

The 2011 Census Town Profiles aim to provide an overview of the socio-economic conditions within each of the six towns of Sandwell, and their constituent wards.

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West Bromwich Town Wards



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Population Change & Structure

Since 2001, Sandwell's population has increased by 8.9%. However, there has been a large variation by ward, and whilst most wards have seen an increase in population, some have seen a fall. At 8.3%, the rise in population in West Bromwich town is slightly lower than that of Sandwell.

- All wards within the town have seen an increase, with the exception of Greet Green & Lyng. The rise in Hateley Heath is the fourth largest of all Sandwell wards, and there have also been relatively large rises in West Bromwich Central and Great Barr with Yew Tree.
- Greet Green & Lyng is only one of two wards in Sandwell to have seen a population decrease between 2001 and 2011 (-0.2%). This is largely due to regeneration work in the area during the intervening period.

Population Change by Broad Age Band 2001-2011

	Under 20			20-64			65 & over			All Ages		
	2001	2011	% Change	2001	2011	% Change	2001	2011	% Change	2001	2011	% Change
Charlemont with Grove Vale	2,513	2,665	+6.0	6,811	7,008	+2.9	2,004	2,291	+14.3	11,328	11,964	+5.6
Great Barr with Yew Tree	2,665	3,257	+22.2	6,444	7,269	+12.8	2,015	2,071	+2.8	11,124	12,597	+13.2
Greet Green & Lyng	3,268	3,380	+3.4	6,405	6,629	+3.5	2,120	1,760	-17.0	11,793	11,769	-0.2
Hateley Heath	3,350	4,035	+20.4	6,858	8,139	+18.7	2,116	2,053	-3.0	12,324	14,227	+15.4
Newton	2,807	2,750	-2.0	6,515	6,522	+0.1	2,062	2,286	+10.9	11,384	11,558	+1.5
West Bromwich Central	2,909	3,123	+7.4	6,580	8,043	+22.2	2,192	2,124	-3.1	11,681	13,290	+13.8
TOWN	17,512	19,210	+9.7	39,613	43,610	+10.1	12,509	12,585	+0.6	69,634	75,405	+8.3
SANDWELL	75,762	82,416	+8.8	160,571	178,806	+11.4	46,571	46,841	+0.7	282,904	308,063	+8.9

Source: 2001 & 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

In terms of broad age groups, West Bromwich town has seen a rise in all age groups between 2001 and 2011. The rise in those aged under 20 is slightly above the Sandwell average, whilst the rise in 20 to 64 year olds is below the borough figure.

- Great Barr with Yew Tree and Hateley Heath wards have seen particularly large increases in the youngest age group; both with over 20% rises in the proportion aged under 20.
- In contrast, Newton has seen a fall in the under 20 age group (one of only three Sandwell wards to have seen a decline in this group).
- All wards within the town have seen an increase in the proportion aged 20-64 since 2001, with the largest rise of 22.2% being in West Bromwich Central (the fourth largest rise of all Sandwell wards).

- The change in terms of those aged 65 & over is more varied across the wards. This age group has increased by 14.3% in Charlemont with Grove Vale (the highest rise of all Sandwell wards), whilst there have been falls in Hateley Heath, West Bromwich Central and Greet Green & Lyng (the largest fall of all Sandwell wards).

West Bromwich town has a total population of 75,405 in 2011, and makes up 24.5% of Sandwell's total population - a similar proportion to 2001. The town is Sandwell's largest in terms of the number of residents. Of the six wards which comprise the town, Hateley Heath is the largest with a population of 14,227 - the second largest ward in Sandwell.

Population by Age 2011

	0-15		16-24		25-44		45-59		60-74		75+		All Ages
	No.	%	No.	%									
Charlemont with Grove Vale	2,097	17.5	1,363	11.4	3,035	25.4	2,382	19.9	2,067	17.3	1,020	8.5	11,964
Great Barr with Yew Tree	2,615	20.8	1,417	11.2	3,518	27.9	2,331	18.5	1,662	13.2	1,054	8.4	12,597
Greet Green & Lyng	2,773	23.6	1,425	12.1	3,306	28.1	1,990	16.9	1,372	11.7	903	7.7	11,769
Hateley Heath	3,231	22.7	1,772	12.5	4,039	28.4	2,476	17.4	1,660	11.7	1,049	7.4	14,227
Newton	2,210	19.1	1,230	10.6	2,967	25.7	2,204	19.1	1,871	16.2	1,076	9.3	11,558
West Bromwich Central	2,557	19.2	1,601	12.0	3,935	29.6	2,425	18.2	1,704	12.8	1,068	8.0	13,290
TOWN	15,483	20.5	8,808	11.7	20,800	27.6	13,808	18.3	10,336	13.7	6,170	8.2	75,405
SANDWELL	66,234	21.5	36,975	12.0	87,899	28.5	54,884	17.8	39,750	12.9	22,321	7.2	308,063

