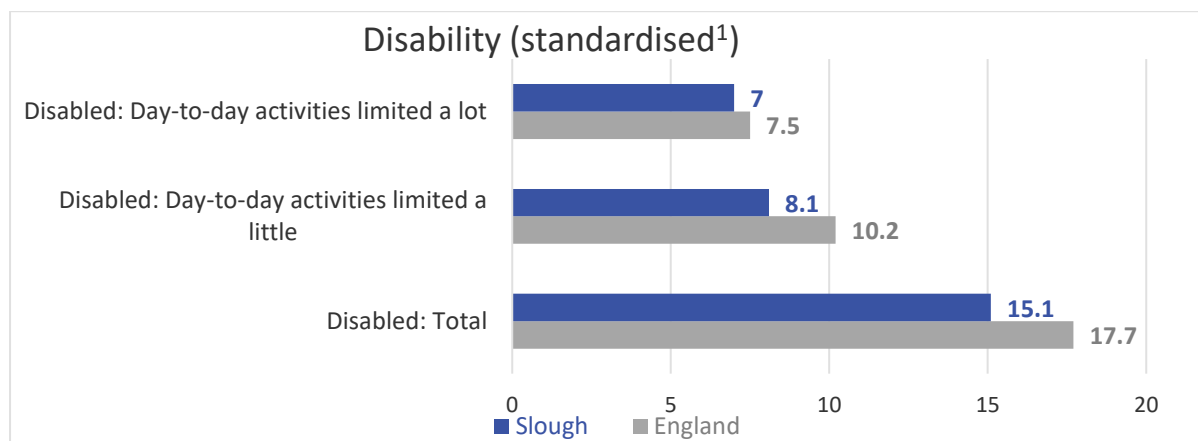
Note: This data is only for residents aged 5 and over. The census did not ask children under 5 if they provided unpaid care.

## Disability & unpaid care: comparison with England

This section uses age-standardised proportions<sup>1</sup> to allow for comparison with England.

### Disability: comparison with England

Slough has a smaller proportion of disabled residents than the England average.

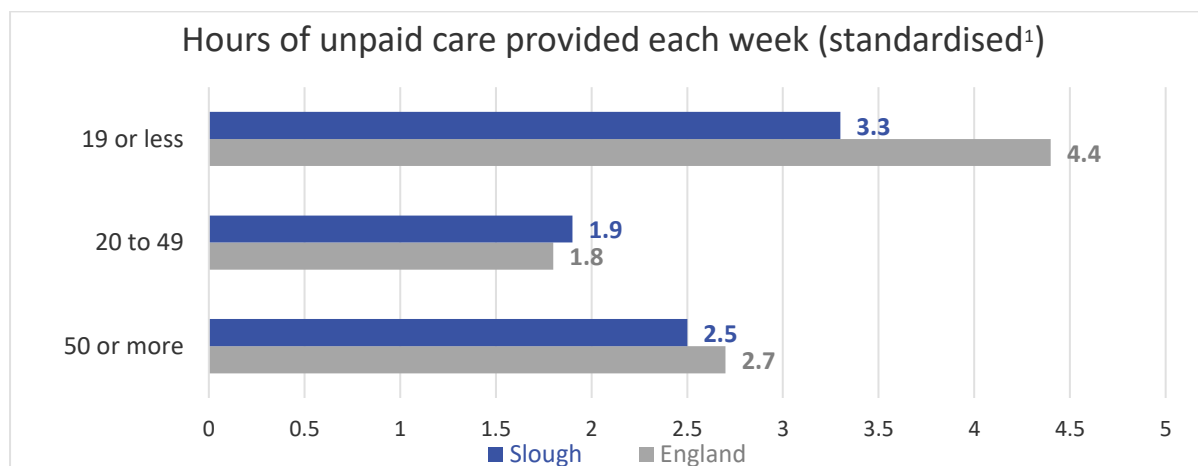


Disability (age-standardised <sup>1</sup> )	Slough %	England %
Disabled: Day-to-day activities limited a lot	7	7.5
Disabled: Day-to-day activities limited a little	8.1	10.2
Disabled: Total	15.1	17.7



### Unpaid care: comparison with England

Slough has a smaller proportion of residents providing 19 hours or less of unpaid care a week than the England average.



Unpaid care (age-standardised <sup>1</sup> )	Slough %	England %
Provides 19 or less hours unpaid care a week	3.3	4.4
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	1.9	1.8
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week	2.5	2.7

Source: [2021 Census](#) ([age-standardised](#)). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

#### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup>Age-standardisation: When comparing between geographical areas, the ONS recommends using age-standardised proportions. Health and disability are closely related to age, which can make comparison between groups with different age structures difficult. Age-standardisation mathematically adjusts the data to have the same age structure as a “standard population”, allowing for comparisons between groups. [Read more about standardisation on this ONS blog](#).
- The unpaid care data is for only those aged 5 and over. The census did not ask children under 5 if they provided unpaid care.

## Housing

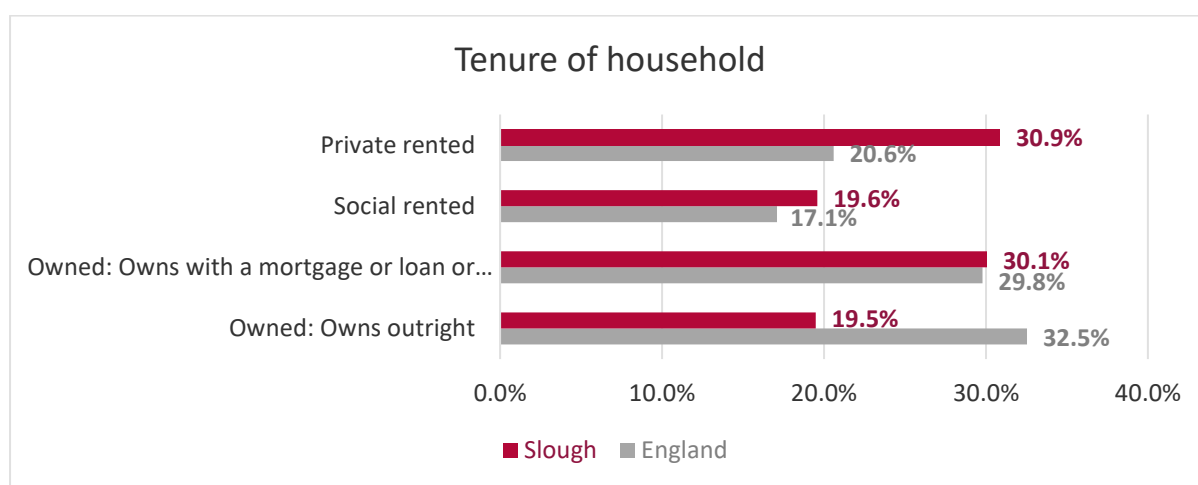
Including social and private rented housing.

### Tenure of household

30.9% of Slough households privately rent their homes and 19.6% social rent.

Slough has larger percentages of households renting their home and smaller percentages of households outright owning their homes compared to the England average.

The graph and table below show the percentage of households (not individual residents) that have each type of tenure.

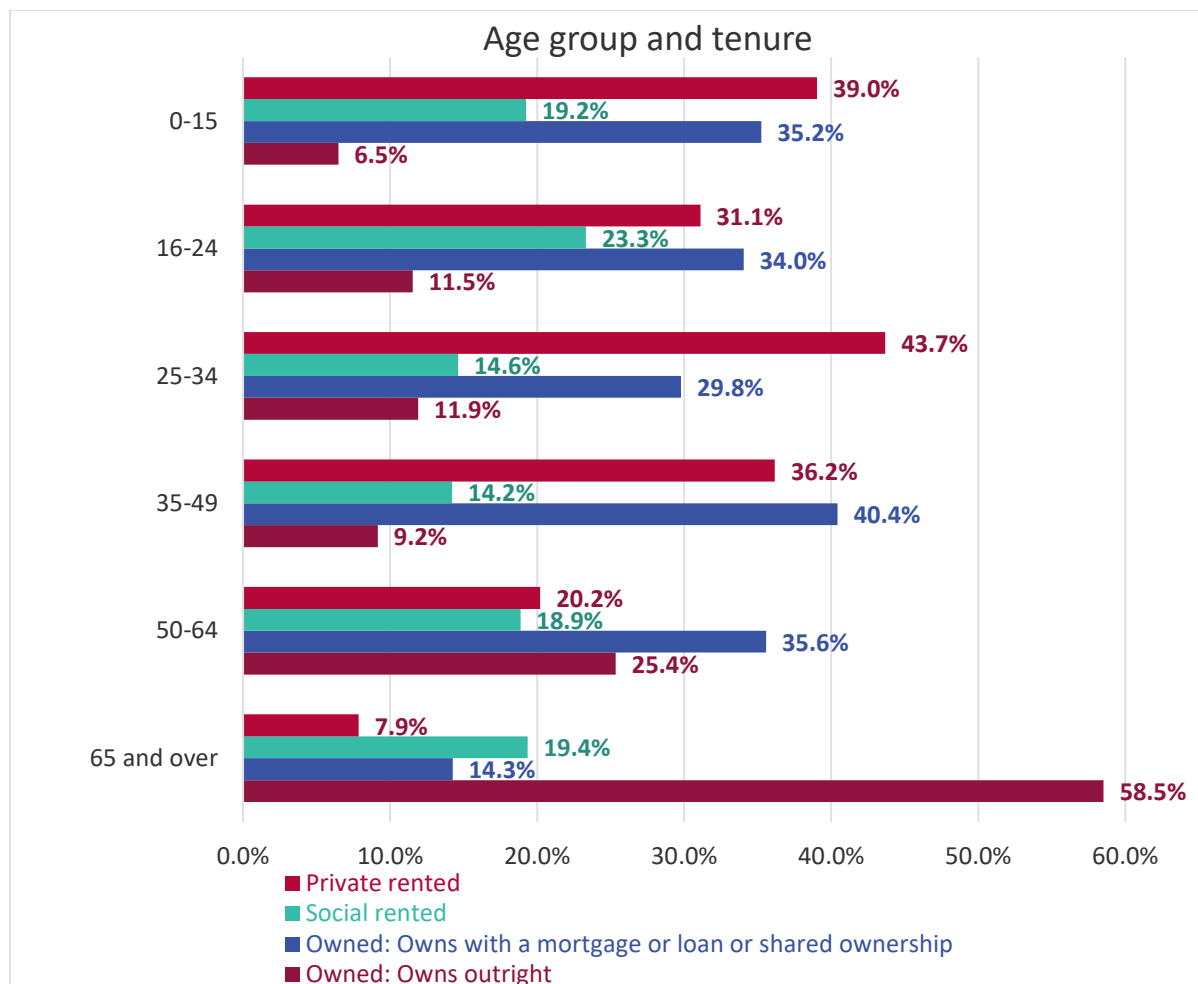


Tenure of household	Slough No.	Slough %	England %
Private rented	16,183	30.9%	20.6%
Social rented	10,266	19.6%	17.1%
Owned: Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership	15,760	30.1%	29.8%
Owned: Owns outright	10,215	19.5%	32.5%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

### Tenure: age

The graph and table below show the percentage of individuals (not households) in each age group that have each type of tenure (e.g., 39% of Slough residents aged 0-15 live in private rented homes).

