

# Thurrock Profile - Key facts (October 2011)

This page provides a snapshot of Thurrock based on the latest available data. Please note these figures were correct at time of publishing however change at different intervals throughout the year. Figures in *italics* are national averages.

## Place - East of London on the north bank of the River Thames

Area 165sq km | Green belt land: 70% | Riverfront: 18 miles  
Population: 159,700 (ONS estimate 2010)  
Dwellings: 63,899 (Source Valuation Office March 2010)  
Wards: 20 | Councillors: 49 | Members of Parliament: 2



## People (Source: ONS 2008-based projections)

### Thurrock's population continues to increase.

- Population 2001 Census: 143,128 projected to be 207,200 by 2033
- Projected growth: 2008 – 2033: 32%

## Age & Gender Profile (Source: ONS 2009)

- Aged under 15: 19.7%
- Aged 15 – 24: 12.6%
- Aged 25 – 49: 37.7%
- Aged over 50: 23.8%
- Aged over 75: 6.1%
- Gender: Male 49.0% | Female 51.0%

## Ethnic Profile [Source: ONS estimate]

### Thurrock is now more diverse. Schools census data shows ethnicity in some schools with non-white at 22.7% & a shift in the largest BME group to Black African.

- Non-white population (2009) est. 12.6% (2001: 4.7%) [National 2009 est 17.2%]
- Largest BME group 2009: Asian/Asian British 4.6%
- No. of new National Insurance registrations by overseas nationals in 2010/11:1320

## Deprivation and Inequality

Indicators of inequality and deprivation are improving but inequalities exist in parts of Tilbury, Grays, Belhus, Chadwell, Ockendon and West Thurrock.

## Education and Qualifications

### Qualifications & skills profile generally below average

- Adults with National Vocational Qualification level 4 and above [NI 165] 2010: 20% (32%)
- Adults with No qualifications (2010): 16.6% (11.3%)[(Source: ONS)]
- 5 GCSEs or equiv. grade A\*-C (NI 75 incl. Eng & Maths) 2010: 56.8%, (55.3%) 2009:46.6 (50.9%)

## Housing and House prices

- 288 Homes built in 2010/11) (87 in 2009/10) [NI154]
- House prices decreased 0.6% in the year from Aug 2011 in Thurrock (decreased slightly more in *East Region* -1.1%[-2.6% *Nationally*])
- Average price: Aug 2011- £144,691 (*East Region* £175,079 [National £162,347])  
(Source: Land Registry - landreg.gov.uk)

## Employment (Source: ONS)

### Unemployment is rising significantly as the economic downturn affects Thurrock.

- Unemployment rate Jan-Dec 2010, 8.1% (*East* 6.5%, *GB* 7.7%)
- % of working age in employment Jan-Dec 2010, 77.2% (*East* 78.7%, *GB* 76.2%)
- JSA Claimants (Aug 11) – 4.2% [4439] (3.9%)
- Proportion of JSA claimants per resident population age group (Aug 2011)
  - Aged 18 - 24: 9% (7.9%)
  - Aged 25 - 49: 4.1% (3.9%)
  - Aged 50 - 64: 2.5% (2.1%)

## Economic Prosperity (Source: ONS)

- VAT registered businesses 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 Feb 2011 11.7% (12.3%)
- Average weekly earnings in 2010: £470.10 (£500.40)

## Environment

- Recycling rate has risen to over 46% in 2010/11
- 7 conservation areas, 28 parks, 12 SSSI (Sites of Special Scientific Interest)
- 4 Green Flag Awarded Parks
- 4.22 million local bus journeys in 2010/11

## Crime

### Recorded crime continues to fall

- 2010-11 saw a 5% reduction in recorded crime; 317 fewer victims than in 2009-10.
- Perceptions of anti-social behaviour 29.1% is worse than National average (20%) [2008 Place survey] although reported anti-social behaviour is continuing to decrease.

## Health Profile of Thurrock (Source: National Statistics website: www.statistics.gov.uk)

### Over the past 10 years, rates of death from all causes have improved. Rates of early death from cancer and stroke have fallen, although the former is worse than national average. Rates of adult obesity and smoking are higher than average.

- Male life expectancy 2007-09: 78.3 years (78.3)
- Female life expectancy 2007-09: 82.2 years (82.3)

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