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This short guide, prepared by the Oxfordshire Economic Observatory, is designed to help those seeking statistical data and analysis on the Oxfordshire economy. The guide is intended as a first “port-of-call” for users needing such information, and it provides guidance on the types of data that are currently available on the Oxfordshire economy and where to find this data.

The emphasis in this guide is on official statistics produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), rather than on data generated locally within Oxfordshire (although the latter is referred to where appropriate). Most official statistics are now available online with no charge to the user, but the range of information available can be confusing to those unfamiliar with the relevant datasets. This guide will hopefully help users to more easily locate the data they are seeking.

The Tables below provide details of the principal types of data currently available on the Oxfordshire economy, arranged into a number of thematic topic areas:

- Overall economic performance (page 3);
- Population (pages 4-5);
- Employment and economic activity (pages 6-8);
- Unemployment (page 9);
- Deprivation (page 10);
- Qualifications and skills (page 11);
- Pupil attainment levels (page 12);
- Business health (page 13);
- Innovation (page 14);
- Travel to work (page 15);
- Housing market (page 16);
- Rural services and rural economy (page 18).

This list of thematic topics and the detailed types of data within them draw on a range of existing lists of economic indicators that are widely used by both central and local government. These include:

- DTI Regional Competitiveness Indicators;
- DTI sub-regional Business Competitiveness Indicators. These are similar to the Regional Competitiveness Indicators, but provide data at local authority district level;
- The set of Public Service Agreement Floor Target Indicators monitored by the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit, which also provide data at local authority district level;
- The set of indicators developed by the Countryside Agency to monitor conditions in rural economies in England (State of the Countryside indicators).

Reference has also been made to the broad themes in the current Economic Development Strategy for Oxfordshire (OEP, 2001) – competitiveness and innovation, sustainable development and social inclusion.

For each type of data listed, details are provided of how to find the data (including the relevant website address). The type of geographic areas for which the data is available is also indicated. This shows whether the data is available at county, local authority district or sub-district levels (e.g. for wards or parishes).

This guide also provides a list of national, regional and Oxfordshire-specific websites providing useful statistical data or analysis on the Oxfordshire economy (pages 20-22). Finally, a list of recent documents providing profiles of the Oxfordshire economy and other useful information is provided (page 22). Most of these documents can be downloaded from the websites listed.

All information in this guide relates to the position in February 2005.

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LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS AND DATA SOURCES

THEME	OVERALL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE
Type of Data/Indicator	Gross Value Added per head
Description	Gross value added is a measure of the total value of economic activity generated in an area. It is used as a measure of overall economic performance, at national, regional and local levels
Data Source	ONS, GVA sub-regional (NUTS3) estimates
Website	www.statistics.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	Data is available only at county level; no data is available at district level or below
Most Recent Data	2002; annual data available from 1995
Type of Data/Indicator	Labour Productivity (GVA per Worker)
Description	Gross value added (GVA) per worker can be used as a measure of productivity in the economy. Figures on GVA per worker are not available directly, but can be calculated by dividing total GVA by total employment (normally expressed in full-time equivalent terms)
Data Source	ONS, GVA sub-regional (NUTS3) estimates
Website	www.statistics.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	Data is available only at county level; no data is available at district level or below
Most Recent Data	2002; annual data available from 1995
Type of Data/Indicator	Average Household Income
Description	Average weekly household income. Separate figures are available for gross and disposable incomes
Data Source	ONS, modelled ward level estimates of household income
Website	www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	Local authority wards
Most Recent Data	1998
Type of Data/Indicator	Average Gross Weekly Earnings
Description	Two sets of average earnings figures are available – workplace-based (which show average earnings for those working in the area) and residence-based (which show average earnings for those living in the area). Due to commuting flows, these two figures can differ significantly. Separate figures are available for full-time and part-time earnings
Data Source	ONS, New Earnings Survey
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Geographic Areas	Travel to work areas, county, districts
Most Recent Data	2003; updated annually

