

## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF CHARNWOOD

### Summary

- The population of Charnwood is 155,400 (mid-2003)
- 18.5% of the population are under 16 years
- 17.4% of the population are of pension age

### The Borough

The Borough covers an area of 27,906 hectares. It shares borders with North West Leicestershire, Rushcliffe (Nottinghamshire), Melton, Harborough, Leicester City and Hinckley and Bosworth Districts.

In 2003, the population of the Borough was estimated to be 155,400 (Source: ONS mid year estimate).

The largest proportion of the population live in the larger settlements of Loughborough (55,492 people), Shepshed (13,330 people), Syston (11,544 people), Birstall (11,368 people) and Thurmaston (8,979 people). (Source: 2001 Mid Year Population Estimates, Leicestershire County Council).

The population is predicted to grow to 158,100 in 2011.

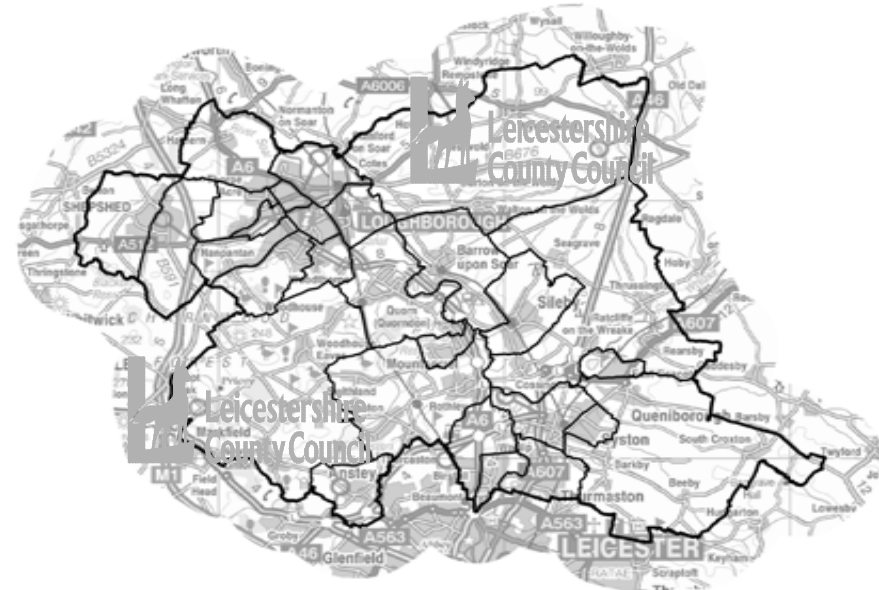
**Table 1: Population projection**

	2001	2006	2011
Charnwood	153,600	156,100	158,100

Source: Leicestershire County Council 2002-based projections

More detailed maps of the Borough showing the various boundaries used in this report are located in the appendices to this report.

