

# Thurrock Profile

## key facts

June 2009



### Place

- East of London on the north bank of the River Thames
- Area of borough: 165sq km
- Population density-people per hectare: 8.7 (3.5)
- Green belt land: 70%
- Riverfront: 18 miles



### Ethnic Profile

- Thurrock is becoming more diverse
- Non-white population 2001: 4.7%
- Non-white population 2007: 9%
- Largest BME group 2007: Asian/Asian British 3.7%
- No. of new National Insurance registrations by overseas nationals in 2007: 1510

### Education and Qualifications

- Qualifications & skills profile in Thurrock is improving but remains below average
- 5 GCSEs grade A\*-C 2008: 67.5% (65.3%)
- National Vocational Qualification level 4 + (2007): 14% (28%)
- No qualifications (2007): 18% (12%)

### Jobs

- Unemployment is rising significantly compared to the same period in 2008, as the economic downturn hits Thurrock
- Unemployment rate April 2009: 4.6% (4.1%) compared to 2.2% in April 2008
- % of working age in employment 2008: 75.5% (74%)
- Number of job centre vacancies falling by over half on same period in 2008

### Deprivation and Inequality

- Indicators of inequality and deprivation are improving but inequalities exist in parts of Tilbury, Grays, Belhus, Chadwell, Ockendon and West Thurrock
- Inequalities gap is biggest in health, crime, education and employment

### Crime

- Recorded crime continues to fall but is still above average
- 60.1 crimes per 1000 population in 2007-08, a fall of 6% from 2006-07
- 90% of people feel safe during the day & 49% in the night

### Housing and house prices

- House prices continue to fall significantly in Thurrock as a result of the economic down turn
- Average house price 2009 (Q1): £140,764 (£152,848)
- Number of houses: 63,500 (2009)

### People

- Thurrock's population continues to increase
- Population at 2001 Census: 143,212
- Population 2008: 150,000
- Population growth 1991-2007: 16% (5%)
- Projected population 2031: 183,200

### Age Profile

- Younger age profile than the national picture
- Aged under 15: 20% (17%)
- Aged 15-24: 12% (13%)
- Aged over 50: 30% (34%)
- Aged over 75: 6% (8%)

### Health

- Health is improving but remains generally poor compared to elsewhere in East England
- Male life expectancy 2004-06: 77.6 years (77.3)
- Female life expectancy 2004-06: 81.5 years (81.6)
- More than half of all deaths are due to cancer or circulatory diseases (mainly coronary heart disease or strokes)

### Economy

- VAT registered business stock at 2007: 3,620
- Number of VAT registered business grown by 40% since 1997 – double the national rate (21%)
- Key out of work benefits claimants August 2008: 10.5% (11.9%)
- Average weekly earnings (workplace) continued to rise in 2007: £473.3 (£479)
- Drop in vacancies centred on lower skilled, administration and elementary occupations

### Environment

- Recycling rate has risen to over 30% in 2008-09
- 7 conservation areas & 28 parks
- 3.08million local bus journeys in 2008
- 161 new homes built on 2007-08

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This page provides a snapshot of Thurrock at July 2009. Figures in brackets are national averages.