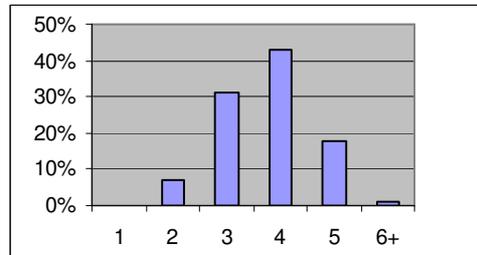


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which shows a clear trend in increasing size of property and reduced size of total development over the years. More recently larger individual houses have been built in either split plots or as fill-in within the village boundaries.



The typical size of house in the community (measured by number of bedrooms – see chart) is quite large with 4 beds being the most frequent. 19% of houses have 5 beds or more and only 7% of the housing stock having fewer than 3 beds, reflecting a shortage of more affordable homes and those for first-time buyers.



Another change over the years is the number of houses which are privately owned by the residents. From the survey, 96% of the housing stock is owner-occupied, with only 2% rented from a public body, 1% privately rented and 1% a tied tenancy.

Employment & Commuting

Within the community there remains some employment in the traditional farming sector and there is some modest employment in the commercial ventures (4 pubs and one village shop). Most people (68%) commute to employment outside the community, with many (18%) travelling over 25 miles, out of which some 12% travel over 35 miles. Of the journeys to work, the vast majority (86%) are made by car with less than 3% using public transport (see also Roads & Traffic).

An increasing and important trend is for working at home and 32% of the working population in the community manage to do this, much higher than the national average (11% in 2005). In turn this reflects a significant demand for good communications links, including broadband and mobile phone reception.

People living in the area are in general qualified to a very high level and the typical employment type is classified as professional, white collar or self-employed.