



## **Harlow: A Comparison with Essex and England, 2011**

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## Introduction

This report provides key information about Harlow collected from the 2011 Census. The data provides a comparison of Harlow alongside the County (Essex) and the National (England) data.

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## 1.0 Summary of Key Statistics for Harlow

Figure 1 (below) provides an overview of key findings from the 2011 Census which is:

### 2.0 Population

- Harlow's population at the time of the 2011 census was 81,944
- Harlow has a young population. 21 per cent of residents are aged 0-15 years which is significantly higher than the Essex and England average.
- Conversely the percentage of older persons living in Harlow is lower than Essex and England averages.
- Around 45 per cent of Harlow's residents of eligible age are married which is slightly below the England average.
- There are 3,116 lone parent households in Harlow (9 per cent); this is significantly higher than the Essex and England average.
- Around 87 per cent of Harlow's population was born in England. 16 per cent of Harlow's population is from black and minority ethnic groups (non White-British); this is higher than the Essex average but lower than the England average which is 20 per cent.
- The majority of Harlow's population is characterised as Christian (55 per cent). This is lower than the Essex and England average and has fallen significantly since 2001. 34 per cent of Harlow's residents state that they belong to no religion. The percentage of Harlow residents following minority religions is small but this group grew between 2001 and 2011.

### 3.0 Health

- 5.24 per cent of Harlow's population have disabilities or health conditions in which their day-to-day activities are limited a lot. This is around average when compared to County and England averages.
- Conversely 70.08 per cent of Harlow's population is in very good health which is slightly lower than the England and County average.
- Around 8,000 of Harlow's residents are receiving unpaid care during the week; around ten per cent. This is on par with County and England averages.

### 4.0 Transport

- The levels of car and van ownership are largely typical when compared to County and England averages. The proportion of residents with no car is significantly higher in Harlow compared to the Essex average; however this probably reflects Harlow's proximity to London and more urban nature.

- 43 per cent of Harlow's population travel to work by driving a car or van; which is significantly higher than County and Essex averages.

## **5.0 Economic Activity**

- The unemployment rate in Harlow in March 2011 stood at 5.2 per cent.
- The proportion of residents females who are self-employed is particularly low: 3.9 per cent.
- Harlow has a relatively high proportion of residents employed in elementary occupations (simple and routine tasks which mainly require the use of hand-held tools and often some physical effort).
- Conversely a low proportion of residents are employed in managerial or professional occupations when compared to County and England averages.
- Harlow residents are more likely to work for 31 to 48 hours per week than County and England averages, however, they are less likely to work for more than 49 hours per week. When these cohorts are combined working hours are similar in all three areas.

## **6.0 Tenure**

- Just under one-third of Harlow's households are socially rented which is especially high when compared nationally.
- The proportion of privately rented households has steadily increased over the past decade with 11 per cent of residents now privately renting.

## **7.0 Accommodation**

- 51 per cent of Harlow's households are terraced houses and bungalows – which is amongst the highest proportion in the country.
- 24 per cent of households are flats, maisonette or apartments which is higher than England and County averages.
- At ten per cent; levels of overcrowding in Harlow are fairly high when compared to County and England averages. Overcrowding is when there is an occupancy rating of -1 less for rooms to persons living in a household.

## **8.0 Education and Skills**

- 26 per cent of Harlow's population have no qualifications which is higher than County and England averages.
- Higher level qualifications account for 17 per cent of the residents population which is significantly lower than County and England averages. The lowest proportion nationally is 14 per cent in Great Yarmouth.
- 3.6 per cent of Harlow's population are registered on apprenticeships

**(Figure 1) Harlow Census Data comparison – 16 key Census indicators**

Children & Young People (0-15)	City of London (8.4%)	ESX (18.6%)	ENG (18.9%)	<b>HRLW (20.6%)</b>	Barking and Dagenham (26.0%)
Older People (60+)	Tower Hamlets (8.4%)	<b>HRLW (20.1%)</b>	ESX (25.1%)	ENG (22.3%)	West Somerset (38.0%)
Married	Islington (24.8%)	<b>HRLW (44.8%)</b>	ESX (50.6%)	ENG (46.6%)	East Dorset (59.2%)
Divorced	Harrow (5.4%)	ENG (9.0%)	ESX (9.4%)	<b>HRLW (10.7%)</b>	Blackpool UA (13.1%)
Lone Parent Households	City of London (2.1%)	ESX (6.3%)	ENG (7.1%)	<b>HRLW (9.0%)</b>	Barking and Dagenham (14.3%)
Black and Minority Ethnic Groups	Redcar and Cleveland UA (2.4%)	<b>HRLW (16.1%)</b>	ESX (9.2%)	ENG (20.2%)	Newham (83.3%)
Christian	Tower Hamlets (27.1%)	<b>HRLW (55.4%)</b>	ESX (61.8%)	ENG (59.4%)	Knowsley (80.9%)
No Religion	Newham (9.5%)	ENG (24.7%)	ESX (28.1%)	<b>HRLW (33.9%)</b>	Norwich (42.5%)
Work at / from home	Blaenau Gwent (1.1%)	<b>HRLW (1.9%)</b>	ENG (3.5%)	ESX (3.6%)	Isles of Scilly UA (10.8%)
Professional Occupations	Corby (9.0%)	<b>HRLW (12.4%)</b>	ESX (15.4%)	ENG (17.5%)	City of London (39.9%)
Elementary Occupations	City of London (3.6%)	ESX (9.6%)	ENG (11.1%)	<b>HRLW (13.5%)</b>	Corby (21.1%)
House or bungalow...	City of London (1.5%)	ESX (21.3%)	ENG (24.6%)	<b>HRLW (50.8%)</b>	Pendle (56.1%)
Flat, maisonette or apartment	South Holland (3.2%)	ESX (14.5%)	ENG (16.8%)	<b>HRLW (23.8%)</b>	City of London (86.3%)
Social Rented	Castle Point (5.3%)	ESX (14.3%)	ENG (17.7%)	<b>HRLW (31.2%)</b>	Southwark (43.7%)
Level 4 Qualifications	Great Yarmouth (14.2%)	<b>HRLW (17.6%)</b>	ESX (23.0%)	ENG (27.4%)	City of London (68.4%)
Occupancy rating (rooms) of -1 or...	Broadland (2.0%)	ESX (5.9%)	ENG (8.7%)	<b>HRLW (10.0%)</b>	Newham (34.9%)

## 2.0 Population

### Gender

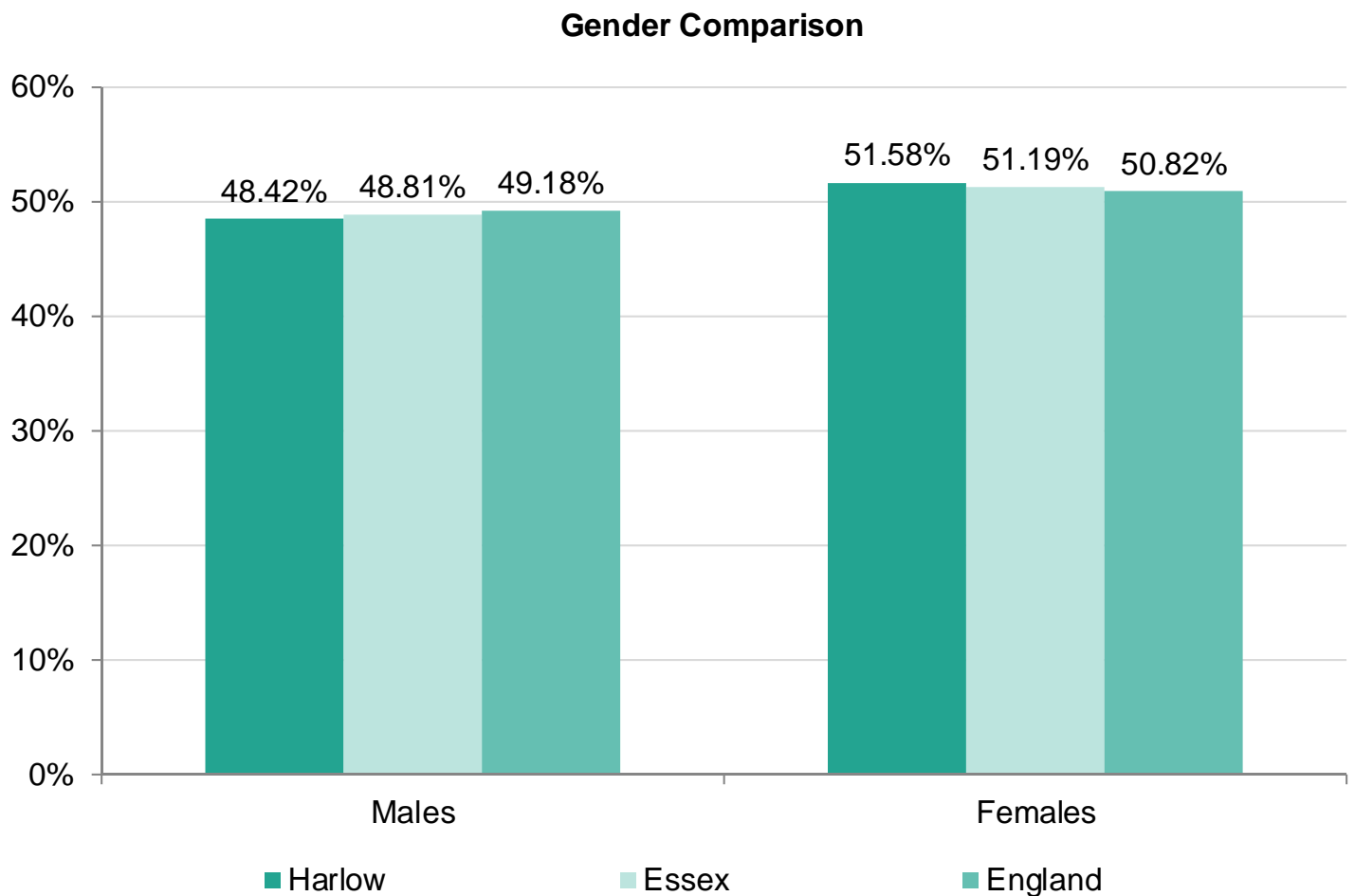
There is a higher preponderance of females in Harlow than males. At the time of the 2011 census 51.58 per cent of the population were female compared with 48.42 per cent male. Harlow's gender statistics are in line with Essex and the England figures with 51.19 per cent female and 48.81 per cent male in Essex and 50.82 per cent female and 49.18 per cent male in England.

**Table 1: Gender Comparison**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Total	81,944	1,393,587	53,012,456
Males	48.42%	48.81%	49.18%
Females	51.58%	51.19%	50.82%

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**Figure 2: Population Gender Comparison, Harlow, Essex and England**



## 2.1 Population continued

### Age

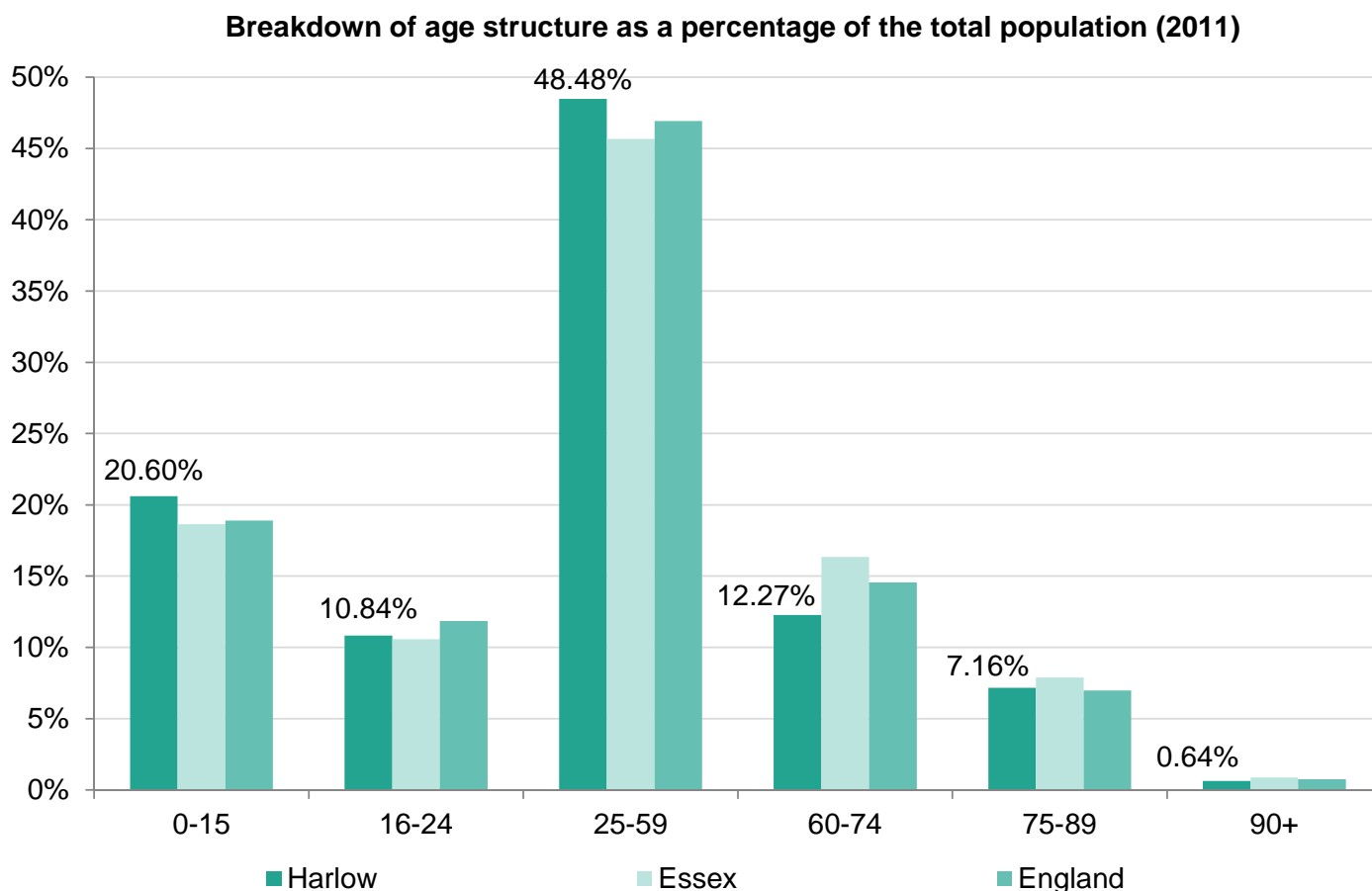
Harlow has a high preponderance of children aged 0 to 15 years (20.60 per cent) which is higher than both Essex (18.65 per cent) and England (18.91 per cent). Similarly Harlow's proportion of resident's aged between 25 and 59 years is higher than the County and England figure. Harlow's proportion of elderly residents aged 90 and above is in line with the County and England figures at 0.64 per cent.