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	POPULATION
Type of Data/Indicator	Total Population
Description	Basic demographic indicator; can be used to calculate population growth rates
Data Source	For data at county or district level, use ONS, annual mid-year population estimates. If you need data at sub-district level, use the 2001 Census instead
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts (2001 Census data is also available for wards, parishes & census output areas)
Most Recent Data	2003; annual data available from 1981 onwards
Type of Data/Indicator	Population by Age & Gender
Description	Breakdown of population into age groups and by gender
Data Source	For data at county or district level, use ONS, annual mid-year population estimates. If you need data at sub-district level, use the 2001 Census instead
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts (2001 Census data is also available for wards, parishes, census output areas)
Most Recent Data	2003; annual data available from 1981 onwards
Type of Data/Indicator	Population by Ethnic Group
Description	Breakdown of population by ethnicity
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census & 1991 Census
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards, parishes, census output areas
Most Recent Data	2001; data also available for 1991
Type of Data/Indicator	Population by Socio-Economic Group
Description	Breakdown of adult population by socio-economic group
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards, parishes, census output areas
Most Recent Data	2001

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	POPULATION (CONTINUED)
Type of Data/Indicator	Migration
Description	Migration inflows and outflows, with breakdown by age & gender
Data Source	NHS Central Register
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Geographic Areas	Data is available only at county level
Most Recent Data	2004; updated quarterly
Type of Data/Indicator	Population Forecasts
Description	Forecasts of the number of households and population prepared by Oxfordshire County Council
Data Source	Oxfordshire County Council, population & household forecasts
Website	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/facts
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards, parishes
Most Recent Data	Forecasts cover the period from 2001 to 2011

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
Type of Data/Indicator	Economic Activity Rate
Description	Measures the proportion of working age residents who are “economically active” – i.e. participating in the labour market (this includes all paid employees, the self-employed and those seeking work). Separate male and female economic activity rates are available
Data Source	For data at county or district level, use Labour Force Survey data. If you need data at sub-district level, use 2001 Census data instead
Website	Labour Force Survey data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk Census data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	Labour Force Survey provides data at county & district level. The 2001 Census also provides data for wards, parishes & census output areas
Most Recent Data	2003 (for Labour Force Survey data), updated annually; 2001 (for Census data)
Type of Data/Indicator	Employment Rate
Description	Measures the proportion of working age residents who are in paid employment, including the self-employed. Separate rates can be calculated for different groups in the population (e.g. by gender, age, ethnic group, disability)
Data Source	For data at county or district level, use Labour Force Survey data. If you need data at sub-district level, use 2001 Census data instead
Website	Labour Force Survey data is available at: www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/ftj , or www.nomisweb.co.uk Census data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	Labour Force Survey provides data at county & district level. The 2001 Census also provides data for wards, parishes & census output areas
Most Recent Data	2003 (for Labour Force Survey data), updated annually; 2001 (for Census data)

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC ACTIVITY (CONTINUED)
Type of Data/Indicator	Number of Residents in Employment
Description	Count of the number of residents in paid employment, including the self-employed. Breakdown available by gender and full-time/part-time employment. Census data also provides breakdown by occupation and industry of employment (see below)
Data Source	For data at county or district level, use Labour Force Survey data. If you need data at sub-district level, use 2001 Census data instead
Website	Labour Force Survey data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk Census data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	Labour Force Survey provides data at county & district level. The 2001 Census also provides data for wards, parishes & census output areas
Most Recent Data	2003 (for Labour Force Survey data), updated annually; 2001 (for Census data)
Type of Data/Indicator	Employment in Area/Employment Growth
Description	Count of the number of employees working in the area (i.e. people whose workplaces are in the area). Breakdown available by gender, full-time/part-time status and industrial sector. The self-employed are not included in this count. Data for different years can be used to calculate employment growth rates for the area
Data Source	ONS, Annual Business Inquiry
Website	Data can be accessed at: www.nomisweb.co.uk This website provides public domain access to employment data up to 2001. Access to the most recent data (for 2002 & 2003) requires special authorisation for which a charge is made; further details can be found at the website
Geographic Areas	Travel to work areas, county, districts, wards
Most Recent Data	2003, updated annually

