

CENSUS 2001

Rochdale Research and Information

Profile of Older People (Aged 50 or Above) In Rochdale

Introduction

The percentage of the population that is comprised of people aged 50 and over has significant implications for the population as a whole. Trends in the age profile of the population provide an insight into pension, healthcare and social services needs provision for the future.

Demographic Structure

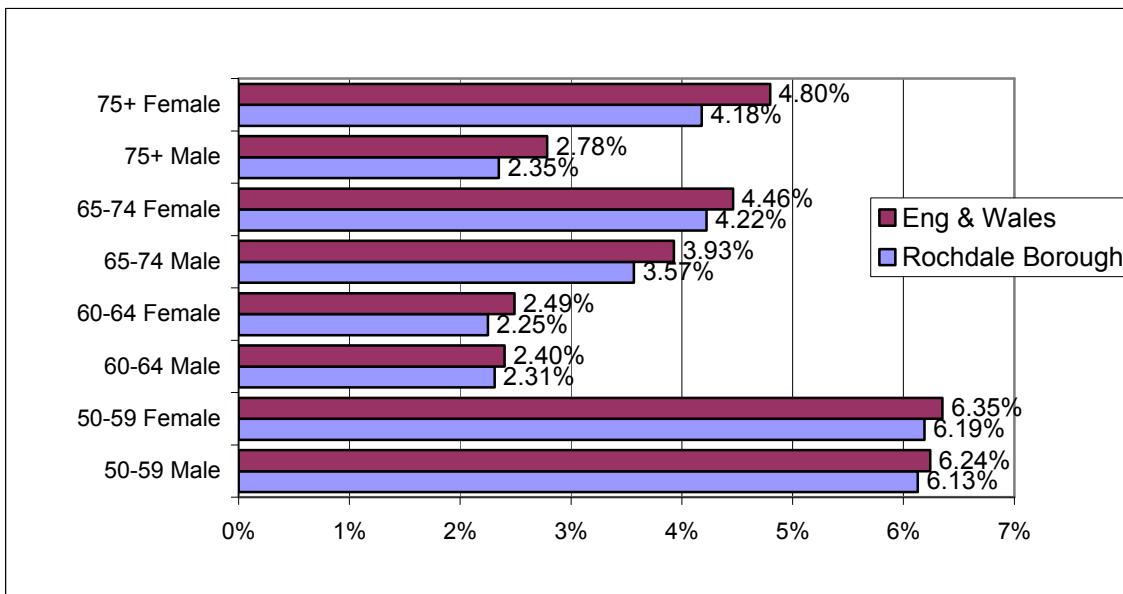
- Population

Table 1: Population Structure by Age, for Rochdale and England & Wales

Age Group	Rochdale Borough		England and Wales	
	Number	%	Number	%
0 to 15	46,881	22.83%	10,488,736	20.15%
16 to 29	35,159	17.12%	9,112,810	17.51%
30 to 44	45,485	22.15%	11,733,473	22.55%
45 to 59	39,061	19.02%	9,849,369	18.93%
60 to 74	25,363	12.35%	6,911,786	13.28%
75 and Above	13,408	6.53%	3,945,742	7.58%
Total	205,357	100.00%	52,041,916	100.00%

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Graph 1: Age Breakdown of Males and Females Aged 50+

