

Blaby District Profile - Update April 2014

Blaby District Council is in the East Midlands of England. The Council covers an area of 13,000 hectares to the south west of Leicester, part of which borders Leicester City Council. The district contains the M1/M69 junction which is close to the major shopping centre of Fosse Park.

The area is classified as urban by Natural England although is part rural and includes a number of villages.

Blaby has a population of 94,593 and a similar demographic profile to that regionally and nationally although the Asian population is now 6.1% which is about the same as the regional figures, but slightly below the national figures. It has low levels of deprivation and unemployment, with employment concentrated in the professional occupations.

Detailed statistics are provided below, further information available from the source references and links.

Population

The district has:

- A population of 94,593 (2012 ONS) although this is predict to rise to 110,100 by 2033, a 17% change from 2011. This is lower than the expected rate of increase for Leicestershire and East Midlands, but greater than the expected rate for England.
- The district has higher population density than nationally; 720 persons per square kilometre as opposed to 310 persons per square kilometre across Leicestershire, and 398 nationally.
- Blaby's under-17 population is similar to the East Midlands and England. However, Blaby's population of over-65s is slightly higher at 18.9% than the averages across Leicestershire, East Midlands and England. The over-65 population is projected to rise to 21.6% by 2021 and 25.5% by 2033.
- There are 39,660 households (Council Tax Data).
- In 2011, in Blaby, 88.5% of residents were White British and 11.5% were from Minority Ethnic Groups.
- The largest Minority Ethnic Group is Asian or Asian British (6.1%), the same group in the East Midlands makes up a proportion of 6.5%.
- Since 2001 the population has grown by 4% with the largest change contributed by Asian or Asian British people with an increase of 2% or nearly 2,000 people.

Population Projections (000s)

	2011	2013	2018	2021	2028	2033	% change 2008 – 2033
Blaby	94.1	95.7	99.8	102.2	106.9	110.1	17%
Leicestershire	651.2	665.6	694.9	710.6	740.1	762.3	17.1%
East Midlands	4537.4	4620.7	4817.2	4928.3	5173.2	5333.7	17.6%
England	53107.2	54068.4	56383.1	57687.8	59051.1	60715.2	14.3%

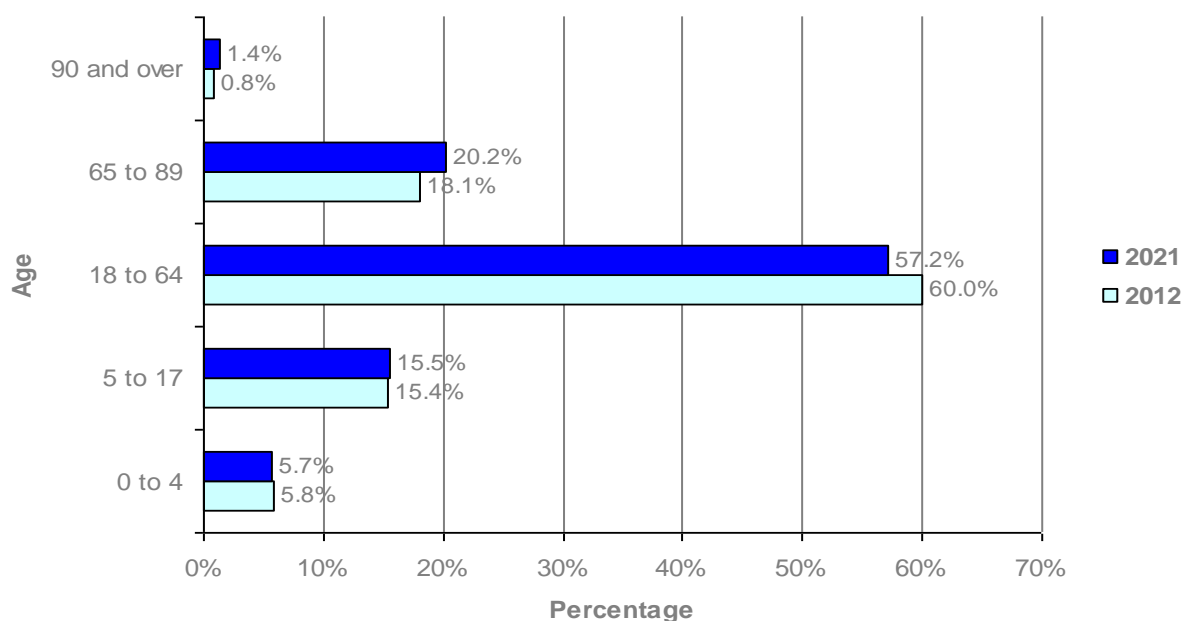
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Age

	Blaby	Leicestershire	East Midlands	England
Age	2012	2012	2012	2012
0-4	5.8%	5.6%	6.0%	6.4%
5-15	12.8%	12.3%	12.4%	12.5%
16-17	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%
18 to 64	60.0%	61.1%	61.4%	61.8%
65 to 89	18.1%	17.7%	16.9%	16.1%
90 and over	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%

