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BEDFORDSHIRE POPULATION FIGURES 1801 – 2011

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AREA	1801	1811	1821	1831	1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901
Whole County	63393	70119	83716	95483	107936	124478	135287	146257	149473	160621	171707
Rural Districts											
Ampthill										20672	19146
Bedford										20280	18851
Biggleswade										21864	21598
Eaton Bray										4734	4101
Eaton Socon										3708	3336
Luton										9601	9613

AREA	1911	1921	1931	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	
Whole County	194588	206462	220525	311937	380837	464277	504402	514399	565927	615061	
Rural Districts											
Ampthill	19540	19330	19983	22959	26010	33722					
Bedford	19213	20238	21130	30713	33725	38499					
Biggleswade	21933	23015	20962	26427	27278	35642					
Eaton Bray	3892	3744	3935								
Eaton Socon	3542	3347	3224								
Luton	9474	10902	9666	19634	36462	36314					
Districts											
North. Beds							132154	132644	147916		
Mid. Beds							102063	108113	121004		
South. Beds							106136	106633	112636		
Luton							164049	167009	184371		
Unitaries											
Bedford										157479	
Central Beds										254381	
Luton										203201	

N.B. There was no census taken in 1941 due to World War Two

Name of Parish	1801	1811	1821	1831	1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901
AMPTHILL	1234	1299	1527	1688	2001	1961	2144	2387	2257	2294	2177
ARLESEY	404	464	562	688	820	1095	1401	2019	1908	2108	2221
ASPLEY GUISE	679	825	848	1014	1139	1303	1437	1519	1445	1230	1261
ASPLEY HEATH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	451	462
ASTWICK	81	88	99	97	84	81	64	64	49	54	62
BARFORD, Great	431	577	635	731	814	865	907	847	788	746	681
BARFORD, Little	80	73	123	176	190	112	91	123	189	166	137
BARTON-LE-CLAY	448	546	668	720	855	915	956	1017	1061	924	816
BATTLEDEN	133	130	151	145	179	160	143	167	114	81	72
BEDFORD, St Cuthbert	351	479	578	733	591	663	787	1174	1334	3324	4905
BEDFORD, St John	254	324	352	486	446	453	465	439	537	672	671
BEDFORD, St Mary	616	690	808	879	1042	1670	1869	2574	3565	4878	5615
BEDFORD, St Paul	2150	2489	3075	3956	5895	6709	7410	9462	10121	14451	17753
BEDFORD, St Peter	577	623	653	905	1204	2198	2882	3201	3976	4698	6200
BEDFORD – TOTAL	3948	4605	5466	6959	9178	11693	13413	16850	19533	28023	35144
BIDDENHAM	252	310	393	369	345	373	350	325	308	352	325
BIGGLESWADE	1794	1895	2778	3226	3807	4460	4631	5183	4947	4943	5120
BILLINGTON	200	225	237	271	323	456	484	475	426	350	263
BLETSOE	321	312	383	410	420	407	412	392	341	337	286
BLUNHAM	376	472	540	580	625	667	647	598	620	599	598
BOLNHURST	225	230	264	300	344	378	348	317	268	223	188
BOLNHURST & KEYSOE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRICKHILL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BROGBOROUGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BROMHAM	297	280	298	324	314	343	361	373	327	319	321
CADDINGTON (BEDS)	319	372	379	386	453	567	592	952	1058	1021	1053
CADDINGTON (HERTS)	754	896	1170	1177	1294	1299	1259	1162	1146	1055	1017
CADDINGTON (WHOLE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1515
CAMPTON	316	324	410	449	501	548	529	570	555	448	437