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

The population profile of the town in terms of age structure is fairly similar to Sandwell overall, however there is a smaller proportion in the under 16s (20.5% compared with 21.5%), and a slightly higher proportion aged 75 & over (8.2% compared with 7.2%).

- Charlemont with Grove Vale has a smaller proportion of under 16s than average (17.5% compared with 20.5% for the town). This is the lowest proportion of all Sandwell wards.
- Charlemont with Grove Vale and Newton both have a low proportion of those aged 25 to 44 (25.4% and 25.7% respectively). These are the second and third lowest of all Sandwell wards. In contrast, these wards both have a high proportion of those aged 60-74.
- Greet Green & Lyng and Hateley Heath both have a low proportion of those aged 60-74 (at 11.7%, this is fifth lowest of all Sandwell wards).
- The three wards to the north of the town (Newton, Charlemont with Grove Vale and Great Barr with Yew Tree) all have a higher prevalence of those aged 75 and over than average, and are among the top four of all Sandwell wards.

Household Characteristics

Since 2001, Sandwell overall has seen an increase of 5.3% in the number of households, compared with 4.2% in West Bromwich town. Within the town, Hateley Heath and West Bromwich Central Wards have seen the largest increases at 10.3%, whilst Greet Green & Lyng ward has seen a decrease of 7.7% in the number of households.

Household Composition 2011

	One person HHs ¹				Couple Households		Lone Parents				All Other Households		Total HHs
	Non-Pensioners		Lone Pensioners				Dependent children		Non-dependent children only				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Charlemont with Grove Vale	838	16.8	657	13.2	2,102	42.1	336	6.7	210	4.2	846	17.0	4,989
Great Barr with Yew Tree	638	13.0	660	13.4	2,197	44.7	395	8.0	197	4.0	832	16.9	4,919
Greet Green & Lyng	747	16.8	663	14.9	1,616	36.3	387	8.7	217	4.9	819	18.4	4,449
Hateley Heath	859	15.9	645	11.9	2,216	40.9	585	10.8	249	4.6	858	15.9	5,412
Newton	687	14.5	682	14.4	1,914	40.3	390	8.2	250	5.3	828	17.4	4,751
West Bromwich Central	1,269	23.7	793	14.8	1,698	31.7	411	7.7	211	3.9	974	18.2	5,356
TOWN	5,038	16.9	4,100	13.7	11,743	39.3	2,504	8.4	1,334	4.5	5,157	17.3	29,876
SANDWELL	20,359	16.8	15,576	12.8	49,817	41.0	10,915	9.0	5,502	4.5	19,329	15.9	121,498

¹ HHs = Households

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

Considering household composition, the profile of West Bromwich town differs slightly from that of Sandwell overall, with a lower proportion of couple households, and a higher proportion of 'all other households'. This includes households made up of unrelated adults or more than one family. There is also some variation by ward.

- Great Barr with Yew Tree (13.0%) has the lowest proportion of single person households (non-pensioners) of all Sandwell wards, whilst West Bromwich Central (23.7%) has the highest.
- In terms of lone pensioner households, Greet Green & Lyng and West Bromwich Central are both within the top three of all Sandwell wards, with 14.9% and 14.8% of households respectively.
- Couple households (both married and co-habiting) are more prevalent in Great Barr with Yew Tree (44.7% compared with 39.3% in the town overall). This ward is within the three highest in Sandwell in terms of this indicator.
- Charlemont with Grove Vale has the lowest proportion of lone parents (with dependent children) of all Sandwell wards at 6.7%.
- Greet Green & Lyng and West Bromwich Central have a higher proportion of 'all other households' than Sandwell overall, and rank within the top four of all Sandwell wards on this indicator.