**Table 2: Population Comparison by Age**

	Harlow	Essex	England
0-15	20.60%	18.65%	18.91%
16-24	10.84%	10.57%	11.86%
25-59	48.48%	45.67%	46.92%
60-74	12.27%	16.35%	14.57%
75-89	7.16%	7.89%	6.99%
90+	0.64%	0.88%	0.76%

(KS102EW)

**Figure 3: Population Comparison by age breakdown**



## 2.2 Marital Status

### Marital Status

Table 3 shows the breakdown of Harlow, Essex and England's population by their marital status as a proportion of all usual residents aged 16 and above. Less than half of all residents in Harlow are married (44.82 per cent) compared with 50.62 per cent in Essex and 46.59 per cent in England.

Harlow's proportion of residents registered in a civil partnership was recorded at 0.15 per cent in 2011, this is comparable with the proportion of resident's in the County (0.16 per cent) however there is a greater preponderance nationally (0.23 per cent).

Harlow has a high proportion of divorcees in the town with over ten per cent of residents being divorced in 2011 (10.76 per cent). This is higher than the County figure (9.38 per cent) and the England figure (8.97 per cent).

**Table 3: Marital Status Comparison**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Single	34.04%	29.97%	34.64%
Married	44.82%	50.62%	46.59%
Civil Partnership	0.15%	0.16%	0.23%
Separated	2.96%	2.44%	2.65%
Divorced	10.73%	9.38%	8.97%
Widowed	7.31%	7.43%	6.91%

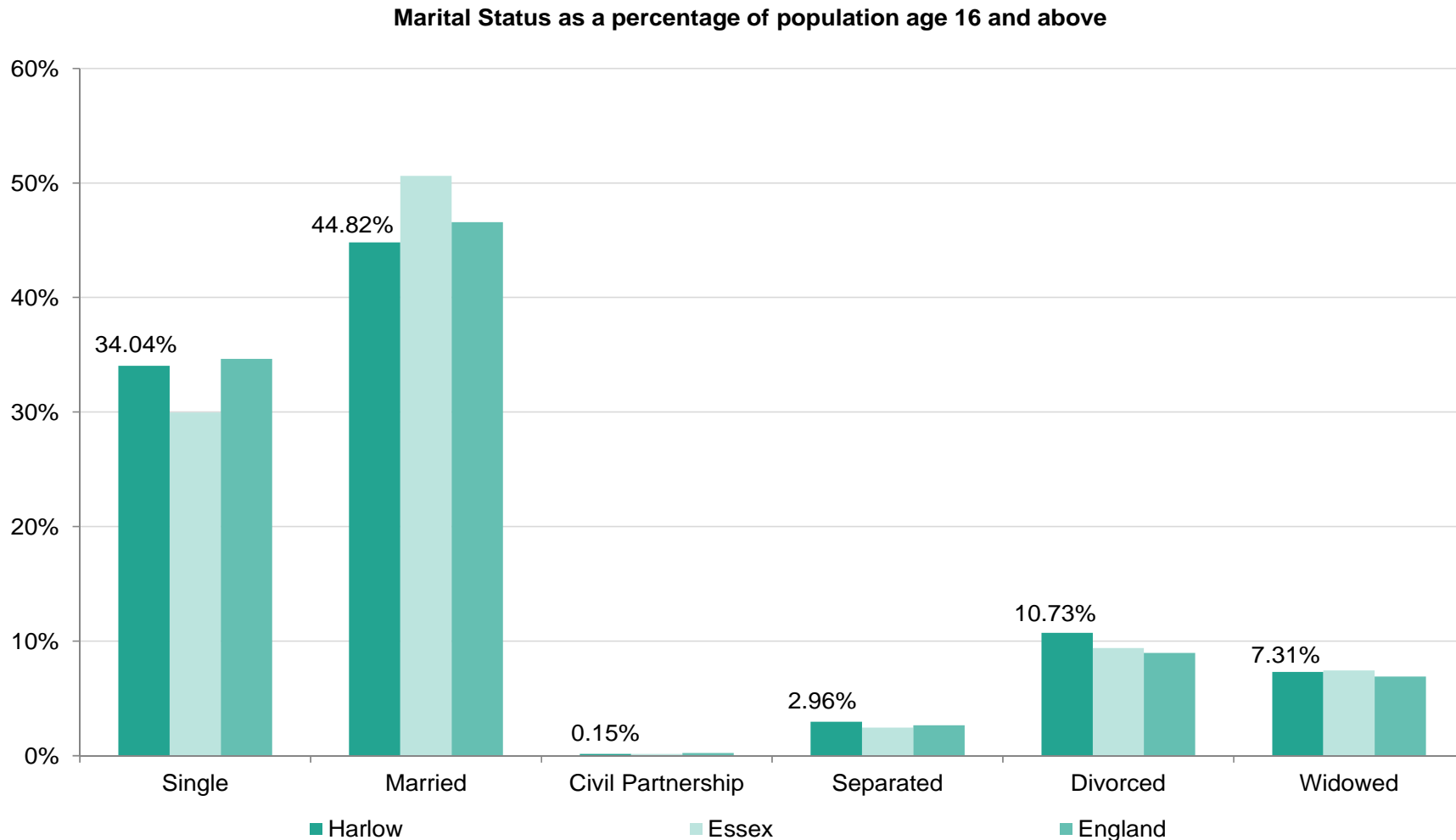
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## 2.2 Marital Status continued

Figure 3 shows the composition of Harlow residents by marital status at the time of the 2011 Census. 44.82 per cent of Harlow's population are married compared with 50.62 per cent in Essex and 46.59 per cent in England. Harlow has a high preponderance of people who are single (34.04 per cent) which is higher than in Essex (29.97 per cent) but more comparable with the England figure (34.64 per cent).

**Figure 4: Marital status of usual residents aged 16 and above**



## 2.3 Living Arrangements

The majority of Harlow's population are living as a couple (56.98 per cent) which is lower than the Essex figure of 61.92 per cent but more comparable with the England figure of 57.80 per cent. However only 43.74 per cent of those living as a couple are married or in a registered civil partnership compared with 50.22 per cent in Essex and 45.86 per cent in England. Harlow has a higher preponderance of residents who are cohabiting than Essex and in England as a whole.

**Table 4: Living Arrangements Comparison**

	<b>Harlow</b>	<b>Essex</b>	<b>England</b>
Living in a couple (total)	56.98%	61.92%	57.80%
Cohabiting	13.25%	11.70%	11.94%
Married or Civil Partnership	43.74%	50.22%	45.86%
Not living in a couple (total)	43.02%	38.08%	42.20%

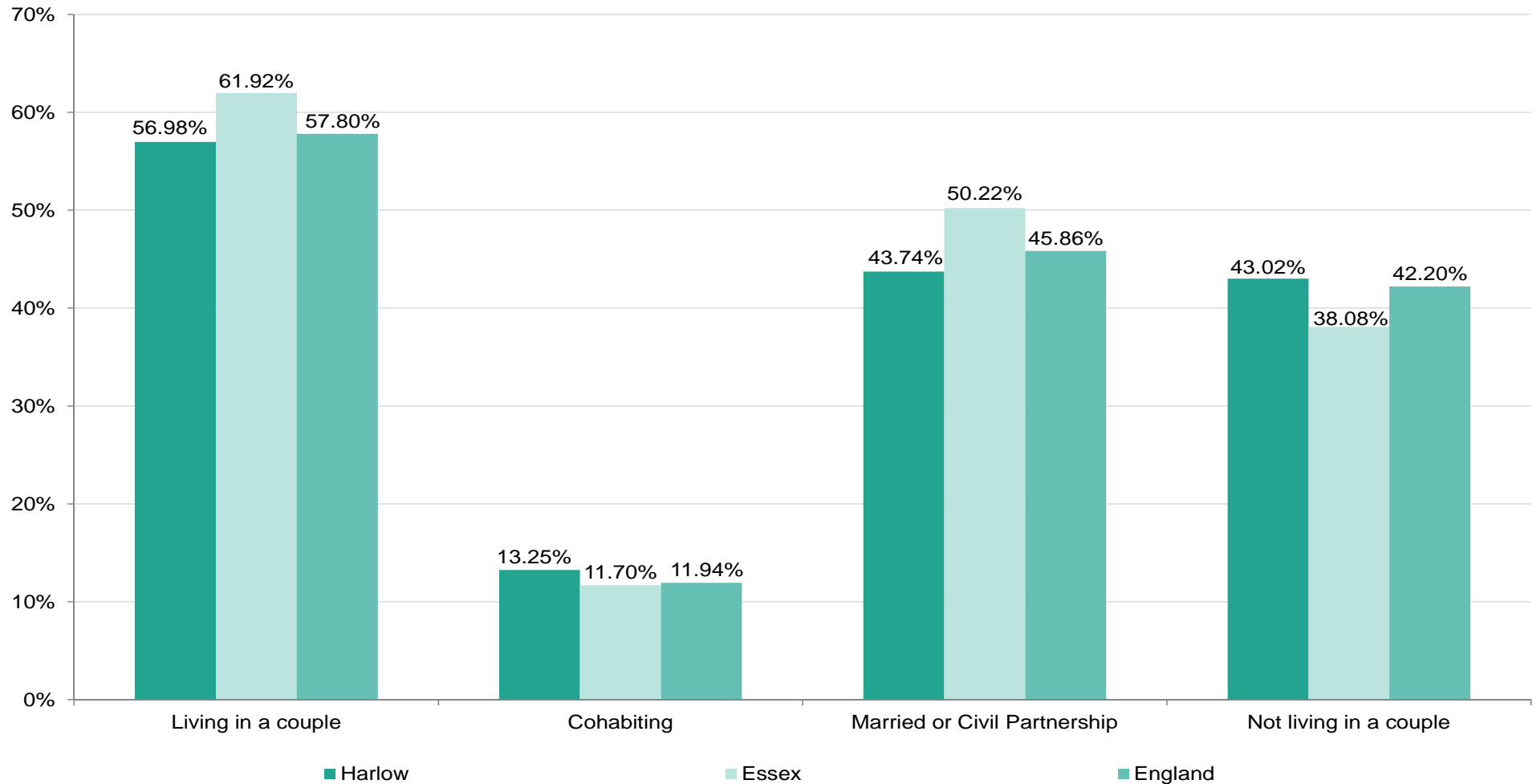
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## 2.3 Living Arrangements continued

Figure 4 shows the breakdown of living arrangements in Harlow, Essex and England at the time of the 2011 Census. 43.74 per cent of Harlow's population are living in a couple and are married or in a registered civil partnership, this figure is lower than in Essex in which 50.22 per cent are married or in a civil partnership and 45.86 per cent in England.