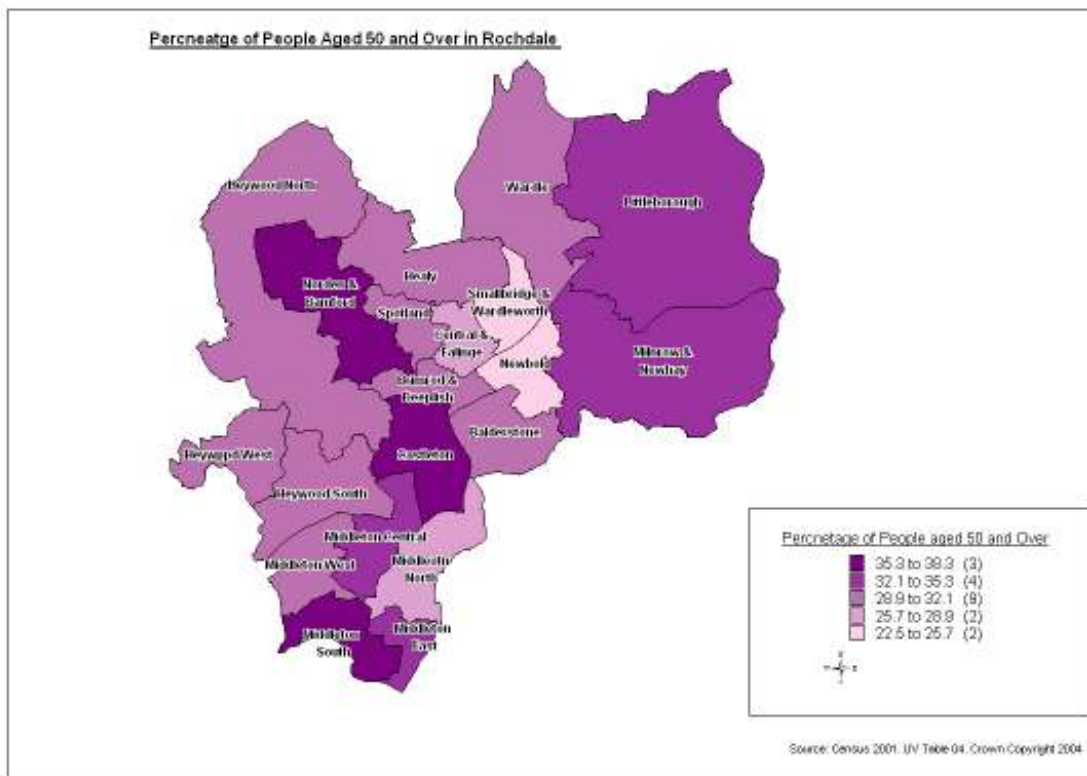


Source: Census 2001, Standard Table 103, Crown Copyright 2004

In the Rochdale Borough 31.20% of people (64,070) are age 50 and above and 18.88% of people (38,771) are aged 60 and above. Rochdale has a lower percentage of people aged 50 and above in comparison to England and Wales.

In the age categories from 50 to 64 there are a similar percentage of males and females. In the age categories from 65 to 75 and above there are a higher percentage of females than males. In each age group there is a higher percentage of people in England and Wales than the Rochdale Borough.

Map 1: Geographical Spread of People Aged 50+ By Ward (Pre-2004)

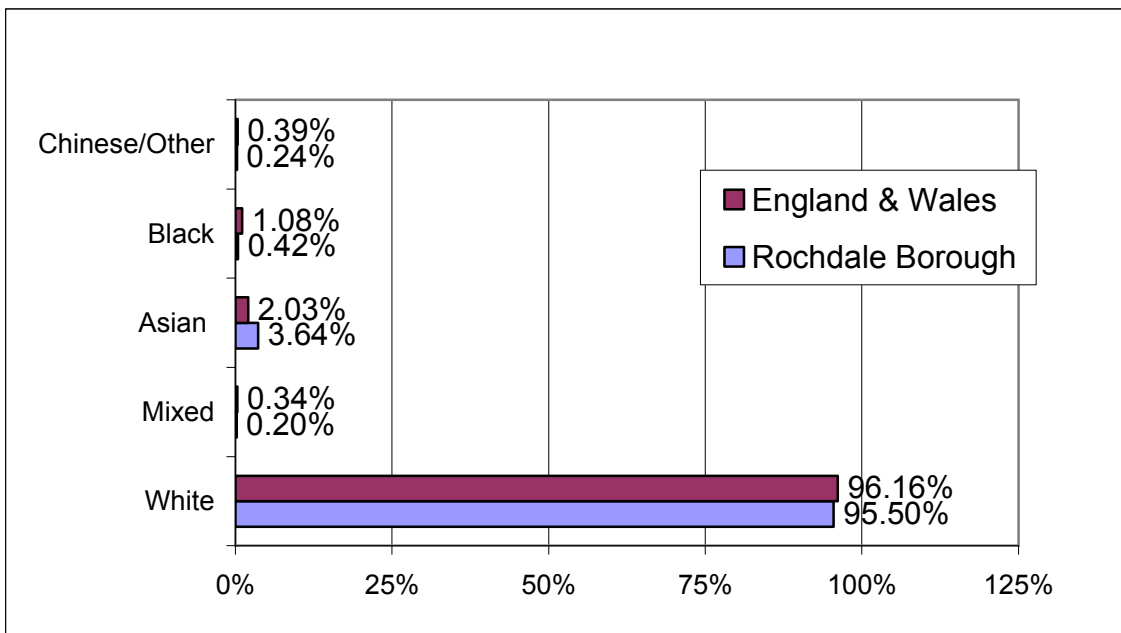


Source: Census 2001, Standard Table 103, Crown Copyright 2004

The above map shows the geographical distribution of people aged 50 and above in the Rochdale borough by ward (pre-2004 boundaries). Norden and Bamford, Castleton and Middleton South have the highest percentage of older people with between 35.3% and 38.3% of the population aged 50 and above. Newbold and Smallbridge and Wardleworth have the lowest percentage of people aged 50 and over with between 22.5% and 25.7% of the population falling into this age range.

- **Ethnicity and Religion**

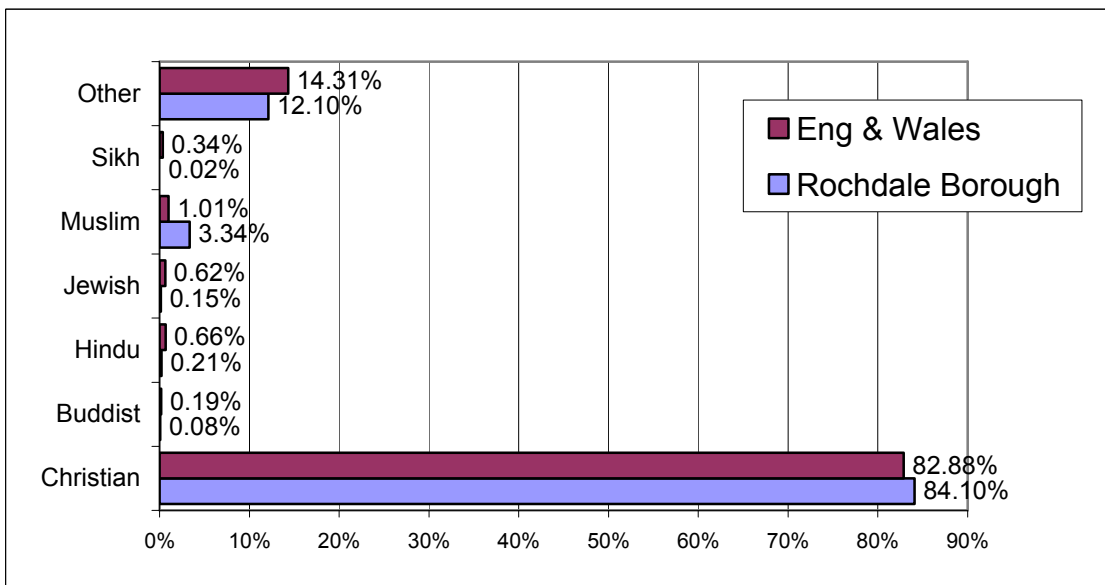
Graph 2: Ethnic Groups as a Percentage of All people Aged 50+