Ethnic Background

The ethnic makeup of Sandwell has seen extensive changes since 2001. Just under two-thirds of Sandwell residents now class themselves as being of White British origin, and a further 4.1% are of Other White origin (which includes Irish and Gypsy Travellers). 30.1% of Sandwell's population are from other ethnic backgrounds. These Sandwell figures compare with England & Wales averages of 80.5%, 5.5% and 14% respectively.

With the exception of Smethwick, Sandwell towns have seen increases in the proportion of residents in all Minority Ethnic groups, and a contrasting decline in the White British group since 2001. The White British population in West Bromwich town has fallen from 74.6% in 2001 to 59.1% in 2011, whilst the Other White group has increased from 1.8% to 5.4%.

Population by Ethnic Group 2011: White & Asian Groups

	White				Asian or Asian British							
	British		Other		Indian		Pakistani		Bangladeshi		Chinese & Asian Other	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	8,488	70.9	415	3.5	1,524	12.7	94	0.8	32	0.3	268	2.2
Great Barr with Yew Tree	7,992	63.4	308	2.4	2,194	17.4	218	1.7	269	2.1	424	3.4
Greets Green & Lyng	6,102	51.8	823	7.0	1,456	12.4	682	5.8	855	7.3	251	2.1
Hateley Heath	9,585	67.4	710	5.0	1,456	10.2	208	1.5	175	1.2	343	2.4
Newton	7,409	64.1	470	4.1	1,623	14.0	166	1.4	119	1.0	270	2.3
West Bromwich Central	4,967	37.4	1,370	10.3	2,851	21.5	795	6.0	639	4.8	572	4.3
TOWN	44,543	59.1	4,096	5.4	11,104	14.7	2,163	2.9	2,089	2.8	2,128	2.8
SANDWELL	202,822	65.8	12,649	4.1	31,400	10.2	13,952	4.5	6,588	2.1	7,318	2.4

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

Population by Ethnic Group 2011: Other Ethnic Groups

	Mixed		Black or Black British						Arab		Other Ethnic Group	
			Black Caribbean		Black African		Black Other					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	347	2.9	308	2.6	165	1.4	85	0.7	22	0.2	216	1.8
Great Barr with Yew Tree	328	2.6	396	3.1	134	1.1	71	0.6	12	0.1	251	2.0
Greets Green & Lyng	411	3.5	516	4.4	181	1.5	113	1.0	212	1.8	167	1.4
Hateley Heath	619	4.4	687	4.8	168	1.2	153	1.1	26	0.2	97	0.7
Newton	348	3.0	776	6.7	133	1.2	123	1.1	17	0.1	104	0.9
West Bromwich Central	506	3.8	844	6.4	170	1.3	155	1.2	73	0.5	348	2.6
TOWN	2,559	3.4	3,527	4.7	951	1.3	700	0.9	362	0.5	1,183	1.6
SANDWELL	10,199	3.3	11,382	3.7	4,396	1.4	2,579	0.8	901	0.3	3,877	1.3

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

West Bromwich town has the second highest proportion of Minority Ethnic groups of towns in Sandwell (that is, all ethnic groups other than White British). These groups account for 40.9% of the town's population compared to Smethwick with 62.1% which has the highest proportion.

- At 62.6%, West Bromwich Central ward has the highest proportion of Minority Ethnic groups within the town. This ward has particularly high concentrations of White Other residents (at 10.3% the ward ranks highest of all Sandwell wards), Indian residents (21.5%, ranked second) and Black Caribbean residents (6.4%, ranked third).
- Greets Green & Lyng has high proportions of Bangladeshi and Arab residents (at 7.3% and 1.8%, the ward ranks second and first out of all Sandwell wards, respectively).
- At 6.7%, Newton has a high proportion of Black Caribbean residents, and ranks second of all Sandwell wards.