**Figure 5: Living Arrangements Composition (2011)**

**Breakdown of Living Arrangements Comparison (2011)**



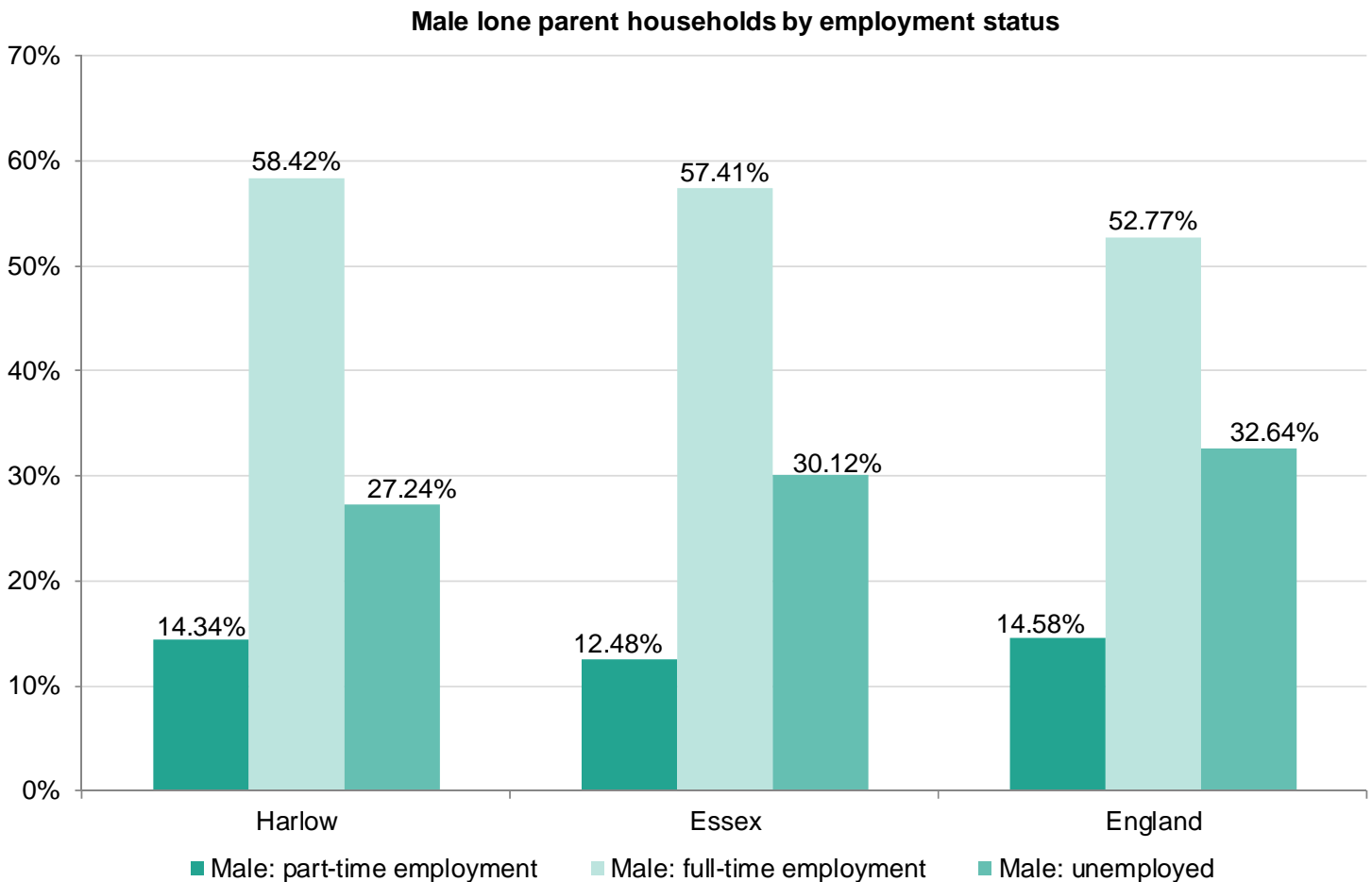
## 2.4 Lone Parent Households

Over fifty per cent of male lone parent households in Harlow work are in full-time employment (58.42 per cent). This is a greater preponderance than male lone parent households in Essex (57.41 per cent) and England (52.77 per cent)<sup>1</sup>.

**Table 5: Male Lone Parent households**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Male: part-time employment	14.34%	12.48%	14.58%
Male: full-time employment	58.42%	57.41%	52.77%
Male: unemployed	27.24%	30.12%	32.64%

**Figure 6: Male Lone parent households**



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<sup>1</sup>All lone parent households with dependent children where the lone parent is aged 16 to 74

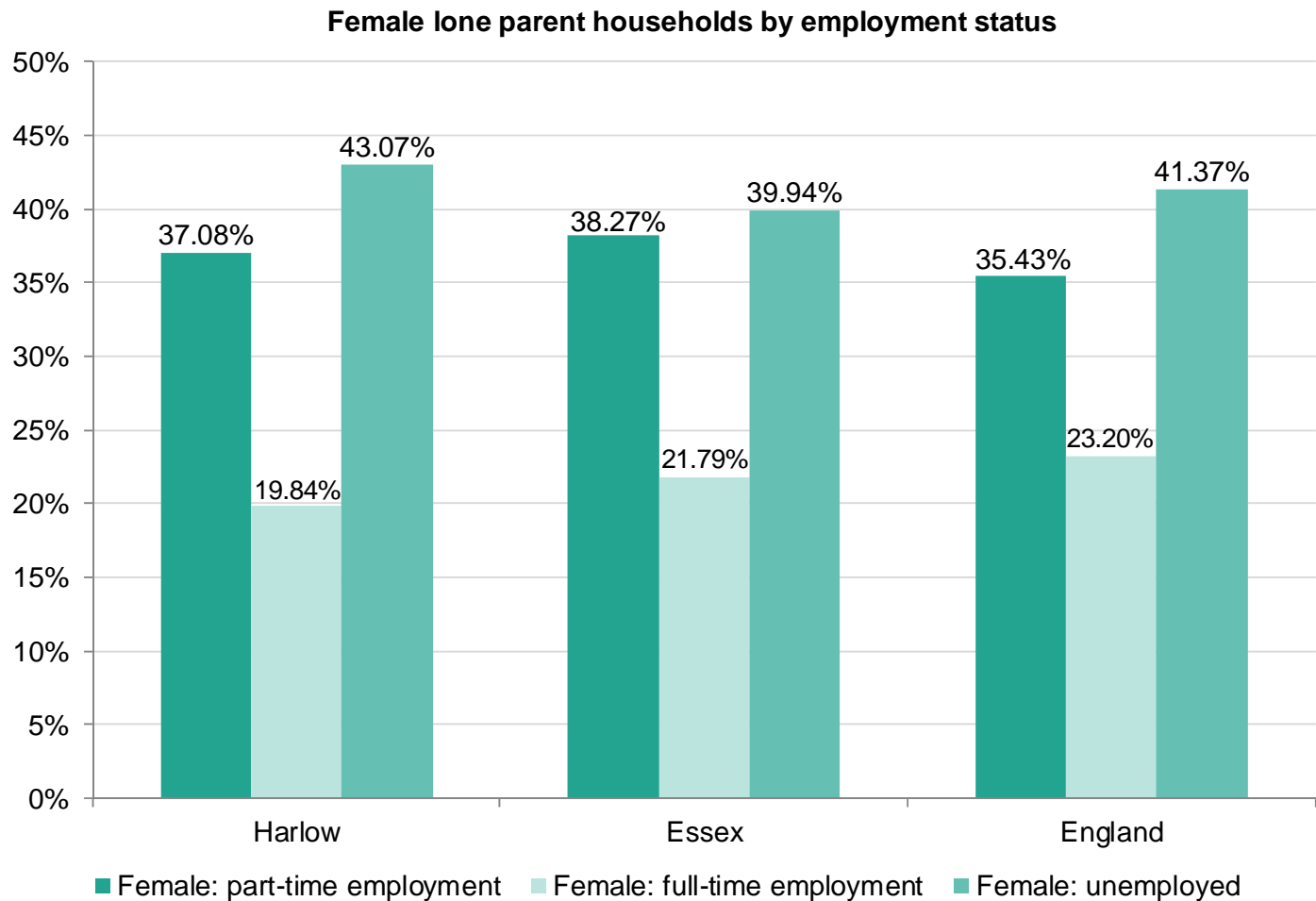
## 2.4 Lone Parent Households continued

A high preponderance of female lone parent households are unemployed (43.07 per cent) while the majority of female lone parent households are in part-time employment (37.08 per cent). The proportion of female lone parent households who are unemployed is comparable with Essex (39.94 per cent) and England (41.37 per cent) while the proportion who are in full-time employment is slightly lower in Harlow (19.84 per cent) than in Essex (21.79 per cent) and England (23.20 per cent)<sup>2</sup>.

**Table 6: Female Lone parent households**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Female: part-time employment	37.08%	38.27%	35.43%
Female: full-time employment	19.84%	21.79%	23.20%
Female: unemployed	43.07%	39.94%	41.37%

**Figure 7: Female Lone parent households**



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<sup>2</sup> All lone parent households with dependent children where the lone parent is aged 16 to 74

## 2.5 Country of Birth

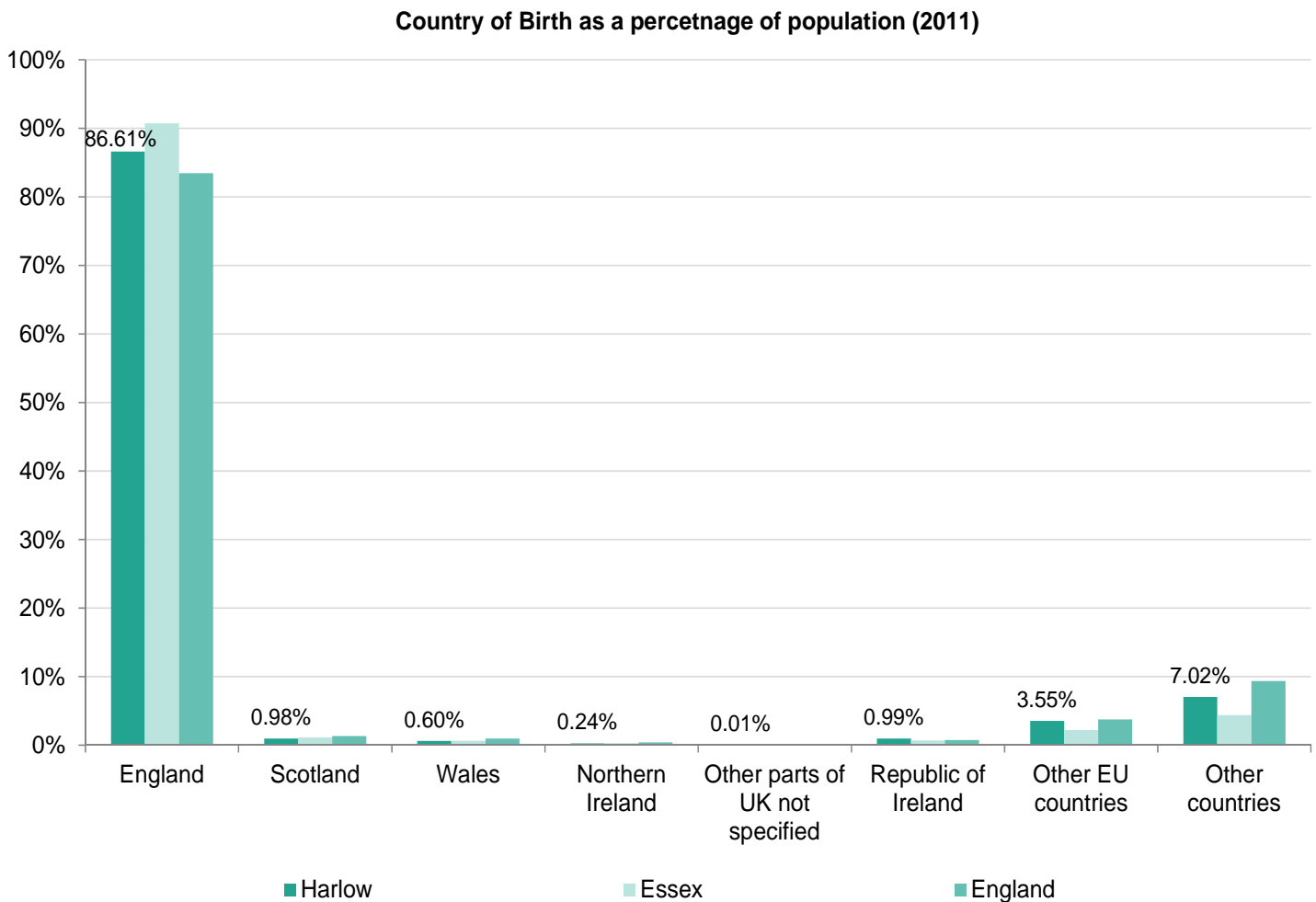
The majority of Harlow's residents at the time of the 2011 census were born in England (86.61 per cent). This is lower than the Essex figure of 90.71 per cent but higher than the England figure of 83.46 per cent. 7.02 per cent of Harlow's population was recorded as having been born in a country outside of the United Kingdom or the European Union which is significantly higher than that of Essex (4.38 per cent) but lower than that of England (9.36 per cent).

**Table 7: Country of birth comparison**

	Harlow	Essex	England
England	86.61%	90.71%	83.46%
Scotland	0.98%	1.11%	1.34%
Wales	0.60%	0.64%	0.96%
Northern Ireland	0.24%	0.30%	0.39%
Other parts of UK not specified	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Republic of Ireland	0.99%	0.67%	0.75%
Other EU countries	3.55%	2.19%	3.74%
Other countries	7.02%	4.38%	9.36%

(KS204EW)

**Figure 8: Country of Birth (2011)**



## 2.6 Ethnic Composition

83.86 per cent of Harlow's population identify themselves as white British according to the 2011 census. In Essex this is slightly higher (90.76 per cent) but the average for England is less than that of Harlow at 79.75 per cent. Less than 20 per cent of Harlow's population are non-white British (16.14 per cent) compared with Essex (9.24 per cent) and England (20.25 per cent).

**Table 8: Ethnic Composition (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
British	83.86%	90.76%	79.75%
Irish	1.07%	0.80%	0.98%
Other	4.16%	2.71%	4.69%
White & Black Caribbean	0.80%	0.50%	0.78%
White & Black African	0.38%	0.20%	0.30%
White & Black Asian	0.47%	0.44%	0.63%
Mixed Other	0.49%	0.36%	0.53%
Indian	1.29%	0.89%	2.63%
Pakistani	0.77%	0.25%	2.10%
Bangladeshi	0.48%	0.20%	0.82%
Other Asian	1.00%	0.71%	1.55%
Caribbean	0.66%	0.33%	1.11%
African	2.75%	0.87%	1.84%
Other Black	0.36%	0.14%	0.52%
Chinese	1.01%	0.46%	0.72%
Arab	0.18%	0.15%	0.42%
Other Ethnic Group	0.27%	0.23%	0.62%

(KS201EW)

## 2.7 Religion

55.36 per cent of Harlow’s residents stated that they were ‘Christian’ in the 2011 census; a decrease of 11.94 per cent on 2001 data. This is lower than the Essex proportion (61.78 per cent) and the England proportion (59.38 per cent).

Over a quarter (33.91 per cent) of Harlow’s population stated that they had ‘no religion’ at the time of the 2011 census; an increase of 11.54 per cent on data for 2001. Harlow’s proportion of resident’s with no religion is high compared with Essex (28.13 per cent) and England (24.74 per cent).

