

Borough of Runnymede Profile

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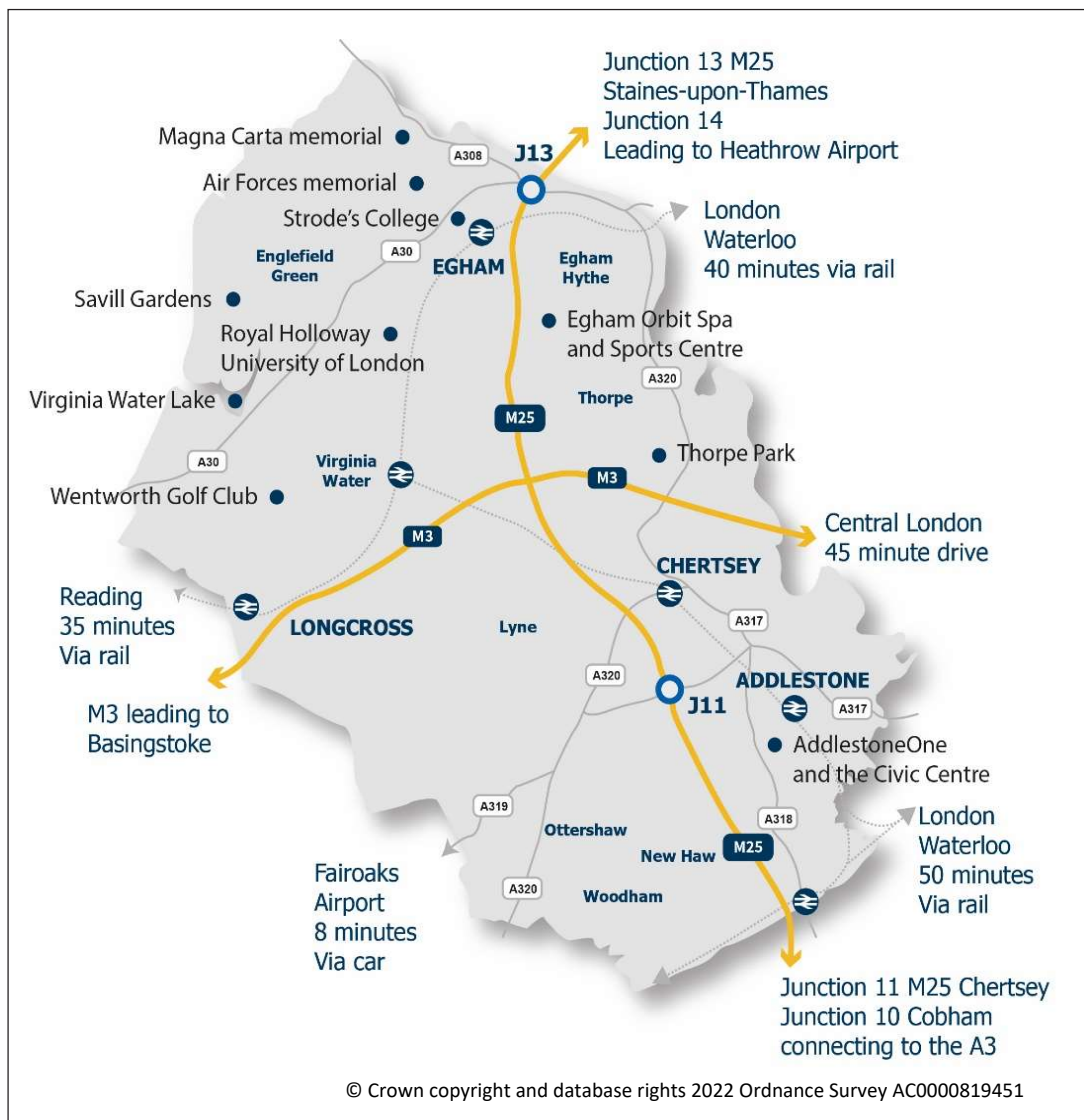
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Introduction

Runnymede Borough is located in North West Surrey with a population of 88,100 (Source: Census 2021) and covers 7,807 hectares (30.14 square miles), of which 78.63% (6,139 hectares) is Green Belt (Source: RBC Local Plan July 2020). It has a population density of 1,129 persons per square kilometre (Source: Census 2021) and includes the settlements of:

- Addlestone
- Englefield Green
- New Haw
- Thorpe
- Chertsey
- Longcross
- Ottershaw
- Virginia Water
- Egham
- Lyne
- Row Town
- Woodham

Map of the Borough



Runnymede borders with five neighbouring local authorities and is in close proximity to London and Heathrow Airport. The M25 motorway runs through the borough from north to south and the M3 motorway from west to east. It boasts several high profile attractions such as Thorpe Park, Savill Garden, Wentworth Golf Club, the Magna Carta Memorial, the Air Forces Memorial, Virginia Water Lake, Runnymede Meadows, Runnymede Pleasure Ground and the River Thames for leisure and commercial use.

