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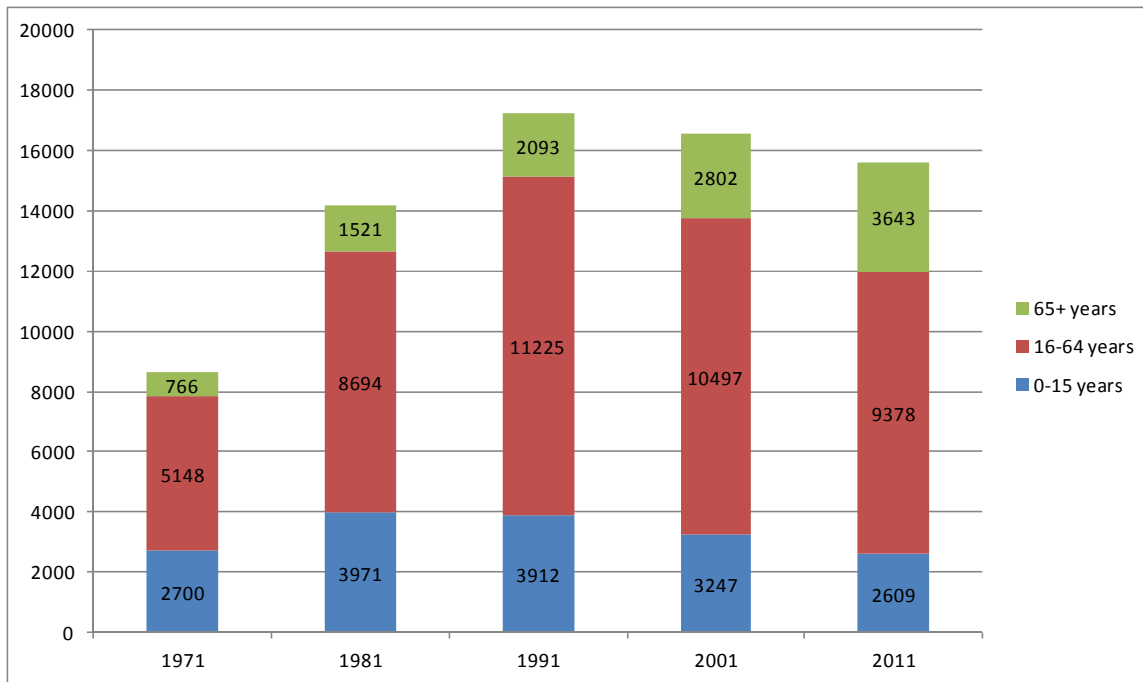
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Nailsea**

Nailsea

Total population

At the time of the 2011 Census the parish of Nailsea's population was recorded as 15,630 people. This is a decrease of over 900 people since 2001. The population has in fact been declining since 1991, when the population was at its peak of 17,230 people.

