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Background Risk

Section 1 describes risk that has been realised, i.e. the potential risks that have in one form or another been turned into an actual event. This section highlights the various dimensions of risk that are inherent in East Sussex and the City of Brighton & Hove. We attempt to show the *potential* for risk, which in turn informs our strategies for prevention of these risks from ever being realised as emergency incidents.

The potential risk covered by East Sussex Fire Authority can be categorised in many different ways. We do not attempt in this document to present a ‘corporate risk register’, but we intend to show the potential that is inherent in the population (and their associated lifestyles and activities), and in the built environment.

The area served by East Sussex Fire Authority consists of six Local Authorities, namely Brighton & Hove, Eastbourne, Hastings, Lewes, Rother and Wealden.

A summary of each Local Authority is presented below, taken from the Office for National Statistics. Further information is available at www.statistics.gov.uk.

Definition of risk in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove.

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service serves a population of approximately 750,000 within the constituent authorities of Brighton & Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council.

The demography varies considerably with some socially deprived areas and areas of significant wealth; we serve a sparse rural community as well as heavily populated urban areas.

Our larger towns and the City of Brighton & Hove are popular tourist destinations, so the summer population increases significantly along with the risk of fire and road traffic collisions. The City area alone attracts eight million visitors each year for both business and leisure purposes.

The increasing cost of houses within the region results in a higher than average number of properties being converted into flats. Hove has one of the highest number of houses in multiple occupation outside of London. A high proportion of the buildings in the seafront area are occupied by multiple households, which are often at greater risk of fire.

Potentially, all members of the community are at risk from fire, however, trend analysis and local knowledge has identified those people most at risk. The most vulnerable groups in the community are:

- Elderly people
- People living in socially deprived areas or on low incomes
- Residents of houses in multiple occupation

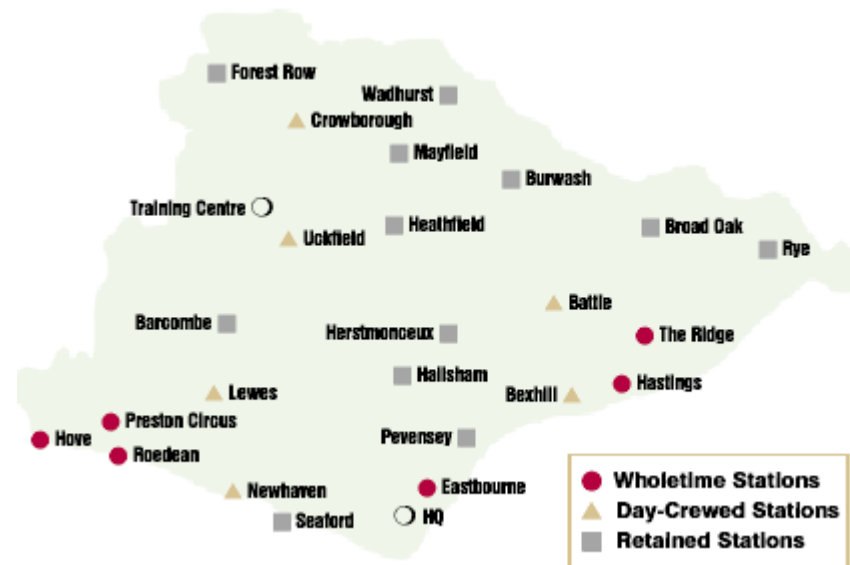
Higher-Risk Premises within East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service area

Type of Premises	No. of such premises that attract the involvement of ESFRS
Work Places	
– Hotel/Boarding House	713
– Large Factory	392
– Large Office	713
– Large Shop	210
– Other Office	1748
– Other Shop	3026
– Other Factory	1209
Residential Premises	
– Residential Care	804
– Hospital	30
– Boarding School	85
– Penal Establishments	1
Non-Residential Premises	
– Theatres	31
– Cinemas	6
– Bingo Halls	13
– Sports Centres	27
– Licensed Premises	1736
– Public Entertainment Commercial	204
– Public Entertainment Occasional	222
– Schools	438
– Designated Sports Grounds	10
– Regulated Stands	3

Community Fire Stations

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service provides its operational service from:

- 6 shift fire stations – crewed 24 hours a day by wholetime firefighters
- 5 day-crewed stations – crewed 7 days a week from 0900hrs to 1800hrs by wholetime firefighters. Firefighters are on call outside of these hours using pagers and also have the support of retained firefighters, who crew a second pump throughout the day and night.
- 1 day-crewed station (Battle) crewed Monday-Friday 0900hrs to 1700hrs by wholetime firefighters. Firefighters are on call outside of these hours using pagers and also have the support of retained firefighters who crew a second pump throughout the day and night.
- 12 retained stations – crewed by retained firefighters who provide 24 hour cover on call using pagers



Statistics about Brighton and Hove

This summary gives information on the people living and working within the area, their health and employment status.

It also gives information on housing and crime.

