

Migrant indicator¹ and non-UK short-term residents in Oxford

As part of the latest Census release, the ONS has made available data on migration and non-UK short-term residents in Oxford. The migrant indicator shows the address at the time of the Census and it includes variables that show whether the migrant had the same address a year prior to the Census and whether it was a student term-time/boarding school address in the UK. Additionally, it looks at whether the migrant's address was inside or outside the UK a year prior to the Census and if different to their address at the time of the Census. Please note that the migrant indicator has changed in 2021 and therefore, a direct comparison to Census 2011 data cannot be made. The second part explores non-UK short-term residents in the UK by sex. More information on this and other indicators can be access via the [Census 2021 homepage](#).

Key findings:

- According to the latest figures, 119,351 residents indicated that their address one year ago is the same as the address of enumeration (74%). This is lower than the national average (88%).
- 6,696 residents indicated that their address one year ago is student term-time or boarding school address in the UK (4%). This is higher than the national average (1%).
- There were 28,019 migrants from within the UK: Address one year ago was in the UK (17%). This is a lot higher than the national average (9%).
- There were 6,590 migrants from outside the UK: Address one year ago was outside the UK (4%). This is higher than the national average (1%)
- In terms of non-UK short-term residents by sex, 993 were male and 1,256 female.
- Compared to the previous Census, the number non-UK short-time residents decreased by 1,728 (-43%).

¹ The migration indicator classifies people based on the difference between their current address and their address one year ago. It provides an indicator of the movement of people within the UK and from outside the UK, in the one-year period before the census. The indicator is therefore looking at address one year ago and is not dependent on the nationality of the respondent.

Figure 1. Migrant indicator in Oxford and England in 2021.

Indicator	Oxford		England	
	Number of residents	% of residents	Number of residents	% of residents
Address one year ago is the same as the address of enumeration	119,351	74%	49,709,801	88%
Address one year ago is student term-time or boarding school address in the UK	6,696	4%	329,080	1%
Migrant from within the UK: Address one year ago was in the UK	28,019	17%	5,343,417	9%
Migrant from outside the UK: Address one year ago was outside the UK	6,590	4%	528,761	1%
Does not apply	1,382	1%	578,988	1%

Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Figure 2. Non-UK short-term residents in Oxford in 2021.

Sex	2011	2021	change #	change (n)
All persons	3,977	2,249	-1,728	-43%
Female	2,077	1,256	-821	-40%
Male	1,900	993	-907	-48%

Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Sources:

[Demography and migration data, England and Wales: Census 2021 - ONS, 2021](#)

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