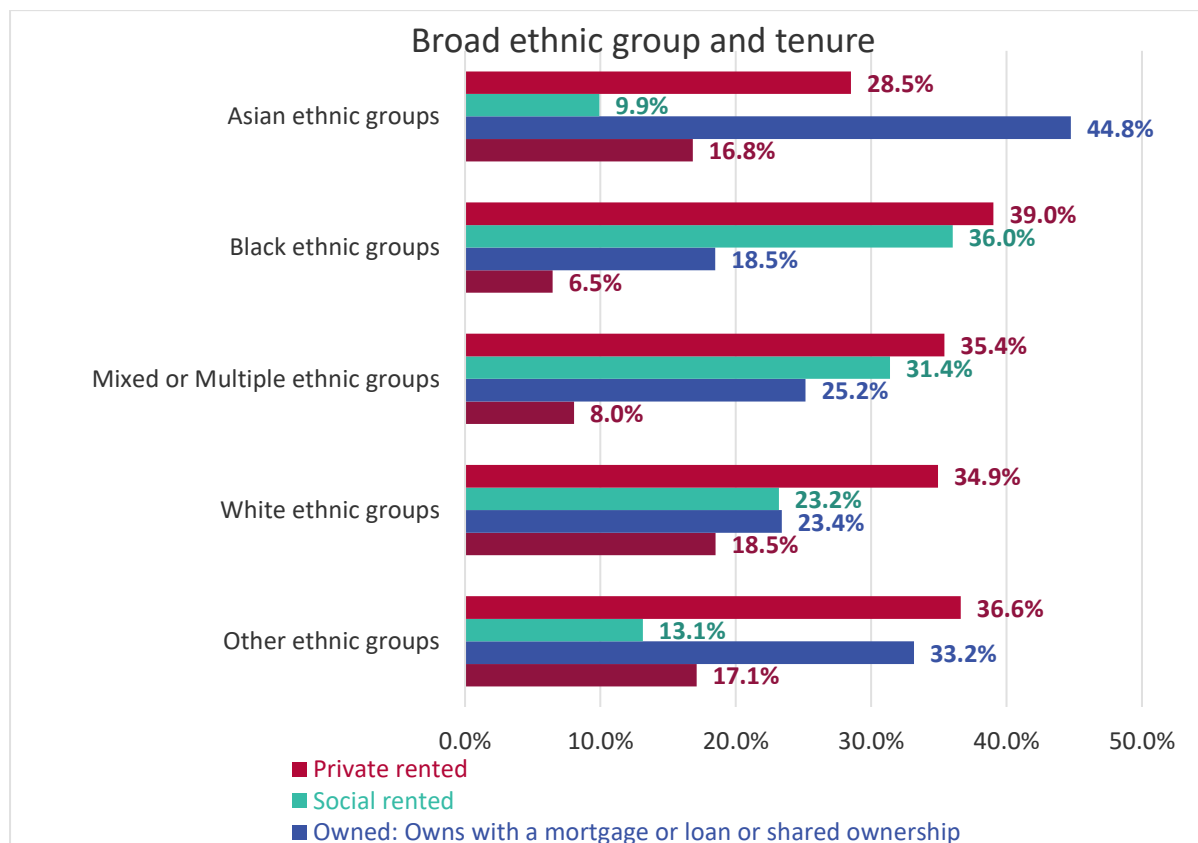


Age group	Private rented	Social rented	Owned: Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership	Owned: Owns outright
0-15	39.0%	19.2%	35.2%	6.5%
16-24	31.1%	23.3%	34.0%	11.5%
25-34	43.7%	14.6%	29.8%	11.9%
35-49	36.2%	14.2%	40.4%	9.2%
50-64	20.2%	18.9%	35.6%	25.4%
65+	7.9%	19.4%	14.3%	58.5%

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

### Tenure: ethnicity

The graph and table show below the percentage of residents from each broad ethnic group that have each type of tenure (e.g., 28.5% of residents from Asian ethnic groups privately rent their homes).



Broad ethnic group	Private rented	Social rented	Owned: Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership	Owned: Owns outright
Asian ethnic groups	28.5%	9.9%	44.8%	16.8%
Black ethnic groups	39.0%	36.0%	18.5%	6.5%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	35.4%	31.4%	25.2%	8.0%
White ethnic groups	34.9%	23.2%	23.4%	18.5%
Other ethnic groups	36.6%	13.1%	33.2%	17.1%

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

## Social rented housing

### Social renting households

In 2021, 19.6% of households were social rented (10,266 households).

6.97% of Slough households receive the social rented housing entitlement of Universal Credit, similar to the England average (7.16%).

### Social renting residents

In 2021, 27,939 residents lived in social rented households (17.6% of Slough's population).

- 43.6% of residents aged 16+ in social rented housing were economically inactive (compared to 52.6% for England, and 32.7% for all 16+ Slough residents).
- 19.2% of residents in social rented housing were disabled (England: 28.6%). 30.6% of all disabled residents in Slough lived in social rented housing (England: 28.2%).
- 53.3% of residents in social housing were female and 46.7% were male (England: 53.5% and 46.5%).

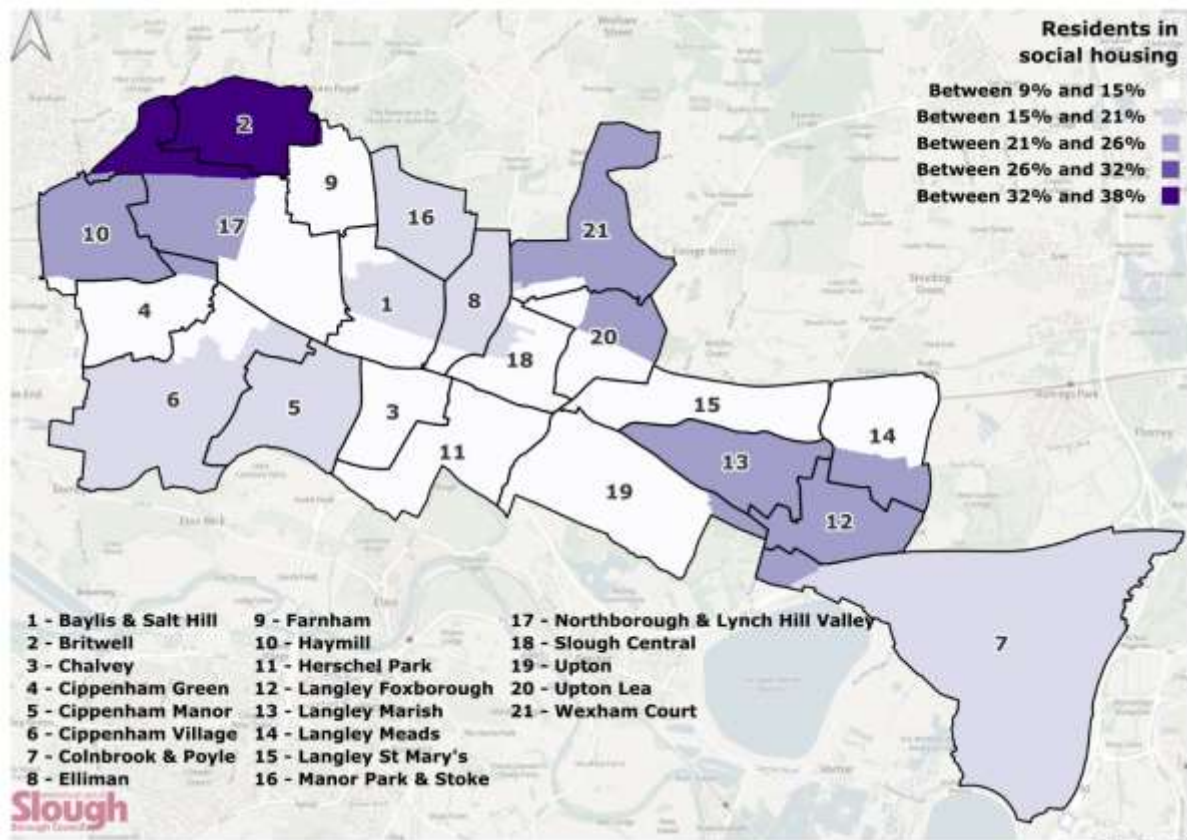
#### Sources:

- Social rented housing: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).
- Households on Universal Credit: DWP, August 2024, via Local Insight (updated quarterly).

### Social rented housing: map of residents

This map shows the percentage of residents in each area that are living in social rented housing.

There are particularly high percentages of residents in social housing in Britwell and Northborough & Lynch Hill Valley.



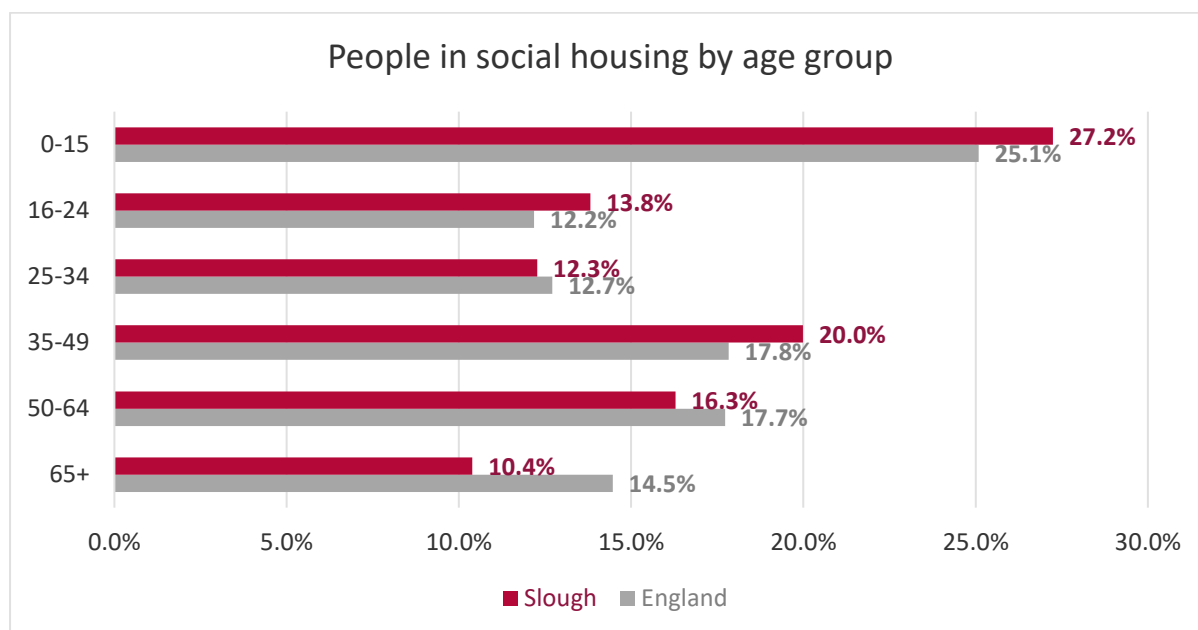
Source: [2021 Census](#).

Note: This map uses Middle-layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs), which comprise between 2,000 and 6,000 households and have a usual resident population between 5,000 and 15,000 persons. It shows the percentage of residents in each MSOA that live in social housing.

### Social rented housing: age of residents

27.2% of residents in social rented housing are children aged 0-15.

20% of residents in social rented housing are aged 35-49.



Age group	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
0-15	7,612	27.2%	25.1%
16-24	3,860	13.8%	12.2%
25-34	3,429	12.3%	12.7%
35-49	5,585	20.0%	17.8%
50-64	4,550	16.3%	17.7%
65+	2,903	10.4%	14.5%

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

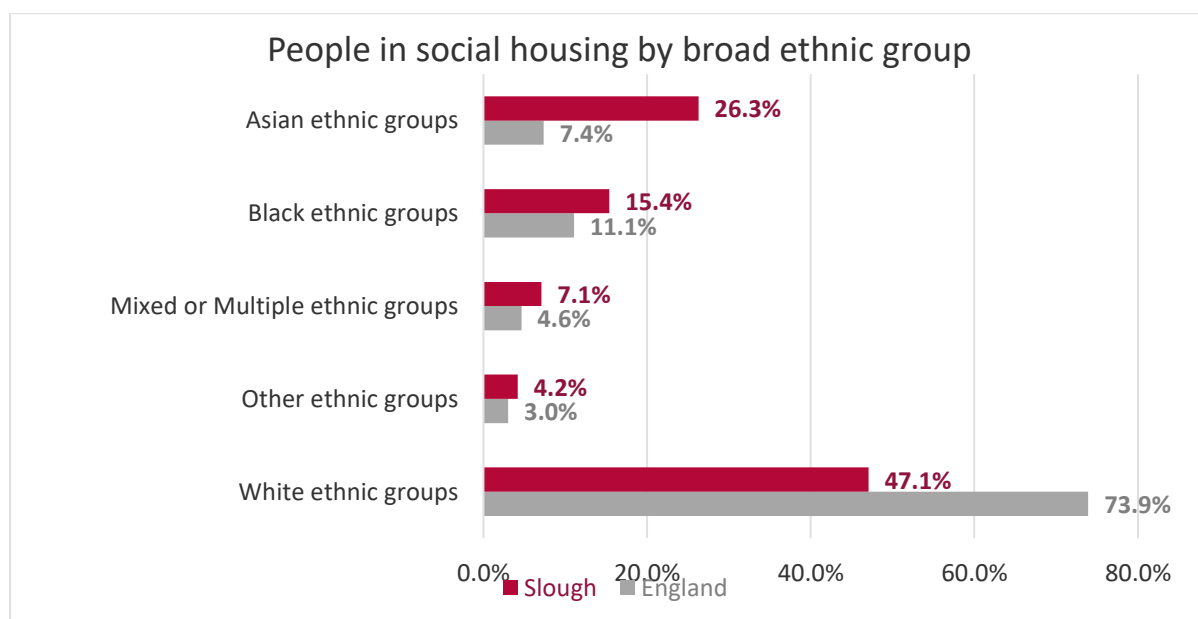
Note: The graph and table show the percentage of residents in social housing, separated by age group (e.g., 27.2% of Slough residents in social housing are aged 0-15).