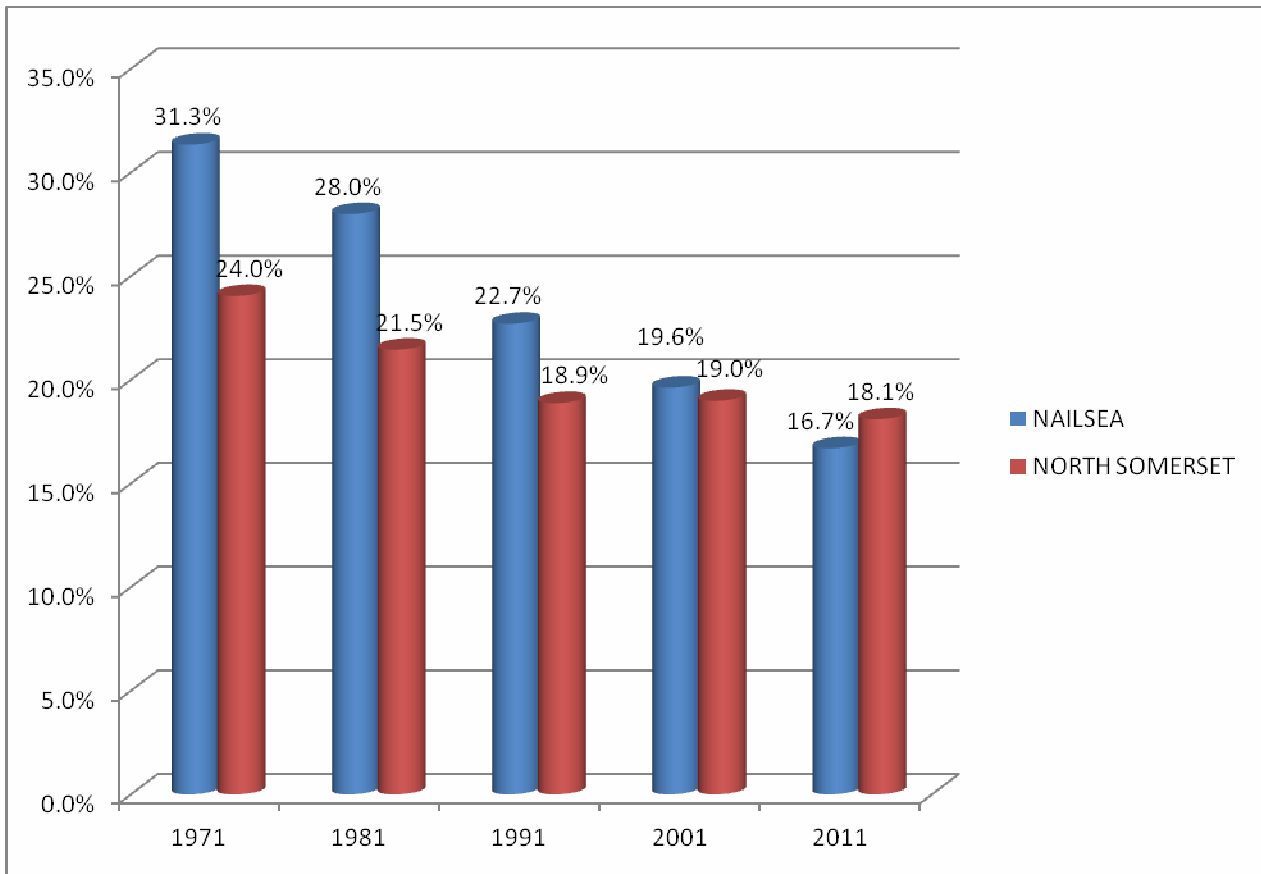
Population of Nailsea over time



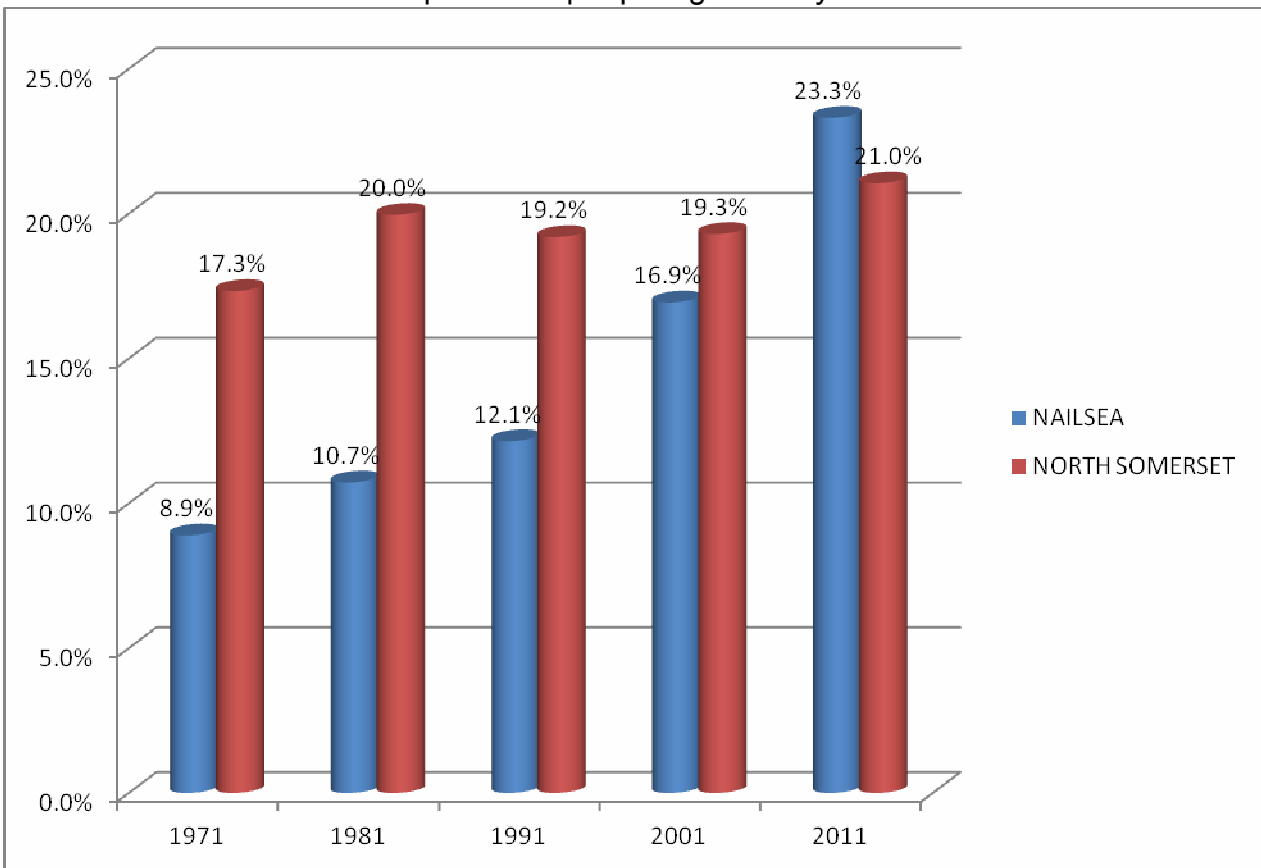
Population by age

Whilst the overall population is declining, the proportion of older people within Nailsea is growing significantly, at a rate faster than the North Somerset average. Conversely, the proportion of children aged 0-15 years within the parish is declining.

