



2021 Census Employment and travel to work

At a glance:

- 50.9% of people aged 16 and over (16+) in Bradford are in employment (excluding full-time students)
- 18.9% of people are retired
- Bradford District has the highest percentage of people (8.1%) looking after home or family in the Yorkshire and Humber region
- The largest percentage of people (17.1%) were employed in professional occupations
- Sales and customer services employed the smallest percentage (9.1%)
- 25.1% of employees work mainly from home – an increase from 8.8% in 2011
- *The 2021 Census was carried out during a unique period of rapid change. ONS gave extra guidance to help people on furlough answer the census questions about work, but are unable to determine how this was followed. So caution should be exercised when using these results for planning purposes*

Economic activity

The 2021 Census asked people about their main job or employment status. 54.5% of the District's population aged 16 and over (excluding full-time students) are economically active – they are either employed (50.9%) or unemployed (3.6%). Bradford's employment rate is lower than the national average (55.7%) and the fourth lowest in the region.

43.2% of the 16+ population are economically inactive. This is higher than the national average (39.1%) and the third highest rate in the region.

18.9% of the 16+ population are retired – lower than the national average of 21.5% and the second lowest rate in the region after Hull.

Bradford has the highest percentage of people who are looking after their home or family (8.1%) in the region. This is higher than the national average of 4.8%.

Economic activity in Bradford District and England			
	Bradford District - total	Bradford District %	England %
All usual residents aged 16 years and over	421,574	100%	100%
Economically active (excluding full-time students)	229,810	54.5%	58.6%
In employment	214,534	50.9%	55.7%
Unemployed	15,276	3.6%	2.9%

Economically active and a full-time student	9,469	2.2%	2.3%
In employment	6,602	1.6%	1.7%
Unemployed	2,867	0.7%	0.6%
Economically inactive	182,295	43.2%	39.1%
Retired	79,509	18.9%	21.5%
Student	27,827	6.6%	5.6%
Looking after home or family	34,139	8.1%	4.8%
Long-term sick or disabled	22,038	5.2%	4.1%
Other	18,782	4.5%	3.1%

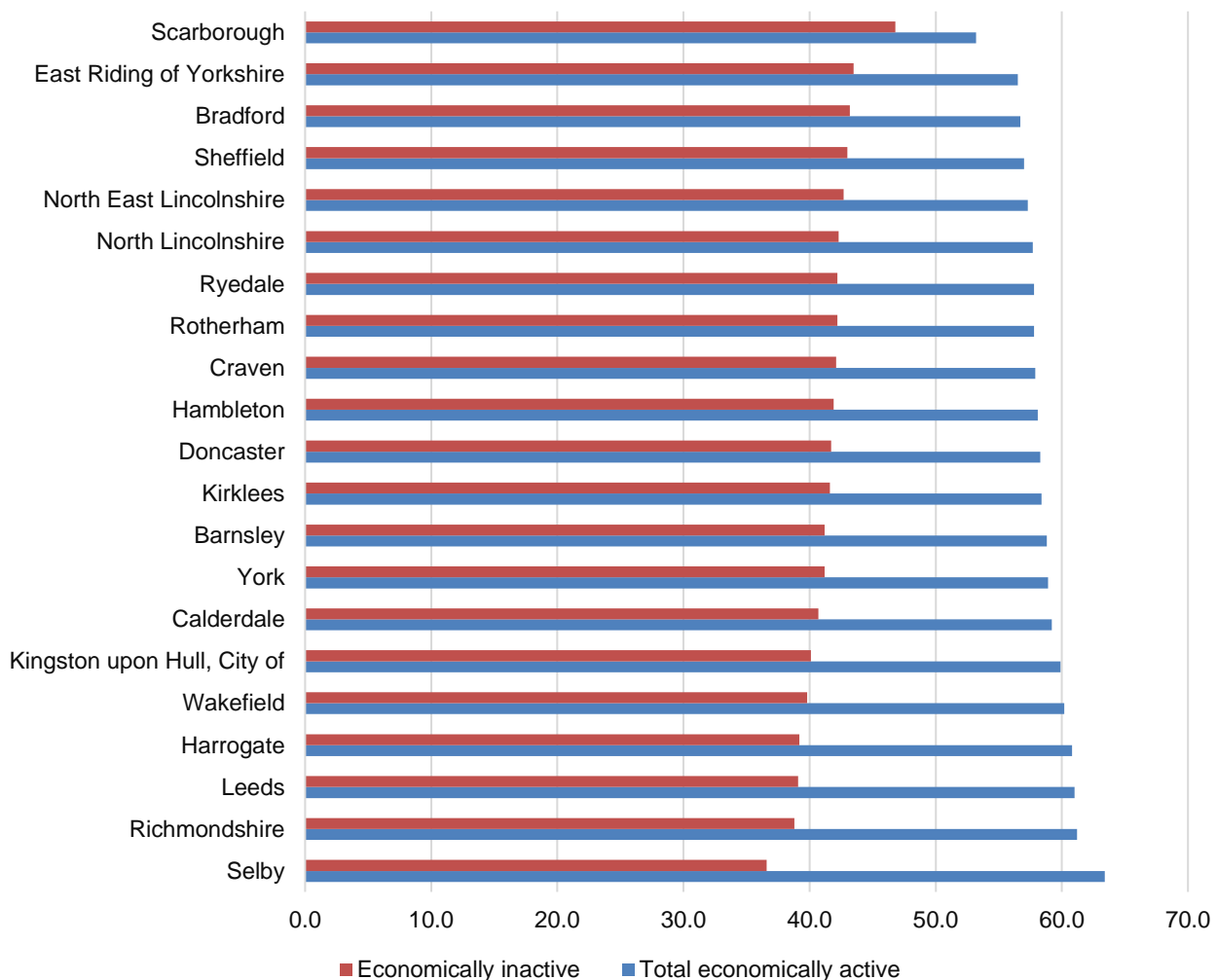
Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding

2011 results (Caution is needed in comparing the results from 2011 as this included those aged 16-74, whereas the 2021 Census included people aged 16 and over and so likely to include more people economic inactivity due to age). In 2011, 66.6% of the District's population aged 16-74 were economically active. Of the whole total - 57.3% were in employment and 5.8% were unemployed. 12% were retired and 6.7% were looking after home or family, 5% identified as long-term sick or disabled

Bradford compared with other local authorities

A comparison with the other local authorities the Yorkshire and Humber region shows that Bradford has the third lowest percentage of people who are economically active.

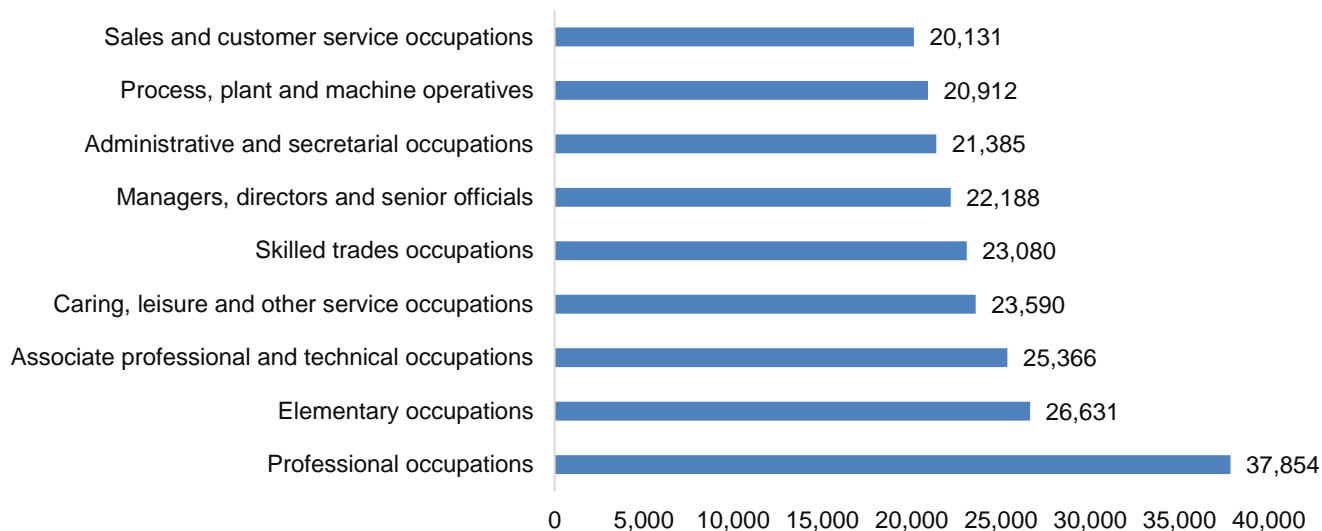
Yorkshire and Humber local authorities economic activity status