### Social rented housing: ethnicity of residents

Slough has a much larger percentage of residents from Asian and White ethnic groups in social rented homes, and a much smaller percentage of residents from White ethnic groups, compared to England.

The 5 largest detailed ethnic groups in social rented households were:

1. White: English, Welsh Scottish, Northern Irish or British: 39.5%
2. Asian: Pakistani: 18.5%
3. Black: African: 10%
4. White: Other\*: 6.1%
5. Asian: Other\*: 3.9%



Broad ethnic group	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Asian ethnic groups	7,341	26.3%	7.4%
Black ethnic groups	4,296	15.4%	11.1%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	1,978	7.1%	4.6%
Other ethnic groups	1,173	4.2%	3.0%
White ethnic groups	13,151	47.1%	73.9%

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

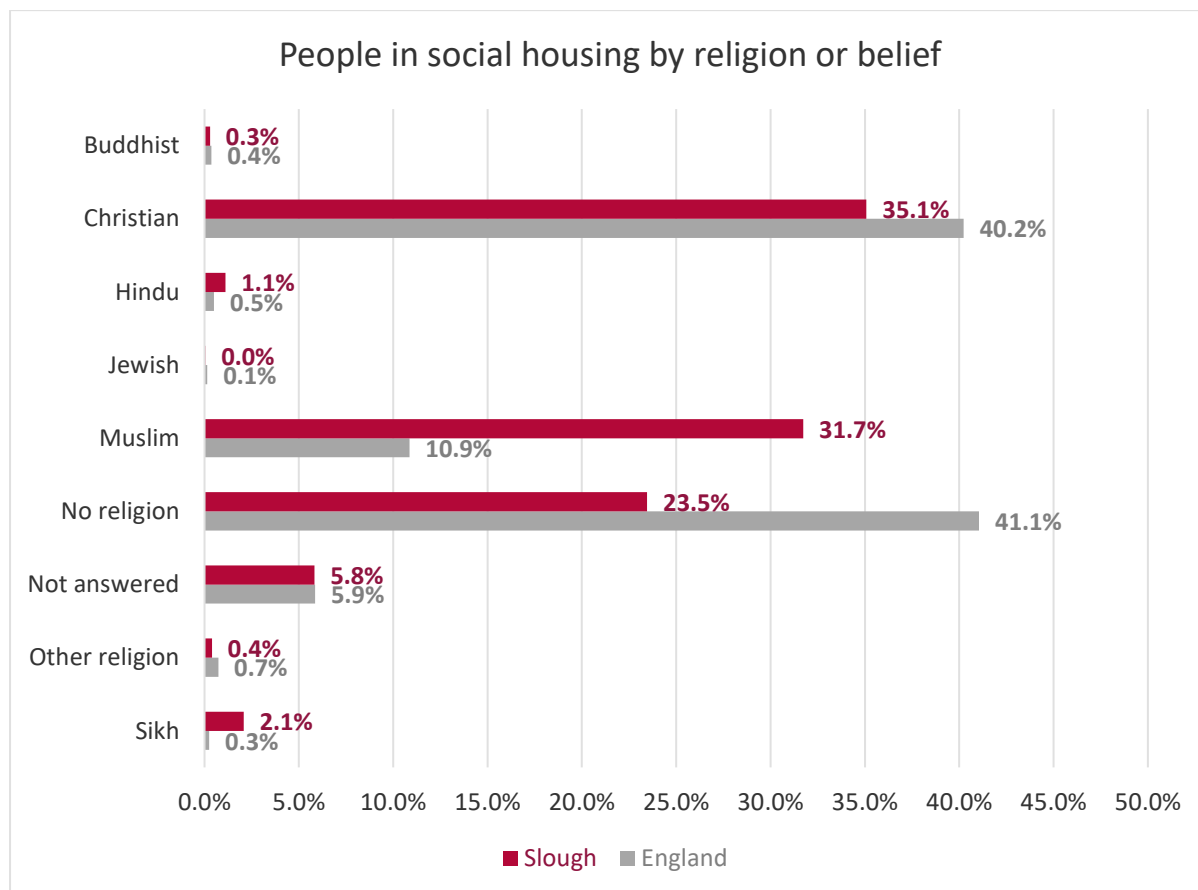
#### Notes:

- The graph and table show the percentage of residents in social housing, separated by broad ethnic group (e.g., 26.3% of Slough Residents in social housing are from Asian ethnic groups).
- \*The ONS did not specify the ethnicities included in “White: Other” and “Asian: Other” at this level. However, we know some specific ethnicities are excluded from Other. “White: Other” does not include Roma, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Irish, English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, and British. “Asian: Other” does not include Bangladeshi, Chinese, Indian, and Pakistani.



### Social rented housing: religion or belief of residents

Slough has larger percentages of Muslim and Sikh residents in social rented housing and smaller proportions of Christian and residents with no religion in social housing than England.



Religion or belief	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Buddhist	81	0.3%	0.4%
Christian	9,802	35.1%	40.2%
Hindu	311	1.1%	0.5%
Jewish	12	0.0%	0.1%
Muslim	8,865	31.7%	10.9%
No religion	6,554	23.5%	41.1%
Not answered	1,626	5.8%	5.9%
Other religion	109	0.4%	0.7%
Sikh	579	2.1%	0.3%

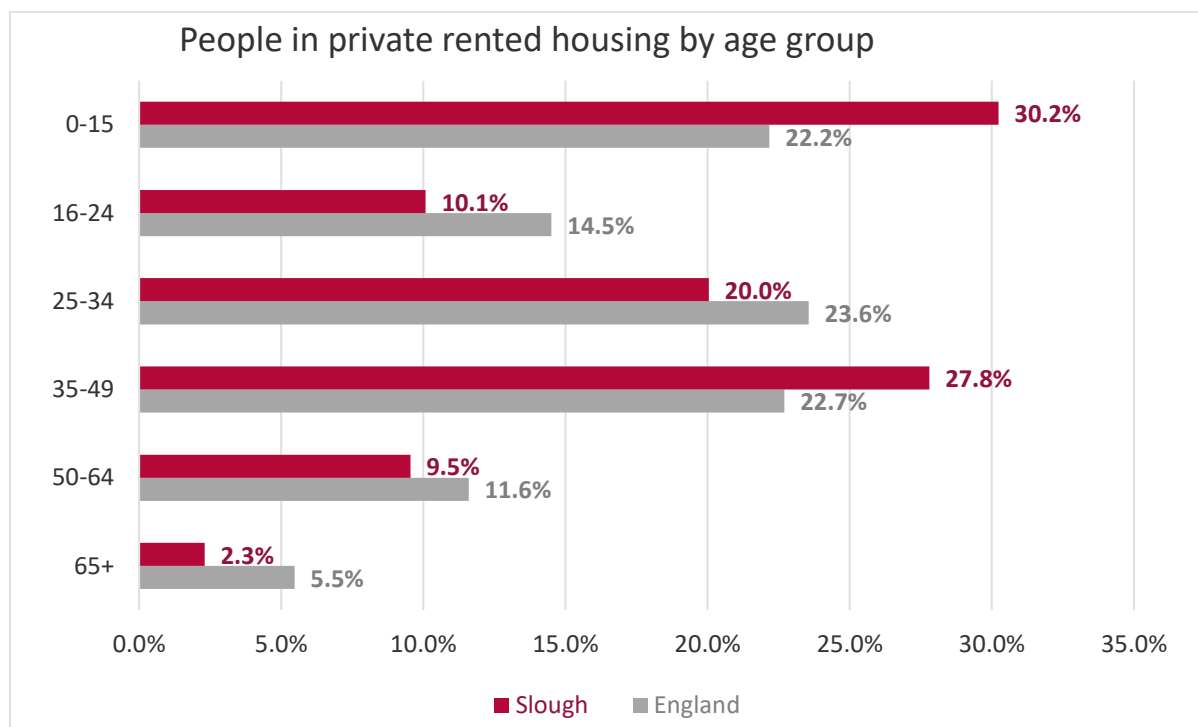
Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

Note: The graph and table show the percentage of people living in social rented homes, separated by religion or belief (e.g., 0.3% of Slough residents living in social housing are Buddhist).

## Private rented housing

### Private rented housing: age of residents

Slough has a larger percentage of residents living in private rented housing that are children aged 0-15 (30.2%) and adults aged 35-49 (27.8%) compared to England (22.2% and 22.7%).



Age group	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
0-15	15,442	30.2%	22.2%
16-24	5,147	10.1%	14.5%
25-34	10,238	20.0%	23.6%
35-49	14,199	27.8%	22.7%
50-64	4,875	9.5%	11.6%
65+	1,179	2.3%	5.5%

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

#### Notes:

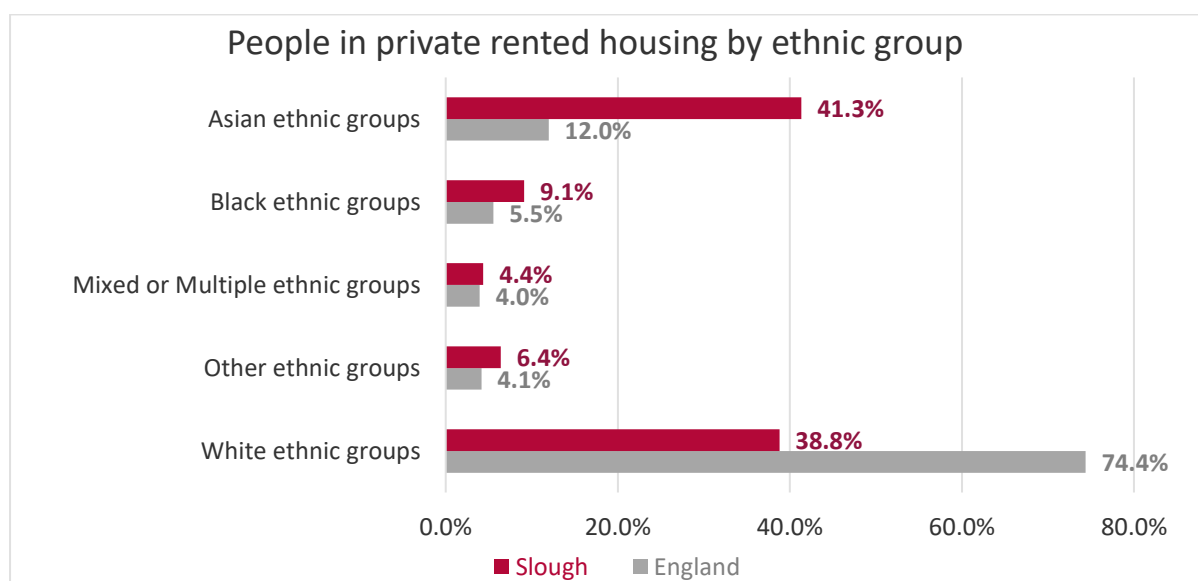
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### Private rented housing: ethnicity of residents

Slough has a much larger percentage of residents living in private rented housing from Asian ethnic groups (41.3%) than England (12%).

