

KEY INFORMATION

- The Office for National Statistics is responsible for conducting a census in England and Wales every ten years. The most recent census of England and Wales took place on 27 March 2011.
- From November 2013, the ONS has been releasing specialist datasets of small population groups. Included in this is the release of 2011 Census Armed Forces data for Local Authorities, which was published on 23 May 2014.
- Census population and household estimates help the government, local authorities, businesses and community organisations identify community needs and plan future service provision.

For the latest FAQs about the 2011 Census (from 16 July 2012):

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/faq/index.html>

ABOUT THIS REPORT

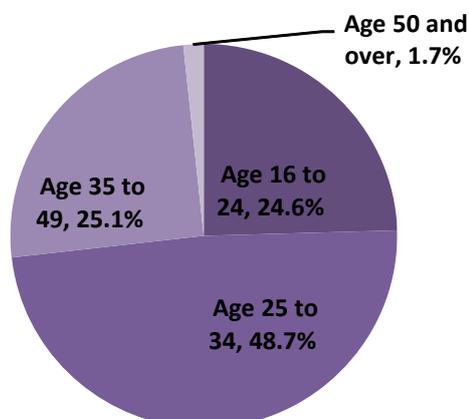
- This release is based on the data published on 23 May 2014.
- This data release covers the topic of Armed Forces cross-tabulated with other topics from the 2011 Census
- Due to the level of detail available in the Armed Forces census data release, tables have only been produced for Local Authorities which meet a minimum threshold in the number of Armed Forces present. This is in order to comply with the census disclosure policy. Therefore, comparisons with other authorities which do not meet this threshold cannot be made.
- Supporting information such as definitions for data and geography, methodology papers and quality assurance packs which explain the quality assurance process are available on the ONS website
- This report looks at data for Colchester as a local authority, based on the information above.
- The information in this report was, as far as is known, correct at the date of publication. Colchester Borough Council cannot accept responsibility for any error or omission.
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2,501 Armed Forces members were residing in Colchester as of 2011. Of this figure, **92.2%** (2,306) were male and **7.8%** (195) were female.

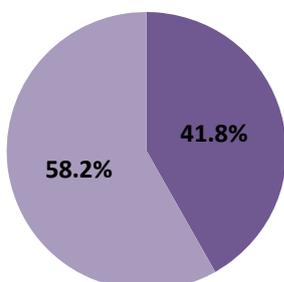
Members of the Armed Forces by age

48.7% (1,217) of members of the armed forces in Colchester were aged 25-34. This is followed closely by the 35-49 age group and 16-24 age group, which comprise **25.1%** (628) and **24.6%** (614) respectively. The 50+ age group made up **1.7%** (42), the smallest proportion of Armed Forces members in Colchester.



Of these 2,501 Armed Forces members, **58.2%** (1,455) lived in a communal establishment, compared to **41.8%** (1,046) who lived in a household.

Members of Armed Forces by residence type

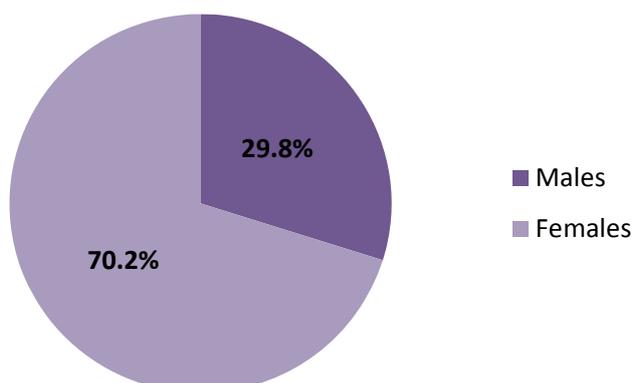


■ Lives in a household ■ Lives in a communal establishment

When broken down by age, the 16-24 age group had the highest proportion of armed forces members living in a communal establishment with **77.1%** (417), while the 25-34 age group had the highest number living in a communal establishment (691). **100%** of the 50+ age group lived in a household, however there were only 42 people in this age group. A higher proportion of females lived in a communal establishment (**60.5%**) than males (**58%**).

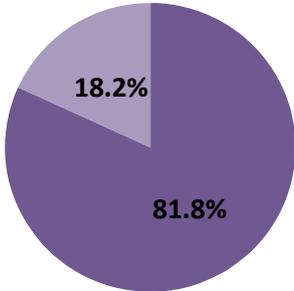
Associated persons in household

There were 805 Household Reference Persons, with 1,904 associated persons in the household. Of these associated persons, **70.2%** (1,336) were female and **29.8%** (568) were male. Of these 1,904 associated persons, **51.2%** (974) were under the age of 15.

