

Smith's Wood

The following ward profile provides information on the labour market conditions in Smith's Wood.

Smith's Wood is situated to the north of the Borough, it has a resident population of 10,943 of which 47 per cent were male and 53 per cent were female (Census 2001). Its population structure is such that 100 per cent of its residents lived in households (4,424, Census 2001) as a pose to communal establishments.

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Labour Market Demand presents the Standard Industrial Classifications of workplace employment in Smith's Wood. Using information taken from the Annual Business Inquiry this provides information on employment in each of the broad employment sectors. Those employed in these industry sectors may not necessarily reside in Smith's Wood.

Standard Occupations Groups (SOC) highlights the occupational categories of t Smith's Wood residents in employment. The data has been collated from the 2001 Census of Population.

Hours Worked details the number of hours worked by males and females employed in Smith's Wood.

Travel to Work is data collated from the 2001 Census Figures. It illustrates the different modes of travel to work used by the economically active in Smith's Wood.

Enrolments by Unemployed Adult Learners illustrates the enrolment of unemployed persons into learning. Data has been provided by the Learning Skills Council (LSC).

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Supply Labour Market Supply in Smith's Wood

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	% (latest)
Working Age Male Population	3,548	3,548	3,548	3,548	---	47.2
Working Age Female Population	3,976	3,976	3,976	3,976	---	52.8
Working Age Population with Disability	674	674	674	674	---	9
Male Unemployment	389	380	285	318	251	76.8
Female Unemployment	121	104	90	101	76	23.2
Working Age Economically Inactive	2,684	2,684	2,684	2,684	---	35.7
Average Monthly On-Flows	74	87	86	78	86	---
Average Monthly Off-Flows	80	92	82	88	83	---
Total working age population	7,524	7,524	7,524	7,524	---	---
Total population	10,943	10,943	10,943	10,943	---	---
Total Unemployed as a % of the working age population	6.8%	6.4%	5%	5.6%	4.3% (Data Census 2001)	
Nomis/Claimant Count						
Unemployment by Age	Number of Individuals					% (Total Unemployed)
<24	133	142	90	129	102	31.2
25-34	197	168	127	122	100	30.6
35-49	122	112	98	98	75	22.9
50+	58	62	60	70	50	15.3
Number of Individuals Unemployed by Duration						
<6 months	220	268	213	259	226	69.1
6 months – year	79	73	64	80	50	15.3
1 year – 2 years	85	55	51	38	27	8.2
>2 years	126	88	47	42	24	7.3
Total unemployed	510	484	375	419	327	100.0

Source: Claimant Count Series, Nomis/ Census of Population 2001

Note: Unemployed by age and duration based on claimant count figures

Demographic Data and Inactivity data are taken from the 2001 Census of Population, Which is still a major data source at ward level.

**Ethnicity Breakdown of Jobcentre plus Customers
Located in the four Wards of Chelmsley Wood, Smiths Wood, Fordbridge & Kingshurst**

Unemployed from Ethnic Minorities	2003
Black-Caribbean	2.7%
Black-African	0.8%
Black Other	0.1%
White	6.5%
Indian	0.1%
Pakistani	0.1%
British	84.7%
Irish	0.8%
Other Asian	0.1%
Other Black	1.0%
Other Ethnicity	1.6%
Other Mixed	0.3%
Other White	0.3%
White & Black Caribbean	0.8%

Note : Restricted Use Not to be disclosed without prior authority

NB – Data is unavailable at an individual ward level. Aggregated data for the four north wards of Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge, Kingshurst and Smith’s Wood is therefore included.

Supply Labour Market Supply in Smiths Wood

- ✚ The working age population accounts for 69% of the total population in Smiths Wood.
- ✚ 35.7% (2,684) of the total working age population in Smiths Wood is economically inactive.¹
- ✚ 4.3% of the working age population in Smiths Wood are unemployed (2002). However unemployment levels have been decreasing steadily since 1998.
- ✚ 76.8% of the unemployed in Smiths Wood are male (2002).
- ✚ Unemployment in Smiths Wood is highest amongst the <24 & 35-49 age groups.
- ✚ 69.1% of the unemployed in Smiths Wood (2002) have been claiming JSA for under 6 months, however 7.3% are still claiming after 2 yrs.
- ✚ 8.7% of JSA claimants in Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge, Kingshurst and Smith's Wood combined for whom data is available, are from Ethnic Minority Groups. 91.3% are White/British

✚ ¹ This category includes those aged 16-74; those who are retired; a student; looking after home/family; permanently sick/disabled and other (- those not classified in any of the above).