Source: Census 2001, CAS Theme Table 003, Crown Copyright 2004

In both the Rochdale borough and England and Wales the majority of people aged 50 and over are white (95.50% and 96.16% respectively). A relatively high percentage (3.64%) of people aged 50 and over in the Rochdale borough are from the Asian or British Asian Ethnic group. This is higher than the percentage of people in the same ethnic group in England and Wales (2.03%)

Graph 3: Religion as a Percentage of All People Aged 50+



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In both the Rochdale borough and England and Wales the majority of the population aged 50 and above follow the Christian faith (84.10% and 82.88% respectively). A relatively high percentage of people in the Rochdale Borough also follow the Muslim faith (3.34%). This is higher than the percentage of people in England and Wales (1.01%).

Income and Employment

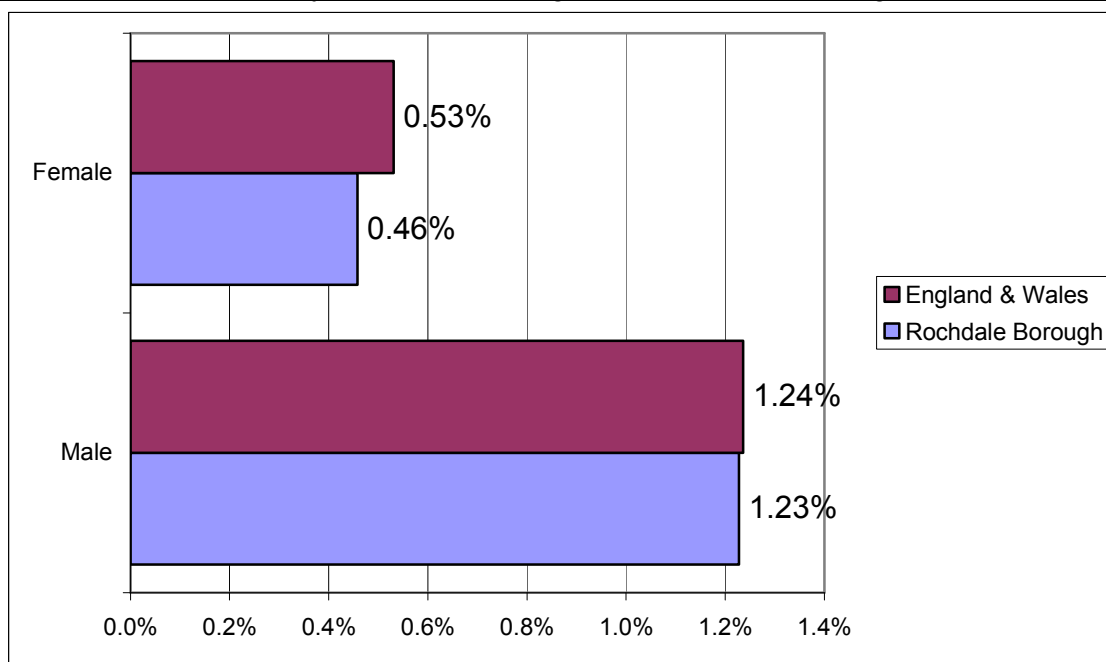
- **Unemployment**

Table 2: Unemployment of People 50-74 as a Percentage of Total Population 50-74, by Gender and Age

Unemployment	Gender	Rochdale Borough		England & Wales	
		Number	%	Number	%
50-59	Male	477	0.94%	122,007	0.91%
	Female	191	0.38%	61,364	0.46%
60-64	Male	132	0.26%	36,409	0.27%
	Female	20	0.04%	5,229	0.04%
65-74	Male	13	0.03%	8,036	0.06%
	Female	21	0.04%	4,937	0.04%

Source: Census 2001, Census Area Statistic Theme Table 2, Crown Copyright 2004

Graph 4: Total Unemployment of People Aged 50-74 as a Percentage of the Total Population 50-74



Source: Census 2001, Census Area Statistic Theme Table 2, Crown Copyright 2004

In the Rochdale Borough and England and Wales there is a roughly equal percentage of males aged 50 and over who are unemployed. In both areas there are a higher percentage of males aged 50 and above who are unemployed in comparison to females. Unemployment increases the risk of social exclusion, impacts on income and reduces access to services and opportunities. Unemployment does not affect all groups equally. The young, disabled and some minority groups are likely to experience disproportionate levels of unemployment. Whilst increasing employment levels is essential, it is important that jobs are quality jobs offering decent rates of pay.

