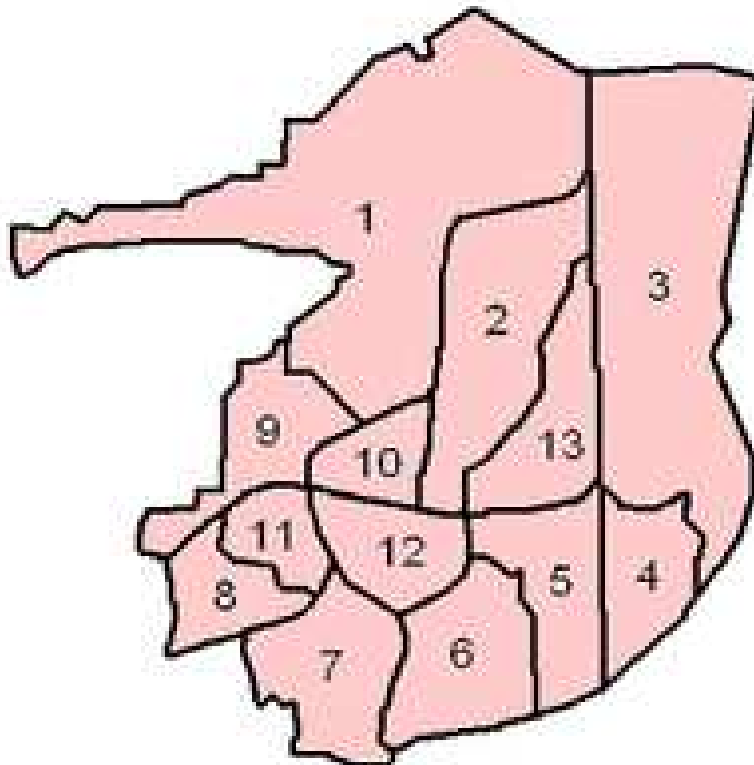


**Crawley
Citizens Advice Bureau
Community Profile 2008**

Introduction

Crawley is a town and local government district in the county of West Sussex in the South-East of England. Gatwick Airport, one of the worlds busiest is located at its northern edge. The town has medieval origins, but the majority of its growth and development stems from its designation as a new town in 1947. Crawley is made up of thirteen neighborhoods as shown below:



1. Langley Green
2. Northgate
3. Poundhill
4. Maidenbower
5. Furnace Green
6. Tilgate
7. Broadfield
8. Bewbush
9. Ifield
10. West Green
11. Gossops Green
12. Southgate
13. Three Bridges

What is a Community Profile?

A Community profile is a statistical snapshot of an area providing information about the people who live in the town. It is compiled in order to measure local needs and to ensure that the bureau is meeting these needs. Community profiles include basic demographic information such as age, ethnicity and gender of the population. Moreover, they cover the health and social care; the economy and employment and the household composition of a particular area. This profile also includes a more detailed look at the level of deprivation within the Crawley area.

Population

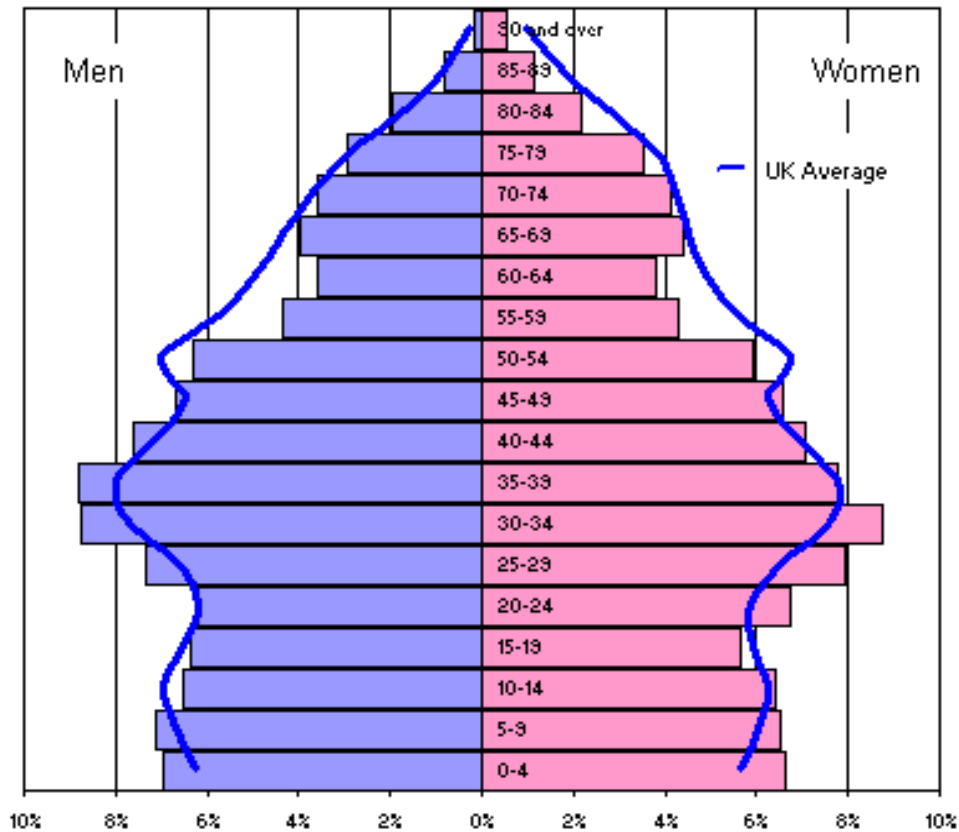
Crawley has a total population of 99,744 people with 50,824 women and 48,920 men. The following table shows the age breakdown of Crawley residents compared to the South-East and England:

Age

		Crawley	South-east	England
Aged 0-4 years	%	6.78	5.91	5.96
Aged 5-15 years	%	14.49	14.02	14.20
Aged 16-19 years	%	4.81	4.81	4.90
Aged 20-44 years	%	38.48	34.62	35.31
Aged 45-64 years	%	20.75	24.29	23.75
Aged 65 years and over	%	14.70	16.36	15.89

The following 'population pyramid' shows the age breakdown of Crawley residents compared with the UK average. It shows that Crawley has more very young children than average and more people in their twenties and thirties. Yet Crawley has the lowest proportion of child minding places and holiday play schemes, as well as the second lowest proportion of places in early education and childcare in the county. There are fewer older people than average, especially between the ages of 50 and 65.

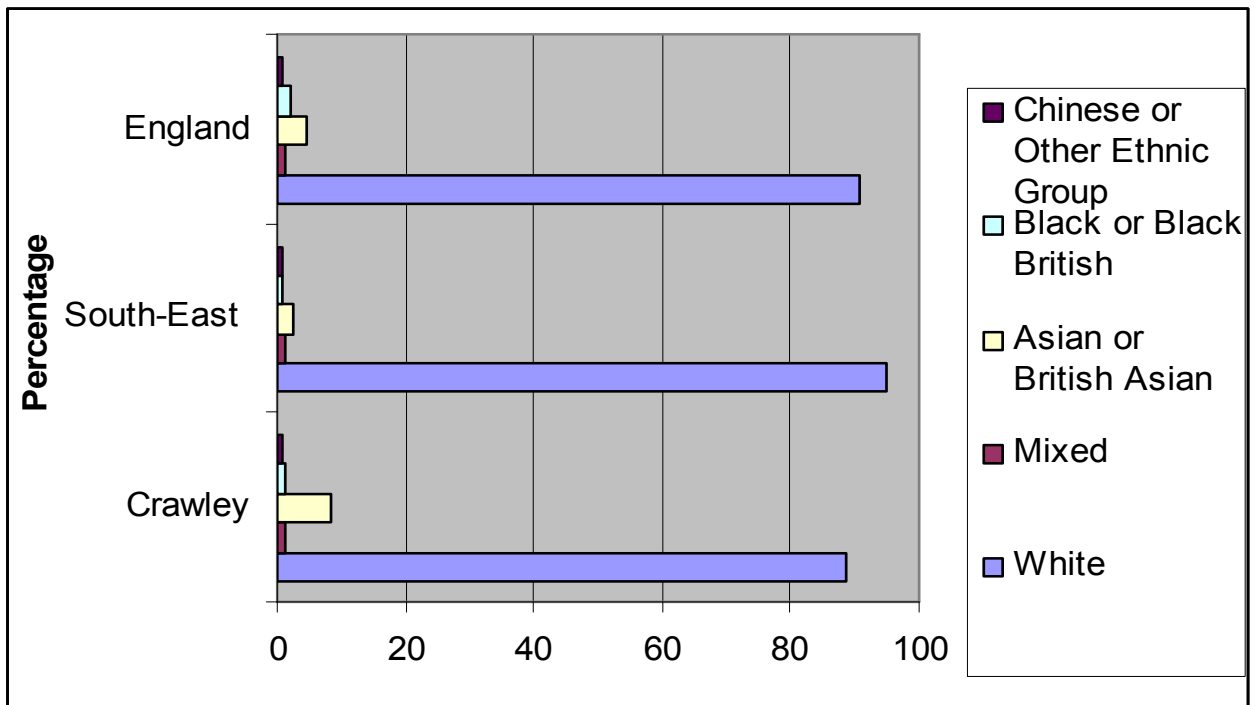
The percentages on the pyramid represent the percentages of men (to the left) and the percentage of women (to the right) that are in each age group.



Ethnic Group

Crawley has a larger ethnic minority population than the average for England and the South-East Region. The largest proportions are from the Asian/Asian British Indian and Asian/Asian British Pakistani groups.

		Crawley	South-East	England
White	%	88.53	95.10	90.92
Mixed	%	1.38	1.07	1.31
Asian or Asian British	%	8.32	2.33	4.58
Black or Black British	%	1.11	0.71	2.30
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	%	0.65	0.78	0.89



A further aspect to the picture of ethnicity in Crawley is the proportion of immigrants that have settled here as workers in the last few years. This has been influenced by the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia into the European Union in 2004 triggering an increase in inward migration.