Occupation type

The largest group (17.1%) gave their occupation as a 'professional', followed by elementary occupations (12%) and associate, professional and technical (11.5%). Sales and customer service occupations has the lowest percentage (9.1%)

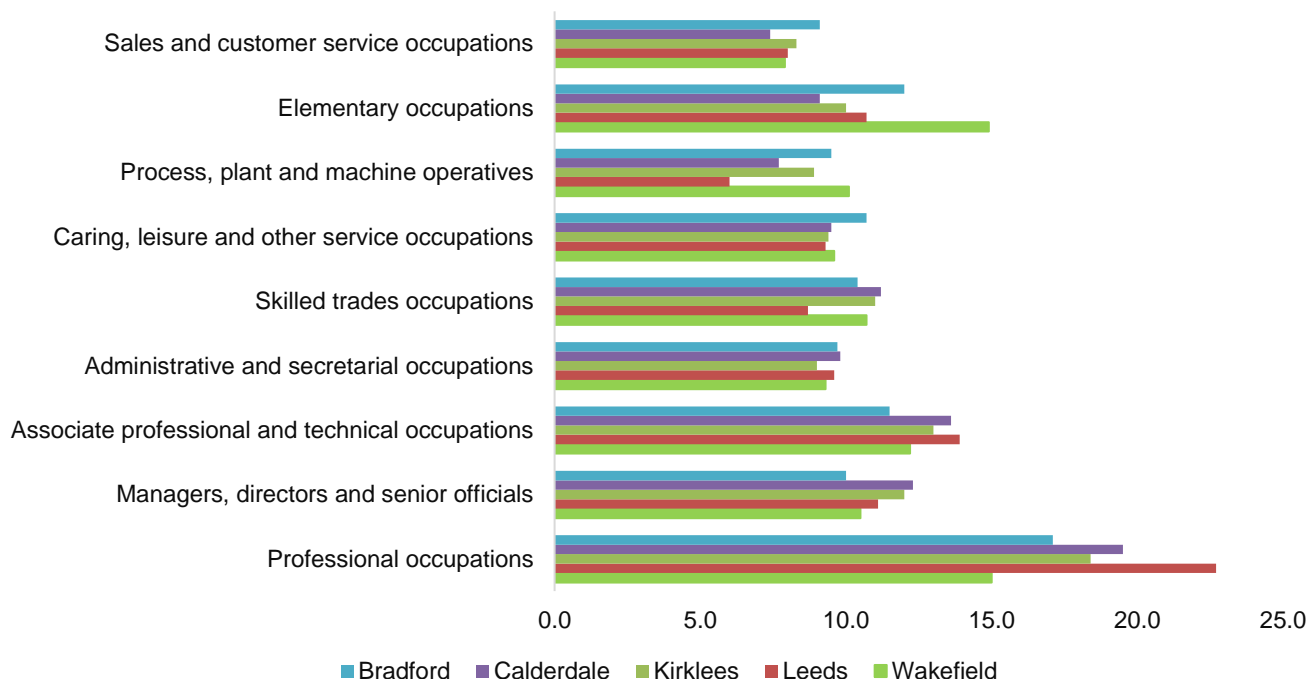
Occupation type in Bradford



2011 results – Professional occupations formed the largest group in 2011 with 14.6%, followed by elementary occupations (12.7%) and administrative and secretarial occupations (11.8%). Sales and customer services were also the lowest percentage in 2011 with 8.9%.

