Analysis of Hampshire’s Family Structure –
Family Type within Hampshire

Using 2001 & 2011 census data

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Introduction

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) define families as a married, same-sex civil partnered or cohabiting couple, with or without children, or a lone parent with at least one child. These categories can further be defined to break down those with step children as well as broken down by the gender of the lone parent.

Within Hampshire the most common family type is married or same-sex civil partnerships with children (dependent or otherwise), which equates to 325,100 families or 64.4% of all families across Hampshire in 2011. This is inline with the national picture where 61.8% of families are married or same-sex civil partnerships with children.

The categories with the fewest people within Hampshire were cohabiting couples with step-family and lone parent male families, once again following the trends seen nationally. Cohabiting couples with step-children was the smallest category within Hampshire with 7,500 families of this type (1.5% of all families in 2011). Meanwhile the total number of lone parent male families was 11,660 (or 2.3% of all families); this compared to lone parent female families at 66,030 (13.1%), a difference of 85%. This split was also represented nationally to a similar extent.

Please note that throughout this report Hampshire should be understood as referring to the combined administrative areas of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council.
Family Type within Hampshire

Family Type by Percentage

- Married/Civil Partnership: 68%
- Cohabiting Couple: 17%
- Lone Parent: Male: 2%
- Lone Parent: Female: 13%

*Family type does not include the single population

Source: 2011 Census

Married or Civil Partnership total = 342,400
Cohabiting Couple total = 84,440
Female Parent = 66,030
Male Parent = 11,660
Family Type by whether there are Dependent Children

This section will look at households with and without dependent children. A dependant child is defined as someone aged 0-18 who lives within the household.

When investigating the number of households without dependent children, regardless of family type, Hampshire as a whole saw an increase over the decade of 22,660 (8.3%) households with dependent children. The largest increase of households without dependent children was seen within cohabiting couples, where there was an increase of 11,980 such families from 2001.

Looking at families with dependent children, interestingly there has been a decline in the number of married or civil partnership couples with dependent children since 2001, down by 6,140 families to 126,890 such families in 2011. Conversely the number of cohabiting couples with dependent children has risen over the period. In 2011 there were 8,740 more such families across Hampshire than there were in 2001; a trend that was also seen nationally, suggesting that it is becoming more socially acceptable to have children outside of wedlock.

Lone parent families with dependent children saw increases of 9,860 since 2001, to 52,380 such families in 2011.

The census makes it possible to break these figures down to look at the number of children. Data here suggests most districts have an average of 1 child per family irrespective of family type. The exceptions to this being East Hampshire, Test Valley and Winchester. It should be noted that this data indicates the number of children a family has as at 2011, which is not necessarily the same as completed size the family will eventually be.
Family Type by Dependent Children –
The figure within the brackets equal the 2001 data

Married or Civil Partnership

- With dependent children: 126,890 (133,040)
  - Of whom Step Family = 12,450
  - 37% (38.9%)
- Without dependent children: 215,500 (209,290)
  - Of whom Step Family = 4,850
  - 63% (61.1%)

Cohabiting Couple

- With dependent children: 30,180 (21,450)
  - Of whom Step Family = 6,450
  - 36% (33.7%)
- Without dependent children: 54,260 (42,280)
  - Of whom Step Family = 1,050
  - 64% (66.3%)

Lone Parent

- With dependent children: 52,380 (42,520)
  - 67% (67.1%)
- Without dependent children: 25,300 (20,840)
  - 33% (32.9%)
Southampton has the largest number of dependent children out of all the districts at 25,950.

70% of the New Forest’s married or same-sex civil partnerships couples live with no dependent children.

70.3% of Hampshire’s female lone parent households have dependent children.

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42% of Havant and 41% of Gosport’s cohabiting couples live with dependent children.

15% of Hampshire’s lone parent households are headed by men compared to 85% which are headed by females.

15.2% of the male lone parent households with dependent children are located within Portsmouth.

People living in Fareham, Hart, Gosport, and Rushmoor are least likely to have 3 or more dependent children compared to the remaining districts.

69% of Winchester’s cohabiting couples live without dependent children.

16.1% of Hampshire’s female lone parent households with dependent children live in Portsmouth.

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As seen above, the two cities (Portsmouth and Southampton) have the largest number of families with dependent children.

East Hampshire, Winchester, Test Valley, and Hart saw fewer families with one dependent child than they did for two dependent children families.
Concluding thoughts about the Family Type within Hampshire

Although the most numerous family type in Hampshire is married or same sex civil partnerships with children, the category actually saw a decline of 5.3% from 2001.

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<td>Within Hampshire the least common family types were Male Lone Parents and Cohabiting Couple with Step children, with a percentage of 2% each.</td>
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