People Statistics

Resident Population and Age

The resident population of Brighton and Hove, as measured in the 2001 Census, was 247,817, of which 48 per cent were male and 52 per cent were female.

Resident population (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Under 16	16.6	20.2
16 to 19	4.7	4.9
20 to 29	17.0	12.6
30 to 59	41.0	41.5
60 to 74	12.0	13.3
75 and over	8.6	7.6
Average age	38.8	38.6

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Marital Status

Resident population aged 16 and over (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Single (never married)	43.4	30.1
Married or re-married	36.5	50.9
Separated	2.5	2.4
Divorced	9.5	8.2
Widowed	8.1	8.4

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Ethnic Group

Resident population (percentage)

Percentage of resident population in ethnic groups:	Brighton and Hove	England
White	94.2	90.9
of which White Irish	1.6	1.3
Mixed	1.9	1.3
Asian or Asian British	1.8	4.6
Indian	0.8	2.1
Pakistani	0.2	1.4
Bangladeshi	0.4	0.6
Other Asian	0.4	0.5
Black or Black British	0.8	2.1
Caribbean	0.2	1.1
African	0.6	1.0
Other Black	0.1	0.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1.2	0.9

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Religion

Resident population (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Christian	59.1	71.8
Buddhist	0.7	0.3
Hindu	0.5	1.1
Jewish	1.4	0.5
Muslim	1.5	3.0
Sikh	0.1	0.6
Other religions	0.8	0.3
No religion	27.0	14.8
Religion not stated	8.9	7.7

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Health and provision of care

The 2001 Census asked people to describe their health, over the preceding 12 months as 'good', 'fairly good' or 'not good'.

Resident population (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Good	68.0	68.6
Fairly good	22.9	22.2
Not good	9.0	9.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

It also asked questions about any limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limited people's daily activities or the work they could do.

Resident population (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Had a long-term illness	18.1	18.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

For the first time, the 2001 Census asked a question about any voluntary care provided to look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long term physical or mental ill-health or disability, or problems relating to old age.

Resident population (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Provided unpaid care	8.8	10.0

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

There are two main benefits associated with health that are paid to people needing help with personal care. They are the 'Disability Living Allowance' and the 'Attendance Allowance'.

The Disability Living Allowance is a benefit paid to people under 65, who are disabled, and need help with personal care, and/or getting around. In August 2000, 8,160 people in Brighton and Hove received this benefit.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

The Attendance Allowance is paid to people over the age of 65, who are so severely disabled, physically or mentally, that they need supervision or a great deal of help with personal care. In May 2000, 4,655 people in Brighton and Hove received this benefit.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Economic Activity

Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Employed	60.1	60.6
Unemployed	3.6	3.4
Economically active full time students	4.0	2.6
Retired	11.4	13.6
Economically inactive students	7.1	4.7
Looking after home/family	5.7	6.5
Permanently sick or disabled	5.3	5.5
Economically inactive	2.8	3.1

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Within Brighton and Hove, 19 per cent of those unemployed were aged 50 and over, 6 per cent had never worked and 35 per cent were long term unemployed.

In August 2000, there were 5,765 Jobseeker Allowance claimants in Brighton and Hove of which 19 per cent had child dependants. The Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) is payable to people under pensionable age who are available for, and actively seeking, work of at least 40 hours a week. Figures produced here are those only for people claiming income-based JSA.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

In August 2000, there were 19,540 Income Support claimants in Brighton and Hove, of which 2 per cent were aged under 20. Income support was introduced on April 11th 1988 and can be paid to a person who is aged 16 and over, is not working 16 hours or more a week, and has less money coming in than the law says they need to live on.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Students and Qualifications

Students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Total number of full-time students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74	20,071	2,648,992
Percentage of total resident population	8.1	5.1
Total number aged 16 to 17	3,870	1,014,284
Total number aged 18 to 74	16,201	1,634,708

Note : Students and schoolchildren were counted at their term-time address. Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
Had no qualifications	22.1	29.1
Qualified to degree level or higher	28.7	19.8

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Housing and Households

In Brighton and Hove there were 114,479 households in 2001. 97 per cent of the resident population lived in households. The remainder of the population lived in communal establishments.

Number of households (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove	England and Wales
One person households	39.4	30.0
Pensioners living alone	16.0	14.4
Other All Pensioner households	7.4	9.4
Contained dependent children	22.6	29.5
Lone parent households with dependent children	6.1	6.5
Owner occupied	61.7	68.9
Rented from Council	10.3	13.2
Rented from Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord	4.4	6.0
Private rented or lived rent free	23.7	11.9
Without central heating	10.8	8.5
Without sole use of bath, shower or toilet	1.4	0.5
Have no car or van	36.5	26.8
Have 2 or more cars or vans	19.6	29.4
Average household size (number)	2.1	2.4
Average number of rooms per household	4.7	5.3

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

£'s and number of households (percentage)

	Brighton and Hove		England & Wales	
	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property
Detached	..	11.0	..	22.8
Semi-detached	..	20.1	..	31.6
Terraced	..	21.5	..	26.0
Flat	..	47.4	..	19.2
All property types	

Sources: 2001 Census, ONS
The Land Registry, 2001

Area Statistics

Levels Of Crime in Brighton and Hove

Notifiable offences recorded by the police. April 2000 – March 2001.