Bradford compared with other local authorities in West Yorkshire

Occupation type by West Yorkshire local authorities

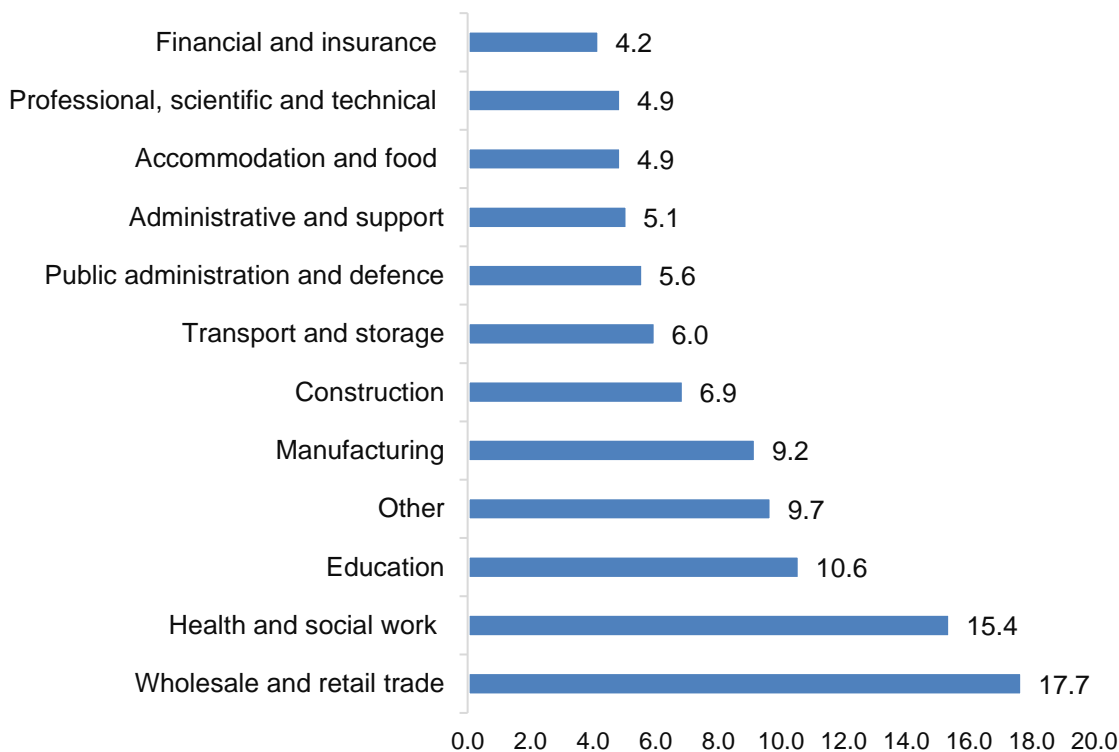


Bradford has the lowest percentage of people who identified as managers, directors or senior officials and the highest percentages of people who identified as sales and customer service occupations and caring, leisure and other service occupations.

Industries

The largest percentage of employees in all the West Yorkshire local authorities work in wholesale and retail. Wakefield has the highest percentage (20.6%) and Leeds has the lowest (14.8%). Human health and social work is the second largest employer in West Yorkshire, followed by Education, Manufacturing and Construction.

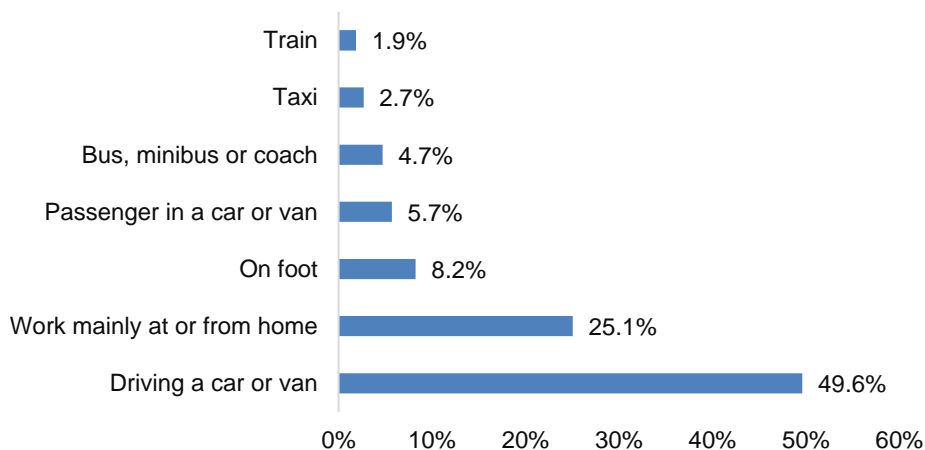
Percentage of employees in Bradford industries



Travel to work

Driving a car or van remains the most common method of travelling to work between censuses, with working from home becoming the second most common, up from 6th place in 2011. 25.1% worked mainly from home.

