

## Households (composition, size, and deprivation dimensions) and residents in communal establishments in Oxford

As part of the latest Census release on demography and migration, data on household composition, household size, household by deprivation dimensions and residents in communal establishments has been published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Household composition is the classification of households according to the relationships of the members of the household. Household size is equal to the number of usual residents in the household. Households by deprivation dimensions classifies households according to four dimensions of deprivation: Employment, education, health and disability, and household overcrowding. A communal establishment is defined as an establishment providing managed residential accommodation. Please note that this Census release does not include a breakdown of each communal establishment. This summary report includes an overview of Census 2021 household composition, size, deprivation dimensions, and numbers of communal establishment for Oxford City district as well as a comparison to 2011 data. More information can be accessed on the [Census 2021 homepage](#).

### Key findings:

- According to the 2021 Census, there are approximately 55,238 households in Oxford.
- In terms of household composition, the largest group of households in Oxford City is 'Single family households' (30,517).
- The second largest group in Oxford is 'One person household' (16,096), followed by Couple family "Other household types" (8,625).
- In terms of change over the last 10 years, the largest increase was experienced in 'Single family households' (+2,457 or +5%).
- The largest decrease in households was experienced in 'One person household' (-2,220 or -4%).
- In terms of household size, the largest number of households belong to the group of households with 2 residents (17,088 households), followed by households with 1 residents (16,096 households). This pattern has changed since 2011 where the largest group was households with 1 resident.
- In terms of household deprivation, over half of the households in Oxford (28,832) do not experience any dimension of deprivation, this is 4% higher (better) than in 2011.
- Just under a third of the households in Oxford experience at least 1 dimension of deprivation (1,767 residents), this has remained the same since 2011.
- Approximately 0.3% of households in Oxford experienced all 4 dimensions of deprivation. This is lower (better) than Census 2011 figures.
- There are 21,222 residents in communal establishments in 2021, 2,557 more than in 2011 (18,665).

Figure 1. Household composition in Oxford in 2011 and 2021.

Household composition	2011	2021	change %	change (n)
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,375</b>	<b>55,238</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-137</b>
<b>One person household</b>	<b>18,316</b>	<b>16,096</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-2,220</b>
One person household: Aged 66 years and over	6,049	5,955	-0.1%	-94
One person household: Other	12,267	10,141	-4%	-2,126
<b>Single family household</b>	<b>28,042</b>	<b>30,517</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2,475</b>
Single family household: All aged 66 years and over	2,797	3,121	1%	324
Single family household: Married or civil partnership couple	14,613	15,223	1%	610
Single family household: Cohabiting couple family	5,092	5,939	2%	847
Single family household: Lone parent family	5,540	5,519	0.0%	-21
Single family household: Other single family household	N/A	715	N/A	N/A
<b>Other household types</b>	<b>9,017</b>	<b>8,625</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-392</b>
Other household types: With dependent children	1,714	2,036	1%	322
Other household types: Other, including all full-time students and all aged 66 years and over	7,303	6,589	-1%	-714

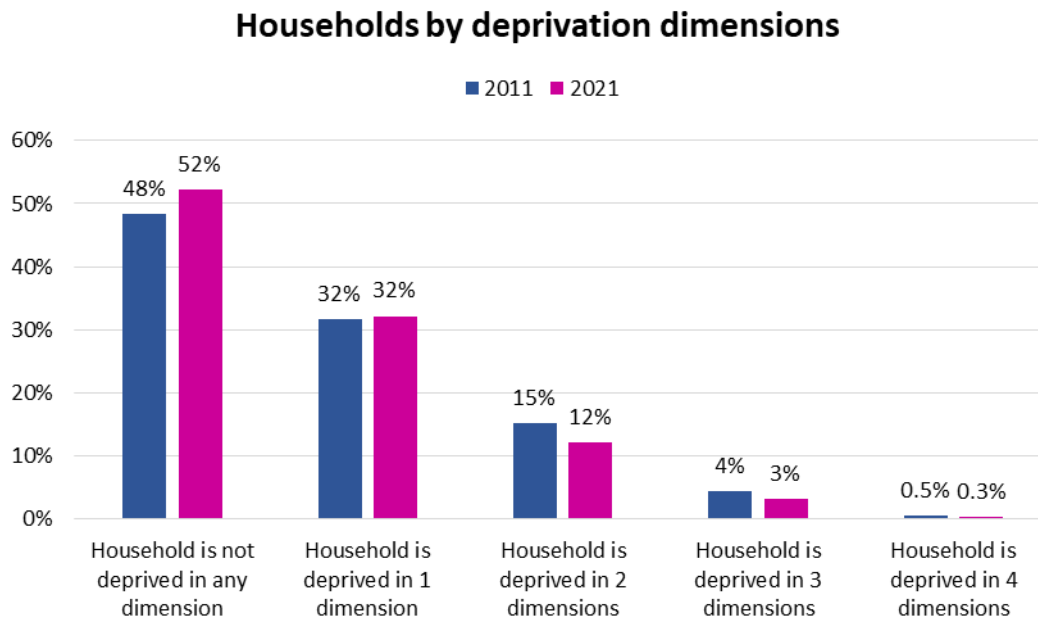
Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Figure 2. Household by size in Oxford 2011 and 2021.

Household Size	2011	%	2021	%	Change %
<b>1 person in household</b>	18,316	33%	16,096	29%	<b>-4%</b>
<b>2 people in household</b>	16,341	30%	17,088	39%	9%
<b>3 people in household</b>	8,555	15%	8,842	16%	1%
<b>4 people in household</b>	7,316	13%	7,476	14%	0%
<b>5+ people in household</b>	4,847	9%	5,737	10%	2%

Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Figure 3. Household by deprivation dimensions in Oxford 2011 and 2021.



Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

**Sources:**

[Demography and migration data, England and Wales: Census 2021 - ONS, 2021](#)

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