

Valley Park Ward Profile



2023



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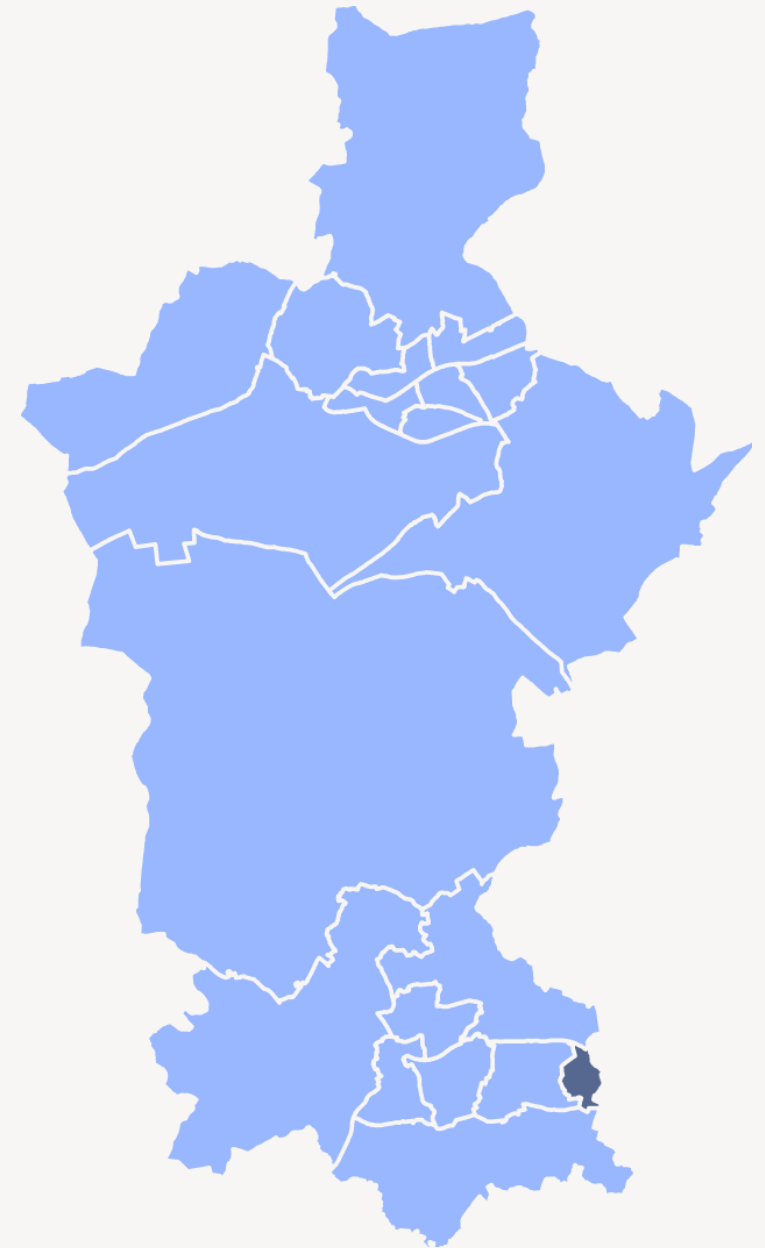
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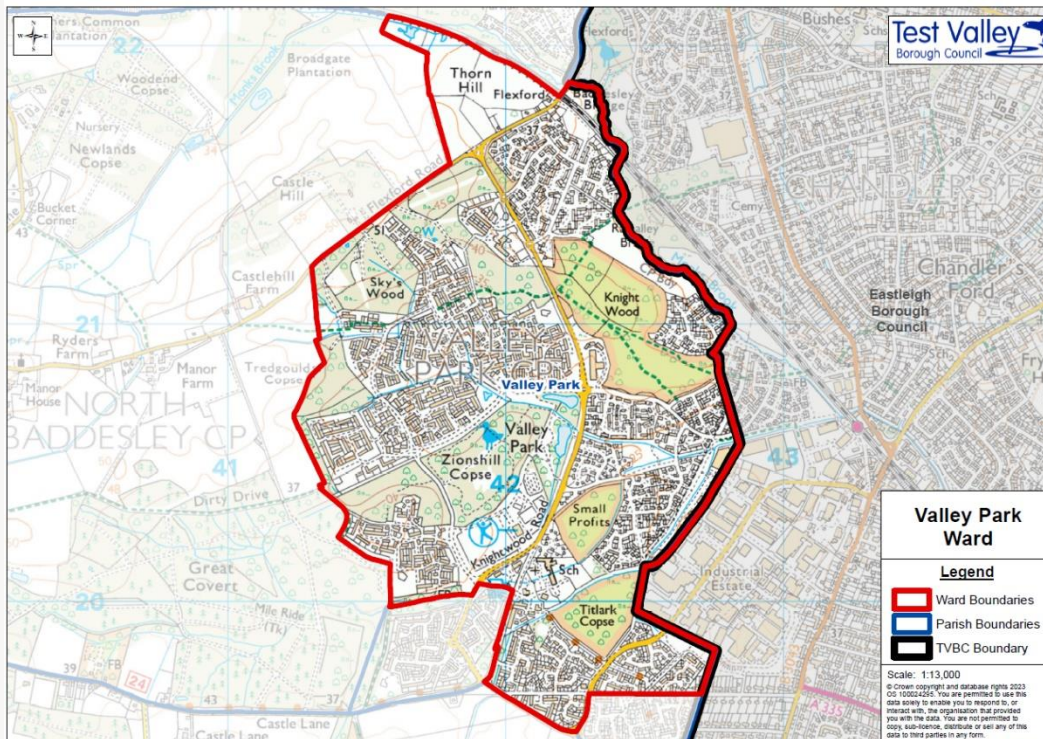
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Valley Park Ward Profile