The categories of ethnicity only include "White" which does not take into account nationality, it is hoped that the 2011 census will include categories of nationality. There is no completely reliable measure of estimating the distribution of Migrants in the UK, and Crawley, but an insight can be given by the number of National Insurance Applications and through the Workers Registration Scheme.

The **Workers Registration Scheme** provides employment information from the citizens of the 8 accession states; the information is recorded once the citizen has obtained a job. It does not however, provide deregistration information so it is impossible to tell how long people stay in one area. It was recorded that Crawley had **940** registrations between May 2004 and March 2007 from Slovaks, Poles, Lithuanians, Latvians, Hungarians, Estonians and Czechs.

National Insurance Applications

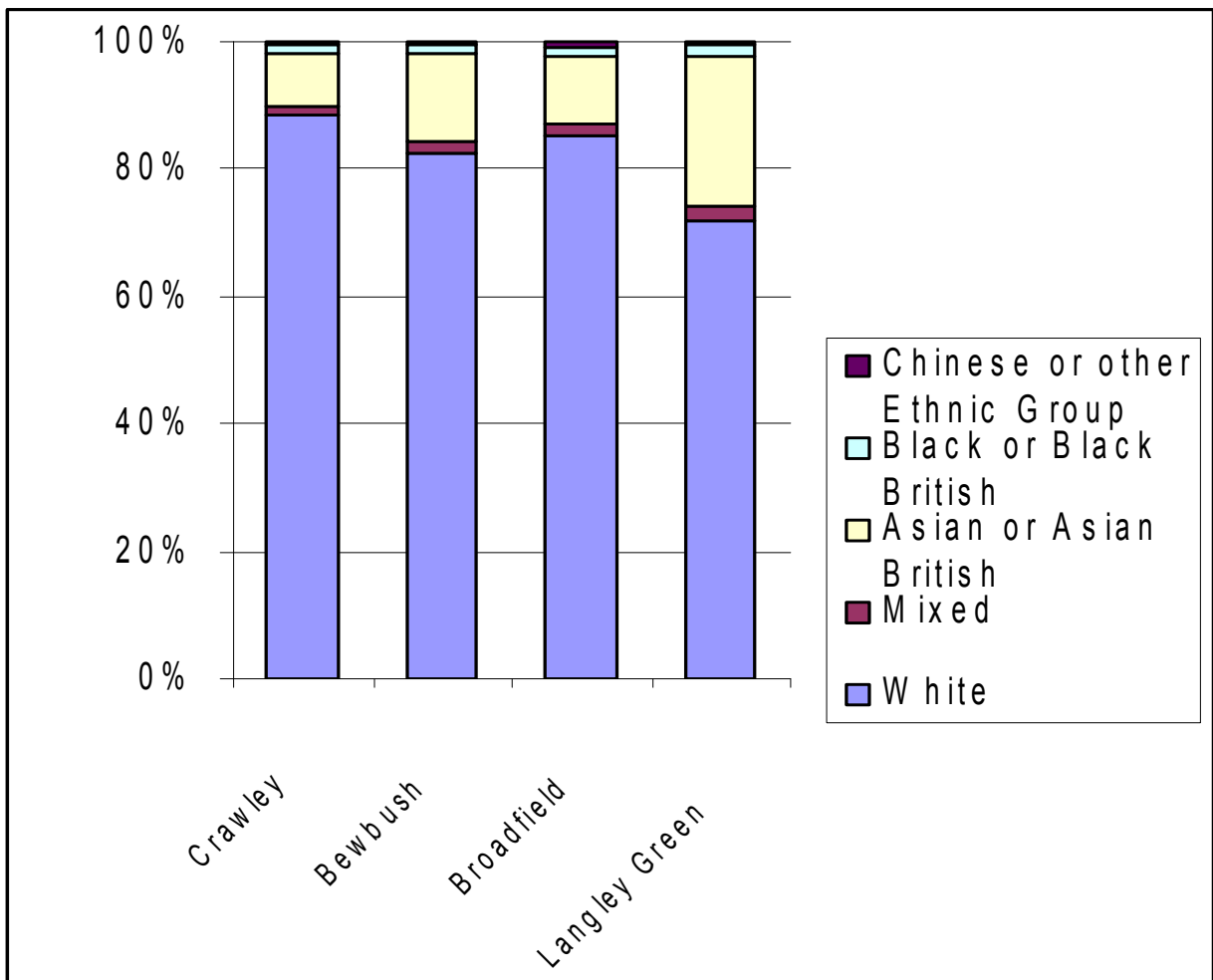
Applications regularly take up to a year, this is because immigrants often study or live as dependent migrant workers. This means it can not give an accurate number of immigrant workers; it also does not take into account those working illegally.

The table shows how many National Insurance applications there were in the RH10 & RH11 postcodes between November 2005 and October 2006.