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC ACTIVITY (CONTINUED)
Type of Data/Indicator	Breakdown of Employment by Industry
Description	Breakdown of resident (and workplace) employment by industrial sector
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census (for data on residents in employment); ONS, Annual Business Inquiry (for data on employees working in the area)
Website	2001 Census data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood Annual Business Inquiry data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards (Census data is also available for parishes & census output areas, and Annual Business Inquiry data is also available for travel to work areas)
Most Recent Data	2003 (for Annual Business Inquiry data), updated annually; 2001 (for Census data)
Type of Data/Indicator	Breakdown of Employment by Occupation
Description	Residents in paid employment, broken down into occupational categories
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census, and ONS, Labour Force Survey
Website	2001 Census data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood Labour Force Survey data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk
Geographic Areas	County, districts (Census data also provides data for wards, parishes, census output areas)
Most Recent Data	2003 (for Labour Force Survey data), updated annually; 2001 (for Census data)

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	UNEMPLOYMENT
Type of Data/Indicator	Claimant Unemployment
Description	Monthly count of residents claiming unemployment-related benefit (Job Seekers Allowance). Includes breakdown by gender, age group and duration of unemployment
Data Source	ONS, monthly claimant count data
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Geographic Areas	Travel to work areas, county, districts, wards
Most Recent Data	2005; updated monthly, with two month time lag
Type of Data/Indicator	ILO Unemployment
Description	Internationally recognised measure of unemployment
Data Source	ONS, Labour Force Survey
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Geographic Areas	County, districts; no data is available at sub-district level
Most Recent Data	2003; updated annually
Type of Data/Indicator	Census-Based Measure of Unemployment
Description	Percentage of economically active residents classifying themselves as unemployed. This measure has the advantage of providing data at sub-ward level, which enables localised unemployment “hotspots” to be identified
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards, parishes, census output areas
Most Recent Data	2001
Type of Data/Indicator	Employment Deprivation
Description	Percentage of working age residents in receipt of benefits associated with worklessness
Data Source	ODPM, Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004
Website	www.odpm.gov.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	Super output areas (these areas are smaller than wards)
Most Recent Data	2001; updated periodically

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	DEPRIVATION
Type of Data/Indicator	Overall Incidence of Deprivation
Description	Ranking of area on Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). Separate rankings are also available for different aspects of deprivation (including income, employment, health, education, housing & services, crime, living environment)
Data Source	ODPM, Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004
Website	www.odpm.gov.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood See also the report by MKOB Learning & Skills Council (2004) <u>Analysis of Indices of Deprivation 2004 for the MKOB Area</u>
Geographic Areas	Districts, super output areas (these are areas smaller than wards)
Most Recent Data	2001; updated periodically
Type of Data/Indicator	Low Income Households
Description	Percentage of population living in low income households (defined as those in receipt of means tested benefits)
Data Source	ODPM, Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004
Website	www.odpm.gov.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	Super output areas (these areas are smaller than wards)
Most Recent Data	2001; updated periodically
Type of Data/Indicator	Employment Deprivation
Description	Percentage of working age residents in receipt of benefits associated with worklessness
Data Source	ODPM, Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004
Website	www.odpm.gov.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	Super output areas (these areas are smaller than wards)
Most Recent Data	2001; updated periodically
Type of Data/Indicator	Number of Benefit Claimants
Description	Number of claimants of various types of benefits (including Incapacity Benefit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Family Credit, Special Disability Allowance & Working Families Tax Credit)
Data Source	Department for Work & Pensions
Website	www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards
Most Recent Data	2003