Demand

Labour market Demand in Smiths Wood

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	%
Employment by Gender:						
Male employment	113*	179*	183*	179*	---	29.6
Female employment	375*	410*	439*	426*	---	70.4
% total employee jobs by broad sector 2001r:						% Change (2000)
Agriculture and Fishing	0*	0*	0*	0*	---	0.0
Energy and Water	0	0	0	0	---	0.0
Manufacturing	C	C	C	C	---	-45.5
Construction	C	C	C	C	---	20.0
Distribution, Hotels & Restaurants	88	85	77	70	---	-9.1
Transport & Communications	C	C	C	C	---	-8.3
Banking, Finance and Insurance etc	C	C	C	C	---	-14.3
Public Administration & Health	C	C	C	C	---	2.3
Other Services	C	C	C	C	---	-24.1
Total Employment	488*	589*	622*	605*	---	

Source: Annual Business Enquiry, Employee Analysis NOMIS;

Note: **C - CONFIDENTIAL DATA : 1947 Statistics OF TRADE ACT**

The Annual Business Inquiry is based on workplace and is sampled. It excludes the self-employed, HM Forces, manual home-workers,

* These figures are aggregates from which agriculture class 0100 (1992 SIC) have been excluded

Demand – Smiths Wood

- ✚ Total workplace employment has been rising since 1998, with a fall of 2.7% in 2001.
- ✚ Female employment accounted for 70.6% of total employment in Smiths Wood in 2001.
- ✚ Employment in Manufacturing fell by 45.5% in 2001 when compared to 2000, however only 1.8% of those in employment were found to be working in this sector in 2000.
- ✚ Public Administration & Health is the largest employing sector, accounting for 72% of total employment in Smith Wood. This sector has remained stable between 1998 and 2001.
- ✚ Distribution, Hotels & Restaurants accounted for 11.6% of total employment in Smiths Wood in 2001.

Standard Occupation Groups – Smith’s Wood Residents

Those aged 16 - 74 in employment	All Persons	Males	Females
Managers and senior officials	306	165	141
Professional occupations	143	90	53
Associate professional and technical occupations	316	153	163
Administrative and secretarial occupations	603	134	469
Skilled trades occupations	614	568	46
Personal service occupations	362	56	306
Sales and customer service occupations	441	107	334
Process; plant and machine operatives	718	588	130
Elementary occupations	820	413	407
Total:	4323	2274	2049

Source: 2001 Census of population

Standard Occupation Groups – Smiths Wood Residents

- ✚ 57.5% of those of working age are in employment in Kingshurst.
- ✚ 19% of those aged 16 -74 in employment are working in Elementary Occupations.
- ✚ 16.6% of those aged 16 – 74, in employment, are working as process; plant and machine operatives.
- ✚ 14.2% are working in skilled trades occupations and 13.9% in employment aged 16 -74 are working in administrative and secretarial occupations.

Occupation groups appear to be Gender specific in Smiths Wood.

- ✚ 92.5% of Males aged 16 - 74 in employment are working as skilled traders / compared to 7.5% of females engaged in the same trade.
- ✚ 81.9% of Males aged 16-74 in employment are working as process; plant and machine operatives, compared to 18.1% of females engaged in the same trade.
- ✚ 77.8% of females aged 16 – 74 in employment are working in administrative and secretarial trades occupations, compared to 22.2% of males engaged in the same tasks.
- ✚ 84.5% of females in employment aged 16 – 74 in employment are working in personal service occupations, compared to 15.5% of males employed in the same field.
- ✚ 75.7% of females in employment aged 16 – 74 in employment are working in sales and customer service occupations, compared to 24.3% of males working in the same field of employment.
- ✚ In regard to professional occupations, 62.9% of males aged 16-74 in employment are working professionals, compared to 37.1% of females engaged in professional occupations.