Proportion of people aged 0-15 years



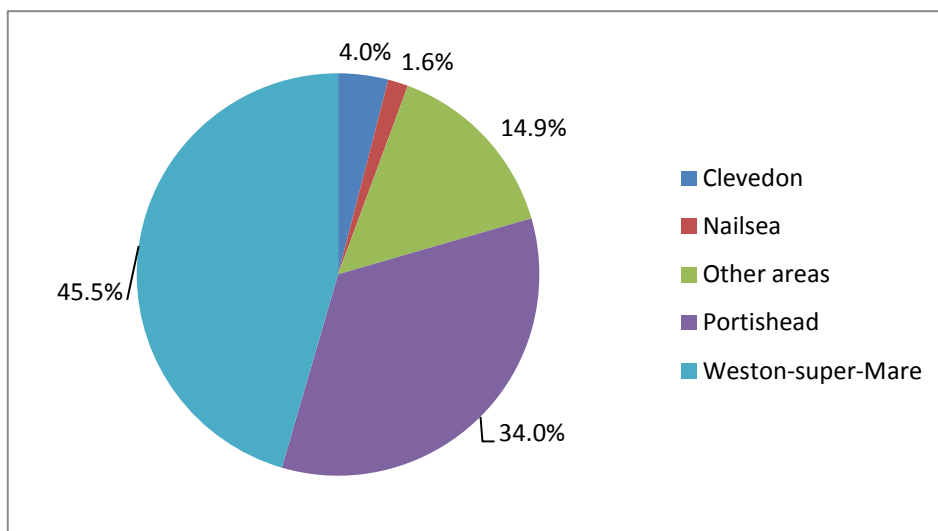
Proportion of people aged 65+ years



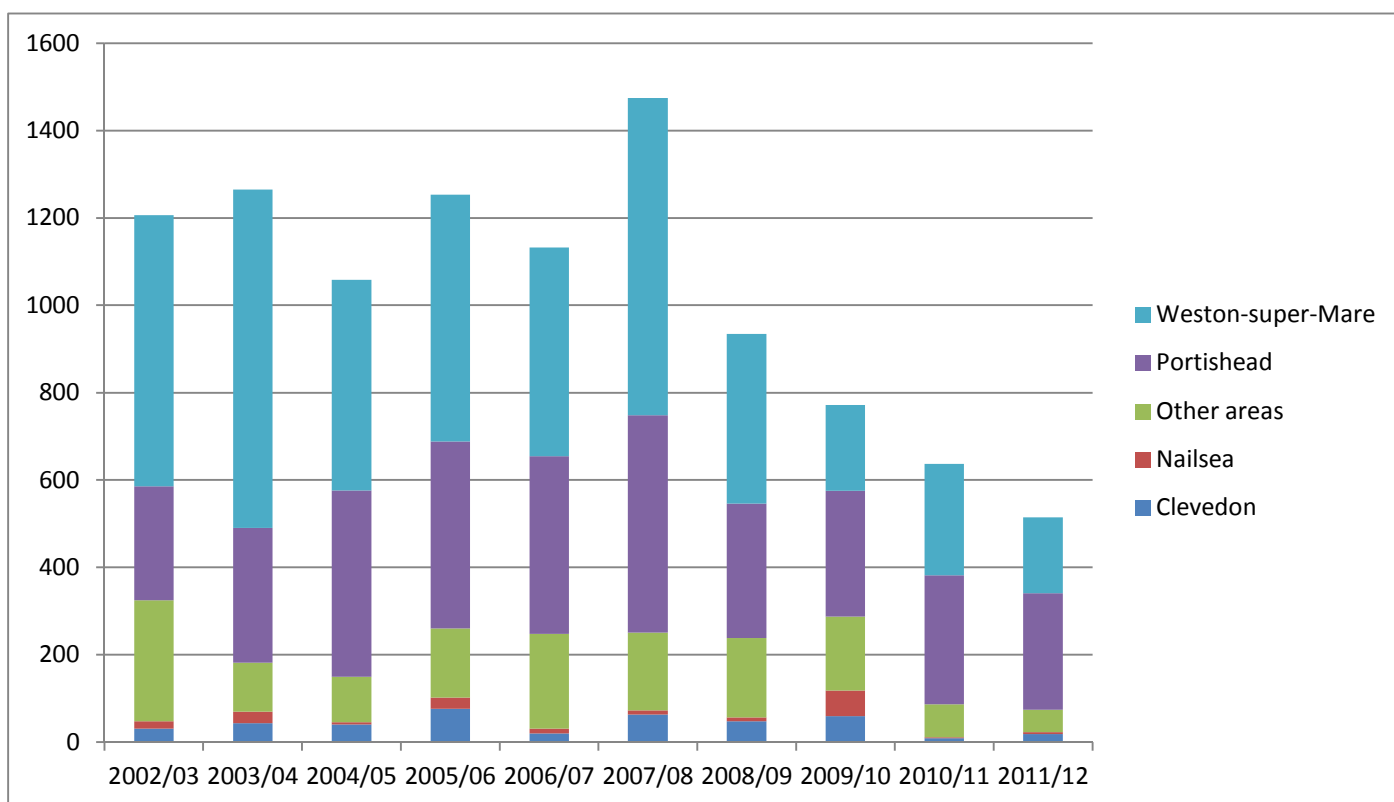
Housing completions

There have been 10,247 housing completions across North Somerset in the last ten years. Only 166 of these completions (1.6%) have been in Nailsea. 52 of these dwelling completions recorded were on one retirement housing scheme on Silver Street in 2009/10. This accounts for nearly a third of all the completions over the ten year period. No affordable housing completions have been brought forward within the town through the planning system.