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS
Type of Data/Indicator	Qualification Levels – Adult Population
Description	Percentage of adult residents with specific qualification levels (including % with degree level qualifications and % with no qualifications)
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census & 1991 Census
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards, parishes, census output areas
Most Recent Data	2001; data also available for 1991
Type of Data/Indicator	Qualification Levels – 19-21 Year Olds
Description	Percentage of 19-21 year olds with Level 2 qualifications (5+ GCSE's) and percentage with Level 3 qualifications (2+ A levels)
Data Source	ONS, Labour Force Survey
Website	www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/fti
Geographic Areas	County, districts
Most Recent Data	2001/02
Type of Data/Indicator	Participation in Education/Training – 16/17 Year Olds
Description	Percentage of 16-17 year olds participating in full-time education or training
Data Source	Department for Education & Science
Website	www.dfes.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	Data is available at county (LEA) level only
Most Recent Data	2001
Type of Data/Indicator	Basic Skills – Adult Population
Description	Percentage of adult population with poor literacy or numeracy skills
Data Source	Basic Skills Agency
Website	www.lsc.gov.uk/mkob , or www.basic-skills.co.uk
Geographic Areas	County, districts
Most Recent Data	2001
Type of Data/Indicator	Skills Shortages & Recruitment Difficulties
Description	Percentage of employers reporting recruitment difficulties, skills shortages or skills gaps
Data Source	National Employer Skills Survey
Website	www.lsc.gov.uk/mkob
Geographic Areas	County level data only
Most Recent Data	2003

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	PUPIL ATTAINMENT LEVELS
Type of Data/Indicator	Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 3 Test Results
Description	Percentage of 11 & 14 year olds achieving target standards in Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 3 tests
Data Source	Department for Education & Science, Performance Tables
Website	www.dfes.gov.uk , or www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/fti
Geographic Areas	County, districts, plus individual schools
Most Recent Data	2004; updated annually
Type of Data/Indicator	GCSE Exam Attainment
Description	Percentage of pupils gaining 5+ GCSE's at grades A*-C
Data Source	Department for Education & Science, Performance Tables
Website	www.dfes.gov.uk , or www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/fti
Geographic Areas	County, districts, plus individual schools
Most Recent Data	2004; updated annually
Type of Data/Indicator	A/AS Level Exam Attainment
Description	Average point score per student at A/AS level
Data Source	Department for Education & Science, Performance Tables
Website	www.dfes.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	County (LEA), plus individual schools
Most Recent Data	2004; updated annually

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	BUSINESS HEALTH
Type of Data/Indicator	Existing Business Stock
Description	Number of existing businesses located in the area. Breakdown by business size (number of employees) and industrial sector is possible
Data Source	ONS, stock of VAT registered businesses; also useful is Oxfordshire County Council's company database
Website	Data on VAT registered businesses is available at: www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood The County Council's company database is at: www.oxonvbc.co.uk
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards
Most Recent Data	2004
Type of Data/Indicator	Business Density
Description	Number of VAT registered businesses per 10,000 population
Data Source	ONS, VAT registration data
Website	www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/fti , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts
Most Recent Data	2003; updated annually
Type of Data/Indicator	Business Formation Rate
Description	Annual number of new VAT registrations, normally expressed as a percentage of the existing business stock. This gives an indication of the rate at which new businesses are being formed in the area, and is an indirect measure of the level of entrepreneurship
Data Source	ONS, VAT registration data
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Geographic Areas	County, districts
Most Recent Data	2003; updated annually
Type of Data	Business Survival Rate
Description	Percentage of businesses surviving at specific periods after their first VAT registration (e.g. after 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, etc)
Data Source	Small Business Service
Website	www.sbs.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	Data is available for Learning & Skills Council areas. For Oxfordshire, this area covers Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire
Most Recent Data	For three year survival rates, the most recent data is currently for businesses registered for VAT in 1999

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	INNOVATION
Type of Data/Indicator	Research & Development (R&D) Activity
Description	Data on R&D activity at county level or below is limited. For example, there is no official data at this geographic level on levels of R&D expenditure. The best proxy measure of R&D activity is therefore the level of R&D employment, which can be calculated using Annual Business Inquiry data. This shows the number of workers in businesses whose primary activity is R&D, and this can be expressed as a percentage of all employees. This measure is one of the DTI's Regional Competitiveness Indicators
Data Source	ONS, Annual Business Inquiry
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Geographic Areas	Travel to work areas, county, districts, wards
Most Recent Data	2003; updated annually
Type of Data/Indicator	Product and Process Innovation
Description	Percentage of firms introducing new or significantly improved products or processes during the last three years
Data Source	DTI, Community Innovation Survey (CIS)
Website	Details of how to access the CIS data can be found at: www.dti.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	Results are not provided for Oxfordshire, but can be derived from the raw data which includes the postcodes of respondent firms
Most Recent Data	The most recent CIS data covers innovations introduced in 1998-2000
Type of Data/Indicator	University Company Spin-Offs
Description	Businesses founded through the University of Oxford's technology transfer company, Isis Innovation
Data Source	Isis Innovation
Website	www.isis-innovation.com
Geographic Areas	Not applicable
Most Recent Data	Updated continually

