

Proficiency in English

The 2011 Census asked residents if English was the main language spoken by the individual, and if not, what their main language was. The results from the Census shows that are nearly 23,000 residents aged 3 or over in Warwickshire whose main language is not English, this equates to more than 4% of population. This infographic looks at where these residents live, what their main languages are and how these results compare with elsewhere in the country.

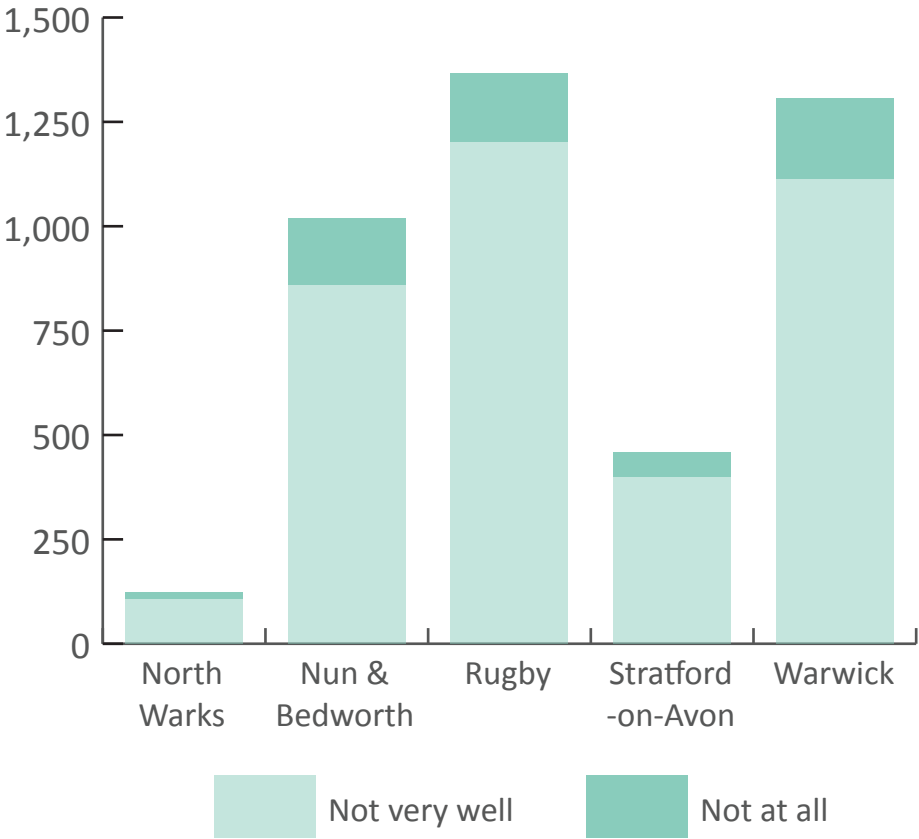
Of the 22,891 residents of Warwickshire whose main language is not English, 41.8% report that they can still speak English ‘very well’, whilst a further 39.5% state they can speak English ‘well’. The remaining 4,275 residents cannot speak English well, including 591 residents who cannot speak English at all.

The map shows all of the Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs) in Warwickshire, and the proportion of the population whose main language is not English. The map shows that the town centres of Nuneaton, Rugby and Leamington have some of the highest levels of where English is not the main language spoken. The Benn MSOA near Rugby town centre has the highest proportion across the whole county, with 16.9% of residents stating English is not their main language. Other MSOAs with a high proportion of residents whose first language is not English include New Bilton (14.8%), Abbey (13.4%) and Willes and Clarendon East (13.0%).

The tables alongside the map show the total numbers of residents within each borough / district whose main language is not English; only values above 200 have been included in the tables. Polish is the main non-English spoken in four of the five districts, whilst there are over 1,800 residents of Warwick District whose first language is Punjabi.

The chart below shows the numbers of residents within Warwickshire who cannot speak English ‘very well’ or ‘at all’. There are 1,367 residents who fall into these categories from Rugby Borough, and a further 1,308 from Warwick District. The 2011 Census tells us that there are only 123 residents from North Warwickshire Borough who cannot speak English ‘very well’ or ‘at all’.