This profile provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of the ward of Valley Park within Test Valley. It looks at information on topics such as the population structure, economic, housing, health and educational information for the ward.

Valley Park is one of the Test Valley's twenty wards. It has an area of **244.33** hectares which represents **0.4%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of area, **Valley Park** is Test Valley's **20th largest** ward. The ward's population is **6,064** and its population density is **24.83** people per hectare, which is far higher than the borough's average population density of **2.15** people per hectare.



The ward of Valley Park is on the south-eastern edge of Test Valley bordering Chandler's Ford to the east, Chilworth to the South, North Baddesley to the west, and Ampfield to the north. Most residents are professional who commute to areas outside the ward for work.

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Parish Councils

Valley Park ward contains the following parish:

- **Valley Park**

Further information about this, and Test Valley's other parishes, can be found on the [council's website](#).

Population



6,064

Population 2022



3.3%
decrease



5,868

Estimated
population in 2029



3.9% of the population are military veterans
20.4% of the population are school children

Age breakdown

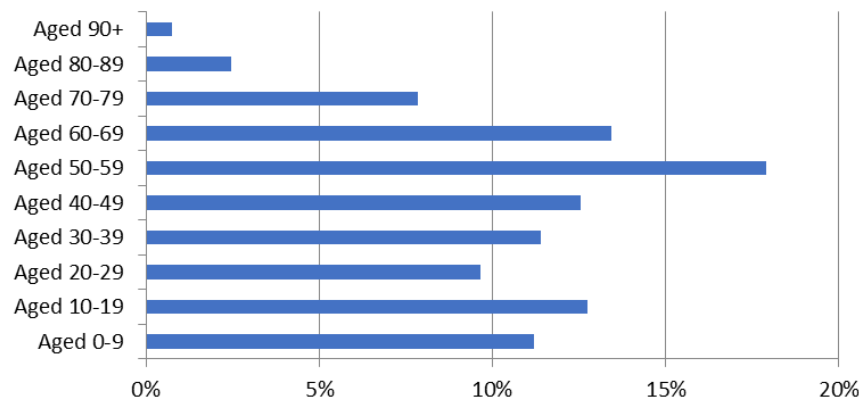
At 23.9% Valley Park has a larger percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.6%. By 2029, the proportion of young people will decrease to 21.6%, and will then be 0.1% higher than the borough average.