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Blaby Population Projections to 2021



Ethnicity (2011 Census)

Area name	White British	All Other White	All Mixed	All Asian	All black	All Other
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Blaby	88.5	2.5	1.6	6.1	0.9	0.4
Leicester UA	45.1	5.5	3.5	37.1	6.3	2.6
Leicestershire	88.9	2.5	1.3	6.3	0.6	0.4
EAST MIDLANDS	85.4	3.9	1.9	6.4	1.7	0.6
ENGLAND	79.8	5.7	2.2	7.7	3.4	1.0

(Source: ONS <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/index.html>)

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- 95.9% of the population has English as their first language.
- 0.7% of Blaby residents state that they cannot speak English/cannot speak English well.

Religion (2011 Census)

Area name	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Blaby	58.1	0.2	2.7	0.1	0.8	2.0	0.4	29.1	6.7
Leicester UA	32.4	0.4	15.2	0.1	18.6	4.4	0.6	22.8	5.6
Leicestershire	60.3	0.2	2.8	0.1	1.4	1.2	0.4	27.1	6.5
EAST MIDLANDS	58.8	0.3	2.0	0.1	3.1	1.0	0.4	27.5	6.8
ENGLAND	59.4	0.5	1.5	0.5	5.0	0.8	0.4	24.7	7.2

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Deprivation (2010 Indices of Deprivation)

Blaby district has low levels of deprivation. It is the 2nd least deprived district in Leicestershire.

Blaby is ranked 297 least deprived district in England (where 354 is the least deprived and 1 is the most deprived). This is a move from rank 326 in 2007, meaning there is **more** deprivation in the district.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2010 shows that 6,517 people in Blaby experienced **income** deprivation, the equivalent of 4.4 per cent of the population in Blaby.

The IMD 2010 shows that 3,016 people in Blaby experienced **employment** deprivation, the equivalent of 3.5 per cent of the population.

About 1,700 children in the district live in poverty.

Further information is available from the following link:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/indices2010>

Lone Parents

- In Blaby there are 2,315 lone parent households with dependent children. This is 6% of all households in the district, lower than the UK figure of 7.2%.
- Of these 34% are in full time employment, 42% in part time employment and 24% are not in employment.

Employment

The district has low levels of unemployment and a high percentage of people employed in the service sector.

- It has an unemployment rate of 1.4% (March 14). This is lower than the rate for Leicestershire, East Midlands and UK.
- The highest area of employment is in professional occupations.

Unemployment (March 2014)

	Measure	Blaby	Leicester City	Leicestershire County	East Midlands	UK
Unemployment	%	1.4%	4.2%	1.5%	2.7%	2.9%

- The percentage of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) is 2.6% (Feb 14) compared to 2.9% in March 13. The figure for Leicestershire is 3.1%, East Midlands 4.8% and England is 5.3%.
- 5,020 of working age residents claim 1 or more benefit in the district.

Type of employment (Annual Population Survey 2013)

	Blaby %	Leicester Shire %	East Midlands %	Great Britain %
1: managers and senior officials	11.4	11.1	9.4	10.2
2: professional occupations	20.4	19.5	17.9	19.8
3: associate prof & tech occupations	15.7	15.3	13.0	14.0
4: administrative and secretarial occupations	12.1	9.9	10.3	10.8
5: skilled trades occupations	11.5	11.1	11.0	10.6
6: personal service occupations	n/a	8.0	8.6	9.1
7: sales and customer service occupations	12.5	8.7	8.0	7.9
8: process, plant and machine operatives	n/a	5.9	8.8	6.3
9: elementary occupations	8.4	9.9	12.5	10.7

Jan-Dec 2013 Annual Population Survey (Age 16+)

(Source: National Statistics - Nomis: www.nomisweb.co.uk)

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n/a - Sample size too small for reliable estimate

Health

- People living in Blaby have a similar life expectancy to those living in the rest of Leicestershire, but higher than the East Midlands and England.
- The percentage of people in Blaby with a long term limiting illness is higher than in Leicestershire, East Midlands and England at 15.7%.
- 1% of people aged 16-64 in Blaby claim Disability Living Allowance, whilst in Leicestershire 0.9% of people aged 16-64 claimed this.
- In addition, 3.7% of people aged 16-64 in Blaby claimed incapacity benefits (which includes Severe Disablement Allowance). In Leicestershire 4% of people aged 16-64 claimed this.