**Map 1: Charnwood Borough**

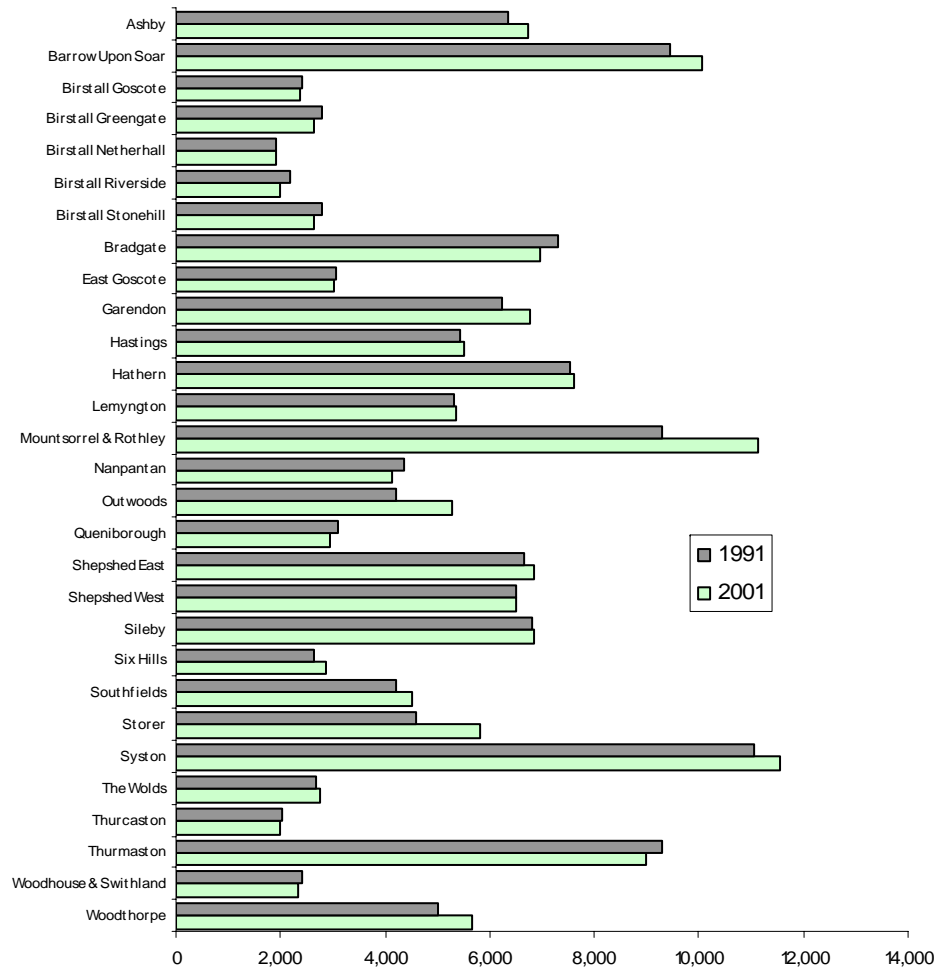


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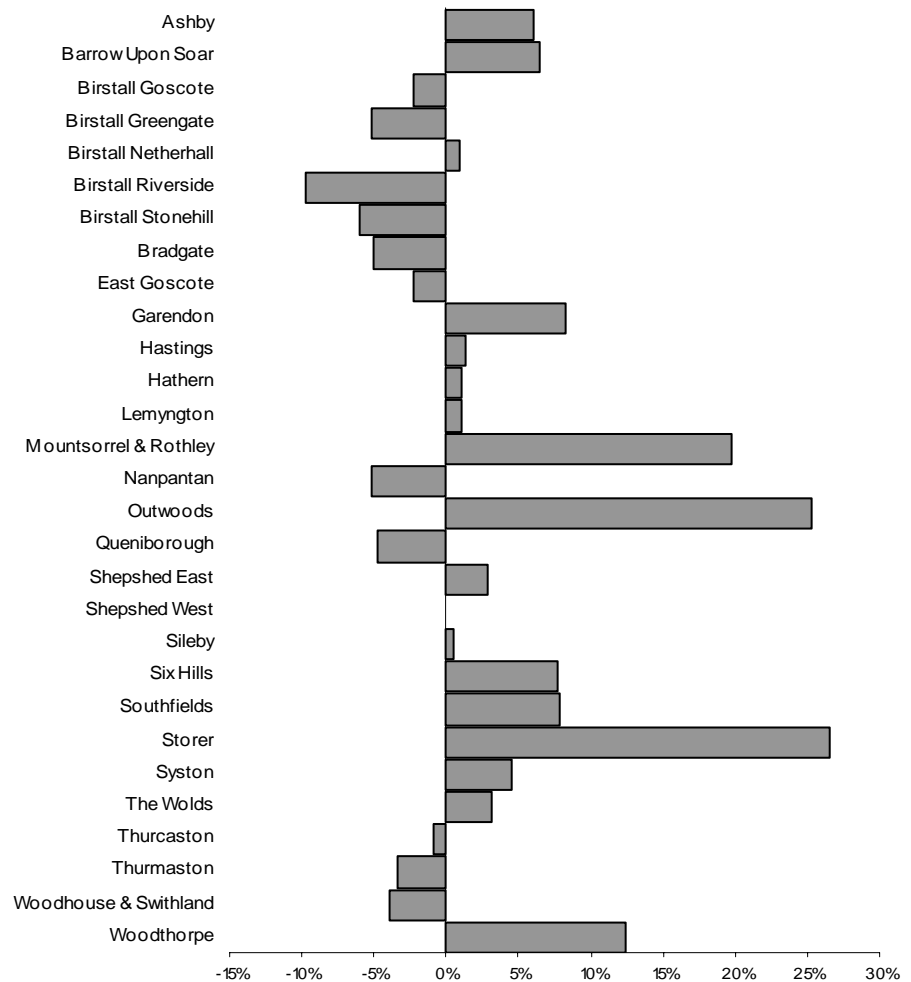
### Ward level change 1991-2001