The 5 largest ethnic groups in private rented households were:

1. White: Other\*: 12.1%
2. Asian: Pakistani: 19.5%
3. Asian: Indian: 14.9%
4. White: English, Welsh Scottish, Northern Irish or British: 14.7%
5. Black: African: 6.9%



Broad ethnic group	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Asian ethnic groups	21,108	41.3%	12.0%
Black ethnic groups	4,656	9.1%	5.5%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	2,231	4.4%	4.0%
Other ethnic groups	19,815	6.4%	4.1%
White ethnic groups	3,270	38.8%	74.4%

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

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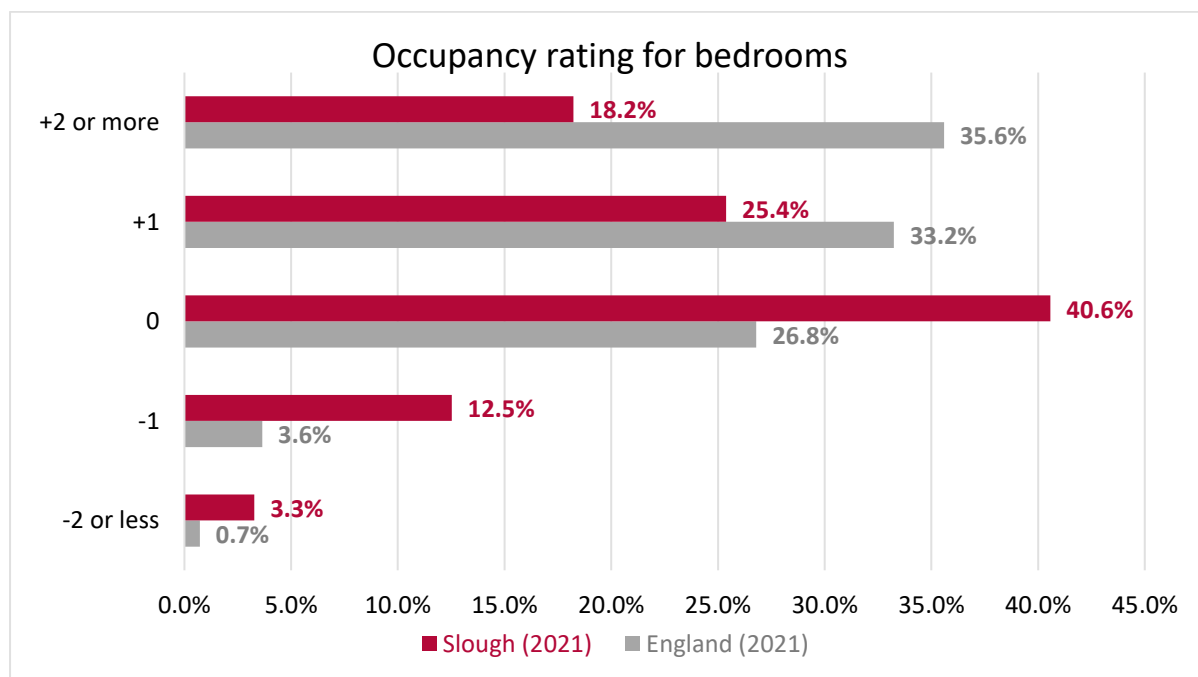
- Note: The graph and table show the percentage of people living in private rented homes, separated by broad ethnic group (e.g., 41.3% of Slough residents living in private rented housing are from Asian ethnic groups).
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## Overcrowding

In 2021, 15.8% of households (8,287) in Slough were overcrowded (England: 4.3%).

33.5% of Slough's children lived in overcrowded households.

Slough has the fourth highest percentage of overcrowded houses in England and Wales, and the highest percentage outside of London.



Occupancy rating for bedrooms	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
+2 or more (under-occupied)	9,557	18.2%	35.6%
+1 (under-occupied)	13,307	25.4%	33.2%
0 (ideally occupied)	21,272	40.6%	26.8%
-1 (overcrowded)	6,570	12.5%	3.6%
-2 or less (overcrowded)	1,717	3.3%	0.7%

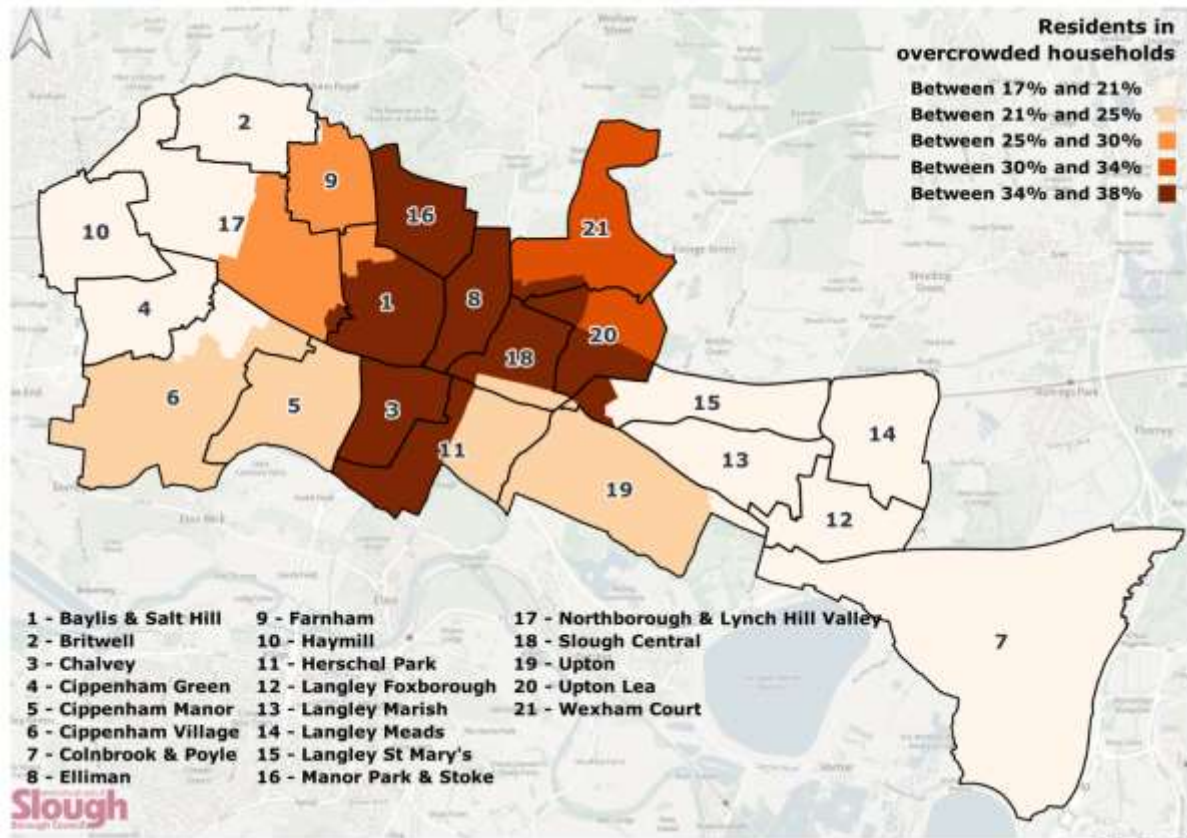
Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

Note: A home is considered overcrowded if it has fewer bedrooms than required for its occupants (an occupancy rating of -1 or less).

### Overcrowding: map of population

This map shows the percentage of residents in each area that are living in overcrowded housing.

There are particularly high percentages of residents in overcrowded housing in wards around the centre of Slough.



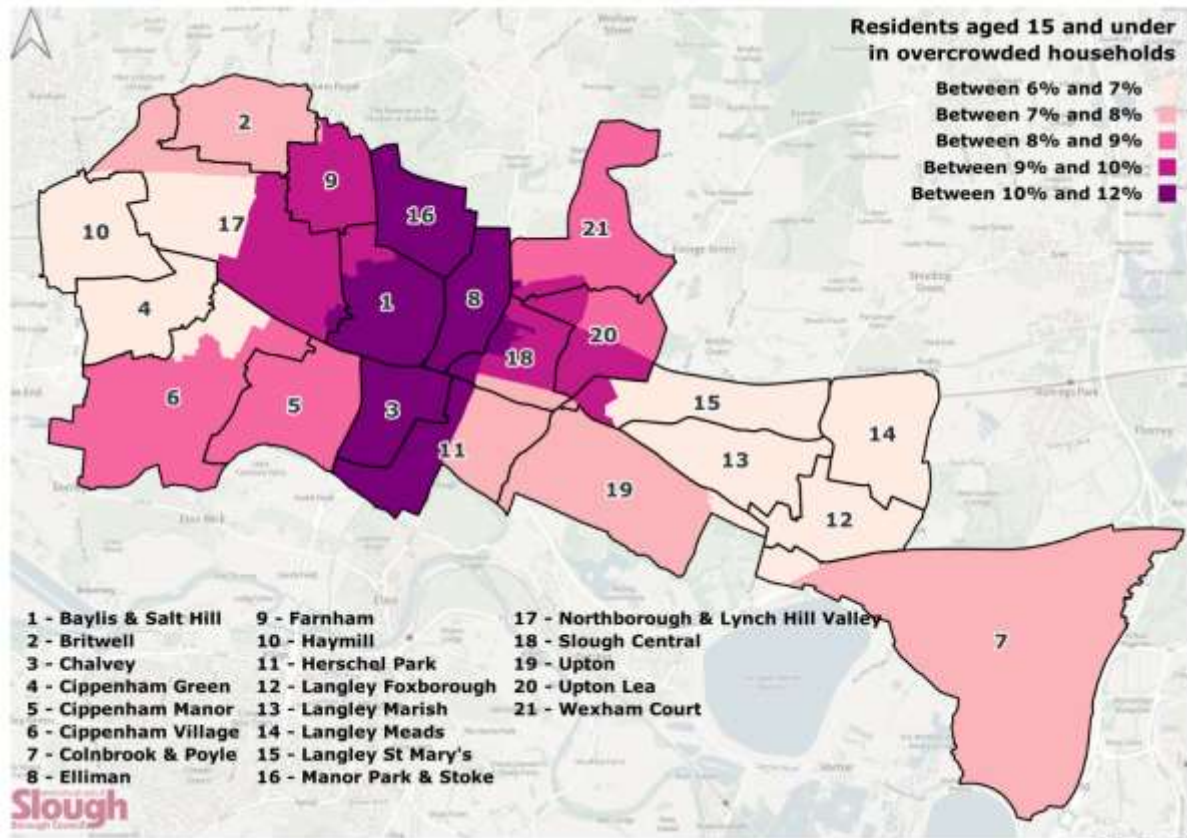
Source: [2021 Census](#).

Note: The map uses Middle-layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs), which comprise between 2,000 and 6,000 households and have a usual resident population between 5,000 and 15,000 persons. It shows the percentage of residents (of all ages) living in overcrowded housing in each MSOA.

### Overcrowding: map of children

This map shows the percentage of children aged 0-15 in each area that are living in overcrowded housing.

There are particularly high percentages of residents in overcrowded housing in wards around the centre of Slough.



Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

Note: The map uses Middle-layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs), which comprise between 2,000 and 6,000 households and have a usual resident population between 5,000 and 15,000 persons. It shows the percentage of children aged 0-15 living in overcrowded housing in each MSOA.