Table 3: Percentage of People 50-74 who are Permanently Sick or Disabled

Permanently Sick/Disabled	Rochdale Borough		England & Wales	
	Number	%	Number	%
Y	6,864	13.55%	1,249,437	9.28%
Total Pop 50-74	50,662	100.00%	13,465,102	100.00%

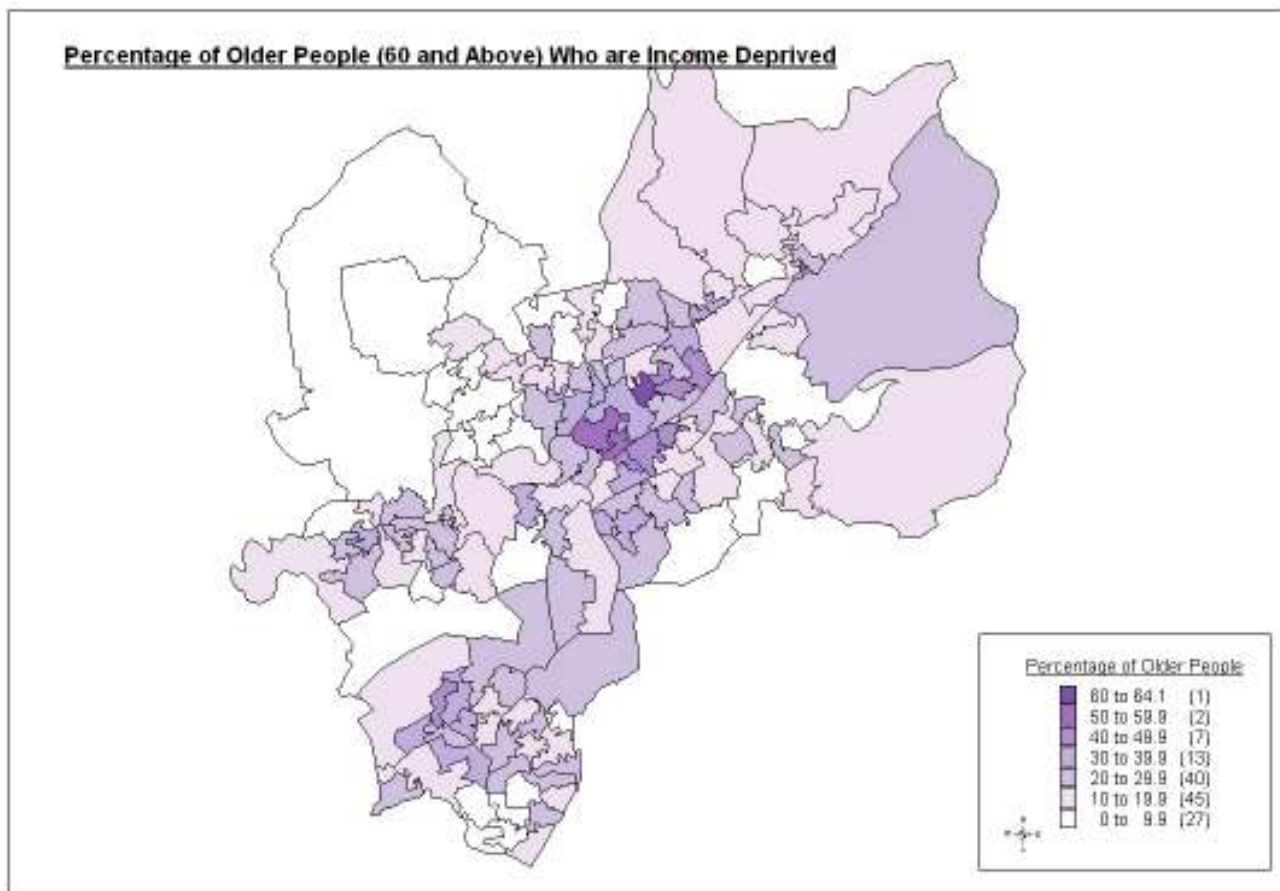
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Permanently sick or disabled people are classed as economically inactive and therefore do not participate in the labour market. However, they are involuntarily excluded from the labour

market and therefore should be counted as part of the “hidden unemployed”. In the Rochdale borough 13.55% of people aged 50-74 were classed as permanently sick or disabled. This was higher than the percentage of people who were classed as permanently sick or disabled in England and Wales, (9.28%).