At 21.1%, Valley Park has a larger percentage of **young adults** (aged 20-39) than the borough average of 19.5%. The proportion of young adults living in the ward is expected to fall by 0.3% between 2022 and 2029, a slower rate than the fall of 0.9% across the borough.

Middle aged residents (aged 40-69) constitute 43.9% of Valley Park's population, which is higher than the borough average of 40.0%. This is forecast to decrease to 42.0% by 2029, 2.2% above the borough average.

At 11.1%, Valley Park has a lower percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 6.8% below the borough average. By 2029 this percentage is forecast to increase by 4.7%, significantly higher than the rate of increase of 2.2% that is forecast for the borough as a whole.

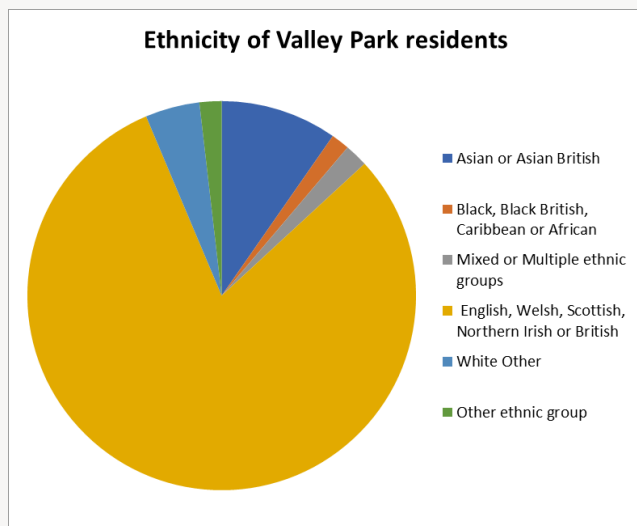
Percentage of the population by age group 2022



Population Data

This population data is taken from the Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF), provided by Hampshire County Council. Further information on this is available online at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>.

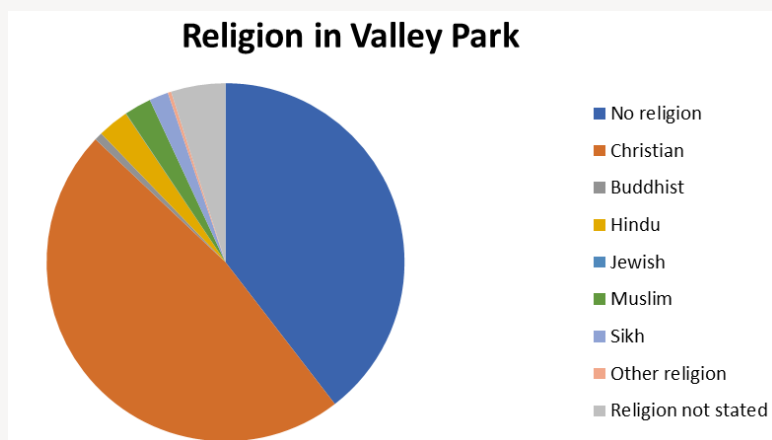
Ethnicity



Asian or Asian British	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	White Other	Other ethnic group
9.7%	1.5%	1.9%	80.5%	4.5%	1.8%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Valley Park by percentage. At the 2021 Census, 80.5% of Valley Park's population identified as White British. This is lower than the borough average of 88.8%. Valley Park's level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where only 73.5% of the population are White British.