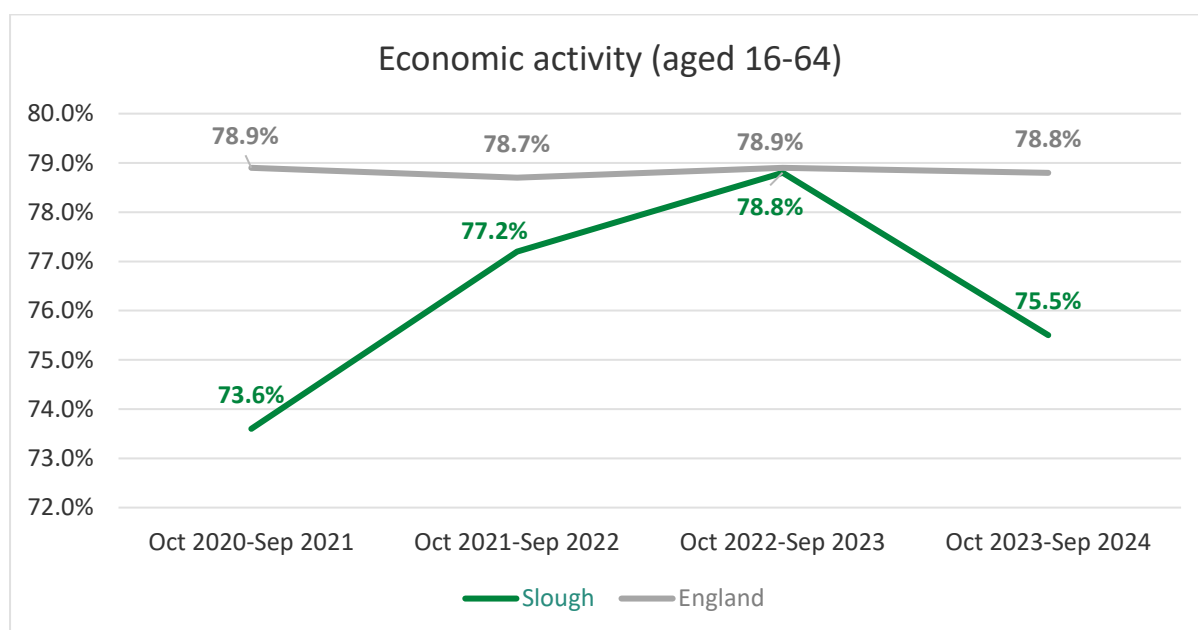


## Economic Activity Status

### Economic activity

75.5% of Slough's population aged 16-64 were economically active in the September 2024 Annual Population Survey. This has decreased from September 2023 when it was 78.8%.

Slough had a smaller proportion of economically active residents (aged 16-64) than England in 2024 (78.8%).



Economic activity (aged 16-64)	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Oct 2020-Sep 2021	63,600	73.6%	78.9%
Oct 2021-Sep 2022	66,800	77.2%	78.7%
Oct 2022-Sep 2023	67,300	78.8%	78.9%
Oct 2023-Sep 2024	62,500	75.5%	78.8%

Source: [ONS annual population survey](#), September 2024.

Notes:

- This data is for residents aged 16-64 only.
- The APS creates estimates for the wider population based on a sample.

## Economic activity: protected characteristics

The following protected characteristics data is from the [2021 census](#), when 75% of Slough's working age population were economically active. This data is for Slough residents aged 16-64 only.

### Sex

69% of female residents and 81% of male residents were economically active.

### Disability

47% of disabled residents were economically active compared to 78% of not disabled residents.

### Age

Percentage of each age group that were economically active:

- 16-24: 52%
- 25-34: 81%
- 35-49: 82%
- 50-64: 73%

### Ethnicity

Percentage of each broad ethnic group that were economically active:

- Asian ethnic groups: 72%
- Black ethnic groups: 74%
- Mixed or multiple: 70%
- Other ethnic groups: 70%
- White ethnic groups: 80%

### Religion or belief

Percentage of each religious group that were economically active\*:

- Buddhist: 78%
- Christian: 80%
- Hindu: 81%
- Jewish: 83%
- Muslim: 64%
- No religion: 77%
- Other religion: 76%
- Sikh: 78%

Muslim residents:

- In 2021, 58% of Muslim residents were in employment\* compared to 69% for all Slough residents.
- 11% of Muslim residents were economically inactive due to being students (7% for all Slough residents) and 16% due to looking after family or home (9% for all Slough residents).
- Slough has a higher proportion of Muslim residents compared to England.



Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

Note: \*Someone can be economically active and employed or unemployed (e.g., looking for work or waiting to start work). The first list of percentages are economically active residents regardless of employment. The Muslim employment statistic is only those who were economically active AND employed.

## Income and Benefits

### Weekly earnings

In 2023, there was a gap in gross weekly pay of £53.40 between Slough residents (£720.60) and all those who worked in Slough (£774). This gap has decreased from 2022, when it was £84.

Slough residents also earned £2.90 less per week than the South East average in 2023. This difference has also decreased from 2022, when Slough residents earned £27.80 less.

#### Earnings by residence

Earnings by residence: gross weekly pay (£)	Slough	South East	Great Britain
Full Time Earners	720.6	723.5	682.6
Males	733.9	781.9	728.3
Females	698.6	646.1	628.8

Earnings by residence: hourly pay (£) (excl. overtime)	Slough	South East	Great Britain
Full Time Earners	18.77	18.70	17.49
Male	19.23	19.77	18.15
Females	18.16	17.23	16.64

#### Earnings by place of work

Earnings by place of work: gross weekly pay (£)	Slough	South East	Great Britain
Full Time Earners	774.0	704.3	682.6
Males	851.7	762.3	728.3
Females	699.7	632.7	629.1

Earnings by place of work: hourly pay (£) (excl. overtime)	Slough	South East	Great Britain
Full Time Earners	20.39	18.16	17.49
Male	20.76	19.18	18.14
Females	18.79	16.70	16.65

Source: [NOMIS Labour Market Profile](#), December 2023 (data for 2023).

## DWP benefits

24.9% of residents aged 16-64 were receiving at least one DWP benefit in 2024 (England: 23.5%). This was 13% for young people aged 16-24 (England: 14.3%).

6.6% of all Slough residents aged 16-64 were receiving JSA or out of work UC in February 2025 (England: 4.3%).

- 7.3% of Slough residents aged 18-24 were receiving JSA or out of work UC (England: 5.6%).
- 4.2% of Slough residents aged 50 and over were receiving JSA or out of work UC (England: 1.7%).

2.1% were receiving employment support allowance (ESA) (England: 3.4%).

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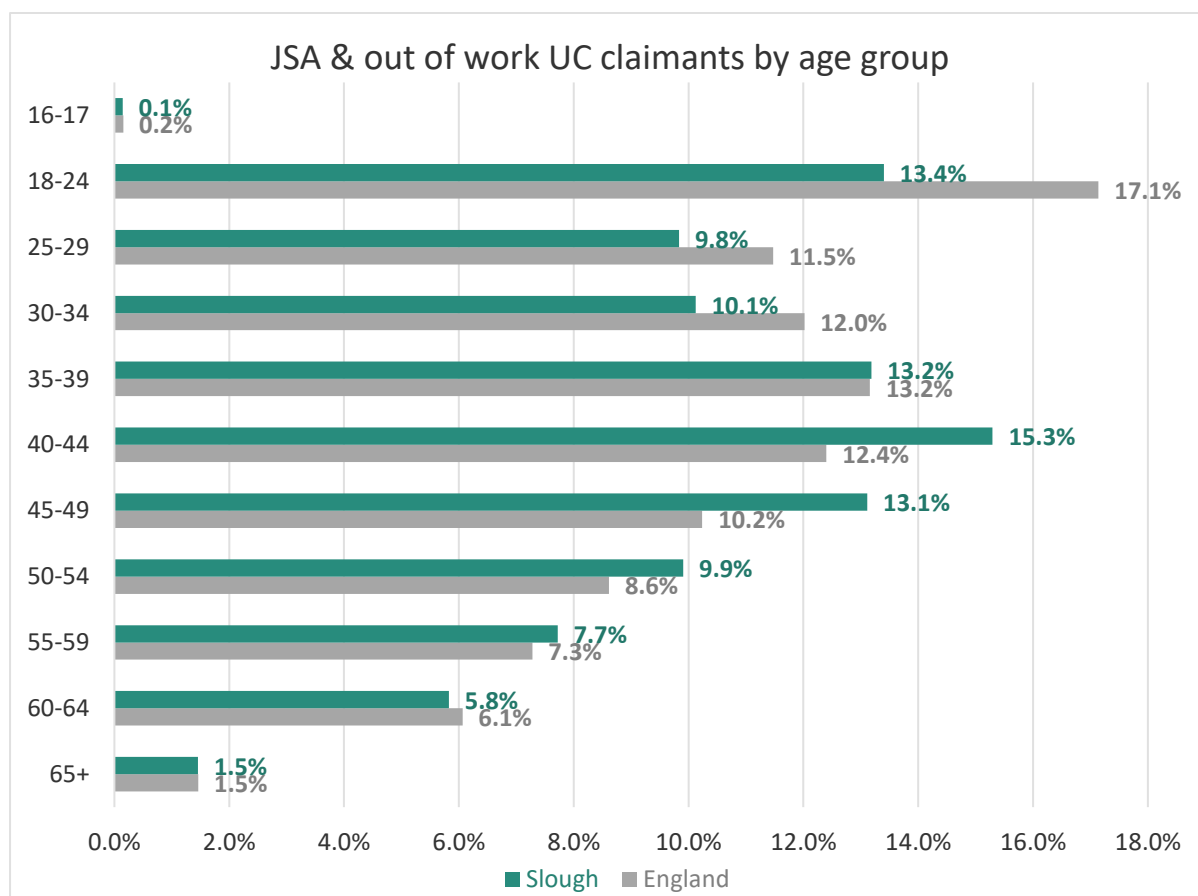
- DWP Benefits and ESA: DWP, May 2024, via Local Insight (updated quarterly).
- Individuals on Universal Credit: DWP, February 2025, via [NOMIS](#) (updated monthly).

Note: DWP Benefits include Universal Credit, Bereavement Benefit, Carers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance, Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Pension Credit and Widows Benefit. A person receiving more than one of these benefits is only counted once in the data.

## Out of work benefits

47.9% of recipients were female and 52.1% were male.

The biggest age groups of recipients were: 40-44, 18-24, 35-39, and 45-59.



Age group	Slough No. (rounded)	Slough %	England %
16-17	10	0.1%	0.2%
18-24	920	13.4%	17.1%
25-29	675	9.8%	11.5%
30-34	695	10.1%	12.0%
35-39	905	13.2%	13.2%
40-44	1,050	15.3%	12.4%
45-49	900	13.1%	10.2%
50-54	680	9.9%	8.6%
55-59	530	7.7%	7.3%
60-64	400	5.8%	6.1%
65+	100	1.5%	1.5%

Source: Individuals on Universal Credit: DWP, February 2025, via [NOMIS](#) (updated monthly).

Note: The graph and table contain the percentage of recipients of JSA/out of work UC, separated by age group (e.g., 13.7% of recipients were aged 18-24).

## Universal Credit (UC)

Slough has larger proportions of individuals and households receiving UC than England.

21.56% of Slough individuals (aged 16-64) received UC in January 2025.

33.03% of Slough households received UC in November 2024.

Universal Credit (UC)	Slough No.	Slough %	England %
Individual persons on UC (% of population aged 16-64)	22,402	21.56%	18.05%
Households on UC (% of households)	17,313	33.03%	22.76%
Households on UC: Family type: Single with dependent children	6,449	12.30%	8.08%
Households on UC: Carer entitlement	2,010	3.83%	3.58%
Households on UC: Child entitlement	9,524	18.17%	10.92%
Households on UC: Disabled child entitlement	1,006	1.92%	1.82%
Households on UC: Housing entitlement: Private rented	6,309	12.03%	6.27%
Households on UC: Housing entitlement: Social rented	3,996	7.62%	7.61%
Households on UC: Limited capability for work entitlement	2,928	5.59%	6.14%

Sources:

- Individuals on Universal Credit: DWP, January 2025, via Local Insight (updated monthly).
- Households on Universal Credit: DWP, November 2024, via Local Insight (updated quarterly).