Location of Runnymede



Population

(Source: Census 2021)

	Runnymede	South East region	England
Total Population	88,100	9,278,100	56,489,800
Males	42,550	4,539,300	27,656,300
Females	45,550	4,738,800	28,833,500

The majority of people living in Runnymede were born in the UK (80.10%). However, Runnymede is a diverse community with other countries of birth including India (1.9%), United States (0.9%), South Africa (1.1%), Ireland (0.8%), Poland (1.19%), Romania (1.0%), China (0.4%), Philippines (0.6%), and South America (0.7%).

The language spoken by most people living in Runnymede is English (91.8%). Other languages spoken include Chinese-Mandarin, Cantonese, other (0.4%), Polish (0.8%), Spanish (0.5%), Tagalog/Filipino (0.2%), Italian (0.5%), French (0.3%), Arabic (0.3%), Portuguese (0.7%), Romanian (0.7 %).

The main religious make up of Runnymede is Christian (50.4%), Muslim (2.9%), Hindu (2.3%), Sikh (1.4%), Buddhist (0.5%), and Jewish (0.3%). Other religions (0.5%) include Pagan, Spiritualist, Rastafarian, and Taoist. The remaining 41.7% is split between 34.8% having No religion and 6.9% not stating a religion.

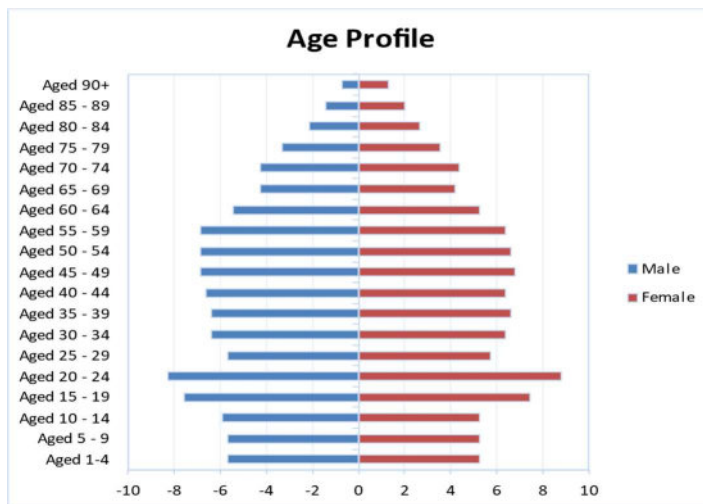
48.0% of people are living as couples with 36.9% married, 47.2% live with a partner of the opposite sex, and 0.8% live with a partner of the same sex. 21.9% are single, 6.5% are living apart, have separated or divorced, and 4.3% of people living in Runnymede are widowed.

(Source: Census 2021)

Age Profile

(Source: Census 2021)

	Runnymede	South East region	England
0-19 years	23.8%	23.1%	23.1%
20-64 years	58.9%	57.5%	58.5%
65+ years	17.3%	19.4%	18.4%



The average age (median) of people in Runnymede is 39 years.

There are more people in Runnymede of 20-24 years than any other age group.

The number of people aged 50 to 64 years rose by approx. 2,200 (an increase of 15.2%) compared to 2011.

Highest level of education

All usual residents aged 16-64
(Source: Census 2021)

	Runnymede	South East region	England
Level 4 and above	35.3%	35.8%	33.9%
Level 3 and above	21.3%	17.4%	16.9%
Level 2 and above	12.6%	13.9%	13.3%
Level 1 and above	9.0%	9.8%	9.7%
Other qualifications (NVQ equivalent)	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%
Apprenticeship	4.7%	5.1%	5.3%
No formal qualifications	14.5%	15.4%	18.1%

Other qualifications - of unknown level (e.g. foreign qualifications, vocational or work-related qualifications), Level 1 - one to four GCSE passes (grade A* to C or grade 4 and above) and any other GCSEs at other grades, or equivalent qualifications, Level 2 - five or more GCSE passes (grade A* to C or grade 4 and above) or equivalent qualifications, Level 3 - two or more A Levels or equivalent qualifications, Level 4 - Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, Bachelor's degree, or post-graduate qualifications.

