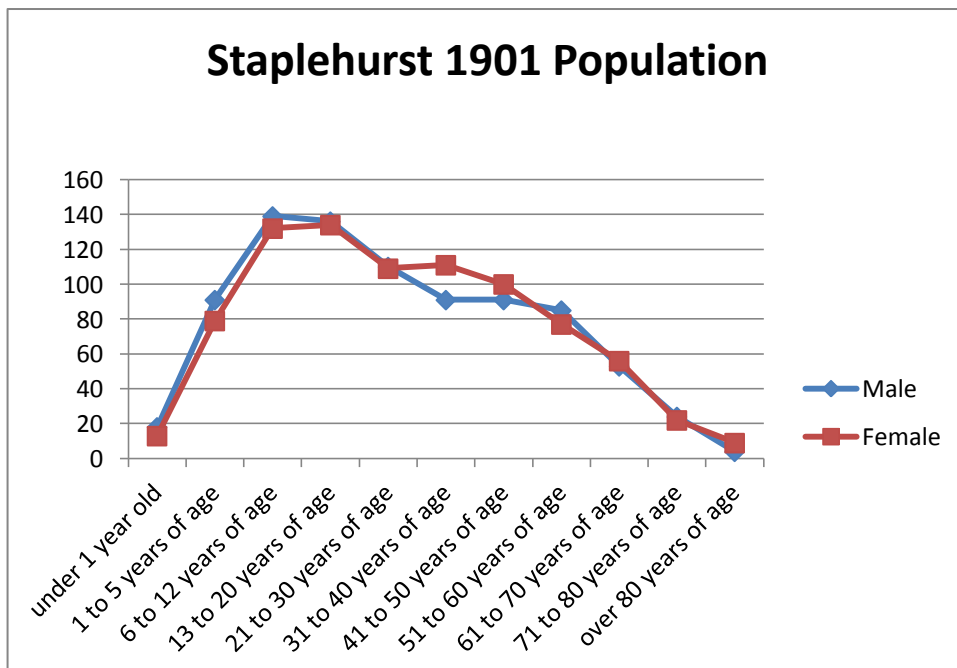


Staplehurst 1901 Census Facts and Figures

Staplehurst Population 1901

The total population of Staplehurst in the 1901 census was **1684** of which:

	Male	Female	Total	Percent of Total
under 1 year old	18	13	31	1.8
1 to 5 years of age	91	79	170	10.1
6 to 12 years of age	139	132	271	16.1
13 to 20 years of age	136	134	270	16.0
21 to 30 years of age	110	109	219	13.0
31 to 40 years of age	91	111	202	12.0
41 to 50 years of age	91	100	191	11.3
51 to 60 years of age	85	77	162	9.6
61 to 70 years of age	53	56	109	6.5
71 to 80 years of age	24	22	46	2.7
over 80 years of age	4	9	13	0.8
Total	842	842	1684	100.0



Marital Status

		Percent of Total
Number of Married People	625	37.7
Number of Widows/Widowers	88	5.3
Single People Over 18 Years of Age	284	17.1
(of which single over 30 years of age)	94	5.7

The youngest married man was 21 years old and the youngest woman was 20 years old.

Place of Birth

		Percent of Total
The majority of Staplehurst residence in 1901 were	1329	78.9
born in Kent. Of which, those born in Staplehurst were:	627	37.2
Of the remainder of Kent born residents, the majority	279	16.6
came from neighbouring villages.		
	Benenden	31 1.8
	Cranbrook	63 3.7
	Frittenden	47 2.8
	Goudhurst	29 1.7
	Headcorn	57 3.4
	Marden	52 3.1
Others born with 10 miles of Staplehurst were:	183	10.9
The neighbouring county of Sussex accounted for:	104	6.2
while London born people were:	68	4.0
People born in Scotland and Ireland were:	13	0.8
People born outside of the United Kingdom were:	9	0.5

Occupations

Men's Occupations

There were 563 men resident in Staplehurst who have a recorded occupation in the 1901 census. This includes 3 boys of 13 years of age although 14 appears to be the normal age to start work. Most men continued working right into their old age with 22 men 70 years of age or more shown to be actively employed. At a summary level, occupations break down into the following categories.

		Percent of Total
Agriculture	257	45.6
Trades	118	21.0
Merchants / Retailers	57	10.1
Domestic	45	8.0
Railway / Postal Service	32	5.7
Professional	26	4.6
Other	28	5.0
Total	563	100.0

Agriculture at 45.6% is the largest sector. This includes 36 men classes as farmers and 8 farmer's sons, 1 retired farmer, and 8 farm bailiffs. The majority are classed as farm labourers or agricultural labourers. In some instances these are more specific with titles like carter on farm, waggoner, shepherd etc. the enumerator crosses these out and inserts Ag. Lab.

Trades are the second largest sector with 21.0% of the labour force. These include bricklayers, wheelwrights, carpenters, etc.

Merchants / Retailers: in the group (10.1%) I have included the grocers, bakers, butchers, etc.

Domestic accounts for 8.0%. It consists mostly of gardeners with a few grooms, houseboys and 1 butler and 1 footman.

The **Railway and Postal Services** account for 5.7% of which 19 men have railway occupations 13 postal services.

Others include for 11 peoples employed in hotels and inns; are 5 people noted as living on their own means and 12 people are classed as general labourers.

Women's Occupations

Of the 598 women, 14 years of age or more and resident in Staplehurst in 1901, only 136 (23%) were noted to have an occupation. Note that the age 14 has been used as by that age almost all girls had left school, were only two exceptions to that. No girls under the age of 14 shown to have an occupation. Of this 136 only 5 were noted as married and 15 as widowed. Therefore the majority of working women were unmarried.

56% (76) of the working women were in domestic roles of various descriptions (servant, cook, housemaid, laundress etc.). Dressmaking was the second highest occupation with 22 women noted. Generally the dressmaking was carried out from home.

Two widows were classes as Farmers while 4 single women were classed as Farmer's Daughters which presumably implies working with father on the farm. 1 woman was noted as a Lady Gardener.

11 women were involved in education. And 6 were noted in a nursing occupation. The postal service noted 3 female staff. There was one hotel proprietor, one boarding house, and one boot maker plus 8 in retail positions (3 of which were retired).