	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary from a dwelling	Theft of a motor vehicle	Theft from a motor vehicle
Total number of offences recorded Brighton and Hove	4,324	229	398	2,307	2,071	3,563
Rate per 1,000 population Brighton and Hove	16.8	0.9	1.5	8.9	8.0	13.8
Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales	11.4	0.7	1.8	7.6	6.4	11.9

Source: Home Office

About this summary

10 This summary brings together data from a number of sources, all of which are available elsewhere within the Neighbourhood Statistics website. More detailed information on these topics and others, is available within the site and can be viewed through a number of ways.

- by subject;
- by a list of areas;
- by using the interactive map.

2. In some cases the data shown in this summary may have been rounded and figures shown may differ slightly from those published elsewhere. Due to rounding of percentages, the addition of categories may not sum to exactly 100 per cent in all cases. It should also be noted that in some cases, different tables may show different counts for the same population, due to disclosure protection measures used to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information about identifiable individuals. Figures quoted should therefore be used for guidance only.

3. These summary statistics are based on administrative ward boundaries legally in force at the end of 2002, which includes ward boundaries that became operative in a number of Local Authorities in May 2003, and some others that will become operative in May 2004.

4. The symbol “..” is used to indicate that the value is not available.

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Statistics about Eastbourne

This summary gives information on the people living and working within the area, their health and employment status.

It also gives information on housing and crime.

People Statistics

Resident Population and Age

The resident population of Eastbourne, as measured in the 2001 Census, was 89,667, of which 46 per cent were male and 54 per cent were female.

Resident population (percentage)

	Eastbourne	England and Wales
Under 16	18.0	20.2
16 to 19	4.3	4.9
20 to 29	11.0	12.6
30 to 59	36.8	41.5
60 to 74	16.0	13.3
75 and over	13.9	7.6
Average age	43.2	38.6

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Marital Status

Resident population aged 16 and over (percentage)

	Eastbourne	England and Wales
Single (never married)	28.2	30.1
Married or re-married	46.8	50.9
Separated	2.6	2.4
Divorced	10.7	8.2
Widowed	11.8	8.4

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Ethnic Group

	Resident population (percentage)	
	Eastbourne	England
Percentage of resident population in ethnic groups:		
White	96.6	90.9
of which White Irish	1.1	1.3
Mixed	1.1	1.3
Asian or Asian British	1.0	4.6
Indian	0.4	2.1
Pakistani	0.1	1.4
Bangladeshi	0.3	0.6
Other Asian	0.3	0.5
Black or Black British	0.4	2.1
Caribbean	0.1	1.1
African	0.2	1.0
Other Black	0.0	0.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1.0	0.9

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Religion

Resident population (percentage)

	Eastbourne	England and Wales
Christian	72.8	71.8
Buddhist	0.3	0.3
Hindu	0.2	1.1
Jewish	0.3	0.5
Muslim	1.0	3.0
Sikh	0.0	0.6
Other religions	0.5	0.3
No religion	16.7	14.8
Religion not stated	8.1	7.7

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Health and provision of care

The 2001 Census asked people to describe their health, over the preceding 12 months as 'good', 'fairly good' or 'not good'.

Resident population (percentage)

	Eastbourne	England and Wales
Good	64.2	68.6
Fairly good	25.6	22.2
Not good	10.2	9.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

It also asked questions about any limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limited peoples daily activities or the work they could do.

Resident population (percentage)

	Eastbourne	England and Wales
Had a long-term illness	21.6	18.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

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Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

The Attendance Allowance is paid to people over the age of 65, who are so severely disabled, physically or mentally, that they need supervision or a great deal of help with personal care. In May 2000, 2,285 people in Eastbourne received this benefit.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Economic Activity

Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)

	Eastbourne	England and Wales
Employed	57.6	60.6
Unemployed	2.9	3.4
Economically active full time students	2.8	2.6
Retired	18.0	13.6
Economically inactive students	4.7	4.7
Looking after home/family	6.1	6.5
Permanently sick or disabled	5.1	5.5
Economically inactive	2.8	3.1

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Within Eastbourne, 24 per cent of those unemployed were aged 50 and over, 5 per cent had never worked and 32 per cent were long term unemployed.

In August 2000, there were 920 Jobseeker Allowance claimants in Eastbourne of which 30 per cent had child dependants. The Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) is payable to people under pensionable age who are available for, and actively seeking, work of at least 40 hours a week. Figures produced here are those only for people claiming income-based JSA.

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In August 2000, there were 5,970 Income Support claimants in Eastbourne, of which 2 per cent were aged under 20. Income support was introduced on April 11th 1988 and can be paid to a person who is aged 16 and over, is not working 16 hours or more a week, and has less money coming in than the law says they need to live on.

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