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	TRAVEL TO WORK
Type of Data/Indicator	Travel to Work Mode
Description	Percentage of people travelling to work by different means (e.g. private car, train, bus, cycling, walking)
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census & 1991 Census
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards, parishes, census output areas
Most Recent Data	2001; data also available for 1991. See also Oxfordshire County Council (2004) <u>Travel to Work in Oxfordshire: Comparisons between 1991 and 2001</u>
Type of Data/Indicator	Distance Travelled to Work
Description	Percentage of people travelling specific distances to work (e.g. less than 5 kilometres, 5-10 kilometres, etc)
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census & 1991 Census
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards, parishes, census output areas
Most Recent Data	2001; data also available for 1991. See also Oxfordshire County Council (2004) <u>Travel to Work in Oxfordshire: Comparisons between 1991 and 2001</u>

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	HOUSING MARKET
Type of Data/Indicator	House Prices
Description	Average house prices, by type of property (e.g. detached, semi-detached, terraced, flat)
Data Source	HM Land Registry
Website	The latest quarterly house price data is available at: www.landreg.gov.uk The Land Registry data is also used by ONS to calculate annual average house prices at local authority ward level. This data is available at: www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, postcode areas, postcode sectors; ward-level data is also available from ONS (see above)
Most Recent Data	2004
Type of Data/Indicator	Affordable Housing
Description	Affordability of housing, taking into account house prices and average incomes
Data Source	A detailed study of affordable housing in Oxfordshire has recently been undertaken for Oxfordshire Community Partnership (OCP, <u>Oxfordshire Key Worker Housing Study 2004</u>). Also useful is the <u>Oxfordshire Affordable Housing Monitor 2004</u> , produced by the OCP
Website	Both reports can be downloaded at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/affordablehousing
Geographic Areas	County, districts
Most Recent Data	2004
Type of Data/Indicator	Housing Stock – Tenure & Condition
Description	Number of dwellings, with breakdown by tenure and condition (including number of unfit dwellings)
Data Source	ODPM, housing statistics; and ONS, 2001 Census
Website	ODPM housing data is available at: www.odpm.gov.uk Census data is available at: www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts; 2001 Census also provides data for wards, parishes & census output areas
Most Recent Data	2003 (for ODPM housing data), updated annually; 2001 (for Census data)

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	HOUSING MARKET
Type of Data/Indicator	Social Rented Housing – Demand & Supply
Description	Numbers on local authority housing registers (demand) and annual number of social rented properties let (supply)
Data Source	ODPM, housing statistics
Website	www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts
Most Recent Data	2002/03
Type of Data/Indicator	Homelessness
Description	Annual number of statutory homelessness acceptances
Data Source	ODPM, housing statistics
Website	www.odpm.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	County, districts
Most Recent Data	2001/02

LIST OF THEMATIC INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

THEME	RURAL SERVICES & RURAL ECONOMY
Type of Data/Indicator	Availability of Key Services
Description	Percentage of population within specific distances of key services & facilities
Data Source	Countryside Agency, Rural Services Survey
Website	www.countryside.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	Wards
Most Recent Data	2004; updated annually
Type of Data/Indicator	Levels of Car Ownership
Description	Percentage of households with no car ownership
Data Source	ONS, 2001 Census & 1991 Census
Website	www.nomisweb.co.uk , or www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood
Geographic Areas	County, districts, wards, parishes, census output areas
Most Recent Data	2001; data also available for 1991
Type of Data/Indicator	Market Towns Health
Description	A wide range of indicators providing information on the economic health of market towns
Data Source	Market Towns Healthchecks are carried out for selected rural towns on a periodic basis
Website	Further information can be found at: www.countryside.gov.uk
Geographic Areas	Market towns
Most Recent Data	Varies

NOTE ON GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

The tables above indicate the types of geographic areas in Oxfordshire for which data is available. Brief explanatory notes on each of the geographic area types are provided below. Further information is available at: www.statistics.gov.uk/geography.