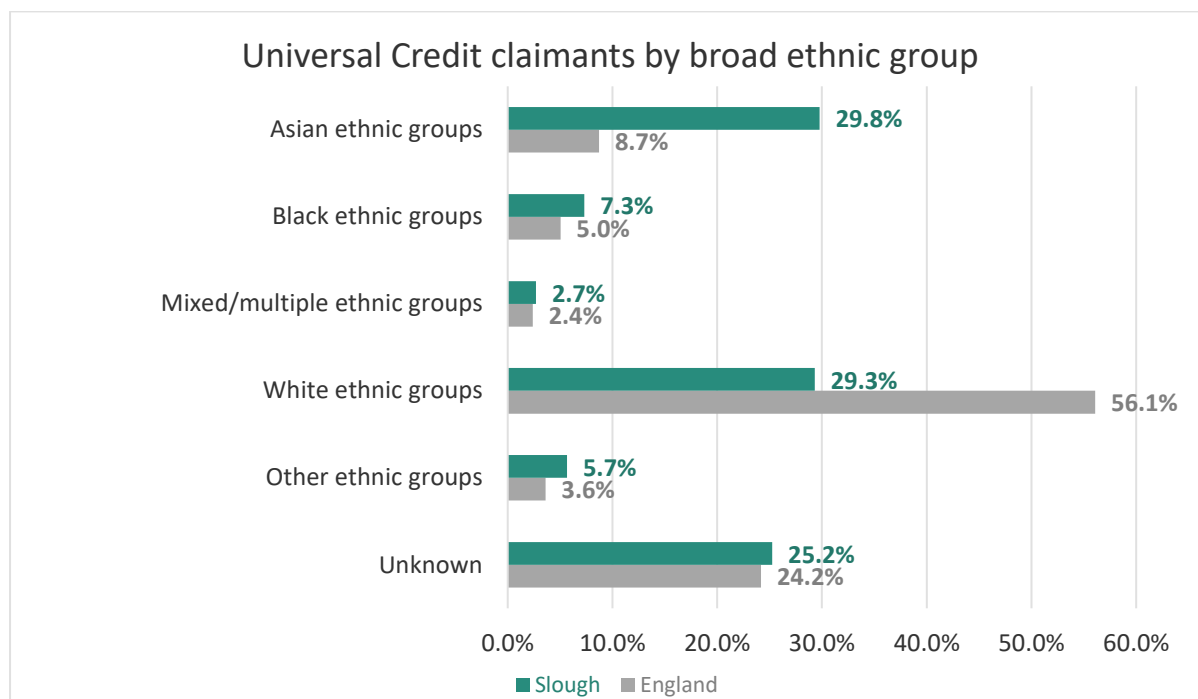
### Universal Credit: sex

48.4% of UC claimants were female and 51.5% were male.

Source: Out-of-work benefits and age & sex: ONS, December 2024, via [NOMIS](#).

### Universal Credit: ethnicity

29.8% of UC claimants were from Asian ethnic groups and 29.3% were from White ethnic groups.



Broad ethnic group	Slough Number	Slough %	England %
Asian ethnic groups	6,626	29.8%	8.7%
Black ethnic groups	1,627	7.3%	5.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	600	2.7%	2.4%
White ethnic groups	6,520	29.3%	56.1%
Other ethnic groups	1,261	5.7%	3.6%
Unknown	5,617	25.2%	24.2%

Source: Universal credit and ethnicity: [DWP](#), November/December 2024.

Note: The graph and table show the percentage of UC claimants in Slough, separated by ethnic group.

## Debt

Slough's population has more debt than the South East and England averages.

Debt	Slough	South East	England
Total amassed council debt per head (2023)	£2,717	£1,142	£493
Mortgage debt per household (2021)	£62,223	£59,145	£43,138
SME lending debt per person aged 18 and over (2021)	£2,444	£1,947	£2,066
Personal debt (unsecured loans) per person aged 18 and over (2021)	£681	£619	£566

### Sources:

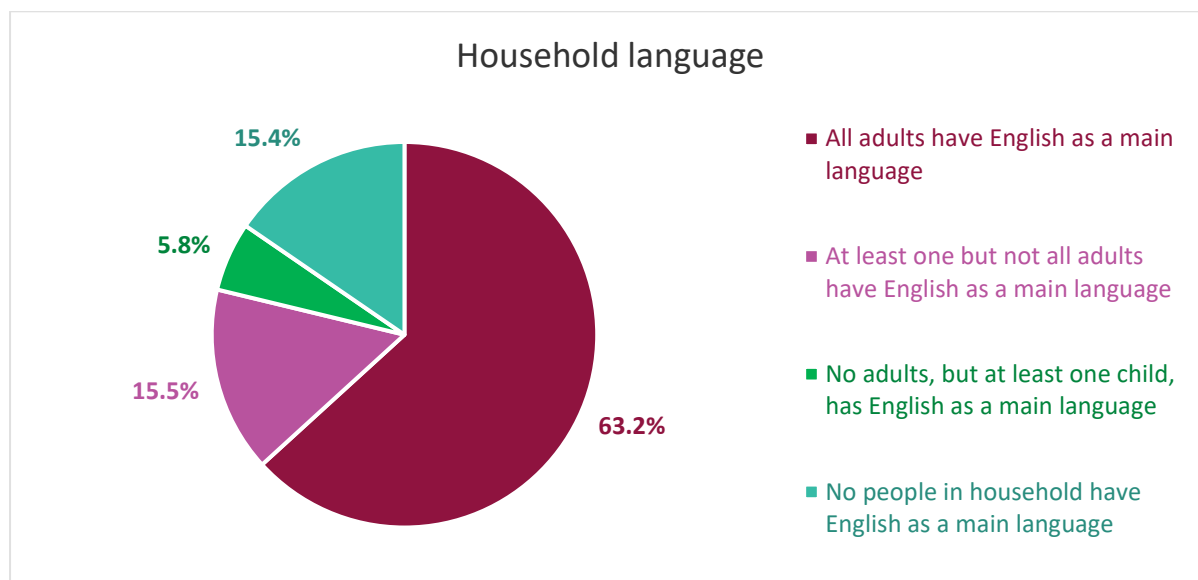
- Total amassed council debt per head: BBC Shared Data Unit via Local Insight, July-September 2023. This shows the rate of debt amassed by local authorities per head.
- Mortgage debt per household: UK Finance via Local Insight, September 2021. This shows the total amount of borrowing outstanding on customer accounts for residential mortgages divided by the total number of households.
- SME lending debt per person aged 18 and over: UK Finance, September 2021. This shows the total amount of borrowing outstanding on customer accounts for SME lending (Small and Medium-sized enterprises) divided by the population aged 18+ (ONS, 2021).
- Personal debt (unsecured loans) per person aged 18 and over: UK Finance, September 2021. This shows the total amount of borrowing outstanding on customer accounts for unsecured personal loans divided by the population aged 18+ (ONS, 2021).

## Barriers

### Barriers: English language proficiency

#### Household language

In 2021, 15.4% of Slough households had no household members (aged 16 and over) who had English as a main language.



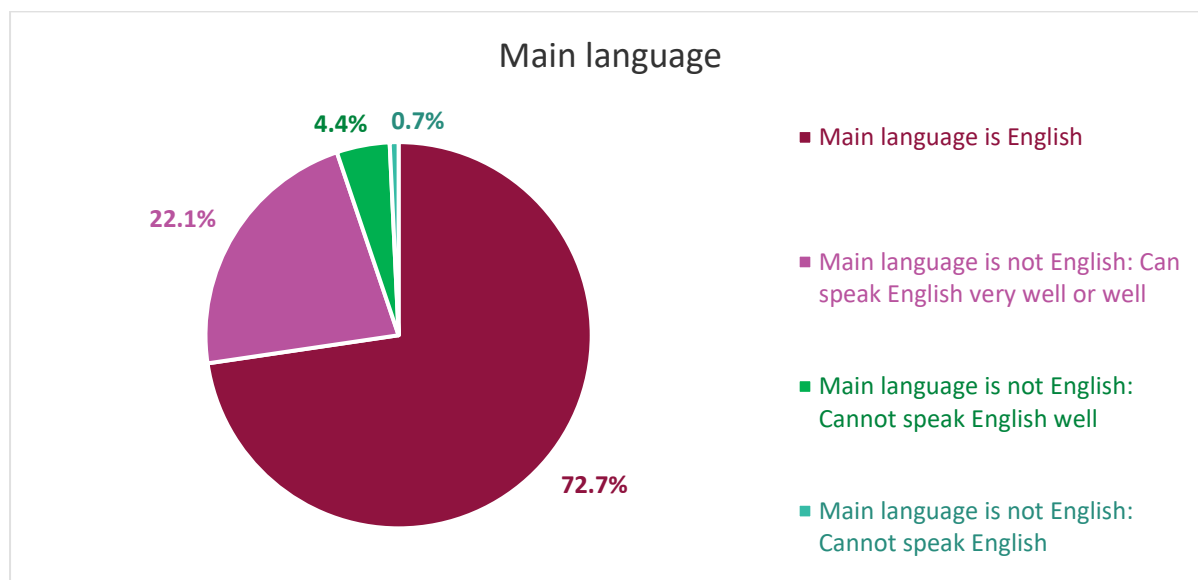
Household language	Slough No.	Slough %
All adults have English as a main language	33,149	63.2%
At least one but not all adults have English as a main language	8,146	15.5%
No adults, but at least one child, has English as a main language	3,039	5.8%
No people in household have English as a main language	8,089	15.4%

Source: [2021 Census](#).



### Main language (individuals)

In 2021, 27.3% of Slough residents (aged 3 and over) did not speak English as a main language. 5.2% did not speak English well or did not speak it at all.



Main language	Slough No.	Slough %
Main language is English	110,212	72.7%
Main language is not English: Can speak English very well or well	33,591	22.1%
Main language is not English: Cannot speak English well	6,733	4.4%
Main language is not English: Cannot speak English	1,119	0.7%

Source: [2021 Census](#).

## Barriers: digital exclusion

Slough has a lower risk of digital exclusion compared to the England average, but there is still risk.

Slough's Digital Exclusion Risk Index (DERI) score in 2021 was 2.74.

- This was lower than the England average (3.00), and slightly lower than the South East average (2.77), but higher than the Berkshire average (2.50).
- 16 of Slough's 21 wards had higher risk than the Berkshire average.
- 3 wards had higher risk than the England average (Chalvey: 3.16, Manor Park & Stoke: 3.22, and Wexham Court: 3.14).

Slough's Digital Propensity Index (DPI) in 2021 was 96.6%.

- This represents the likelihood of households engaging with digital services.
- Slough's DPI was higher than for the South East (94.6%) and England (94.2%).

### Sources:

- DERI: Greater Manchester Office of Data Analytics, 2021, via Local Insight.
- DPI: ONS, 2021, via Local Insight.

### Notes:

- DERI: The Digital Exclusion Risk Index (DERI) is a dataset that explores the risk of digital exclusion at a localised geographic level. The score is based on three components to convey the breadth of the issue of digital exclusion; covering age, broadband access, and deprivation.
- DPI: The DPI is a measure developed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to assess how likely households in different areas of England and Wales are to engage with digital services, particularly in the context of responding to the Census online. The Census 2021 online share of returns is calculated as the number of household addresses within an LSOA that submitted a census questionnaire online as a percentage of all household addresses that submitted a census questionnaire.