Nationality	Total
Polish	434
Lithuanian	194
Latvian	89
Slovakian	81
Czech	41
Hungarian	38
India	134
Pakistan	84
Mauritius	40
African Nations	149

Ethnicity by ward

This table shows particular areas of Crawley have a higher concentration of people from ethnic minorities. These areas include the high deprivation wards of Bewbush, Langley Green and Broadfield. Moreover, it is notable that the ward of Langley Green has a significantly high percentage of Asians and British Asians.

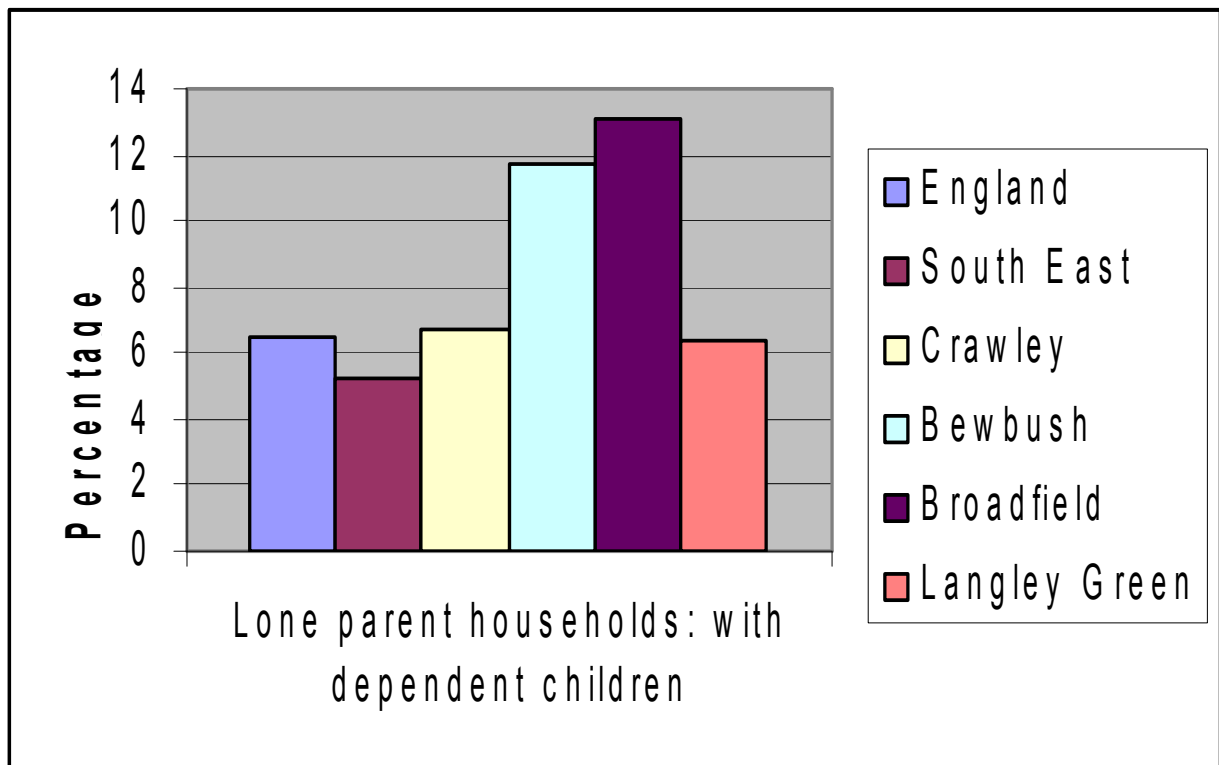


Household

Crawley residents' living arrangements are similar to those found elsewhere in England. However, there are more cohabiting couples than average and fewer single people and married couples.

		Crawley	South-East	England
Living Alone	%	26.84	28.51	30.07
Lone parent with children (dependent)	%	6.74	5.22	6.42
Lone parent with children (non-dependent)	%	3.28	2.69	3.05
Living with Partner	%	26.57	29.05	26.7
Living with Partner and Children	%	28.67	28.18	26.98
Other	%	7.92	6.54	6.7

A notable national demographic trend, in recent decades, has been the increase in lone parent families. The table above shows that the percentage of lone parent families in Crawley is above both the national and South-East average. However, there are wide variations between wards; Bewbush and Broadfield wards have exceptionally high proportions of lone parent household well above the Borough, County and national average. The Broadfield ward with 13.1% lone parent households had twice the national average. This is comparable with the proportion of lone parent households in deprived inner London boroughs, such as, Lambeth (average was 10.25%).



Health and Social Care

A significant number of Crawley residents (14.58%) suffer from limiting long term illnesses, including 10.25% of the working age population. However, this is less than the average for England, probably because of Crawley's relatively young population.

		Crawley	England
People With a limiting long-term illness	%	14.58	17.93
People of working Population age with limiting long-term illness	%	10.25	13.29

There are 8,846 Crawley residents who provide unpaid care and 18.89% of those (1,671) provide more than 50 hours a week.