Hours worked

Hours Worked – Smith’s Wood	
All Males aged 16-74 in employment:	
Part-time 1-5	6
Part-time 6-15	37
Part-time 16-30	112
Full-time 31-37	516
Full-time 38-48	1225
Full-time 49/more	378
Total Full-time	2119
Total Part-time	155
All Females aged 16-74 in employment	
Part-time 1-5	28
Part-time 6-15	213
Part-time 16-30	668
Full-time 31-37	531
Full-time 38-48	554
Full-time 49/more	55
Total Full-time	1140
Total Part-time	909

Source: 2001 Census of population.

Hours Worked -Smith’s Wood

- ✚ 64% (2,274) of working age males aged 16-74 are engaged in employment from Smith’s Wood, compared to 51.5% (2,049) of working age females aged 16-74.
- ✚ 53.9% (1,225) of working males aged 16-74 in Smith’s Wood are working on a Full-time basis of 38-48hrs a week, compared to 27% (554) of females aged 16-74 Working on a Full-time.
- ✚ Over 22.7% (516) of males aged 16-74 in Smith’s Wood are Working on a Full-time basis of 31-37hrs a week and 16.6% (378) are working on a Full-time basis of 49/more hrs a week, compared to 25.9% (531) of females aged 16-74 working on a Full-time basis of 31-37hrs. Only 2.7% (55) of females aged 16-74 in Smith’s Wood are working Full-time hours of 49/more hrs.
- ✚ Only 6.8% (155) of males aged 16-74 in Smith’s Wood are working Part-time hours of 1-30hrs, compared to 44.4% (909) of working Females aged 16-74.
- ✚ 32.6% (668) of working females aged 16-74 in Smith’s Wood are working on a Part-time basis of 16-30hrs a week.
- ✚ Overall, females in Smith’s Wood are more likely to work on a part-time basis than males.

Travel to Work – Solihull Ward Data

Area	Smith's Wood
All people aged 16-74 in employment	4321%
People who work mainly at or from home	5.7%
People aged 16 - 74 who usually travel to work by: Train	0.6%
People aged 16 - 74 who usually travel to work by: Bus; Mini Bus or coach	24.6%
People aged 16 - 74 who usually travel to work by: Motorcycle; Scooter; moped	0.7%
People aged 16 - 74 who usually travel to work by: Driving a car or van	50.8%
People aged 16 - 74 who usually travel to work by: Passenger in a car or van	9.0%
People aged 16 - 74 who travel to work by: Taxi or minicab	0.4%
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People aged 16 - 74 who usually travel to work by: On foot	6.0%
People aged 16 - 74 who usually travel to work by: Other	0.3%
Public transport users in households# With car or van	13.2%
Public transport users in households# Without car or van	12.0%

Source: 2001 Census of population.

- ✚ 50.8% of All People aged 16-74 in employment usually travel to work by driving a car or van.
- ✚ 24.6% of All People aged 16-74 in employment usually travel to work by Bus, Mini Bus or Coach.
- ✚ 9% of All People aged 16-74 in employment travel to work as a passenger in a car or van.
- ✚ 6% of All People aged 16-74 in employment travel to work on Foot and 1.8 % travel to work by Bicycle.
- ✚ 5.7% of All People aged 16-74 in employment work mainly at or from home.

Other Outcomes - Smith's Wood

Data from the Birmingham and Solihull Learning Skills Council show that the following unemployed adults have enrolled on training courses.

Enrolments by Unemployed Adult Learners 2001/2002

NVQ Level	Male	Female	Total
1	10	34	44
2	5	33	38
3	4	15	19
Total	19	82	101

Source: Birmingham & Solihull Learning Skills Council

- ✚ There have been a total of 101 enrolments by unemployed adult learners from Smiths Wood. 81.2% of these enrolments are female.
- ✚ Nearly half of these (43.6%) are at NVQ Level 1. In addition 37.6% are at NVQ Level 2 and 18.8% are at NVQ Level 3.