- **Income**

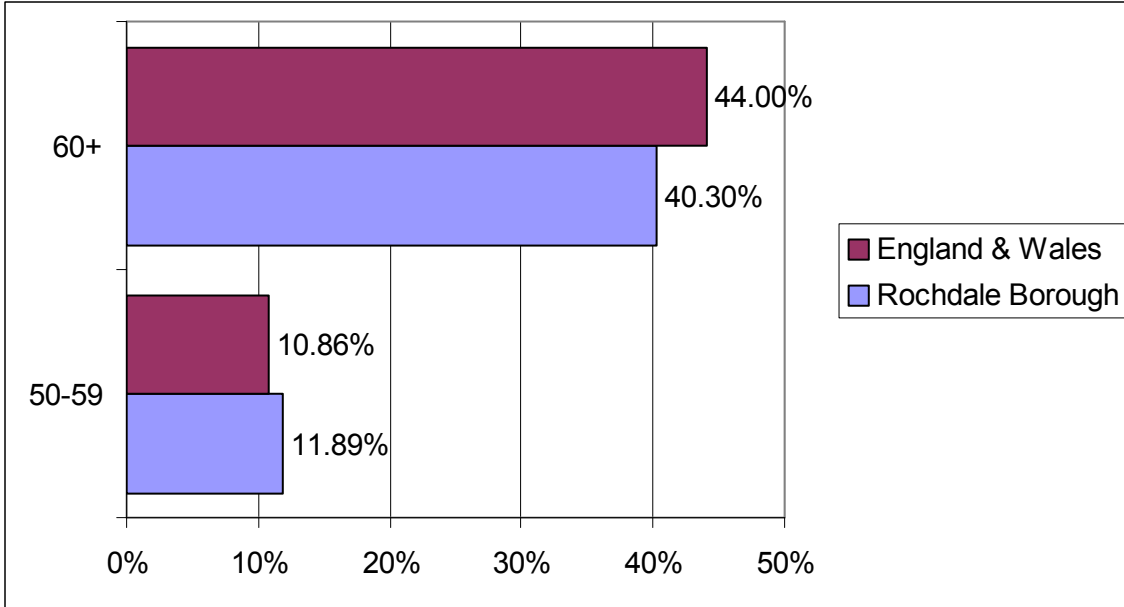
Map 2: Percentage of Older People (Aged 60+) who are Income Deprived in the Rochdale Borough



Source: Indices of Deprivation, 2004

The map above shows the geographical distribution of people aged 60 and over who suffer from income deprivation. The information for the map was drawn from the Indices of Deprivation 2004 and is displayed at Super Output Area (SOA) level. The map above shows that the SOAs in the centre of Rochdale have the high percentage of older people who suffer from income deprivation (between 59.9% and 64.1% of older people). SOAs in the north west of Rochdale have the lowest percentage of older people suffering from income deprivation (between 0 % and 9.9% of older people)

Graph 5: Percentage of Income Support Claimants Aged 50+ as a Percentage of All Claimants

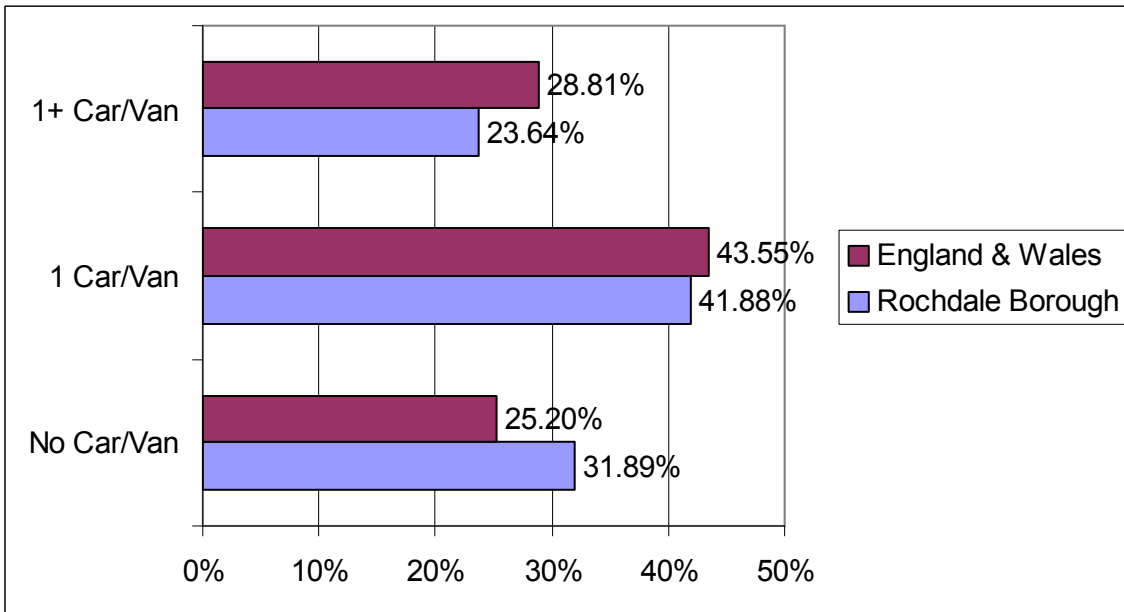


Source: Department for Work and Pensions (Information and Analysis Directorate). Information Centre. Crown Copyright 2004.

Income support is designed to top up a household’s income to reach a minimum level. It is the welfare state’s principal means-tested benefit and is therefore an indicator of income deprivation. Income support claimants are mainly pensioners, lone parents or people with disabilities. There are slightly more Income Support claimants aged between 50 and 59 in the Rochdale Borough compared with England and Wales (11.89% compared with 10.86%). However there are fewer claimants in the Rochdale borough aged 60 and over (40.30%). More than half of Income Support claimants in the Rochdale borough are aged 50 and above.