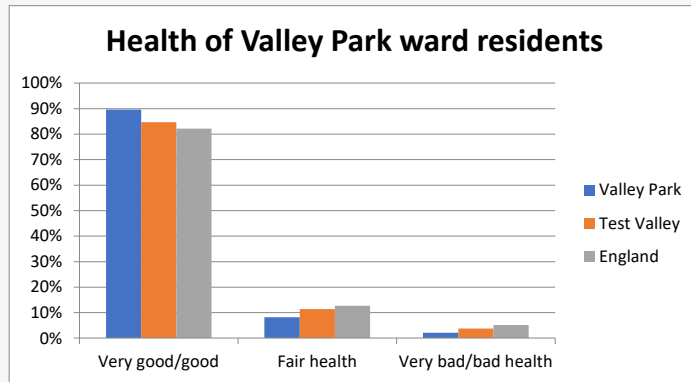
Religion



No religion	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	Religion not stated
39.5%	47.5%	0.7%	2.8%	0.0%	2.4%	1.7%	0.3%	4.9%

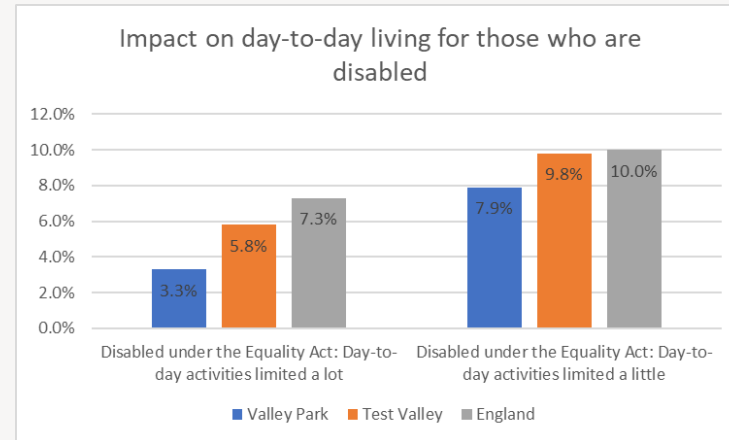
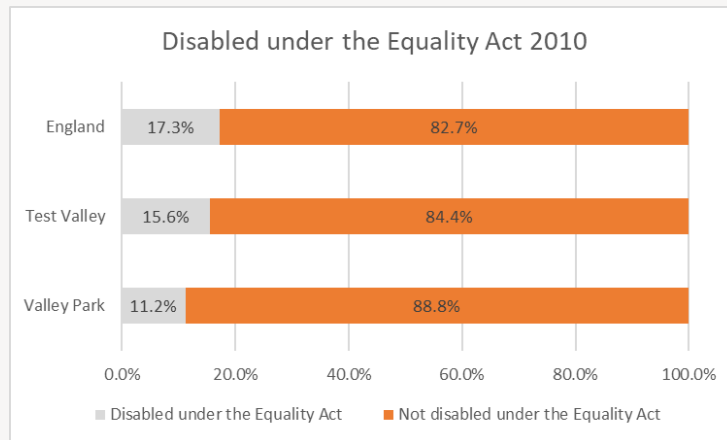
At the 2021 Census, the largest proportion of Valley Park residents (47.5%) classify themselves as Christian, which is lower than the borough average of 50.5% but higher than the English average of 46.3%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (39.5%), which is slightly lower than the Test Valley average (40.6%) but higher than the English average (36.7%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, Hinduism is the second largest group at 2.8%, this is 1.0% higher than the equivalent figure for England.

Health



At the 2021 Census, 89.6% of residents in Valley Park said they felt that they were in very good or good health. This is higher than both the average for Test Valley (84.7%) and England (82.2%). 2.2% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is lower than both the borough (3.8%) and English averages (5.2%)