Name of Parish	1911	1921	1931	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	
AMPTHILL	2270	2270	2168	2783	3852	5583	5771	6099	6772	7028	
ARLESEY	2046	2168	2468	2962	3282	3782	3960	4263	4741	5584	
ASPLEY GUISE	1277	1231	1105	1533	1921	2046	2289	2171	2183	2195	
ASPLEY HEATH	572	522	499	460	490	579	536	507	574	578	
ASTWICK	59	47	50	39	35	31	35	[27]	[32]	-	
BARFORD, Great	726	760	775	760	788	1495	1741	1718	1859	2003	
BARFORD, Little	151	121	75	88	68	49	45	[33]	[42]	[44]	
BARTON-LE-CLAY	746	783	857	1125	2755	3753	3691	3447	4793	4992	
BATTLESDEN	66	71	60	71	54	43	40	[34]	[38]	-	
BEDFORD, St Cuthbert	6117	6287	6222	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BEDFORD, St John	697	605	504	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BEDFORD, St Mary	7348	8001	9989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BEDFORD, St Paul	18758	19288	17958	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BEDFORD, St Peter	6263	6061	5881	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BEDFORD – TOTAL	39183	40242	40554	53075	63334	73229	74316	71802	77885	73583	
BIDDENHAM	451	460	568	503	693	728	807	1183	2620	2070	
BIGGLESWADE	5375	5395	5844	7431	8050	9605	10928	12734	15383	16551	
BILLINGTON	247	233	242	287	633	531	520	432	634	291	
BLETSOE	312	249	219	265	235	252	244	236	283	260	
BLUNHAM	603	603	590	598	612	805	858	899	925	946	
BOLNHURST	184	182	162	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOLNHURST & KEYSOE	-	-	-	588	583	588	639	667	732	719	
BRICKHILL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8153	
BROGBOROUGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	318	345	302	
BROMHAM	350	328	442	1220	2722	3746	3941	3825	4765	4957	
CADDINGTON (BEDS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CADDINGTON (HERTS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CADDINGTON (WHOLE)	1508	1595	1785	2296	4921	5492	6370	5463	3679	3703	
CAMPTON	415	396	442	381	358	1602	1391	2293	1390	1699	

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CARDINGTON	509	521	606	594	607	574	572	545	512	438	433
CARLTON	376	401	429	424	444	432	470	525	474	379	351
CARLTON & CHELLINGTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHALGRAVE	534	633	710	746	818	952	961	993	873	730	593
CHALTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHELLINGTON	112	112	121	119	125	138	136	104	97	95	87
CHICKSANDS	42	36	56	66	60	74	77	46	43	64	62
CLAPHAM	157	177	204	298	370	445	502	607	608	725	788
CLIFTON	329	399	483	664	865	1053	1478	1700	1458	1374	1283
CLOPHILL	706	721	838	972	1066	1186	1169	1220	1107	1068	893
COLMWORTH	347	321	450	468	575	543	527	508	385	365	297
COPE	403	442	524	643	551	552	565	560	459	424	377
CRANFIELD	961	1035	1153	1260	1371	1515	1591	1529	1447	1365	1239
DEAN	385	428	479	513	541	547	552	575	487	406	344
DEAN & SHELTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DENHAM, Great	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUNSTABLE	1296	1616	1831	2117	2582	3589	4470	4558	4627	4513	5157
DUNTON	336	303	332	413	434	467	518	570	477	434	392
EASTCOTTS	504	513	588	710	859	881	847	798	713	830	871
EATON BRAY	583	674	816	957	1097	1455	1440	1640	1520	1330	1117
EATON SOCON	1625	1833	2039	2490	2600	2802	2766	2679	2365	2192	2080
EDWORTH	90	88	87	95	105	104	99	119	112	100	86
EGGINGTON	206	223	302	348	390	431	439	375	274	268	239
ELSTOW	475	501	548	561	562	581	618	605	558	478	479
EVERSHOLT	715	763	870	901	899	982	885	899	768	623	574
EVERTON	141	81	154	213	233	246	248	255	216	219	221
EYEWORTH	86	86	111	129	128	141	149	169	170	140	121
FARNDISH	68	72	73	81	86	82	67	75	72	-	-
FELMERSHAM	329	358	390	448	531	520	483	527	489	430	395