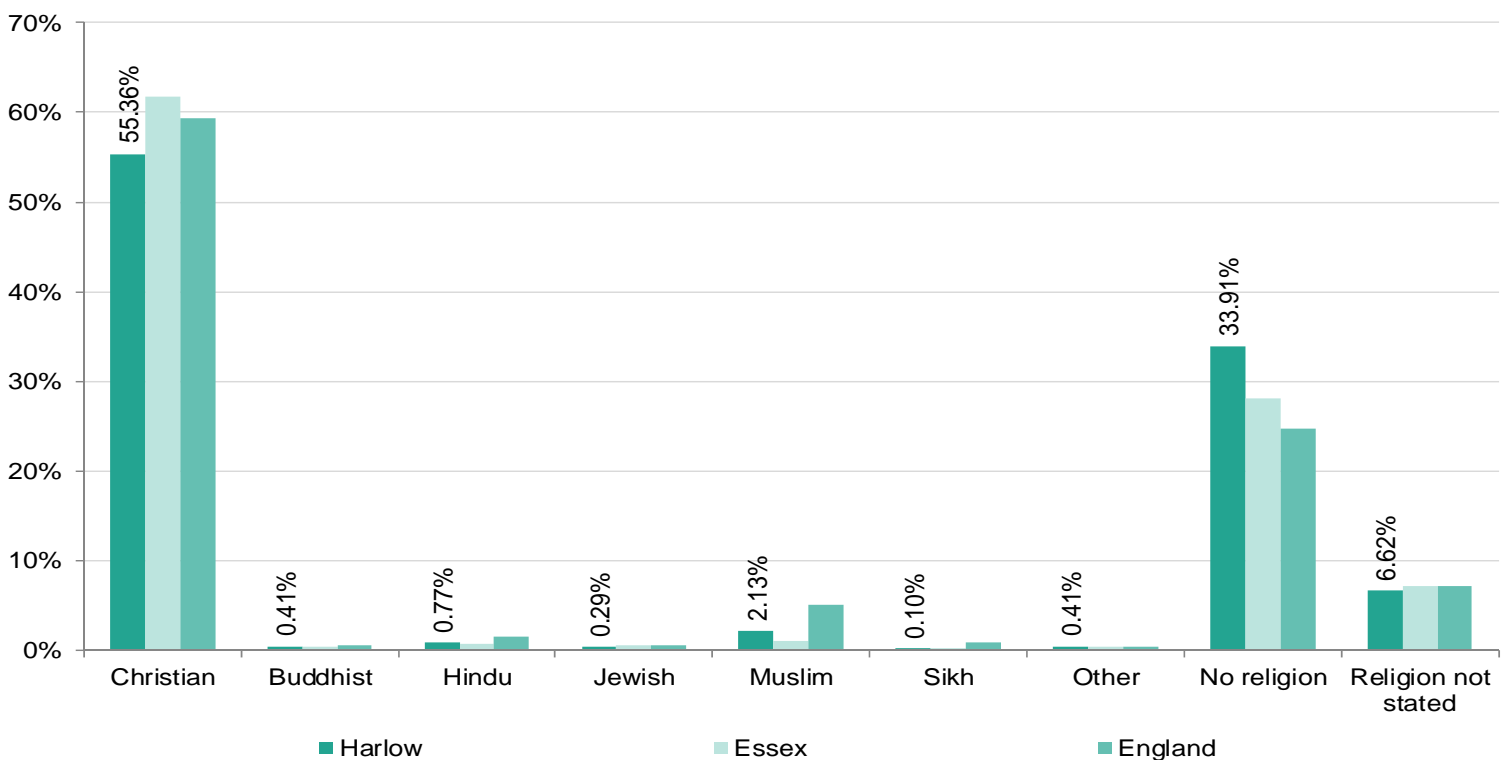
**Table 9: Religious composition comparison**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Christian	55.36%	61.78%	59.38%
Buddhist	0.41%	0.34%	0.45%
Hindu	0.77%	0.60%	1.52%
Jewish	0.29%	0.48%	0.49%
Muslim	2.13%	0.97%	5.02%
Sikh	0.10%	0.16%	0.79%
Other	0.41%	0.37%	0.43%
No religion	33.91%	28.13%	24.74%
Religion not stated	6.62%	7.18%	7.18%

(KS209EW)

**Figure 10: Religious Composition at the time of the 2011 census**

Religious composition compared (2011)





### 3.0 Health

87.22 per cent of Harlow’s working age population had no limitations on their ability to carry out day-to-day activities at the time of the 2011 census. This is slightly lower when compared with the Essex figure of 88.40 per cent but in line with the England figure of 87.25 per cent.

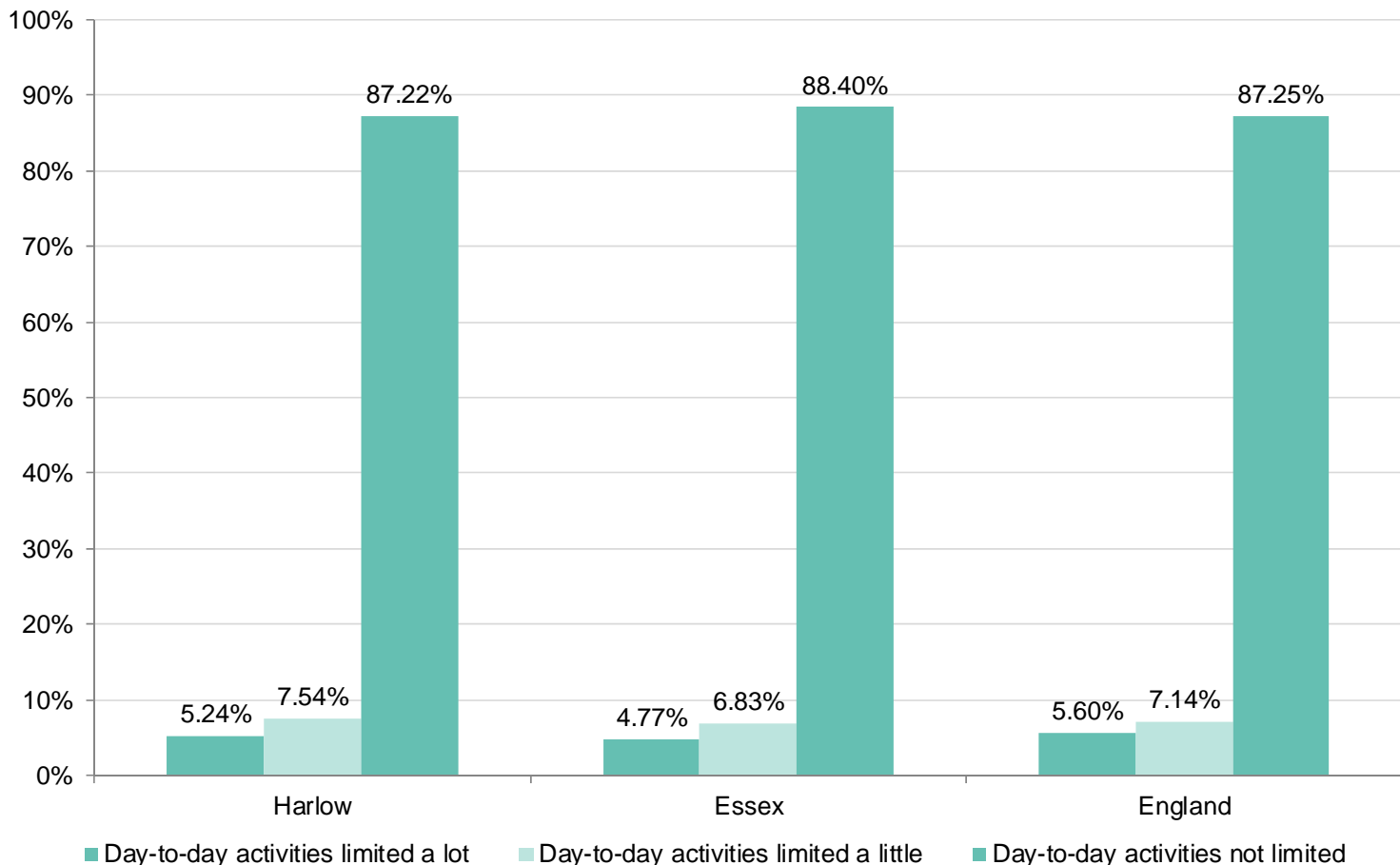
**Table 10: Health Comparison (2011) – day-to-day activities**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	5.24%	4.77%	5.60%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	7.54%	6.83%	7.14%
Day-to-day activities not limited	87.22%	88.40%	87.25%

(KS301EW)

The majority of the working age population do not have limitations to their day-to-day activities however in Harlow in 2011 7.54 per cent of resident’s aged between 16 and 64 recorded that their day-to-day activities were limited a little which is higher than the figure recorded for Essex which was 6.83 per cent and also higher than the England figure of 7.14 per cent in 2011.

**Figure 11: Breakdown of health in Harlow, Essex and England (2011)**



### 3.1 Levels of health

70.08 per cent of Harlow’s population were in ‘very good health’ at the time of the 2011 census. This was slightly higher in Essex (74.78 per cent) and in England (72.84 per cent). The figures for the population in ‘good health’ are more comparable with 55.69 for Harlow, 55.44 per cent in Essex and 52.85 per cent in England.

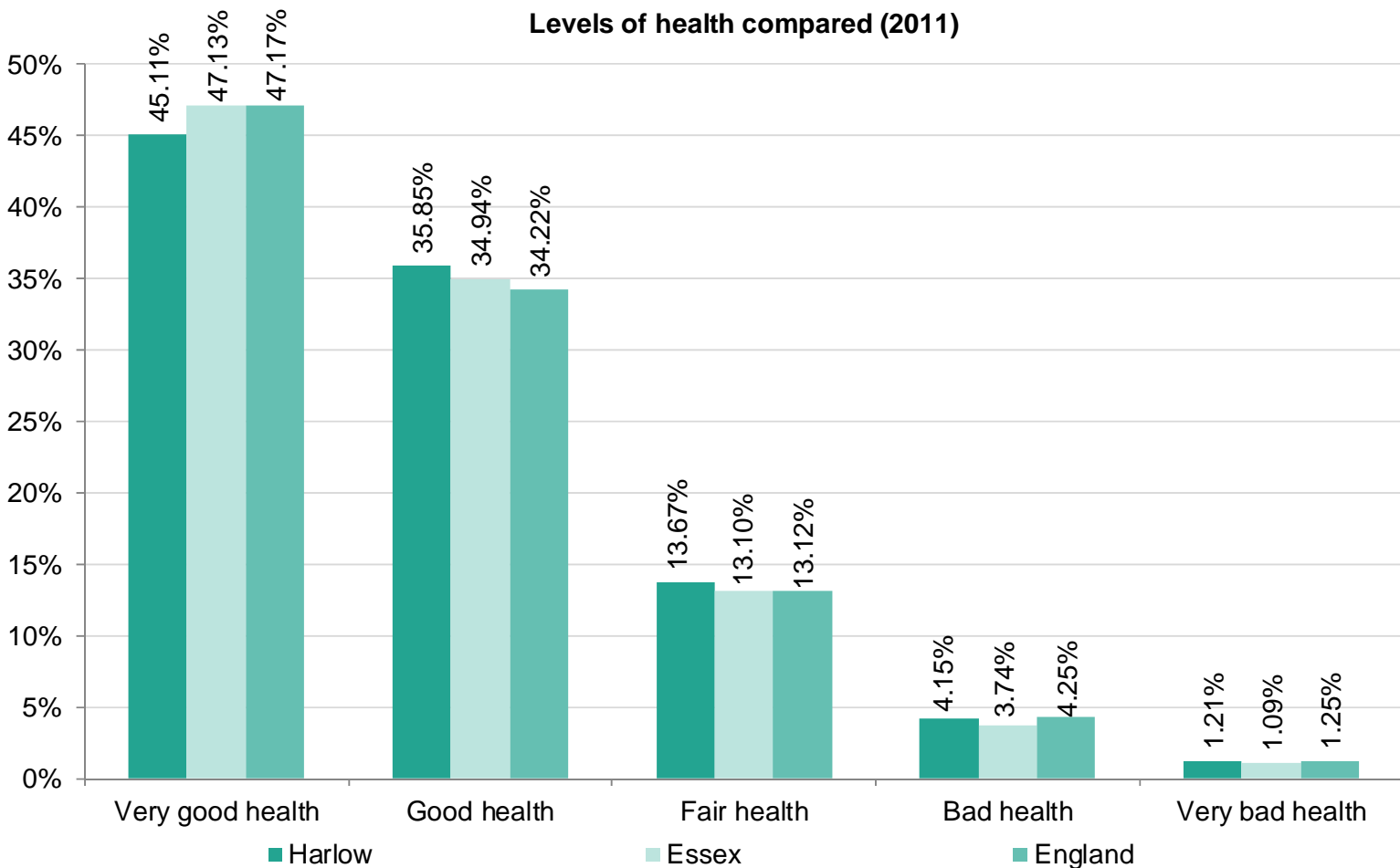
Similarly those who were recorded as being in ‘Very bad health’ were comparable locally, regionally and nationally with 1.88 per cent in Harlow, 1.73 per cent in Essex and 1.92 per cent in England in ‘very bad health’.