Access and Transport

Graph 6: Percentage of People Aged 50+ Living in Households with a Car or Van

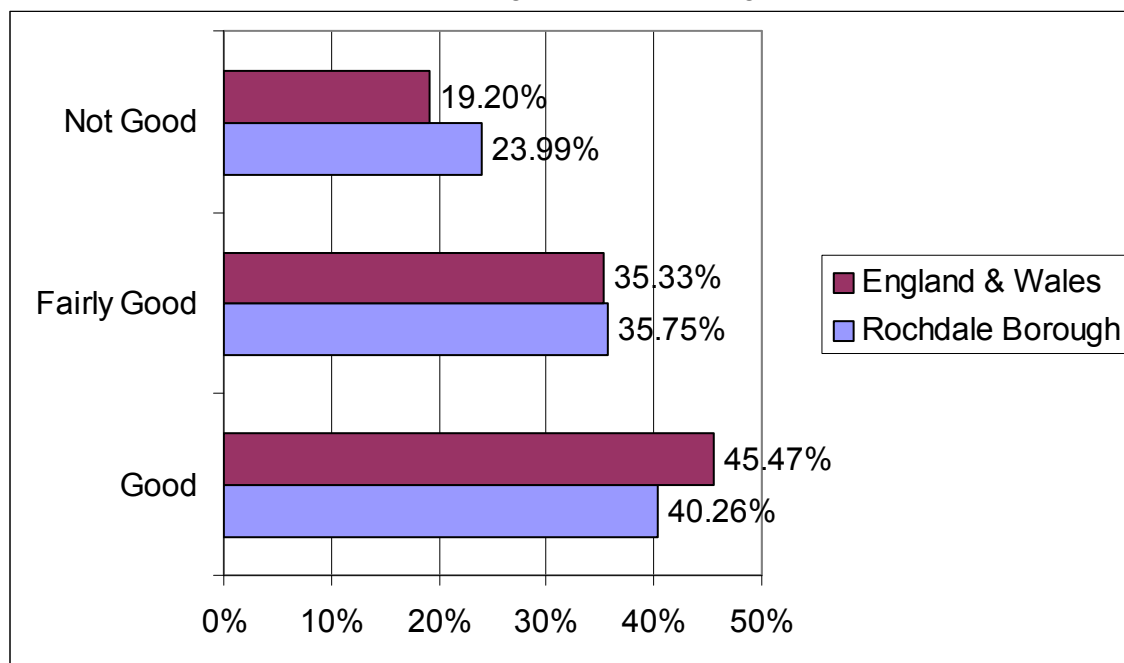


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In the Rochdale borough nearly one third (31.89%) of people aged 50 and above live in a household with no car or van. This is higher than the percentage of people in England and Wales with no car or van. A lower percentage of older people in the Rochdale Borough live in a household with one car or van (41.88%) or two or more cars or vans (23.64%) in comparison to those in England and Wales. The ownership of cars does not measure health, employment or housing conditions directly but can be used as an indicator of available income and therefore favourable economic circumstance.

Health and Social Care

Graph 7: General Health as a Percentage of All People Aged 50+



Source: Census 2001, Census Area Statistic Theme Table 2, Crown Copyright 2004

General health in the 2001 Census was a self-assessment of a person’s general health over the 12 months before the Census. In the Rochdale borough a high percentage of people aged 50 and above, consider themselves to have “good” general health (40.26%). However, this is slightly lower than the percentage of people with “good” general health in England and Wales (45.47%). In the Rochdale borough nearly one quarter of people aged 50 and above (23.99%) consider themselves to have “not good” general health. This is higher than the percentage of people in England and Wales (19.20%).

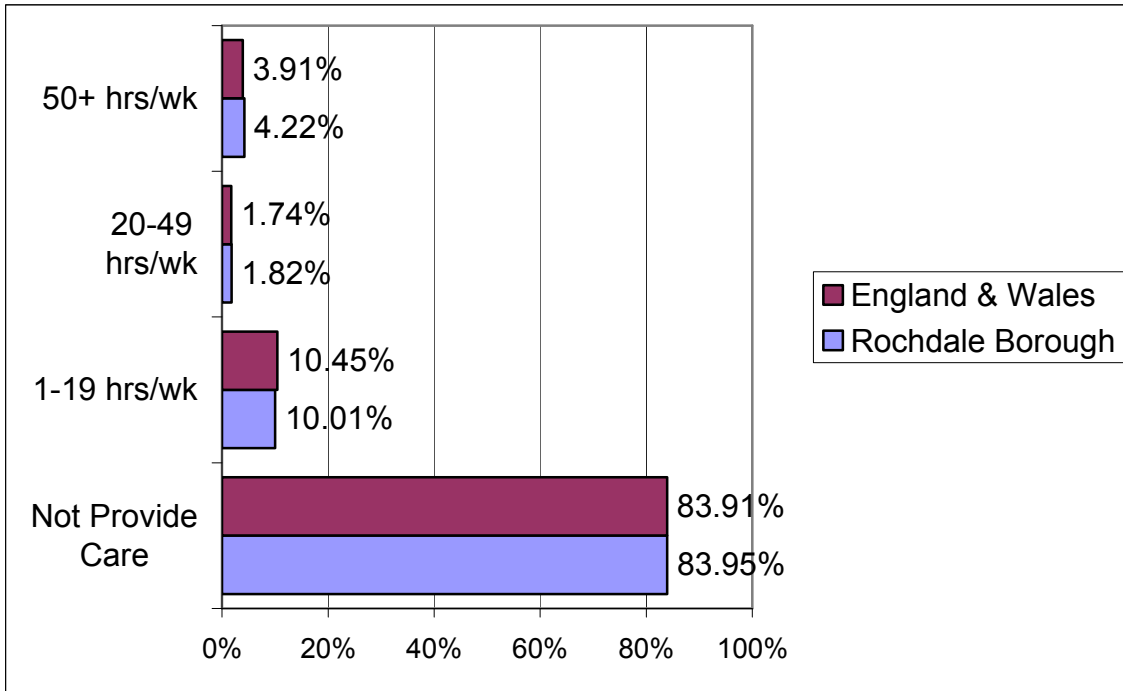
Table 4: Percentage of People Aged 50+ with a Limiting Long-term Illness or Disability

