Census 2011 Factsheet: Economic Activity

Summary of findings

- **6%** of economically active people in Sutton are unemployed, compared to 9% in London and 7% in England.

- A slightly higher percentage of economically active people in Sutton are employed **full-time** than in London and England as a whole (58% compared to 56% in London and 55% in England).

- In Sutton, 21% of economically **inactive** people reported that their day-to-day activities were ‘limited a lot’ through disability/old age. This compares to 8% of the overall population aged 16 and over; and just 1.5% of those who are economically active.

- 86% of those who said that their day-to-day activities were ‘limited a lot’ through disability/old age were economically **inactive**.

- Of those people in employment who said that their **day-to-day activities were ‘limited a lot’**. 32% were in part-time work, 47% were in full-time work and 20% were self-employed.

- 81% of people aged 16 and over in Sutton said their health was very good or good. The figure was **90% for people in employment**. But the figure for those who are economically inactive was only 61%.

- Around **80%** of those Sutton residents who work part-time were **female** – a higher proportion than in London and England as a whole. 75% of those who were self-employed were male. Again, that was a higher percentage than that for London and England.

- 36% of females in Sutton who were employed were part-time, compared to 10% of males.

- 60% of people who provided unpaid care were in employment: 33% were full-time employees; 16% were part-time employees and 10% were self-employed.

- Part-time employees were most likely to be providing unpaid care, with 15% of the population doing so.

Link to tables on ONS website:
- [http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011/DC6301EWla](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011/DC6301EWla) (Economic activity by unpaid care, health, sex and age)
- [http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011/DC6302EW](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011/DC6302EW) (Economic activity by hours worked and disability)

This briefing note looks at the results for questions 26 to 38 of the survey about employment and economic activity.

**Economically Active People**

58% of economically active people in Sutton were employed full-time, 18% were part-time and 15% were self-employed. 6% of the economically active people in Sutton were unemployed. The graph below shows how those figures compared with the averages for London and England.
Disability and Health

11,600 people aged 16 or over in Sutton reported that their day-to-day activities were 'limited a lot' because of disability/old age, 7.6% of the total number of people in that age group.

The table below shows the breakdown of the 11,600 by economic activity.

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<th>% of those with day-to-day activities limited a lot</th>
<th>Sutton</th>
<th>London</th>
<th>England</th>
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<tr>
<td>Employee: Part-time: 15 hours or less worked</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
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<td>Employee: Part-time: 16 to 30 hours worked</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employee: Full-time: 31 to 48 hours worked</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employee: Full-time: 49 or more hours worked</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
<td>1.0%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<td>Self-employed</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>2.0%</td>
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<td>In employment: Full-time students</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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<td>Unemployed</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
<td>2.0%</td>
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<td>Economically inactive</td>
<td>86.2%</td>
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Overall, 7.6% of Sutton residents aged 16 and over said that their day-to-day activities were ‘limited a lot’. But, 21% of economically inactive people said the same, and only 1.5% of those who were economically active. The graph below shows the % of people in each economic activity who have activities ‘limited a lot’.
People aged 16 or over who reported that their health was very good or good, were likely to be economically active and in employment.

81% of the population of Sutton aged 16 or over had very good or good health, but there were wide variations in the percentages for those with different economic activity. 90% of those in employment were healthy compared to only 61% of those who were economically inactive.
Gender

Females make up 52% of the population of Sutton aged 16 and over. But the female/male splits for the various types of economic activity are very different. For example, 80% of people employed to work between 16 and 30 hours per week are female, but only 30% of those working 49 or more hours a week.

Around half of males and females aged 16 and over are in employment as an employee. But the proportions who are self-employed vary considerably: 5% of females compared to 16% of males.
For those people who are employed in Sutton, females are far more likely to work part-time than males. There is a similar pattern in London and England, but the % of females working part-time is higher in Sutton than London but below the average for England.

**Provision of Unpaid Care**

60% of people aged 16 or over who were providing unpaid care were in employment. This is a higher percentage than the averages for London and England. The percentage of Sutton’s carers in full-time employment was also higher than the averages in London and England.
11% of Sutton residents who are in employment provide unpaid care to someone else. That is higher than the average for London, but less than that for England. The proportion of people employed part-time who provide unpaid care is higher than that for those who are employed full-time and those who are self-employed.