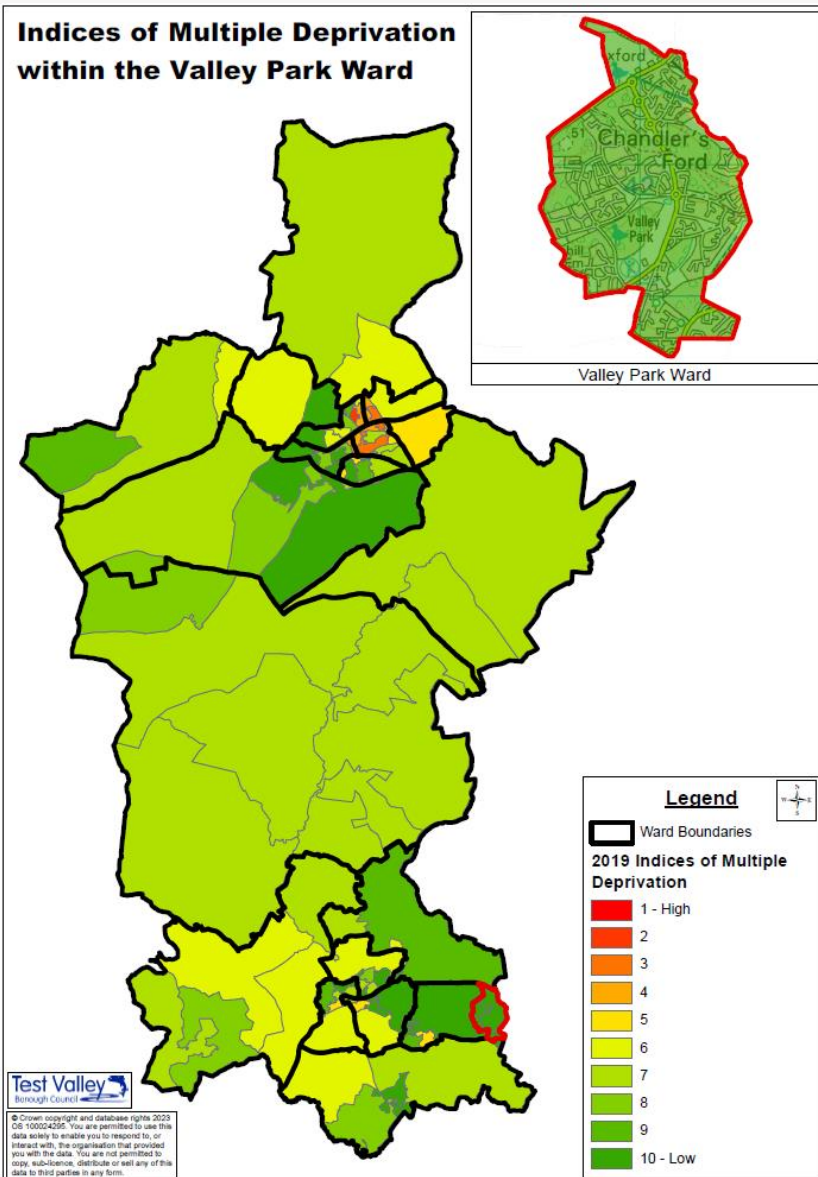
Disability



At the 2021 Census, 11.2% of Valley Park's population identified as having a disability, as defined by the Equality Act 2010. This is a lower proportion than the population of Test Valley as a whole, where 15.6% identified as having a disability, or England, where the figure was 17.3%.

Of this 11.2%, 3.3% of the ward's population said they had a disability that limited their day-to-day activities a lot, whilst 7.9% said they had a disability that impacted them a little. These figures are both lower than the equivalent figures for Test Valley and England.

Deprivation



The English Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 is designed to identify areas where communities lack resources and are in need. To do this, seven factors are considered, which are:

- income deprivation
- employment deprivation
- education, skills, and training deprivation
- health deprivation and disability
- crime
- barriers to housing and services
- living environment deprivation

Areas are scored on each of these factors and ranked nationally from least deprived to most deprived.