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CARDINGTON	423	377	346	333	308	324	272	249	315	288	
CARLTON	314	338	340	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CARLTON & CHELLINGTON	-	-	-	517	550	861	998	921	827	874	
CHALGRAVE	573	541	377	364	319	358	387	447	477	475	
CHALTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	553	538	
CHELLINGTON	113	118	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CHICKSANDS	39	56	51	687	607	1250	994	-	-	-	
CLAPHAM	748	704	840	2203	3284	3709	3817	3411	3647	4560	
CLIFTON	1223	1215	1309	1161	1354	2570	2693	2580	2729	2878	
CLOPHILL	916	909	847	844	1056	1545	1672	1648	1696	1738	
COLMWORTH	276	250	265	271	309	386	385	375	369	393	
COPE	377	403	405	479	687	655	810	744	736	722	
CRANFIELD	1199	1059	1159	2160	2501	4035	4343	4405	4905	5369	
DEAN	342	339	277	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DEAN & SHELTON	-	-	-	333	309	312	328	371	386	418	
DENHAM, Great	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1120	
DUNSTABLE	8057	8889	8976	17109	25645	31828	30182	33202	33805	36253	
DUNTON	413	390	415	450	437	464	542	604	643	696	
EASTCOTTS	848	2065	1660	3675	2137	2250	1707	1853	3188	3239	
EATON BRAY	979	975	1042	1165	1509	1671	2072	2300	2591	2585	
EATON SOCON	2319	2231	2240	3032	3264	3656	8695	11820	-	-	
EDWORTH	86	82	69	66	48	39	42	[45]	[76]	-	
EGGINGTON	236	240	243	228	301	284	1374	266	287	287	
ELSTOW	499	412	513	417	629	633	673	608	2124	2702	
EVERSHOLT	609	502	469	441	450	425	436	388	387	442	
EVERTON	195	231	216	279	215	399	450	475	525	523	
EYEWORTH	122	120	87	93	89	68	55	61	[92]	-	
FARNDISH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FELMERSHAM	345	340	381	362	376	561	719	723	737	748	

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FLITTON	463	443	484	583	572	717	960	1059	1218	1415	
FLITWICK	1424	1639	1731	2522	3604	5190	8384	10833	12689	12998	
GOLDINGTON	967	1097	1440	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAVENHURST, Lower	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAVENHURST, Upper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAVENHURST	377	351	345	387	474	541	537	504	579	595	
HARLINGTON	609	554	607	620	862	2025	2435	2278	2322	2297	
HARROLD	851	834	924	1019	956	1040	1161	1118	1232	1691	
HATLEY, COCKAYNE	110	87	84	116	122	85	78	-	-	-	
HAYNES	676	704	702	796	801	937	1124	1097	1120	1199	
HEATH & REACH	1028	923	1022	816	922	1103	1247	1316	1285	1346	
HENLOW	914	1806	2496	4186	3682	3567	2998	3268	3084	3815	
HIGHAM GOBION	76	59	62	27	28	22	24	-	-	-	
HOCKLIFFE	255	286	444	477	497	697	679	735	732	823	
HOLWELL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HOUGHTON CONQUEST	535	560	565	1000	875	1163	1222	1290	1299	1514	
HOUGHTON REGIS	1369	1435	2459	2826	7293	10491	16387	15762	16970	17283	
HULCOTE	49	57	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HULCOTE & SALFORD	-	-	-	233	207	179	207	182	182	209	
HUSBORNE CRAWLEY	365	359	326	317	382	381	332	246	216	237	
HYDE	649	671	636	611	536	521	438	395	404	392	
KEMPSTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KEMPSTON (U.D.)	5349	5218	5390	8645	9190	12826	15466	17938	19375	19330	
KEMPSTON RURAL	648	656	730	1171	1289	1306	1276	1163	1272	1184	
KENSWORTH (Herts)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KENSWORTH (Beds)	528	545	583	817	930	1822	3238	1516	1503	1455	
KEYSOE	504	450	432	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KNOTTING	120	118	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KNOTTING & SOULDROP	-	-	-	281	258	261	261	246	269	238	