**Table 11: Levels of Health (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Very good health	70.08%	74.78%	72.84%
Good health	55.69%	55.44%	52.85%
Fair health	21.24%	20.79%	20.26%
Bad health	6.44%	5.93%	6.56%
Very bad health	1.88%	1.73%	1.92%

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**Figure 12: Levels of Health Bar Chart**



### 3.2 Provision of unpaid care

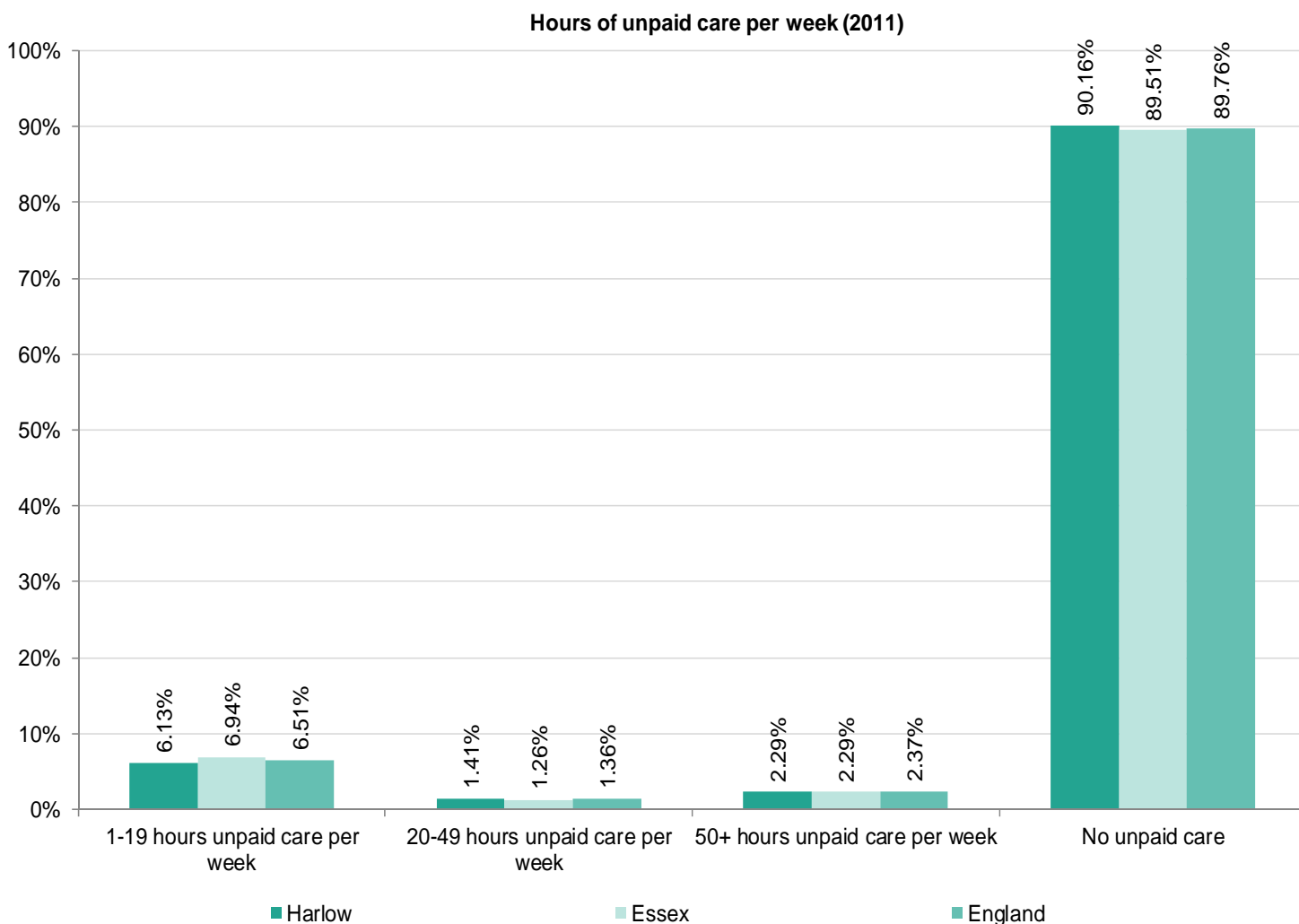
90.16 per cent of Harlow’s population receive no unpaid care compared with 89.51 per cent in Essex and 89.76 per cent in England. The highest preponderance of unpaid care in Harlow is between 1 and 19 hours per week (6.13 per cent) compared with 6.94 per cent in Essex and 6.51 per cent in England.

**Table 12: Unpaid care (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
1-19 hours unpaid care per week	6.13%	6.94%	6.51%
20-49 hours unpaid care per week	1.41%	1.26%	1.36%
50+ hours unpaid care per week	2.29%	2.29%	2.37%
No unpaid care	90.16%	89.51%	89.76%

(KS301EW)

**Figure 13: Unpaid care comparison (2011)**



## 4.0 Transport

Over forty per cent of the populations of Harlow, Essex and of England have access to a car or van. Harlow's proportion of residents with access to a car or van is marginally higher than that of Essex and England (43.49 per cent) however a greater preponderance of the population within the County of Essex have access to two cars or vans (29.57 per cent) compared to Harlow (24.97 per cent) and England (24.66 per cent). A quarter of the population of England do not have a car or van (25.80 per cent) compared with 24.92 per cent in Harlow; Essex's population recorded the lowest figure with 17.97 per cent of residents not having access to a car or van. This means that there is a greater preponderance of people without their own transport in Harlow compared within the County.

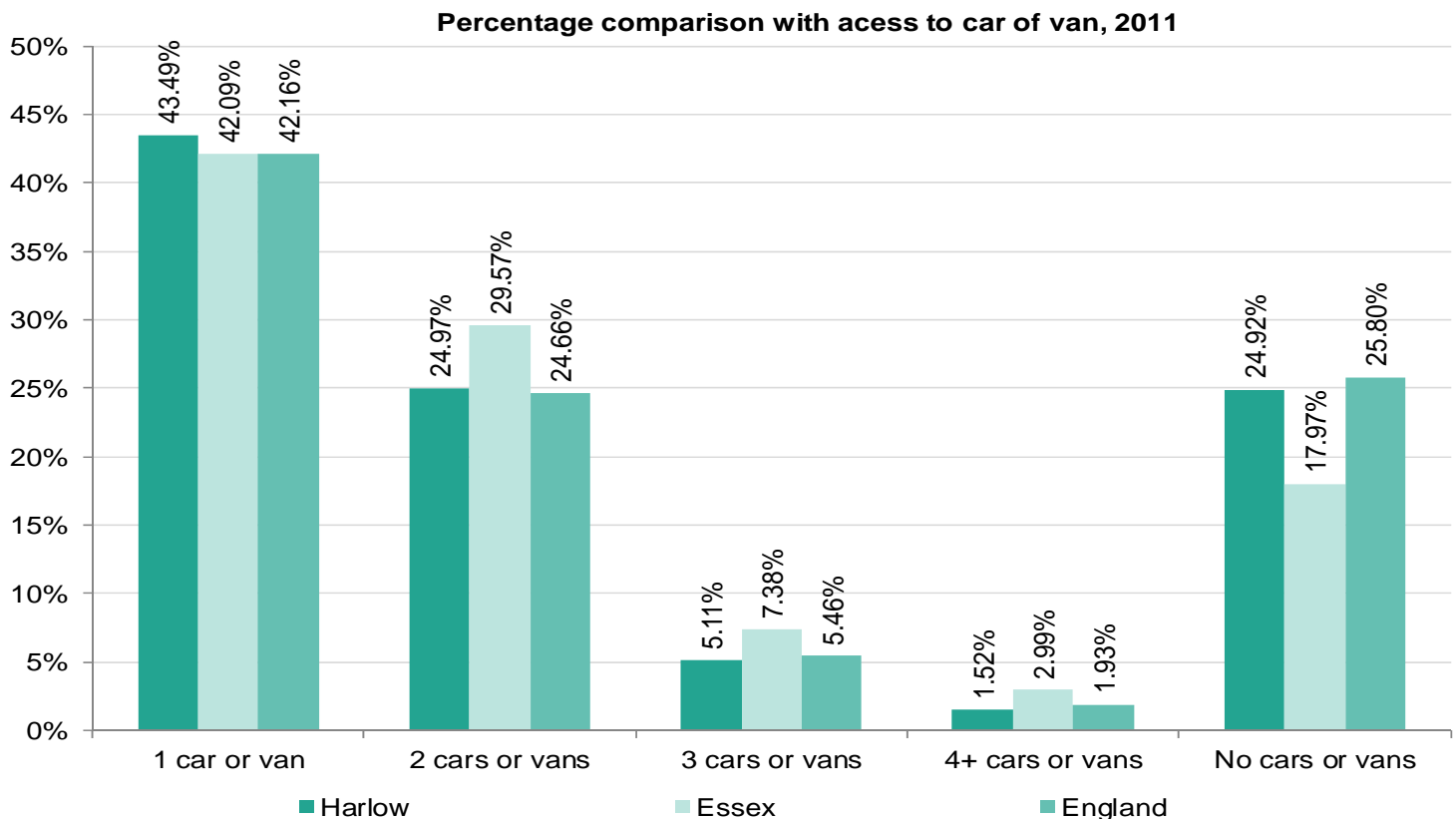
**Table 13: Access to transportation (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
1 car or van	43.49%	42.09%	42.16%
2 cars or vans	24.97%	29.57%	24.66%
3 cars or vans	5.11%	7.38%	5.46%
4+ cars or vans	1.52%	2.99%	1.93%
No cars or vans	24.92%	17.97%	25.80%

(KS404EW)

Just under one quarter of Harlow's population do not have access to a car or van (24.92 per cent). This is significantly higher than the proportion of residents within the County (Essex) who do not have access to a car or van however comparable with the figure for England (25.80 per cent).

**Figure 14: Transportation compared**



## 4.1 Travel to work

42.88 per cent of Harlow's working population travel to work in a car or van; this is a higher proportion than in Essex (40.43 per cent) and England (36.90 per cent). A small minority of the population travel to work by taxi or on motorcycles, scooters and mopeds (0.49 per cent).

Compared with Essex, Harlow has a small proportion of its population who travel to work by train with only 2.94 per cent of Harlow's population using this method of transportation compared with 7.09 per cent of Essex's population.

31.14 per cent of Harlow's population are not in employment therefore do not use any means of transport to travel to work. Those not in employment include the unemployed, retired and students in compulsory education.

Only 1.92 per cent of Harlow's workforce works from home compared to 3.6% for Essex and 3.5% for England. This could be reflective of either the tendency for local people to work in elementary occupations and/or lack of access to IT.

**Table 14: Methods of travelling to work (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Work at/from home	1.92%	3.59%	3.47%
Underground, metro, light rail, tram	2.06%	1.56%	2.64%
Train	2.94%	7.09%	3.46%
Bus, minibus or coach	3.70%	2.18%	4.85%
Taxi	0.73%	0.39%	0.34%
Motorcycle, scooter or moped	0.49%	0.49%	0.53%
Driving a car or van	42.88%	40.43%	36.90%
Passenger in a car or van	4.75%	3.12%	3.25%
Bicycle	1.75%	1.41%	1.91%
On foot	7.33%	6.15%	6.95%
Other method of travel	0.32%	0.37%	0.42%
Not in employment	31.14%	33.22%	35.28%

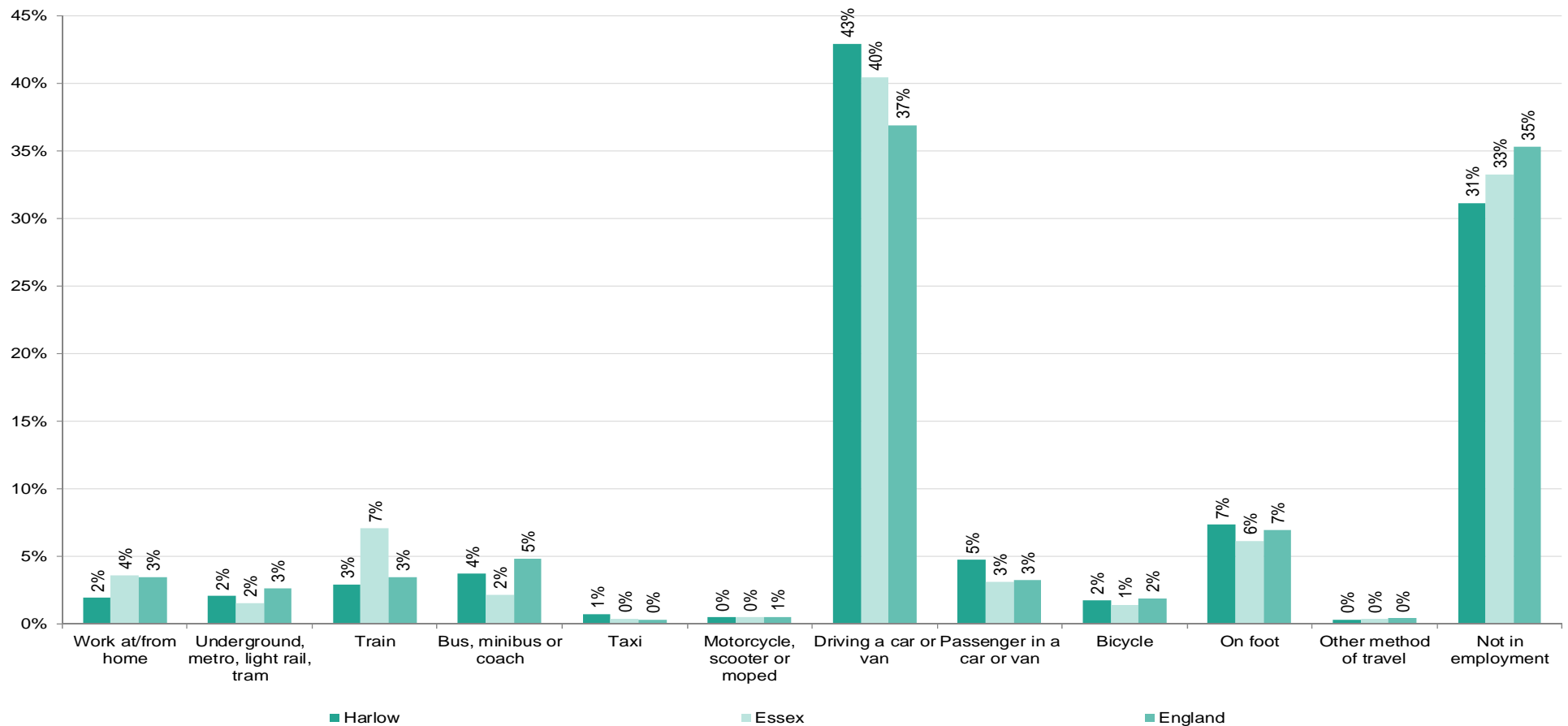
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## 4.1 Travel to work continued

Driving to work in a car or van is the most popular and common form of transportation to work in Harlow (43 per cent), Essex (40 per cent) and England (37 per cent). A higher proportion of resident's in Essex travel to work by train (7 per cent) than in Harlow (3 per cent) and England (5 per cent). Over 30 per cent of the populations of Harlow, Essex and England are not in employment and therefore do not travel to work by any forms of transport.

