

Hearings Note 1: Most Recent Commuting Data

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Source: Census 2021, ONS

1. The Planning Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State to examine the Local Plan 2040 requested data on commuting patterns into Oxford on Friday 7th June 2024. As such, the Council have published this hearings note in advance of the hearing sessions on Monday 10th June 2024.
2. This data is from the Census 2021. The travel to work data is caveated by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) as it was carried out during a Covid-19 lockdown when advice was to stay at home where possible. The indications are this data has been influenced by the response to the Covid pandemic at the time.
3. The data excludes usual residents who did not have a fixed place to work or who worked from home. Hence, the number of workers commuting is a lot lower than the total number of workers and much lower than it would be calculated to be now, as it is highly distorted by the circumstances at the time of the Census.
4. In order to provide context to the commuting data for Oxford, the Council can also provide the relevant data for Oxfordshire.

Table 1: Oxford Commuting Data

Number of commuters living and commuting to work within Oxford	28,973
Number of workers commuting into Oxford from outside	28,342
Total number of commuters working in Oxford	57,315
Most common origins for commuters outside Oxford	Vale of White Horse (7,065) South Oxon (4,981) Cherwell (6,019)

Note: at the time of the Census 34,732 workers in Oxford worked from home or had no fixed place of work. A total of 92,047 worked in Oxford

Table 2: Oxfordshire Commuting Data

Number of commuters living and commuting to work within Oxfordshire	337,668
Number of workers commuting into Oxfordshire from outside the county	42,824
Total number of commuters working in Oxfordshire	380,492
Most common origins for commuters from outside Oxfordshire	Buckinghamshire (6,845) West Northamptonshire (4,456) Swindon (3,594) Reading (2,722) West Berkshire (1,913)