

**(CCC) WF-GQJFVDGD - Electors Registered**

1. please provide the number of electors registered to vote by ward
2. please provide the number of registered postal voters by ward
3. please provide the date when postal votes for the 2022 City elections will be dispatched.

**Response:**

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the number of registered electors in Cambridge. The registration of electors is governed by the Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended. Under Section 8 of the Act, the council must appoint an officer of the council to be the registration officer for any constituency or part of a constituency coterminous with or situated in the council's area. The appointed officer for the registration area of Cambridge is Robert Pollock and the appointment as Electoral Registration Officer is separate to the appointment as Chief Executive. Although appointed by the council, the Electoral Registration Officer's responsibilities and duties are personal. An example of this is that the register of electors is deemed to be the property of the Electoral Registration Officer, not the local authority. The Electoral Registration Officer does not carry out the duties on behalf of the local authority but in their own personal capacity. The Freedom of Information Act does not list any person appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983. It follows that the Electoral Registration Officer, Returning Officer, or any other person appointed under the Act are not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. However, in the interests of openness and transparency I have provided the information you have requested on the next page. The timing of the issue of postal votes has not yet been agreed, however all dates will be available on our website once confirmed: [www.cambridge.gov.uk/elections-in-2022](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/elections-in-2022)

The statistics below reflect the most recent update to the register on 1 February 2022.

Ward	Electorate	Postal Voters
ABBEY	7,179	N1,020
ARBURY	6,439	1,097
CASTLE	4,611	712
CHERRY HINTON	6,376	1,110
COLERIDGE	6,337	982
EAST CHESTERTON	6,453	1,077
KING'S HEDGES	6,639	969
MARKET	6,039	783
NEWNHAM	5,837	895
PETERSFIELD	6,740	1,054
QUEEN EDITH'S	6,770	1,295
ROMSEY	6,461	906

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TRUMPINGTON	7,441	1,221
WEST CHESTERTON	6,339	1,206
Totals:	89,661	14,32

If you would like further information and it is not available on our website, you should email [election@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:election@cambridge.gov.uk) and we will be happy to assist

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to [foi@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)