



GROWTH  
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# ABOUT COLCHESTER

1. Colchester has a population of 190,098 living in 81,121 households.
2. There are currently 133,220 voters in the local electorate.
3. Our population is projected to grow to 216,300 by 2030
4. 12,500 new homes were built 2001 - 2015; and 16,000 are projected to be built 2016 - 2032.
5. The borough covers 300 square kilometres.
6. Colchester is the largest district in Essex, with a rapidly growing population and economy. Over the next 15 years Colchester is anticipated to experience one of the fastest growth rates within the county.
7. 6,877 jobs were created 2004 - 2014 (up 9.6%); and the turnover of the local economy grew to £3.41 billion over the same period, an increase of an estimated £200 million of Gross Value Added (GVA) (using 2010 prices).
8. Colchester's economy attracted an estimated £3 billion of inward investment 2001- 2015.
9. The University of Essex ranks in the top 20 for research excellence. It is also one of the most international campus Universities in the UK with students from more than 130 different countries.
10. Two of Colchester's secondary schools appeared in the top 10 for the best GCSE results in the country, and another school achieved the best A-Level results in the UK.
11. Part of the borough lies in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and it contains 22 conservation areas and 2,056 listed properties.
12. We estimate that approximately 35,000 adults in the borough volunteer at least once per month. (NCVO estimate that 29% of adults volunteered at least once per month between August 2012 - April 2013)

For more detail - [Key Statistics - Colchester \(the borough\)](#) and [Datashare \(Colchester Borough Council stats and performance\)](#)