Administrative Areas:

County – the county of Oxfordshire.

Districts – the five local authority districts within Oxfordshire (Cherwell, Oxford City, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire).

Wards – electoral wards within local authority districts. Wards provide a sub-district geography that is widely used in a range of official statistics, although comparisons over time are hampered by frequent changes in ward boundaries.

Parishes – parish boundaries nest within local authority wards. Parish-level data therefore provides a more detailed geographic breakdown than ward-level data. The main official statistics available at parish level are the 2001 Census data.

Postcode-Based Areas:

Postcode Areas – examples of postcode areas in Oxfordshire are OX1, OX2, OX3, etc. Postcode areas cover all addresses with the same post town (OX) and first digit of the postcode (e.g. OX1).

Postcode Sectors – examples of postcode sectors are OX1 1, OX1 2, OX1 3, etc. Postcode sectors cover all addresses with the same post town (OX) and first two digits of the postcode (e.g. OX1 1).

Census and Other Small Area Geographies:

Census Output Areas – Census data is available at county, district, ward and parish levels. However, for those users requiring data at an even finer geographic level, the 2001 Census has added a new sub-ward level geography, known as census output areas. These areas nest within local authority wards, but provide a much finer geographical breakdown. For example, some Oxfordshire wards contain more than 30 census output areas. Each census output area typically covers around 100-200 households. Maps of the census output areas within each ward in Oxfordshire can be found at: www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood.

Super Output Areas – this is a new sub-ward level geography that is used with the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004. Super output areas nest within local authority wards, and their use allows small, localised, pockets of deprivation within relatively affluent wards to be identified.

Other Geographical Areas:

Travel To Work Areas – these are local labour market areas that display a high degree of self-containment. In other words, most of the people living in the area should also work there, and most of the people working in the area should also live there. Oxfordshire contains two separate Travel To Work Areas (TTWA's), Oxford TTWA and Banbury TTWA.

Learning & Skills Council Area – certain types of data on skills and training activity in Oxfordshire are available only at Learning & Skills Council Area level. The relevant area for Oxfordshire covers Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Further information is available at: www.lsc.gov.uk/mkob.

LISTING OF USEFUL WEBSITES

National:

Basic Skills Agency – www.basic-skills.co.uk – provides data on adult basic skills (numeracy and literacy).

Countryside Agency – www.countryside.gov.uk – access to a wide range of data on rural areas, including access to rural services and housing affordability, as well as detailed datasets used in the Agency's annual State of the Countryside reports.

Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – www.defra.gov.uk – access to data from the annual Agricultural Census, providing data down to ward level.

Department for Education and Science – www.dfes.gov.uk – online access to school performance tables, providing data on Key Stage 2 and 3 test results, plus GCSE and A/AS level exam results.

Department of Trade and Industry – www.dti.gov.uk – access to latest data on Business Competitiveness Indicators, a local version of the DTI Regional Competitiveness Indicators providing data at local authority district level.

HM Land Registry – www.landreg.gov.uk – access to the latest house price data, as well as time series data. Results are available for a range of geographical areas, down to postcode sector level.

Neighbourhood Renewal Unit – www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/fti – provides interactive access to datasets relating to key government Public Service Agreement targets (also known as “floor targets”). Data is generally available at local authority district level. Interactive tools allow individual local authorities to be ranked, and time series data is also available.

National Online Manpower Information System (NOMIS) – www.nomisweb.co.uk – access to a wide range of official statistics, originally focussed on labour market statistics but recently extended to cover a wider range of datasets (e.g. 2001 Census data). Time series data is available and data can be provided for user defined geographic areas.

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – www.odpm.gov.uk – access to ODPM housing statistics (which provide data at local authority district level), as well as the full results of the 2000 and 2004 Indices of Deprivation.

Office for National Statistics (Neighbourhood Statistics Service) – www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood – the main site for access to official statistics for small geographic areas, providing a very wide range of datasets including full results from the 2001 Census down to sub-ward level. Some time series data is available, but less so than on the complementary NOMIS website. A useful guide to using the Neighbourhood Statistics Service has been prepared by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC, [Neighbourhood Statistics User Guide](#), August 2004).

