

# Felmersham

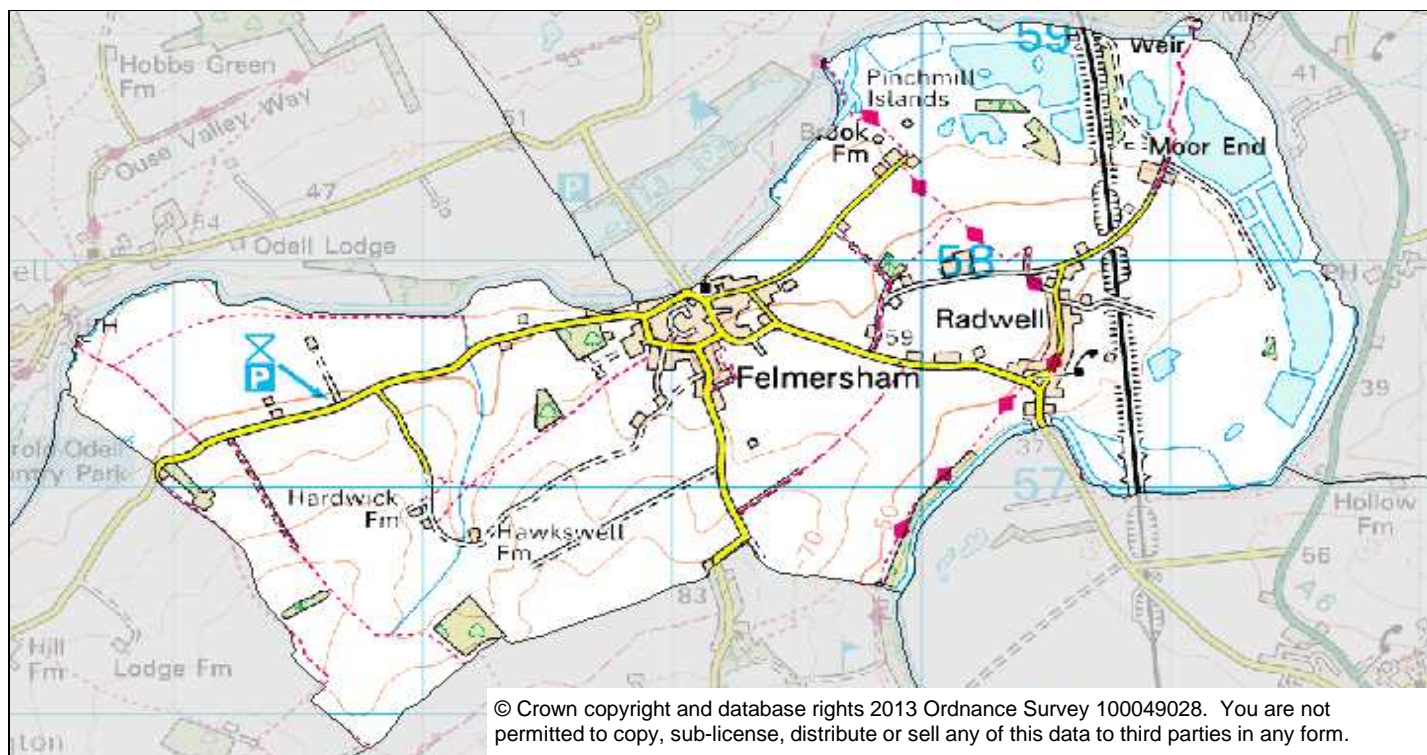
Parish Profile

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Located in the north of Bedford Borough, Felmersham has a slightly older age profile than the Borough, with a high proportion of residents aged 40-69. The level of non-White British residents (4%) is among the lowest of all parishes.

There is a low proportion of one-person households (17%), evenly divided between pensioners and non-pensioners. Felmersham has very high home ownership (88%) with 8% of households renting privately and 4% from social landlords. Two-thirds of housing is detached, almost 20% is semi-detached, and 63% of homes are heated by oil.

Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (40%) exceeds the average for all parishes, and self employment (14%) is also high.

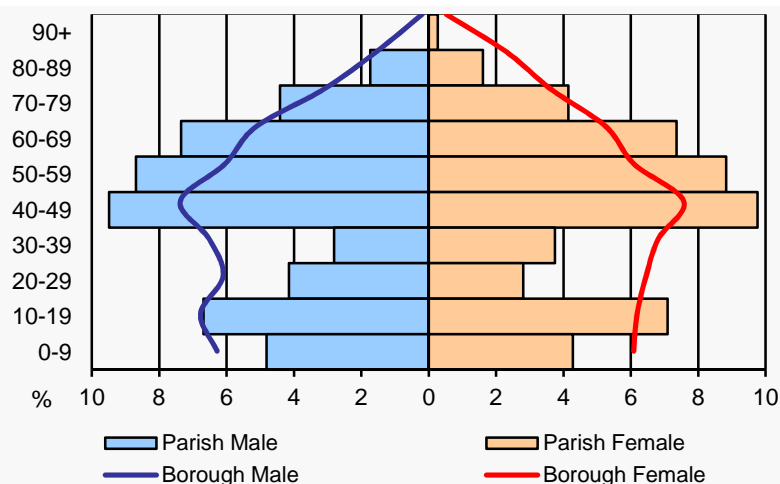
The proportion of residents aged 16+ with degree-level qualifications (45%) is among the highest of all parishes, and a low proportion (10%) of residents have no qualifications. Health levels are good, despite the older age profile.

