

SANDWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD INTELLIGENCE PROJECT YOUTH TOWN PROFILE



WEDNESBURY

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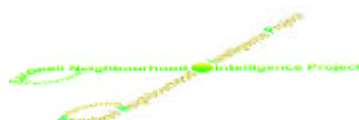
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The SNIP youth town profiles aim to provide an overview of the socio-economic conditions that concern young people within each of the six towns of Sandwell.

The data presented here are for neighbourhoods within each town. Borough and national averages are provided where available. Town averages are based on the Census Output Area definition of each town in 2004.

Further Census data for Sandwell's neighbourhoods are available on the SNIP website at:

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POPULATION

Wednesbury has a lower proportion of pre-school age children than Sandwell, and a higher proportion of school-age children, notably teenagers.

- Friar Park has a high proportion of young people of all ages, whereas the reverse is true for Leabrook.

Age	0-4			0-12			5-15			11-15			13-19			ALL PEOPLE
	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	
Friar Park	412	7.7	16	1117	21.0	12	1039	19.5	8	514	9.7	5	651	12.2	6	5318
Golf Links	55	4.9	68	163	14.6	65	131	11.7	71	51	4.6	76	74	6.6	76	1115
Harvills Hawthorne	225	8.3	10	536	19.7	15	439	16.1	31	211	7.8	23	295	10.8	14	2721
Hill Top	152	6.8	28	401	18.1	32	351	15.8	35	166	7.5	31	250	11.3	11	2219
Leabrook	85	4.5	75	268	14.3	66	242	12.9	66	113	6.0	62	150	8.0	62	1870
Millfields	150	5.9	46	433	17.0	52	380	14.9	49	173	6.8	42	206	8.1	60	2549
Wednesbury Central	332	6.5	35	892	17.5	36	754	14.8	50	335	6.6	49	455	8.9	40	5084
Wood Green & Old Park	363	5.3	62	1273	18.7	26	1292	19.0	12	626	9.2	6	756	11.1	13	6810
Woods & Mesty Croft	331	4.9	69	1007	14.9	62	956	14.1	59	454	6.7	45	629	9.3	37	6769

Age	0-4		0-12		5-15		11-15		13-19		ALL PEOPLE
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
WEDNESBURY	2105	6.1	6090	17.7	5584	16.2	2612	7.6	3466	10.1	34455
SANDWELL	18164	6.4	49783	17.6	43394	15.3	19661	6.9	25979	9.2	282976

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ETHNICITY

Wednesbury has a different ethnic mix to the borough, with a higher proportion of white groups, and a low proportion of Indian, Pakistani and black groups.

- The exceptions to this are Hill Top, with a large Indian community, and Wednesbury Central, with a large Bangladeshi community.
- Friar Park has the largest proportion of white groups in the borough.

	White Groups		Mixed Groups		Asian or Asian British						Black or Black British		Chinese or Other Ethnic Group		ALL
	No.	%	No.	%	Indian		Pakistani		Other Asian		No.	%	No.	%	
Friar Park	2269	94.6	73	3.0	21	0.9	9	0.4	0	0.0	24	1.0	3	0.1	2399
Golf Links	276	83.1	12	3.6	19	5.7	3	0.9	16	4.8	6	1.8	0	0.0	332
Harvills Hawthorn	992	85.1	70	6.0	52	4.5	0	0.0	28	2.4	21	1.8	3	0.3	1166
Hill Top	386	41.2	47	5.0	418	44.6	15	1.6	24	2.6	47	5.0	0	0.0	937
Lea Brook	487	82.3	13	2.2	83	14.0	3	0.5	3	0.5	3	0.5	0	0.0	592
Millfields	758	83.3	34	3.7	61	6.7	9	1.0	15	1.6	30	3.3	3	0.3	910
Wednesbury Central	1505	75.4	73	3.7	97	4.9	9	0.5	282	14.1	28	1.4	3	0.2	1997
Wood Green & Old Park	2283	86.6	81	3.1	99	3.8	16	0.6	134	5.1	19	0.7	3	0.1	2635
Woods & Mesty Croft	2213	92.2	75	3.1	72	3.0	3	0.1	9	0.4	21	0.9	6	0.3	2399

	White Groups		Mixed Groups		Asian or Asian British						Black or Black British		Chinese or Other Ethnic Group		ALL
	No.	%	No.	%	Indian		Pakistani		Other S. Asian		No.	%	No.	%	
WEDNESBURY	11169	83.6	478	3.6	922	6.9	67	0.5	511	3.8	199	1.5	21	0.2	13367
SANDWELL	77031	70.9	4860	4.5	13094	12.1	5610	5.2	3438	3.2	4098	3.8	471	0.4	108602

Source: Table CAS002, 2001 Census, Census Area Statistics. Crown Copyright 2001

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EDUCATION

Wednesbury's pupils perform as well as others in Sandwell, but less well than pupils in England and Wales.

- Golf Links' students are amongst the highest achieving in Sandwell, with all pupils attaining Level 4+ in KS2 Science. They also have the highest rate of unauthorised absenteeism in the town.
- Pupils in Wednesbury Central perform well at all levels, particularly GCSE.
- Only 15% of Hill Top's pupils receive free school meals. They perform above the borough average at GCSE level, but less well at KS2 English.