Health and wellbeing

(Source: Census 2021 unless indicated otherwise)

	Runnymede	South East region	England
Male life expectancy (Source: ONS 2018-2020)	80.8 years	80.6 years	79.4 years
Female life expectancy (Source: ONS 2018-2020)	84.4 years	84.1 years	83.1 years
% of people who self-defined their health as very good	51.2%	49.6%	47.5%
% of people who self-defined their health as good	34.1%	34.4%	34.2%
% of people who self-defined their health as fair	11.0%	11.8%	13.0%
% of people who self-defined their health as bad	2.9%	3.3%	4.1%
% of people who self-defined their health as very bad	0.8%	0.9%	1.2%

Sexual orientation was included in the Census for the first time in 2021 with the question being voluntary. In Runnymede 88.5% identified as Straight or Heterosexual, 3.5% identified as not Straight or Heterosexual (gay or lesbian, bisexual, pansexual, asexual), 8.0% opted to not answer the question. (Source: Census 2021)

Housing

(Source: Census 2021)

	Runnymede	South East region	England
All households - with at least one usual resident.	34,838	3,807,966	23,436,085
All households who owned or shared ownership their home	67.9%	67.1%	62.3%
Rented - social housing	12.9%	13.6%	17.1%
Rented or rent free - private housing	19.2%	19.3%	20.6%

The demand for housing in the borough is high with a median price of £441,750. This is nearly 70% higher than the median price in England of £260,000.

(Source: ONS Median house prices for administrative geographies June 2022)

Economic statistics

The working age population (20-64 years) is 58.9% of the population, higher than the South East 57.5% and England 58.5%.

(As a proportion of the working age population - Source: Census 2021)

	Runnymede	South East region	England
Economically Active - In Employment	58.4%	59.2%	57.4%
Part-time employees – 30 or less hours worked.	29.0%	29.5%	29.8%
Full-time employees - 31 to 48 hours worked.	58.1%	58.6%	59.1%
Full-time employees – 49 or more hours worked.	12.9%	11.9%	11.1%
Economically Active - Unemployed	3.6%	3.0%	3.5%
Economically Inactive – Student, Sick, etc.	38.0%	37.8%	39.1%

Household deprivation

In Runnymede the level of deprivation is lower than in many other parts of the UK. When measured against the four dimensions of deprivation:

- Employment: any member of a household, who is not a full-time student, is either unemployed or long-term sick.
- Education: no person in the household has at least five or more GCSE passes.
- Health and Disability: any person in the household has general health that is “bad” or “very bad” or has a long-term health problem.
- Housing: the accommodation is either overcrowded, with an occupancy rating of negative 1 or less (implying that it has one fewer room or bedroom required for the number of occupants), or is in a shared dwelling, or has no central heating).

53.4% of households in Runnymede did not meet one or more of the four dimensions. This compares to 52.0% in the South East and 48.8% in England. (Source: Census 2021)

Key sectors of employment

The occupations of Runnymede residents are Professional 21.8%, Managers, directors, and senior officials 16.7%, Associate professional and technical 14.9%, Administrative and secretarial 9.8%, Skilled trades 9.4%, Caring, leisure and other services 8.8%, Elementary occupations 7.7%, Sales and customer service 6.5% Process, plant and machine operatives 4.4% (Source: Census 2021)

Runnymede residents record high earnings with the median gross weekly pay approximately £767 per week for full-time workers, compared to £685 in the South East and £646 in England and Wales. (Source: ONS Earnings and hours worked Oct. 2022)

(Source: Census 2021 - industries with the highest numbers of employees who were residents)

	Runnymede	South East region	England
Education	10.4%	10.2%	9.9%
Construction / Civil engineering / Specialised construction	8.5%	9.0%	8.7%
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	8.9%	9.4%	10.3%
Human health activities	7.7%	8.3%	8.9%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	4.7%	5.9%	5.8%
Computer programming / consultancy	5.3%	4.1%	2.9%
Social work activities	3.3%	4.0%	4.2%
Food and beverage service	3.8%	3.8%	4.1%
Services to buildings and landscape	2.8%	2.9%	2.6%
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2.3%	2.5%	2.8%

Safer and stronger communities

(Source: ONS Sept 2022 – excluding fraud)

	Surrey	South East region	England
Number of recorded notifiable offences (crime) per 1000 of population	59.7	79.8	91.9
Number of recorded incidents of residential burglary per 1000 of population	2.3	2.3	3.3
Number of recorded incidents of public order offences per 1000 of population	7.3	9.0	9.7



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