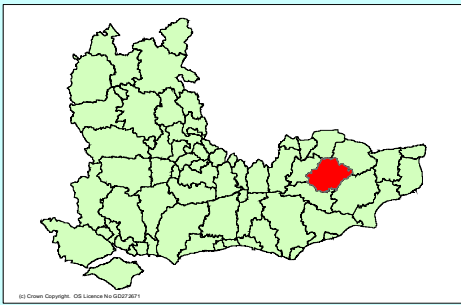


**Key Facts:**

**Maidstone**



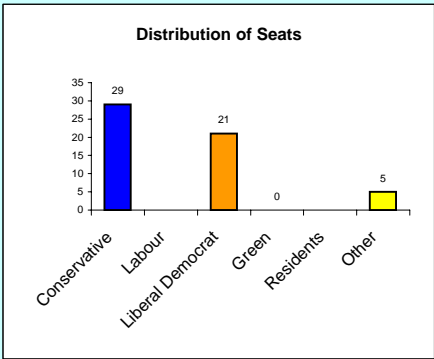
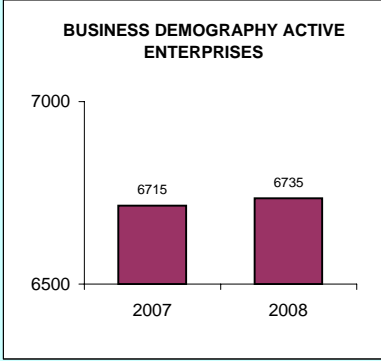
Size, Population and Character	
Area (sq km)	393
Population, thousands (Mid 2008)	145
Pop.Change 1998 - 2008 (%)	5.3
Proportion Rural (% by Area)	90.5

Council	
Chief Executive:	David Petford
Leader:	Chris Garland
Website:	www.maidstone.gov.uk
CPA Rating Districts (at Feb 2008)	Excellent
Single Tier (at March 2009)	

Main Employment by Sector (%) 2008			
	District	SE	England
Banking, finance and insurance, etc	18.7	24.0	22.7
Construction	5.9	4.5	4.6
Distribution, hotels and restaurants	23.9	24.6	23.5
Manufacturing	5.8	8.1	10.0
Other services	4.4	5.6	5.3
Public admin, education & health	33.3	25.6	26.4
Transport and communications	4.8	5.9	6.0
<b>Total Employees (Number)</b>	<b>72,283</b>	<b>3,757,709</b>	<b>23,073,713</b>

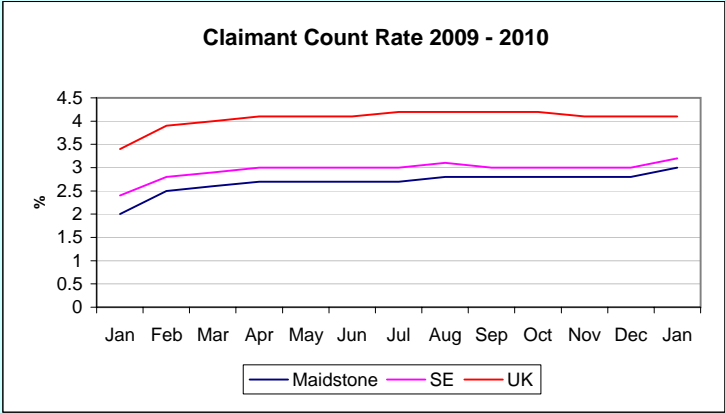
**Business**

Political Make - Up (as at 02/05/08)	
Control	Cons



Claimant Count (Residence based) Jan-10	
Claimant Count	2444
Rate %	2.8

Member(s) of Parliament	
Constituency/MP	Majority
<b>Faversham and Mid-Kent</b> Hugh Robertson (Con)	8720
<b>Maidstone and the Weald</b> Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe (Con)	14856