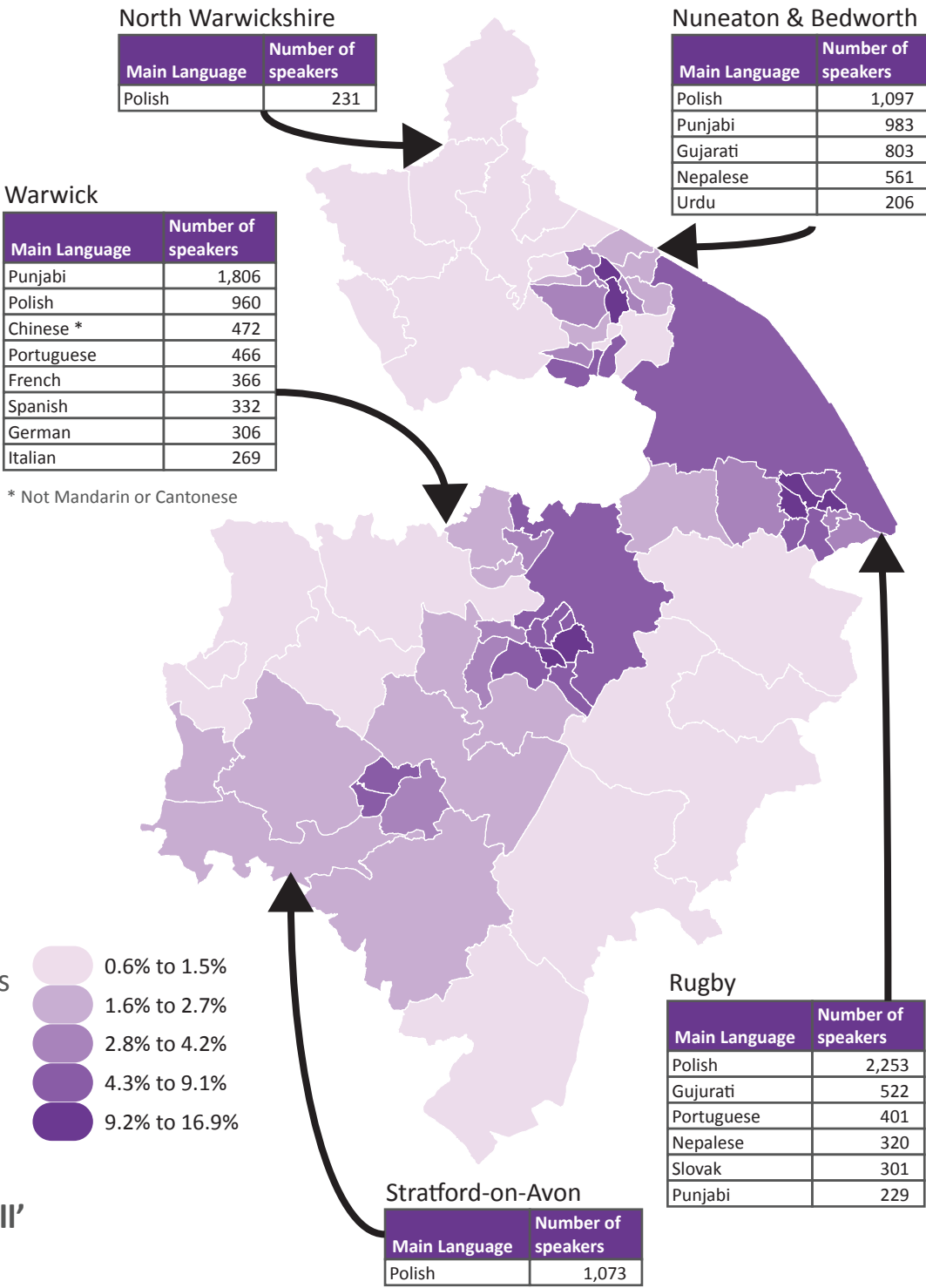
Number of residents who speak English ‘not very well’ or ‘not at all’



Rankings of Warwickshire Borough / Districts compared to England and Wales



Proportion of residents whose main language is not English, by MSOA



The chart along the bottom of the page compares the rankings of the the proportion of residents whose main language is not English for each local authority in England and Wales. Perhaps unsurprisingly, 22 of the 25 local authorities with the highest proportions are London Boroughs, including Newham where 41.4% of residents have a main language that is not English. At the other end of the scale, 93.3% of residents from Redcar and Cleveland Borough have English as their main language.

Rugby Borough is ranked 86th, of the 348 local authorities in England and Wales, for having the highest proprtion of residents whose main language is not English. Similarly, Warwick District is ranked 103rd, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough 151st and Stratford-on-Avon 224th. There are only eleven local authorities in the country with a lower proprtion than North Warwickshire Borough.

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