

Winchester: Thinking Ahead factsheet 9

Facts and figures

Context

Winchester is in Hampshire.

Hampshire County Council is responsible for some of the services in the town, such as waste disposal (not waste collection). The County Council is the transport authority and so it leads most of the decisions on transport.

The town is in the administrative local government area of Winchester City Council.

Winchester District

Winchester City Council, despite its name, is the local authority for the whole of Winchester District. The District covers an area of 250 square miles from north of Micheldever to Whiteley in the south.

The population of the District is approximately 118,000.

The District has low levels of unemployment; well under 1 per cent.

Approximately 50% of the District's employment provision is located in Winchester Town.

The age profile of the District is similar to the regional and national average.

The minority ethnic population of the District is under 5 per cent.

House prices in the District are among the highest in the region

Winchester attracts an estimated 5.6 million visitors each year.

Winchester Town

Winchester is the county town of Hampshire and a designated heritage city at the western end of the South National Park, along the course of the River Itchen.

At the time of the 2011 Census, Winchester had a population of over 45,000, over a third of the whole District.

The most deprived parts of the District are in Winchester town: Stanmore, Weeke and Winnall.

Peter Symonds College has some 4,000 students aged 16-18 mainly from central Hampshire. The University of Winchester had about 7,500 students enrolled in academic year 2014/2015. The University of Southampton School of Art is also based in the town.

About half the jobs in the District are in Winchester town. People commute into town for work, and also out - many to London.

It is 61 miles south-west of London and 13.6 miles from Southampton, its closest city.