Only 4% of households do not have a car, 50% have 2 cars, and 20% have 3 or more. Most people travel to work by car (77%), levels of commuting by train (7%) are high, and 10% work from home. Only 4% of those in employment cycle or walk to work, which is below the rural average.

<b>Population</b>	<b>748</b>
<b>Area (hectares)</b>	<b>804</b>
<b>Population Density (People/hectare)</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Households</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>Dwellings</b>	<b>313</b>

## Population

Age	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
0-4	26	3.5	6.4
5-15	120	16.0	13.7
16-17	14	1.9	2.7
18-29	63	8.4	15.1
30-39	49	6.6	13.3
40-49	144	19.3	14.9
50-64	195	26.1	18.1
65-74	76	10.2	8.1
75-84	53	7.1	5.5
85+	8	1.1	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Ethnicity	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
White British	722	96.5	71.5	96.5
White Other	13	1.7	9.1	1.7
Mixed/Multiple	9	1.2	3.4	1.2
Asian/Asian British	3	0.4	11.4	0.4
Black/Black British	0	0.0	3.9	0.0
Other	1	0.1	0.7	0.1

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish		Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish	
	No.	%		No.	%
Germany	9	1.2	Welsh	3	0.4
Ireland	4	0.5	French	2	0.3
South Africa	4	0.5	German	2	0.3

Religion or Belief	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Christian	514	68.7	59.3	68.7
Other Religion	5	0.7	10.5	0.7
No Religion	181	24.2	23.6	24.2
Not Stated	48	6.4	6.6	6.4

Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Single	118	19.6	31.9	19.6
Married	403	66.9	49.2	66.9
Civil Partnership	0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Separated/Divorced	49	8.1	12.0	8.1
Widowed	32	5.3	6.7	5.3

## Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish		Borough	Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
1 Person: Pensioner	25	8.4	11.9	Lone Parent: With DC	10	3.4	7.6
1 Person: Other	25	8.4	16.9	Lone Parent: No DC	13	4.4	3.4
Couple: With DC	75	25.2	20.9	Couple: Both 65+	36	12.1	8.2
Couple: No DC	102	34.2	23.5	Other	12	4.0	7.5
				<b>All Households</b>	<b>298</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	207	66.1	27.4	66.1
Semi-Detached	59	18.8	32.2	18.8
Terrace	40	12.8	21.9	12.8
Flat	2	0.6	17.6	0.6
Caravan/Mobile	5	1.6	0.9	1.6

Household Tenure	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Owned	261	87.6	66.8	87.6
Social Rented	13	4.4	16.1	4.4
Private Rented	24	8.1	17.2	8.1

Central Heating	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
None	11	3.7	2.0	3.7
Gas	20	6.7	77.2	6.7
Electric	46	15.4	9.5	15.4
Oil	187	62.8	5.1	62.8
Solid Fuel	8	2.7	0.6	2.7
2+ Types/Other	26	8.7	5.6	8.7

## Health

General Health	Parish		Borough	Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Very Good	412	55.1	46.9	<b>Long Term Illness/Disability</b>			
Good	243	32.5	36.0	Limited a Lot*	24	3.2	7.1
Fair	76	10.2	12.6	Limited a Little*	53	7.1	8.9
Bad	13	1.7	3.6	<b>Unpaid Carers</b>			
Very Bad	4	0.5	1.0	1-49 hours per week	58	7.8	8.2
				50+ hours per week	10	1.3	2.0

\* = Day-to-day activities

## Economic Activity

Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
<b>Active</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>28.1</b>
FT Employee	197	36.4	40.4	Retired	96	17.7	12.8
PT Employee	80	14.8	13.9	Student	15	2.8	5.5
Self-Employed	78	14.4	9.5	Looking After Home	25	4.6	4.3
Unemployed	14	2.6	4.4	Sick/Disabled	9	1.7	3.3
Full-Time Student	15	2.8	3.6	Other	12	2.2	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	145	39.5	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	61	16.6	12.3
Skilled Trades	38	10.4	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	48	13.1	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	39	10.6	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	36	9.8	19.3

## Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Level 4+ (Degree)	269	44.7	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	72	12.0	11.8
Apprenticeship	28	4.7	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	153	25.4	29.0
Other	21	3.5	6.8
No Qualifications	59	9.8	20.4

## Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
No Cars	11	3.7	20.6
1 Car	76	25.5	41.8
2 Cars	150	50.3	28.3
3 Cars	43	14.4	6.8
4+ Cars	18	6.0	2.6
<b>Total Cars in Parish</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Work At/From Home	36	9.8	5.6	9.8
Train	26	7.1	4.9	7.1
Bus/Coach/Taxi	6	1.6	4.7	1.6
Car/Motorcycle	284	77.4	69.8	77.4
Bicycle	2	0.5	3.8	0.5
Foot	12	3.3	10.6	3.3

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.

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