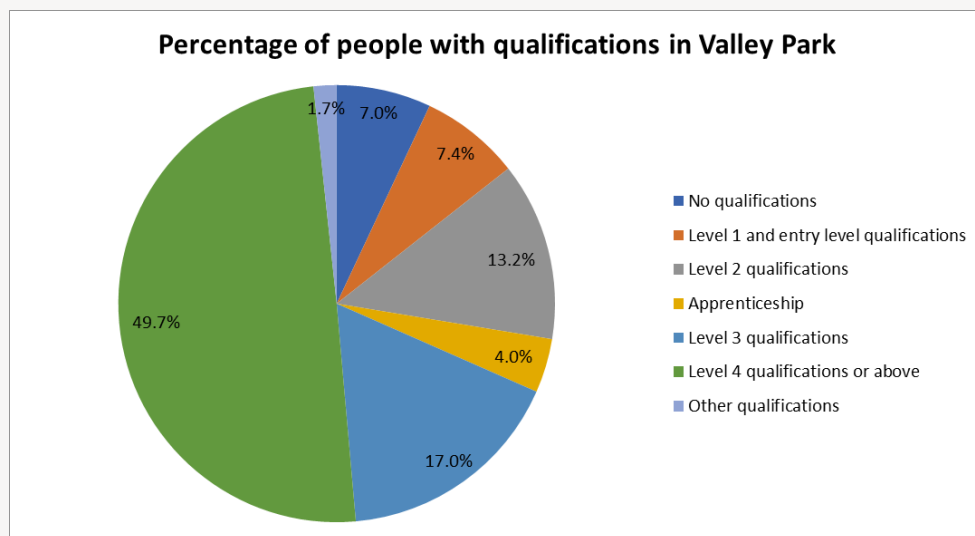
This map shows the deprivation scores for ward of Valley Park against all areas in Test Valley. These are measured in Super Output Areas, five of which make up Valley Park. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, areas of Valley Park rank between 30,413rd and 32,565th, this puts the whole ward in the **10% of least deprived** areas in the country.

More specifically, all of Valley Park ranks in the top 30% of most deprived areas when it comes to physical proximity of local services; areas to the south-east (around School Lane) and north-west (around Skys Wood Road) rank in the top 10% of most deprived areas in the country in this regard.

Further information about the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities 2019 English Indices of Deprivation is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>

Education and employment

Qualifications



The pie chart shows the qualifications gained by Valley Park's residents aged 16-74 years, according to the 2021 Census.

91.3% of people living in Valley Park have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is significantly higher than the Test Valley average of 83.3% and the English average of 79.1%.

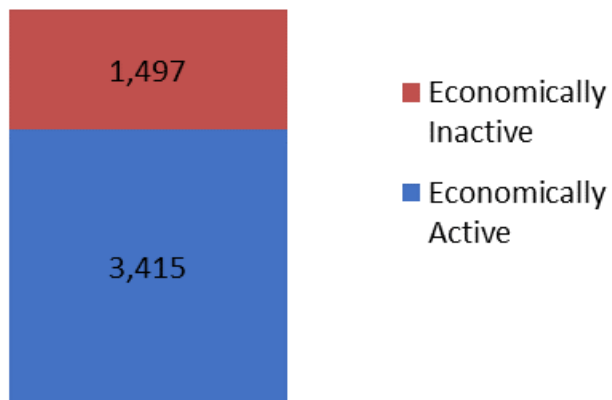
This means that 7.0% of Valley Park residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is 7.1% lower than the borough average and 11.1% lower than the English average.

In addition, 49.7% of Valley Park residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is higher than the borough average of 35.7% and the English average of 33.9%. Similarly, 4.0% of the ward's population have undertaken an apprenticeship.

No qualifications	No academic or professional qualifications.
Level 1	any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate, one Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level, NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) level 1, Basic or Essential Skills, skills for life, literacy and numeracy, Level 2 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Level 2	five or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), Intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate, one A level, two to three AS levels, NVQ level 2, Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) General, City and Guilds Craft, Level 2 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Apprenticeship	Has completed any form of apprenticeship, at any level.
Level 3	two or more A levels, four or more AS levels, Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate, NVQ level 3, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, Ordinary National Certificate (ONC), Ordinary National Diploma (OND), BTEC National, International Baccalaureate, Level 3 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Level 4 or above	degree, foundation degree, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master's degrees, Higher National Diploma (HND) or Higher National Certificate (HNC), NVQ level 4 or above, professional qualifications (for example, teaching or nursing)
Other qualification	Any other qualifications, equivalent unknown

