



2021 Census population profile

At a glance:

- The results from the 2021 census show that there are 546,400 people living in Bradford District
- This is an increase of 4,300 people since the mid-2020 population estimates were published in June 2021 and 23,950 people since the last Census in 2011
- The population under the age of 15 forms 21.4% of the District's population – the largest percentage in the region
- The District's population consists of 279,200 (51%) females and 267,500 (49%) males
- There are 209,900 households and a population density of 1,491 people per sq km
- Bradford is the fifth largest metropolitan borough council in England in terms of population (after Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester)

Introduction

The first set of results from the 2021 Census show that the total population for Bradford District is 546,400. This is an increase of 4,300 since the mid-2020 population estimates were published in June 2021 and an increase of 23,950 people since the 2011 Census.

Population breakdown

A large part of Bradford's population is dominated by the younger age groups. The population under the age of 15 forms 21.4% of the District's population. This is the fourth highest percentage in England after the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, Slough Borough Council and Luton Borough Council and the largest percentage in the region.

63.4% of the District's population is aged between 15 and 64 and 15.2% is aged 65 and over.

Since the last census in 2011 there has been an increase of nearly two percentage points in the number of people aged 65 and over and a decrease in the percentage of young and working age people.

Bradford compared with other local authorities

Bradford is the fifth largest metropolitan borough council in England in terms of population (after Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester).

Households

Bradford has a total of 209,900 households, an increase of 10,604 (5.3%) since the 2011 Census. The District has a population density of 1,491 people per sq km – this is an increase of 63 people per sq km since the 2011 Census and the highest rate in West Yorkshire.