	KS2 Maths Level 4+		KS2 English Level 4+		KS2 Science Level 4+		Avg. Point Score GCSE		Receiving Free School Meals		Unauthorised Absenteeism	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	Score	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Friar Park	47.7	8	58.0	10	67.0	8	246.2	25	34.0	14	1.4	33
Golf Links	88.9	75	88.9	73	100.0	77	390.3	79	22.7	42	3.0	5
Harvills Hawthorn	55.8	21	55.8	7	58.1	1	213.4	4	36.2	10	2.2	12
Hill Top	70.8	51	66.7	28	79.2	42	309.1	56	15.0	62	2.4	11
Lea Brook	73.3	59	60.0	14	76.7	32	229.7	11	17.6	56	1.5	27
Millfields	39.5	4	55.3	6	76.3	31	236.5	17	30.2	26	1.7	19
Wednesbury Central	69.8	48	71.7	41	79.2	42	377.3	77	27.4	32	0.9	51
Wood Green & Old Park	71.4	52	73.3	45	78.1	37	338.3	71	32.5	19	0.8	56
Woods & Mesty Croft	63.5	37	75.0	48	76.0	29	317.7	62	25.1	36	1.0	47

	KS2 Maths Level 4+		KS2 English Level 4+		KS2 Science Level 4+		Avg. Point Score GCSE		Receiving Free School Meals		Unauthorised Absenteeism	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	Score	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
SANDWELL LEA	64.1	-	70.7	-	79.1	-	290.5	-	25.1	-	1.1	-
ENGLAND & WALES	74.0	-	78.0	-	86.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Sandwell LEA, September 2003 - July 2004

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Wednesbury's young people have high rates of economic activity for the borough, especially at age 16-17.

- Golf Links and Hill Top are the only neighbourhood whose 16-17 yr olds are less likely than the borough average to be economically active. This may be because they are in full-time education.
- Less than 66% of young people ages 20-24 in Millfields are economically active.
- By age 20-24, over 92% of young people in Golf Links are active economically.

	Aged 16-17				Aged 18-19				Aged 20-24				All Ages
	E/A	%	E/I	%	E/A	%	E/I	%	E/A	%	E/I	%	
Friar Park	92	51.7	86	48.3	114	77.6	33	22.4	210	72.7	79	27.3	5318
Golf Links	9	30.0	21	70.0	12	66.7	6	33.3	36	92.3	3	7.7	1115
Harvills Hawthorn	39	46.4	45	53.6	70	77.8	20	22.2	112	67.5	54	32.5	2721
Hill Top	24	33.8	47	66.2	63	61.2	40	38.8	126	77.8	36	22.2	2219
Lea Brook	25	49.0	26	51.0	23	79.3	6	20.7	85	80.2	21	19.8	1870
Millfields	34	52.3	31	47.7	34	58.6	24	41.4	60	65.9	31	34.1	2549
Wednesbury Central	67	48.9	70	51.1	108	82.4	23	17.6	216	77.7	62	22.3	5084
Wood Green & Old Park	103	51.5	97	48.5	114	76.0	36	24.0	249	87.4	36	12.6	6810
Woods & Mesty Croft	121	51.9	112	48.1	104	69.3	46	30.7	211	75.6	68	24.4	6769

	Aged 16-17				Aged 18-19				Aged 20-24				All Ages
	E/A	%	E/I	%	E/A	%	E/I	%	E/A	%	E/I	%	
WEDNESBURY	514	49	535	51	642	73.3	234	26.7	1305	77	390	23	34455
SANDWELL	3085	41.2	4401	58.8	4615	69.9	1986	30.1	11707	75.0	3911	25.0	282976

Source: Table CAS028, 2001 Census, Census Area Statistics. Crown Copyright 2001

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HEALTH & FAMILY

Wednesbury's children are considerably more likely to live in homes without central heating, than other children in Sandwell.

- Golf Links has the lowest rate of referrals to Social Services in the borough. Conversely, Harvills Hawthorn has almost the highest rate in Sandwell.
- Over 40% of children in Friar Park live in homes without central heating.
- There are no children ages under 16 in Golf Links or Hill Top providing unpaid care.

	CHILD REFERRALS TO SOC. SERVICES*			IN LONE PARENT FAMILY			NO CENTRAL HEATING			AGED UNDER 16- PROVIDE UNPAID CARE			NOT IN GOOD HEALTH		
	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank
Friar Park	-	4.8	25	502	31.5	22	653	41.0	2	27	1.7	29	27	1.7	24
Golf Links	-	0.5	79	70	34.7	11	48	23.8	17	0	0.0	72	6	3.0	6
Harvills Hawthorn	-	8.2	5	268	36.7	7	145	19.8	25	3	0.4	71	12	1.6	26
Hill Top	-	1.1	73	148	25.8	42	68	11.9	53	0	0.0	72	3	0.5	70
Lea Brook	-	1.7	65	73	20.5	64	36	10.1	59	6	1.7	30	6	1.7	25
Millfields	-	3.5	41	180	29.6	31	203	33.3	6	12	2.0	16	9	1.5	32
Wednesbury Central	-	3.3	43	309	25.4	44	291	23.9	16	21	1.7	25	21	1.7	22
Wood Green & Old Park	-	3.5	38	424	23.7	53	385	21.5	23	21	1.2	47	18	1.0	55
Woods & Mesty Croft	-	2.9	47	408	26.7	40	437	28.5	11	27	1.8	24	12	0.8	64

	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank
ROWLEY REGIS	-	3.8	-	2382	27.7	-	2266	26.3	-	117	1.4	-	114	1.3	-
SANDWELL	-	3.9	-	18217	26.7	-	11179	16.4	-	972	1.4	-	957	1.4	-

Source: Table CAST01, 2001 Census. Crown Copyright 2001, Includes children aged 0-15 and children aged 16-18 who are full-time students in a family with parent(s).

*Source: SMBC Social Services, April 2004 – March 2003. Population data from Table KS02, 2001 Census. Crown Copyright 2001. Includes all children aged 0-17

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