		Crawley	England
All people who provide unpaid care (number)		8,846	4,877,060
Percentage of people who provide unpaid care: 1- 19 hours a week	%	70.52	68.64
Percentage of people who provide unpaid care: 20 – 49 hours a week	%	10.59	10.88
Percentage of people who provide unpaid care: 50 or more hours a week	%	18.89	20.48

Employment and the Economy

Crawley is a major commercial and industrial centre and the driver of West Sussex economic growth. The four key business Sectors in Crawley are:

- Airport Related Industries
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Business Support
- Hotels, Restaurants & Retail

Crawley has a younger than average population with a higher than average proportion of employment in medium to large sized companies and a growing number of small companies. Nearly half of all employment in the borough was within Crawley's 63 largest companies.

Of all employment in Crawley, just under 80% was on a full time basis. Economic activity in Crawley remained above 85% and higher than regional and national averages as unemployment continued to be low, at around 1%. Long-term unemployment is also low standing at approximately 8% of total unemployment. However, these figures do not take account of significant disparity between unemployment figures in different wards (see the Deprivation section below).

Weekly and hourly pay rates continued to be ahead of regional and national levels. Average weekly pay (including overtime) breaks the £450 level and hourly pay is above £12 per hour. Similarly average household income in Crawley rose from £23,606 in 2001 to £28,254 in 2002. Nonetheless, the average pay rates do not take into account the considerable disparity in incomes (again see the Deprivation section below).

Deprivation in Crawley

This data was compiled from the Crawley Together website based on the English Indices of Deprivation.

Crawley is currently ranked 207 out of 354 English districts, where 1 is the most deprived. This is a move down from 2004 in which Crawley was placed at 215, and therefore Crawley, along with the majority of the districts in West Sussex, appears to have become more deprived though not by a large degree. This change could perhaps be explained by the increased influx of immigrants (As highlighted by Ethnicity section) which may have resulted in more people on low wages hence greater relative deprivation. This could also rationalize the drop in rankings for the coastal strip, as it suspected these areas received more immigration.

There are pockets of relative deprivation in most of Crawley's wards. However, the most deprived areas are in the West of the town particularly Bewbush, Broadfield and Langley Green. In order to explore deprivation in Crawley and these particular areas; this profile will examine income, housing, unemployment, benefit claimants, educational attainment and car ownership.

Income

Income deprivation is more of a problem than employment deprivation, suggesting that low wages make a significant contribution to overall deprivation. There is considerable disparity between incomes in the town with 11 Wards in top 10% nationally but Broadfield South is in the most deprived 20% nationally and Bewbush and Broadfield are most deprived in West Sussex.

Whereas two wards (Broadfield South and Bewbush) are in the bottom 20% of English wards for Income Deprivation Affecting Children. Moreover, three (in Broadfield South, Broadfield North and Bewbush) are in the bottom 20% for Income Deprivation Affecting Older People.

Housing

Crawley has the lowest proportion of home ownership in West Sussex (68.3%) and the highest proportion of socially rented housing (23.4%). This is principally due to the high cost of housing relative to income. Deprivation in Crawley is related to housing tenure: areas with a large proportion of social housing tend to record more deprivation. However, there is also an area effect: social housing in the south west of the town tends to be more deprived than elsewhere. An additional problem is homelessness; Crawley has a high level as well as high numbers of citizens in temporary accommodation.

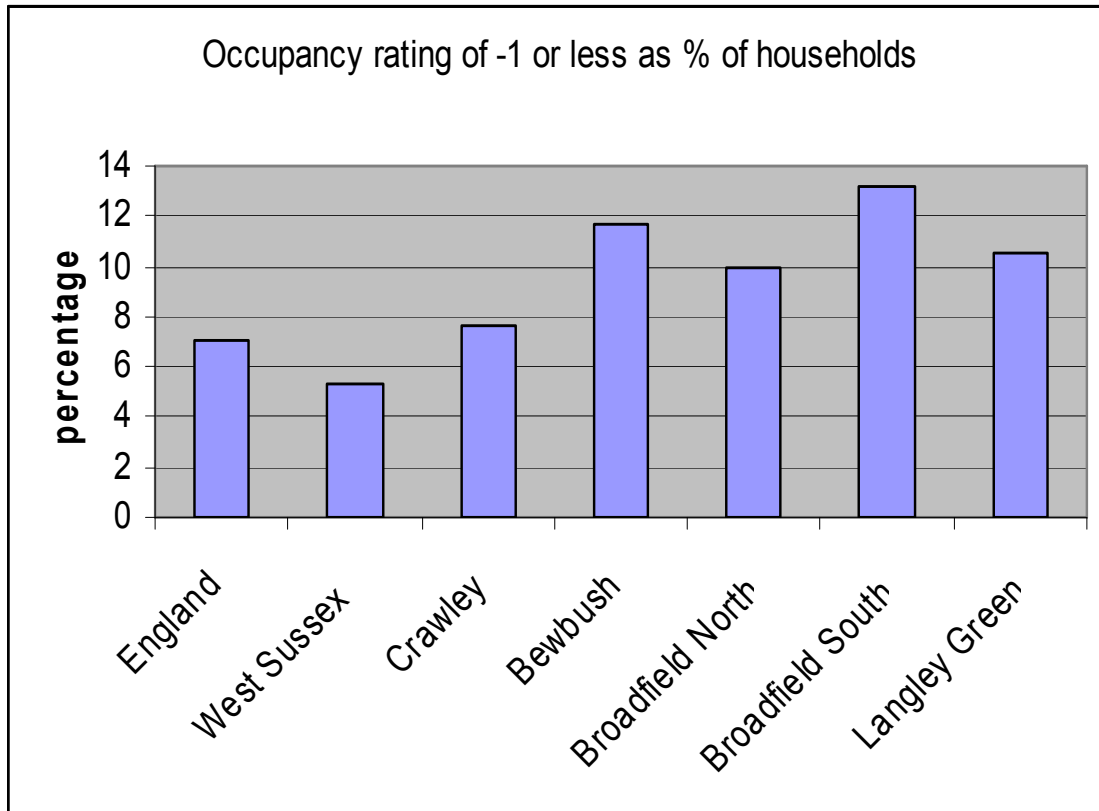
It has been ascertained that Crawley has more severely overcrowded households than any other district in West Sussex and the 12th highest (67 districts) in the South East Region.