Life expectancy (2007-2009)

	Measure	Blaby	Leicestershire (Exc Leic City)	East Midlands	England
Male	Years	79.9	79.7	77.8	77.9
Female	Years	83.5	83.4	81.8	82.0

Source: www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk local profiles

% of people aged 16-64 who are disabled based on the DDA definition

	Measure	Blaby	Leicestershire (Exc Leic)	East Midlands	England
Total pop	%	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.3

Source: www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk local profiles

% of people aged 16-64 with long-term limiting disability or health problem (2011 Census)

	Measure	Blaby	Leicestershire (Exc Leic)	East Midlands	England
Total	%	15.8	16.2	18.6	17.6

Source: ONS: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/index.html>

Education

Blaby generally has lower levels of attainment and qualifications than in Leicestershire and England.

- The proportion of 11 year olds who reached the level expected for their age in Maths and English was higher in 2009 than Leicestershire and England.
- The proportion of Young People gaining 5 or more A*-C GCSEs or equivalents was considerably lower than for both Leicestershire and England.
- 25% of residents have a degree level qualification or higher and 59% at least 5 GCSEs.
- 22.2% of people within Blaby do not have qualifications. This is slightly lower than the national average of 22.7% and the regional average of 24.7%.

Key Stage Tests (2009)

Indicator		Blaby	Leicestershire (Exc Leic City)	England
Key Stage 2 test	English Level 4+	86%	82%	80%
	Maths Level 4 +	85%	81%	79%
GCSE or equivalents	5+ A*- C	53%	69%	70%

Source: LSORA (Blaby), ONS regional profiles key statistics tables Oct 2011

Adults' Highest level of Qualifications (2011 Census)

Qualification level	Measure	Blaby	East Midlands	England & Wales
Level 4 or higher	%	24.9	23.6	27.2
Level 2 or higher	%	59.0	56.1	58.4
Level 1 or higher	%	73.5	70.0	71.7
No qualifications	%	22.2	24.7	22.7

Source: Annual Population Survey National (2010-2011)

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Transport

- Blaby has a high level of car ownership. 87% of households have at least 1 car. This compares to 78% of households in the East Midlands and 74.3% in England.
- Residents generally travel between 2-10km to work (50.7%) with the majority travelling by car or van.

Cars per household (2011 Census)

Number of cars	Measure	Blaby	Leicestershire (Exc Leic City)	East Midlands	England & Wales
none	%	13.0	15.3	22.1	25.6
1	%	42.3	41.3	42.5	42.2
2	%	34.4	33.0	27.4	24.7
3	%	7.7	7.7	6.0	5.5
4 or more	%	2.6	2.7	2.0	1.9

Source: National Statistics website: www.statistics.gov.uk

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Method of Transport (2011 Census)

Method	Blaby	East Midlands	England
Work Mainly at or From Home	4.8%	5.1%	5.4%
Underground, Metro, Light Rail, Tram	0.1%	0.3%	4.1%
Train	0.8%	1.3%	5.3%
Bus, Minibus or Coach	5.2%	6.2%	7.5%
Taxi	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
Motorcycle, Scooter or Moped	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Driving a Car or Van	73.2%	65.6%	57.0%
Passenger in a Car or Van	5.2%	6.0%	5.0%
Bicycle	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%
On Foot	6.7%	11.0%	10.7%
Other	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%

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Distance to work (2001 Census – update not available)

Residents distance to work	Measure	Blaby
Less than 2k	%	14
2-5km	%	22
5-10km	%	29
10-20km	%	12
20-60km	%	7
60km+	%	2
Other	%	13

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Households

The district has high levels of owner occupied housing and higher than average incomes and house prices.

- 80.9% of households are owner occupied compared to 67.3% in East Midlands and 63.5% in England and Wales.
- The average household income is £27,119 this compared to £26,440 in Leicestershire and £27,126 for England as a whole.
- Average house prices are also higher than in the East Midlands but significantly lower than the average for England.
- Families account for 24.4% of households and pensioners 22.7% of households.

Tenure (2011 Census)

	Measure	Blaby	East Midlands	England and Wales
Owner Occupied	%	80.9	67.3	63.5
Shared Ownership	%	0.6	0.7	0.8
Rented from Council or Housing Association	%	7.7	15.8	17.6
Privately rented	%	10.0	14.9	16.7

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Average Household Incomes and House Prices

	Measure	Blaby	Leicestershire exc Leic City	East Midlands	England
Average Household Income (2013)	£	27,119	26,440	25,399	27,126
Average House Price (2013 Q2)	£	182,318	186,171	165,970 (2012 Q3)	246,764

Source : Household income: ONS regional profiles key statistics tables Oct 2011
 House prices: CLG Table 581 average house prices

Household Type (2011)

	Measure	Blaby	East Midlands	England
Single Pensioner	%	12.3	12.3	12.3
2 or more pensioners	%	10.4	10.5	8.1
Single	%	13.8	13.8	17.9
2 Adults No Children	%	19.8	19.5	17.5
Lone Parent	%	6.0	6.7	7.1
2 Adults with children	%	24.4	21.0	20.9

ONS - Household Composition - Households (QS113EW)