

# Elstow

## Parish Profile

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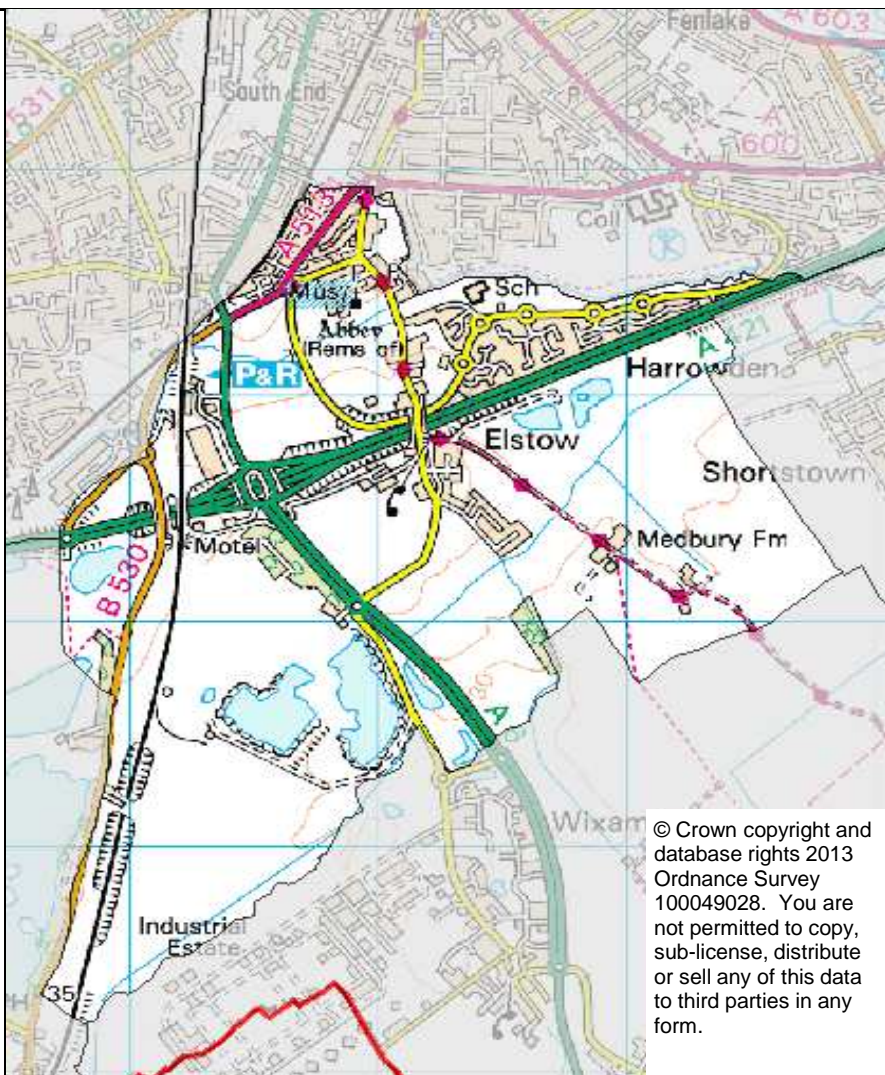
**Population** 2,702

**Area (hectares)** 603

**Population Density  
(People/hectare)** 4.5

**Households** 988

**Dwellings** 1,036



Located in the south of Bedford Borough, Elstow has a young age profile, with 23% of residents aged 0-15, and only 10% aged over 65. Elstow has the highest level of non-White British residents of all parishes (34%), including 20% Asian/Asian British. Elstow's population rose by almost 600 between 2001 and 2011.

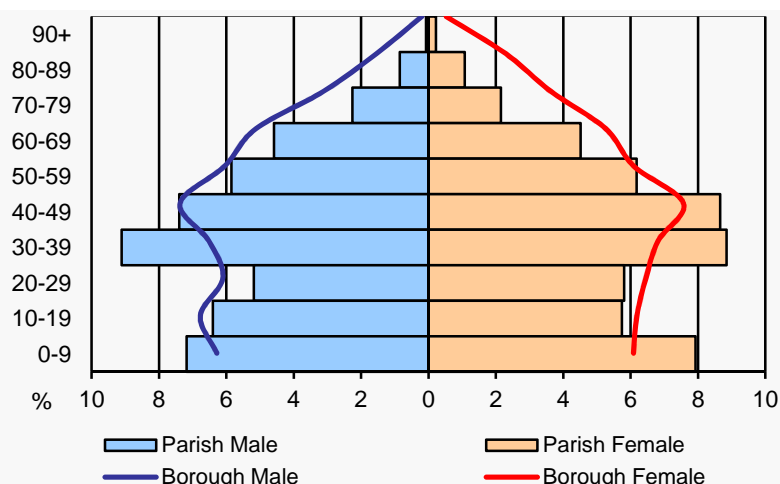
There is a low proportion of one-person households (20%), mainly non-pensioners. Lone parents with dependent children form 7% of all households. Home ownership is 72%, with 15% of households renting from social landlords and 13% renting privately. Housing is a broad mix of detached (41%), semi-detached (30%) and terraced (25%) dwellings.

Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (31%) is among the lowest of all parishes, though it still exceeds the Borough average, and 11% are employed in skilled trades. The economic activity rate (79%) among those aged 16-74 is very high. Degree-level qualifications are held by 30% of residents aged 16+, but 18% have no qualifications. Health levels are better than Borough averages, reflecting Elstow's younger age profile.

