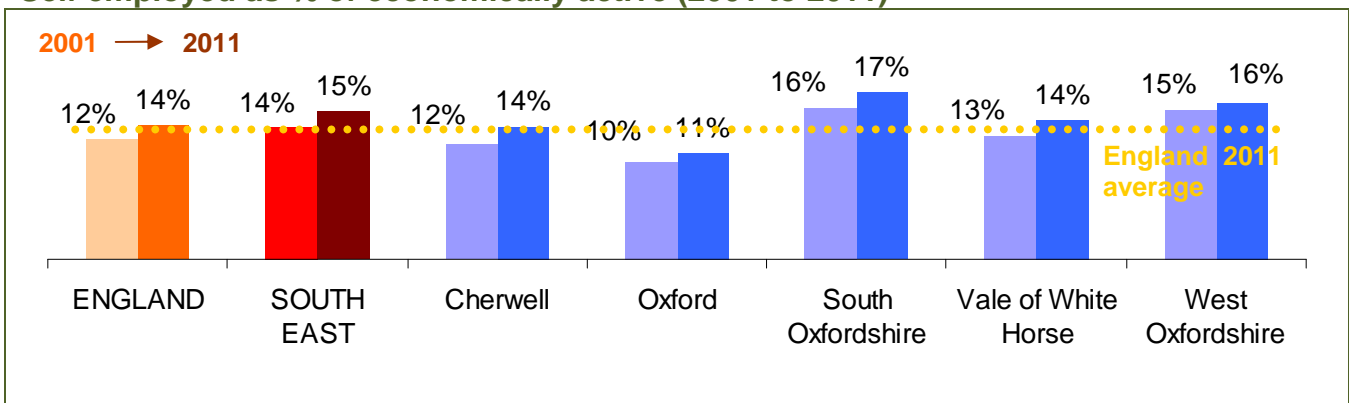


Above average self employment and small businesses in South and West Oxfordshire

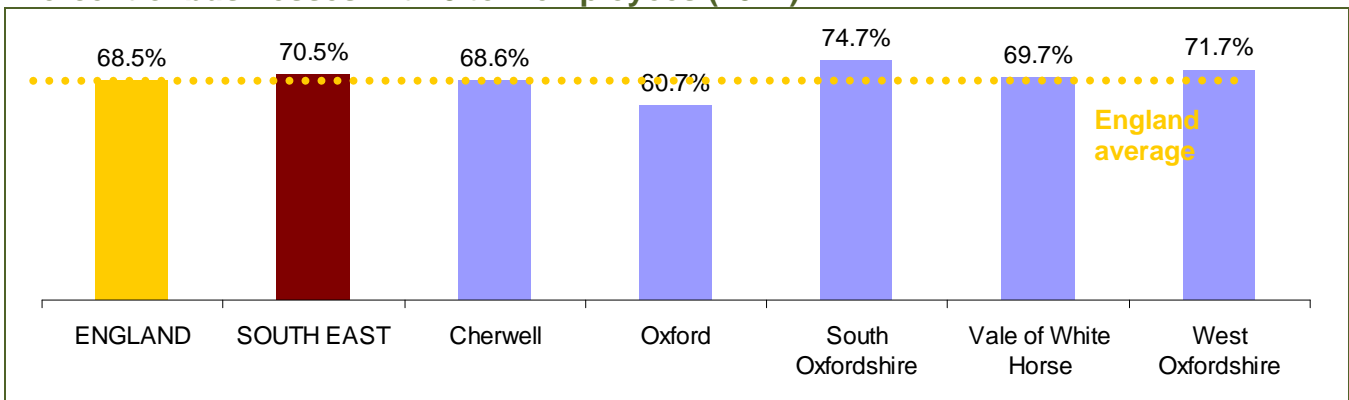
- Over 50,000 residents of Oxfordshire classified themselves as self employed in the Census 2011 survey up from 41,600 in 2001. Data from the ONS business register as of 2011 showed around 23,000 VAT registered businesses with less than 5 employees.
- The Oxfordshire district with the highest rate of self employment in 2011 was South Oxfordshire.
- South Oxfordshire district also had the highest % of small businesses and the lowest % of businesses with 100 or more employees.