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LANGFORD	458	469	631	726	840	986	1086	1250	1242	1183	1187
LEAGRAVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	801
LEIGHTON BUZZARD (T)	1963	2114	2749	3330	3965	4465	4330	5361	5991	-	-
LEIGHTON BUZZARD (U.D.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6704	6331
LEIGHTON BUZZARD (All)	3172	3473	4421	5149	6053	6874	7312	7917	8278	-	-
LIDLINGTON	559	621	739	814	926	853	845	827	657	600	515
LIMBURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	377
LUTON (Civil Parish)	3095	3716	4529	5693	7748	12787	17821	20733	26140	32401	-
LUTON (Township)	-	-	2986	3961	5827	10648	15329	17317	-	-	-
LUTON (Borough)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23960	30053	36404
MARSTON MORETAINE	709	782	899	1007	1147	1183	1270	1219	1179	1047	973
MAULDEN	738	850	1017	1231	1330	1457	1563	1524	1311	1243	1147
MELCHBOURNE	229	223	244	227	274	290	251	245	219	165	174
MELCHBOURNE & YELDEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEPPERSHALL	309	296	379	444	487	503	541	613	778	650	655
MILLBROOK	327	335	405	602	462	500	430	368	276	227	218
MILTON BRYANT	333	329	346	373	382	376	345	321	223	226	182
MILTON ERNEST	300	332	364	372	446	445	485	440	421	413	367
MOGGERHANGER	345	385	405	381	425	455	503	495	404	430	432
NORTHILL	715	870	1001	1106	1280	1364	1366	1428	1412	1408	1348
OAKLEY	265	432	486	516	492	457	443	378	295	250	299
ODELL	361	368	439	475	501	538	494	485	422	388	281
PAVENHAM	447	385	455	543	600	556	536	527	438	387	333
PERTENHALL	190	239	324	373	420	405	404	404	337	276	252
PODINGTON	415	452	581	563	602	612	643	660	543	504	529
POTSGROVE	157	146	183	262	294	262	298	312	203	157	114
POTTON	1103	1154	1498	1768	1781	1922	1944	2072	2006	1907	2033
PULLOXHILL	317	408	475	529	611	688	704	625	529	492	395
RAVENS DEN	218	241	263	258	327	371	477	495	465	440	375

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LANGFORD	1205	1205	1147	1142	1379	2356	2581	2688	2876	3091	
LEAGRAVE	1270	1643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LEIGHTON BUZZARD (T)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LEIGHTON BUZZARD (U.D.)	6782	6797	7030	9025	11745	20347	29858	31889	32415	37469	
LEIGHTON BUZZARD (All)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LIDLINGTON	502	498	515	833	917	1096	1063	1069	1150	1347	
LIMBURY	972	1534	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUTON (Civil Parish)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUTON (Township)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUTON (Borough)	49978	57075	68523	110381	131583	161405	164049	167009	184371	203201	
MARSTON MORETAINE	1025	988	1064	1836	1928	2235	2710	2605	3681	4556	
MAULDEN	1101	1166	1313	1521	1618	1959	2530	2586	2898	3132	
MELCHBOURNE	184	164	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MELCHBOURNE & YELDEN	-	-	-	292	342	251	249	294	390	392	
MEPPERSHALL	610	632	769	657	725	917	1248	1382	1546	1745	
MILLBROOK	201	195	179	146	145	139	116	117	131	147	
MILTON BRYANT	199	183	166	158	146	137	158	198	148	220	
MILTON ERNEST	358	340	340	380	373	409	620	608	752	761	
MOGGERHANGER	430	398	575	618	561	579	631	659	638	620	
NORTHILL	1292	1332	1228	1298	1446	1721	2164	2127	2284	2270	
OAKLEY	330	337	508	478	624	1335	2283	2333	2438	2493	
ODELL	252	223	226	235	241	273	258	249	259	287	
PAVENHAM	308	343	344	380	456	579	655	655	591	712	
PERTENHALL	237	201	183	185	181	192	210	221	233	207	
PODINGTON	641	478	625	737	423	417	426	388	417	435	
POTSGROVE	108	100	89	85	69	62	59	[42]	[42]	-	
POTTON	2156	2087	1955	2042	2070	3026	3620	4162	4476	4870	
PULLOXHILL	419	374	398	403	648	844	878	729	845	985	
RAVENSDEN	366	329	326	429	525	507	536	640	707	1961	