Long Term Illness/Disability	Rochdale Borough		England and Wales	
	Number	%	Number	%
Y	28,423	44.36%	6,706,427	38.52%
Total Pop 50+	64,070	100.00%	17,410,844	100.00%

Source: Census 2001, Census Area Statistic Theme Table 2, Crown Copyright 2004

Limiting long-term illness in the 2001 Census was a self-assessment of whether or not someone has a limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits their daily activity or the work they can do including problems that are due to old age. In the Rochdale borough a high percentage of people (44.36%) aged 50 and above have a limiting long-term illness. This is higher than the percentage of people in England and Wales, which stands at 38.52%.

Graph 8: Percentage of People Aged 50+ who Provide Unpaid Care By Hours per Week

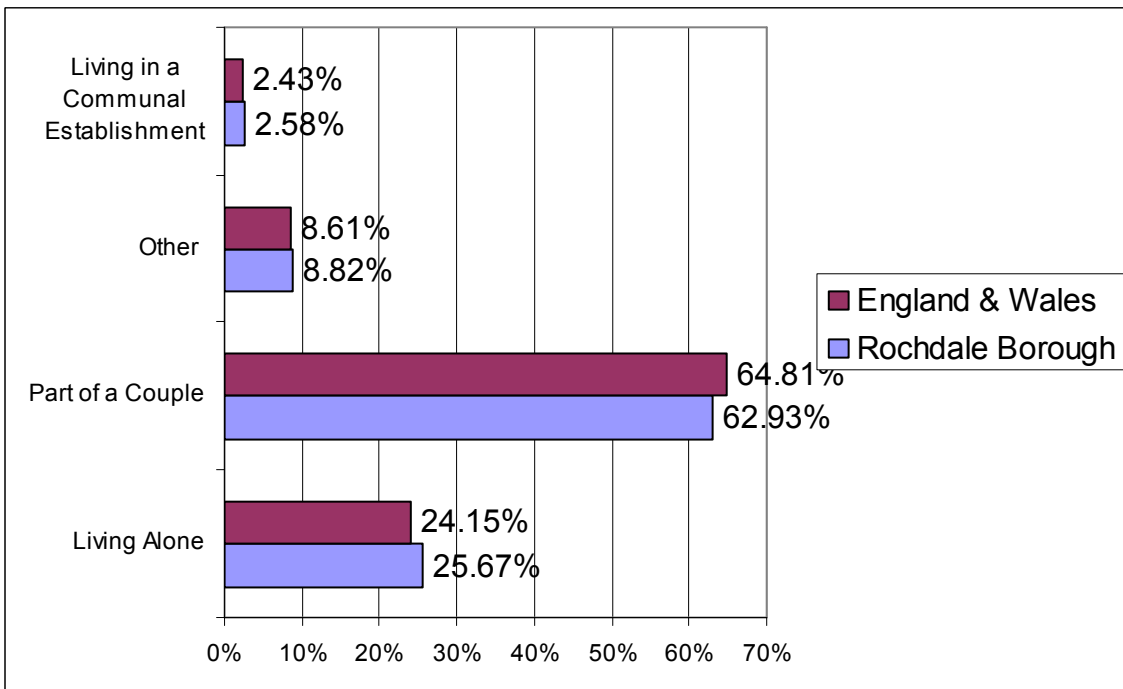


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In the 2001 Census a person is classed as a provided of unpaid care if the give any help or support to family members, neighbours or others due to long-term physical or mental health or disability, or problems related to old age. In the Rochdale borough either a lower or equal percentage of people (aged 50 and above) provide unpaid care in comparison to the percentage of people in England and Wales. In the Rochdale Borough and England and Wales a similar percentage of people do not provide unpaid care.