Housing completions 2002-2012 by area



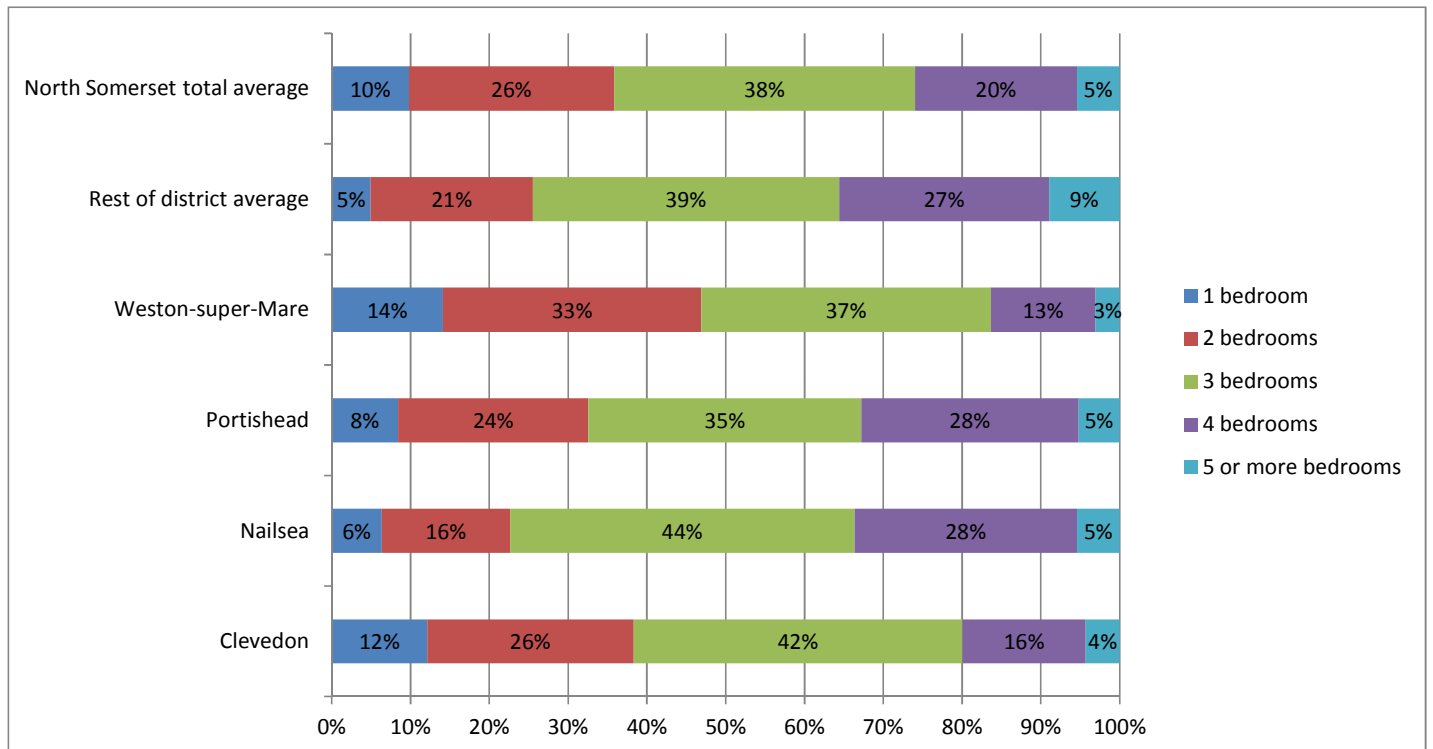
Housing completions over time by area



House sizes

Of the four towns within North Somerset, Nailsea's housing stock contains proportionately the fewest small units, with one and two bedroom properties making up only 22% of the total, compared to a North Somerset average of 36% of properties in these categories.