To enable a comparison of the location of population change, old wards have been used. Graph 1 shows absolute change in numbers, Graph 2 shows the percentage change within each ward (old wards have been used). The wards of Storer and Outwoods have seen the largest rise in their populations (26.5% and 25.3% respectively). A number of wards saw their population fall between 1991 and 2001.

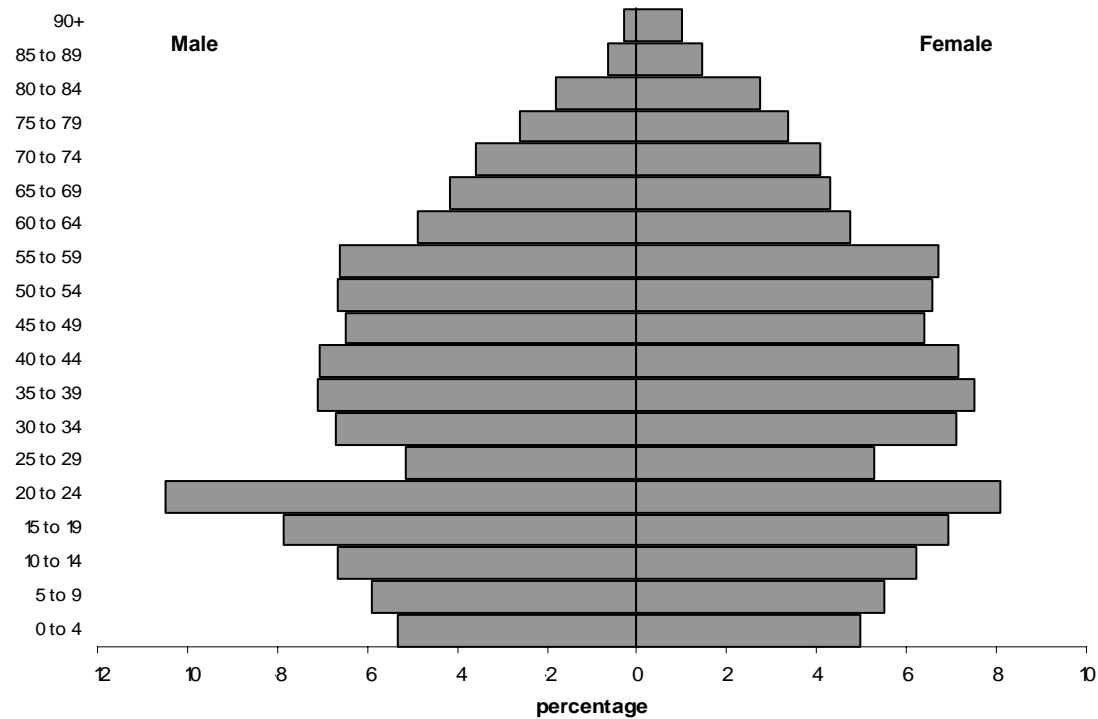
**Graph 1: Ward level population change 1991/2001**



**Graph 2: % change 1991/2001**



**Graph 3: Age Structure, 2003**



Source: ONS

The population pyramid above shows the age profile of the Borough population. It clearly shows that the Borough contains a large proportion of 20 to 24 year olds (especially males) due to the large number of students in Loughborough. The 25 to 29 years age group contains the lowest proportions.

18.5% of the population are aged under 16 years, and 17.4% are of pension age (male over 65 or female over 60).

The decreasing number of children in younger age groups will be compounded by lower numbers in the main child-bearing age groups (25 to 34 years).