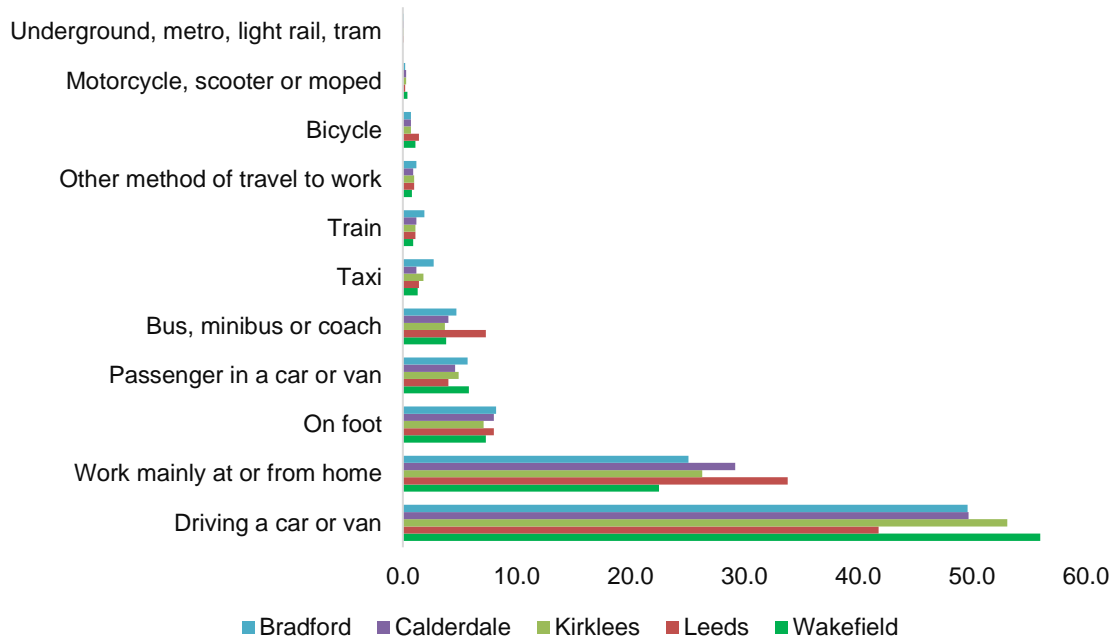
Top 7 methods of travel to work



2011 results 59.9% of residents in work drove a car or van to work, 11.3% walked to work, 9.2 used a bus, 7.2% were a car passenger and 5.1% travelled by train.

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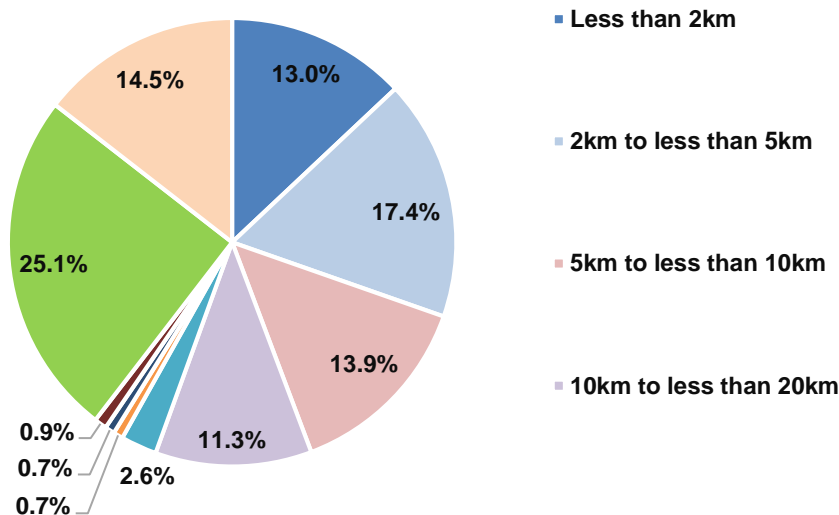
Method of travel to work - West Yorkshire local authorities



Leeds has the lowest percentage of employees travelling to work by car or van (41.8%) and Wakefield has the highest (56%). Conversely Leeds has the highest percentage of people working mainly from home (33.8%) and Wakefield has the lowest (22.5%).

Distance travelled to work

Distance travelled to work in km



The largest percentage (17.4%) of Bradford employees who did not work mainly from home travelled between 2 and 5km to work, followed by 13.9% who travelled between 5 and 10km.

The percentage of employees who travel to work is lower than in 2011, when 23.3% travelled between 2 and 5km and 18.7% travelled between 5 and 10km.

Data sources and further information

The next bulletin in this series will provide information about Housing and will be published on Thursday 5th January 2023

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2021 Census for England and Wales

Link: www.ons.gov.uk/census

Future Census data releases:

The following data will be available at district-wide level. Information at ward level and for two or more data variables will be available in Spring 2023.

5 January 2023	Housing
6 January 2023	Sexual orientation and gender identity
10 January 2023	Education
19 January 2023	Health, disability and unpaid care



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