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RENHOLD	245	291	340	453	468	484	513	523	516	481	425
RIDGMONT	581	677	810	992	964	999	1029	910	740	658	591
RISELEY	576	650	790	871	971	949	1026	1028	958	839	735
ROXTON	465	445	537	575	594	622	688	596	551	441	349
SALFORD	210	235	312	340	325	309	264	259	221	178	147
SANDY	1115	1122	1392	1617	1906	1946	2118	2482	2662	2755	3110
SHARNBROOK	585	644	691	754	848	888	867	840	826	761	685
SHEFFORD & SHEFFORD HARDWICK	474	536	618	779	902	1115	1071	1182	1123	1055	936
SHELTON	100	97	129	132	128	124	143	175	149	112	96
SHILLINGTON	899	968	1149	1307	1411	1598	1788	2173	2226	1873	1629
SILSOE	447	480	568	726	788	755	713	718	679	589	528
SLIP END	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOULDROP	188	212	223	242	332	267	276	254	238	221	171
SOUTHILL	985	1024	1165	1267	1379	1400	1391	1351	1227	1143	1054
STAGSDEN	492	517	542	597	632	727	708	680	548	470	429
STANBRIDGE	262	325	407	416	519	597	554	586	512	402	342
STAPLOE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STAUGHTON, Little	272	318	406	455	485	521	572	545	569	378	267
STEPPINGLEY	264	285	323	348	377	404	365	352	313	308	273
STEVINGTON	415	436	485	500	602	586	606	735	624	601	536
STEWARTBY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STONDON, [UPPER]	29	30	33	37	38	46	66	47	72	47	58
STOPSLEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	787
STOTFOLD	494	562	693	833	1026	1395	2071	2352	2892	3004	2768
STREATLEY	209	271	309	339	345	385	341	334	312	296	279
STUDHAM	334	467	536	590	580	668	663	341	654	522	317
SUNDON	315	293	387	408	449	464	450	445	376	421	390
SUTTON	301	301	369	386	415	449	438	385	295	283	242
SWINESHEAD	214	229	245	262	294	267	275	259	240	178	160

Name of Parish	1911	1921	1931	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	
RENHOLD	396	387	444	571	739	1081	1163	1103	1452	2451	
RIDGMONT	540	494	497	983	808	671	626	408	418	411	
RISELEY	663	600	528	525	554	921	1119	1296	1284	1286	
ROXTON	396	440	449	607	598	1098	1219	1264	1271	498	
SALFORD	136	125	133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SANDY	3377	3409	3140	3667	3963	5277	8048	8797	10887	11657	
SHARNBROOK	755	772	718	765	1053	1609	1772	1898	1938	2293	
SHEFFORD & SHEFFORD HARDWICK	921	979	887	1873	2216	2683	3129	3234	4927	5581	
SHELTON	93	80	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SHILLINGTON	1588	1625	1622	2278	2787	3180	3130	1711	1836	1842	
SILSOE	561	585	588	726	672	1273	1199	1559	1729	1791	
SLIP END	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1974	1831	
SOULDROP	176	162	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SOUTHILL	989	1031	1105	1078	991	1127	1102	1022	1143	1192	
STAGSDEN	435	388	455	368	400	348	346	355	356	363	
STANBRIDGE	368	378	377	416	625	804	747	710	746	713	
STAPLOE	-	-	-	-	-	349	330	335	347	331	
STAUGHTON, Little	262	246	224	218	224	302	385	434	421	440	
STEPPINGLEY	254	264	247	221	243	214	235	220	234	236	
STEVINGTON	479	467	479	409	386	589	604	555	581	552	
STEWARTBY	-	-	-	1638	1235	1083	964	964	1211	1190	
STONDON, [UPPER]	51	66	60	62	79	91	114	1531	1831	2295	
STOPSLEY	943	1140	1474	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
STOTFOLD	3128	3197	3526	5153	5534	6721	6885	6434	6178	9632	
STREATLEY	248	326	394	1621	2452	639	690	609	1696	1840	
STUDHAM	320	314	339	591	760	884	1128	1160	1118	1128	
SUNDON	358	373	460	2357	6392	573	489	481	508	480	
SUTTON	217	189	236	271	292	354	343	304	294	366	
SWINESHEAD	138	129	124	115	109	116	129	137	151	122	

NOTES

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Notes to the figures

1811 census – exclusive of 94 militiamen who could not be assigned to their respective parishes

1821 census – exclusive of 336 militiamen who could not be assigned to their respective parishes

Rural Districts – these are the rural districts as they existed between 1891 and 1974

Bedford Rural District – the former Eaton Socon Rural District was absorbed into Bedford R.D. in 1934

Eaton Bray Rural District – this district was abolished in 1933 and its area transferred, with Toddington (originally in Ampthill R.D.), to Luton R.D.