## Births by ward

Table 2 shows the number of births in each ward between 1997 and 2002 - data is available for 'old wards' only. The Borough as a whole saw a fall in number of births from 1,651 to 1,571, a decline of 5%.

**Table 2: Number of births per year (ONS)**

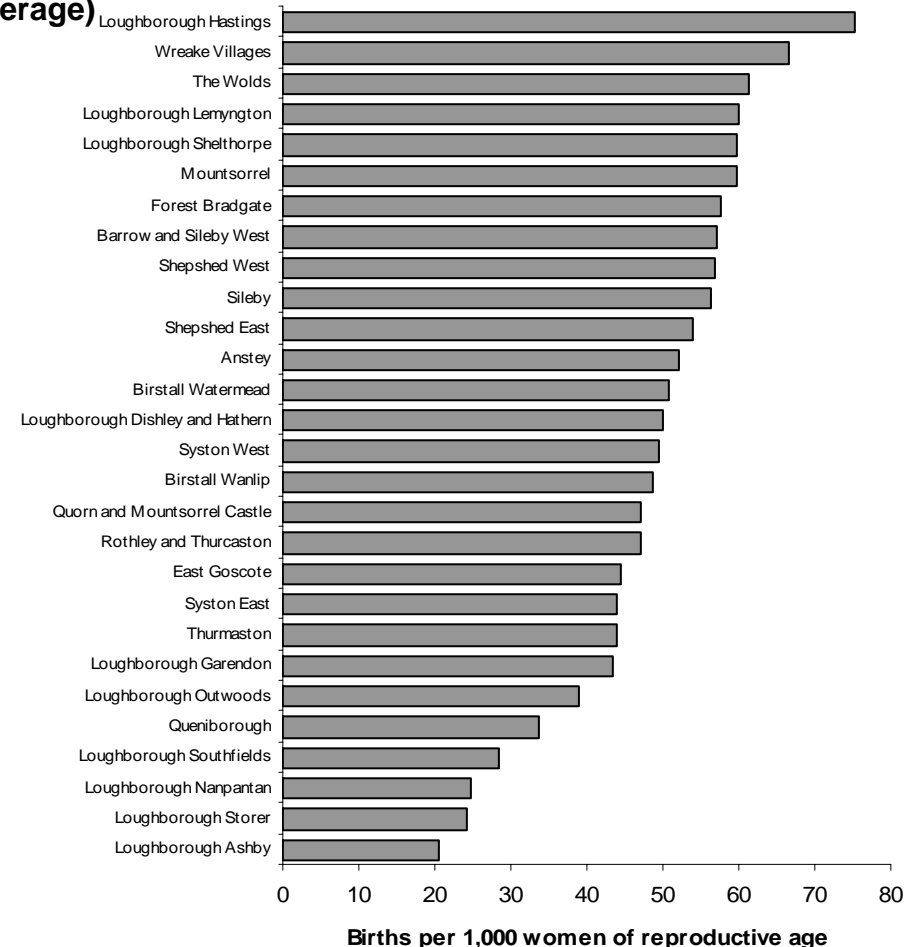
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% change 97-02
East Goscote	24	32	26	22	28	32	33%
Shepshed West	58	71	61	61	71	75	29%
Mountsorrel and Rothley	135	154	141	158	142	162	20%
Woodthorpe	80	90	63	64	74	96	20%
Outwoods	33	25	39	37	42	39	18%
Lemyngton	79	77	95	65	71	93	18%
Hastings	86	105	110	113	96	99	15%
Birstall Stonehill	36	38	44	32	33	41	14%
The Wolds	30	38	40	27	32	33	10%
Nanpantan	27	35	53	35	38	29	7%
Birstall Riverside	16	12	13	16	11	16	0%
Garendon	66	59	45	67	55	66	0%
Sileby	86	87	79	70	82	86	0%
Six Hills	23	34	22	25	33	23	0%
Ashby	39	36	27	35	37	38	-3%
Woodhouse and Swithland	26	19	31	21	18	24	-8%
Thurcaston	12	11	14	24	14	11	-8%
Birstall Greengate	21	18	26	29	27	19	-10%
Barrow Upon Soar and Quorndon	105	100	123	82	98	94	-10%
Shepshed East	80	93	93	70	80	69	-14%
Thurmaston	99	99	100	82	79	80	-19%
Birstall Goscote	30	30	24	25	23	24	-20%
Storer	38	28	29	27	26	30	-21%
Bradgate	68	81	76	71	83	53	-22%
Hathern	107	90	99	105	88	79	-26%
Queniborough	22	22	21	16	11	16	-27%
Birstall Netherhall	18	21	21	17	14	13	-28%
Southfields	53	43	43	42	34	34	-36%
Syston	154	147	144	118	118	97	-37%
<b>Charnwood</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>-5%</b>

