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# Swanage South Ward Factsheet

This report provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic and socio-economic make-up of the Swanage South Ward within Purbeck. It looks at the population structure and provides information on the economic, housing and educational achievement of the Ward.

Swanage South is one of the 13 Wards of Purbeck. It has an area of 506 hectares which represents 1.25% of the total area of Purbeck District.







# **Facilities**

The following map shows the main facilities of this Ward.



### Environment

Purbeck has a large number of environmental and landscape designations. The following map shows the spatial extent of these designations in this Ward.







# People

Swanage South has a resident population of 4,985 which represents 11.08% of the total Purbeck resident population of 44,973. Swanage South's resident population is 51.2% female and 48.8% male.

#### Age

The mean age of the Swanage South Ward population is 46 years compared to a mean age of 45 years for residents in the whole of Purbeck. The predominant age band in Swanage South Ward is Age 45 to 59 which represents 21.56% of the population.

#### Ethnicity

The largest ethnic group is 'Number of usual residents who are White' with 98.1% of the Ward's population. That compares with a figure of 98.6% for the District as a whole, 97.9% for the Dorset County and 95.4% for all of South West. The second largest ethnic group is 'Number of usual residents who are Asian/Asian British' with 0.9% of the Ward's population. That compares with 0.5% for the District as a whole, 0.9% for the Dorset County and 2.0% for all of South West.

The ethnic split of Swanage South 's residents is shown below.



#### Religion

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The 2011 Census provided Ward data on religion as shown below.

Residents by religion (count)	
Religion: Buddhist	29
Religion: Christian	3,134
Religion: Hindu	2
Religion: Jewish	4
Religion: Muslim	19
Religion: Sikh	0
Religion: No religion	1,353
Religion: Any other religion	25
Religion not stated	419





## Housing

Swanage South Ward has 2,234 households, which represents 11.41% of Purbeck's 19,583 households. The household split by tenure is shown below.



The largest number of households lives in 'Number of all households - Owned outright' accommodation with 44.7% of the Ward's households. That compares with 42.4% for the District as a whole, 43.0% for Dorset County and 32.5% for the whole of South West.

The second largest number of households lives in 'Percentage of all households - Owned with a mortgage or loan ' accommodation with 25.9% of the Ward's households. That compares with 27.1% for the District as a whole, 29.1% for Dorset County and 35.1% for the whole of South West.

The Ward has 148 households with dependent children aged 0 to 4. That represents 6.62% of the Ward's households.

485 households in the Ward have 'Dependent children in household: All ages'. That represents 21.71% of the Ward's households.





#### Occupancy

The following chart shows the occupancy rating of the residents of this Ward. Occupancy rating provides a measure of whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded or under-occupied.

The chart shows the number of households with an occupancy rating (rooms) of +2 or more, as a percentage of all households (Census 2011). The ages of the household members and their relationships to each other area is used to derive the number of rooms/bedrooms they require, based on a standard formula. The number of rooms/bedrooms required is subtracted from the number of rooms/bedrooms in the household's accommodation to obtain the occupancy rating. An occupancy rating of -1 implies that a household has one fewer rooms/bedrooms than required, whereas +1 implies that they have one more room/bedroom than the standard requirement.



#### **Second Homes**

Council tax records at June 2015 showed that 17.2% of dwellings in this Ward and Swanage North combined were second homes. The percentage of second homes in Purbeck was 7.33%. Purbeck has the highest proportion of second homes of all of Dorset's districts.





### Economy

The following chart shows the economic activity of the Ward's population from the 2011 Census.

Residents by economic activity (%)			
Employee: Full time per cent	21.75		
Employee: Part time per cent	12.62		
Full time student per cent	1.79		
Long-term sick or disabled per cent	2.31		
Looking after home or family per cent	2.53		
Retired per cent	15.23		
Self-employed per cent	10.19		L
Student (including full-time students) per cent	2.51		L
Unemployed per cent	2.47		
Other economically inactive per cent	1.16		



#### **Employment**

The following chart provides a breakdown of the Swanage South Ward by socio-economic classification for all residents aged 16 – 74.



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The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. It is an Office for National Statistics standard classification. The largest group is 'National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification - 2. Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations' representing 15.97% of the Ward's population.





## Education



21.69% of Swanage South residents have achieved level 4 qualifications and above compared to 27.40% in South West as a whole and 18.27% of Swanage South residents have no qualifications compared to 20.70% in South West.

- Level 1 Qualifications = GCSE Grades D-G / L1 Diploma
- Level 2 Qualifications = GCSE Grades A-C / L2 Diploma
- Level 3 Qualifications = A Levels / L3 Diploma / L3 Extended Diploma
- Level 4 Qualifications = Foundation Degree / Higher National Certificate (HNC)
- Level 5 Qualifications = Foundation Degree / Higher National Diploma (HND)
- Level 6 Qualifications = Degree
- Level 7 Qualifications = Master's Degree
- Level 8 Qualifications = Doctorate (PhD)





### Health

Residents by	/ level of	health	(count)
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- Very good health 2,068
- Good health 1,897
- Fair health 751
- Bad health 200
- Very bad health 69



Swanage South has 200 (4.0%) residents that report being in bad health and 69 (1.4%) residents that report being in very bad health. Its ranking for the number of residents in very bad health is 13 (out of 13 Wards) within Purbeck.

#### References

The majority of the data in this factsheet was sourced from LG Inform Plus.