Eaton Socon Rural District – the former Eaton Socon Rural District was absorbed into Bedford R.D. in 1934

Districts – these are the four districts established in 1974

Unitaries – these are the three authorities established in 2009

ASPLEY GUISE – part of parish taken to form the new parish of Aspley Heath in 1883

ASPLEY HEATH – parish created in 1883 from Aspley Guise, and enlarged in 1885 by part of the parish of Wavendon (Bucks)

ASTWICK – population figures for Astwick included with Stotfold from 1991. The 1991 population is estimated at 30

BARFORD, Little – population figures for 1991 are included in Roxton, and from 2011 with Wyboston, Chawston & Colesden

BATTLESDEN – population figures for 1991 are included with Milton Bryan

BIDDENHAM – part of Biddenham became part of Bedford in 1933; part of Biddenham became Great Denham in 2007

BILLINGTON – part of Billington was transferred to Leighton-Linslade in 2003, thereby halving the population

BLUNHAM – see also Moggerhanger, for which separate figures have been recorded since 1801

BOLNHURST – combined figures for Bolnhurst and Keysoe given from 1951

BRICKHILL – parish created in 2007 from Bedford

BROGBOROUGH – separate figures from 1991, covering an area (formerly included in Husborne Crawley and Ridgmont) which became a separate parish in 1989

CADDINGTON (Herts.) – mainly transferred to Bedfordshire in 1897

CADDINGTON – Parts of Caddington became part of Luton in 1933

CADDINGTON – figure given for 1901 is 1515 (sic), but this does not tally with the combined totals for the Beds, and Herts. parts – 1053 + 1017 = 2070

CAMPTON – figures also includes Chicksands from 1991

CARDINGTON – see also Eastcotts, for which separate figures are given from 1801. Part of Cardington was transferred to Bedford in 1933

CHALGRAVE – part of Chalgrave was transferred to Hockliffe in 1929

CHALTON – parish created from Toddington in 2000
CHELLINGTON – figures for Carlton and Chellington given together from 1951
CHICKSANDS – figures included with Campton from 1991
CLAPHAM – part of Clapham was transferred to Bedford in 1933
DEAN – figures for Dean and Shelton given together from 1951
DENHAM, GREAT – parish created from Biddenham in 2007
DUNSTABLE – became a municipal borough in 1864. Part of Houghton Regis transferred to Dunstable in 1907
DUNTON – figures include Edworth from 1991
EASTCOTTS – part of Eastcotts was transferred to Bedford in 1933
EATON SOCON – partly transferred to Huntingdonshire in 1965, becoming part of Cambridgeshire in 1974. The remaining part of the parish, named Staploe, remained in Bedfordshire. The population figures for Staploe are 1971 [349], 1981 [328] and 1991 [333]
EDWORTH – figures included with Dunton from 1991
EGGINGTON – including some 300 houses brought into Eggington by a 1970s boundary change but transferred back to Leighton-Linslade in 1985
ELSTOW – part of Elstow was transferred to Bedford in 1933
FARNDISH – population for Farndish included with Podington from 1891
FLITTON – see also Silsoe, for which separate population figures are given from 1801. The figures for Flitton include Greenfield – explicitly from 1991
GOLDINGTON – the parish of Goldington became part of Bedford in 1933
GRAVENHURST – the parishes of Upper and Lower Gravenhurst were amalgamated in 1888
HATLEY, COCKAYNE – the population figures are included with Wrestlingworth from 1991
HEATH & REACH – part of parish transferred to Leighton Buzzard U.D.C. in 1933
HIGHAM GOBION – figures included with Shillington from 1991
HOCKLIFFE – part of Chalgrave was transferred to Hockliffe in 1929
HOLWELL – parish transferred to Hertfordshire in 1897
HOUGHTON REGIS – part of parish transferred to Dunstable in 1907 and part to Luton Borough in 1939
HULCOTE – parish amalgamated with Salford in 1933
HUSBORNE CRAWLEY – figures exclude Brogborough from 1991
HYDE – formerly a hamlet in Luton. It became a separate parish in 1895
KEMPSTON – the town became an urban district in 1895, the outlying areas of the parish being thereafter designated as Kempston Rural
KENS WORTH (Herts.) – transferred to Bedfordshire in 1897
KEYSOE – joined with Bolnhurst c.1934, and combined population figures given for Bolnhurst and Keysoe from 1951
KNOTTING – joined with Souldrop c.1934, and combined population figures given for Knotting and Souldrop from 1951
LEAGRAVE – formerly a hamlet in Luton. Became a parish in 1895, but wholly transferred to Luton Borough in 1928
LEIGHTON BUZZARD – the township became an Urban District in 1891, reverting to the status of a town council in 1974. From 1965, the figures include Linslade (formerly Bucks). Part of the parish of Billington was transferred to Leighton-Linslade in 2003.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD – see also the chapelries (Billington, Eggington, Heath & Reach and Stanbridge) for which separate figures are given from 1801. If the population of the whole parish is required these must be added to those for the Township or Urban District. Part of the parish of Billington was transferred to Leighton-Linslade in 2003.