Anecdotally, overcrowding could be connected to the number of Eastern European immigrants that have recently settled in Crawley. The CAB has had reports of overcrowding of households inhabited by these nationalities, along with instances of benefits being claimed by numerous individuals in the same households.

The following table shows the proportion of overcrowded households by ward (households with an occupancy rate of -1 or less). Bewbush, Broadfield and Langley Green have the highest proportion of overcrowded households and are all well above the average for West Sussex and England.

Overcrowding: households with an occupancy rating of -1 or less.

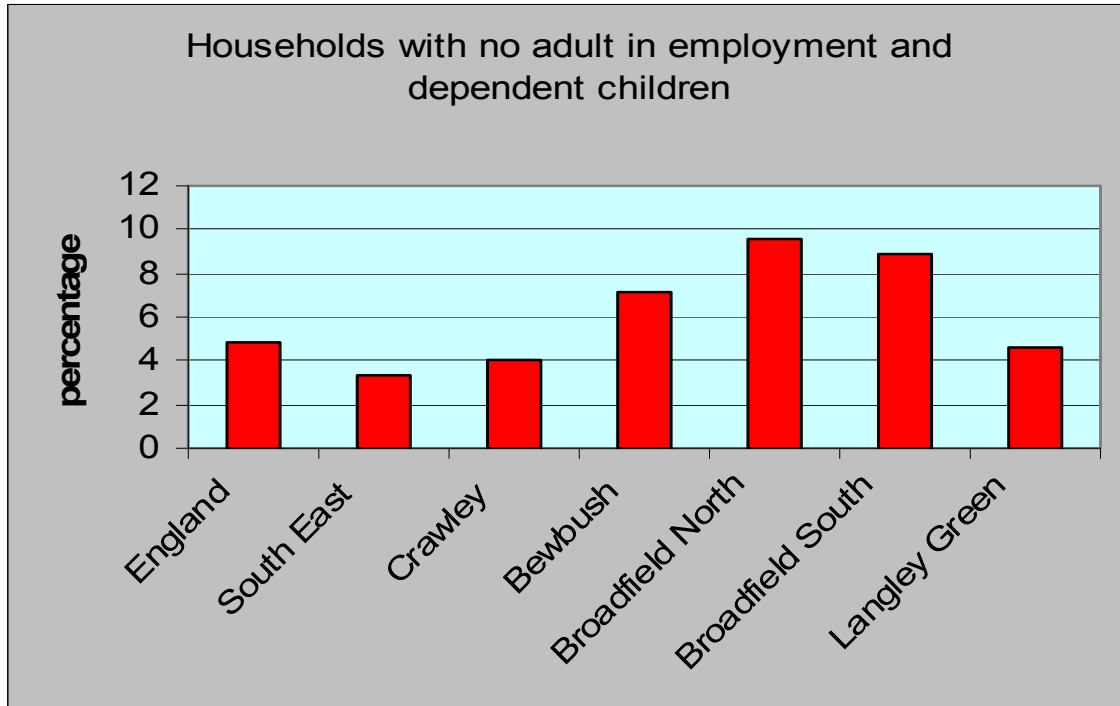
	Occupancy rating of -1 or less as % of households
England	7.1%
West Sussex	5.3%
Crawley	7.6%
Bewbush	11.7%
Broadfield North	9.9%
Broadfield South	13.2 %
Langley Green	10.5%



Unemployment

Unemployment in Crawley was the same as the regional average but somewhat higher than the average for the county. Both of these averages were lower than the national average. Unemployment in Broadfield South, however, was higher than the national average and relatively high rates were also found in Bewbush, Broadfield North. Moreover, there are higher proportions of people who are economically inactive and unemployed in several ethnic groups, particularly in the Asian or Asian British: Pakistani and Bangladeshi groups.

