

Facts and Figures About Wiltshire

From the report of the Registrar General, it is found that the population of the Empire in the census year was 334,762,593, living in 44,142,651 homes, upon 7,769,449 square mile of territory.

The population of Wiltshire on the day of the enumeration in 1801, viz., 10th March, was 183,820, in 1811 on 27th May, 191,853, in 1821 on 26th May, 219,574, in 1831 on May 29th, 236,244, in 1841 on June 7th 356,280, in 1851 on 31st March, 254,221, in 1861, on 8th April, 249,311, and in 1871 on 3rd April, 257,177. The rate of increase per cent. in the county was therefore 4 for the ten years to 1811, 14 to 1821, 8 to

1831, 8 to 1841, a decrease of 1 per cent. to 1851, a decrease of 2 to 1861, and an increase of 3 for the period ending 1871. The number of inhabited houses at the census of 1861 was 53,059, and at 1871, 54,874, the per-centage of houses assessed to the total number inhabited having increased from 6.5 to 8.6.

At the Census of 1871, Trowbridge (Local Board District limits) 2000 acres, 2557 houses, and 11,501 persons.

Swindon New Town (Local Board District limits) 740 acres, 1191 houses, and 7628 persons.

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Devizes (Municipal Borough limits) 907 acres, 1352 houses and 6839 persons.

Westbury (Parliamentary Borough limits) 12,027 acres, 1529 houses, and 6396 persons.

Warminster (Local Board district Limits) 6370 acres, 1265 houses, and 5786 persons

Bradford-on-Avon (Improvement District Commissioners limits) 2436 acres, 1159 houses and 4871 persons.

Chippenham (Local Board Districts limits) 1968 acres, 837 houses and 3936 persons.

Marlborough (Municipal Borough limits) 189 acres, 636 houses, and 3660 persons.

Salisbury (Municipal limits) contained 616 acres, and 2588 house, and a population of 12,903.

Wiltshire has 14 towns, and the town population was 78,410, living in 16,153 houses, and on an area of 34,029 acres. The country and village parts of the county contained 178,767 persons, living in 38,721 houses, on an area of 825,274 acres.

The number of lunatics in the county was 1027, of whom 1001 were in asylums.

The blind were 236, of whom 21 were blind from birth; the deaf and dumb were 121; the idiots or imbeciles 443 of whom 33 were in asylums. The inmates of hospitals were 107, of workhouses, 2105, and 162 were in prisons.

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