**Figure 15: Methods of travelling to work compared (QS701EW)**

Residents' methods of Travelling to work (2011)



## 5.0 Economic Activity

Less than half of Harlow's population are in full time employment (43.06 per cent) however this is higher than in the County (39.08 per cent) and the England figure of 38.62 per cent. Harlow has a high level of unemployment when compared with the Essex and England figures. 5.19 per cent of Harlow's population are unemployed compared with 3.76 per cent in Essex and 4.38 per cent in England.

**Table 15: Economic activity for all usual residents aged 16 to 74 (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Economically active: In employment	66.49%	64.61%	62.10%
<i>Economically active: Employee: Part-time</i>	14.73%	14.41%	13.72%
<i>Economically active: Employee: Full-time</i>	43.06%	39.08%	38.62%
<i>Economically active: Self-employed</i>	8.70%	11.12%	9.76%
Economically active: Unemployed	5.19%	3.76%	4.38%
Economically active: Full-time student	3.06%	2.74%	3.44%
Economically inactive: Retired	11.29%	15.39%	13.68%
Economically inactive: Student (including full-time students)	3.58%	3.99%	5.80%
Economically inactive: Looking after home or family	4.74%	4.70%	4.36%
Economically inactive: Long-term sick or disabled	3.73%	3.15%	4.05%
Economically inactive: Other	1.92%	1.65%	2.19%

(KS603EW)

52.78 per cent of males aged 16 to 74 are in full-time employment in Harlow, this is greater than the proportion of residents in Essex in full-time employment (48.67 per cent) and in England (46.75 per cent).

**Table 16: Economic activity for all usual residents aged 16 to 74 (male)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Economically active: In employment	72.25%	70.50%	66.70%
<i>Economically active: Employee: Part-time</i>	5.67%	5.20%	6.09%
<i>Economically active: Employee: Full-time</i>	52.78%	48.67%	46.75%
<i>Economically active: Self-employed</i>	13.81%	16.63%	13.85%
Economically active: Unemployed	5.97%	4.45%	5.27%
Economically active: Full-time student	2.87%	2.55%	3.21%
Economically inactive: Retired	9.12%	13.11%	11.78%
Economically inactive: Student (including full-time students)	3.79%	4.09%	5.96%
Economically inactive: Looking after home or family	0.82%	0.67%	0.81%
Economically inactive: Long-term sick or disabled	3.58%	3.21%	4.27%
Economically inactive: Other	1.59%	1.42%	2.00%

(KS603EW)

## 5.0 Economic activity continued

33.87 per cent of females in Harlow aged 16 to 74 are in full-time employment compared with 29.83 per cent in Essex and 30.62 per cent in England. Just under a quarter of Harlow's female population work part-time (23.30 per cent) compared with 23.29 per cent in Essex and 21.22 per cent in England. A lower proportion of females are retired in Harlow (13.34 per cent) compared with 17.58 per cent in Essex and 15.56 per cent in England.

**Table 17: Economic activity for all usual residents aged 16 to 74 (female)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Economically active: In employment	61.04%	58.93%	57.57%
<i>Economically active: Employee: Part-time</i>	23.30%	23.29%	21.22%
<i>Economically active: Employee: Full-time</i>	33.87%	29.83%	30.62%
<i>Economically active: Self-employed</i>	3.88%	5.81%	5.73%
Economically active: Unemployed	4.45%	3.10%	3.51%
Economically active: Full-time student	3.23%	2.93%	3.66%
Economically inactive: Retired	13.34%	17.58%	15.56%
Economically inactive: Student (including full-time students)	3.39%	3.89%	5.65%
Economically inactive: Looking after home or family	8.44%	8.59%	7.85%
Economically inactive: Long-term sick or disabled	3.87%	3.10%	3.83%
Economically inactive: Other	2.24%	1.88%	2.38%

(KS603EW)



## 5.1 Occupation

The greatest preponderance of Harlow's population works in Elementary occupations (13.48 per cent) whereas in Essex the greatest preponderance of the population is employed in professional occupations (15.38 per cent), this is also true of England (17.49 per cent). Large proportions of Harlow's population are also employed in administrative and secretarial occupations (12.81 per cent) and skilled trades (12.38 per cent).

11.95 per cent of Essex's population are managers, directors and senior officials however Harlow has a lower preponderance of its population employed in these types of positions (8.91 per cent).

Harlow has a higher proportion of its population who are employed as process plant and machine operatives (9.22 per cent) compared to 6.91 per cent of people in Essex and 7.19 per cent in England. This is not surprising as Harlow has a rich industrial history, with many of the first settlers in the town working in the factories in the industrial areas of the town.

**Table 18: Occupation groups of all residents aged 16 to 74 (2011)**

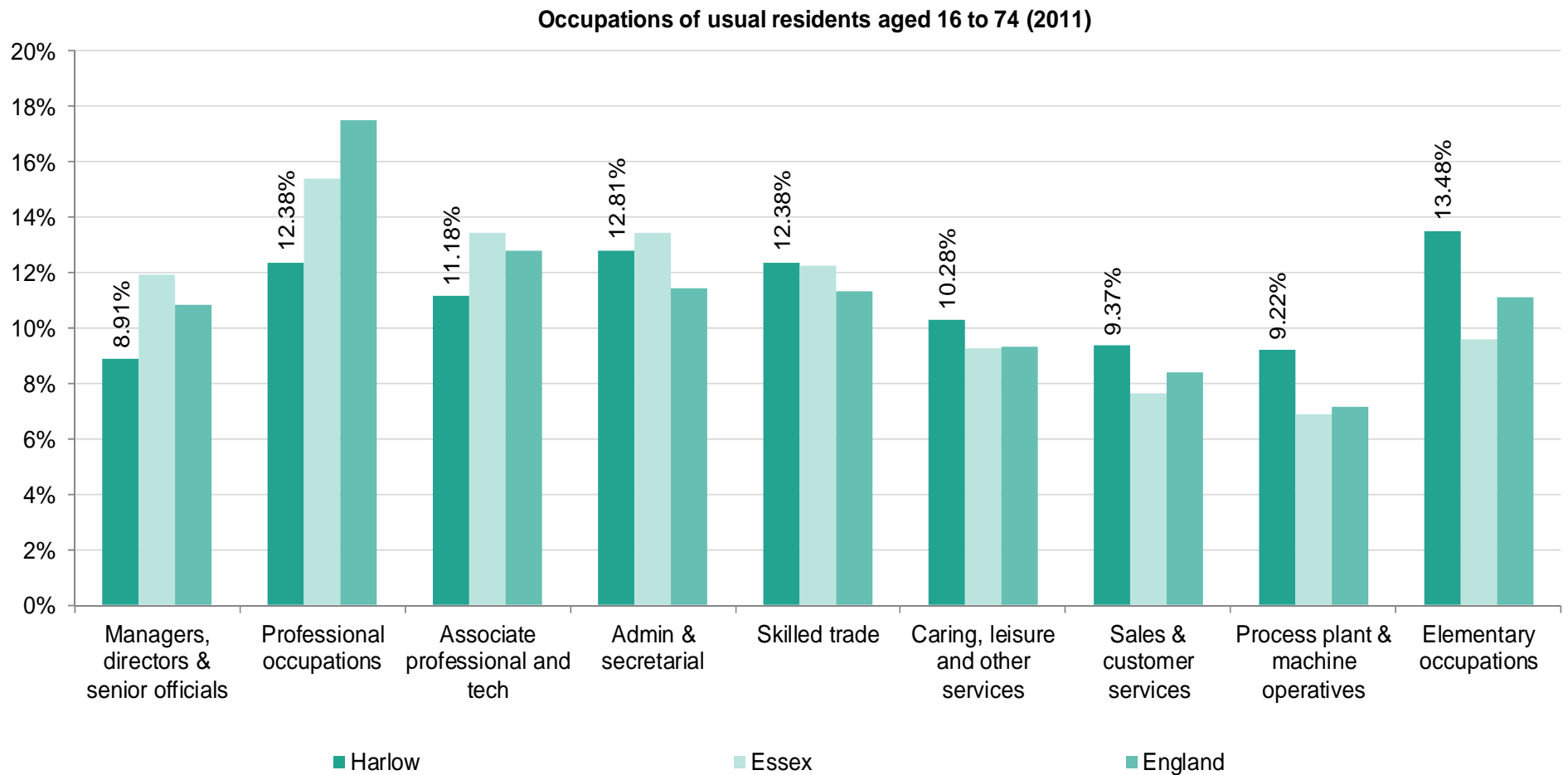
	Harlow	Essex	England
Managers, directors & senior officials	8.91%	11.95%	10.87%
Professional occupations	12.38%	15.38%	17.49%
Associate professional and tech	11.18%	13.47%	12.79%
Admin & secretarial	12.81%	13.44%	11.46%
Skilled trade	12.38%	12.26%	11.36%
Caring, leisure and other services	10.28%	9.30%	9.33%
Sales & customer services	9.37%	7.66%	8.42%
Process plant & machine operatives	9.22%	6.91%	7.19%
Elementary occupations	13.48%	9.63%	11.10%

(KS608EW to KS610EW)

## 5.1 Occupation continued

Figure 16 shows the percentage of Harlow, Essex and England's populations in their various employment groups. Harlow has a high preponderance of 'process plant and machine operatives' (9.22 per cent) this is due to Harlow's history as an industrial post-war town. Essex's percentage for residents employed in this occupational group was recorded at 6.91 per cent while the figure for England is higher at 7.19 per cent; however this remains lower than the proportion of residents in Harlow.

**Figure 16: Occupation groups of residents in Harlow, Essex and England compared (2011)**



## 5.2 Hours worked

Over half of all Harlow's residents work between 31 and 48 hours per week (61.46 per cent). This is higher than the proportions for Essex (56.02 per cent) and England (57.64 per cent). The second highest preponderance of all Harlow's residents in 2011 worked between 16 and 30 hours per week (18.32 per cent). This is similar in comparison with Essex (18.44 per cent) and England (19.43 per cent).

**Table 19: Hours worked comparison of all usual residents aged 16 to 74 (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
15 or less hours	9.13%	10.55%	9.61%
16 to 30 hours	18.32%	18.44%	19.43%
31 to 48 hours	61.46%	56.02%	57.64%
49+ hours	11.09%	14.98%	13.32%

(KS604EW)

The highest preponderance of males in Harlow work between 31 to 48 hours per week (70.00 per cent) compared with 64.18 per cent in Essex and 65.12 per cent in England. Harlow has a lower preponderance of males who work over 49 hours per week (16.88 per cent) compared with Essex (22.41 per cent) and England (19.26 per cent).

**Table 20: Hours worked comparison of males aged 16 to 74 (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
15 or less hours	5.20%	5.41%	5.77%
16 to 30 hours	7.92%	7.99%	9.85%
31 to 48 hours	70.00%	64.18%	65.12%
49+ hours	16.88%	22.41%	19.26%

(KS604EW)

Over 80 per cent of females in Harlow work between 16 and 48 hours per week. 52.03 per cent of females in the town are employed between 31 and 48 hours per week with the remaining 29.81 per cent working 16 to 30 hours. There is a greater proportion of females in Essex who work 15 or less hours per week (16.41 per cent) compared with Harlow (13.47 per cent) and England (13.93 per cent).