The following graph shows that the proportion of workless households with dependent children is significantly higher in the four more deprived wards than the national and regional averages:



Benefit Claimants

The following table shows the total number of claimants and compares the claimant rates of Crawley, the South-East and England. The claimant rate is the percentage of people claiming unemployment-related benefits as a proportion of resident working-age population. Crawley has a relatively low claimant rate; however there are a slightly higher percentage of young people claiming benefits than in the South-East or England.

	Crawley	South-East	England
Number of Claimants	765	67,696	669,879
Claimant Rate	1.2%	1.4%	2.2%
Claiming for More than 12 Months	12.42%	14.43%	15.73%
Aged 18-24; Claiming for More than 6 Months	5.23%	4.14%	4.89%

Educational Attainment

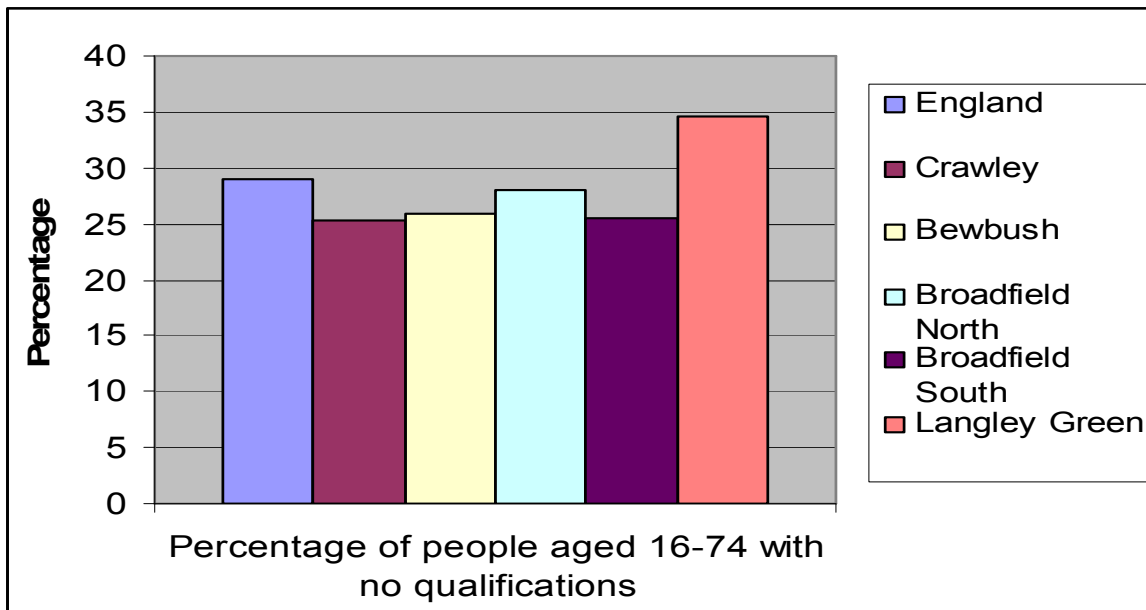
The level of educational attainment of Crawley residents is below average for the County, with only Arun and Adur having more people with no qualifications. Correspondingly, the percentage of residents with the highest qualifications is the lowest in the County and far below the nation average.

However, the relatively poor performance of Crawley as a whole conceals very wide variations between wards. Maidenbower and the Pound Hill wards have a higher proportion of people with qualifications above level 3 than the average for England and Wales. At the other end of the scale, wards such as Bewbush and the Broadfield wards have a much smaller proportion of people with these qualifications. Crawley is ranked at 24 out of 67 Districts in terms of educational deprivation. There has been an improvement; in 2004 17 of Crawley's wards were in the most deprived 10% in West Sussex, this has currently dropped to 12.

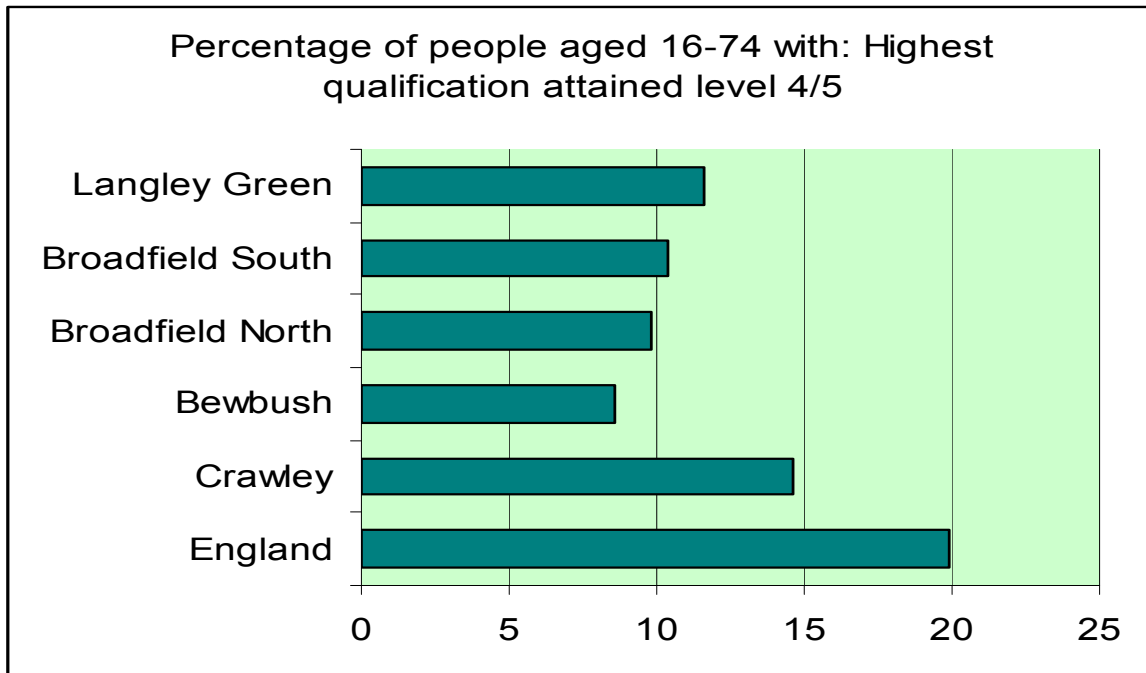
This table shows the educational attainment people aged 16-74:

Percentage of people with:	England	South-East	Crawley	Bewbush	Broadfield North	Broadfield South	Langley Green
No qualifications	28.85	23.92	25.44	25.8	28.0	25.6	34.6
Highest qualification attained level 1	16.63	17.13	21.73	27.4	25.3	24.3	22.7
Highest qualification attained level 2	19.36	21.18	23.39	24.8	23.4	26.1	17.8
Highest qualification attained level 3	8.34	9.20	7.99	7.2	7.1	7.7	6.9
Highest qualification attained level 4/5	19.90	21.75	14.61	8.6	9.8	10.4	11.6

This table indicates that Langley Green has a far higher percentage of people with no qualifications than the national and Crawley averages.



This table indicates that Crawley has a lower percentage of people with the highest level of qualifications. The percentage of people in Bewbush ward with higher level qualifications is less than half the national average.

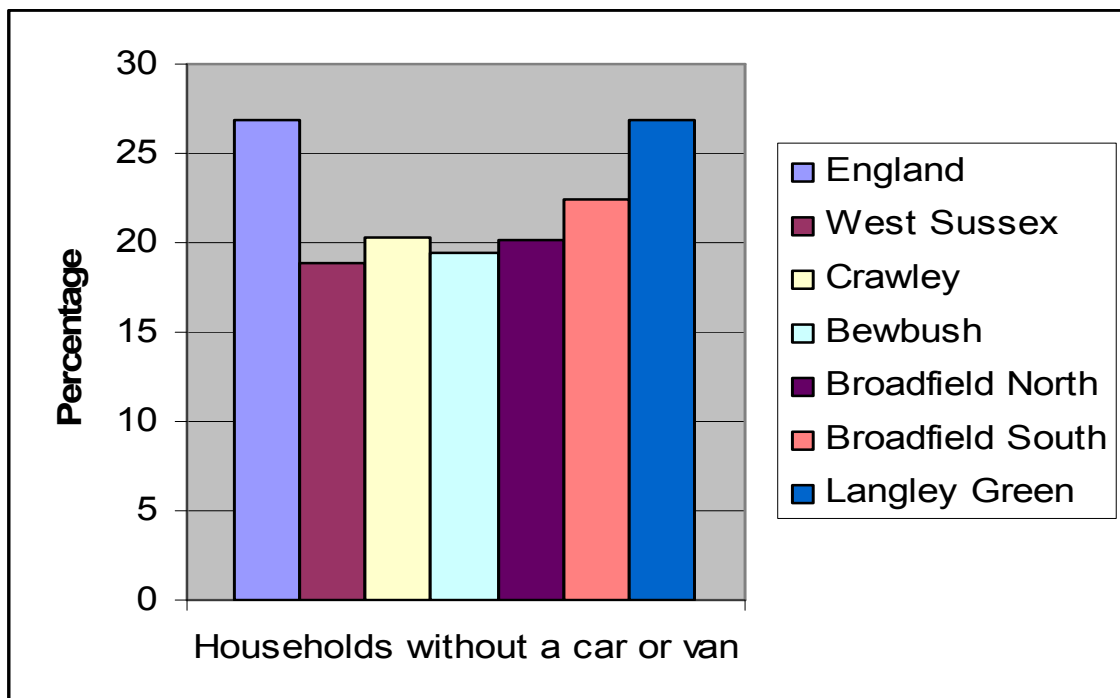


Car Ownership

All of the four wards had a higher proportion of households without a car than the average for West Sussex; Broadfield South and Langley Green had a higher proportion of such households than the average for Crawley.

Percentage of households without a car:

	Households with no cars or vans
England	26.8
West Sussex	18.9
Crawley	20.3
Bewbush	19.4
Broadfield North	20.2
Broadfield South	22.4
Langley Green	26.8



Sources of Data

2001 Census - www.statistics.gov.uk/census

Crawley Together website - www.crawleytogether.org.uk

Neighborhood statistics website - www.neighbourhoodstatistics.gov.uk