Economic Activity

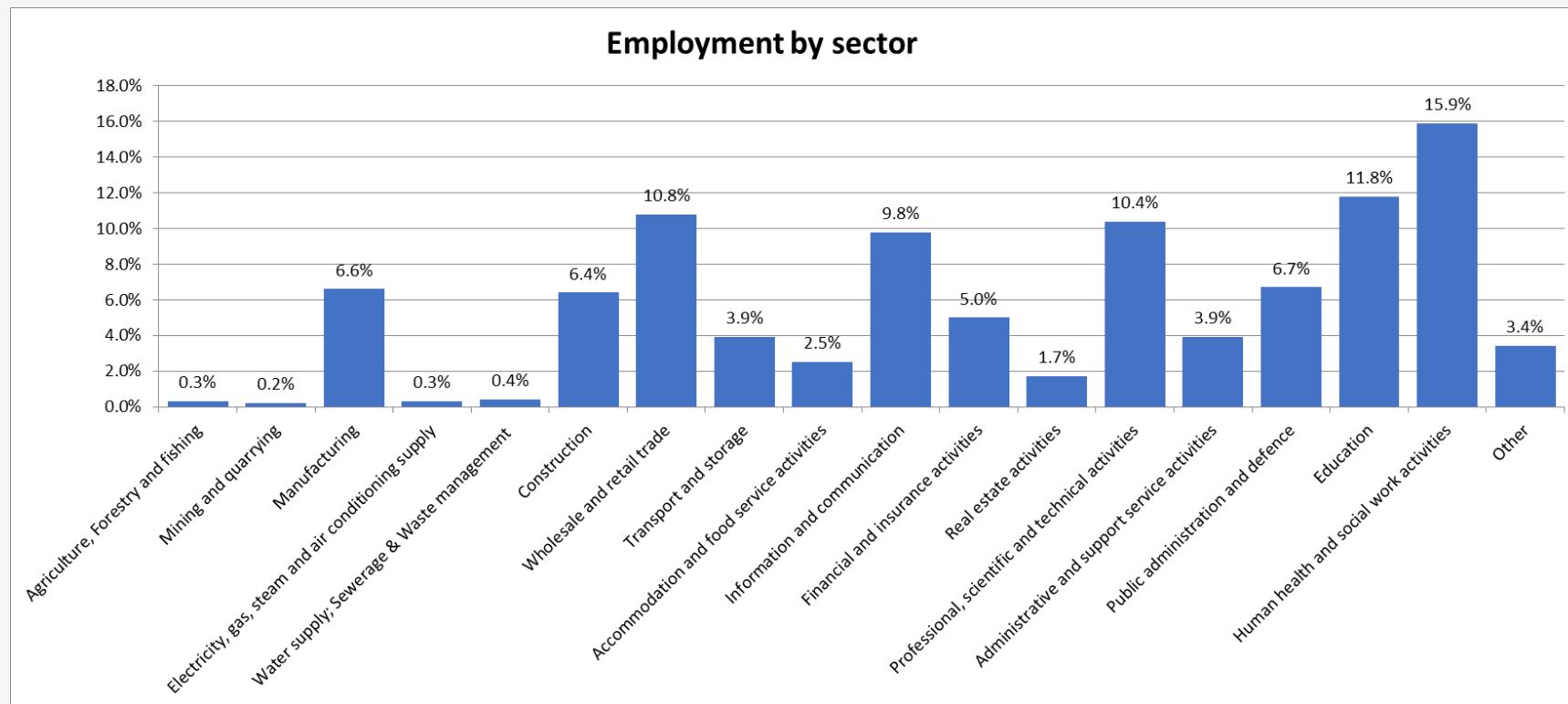
Economic activity (count)



According to the 2021 Census, 68.5% of Valley Park's residents aged 16-74 are economically active, higher than Test Valley as a whole where the figure is 63.8% of residents. This includes people in full-, part- and self-employment, those who are actively seeking a job, and full-time students.