Source: ONS

## Birth rate

Graph 4 shows the birth rate measured as a proportion of women of reproductive age in each ward in the Borough. Loughborough Hastings ward has the highest birth rate: 75.2 births, against a low of 20.6 births in Loughborough Ashby ward.

**Graph 4: Births per 1,000 women of reproductive age (2001/04 average)**



Source: Health Informatics data supplied to Leicester Shire Online Research Atlas

## Housing

The 2001 census counted 60,472 households in Charnwood. The average household size in the borough was 2.42 persons per household, slightly below the county average of 2.43.

Charnwood has a higher proportion of dwellings rented from a private landlord / letting agency (12.05%) than the county average (5.49%), and a lower proportion of owner occupied (Charnwood = 77.78%, Leicestershire = 81.15%).

**Table 3: Household type, tenure and composition**

Accommodation type	Charnwood		Leicestershire	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total household spaces	60,472		252,661	
Detached	19,217	30.88%	94,129	37.26%
Semi-detached	25,028	40.22%	100,478	39.77%
Terraced	11,726	18.84%	39,586	15.67%
Flat or apartment	5,946	9.56%	17,462	6.91%
Other	310	0.50%	1,006	0.40%
Tenure	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Owner occupied	47,040	77.78%	199,020	81.15%
Rented from council / housing association	7,282	11.00%	26,982	11.00%
Private landlord / letting agency	4,548	12.05%	13,463	5.49%
Other	1,602	2.65%	5,780	2.36%
Household composition	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Households with dependent children	18,222	30.14%	74,236	30.27%
Lone parent households with dependent children	2,931	5.38%	11,375	4.64%
All pensioner households	13,689	22.64%	56,978	23.23%

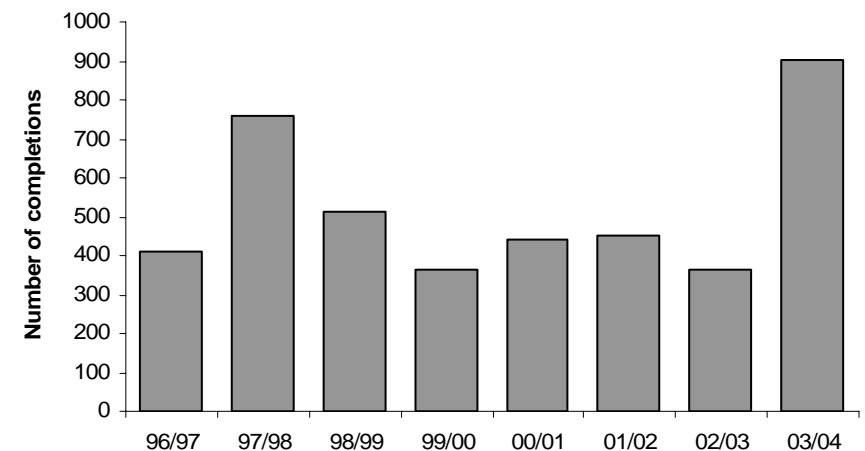
Source: 2001 Census

## New dwellings

Graph 5 shows the number of new dwellings built each year between 1996 and 2004 in the Borough. 4,209 new dwellings have been built in Charnwood Borough since 1996, built at an average rate of 526 dwellings per year. During this period, 65% of dwellings completed were built on land which had previously been developed.

At 31 March 2004, there were a further 1,416 dwellings with planning permission, but yet to be built.

**Graph 5: New dwellings built 1996 - 2004**



Source: Leicestershire County Council  
Land Monitoring Report, 2004