**Table 21: Hours worked comparison of females aged 16 to 74 (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
15 or less hours	13.47%	16.41%	13.93%
16 to 30 hours	29.81%	30.34%	30.19%
31 to 48 hours	52.03%	46.73%	49.23%
49+ hours	4.69%	6.52%	6.65%

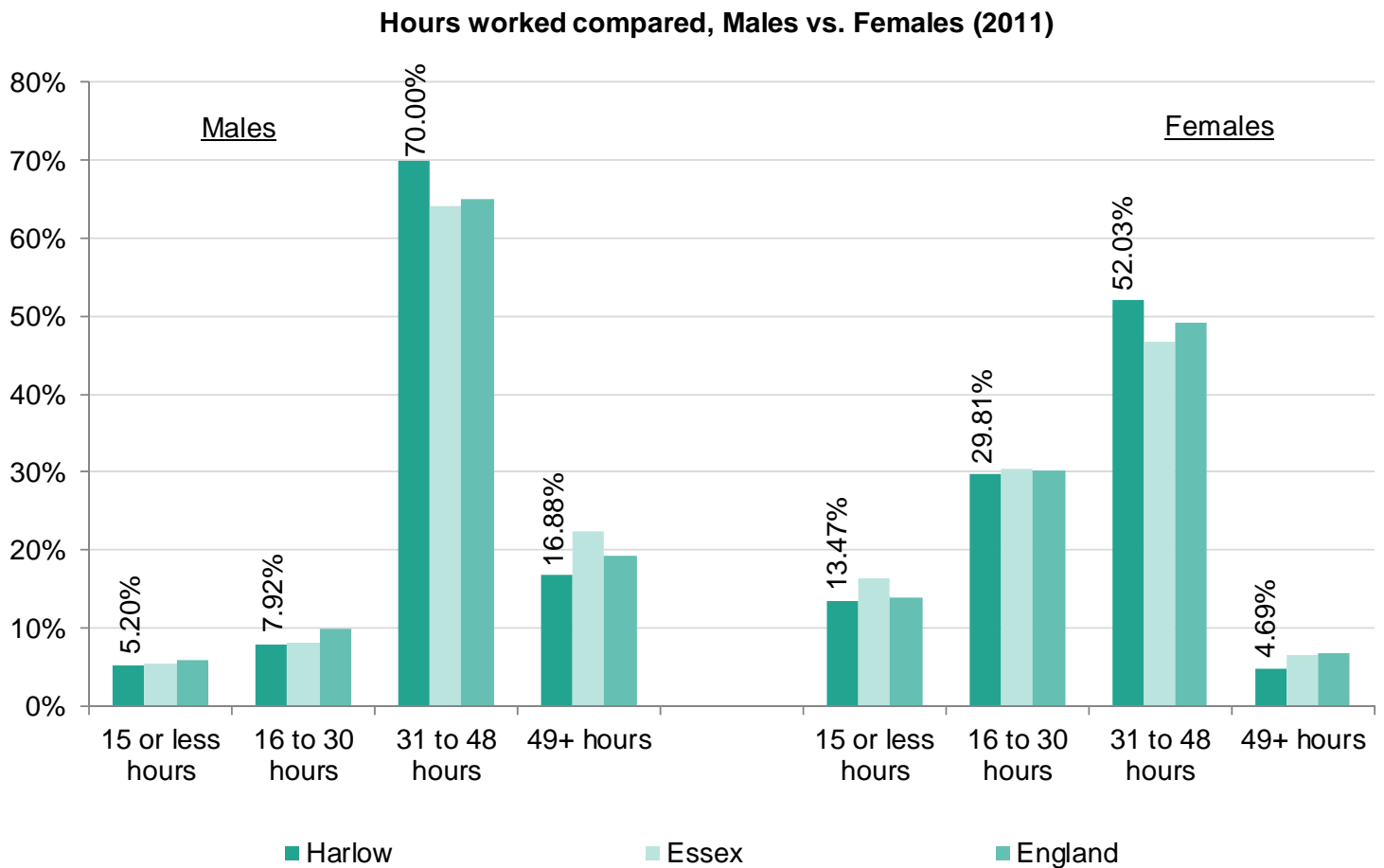
(KS604EW)

## 5.2 Hours worked continued

Figure 14 shows the hours worked for all usual residents aged 16 to 74 broken down by gender. The highest preponderance of males aged 16 to 74 work 31 to 48 hours per week (70.00 per cent) compared with 52.03 per cent for females in the same category.

The lowest preponderance of hours worked by males aged 16 to 74 is 15 or less (5.20 per cent) however 13.47 per cent of females aged 16 to 74 work 15 or less hours. The lowest preponderance of females aged 16 to 74 works more than 49 hours per week (4.69 per cent).

**Figure 17: Comparison of hours, Male vs. Female (2011)**



## 6.0 Tenure

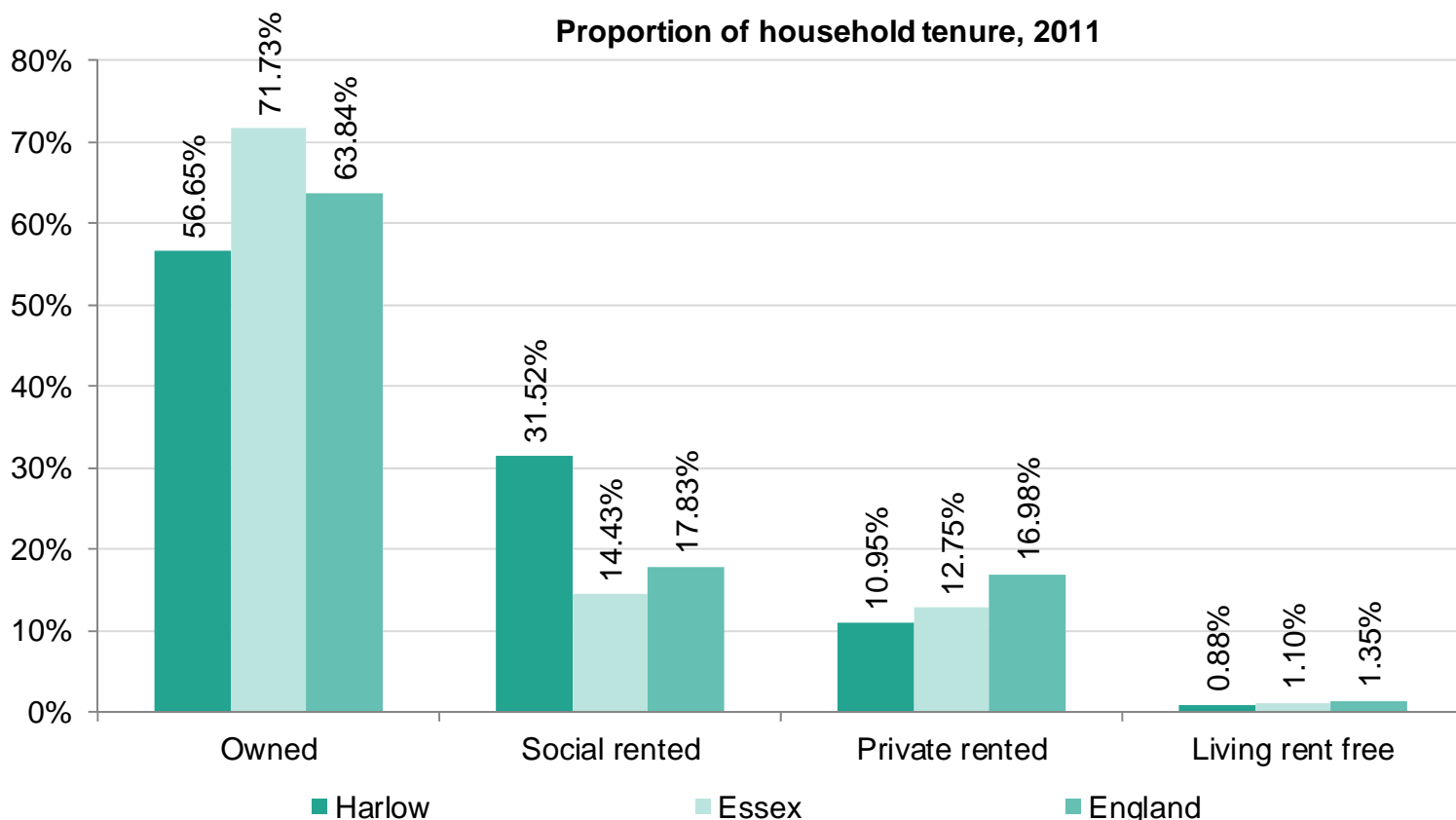
Harlow has a higher preponderance of residents who socially rent their property (31.52 per cent) than in Essex (14.43 per cent) and England (17.83 per cent). Over 50 per cent of Harlow's population own their own home compared with 71.73 per cent in Essex and 63.84 per cent in England.

**Table 23: Tenure Comparisons (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Owned	56.65%	71.73%	63.84%
Social rented	31.52%	14.43%	17.83%
Private rented	10.95%	12.75%	16.98%
Living rent free	0.88%	1.10%	1.35%

(KS402EW)

**Figure 18: Tenure of accommodation in Harlow, Essex and England (2011)**



## 7.0 Accommodation

Just over half of the population of Harlow live in a terraced house or bungalow (50.78 per cent). This is double the proportion of residents in Essex (21.30 per cent) and England (24.49 per cent). Harlow also has a high preponderance of its population who lived in 'flats, maisonettes or apartments' in 'purpose built flat blocks or tenements' (23.76 per cent) compared with Essex (14.44 per cent) and England (16.73 per cent).

**Table 22: Household spaces and accommodation types compared**

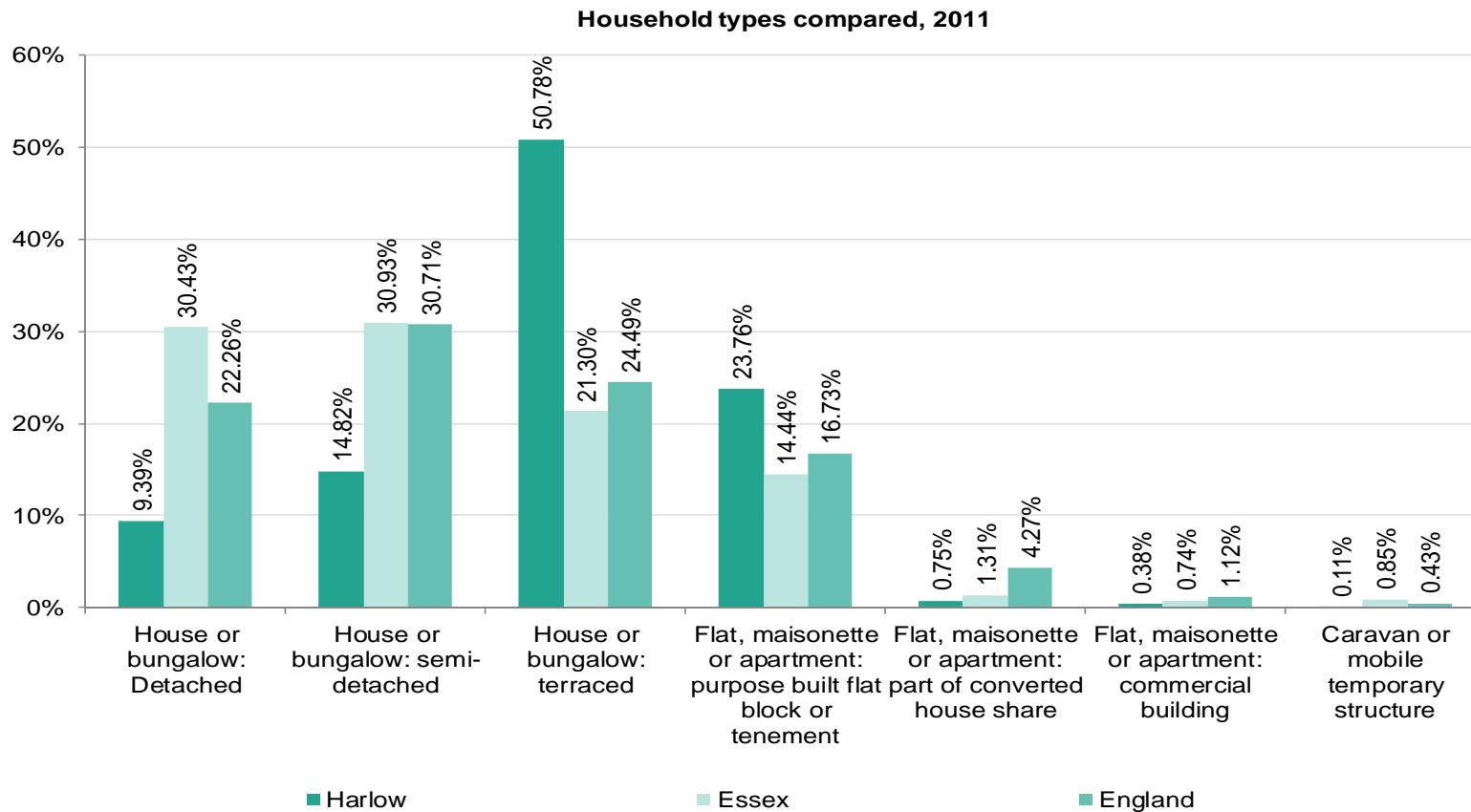
	Harlow	Essex	England
House or bungalow: Detached	9.39%	30.43%	22.26%
House or bungalow: semi-detached	14.82%	30.93%	30.71%
House or bungalow: terraced	50.78%	21.30%	24.49%
Flat, maisonette or apartment: purpose built flat block or tenement	23.76%	14.44%	16.73%
Flat, maisonette or apartment: part of converted house share	0.75%	1.31%	4.27%
Flat, maisonette or apartment: commercial building	0.38%	0.74%	1.12%
Caravan or mobile temporary structure	0.11%	0.85%	0.43%

(KS401EW)

## 7.0 Accommodation continued

A large proportion of accommodation in Harlow is houses, bungalow or flats. Harlow has a high preponderance of residents living in terraced houses or bungalows (50.78 per cent) or in 'flats, maisonettes or apartments' in 'purpose built flat blocks or tenements' (23.76 per cent). Harlow has a lower preponderance of residents who live in 'flats, maisonettes or apartments' which are 'part of a converted house share' (0.75 per cent) than Essex (1.31 per cent) and England (4.27 per cent) and residents who live in the same types of property in 'commercial buildings' (0.38 per cent) compared with 0.74 per cent in Essex and 1.12 per cent in England.

