

# Oakley

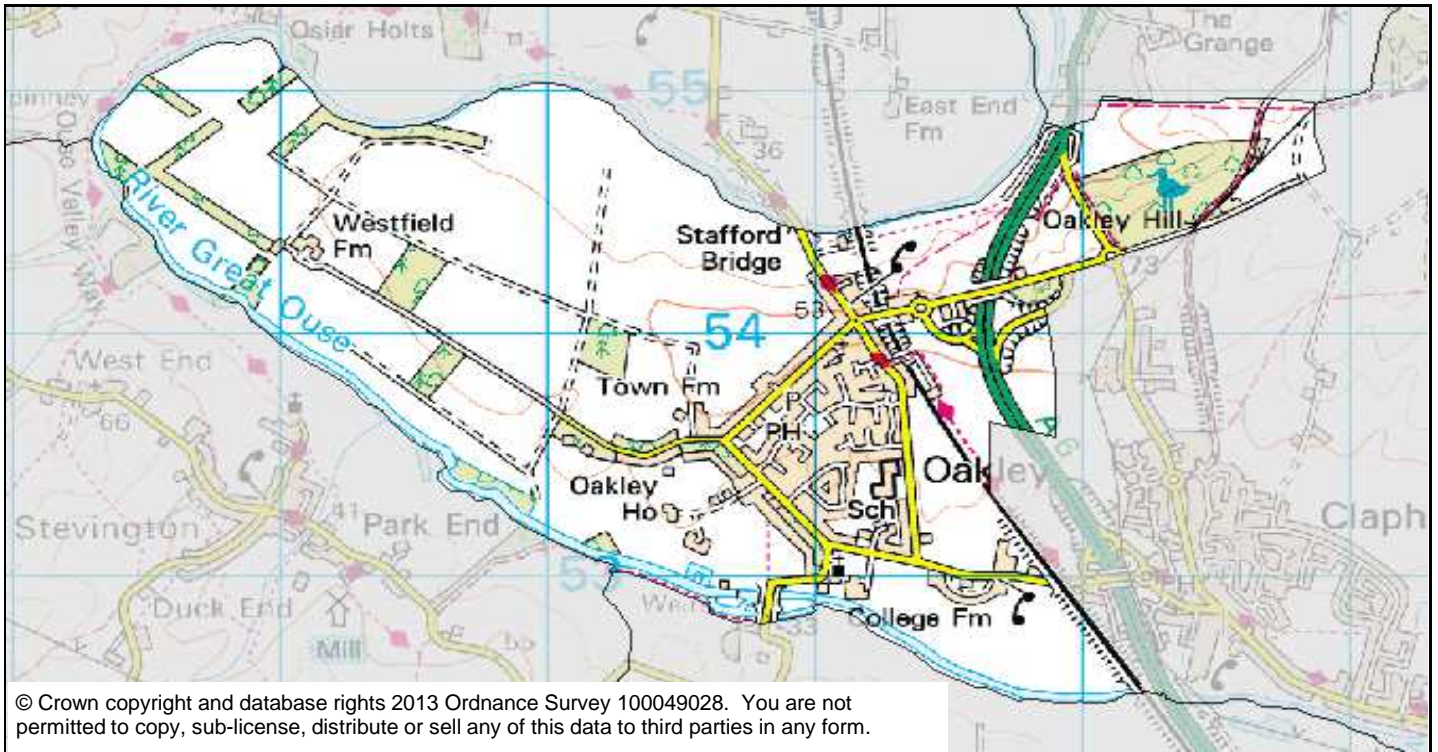
Parish Profile

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Located in the west of Bedford Borough, Oakley has a relatively young age profile with 23% of residents aged 0-15 and only 16% aged over 65. A diverse mix of non-White British residents form 8% of the total population.

Almost 70% of households are couples. The proportion of one-person households (18%), mainly pensioners, is below the average for rural parishes. Lone parents with dependent children form 7% of all households.

Oakley has extremely high home ownership (86%), with just 5% of households renting from social landlords and 8% renting privately. Housing is predominantly detached (42%) and semi-detached (45%), and more than 91% of homes are heated by gas.

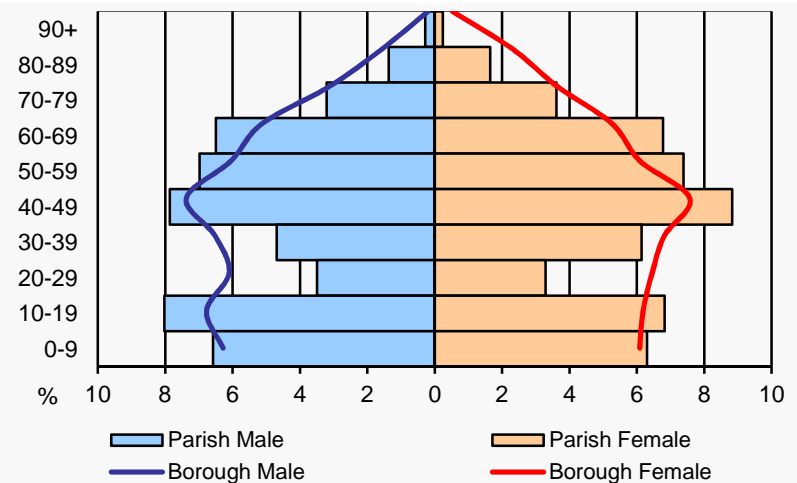
Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (35%) is similar to the rural parish average. Residents aged 16+ with degree-level qualifications (35%) is above the average for all parishes, and only 13% have no qualifications. Health is much better than the Borough average.