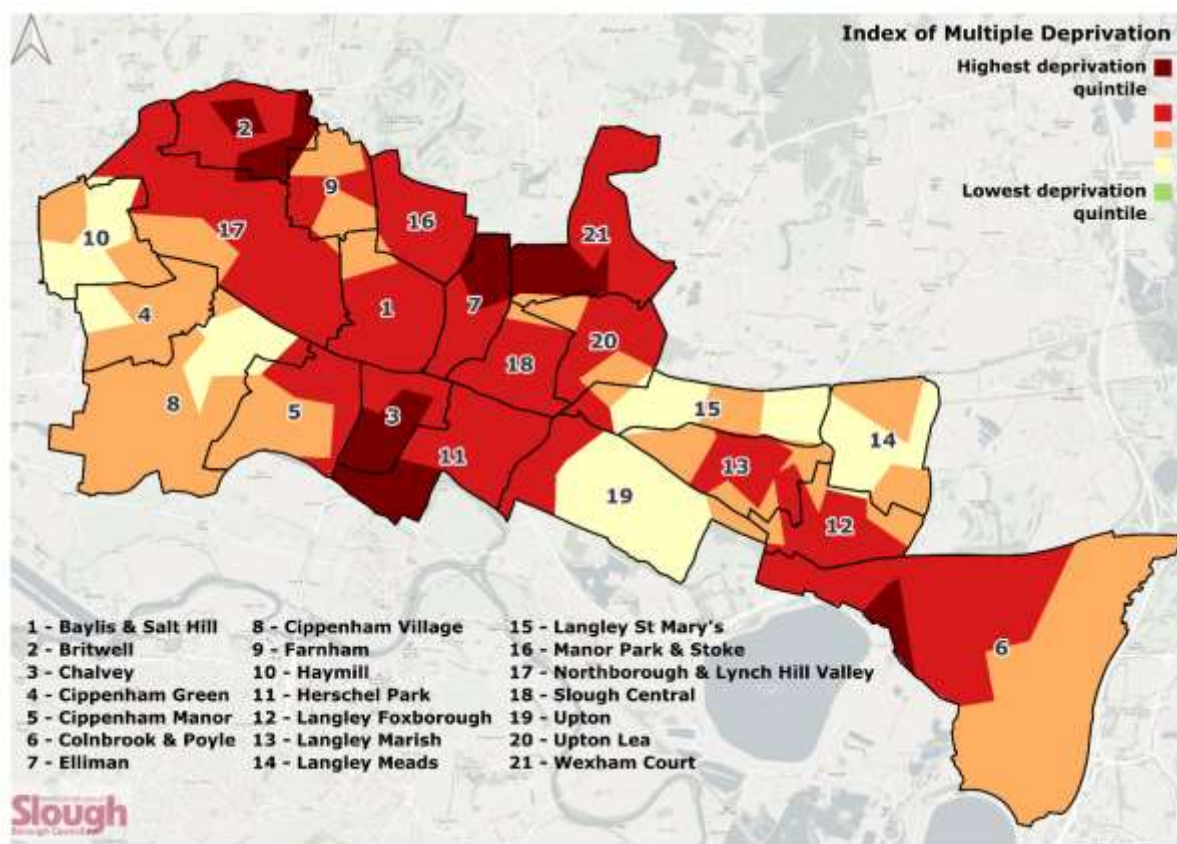
## Indices of Deprivation

### Index of Multiple Deprivation

Slough is more deprived than the England average on the 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).

71% of Slough's Lower-tier Super Output Areas (LSOAs) fall below the national average of the IMD.

There are particularly severe pockets of deprivation in Britwell, Chalvey, Herschel Park, Elliman, Wexham Court, and Colnbrook & Poyle.



Source: Indices of Deprivation, 2019, via Local Insight.

Note: The map uses Lower-tier Super Output Areas (LSOAs), which comprise between 400 and 1,200 households and have a usual resident population between 1,000 and 3,000 persons. Wards are numbered alphabetically.

### Index of Multiple Deprivation: Wards

This table contains Slough's wards ranked from most to least deprived on the IMD within Slough and within England.

Britwell, Chalvey, and Elliman are the three most deprived wards in Slough.

The 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> wards were more deprived than the England average (16,356). Ranks in **red text** in the table were more deprived than the England average.

The 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> wards were more deprived than the Slough average (12,993).

Rank in Slough	Slough ward	Rank in England
1	Britwell	7038.4
2	Chalvey	7097.9
3	Elliman	8172.9
4	Manor Park & Stoke	8723.8
5	Herschel Park	9759.7
6	Northborough & Lynch Hill Valley	9874.8
7	Wexham Court	10943.5
8	Slough Central	11034.9
9	Colnbrook & Poyle	11642.1
10	Langley Foxborough	12093.2
11	Baylis & Salt Hill	12115.3
12	Langley Marish	12118.1
13	Upton Lea	12190.0
14	Farnham	12688.4
15	Cippenham Manor	14000.8
16	Cippenham Green	18320.3
17	Haymill	18789.7
18	Cippenham Village	18870.7
19	Langley Meads	19162.2
20	Langley St Mary's	19866.2
21	Upton	20197.9

Source: Indices of Deprivation, 2019, via Local Insight.

#### Notes:

- Ranks in **red text** were more deprived than the England average.
- IMD = Index of Multiple Deprivation. The IMD combines all seven domains of the indices of deprivation (2019) into one.
- The IMD ranks all LSOAs within England. These LSOAs were then combined into their Wards for this table.
- The IMD is ranked from most to least deprived. A smaller number = more deprived.

## Indices of deprivation domains

Slough is more deprived than the England average on the following domains and subdomains:

- Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- Income deprivation affecting older people subdomain.
- Education, skills and training domain and the Adults subdomain.
- Health and disability domain.
- Crime domain.
- Barriers to housing and services domain and the Wider barriers subdomain (e.g., overcrowding and housing affordability).
- Living environment domain and the Outdoor environment subdomain (e.g., air quality).

Ranks and scores in **red text** in the table were more deprived than the England average.

Indices of deprivation (IoD, 2019)	Slough	England
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) (rank)	<b>12,993.00</b>	16,356.00
Income domain (score)	12.6	12.9
Income subdomain: Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (score)	14.7	17.1
Income subdomain: Income Deprivation Affecting Older People (score)	<b>21.4</b>	14.2
Employment domain (score)	8	9.9
Education, Skills and Training domain (rank)	<b>14,928.00</b>	16,446.00
Education, Skills and Training subdomain: Children and Young People (rank)	17,318.00	16,433.00
Education, Skills and Training subdomain: Adults (rank)	<b>12,910.00</b>	16,474.00
Health Deprivation and Disability domain (rank)	<b>14,149.00</b>	16,567.00
Crime domain (rank)	<b>10,938.00</b>	16,326.00
Barriers to Housing & Services domain (rank)	<b>4,368.00</b>	16,123.00
Barriers to Housing & Services subdomain: Geographical Barriers (rank)	17,226.00	16,490.00
Barriers to Housing & Services subdomain: Wider Barriers (rank)	<b>2,943.00</b>	16,162.00
Living Environment domain (rank)	<b>14,170.00</b>	16,158.00
Living Environment subdomain: Indoors (rank)	19,409.00	16,170.00
Living Environment subdomain: Outdoors (rank)	<b>5,930.00</b>	16,391.00

Source: Indices of Deprivation, 2019, via Local Insight.

Notes:

- The IoD ranks and scores all LSOAs within England. These LSOAs were then combined into Slough and England for this table.

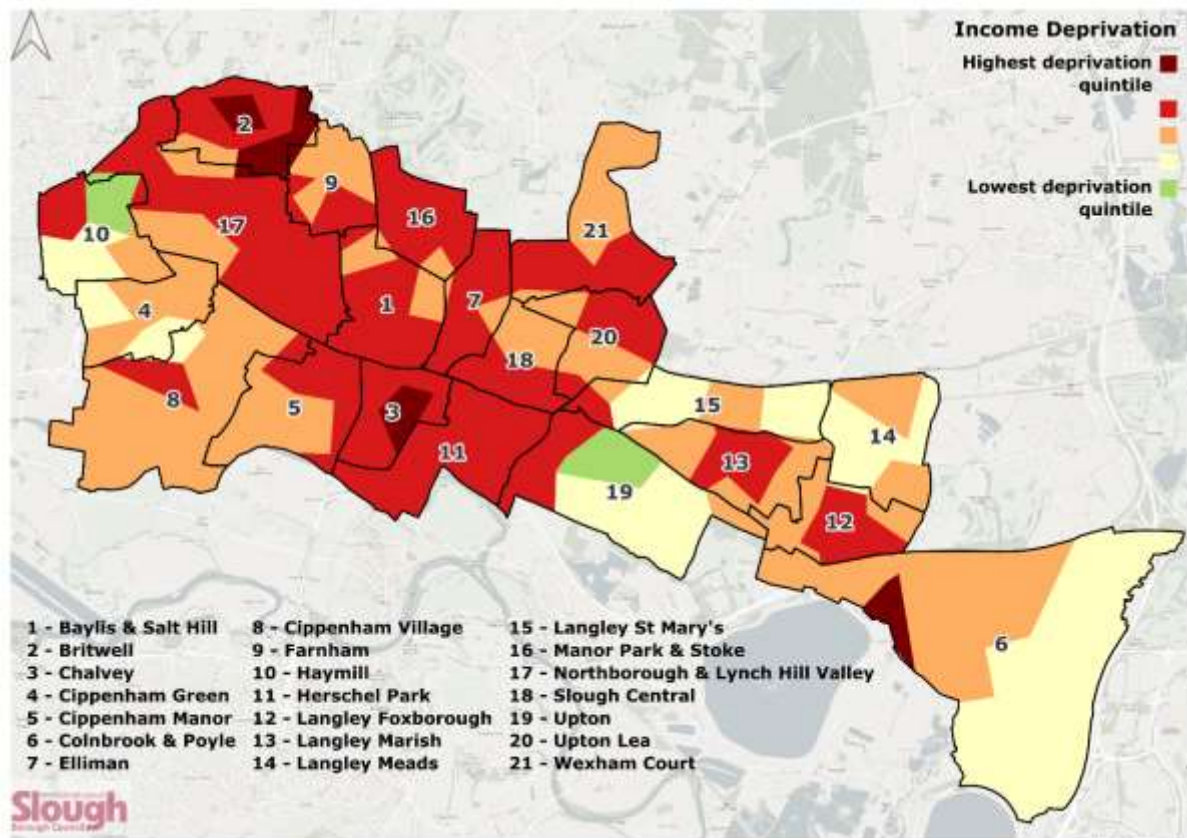


- Ranks: The IMD is ranked from most to least deprived. A smaller rank = more deprived.
- Scores: A larger score = more deprived.

### IoD: income deprivation

This map shows income deprivation across Slough from the 2019 Indices of Deprivation. Red represents higher deprivation.

There are particularly severe pockets of income deprivation (dark red) in Britwell, Chalvey, and Colnbrook & Poyle.



Source: Indices of Deprivation, 2019, via Local Insight.

Note: The map uses Lower-tier Super Output Areas (LSOAs), which comprise between 400 and 1,200 households and have a usual resident population between 1,000 and 3,000 persons. Wards are numbered alphabetically.

The charts below show where Slough's neighbourhoods fall on the income domain and subdomains of the 2019 Indices of Deprivation. For all three, most of Slough's LSOAs fall below the national average, especially for income deprivation affecting older people.



Source: Indices of Deprivation, 2019, via Local Insight.

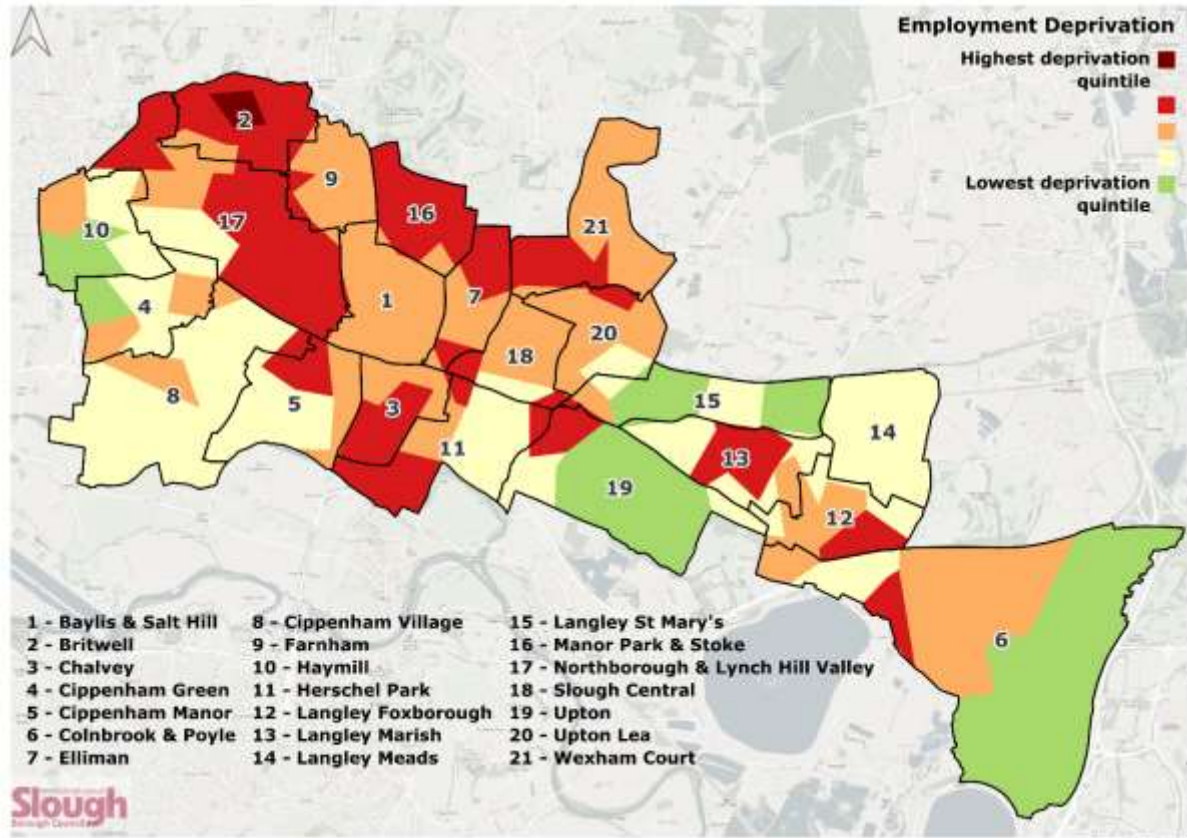
#### Notes:

- The IoD ranks all LSOAs within England. These tables show how the LSOAs in Slough ranked within England.
- Decile 1 is the most deprived 10% of LSOAs in England while decile 10 is the least deprived 10%.
- LSOAs = Lower-tier Super Output Areas. Each LSOA comprises between 400 and 1,200 households and has a usual resident population between 1,000 and 3,000 persons.