The remaining 30.5% of residents aged 16-74 are economically inactive, compared to 36.1% of Test Valley residents. This includes people who are retired, long-term sick or disabled, or who look after the home and family.

Employment by sector



This graph shows the different industries residents of Valley Park ward work in, according to the 2021 Census. The largest sector employing people in Valley Park is Human health and social work activities (15.9%) followed by Education (11.8%) and then by Wholesale and retail trade (10.8%).

Properties

Total number of properties

2,366

Dwellings



18.6%
Terraced



14.8%
Semi-Detached



64.5%
Detached

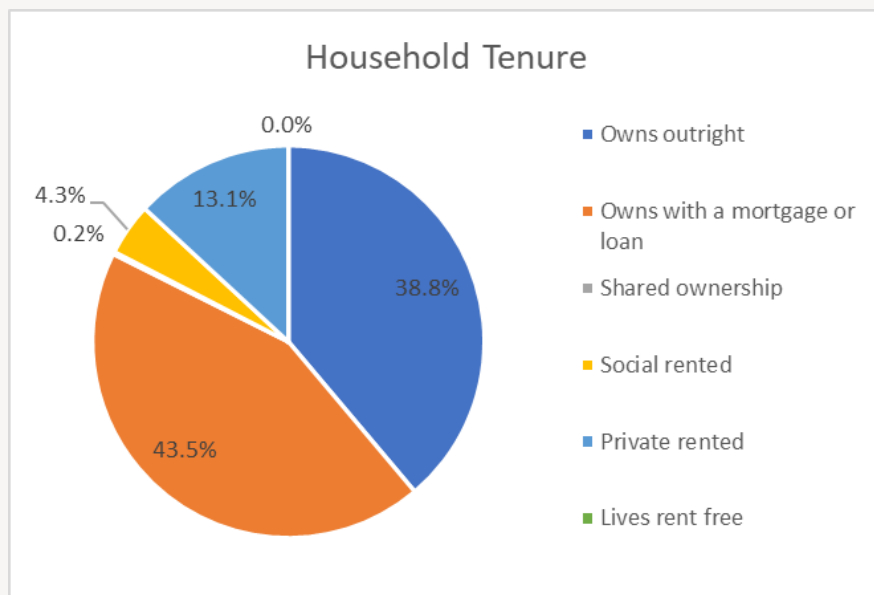


1.9%
Flat



0.4%
Mobile or other

Household Tenure



Household tenure refers to the financial arrangements under which people occupy their homes and is taken from the 2021 Census.

This pie chart depicts the tenure of households in Valley Park. 82.3% of people in Valley Park live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is significantly higher than both the average for Test Valley, which is 69.0%, and the average for England, which is 61.3%.

4.3% of residents rent their property from a Housing Association, which is lower than the borough average of 14.3% as well as the English average of 17.1%. 13.1% of residents privately rent their property; this figure is lower than the borough average of 14.8% and the figure for England of 20.5%.

0.2% of households are part of a shared ownership scheme whilst 0.0% live rent free.

Community facilities

Within Valley Park there are a range of community facilities including various local shops, a Community Centre, Knightwood Leisure Centre (which has various sports and leisure facilities), The Cleveland Bay pub, and St Francis Church. Valley Park is also home to the Valley Park Woodlands Local Nature Reserve, five separate ancient woodlands that were awarded Green Flag status in 2010 and are managed by Test Valley Borough Council.

The ward has two schools, St Francis Church of England Primary School, and Knightwood Primary School, two pre-schools, and two doctors' surgeries. The nearest railway station is in Chandlers Ford.



Further Information

The Community Team at Test Valley Borough Council provide support to local councillors and communities. They are also able to signpost local organisations to grant funding and other resources that may be available. To contact them, please email:

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The information in this profile has been prepared by Test Valley Borough Council's Policy Team. If you have any further queries or would like to talk to us about other information you would like to see, then please contact one of the Policy Team who will be happy to help:

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