



2021 Census

Health and disability

At a glance:

- The 2021 Census asked people about their health, whether they have any disabilities and if they act as unpaid carers for anyone else.
- 78.1% of the District's residents described their health as good or very good
- 10% of residents have a disability which limits their day to day activities a little and 9% have a disability which limits their activities a lot
- 9.6% provide unpaid care for other people

Introduction

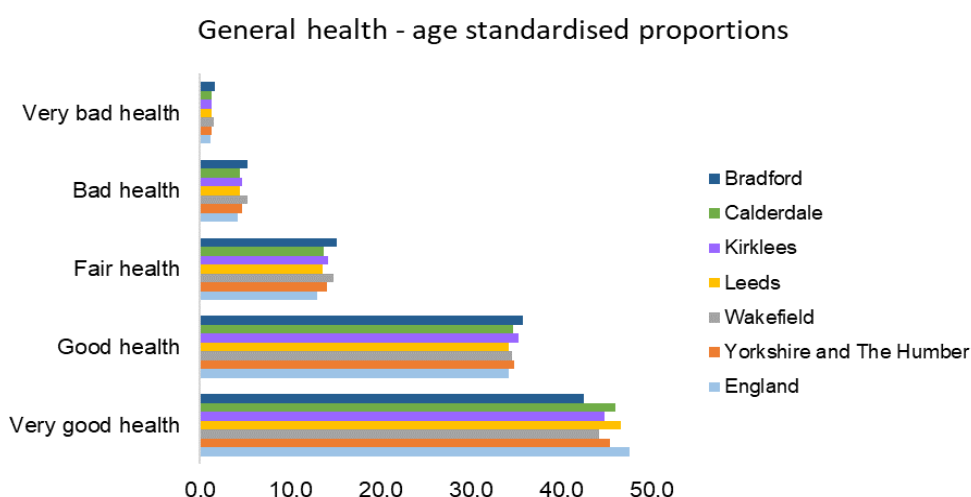
The 2021 Census asked people about their health, whether they have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses expected to last for at least one year, whether they have a disability which affected their day to day activities. The census also included a question asking people if they act as unpaid carers for anyone else.

Health in Bradford District

The Census asked people to describe their overall health on a five point scale, from very good to very bad. 42.4% of the District's residents described their health as very good. This is an increase from 40% in 2011. 35.7% described their health as good and 15.1% said that their health is fair. 1.6% described their health as very bad – this was the same for 2011 and 5.2% said that their health is bad.

The Census took place during the coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic. This may have influenced how people perceived and rated their health and therefore may have affected how people chose to respond.

Bradford compared with other local authorities



Bradford has the lowest percentage of residents in West Yorkshire who described their health as very good. The regional and national averages are also higher than the Bradford rate. Towards the other end of the scale, Bradford has the lowest percentage of residents who described their health as bad.

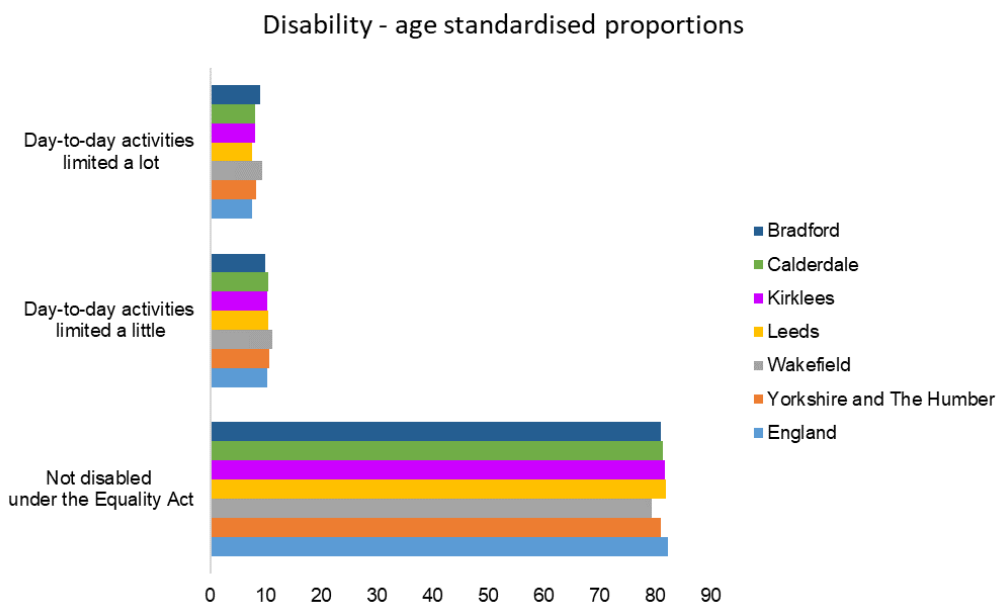
This bulletin uses age-standardised data for health and disability. This allows for comparisons between populations that may contain proportions of different ages, represented as a percentage

Disability in Bradford District

The census asked people whether they had any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more. It also asked whether any of these conditions or illnesses reduced the respondent’s ability to carry out day-to-day activities.

81.1% of Bradford residents responded that they do not have any illnesses or disabilities which limit their day-to-day activities. Apart from Wakefield, Bradford has the lowest rate in West Yorkshire. This is the same figure as Yorkshire and Humber, but a lower rate than the national average. 9% of Bradford District residents consider that their activities are limited a lot and 10% feel that their activities are limited a little.

Bradford compared with other local authorities



Unpaid care in Bradford District

The census asked people whether they look after or give any help or support to anyone with a long-term physical or mental health conditions, or any problems relating to old age.

9.6% of Bradford District residents provide unpaid care. 4.1% provide up to 19 hours of unpaid care each week, 2.4% provide between 20 and 49 hours and 3.1% provide 50 or more hours each week.

All the local authorities in West Yorkshire saw a rise in the proportion of people providing between 20 and 49 hours of weekly unpaid care. Bradford’s rate increased from 1.7% in 2011 to 2.4% in 2021.

The Census took place during the coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic. This may have influenced how people perceived and managed their provision of unpaid care.

Bradford compared with other local authorities

Bradford has the highest percentage of people acting as unpaid carers in West Yorkshire and a higher rate than the regional and national averages.

	% Providing no unpaid care	% Providing 19 or less hours unpaid care a week	% Providing 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	% Providing 50 or more hours unpaid care a week
Bradford	90.4	4.1	2.4	3.1
Calderdale	90.8	4.7	2.0	2.6
Kirklees	90.6	4.6	2.0	2.7
Leeds	91.3	4.3	1.7	2.6
Wakefield	90.5	4.1	2.1	3.3
Yorkshire and Humber	90.7	4.4	2.0	2.9
England	91.1	4.4	1.8	2.7

Data sources and further information

The next bulletin in this series will provide information at ward level and will be published on Monday 30th January 2023

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