



Bradford District population update at ward level

At a glance:

- City ward has the largest population (25,290) and Wharfedale ward has the smallest population (12,320)
- Bowling and Barkerend ward has the largest number of the under-16 population and Worth Valley ward has the lowest number
- City ward has the largest number of the working age population and Wharfedale ward has the lowest number
- Craven ward has the largest number of people aged 65+ and Little Horton ward has the lowest number

Introduction

The 2023 and 2024 mid-year population estimates at lower level geographies including wards were published on 7 November 2025 and they update the mid-2022 population estimates. The estimates include the people usually resident here and long-term international migrants (people who intend to stay for 12 months or more), but not short-term migrants (who stay or leave for less than 12 months).

Population estimates at lower level geographies (including wards, lower-layer super output areas and clinical commissioning groups) were published for both mid-2023 and mid-2024.

This briefing note includes data from the mid-2024 estimates only.

Summary

The 2024 mid-year estimate for Bradford's population found that City ward had the highest population (25,290) and Wharfedale ward had the smallest population (12,320).

Bowling and Barkerend ward had the highest number of children and young people (6,620) and Worth Valley ward had the lowest (2,190).

City ward had the highest number of the working age population (18,130) and Wharfedale ward had the smallest population (6,900).

Craven ward had the highest number of older people (5,110) and Little Horton ward had the smallest population (1,390).

Ward population

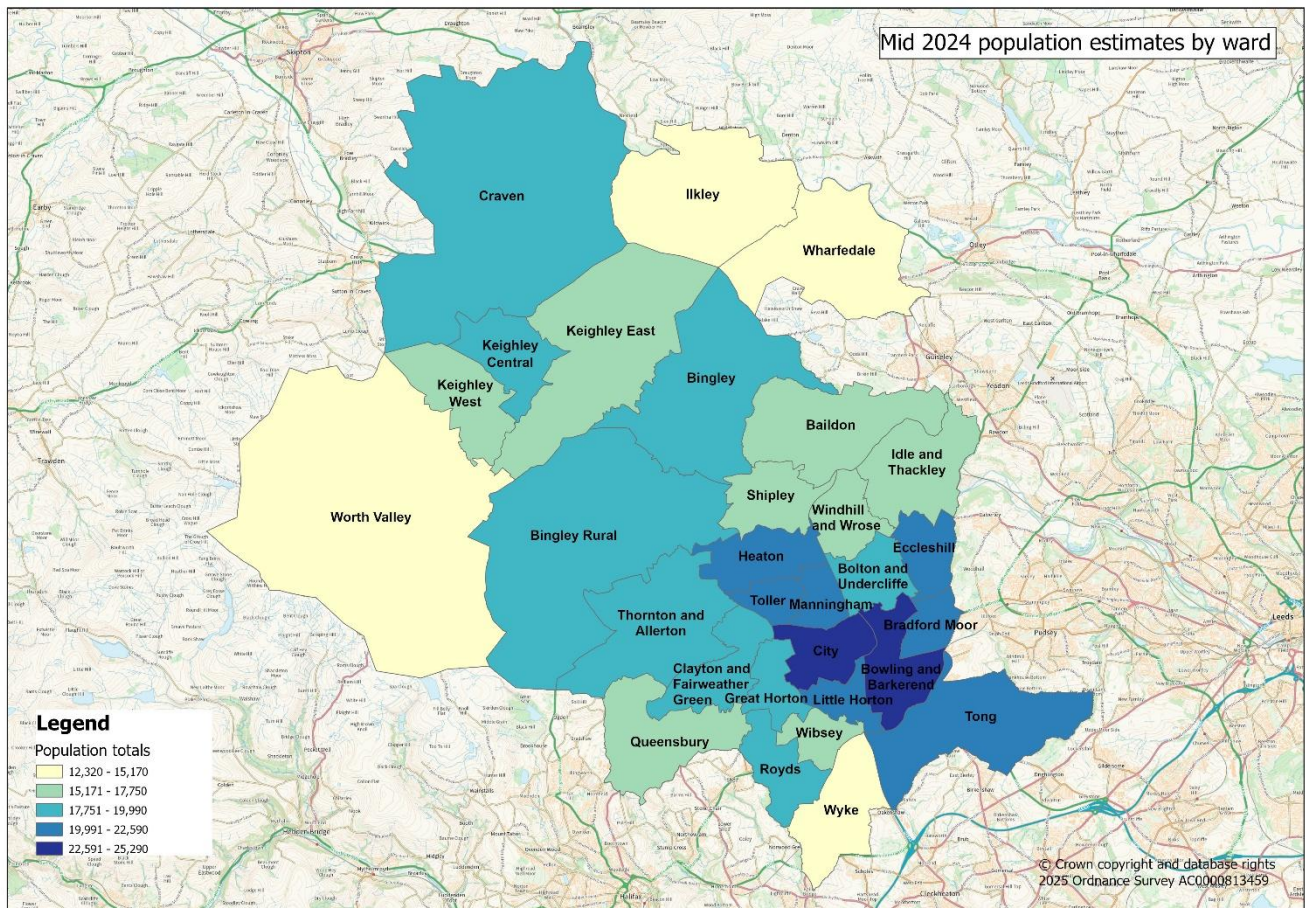
Population breakdown by ward				
	All Ages	Aged 0 to 15	Age 16-64	Aged 65+
Baildon	15,980	2,670	8,780	4,520
Bingley	18,330	2,940	10,650	4,740
Bingley Rural	19,220	3,380	11,320	4,510
Bolton and Undercliffe	18,340	4,470	11,380	2,490
Bowling and Barkerend	24,510	6,620	16,000	1,880
Bradford Moor	22,590	6,040	14,820	1,720
City	25,290	5,590	18,130	1,570
Clayton and Fairweather Green	18,620	4,530	11,190	2,910
Craven	18,370	2,970	10,290	5,110
Eccleshill	21,710	5,570	13,550	2,590
Great Horton	19,990	5,360	12,490	2,130
Heaton	20,620	5,640	12,910	2,070
Idle and Thackley	17,750	3,180	10,990	3,570
Ilkley	14,820	2,240	7,910	4,670
Keighley Central	19,340	4,530	12,400	2,410
Keighley East	17,340	3,670	10,570	3,100
Keighley West	17,480	3,840	10,610	3,020
Little Horton	22,210	6,510	14,310	1,390
Manningham	22,030	5,530	14,560	1,940
Queensbury	17,640	3,580	11,150	2,910
Royds	18,390	4,290	11,360	2,750
Shipley	15,850	2,780	10,090	2,990
Thornton and Allerton	19,100	4,460	11,530	3,110
Toller	21,400	5,400	14,220	1,790
Tong	21,580	5,330	13,710	2,530
Wharfedale	12,320	2,230	6,900	3,190
Wibsey	16,320	3,820	9,870	2,640
Windhill and Wrose	17,210	3,530	10,780	2,910
Worth Valley	14,110	2,190	8,620	3,300
Wyke	15,170	2,950	9,170	3,050

Data sources and further information

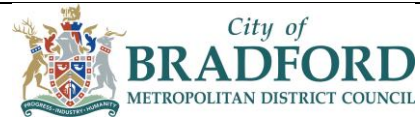
Source: ONS Population estimates

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/populationestimatesbyoutputareaselectoralealthandothergeographiesenglandandwalesmid2023andmid2024revisedmid2022>

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