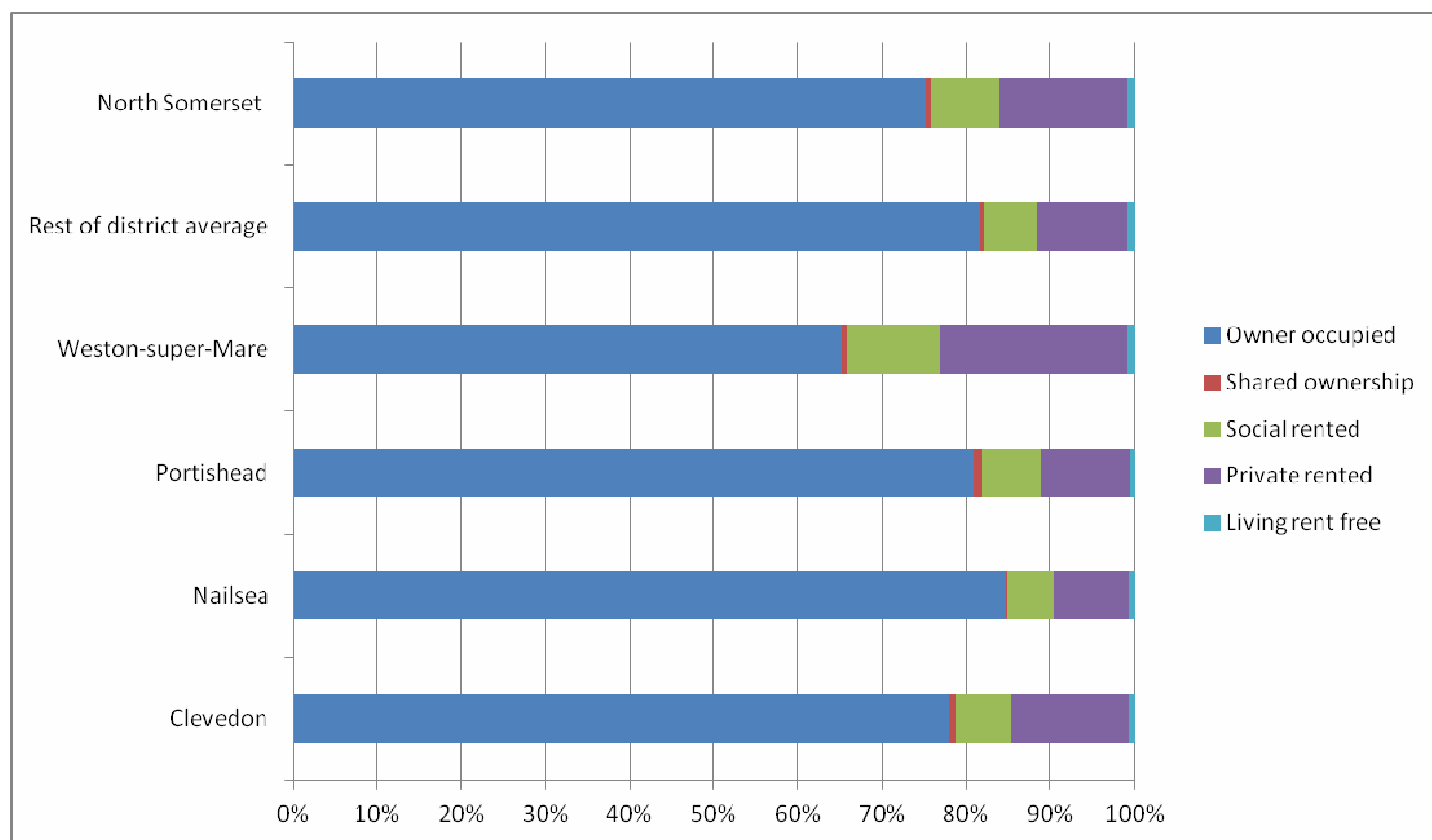
House sizes in North Somerset by area



Tenure

Nailsea is also the town with the highest proportion of dwellings in the owner occupied category. It is also the highest in terms of owned outright. Nailsea has the lowest percentage of homes in the shared ownership, social rent and private rent categories.

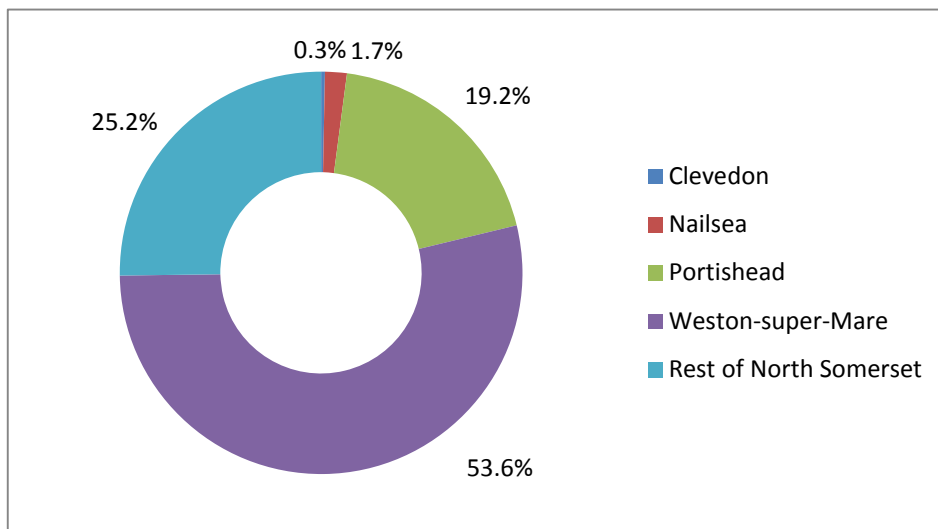
Proportion of homes by tenure



Employment

Over the past ten years records show that 3,146 square metres of new employment floorspace has been completed within Nailsea. This is 1.7% of the total for North Somerset. The only town with less employment development completed is Clevedon, although adjacent to Clevedon's boundary there has been significant business development, which is recorded in the rest of district category.

Employment floorspace completed over ten years across North Somerset



Self containment

At the time of the 2001 Census (currently the latest available data), 33% of the working age population of the Nailsea wards, who were in employment, worked within the town. A further 21% travelled elsewhere within North Somerset to their job. 9% worked in South Gloucestershire, 1% worked in Bath and North East Somerset and 31% worked in Bristol. The remaining 5% travelled outside of the West of England area.





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