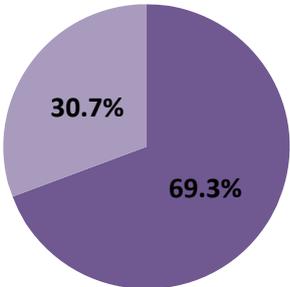


Of the 930 associated persons of working age, **70.3%** (654) were economically active, and **29.7%** (276) were economically inactive. When broken down by sex, **81.8%** (63) of males and **69.3%** (591) of females were economically active.

Males



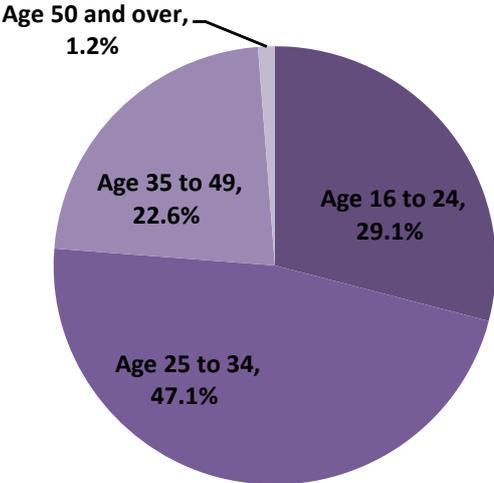
Females



■ Economically active ■ Economically inactive ■ Economically active ■ Economically inactive

There are **3,042** members of the Armed Forces with a workplace address in Colchester. The chart below shows this figure broken down by age:

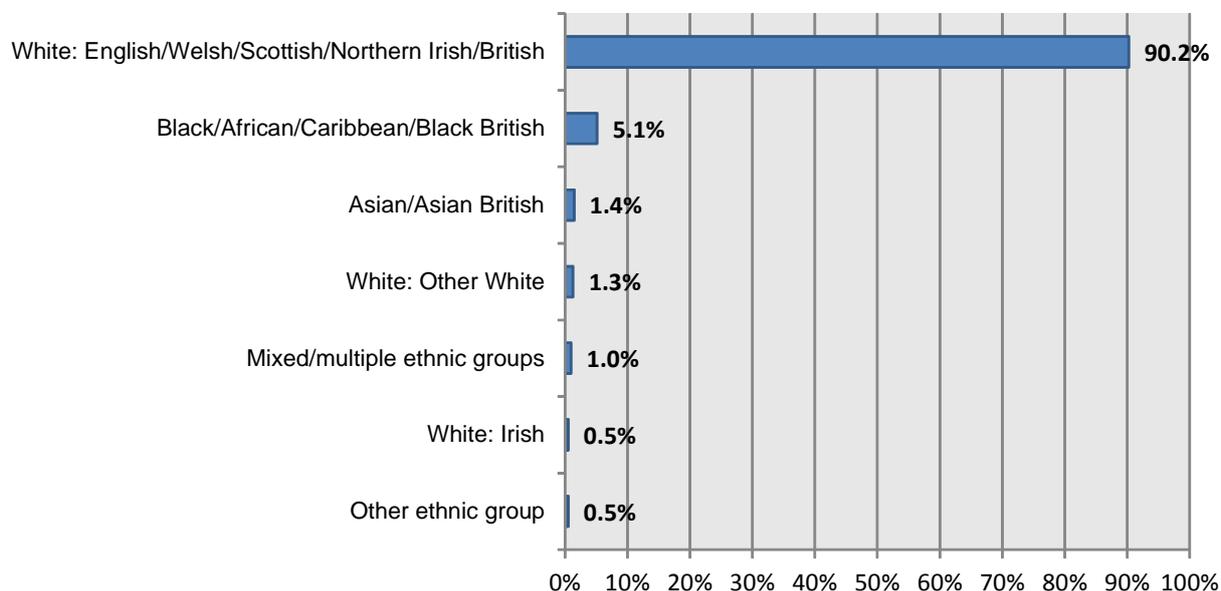
Members of the Armed Forces by workplace address



The 25-34 age group made up the largest proportion of Armed Forces members with a workplace address in Colchester (**47.1%**). The 50+ age group comprised the smallest proportion, with **1.2%**.

When broken down by ethnicity, **90.2%** of Armed Forces members in Colchester identify themselves as White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British. A full list can be found below:

Members of the Armed Forces by ethnic group



Ethnicity		%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	2257	90.2%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	128	5.1%
Asian/Asian British	36	1.4%
White: Other White	32	1.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	24	1.0%
Other ethnic group	12	0.5%
White: Irish	12	0.5%

More information on this data release, and data tables, can be found on the ONS website from this link: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census/armed-forces-statistics-for-local-authorities-in-england-and-wales/index.html>