Self employed as % of economically active (2001 to 2011)



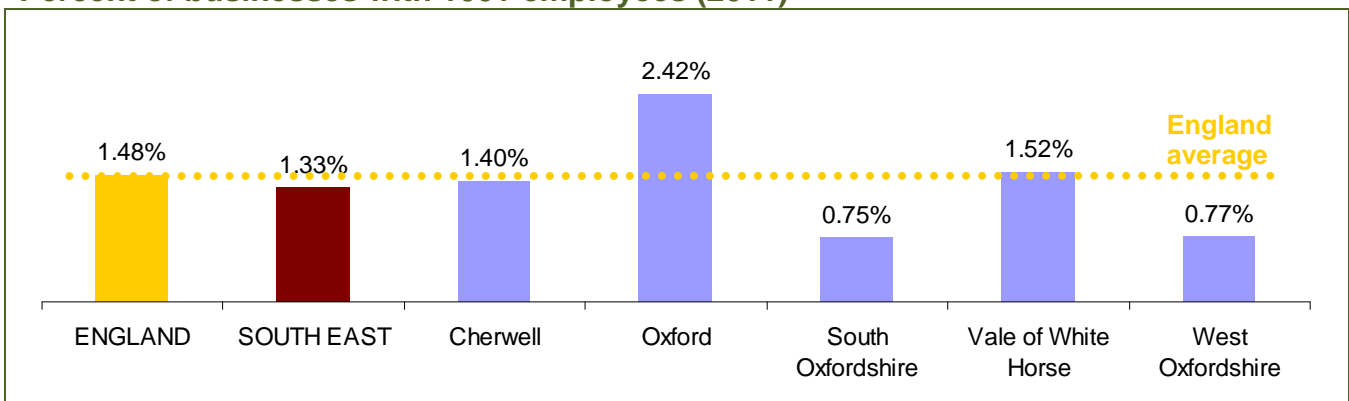
Source: ONS Census 2011, table KS601

Percent of businesses with 0 to 4 employees (2011)



Source: ONS, IDBR

Percent of businesses with 100+ employees (2011)



Source: ONS, IDBR

Data tables

Residents aged 16 to 74 who are self employed (2011)

	Residents aged 16 to 74	Economically active total	Economically active: Self-employed	Self employed as % of economically active
Cherwell	103,269	78,160	10,662	13.6%
Oxford	118,437	74,923	8,226	11.0%
South Oxfordshire	96,892	72,820	12,638	17.4%
Vale of White Horse	87,477	65,710	9,441	14.4%
West Oxfordshire	76,163	58,506	9,452	16.2%
Oxfordshire	482,238	350,119	50,419	14.4%
SOUTH EAST	6,274,341	4,521,184	691,572	15.3%
ENGLAND	38,881,374	27,183,134	3,793,632	14.0%

Source: ONS Census 2011, table KS601

Count of VAT registered businesses by employment size band (2011)

	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 49	50 - 99	100 - 249	250 - 499	500 - 999	1,000 +	TOTAL
Cherwell	4,890	1,035	565	410	125	75	20	5	0	7,125
Oxford	3,635	1,035	625	400	150	110	20	10	5	5,990
South Oxon	5,990	1,000	555	305	105	40	15	5	0	8,015
Vale of WH	4,140	815	465	320	110	55	25	5	5	5,940
West Oxon	4,200	880	405	270	60	40	5	0	0	5,860
Oxfordshire	22,855	4,765	2,615	1,705	550	320	85	25	10	32,930
SOUTH EAST	275,400	53,735	29,635	19,645	6,840	3,705	1,010	340	150	390,460
ENGLAND	1,480,340	314,135	174,625	118,025	42,175	22,000	6,460	2,335	1,095	2,161,190

Source: ONS, The data contained in these tables are produced from a snapshot of the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR) taken on 28 March 2011.

Notes

- ❖ As of 1 April 2011 businesses had to register for VAT if taxable turnover for the previous 12 months was more than £73,000 (limit is now £79,000).

Stage of Census 2011 release

- ❖ To-date ONS have released the single variable data from the Census 2011 survey. Data which will allow more detailed analysis will start to become available from 16th May with further releases from August to October 2013. Future releases will allow analysis of (for example) unemployment by ethnic group or communal establishment population by age.
- ❖ Further information on Census releases is available in the 2011 Census Output Prospectus at <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/index.html>

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There is a relationship between levels of self-employment and rurality – the **more rural districts are more likely to have higher rates of self employment.**

The following chart shows % self employment for all local authorities in England grouped according to the ONS rural urban LA classification.

Local authority districts and unitaries in England by rurality and % self employed



The LA Classification was introduced in 2005 as a Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) initiative and was delivered by the Rural Evidence Research Centre at Birkbeck College (RERC). There are six urban/rural classifications at LA level:

- Major Urban: districts with either 100,000 people or 50 per cent of their population in urban areas with a population of more than 750,000
- Large Urban: districts with either 50,000 people or 50 per cent of their population in one of 17 urban areas with a population between 250,000 and 750,000
- Other Urban: districts with fewer than 37,000 people or less than 26 per cent of their population in rural settlements and larger market towns
- Significant Rural: districts with more than 37,000 people or more than 26 per cent of their population in rural settlements and larger market towns
- Rural-50: districts with at least 50 per cent but less than 80 per cent of their population in rural settlements and larger market towns
- Rural-80: districts with at least 80 per cent of their population in rural settlements and larger market towns