Only 9% of households do not have a car, 39% have 2 cars, and 14% have 3 or more. Most people (81%) travel to work by car, 5% commute by train, 5% work from home, and only 6% cycle or walk to work.

## Population

Age	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
0-4	201	7.4	6.4
5-15	422	15.6	13.7
16-17	56	2.1	2.7
18-29	354	13.1	15.1
30-39	485	17.9	13.3
40-49	434	16.1	14.9
50-64	476	17.6	18.1
65-74	164	6.1	8.1
75-84	87	3.2	5.5
85+	23	0.9	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Ethnicity	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
White British	1,783	66.0	71.5	66.0
White Other	140	5.2	9.1	5.2
Mixed/Multiple	109	4.0	3.4	4.0
Asian/Asian British	534	19.8	11.4	19.8
Black/Black British	119	4.4	3.9	4.4
Other	17	0.6	0.7	0.6

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish		Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish	
	No.	%		No.	%
India	143	5.3	Punjabi	94	3.7
Pakistan	34	1.3	Bengali	25	1.0
Italy	26	1.0	Polish	17	0.7

Religion or Belief	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Christian	1,468	54.3	59.3	54.3
Other Religion	472	17.5	10.5	17.5
No Religion	604	22.4	23.6	22.4
Not Stated	158	5.8	6.6	5.8

Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Single	616	29.6	31.9	29.6
Married	1,148	55.2	49.2	55.2
Civil Partnership	4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Separated/Divorced	226	10.9	12.0	10.9
Widowed	85	4.1	6.7	4.1

## Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish		Borough	Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
1 Person: Pensioner	60	6.1	11.9	Lone Parent: With DC	73	7.4	7.6
1 Person: Other	137	13.9	16.9	Lone Parent: No DC	24	2.4	3.4
Couple: With DC	265	26.8	20.9	Couple: Both 65+	52	5.3	8.2
Couple: No DC	288	29.1	23.5	Other	89	9.0	7.5
				<b>All Households</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

DC (Dependent Children) = Aged 0-15 and/or aged 16-18 if in full time education

Accommodation Type	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Detached	421	40.6	27.4	40.6
Semi-Detached	313	30.2	32.2	30.2
Terrace	255	24.6	21.9	24.6
Flat	47	4.5	17.6	4.5
Caravan/Mobile	0	0.0	0.9	0.0

Household Tenure	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Owned	711	72.0	66.8	72.0
Social Rented	148	15.0	16.1	15.0
Private Rented	129	13.1	17.2	13.1

Central Heating	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
None	7	0.7	2.0	0.7
Gas	754	76.3	77.2	76.3
Electric	59	6.0	9.5	6.0
Oil	103	10.4	5.1	10.4
Solid Fuel	12	1.2	0.6	1.2
2+ Types/Other	53	5.4	5.6	5.4

## Health

General Health	Parish		Borough	Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Very Good	1,391	51.5	46.9	<b>Long Term Illness/Disability</b>			
Good	969	35.9	36.0	Limited a Lot*	134	5.0	7.1
Fair	264	9.8	12.6	Limited a Little*	178	6.6	8.9
Bad	56	2.1	3.6	<b>Unpaid Carers</b>			
Very Bad	22	0.8	1.0	1-49 hours per week	213	7.9	8.2
				50+ hours per week	51	1.9	2.0

\* = Day-to-day activities

Sources: ONS 2011 Census Tables: QS113 Household Composition - Households; KS401 Households; Dwellings, Household Spaces and Accommodation Type (based on household spaces); QS405 Tenure - Households (Private Rent includes Living Rent Free); QS415 Central Heating; QS302 General Health; QS303 Long Term Health Problem or Disability; QS301 Provision of Unpaid Care. ©Crown Copyright 2013.

## Economic Activity

Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
<b>Active</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>
FT Employee	952	48.3	40.4	Retired	184	9.3	12.8
PT Employee	253	12.8	13.9	Student	72	3.7	5.5
Self-Employed	219	11.1	9.5	Looking After Home	77	3.9	4.3
Unemployed	81	4.1	4.4	Sick/Disabled	50	2.5	3.3
Full-Time Student	56	2.8	3.6	Other	25	1.3	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	455	31.1	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	216	14.8	12.3
Skilled Trades	161	11.0	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	167	11.4	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	238	16.3	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	226	15.4	19.3

## Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Level 4+ (Degree)	627	30.2	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	245	11.8	11.8
Apprenticeship	84	4.0	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	639	30.7	29.0
Other	113	5.4	6.8
No Qualifications	371	17.8	20.4

## Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
No Cars	90	9.1	20.6
1 Car	376	38.1	41.8
2 Cars	382	38.7	28.3
3 Cars	105	10.6	6.8
4+ Cars	35	3.5	2.6
<b>Total Cars in Parish</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Work At/From Home	67	4.6	5.6	4.6
Train	67	4.6	4.9	4.6
Bus/Coach/Taxi	44	3.0	4.7	3.0
Car/Motorcycle	1,187	81.1	69.8	81.1
Bicycle	38	2.6	3.8	2.6
Foot	53	3.6	10.6	3.6

Sources: ONS 2011 Census Tables: QS601 Economic Activity; QS606 Occupation; QS501 Highest Level of Qualification Gained; QS416 Car or Van Availability; QS701 Method of Travel to Work. ©Crown Copyright 2013.

**Notes:** This profile is based upon 2011 Census data from the Office for National Statistics. © Crown Copyright 2013. ONS has swapped some records to ensure that no details of any individual or household are revealed. This may affect the accuracy of the data, particularly small numbers.

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