Housing

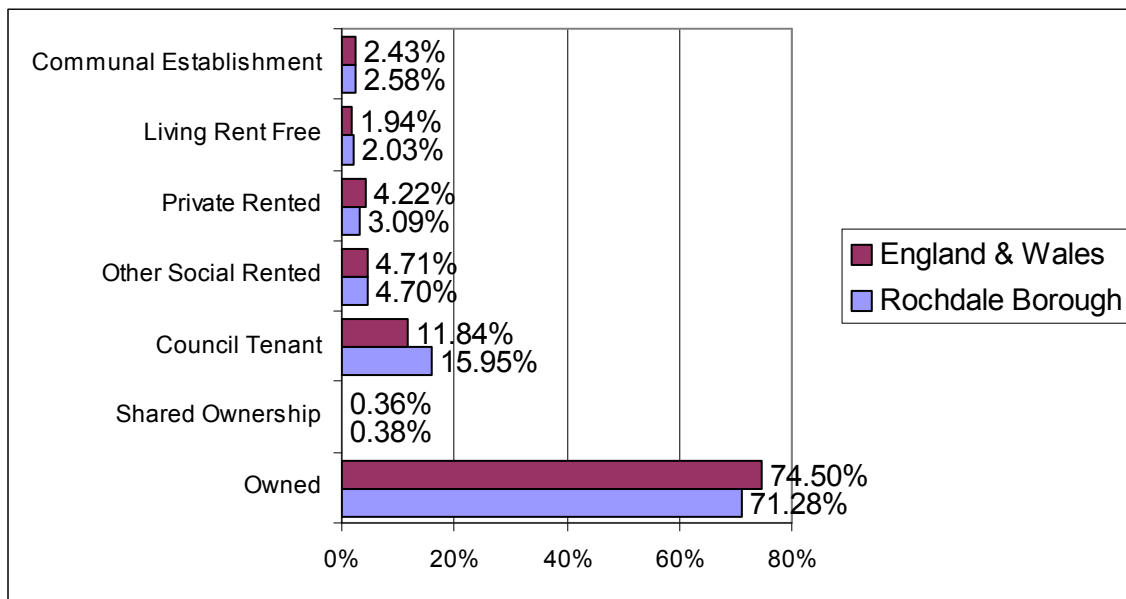
Graph 9: Living Arrangements for People Aged 50+



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Just under two thirds of people aged 50 and above in Rochdale (62.93%) live as part of a couple. This is similar to the percentage for England and Wales (64.81%). Over one quarter of people (25.67%) aged 50 and over in Rochdale live alone.

Graph 10: Tenure of People Aged 50+ in the Rochdale Borough and England & Wales

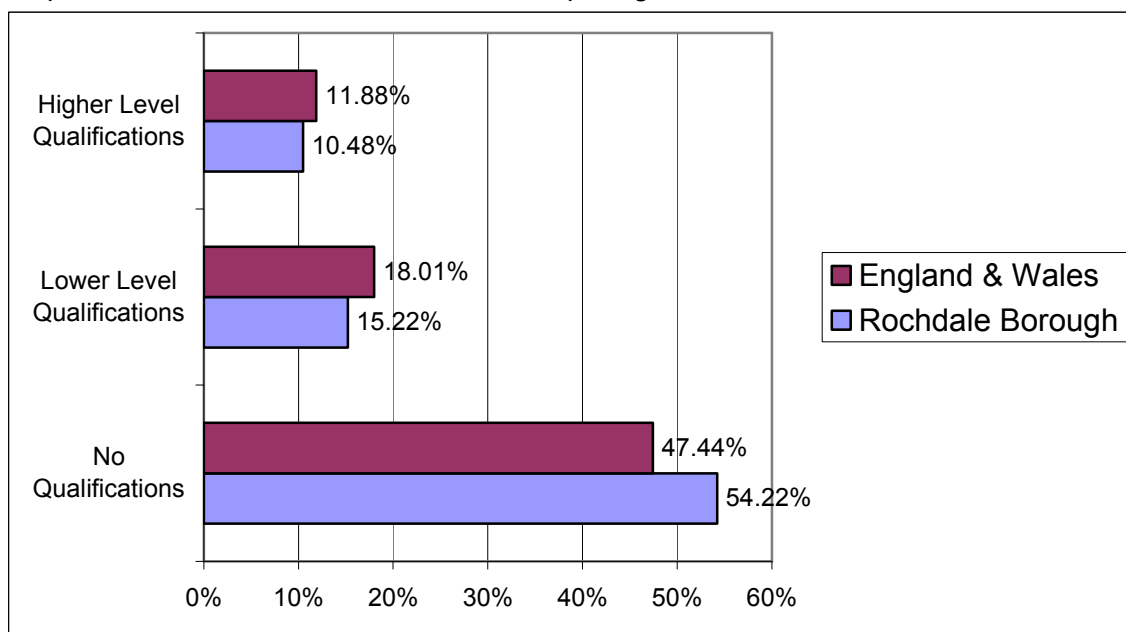


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The majority of people aged 50 and above in the Rochdale borough own their home (71.28%). A high percentage of people aged 50 and above also rent their home from the council in the Rochdale borough, (15.95%). This is higher than the percentage of people in England and Wales, which stands at 11.84% of older people.

Lifelong Learning & Leisure

Graph 11: Educational Qualifications of People Aged 50+



Source: Census 2001, Census Area Statistic Theme Table 2, Crown Copyright 2004

The majority of people aged 50 and above in the Rochdale Borough (54.22%) have no educational qualifications. This is higher than the percentage of people aged 50 and over in England and Wales (47.44%).

Low educational attainment increases the risk of social exclusion not only during school years but in future years due the importance of education in securing employment. There is a clear correlation between GCSE attainment and subsequent labour market position, and employment is the most important way of avoiding poverty. Without greater numbers of highly skilled people in a locality it is difficult to generate more employment. Lack of skills amongst a local population is one of the most significant obstacles to raising employment levels.

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