**Figure 19: Accommodation types compared (2011)**



## 7.1 Occupancy

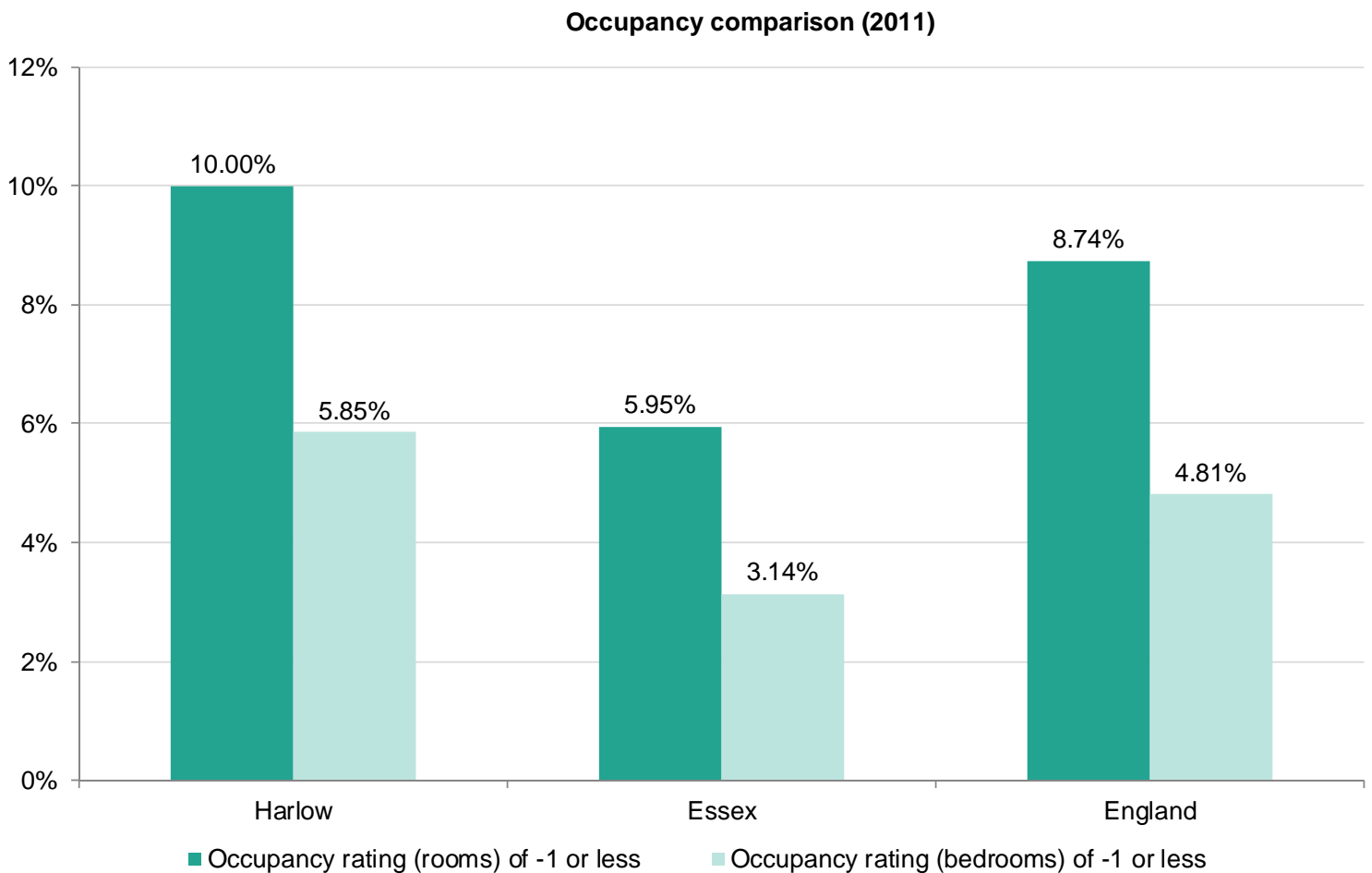
Figure 20 shows the occupancy rates in Harlow, Essex and England with a comparison between occupancy and overcrowding in the number of rooms per household and the number of bedrooms per household. Harlow has a high proportion of occupancy of rooms per household (10.00 per cent) compared with Essex (5.95 per cent) and England (8.74 per cent). Similarly Harlow has a high occupancy of bedrooms (5.85 per cent) compared with Essex (3.14 per cent) and England (4.81 per cent).

**Table 24: Occupancy and overcrowding**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Occupancy rating (rooms) of -1 or less	10.00%	5.95%	8.74%
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of -1 or less	5.85%	3.14%	4.81%

(KS403EW)

**Figure 20: Occupancy comparison (2011)**





## 7.2 Central Heating

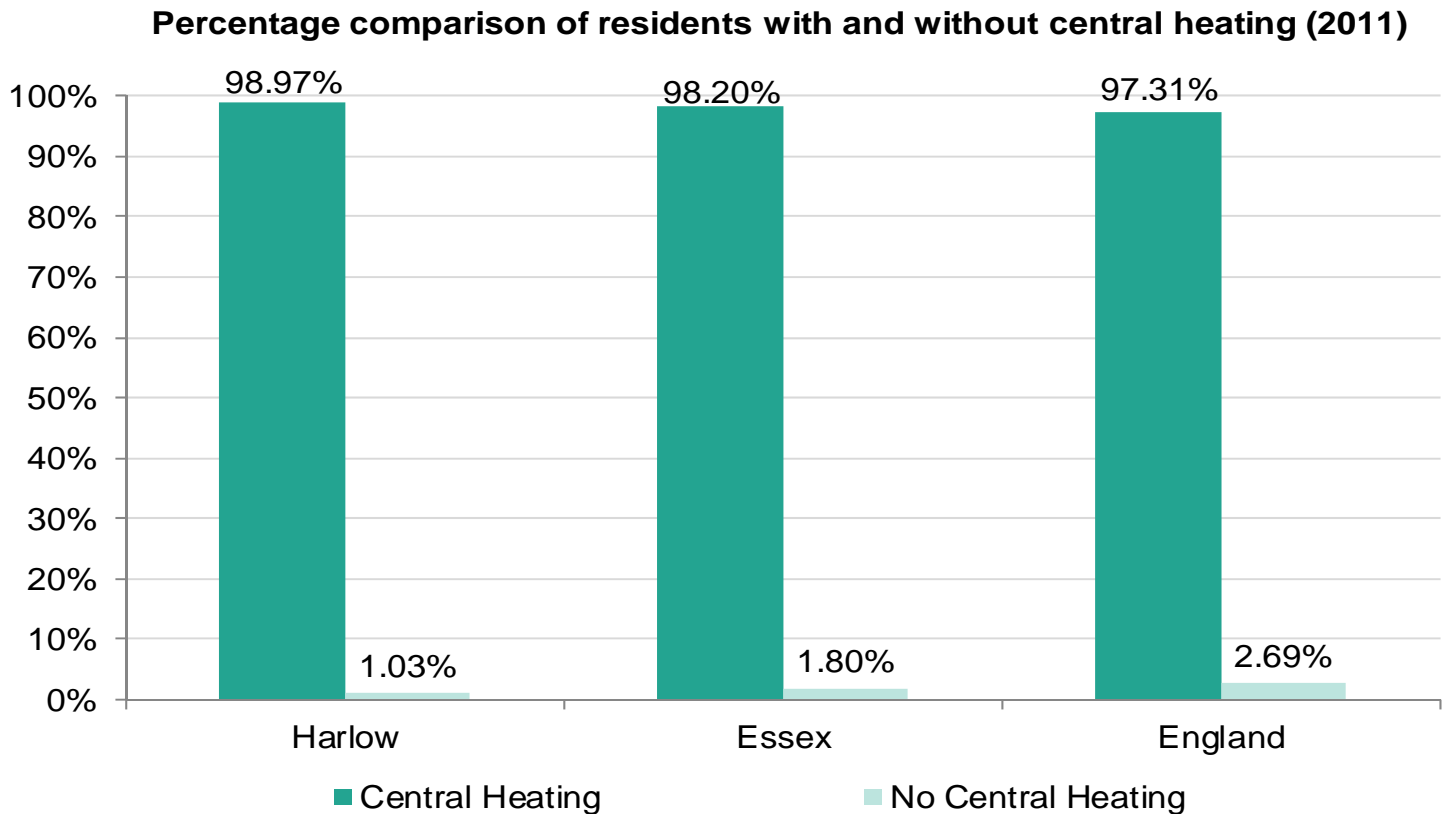
98.97 per cent of Harlow’s population have central heating in their homes compared with 98.20 per cent in Essex and 97.31 per cent in England. Harlow has a low preponderance of residents with no central heating (1.03 per cent) however this is a lower proportion than in Essex (1.80 per cent) and England (2.69 per cent) but it is important to take into account that the populations of Essex and England are much larger than that of Harlow.

**Table 25: Proportion of residents with and without central heating (2011)**

	Harlow	Essex	England
Central Heating	98.97%	98.20%	97.31%
No Central Heating	1.03%	1.80%	2.69%

(KS403EW)

**Figure 21: Comparison of residents with and without central heating in Harlow, Essex and England (2011)**



## 8.0 Qualifications

Over a quarter of Harlow's population (26.05 per cent) have 'no qualifications'. This is higher than Essex (23.89 per cent) and England (22.46 per cent). This can be attributed to Harlow's status as a post-war manufacturing town and a higher proportion of residents employed as plant and machine operatives and in elementary occupations (see pages 22 and 23) 22.99 per cent of the population in Essex are educated to Level 4 whereas Harlow's proportion is 17.63 per cent).

**Table 26: Qualifications comparison (2011)**

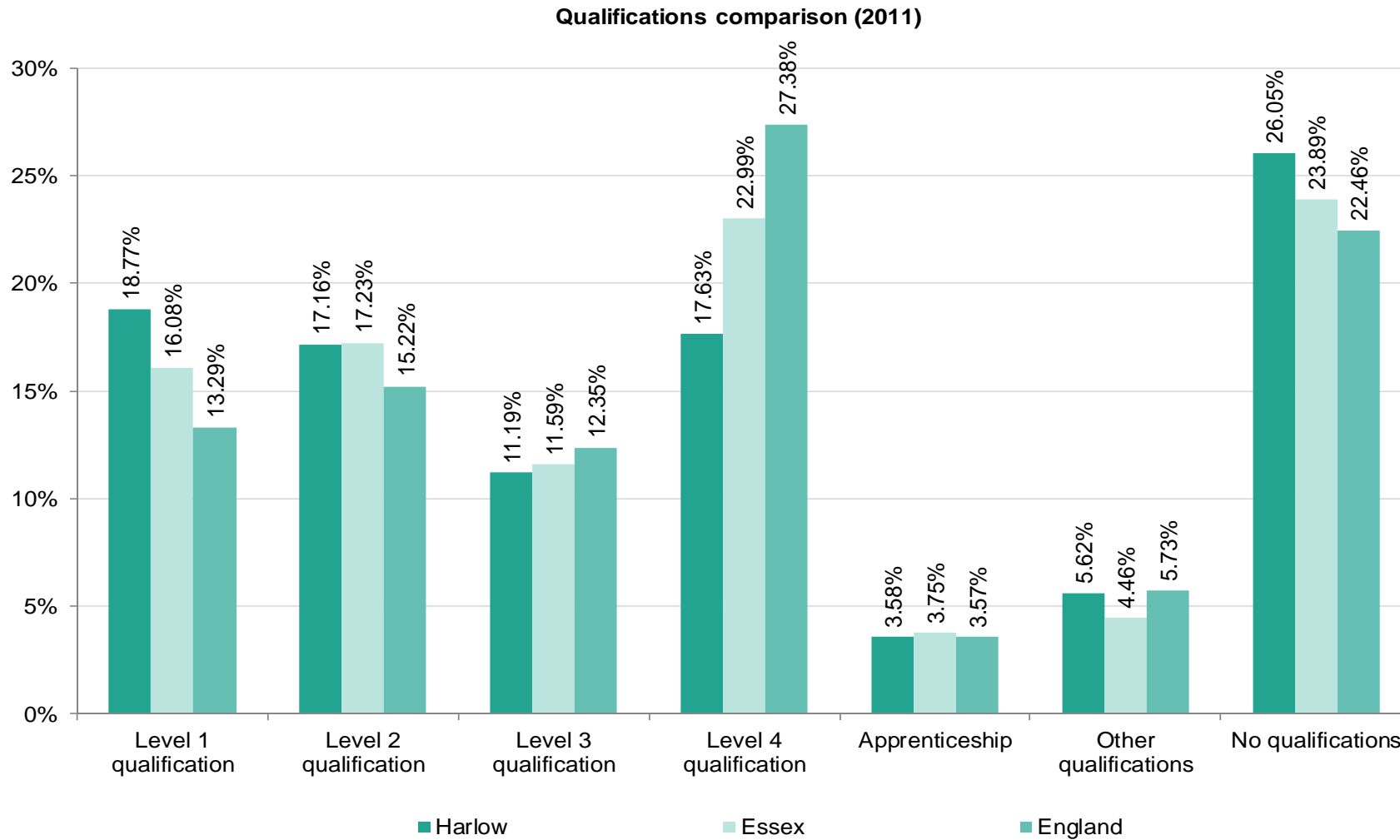
	Harlow	Essex	England
Level 1 qualification	18.77%	16.08%	13.29%
Level 2 qualification	17.16%	17.23%	15.22%
Level 3 qualification	11.19%	11.59%	12.35%
Level 4 qualification	17.63%	22.99%	27.38%
Apprenticeship	3.58%	3.75%	3.57%
Other qualifications	5.62%	4.46%	5.73%
No qualifications	26.05%	23.89%	22.46%

(KS501EW)

## 8.0 Qualifications continued

Harlow has a high preponderance of residents with no qualifications (26.05 per cent) but a low proportion of the population with 'other qualifications' (5.62 per cent) or on 'apprenticeships' (3.58 per cent). This is largely comparable with Essex and with England. 4.46 per cent of Essex's population in 2011 had 'other qualifications' and 3.75 per cent registered on 'apprenticeships'.

Figure 22: Qualifications in Harlow, Essex and England (2011)



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