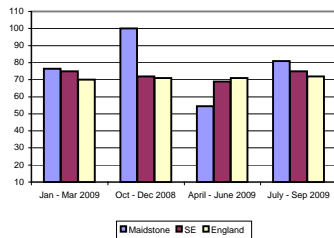


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### Planning

Major Designations	hectares
Green Belt	530
AONB (estimated)	10700

Percentage of Major planning Applications Determined within 13 Weeks



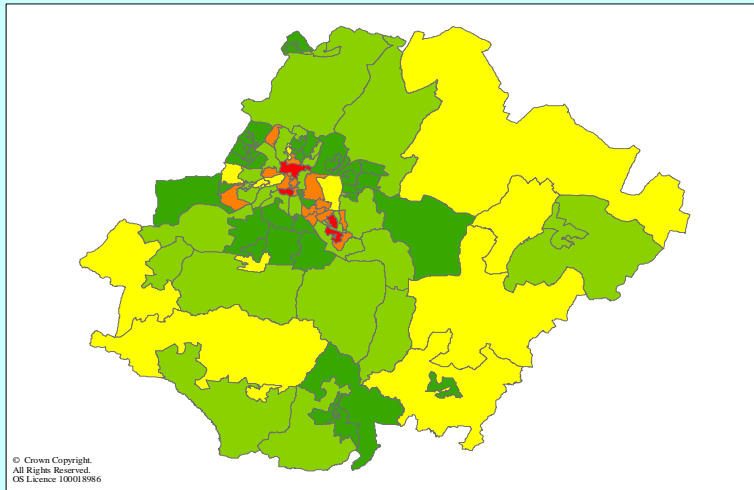
### Education

Local Education Authority: **Kent**

	LEA	SE
<b>GCSE Attainment 2008/9 (Pro)</b>		
5 A* to C grades (%)	72.0	69.5
5 A to G grades (%)	93.0	93.9
No Passes (%)	1.5	1.2
<b>Key Stage 2 (%age reaching level 4 or above) 2008/9(Pro)</b>		
Maths	75	78
English	77	80
<b>Key stage 3 (%age reaching level 5 or above) 2007/8 updated</b>		
Maths	75	78
English	71	75
Science	69	73
<b>Total participation in education and work based learning 2007</b>		
16 year olds (%)	86	86
17 year olds (%)	75	77

### Indices of Deprivation 2007

Super Output Areas by National Rank of Index of Multiple Deprivation



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Rank of Average of SOA Scores (of 354, 1 = most deprived)

248

No of SOAs in worst 20% nationally

4

#### Key National Rank

1 - 6496
6497 - 12992
12993 - 19488
19487 - 25984
25985 - 32482

### Crime

(April 2008 - March 2009)

Offence	Number	per 1000 population	Change % 06/07 - 07/08
Burglary dwelling	304	2.1	-16.5
Robbery	72	0.5	-25.8
Sexual offences	111	0.8	-16.5
Theft from a vehicle	784	5.4	3.3
Theft of a motor vehicle	419	2.9	2.2
Violence against the person	2137	14.8	-9.2

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Health			
Indicator	District	SE	England
Male life expectancy (years) 2006-08	78.8	79.2	77.9
Female life expectancy (years) 2006-08	82.4	83.0	82.0
Under 18 conception rate per 1,000 females aged 15-17 2004-06	38.2	33.5	41.2
Limiting long-term illness rate per 1,000 persons (2001 Census)	127.6	128.1	155.3
All causes all ages SMR 2006-08 (1)	96.9	92.4	100.0
Circulatory disease All ages SMR 2006-08 (1)	100.1	93.0	100.0
Cancer all ages SMR 2006-08 (1)	97.7	94.0	100.0
Accidents all ages SMR 2006-08 (1)	91.3	95.1	100.0

(1) SMR=standardised mortality ratio. A ratio under 100 indicates better than expected performance

Dwelling Stock 2008			
Type	District	SE	England
<b>Total Dwelling stock</b>	<b>63054</b>	<b>3603644</b>	<b>22493857</b>
Percentage of Total Dwelling Stock owned by Local Authority	0.0	5.1	8.3
Percentage of Total Dwelling Stock owned by Registered Social Landlords	12.1	8.7	9.5
Percentage of Total Dwelling Stock that are 'Other public sector'	1.1	0.6	0.3
Percentage of Total Dwelling Stock that are owner occupied and private rented	86.8	85.7	81.8

Households Accepted as Homeless and in Priority Need 2007/8		
	District	SE
Total Households, thousands	59	3368
Numbers accepted as homeless and in priority need (2007/8)	41	5510
Numbers accepted as homeless and in priority need/1000 households	0.7	1.6
Numbers in Temporary Accommodation at end June 2008	47	5890