Regional:

Government Office for the South East – www.go-se.gov.uk

South East England Development Agency – www.seeda.co.uk – provides information and analysis on the South East economy, including some data for Oxfordshire.

South East England Regional Assembly – www.southeast-ra.gov.uk

Oxfordshire-Wide:

Banbury Chamber of Commerce – www.banburytown.co.uk/business/coc

Isis Innovation – www.isis-innovation.com – provides details of company spin-outs from Oxford University.

MKOB Learning and Skills Council – www.lsc.gov.uk/mkob – access to data for Oxfordshire on the labour market, including skill and qualification levels, skills shortages and training. The LSC produces regular profiles of the Oxfordshire economy which can be downloaded from the website. Also available is an analysis for the MKOB area of the results of the Indices of Deprivation 2004.

Oxfordshire Economic Partnership – www.oep.org.uk – access to news and information on the Oxfordshire economy. Economic development strategy for Oxfordshire can also be downloaded.

Oxfordshire Chamber of Commerce – www.oxfordcity.co.uk/coc

Oxfordshire County Council – www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/facts – provides a wide range of official statistics and information on the Oxfordshire economy, including quality of life & sustainable development indicators and small area population & household forecasts. A number of useful documents can also be downloaded, including the County Council's latest Economic Profile for Oxfordshire.

Oxfordshire Virtual Business Centre – www.oxonvbc.co.uk – this website provides access to contact details for over 16,000 Oxfordshire companies, broken down by industrial sector.

Oxford Trust – www.oxfordtrust.org.uk – provides information on science-based and high-tech companies in Oxfordshire. The Trust has compiled a number of reports on specific sectors of the Oxfordshire economy (Oxford Networks reports). Information is also available on companies occupying the county's innovation centres (run by Oxford Innovation Ltd).

Oxfordshire Districts:

Cherwell District Council – www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Oxford City Council – www.oxford.gov.uk

South Oxfordshire District Council – www.southoxon.gov.uk

Vale of White Horse District Council – www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

West Oxfordshire District Council – www.westoxon.gov.uk

Oxfordshire Sectors:

Oxfordshire Bioscience – www.oxbiosci.org.uk – website for Oxfordshire Bioscience, the organisation representing the bioscience sector in Oxfordshire. Includes a listing of companies in the sector.

OXIT – www.oxit.org.uk – organisation representing IT companies in Oxfordshire.

Oxmedianet – www.oxmedianet.net – organisation representing media (including new media) companies in Oxfordshire.

LISTING OF USEFUL DOCUMENTS

MKOB Learning and Skills Council (2004) [Analysis of Indices of Deprivation 2004 for the MKOB Area.](#)

MKOB Learning and Skills Council (2004) [Oxfordshire Skills and Economic Assessment.](#) December 2004.

MKOB Learning and Skills Council (2004) [Skills Audit 2003-04.](#)

Oxfordshire Community Partnership (2004) [Oxfordshire Affordable Housing Monitor 2004.](#)

Oxfordshire Community Partnership (2004) Oxfordshire Key Worker Housing Study 2004 – Final Report. November 2004. Report by ATIS REAL Weatheralls.

Oxfordshire County Council (2004) An Economic Profile of Oxfordshire. September 2004.

Oxfordshire County Council (2004) Neighbourhood Statistics User Guide. April 2004.

Oxfordshire County Council (2004) Travel to Work in Oxfordshire: Comparisons Between 1991 and 2001.

Oxfordshire Economic Partnership (2001) Oxfordshire Economic Development Strategy 2001-2005. December 2001.

ACRONYMS

CIS	Community Innovation Survey
DTI	Department of Trade & Industry
GVA	Gross Value Added
IMD	Index of Multiple Deprivation
LEA	Local Education Authority
LSC	Learning & Skills Council
MKOB	Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire
NOMIS	National Online Manpower Information System
OCP	Oxfordshire Community Partnership
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
OEP	Oxfordshire Economic Partnership
ONS	Office for National Statistics
TTWA	Travel to Work Area