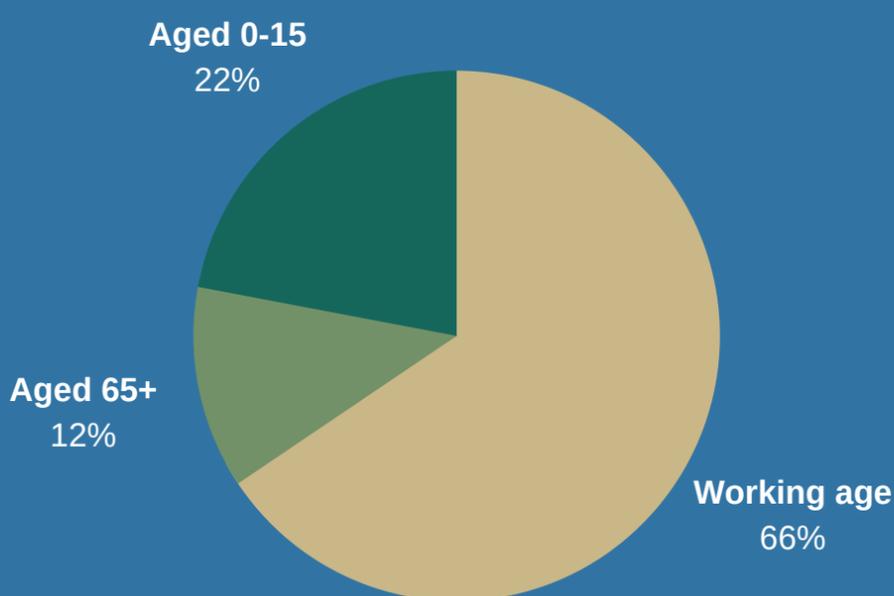


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Didcot is a railway town and civil parish in South Oxfordshire. The town was first designated as a growth area in 1979 and has been developing ever since.

There are 27,020 people currently residing in the town.

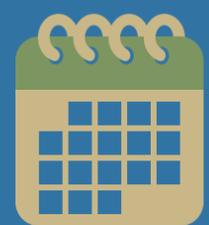


In the heart of the town, Didcot's arts, culture and entertainment venue, Cornerstone, regularly presents live performances, participatory activities and exhibitions.



Each year, the town hosts a variety of community events and celebrations, including festivals themed around food, gifts and crafts. Information on upcoming events can be found on the 'Didcot Events' Facebook page.

Didcot Railway Centre hosts an array of historic days, a transport rally and children's engineering workshops. The Centre has featured in 'Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows' and 'Anna Karenina'.



The newly-expanded Orchard Centre is the town's retail entertainment hub, with a strong mix of vibrant brands. Broadway is home to a variety of independent retailers.

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Didcot has a strong mix of community facilities including several schools, a civic hall, a leisure centre, a public library and a community hospital.



The district council's Edinburgh Drive car park offers free parking for one hour and parking is free for two hours at the Orchard Centre. The newly-expanded Foxhall Road car park provides 1,800 spaces beside Didcot Parkway train station.

The town is located less than five miles from the A34, with direct links to Oxford, Newbury and the M4, and Heathrow airport is less than an hour away. Didcot Parkway regularly runs direct trains to Bath, Bristol and London Paddington.



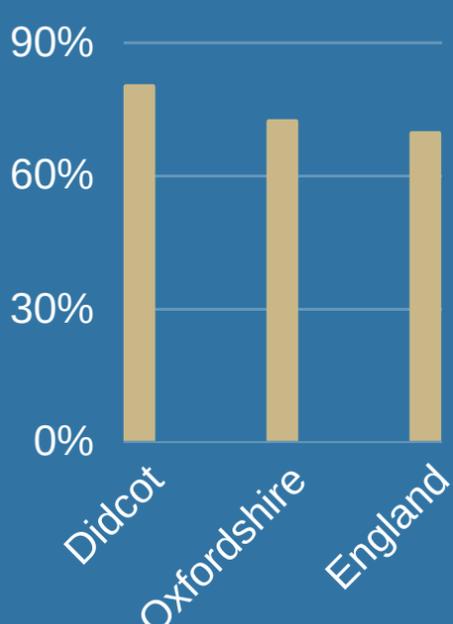
Didcot is located less than 15 miles from Oxford, which is home to 38 colleges and Oxford University - one of the leading universities in the world. Oxfordshire is home to a highly skilled workforce with an above average number of graduates.

The average house price in Didcot is £294,052, much lower than that of Oxfordshire, which sits at £574,462.



The town is home to 1,067 businesses and the largest business sector is construction.

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80.5 per cent of all residents aged 16-74 are economically active, compared to 72.6 per cent in Oxfordshire. The top three sectors of people who live in Didcot work in are retail, professional and scientific and technical, and health and social work.

The town is home to a number of strategic employment sites, including Milton Park, Harwell Campus and Southmead Industrial Park, and Culham Science Centre is located close-by.



Didcot benefits from a strong culture of support for growing businesses. There are many supportive business networking groups in the town who regularly hold events and workshops.

Independent organisation Didcot First annually hosts the Business and Community Awards, championing the achievements of local businesses and groups.



The town is situated at the heart of the Science Vale UK area, a global hot spot for innovation. Benefiting from a number of enterprise zones, the area attracts significant investment in science and technology businesses.

6.5 hectares of employment land have been identified for future employment and business growth within the town.



If you are thinking of locating business in the South Oxfordshire district and would like some further information, please contact the Economic Development team via email: economic.development@southandvale.gov.uk

Information sourced from the Community Insight profile for Didcot, the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011-2033 and Mint UK.