### IoD: employment deprivation

This map shows employment deprivation across Slough from the 2019 Indices of Deprivation. Red represents higher deprivation.

There is a particularly severe pocket of employment deprivation (dark red) in Britwell.



Source: Indices of Deprivation, 2019, via Local Insight.

Note: The map uses Lower-tier Super Output Areas (LSOAs), which comprise between 400 and 1,200 households and have a usual resident population between 1,000 and 3,000 persons. Wards are numbered alphabetically.

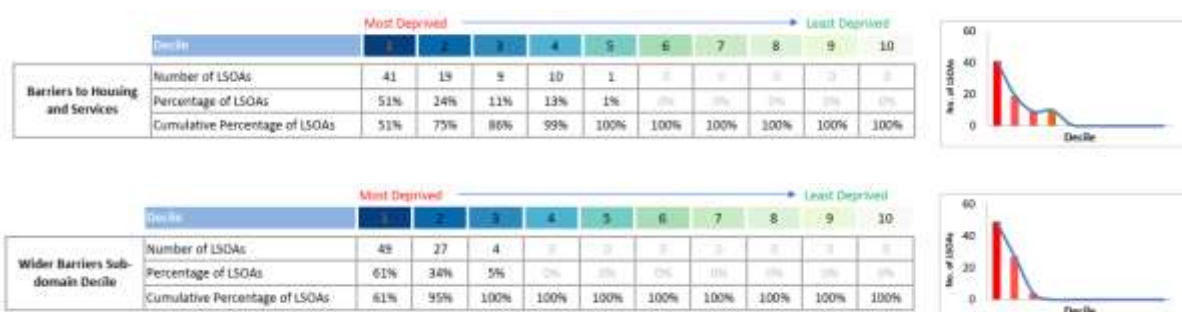


## IoD: barriers to housing and services

Slough is much more deprived than the England average for barriers to housing and services in the 2019 indices of deprivation and the wider barriers subdomain (which included overcrowding, homelessness, housing affordability).

51% of LSOAs in Slough fell within the most deprived 10% of LSOAs across England for barriers to housing and services.

61% of Slough LSOAs fell within the most deprived 10% in England for wider barriers.



Source: Indices of Deprivation, 2019, via Local Insight.

### Notes:

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## Household Deprivation

The ONS used the 2021 census data to classify household deprivation based on four dimensions: education, employment, health & disability, and housing. [This article contains their definitions of these four dimensions.](#)

### Household deprivation

57.7% of Slough households were deprived in one or more dimension in the 2021 census.

- 36.6% were deprived in only 1 dimension.
- 16.4% were deprived in 2 dimensions.
- 4.7% were deprived in 3 or 4 dimensions.

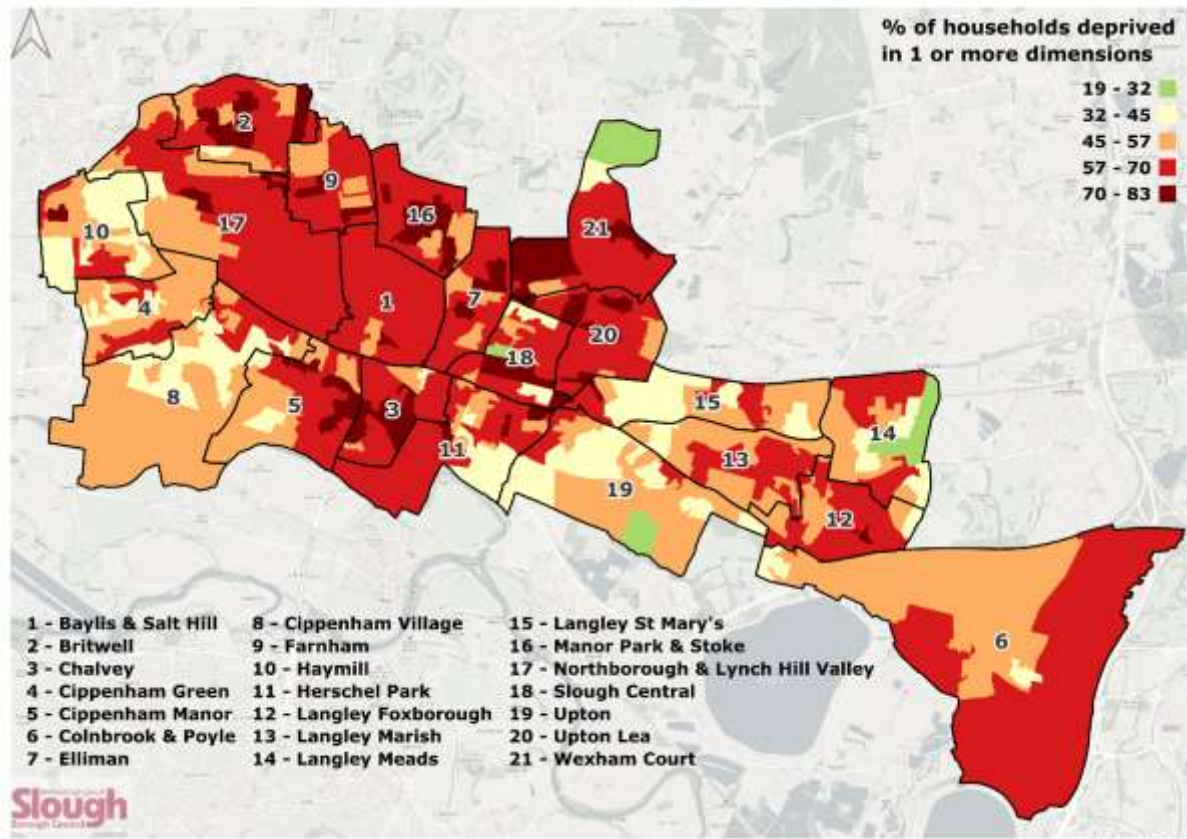
Of the four dimensions:

- 21% of households were deprived in the education dimension.
- 14% of households were deprived in the employment dimension.
- 27% of households were deprived in the health and disability dimension.
- 21% of households were deprived in the housing dimension.

Source: [2021 Census](#).

### Household deprivation: map

This map shows the percentage of households that were deprived in one or more dimension. The red and dark red represent areas where 57% or more households are deprived in one or more dimension.



Source: [2021 Census](#).

Note: The map uses Lower-tier Super Output Areas (LSOAs), which comprise between 400 and 1,200 households and have a usual resident population between 1,000 and 3,000 persons. Wards are numbered alphabetically.

### Household deprivation: economic activity

39% of residents aged 16+ living in deprived households were economically inactive.

Of those that were economically inactive and members of a deprived household:

- 34% were retired.
- 17% were students
- 23% were looking after home or family.
- 12% were long-term sick or disabled.
- 13% had other reasons for inactivity.

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

Note: This economic activity data applies to residents aged 16 and over.

## Household deprivation: protected characteristics

The following percentages are of residents living in deprived households (deprived on one or more dimension) from the [2021 census](#) (e.g., 25% of residents living in deprived households were aged 0-15).

### Age

Percentage of residents living in deprived households, separated by age group:

- 0-15: 25%
- 16-24: 12%
- 25-34: 14%
- 35-49: 22%
- 50-64: 15%
- 65+: 11%
- Working age residents (16-64): 63%

### Sex

51% of residents living in deprived households were female and 49% were male.

### Disability

18% of residents living in deprived households were disabled under the Equality Act.

### Unpaid care

6% of residents aged 5+ and living in deprived households were unpaid carers.

### Ethnicity

Percentage of residents living in deprived households, separated by broad ethnic group:

- Asian ethnic groups: 46%
- Black ethnic groups: 8%
- Mixed or multiple: 4%
- White ethnic groups: 36%
- Other ethnic groups: 6%

The 5 largest detailed ethnic groups in deprived households were:

1. Asian: Pakistani: 24.5% of residents in deprived households
2. White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, or British: 24.1%
3. Asian: Indian: 15.2%
4. White: Other\*: 11.2%
5. Black: African: 5.3%

Note: \*The ONS did not specify the ethnicities included in “White: Other”, however it excludes Roma, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Irish, English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, and British.

## Religion

Percentage of residents living in deprived households, separated by religious group:

- Christian: 32%
- Buddhist: <1%
- Hindu: 5%
- Jewish: <1%
- Muslim: 33%
- Sikh: 10%
- Other religion: <1%
- No religion: 5%

## Marital and civil partnership status

Percentage of residents living in deprived households, separated by marital and civil partnership status:

- Never married and never registered a civil partnership: 37%
- Married or in a registered civil partnership: 47%
- Separated, but still legally married or still legally in a civil partnership: 3%
- Divorced or civil partnership dissolved: 8%
- Widowed or surviving civil partnership partner: 5%

Note: Marital and civil partnership status data is only for residents aged 16 and over.

Source: [2021 Census](#). To combine variables, [create a custom dataset](#).

## Sources

### 2021 Census

The 2021 Census data can be downloaded from multiple places:

- [Office for National Statistics](#) (ONS)
- [NOMIS](#) (also has previous censuses, including 2011)
- Local Insight (also has some of the data by Slough's current wards)

If you want to dive deeper into the 2021 Census data than the premade data sets provided by the sites above, or want to combine multiple variables (e.g., age and economic activity), you can use the ONS' [create a custom dataset](#) tool.

You can also use the create a custom dataset tool to access data at the LSOA and MSOA level. If you need the data at ward level, please try Local Insight instead.

### NOMIS

[NOMIS](#) is a service provided by the ONS and contains a variety of datasets, including:

- [Censuses](#)
- [Annual Population Survey/Labour Force Survey](#)
- [Benefit claimant counts](#)
- [Population estimates](#)
- [Business Register and Employment Survey](#)
- and more

It also has [labour market profiles](#) for local authorities, summarising some of the datasets.

### Other

The [Slough Insights data pack](#) has a wide range of data on Slough's population.

[Local Insight](#) has a wide range of data at the local authority and ward level for Slough. It can also generate summary reports at the LA and ward level, and provide comparisons with other areas. An account is required to access this – please contact the Strategic Insight Team.

[OHID Fingertips Public Health Data](#) has a variety of health related data and profiles, including [Local Authority Health Profiles](#).

The [ONS](#) has a wide variety of data at the national and local level, including the [ONS local statistics explorer](#).

[LG Inform](#) is a local area benchmarking tool from the Local Government Association (LGA).