Only 7% of households do not have a car, 41% have 2 cars, and 17% have 3 or more. Most people travel to work by car (74%), 9% work from home, 5% commute by train, but 8% cycle or walk to work which exceeds the rural average.

<b>Population</b>	<b>2,493</b>
<b>Area (hectares)</b>	<b>595</b>
<b>Population Density (People/hectare)</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Households</b>	<b>948</b>
<b>Dwellings</b>	<b>974</b>

## Population

Age	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
0-4	136	5.5	6.4
5-15	427	17.1	13.7
16-17	76	3.0	2.7
18-29	221	8.9	15.1
30-39	270	10.8	13.3
40-49	416	16.7	14.9
50-64	557	22.3	18.1
65-74	238	9.5	8.1
75-84	111	4.5	5.5
85+	41	1.6	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Ethnicity	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
White British	2,301	92.3	71.5	92.3	
White Other	102	4.1	9.1	4.1	
Mixed/Multiple	28	1.1	3.4	1.1	
Asian/Asian British	42	1.7	11.4	1.7	
Black/Black British	13	0.5	3.9	0.5	
Other	7	0.3	0.7	0.3	

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish		Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish	
	No.	%		No.	%
Italy	16	0.6	Panjabi	6	0.2
Ireland	14	0.6	Italian	5	0.2
United States	11	0.4	Russian	5	0.2

Religion or Belief	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
Christian	1,699	68.2	59.3	68.2	
Other Religion	51	2.0	10.5	2.0	
No Religion	588	23.6	23.6	23.6	
Not Stated	155	6.2	6.6	6.2	

Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
Single	440	22.8	31.9	22.8	
Married	1,193	61.8	49.2	61.8	
Civil Partnership	0	0.0	0.2	0.0	
Separated/Divorced	189	9.8	12.0	9.8	
Widowed	108	5.6	6.7	5.6	

## Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish		Borough	Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
1 Person: Pensioner	100	10.5	11.9	Lone Parent: With DC	65	6.9	7.6
1 Person: Other	75	7.9	16.9	Lone Parent: No DC	29	3.1	3.4
Couple: With DC	278	29.3	20.9	Couple: Both 65+	94	9.9	8.2
Couple: No DC	278	29.3	23.5	Other	29	3.1	7.5
				<b>All Households</b>	<b>948</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	407	41.8	27.4	41.8
Semi-Detached	440	45.2	32.2	45.2
Terrace	92	9.4	21.9	9.4
Flat	33	3.4	17.6	3.4
Caravan/Mobile	2	0.2	0.9	0.2

Household Tenure	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Owned	816	86.1	66.8	86.1
Social Rented	52	5.5	16.1	5.5
Private Rented	80	8.4	17.2	8.4

Central Heating	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
None	9	0.9	2.0	0.9
Gas	862	90.9	77.2	90.9
Electric	23	2.4	9.5	2.4
Oil	19	2.0	5.1	2.0
Solid Fuel	3	0.3	0.6	0.3
2+ Types/Other	32	3.4	5.6	3.4

## Health

General Health	Parish		Borough	Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Very Good	1,391	55.8	46.9	<b>Long Term Illness/Disability</b>			
Good	803	32.2	36.0	Limited a Lot*	93	3.7	7.1
Fair	253	10.1	12.6	Limited a Little*	218	8.7	8.9
Bad	40	1.6	3.6	<b>Unpaid Carers</b>			
Very Bad	6	0.2	1.0	1-49 hours per week	211	8.5	8.2
				50+ hours per week	34	1.4	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>1,308</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>28.1</b>
FT Employee	683	38.4	40.4	Retired	300	16.9	12.8
PT Employee	296	16.6	13.9	Student	74	4.2	5.5
Self-Employed	227	12.8	9.5	Looking After Home	50	2.8	4.3
Unemployed	50	2.8	4.4	Sick/Disabled	23	1.3	3.3
Full-Time Student	52	2.9	3.6	Other	23	1.3	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	432	34.6	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	186	14.9	12.3
Skilled Trades	125	10.0	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	180	14.4	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	177	14.2	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	150	12.0	19.3

## Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Level 4+ (Degree)	676	35.0	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	253	13.1	11.8
Apprenticeship	107	5.5	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	572	29.6	29.0
Other	72	3.7	6.8
No Qualifications	250	13.0	20.4

## Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
No Cars	66	7.0	20.6
1 Car	339	35.8	41.8
2 Cars	386	40.7	28.3
3 Cars	114	12.0	6.8
4+ Cars	43	4.5	2.6
<b>Total Cars in Parish</b>	<b>1,637</b>	-	-

## Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Work At/From Home	112	9.0	5.6	9.0
Train	67	5.4	4.9	5.4
Bus/Coach/Taxi	36	2.9	4.7	2.9
Car/Motorcycle	928	74.2	69.8	74.2
Bicycle	30	2.4	3.8	2.4
Foot	71	5.7	10.6	5.7

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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