LIMBURY – formerly a hamlet in Luton. Became a parish in 1895, but transferred to Luton Borough in 1928

LUTON – the figures for civil parish to 1891 includes the township of Luton and the hamlets of East and West Hyde, Leagrave, Limbury and Stopsley. East and West Hyde were conjoined as the parish of Hyde in 1895. Leagrave, Limbury and part of Stopsley were absorbed in Luton Borough in 1928, and the remainder of Stopsley followed in 1933

MELCHBOURNE – joined with Yelden c.1934, and combined population figures for Melchbourne and Yelden given from 1951

MEPPERSHALL – a small portion of the parish in Hertfordshire was transferred to Bedfordshire by the operation of the 1844 act

MEPPERSHALL – figure for 1831 (444) incorrect owing to an erroneous return

MILTON BRYAN – the figures for 1991 also include Battlesden and Potsgrove

NORTHILL – part of Northill transferred to Sandy U.D.C. in 1933

PODINGTON – population for Farndish included with Podington from 1891

POTSGROVE – the figures from 1991 are included with Milton Bryan

RIDGMONT – figures from 1991 exclude Brogborough

SALFORD – parish amalgamated with Hulcote in 1933 and subsequent population figures given for Hulcote and Salford (q.v.)

SANDY – part of Northill transferred to Sandy U.D.C. in 1933

SHELTON – combined population figures given for Dean and Shelton from 1951

SHILLINGTON – part of Shillington transferred with Holwell to Hertfordshire in 1897. Parts of Shillington and Offley (Herts) exchanged in 1907.

From 1951 to 1981 the figures include Shillington and Lower Stondon. Figures for Shillington include Higham Gobion from 1991, but Lower Stondon (formerly included in Shillington) is now excluded with Upper Stondon

SHILLINGTON – the population figure for Shillington alone in 1981 was 1680

SLIP END – parish created from Caddington in 2001, hence the drop in Caddington's population

SOULDROP – joined with Knotting c.1934, and combined population figures given for Knotting and Souldrop

SOULDROP – the increase in population in 1841 was almost entirely due to the annual feast being in progress at the time of the census (*ex.inf.VCH*)

STAPLOE – parish created from the rural parts of Eaton Socon in 1965 when the rest of the parish was transferred to Huntingdonshire

STEVIINGTON – the increase in population in 1871 (735) was almost entirely due to the presence of labourers employed on railway construction

STEWARTBY – parish created out of Wootton in 1937

STONDON – from 1991, the figures include Upper Stondon and Lower Stondon, those for the latter having previously been included with Shillington from 1951 to 1981

STONDON, Upper – the combined figure for Upper and Lower Stondon in 1981 was 1450

STOPSLEY – formerly a hamlet in Luton. Became a separate parish in 1895, but it was transferred to the Borough of Luton (part in 1928 and part in 1933)

STOTFOLD – the population figures from 1991 include Astwick (estimated population 30)

STREATLEY – part of parish taken into Luton in 1964

STUDHAM – from 1801 to 1891 Studham was partly in Hertfordshire and partly in Bedfordshire. Humbershoe, partly in Studham, was transferred to Hertfordshire in 1897 when the Hertfordshire part of Studham was transferred to Bedfordshire

SUNDON – part of parish taken into Luton in 1964

SWINESHEAD – transferred from Huntingdonshire to Bedfordshire in 1896

TILBROOK – transferred from Bedfordshire to Huntingdonshire in 1896

WOOTTON – the new parish of Stewartby was formed out of Wootton in 1937

WRESTLINGWORTH – the population figures for Cockayne Hatley are included with Wrestlingworth from 1991

WYBOSTON, CHAWSTON & COLESDEN – parish created from Roxton in 2007

YELDEN – joined with Melchbourne c.1934, and combined population figures for Melchbourne and Yelden given from 1951