Religion 2011

	Christian		Sikh		Muslim		Hindu		Other Religion		No Religion		Not Stated	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	7,358	61.5	1,360	11.4	244	2.0	319	2.7	114	1.0	1,896	15.8	673	5.6
Great Barr with Yew Tree	6,772	53.8	1,880	14.9	629	5.0	547	4.3	168	1.3	1,931	15.3	670	5.3
Greets Green & Lyng	5,751	48.9	1,053	8.9	1,905	16.2	421	3.6	163	1.4	1,701	14.5	775	6.6
Hateley Heath	8,695	61.1	939	6.6	549	3.9	412	2.9	202	1.4	2,511	17.6	919	6.5
Newton	7,070	61.2	1,100	9.5	402	3.5	475	4.1	153	1.3	1,663	14.4	695	6.0
West Bromwich Central	6,046	45.5	2,214	16.7	1,719	12.9	763	5.7	190	1.4	1,574	11.8	784	5.9
TOWN	41,692	55.3	8,546	11.3	5,448	7.2	2,937	3.9	990	1.3	11,276	15.0	4,516	6.0
SANDWELL	170,075	55.2	26,934	8.7	25,251	8.2	6,810	2.2	2,543	0.8	57,716	18.7	18,734	6.1

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

In terms of religion, 55.2% of Sandwell residents are Christian, lower than the national average of 59.3%. This has fallen considerably since 2001, when 68.6% of Sandwell residents said they were Christian.

West Bromwich town overall has the highest proportion of Hindu residents of all six Sandwell towns, but this is a relatively small group (3.9%). The town also has an above average proportion of Sikh residents (11.3% compared to a borough average of 8.7%), and ranks second of the six towns.

- West Bromwich Central ward ranks highest of Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of Hindu residents (5.7% compared with a borough average of 2.2%), and 'other' religious groups (1.4%). This ward also ranks third in terms of Sikh residents.
- Great Barr with Yew Tree and Newton wards both also rank highly in terms of Hindu residents (second and third respectively).
- Greets Green & Lyng ranks third of all Sandwell wards in terms of Muslim residents, with 16.2% of the population being affiliated to this religion.

Country of Birth and Household Language 2011

	Country of Birth								Household Language			
	UK		Ireland		Other EU		Other		All in HH have English as main language		None in HH have English as main language	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	10,473	87.5	60	0.5	323	2.7	1,108	9.3	4476	89.7	207	4.1
Great Barr with Yew Tree	10,820	85.9	79	0.6	165	1.3	1,533	12.2	4360	88.6	166	3.4
Greets Green & Lyng	8,896	75.6	55	0.5	693	5.9	2,125	18.1	3402	76.5	532	12.0
Hateley Heath	12,066	84.8	39	0.3	643	4.5	1,479	10.4	4769	88.1	326	6.0
Newton	9,881	85.5	151	1.3	251	2.2	1,275	11.0	4266	89.8	189	4.0
West Bromwich Central	8,880	66.8	64	0.5	1,203	9.1	3,143	23.6	3808	71.1	825	15.4
TOWN	61,016	80.9	448	0.6	3,278	4.3	10,663	14.1	25,081	84.0	2,245	7.5
SANDWELL	258,993	84.1	1,482	0.5	9,859	3.2	37,729	12.2	104,845	86.3	7,425	6.1

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

When considering country of birth, 84.6% of Sandwell residents were born in the United Kingdom or Ireland, compared with 87.3% nationally. One in eight Sandwell residents were born in a country outside the European Union. West Bromwich town is below the Sandwell and national averages in terms of the proportion of residents who were born in the United Kingdom, and ranks second lowest of the Borough's six towns. In contrast, the town ranks second highest for residents born in other EU countries, and in countries outside the EU.

- At 66.8% West Bromwich Central ranks third lowest out of the Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of residents born in the UK, but ranks highest for residents born in other EU countries.
- Newton has a relatively high proportion of residents born in Ireland compared to the town and borough averages, however this still only accounts for 1.3% of residents.

The 2011 Census collected information for the first time on main language and English language skills. It should be noted that people who did not report English as a main language may be fluent English speakers. In West Bromwich town, 7.5% of households have no residents who have English as a main language - the second highest of the six towns.

- Newton and Charlemont with Grove Vale have the highest proportion of households where all residents have English as a main language within the town (89.8% and 89.7% respectively), however neither are among the highest wards on this indicator.
- West Bromwich Central and Greets Green & Lyng rank third and fourth of all Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of households where no residents have English as a main language (at 15.4% and 12.0% respectively).

Economic Status & Qualifications

Economically Active

A resident is considered economically active if employed, self-employed, unemployed but looking for work and able to start within two weeks, or a full-time student who also has a job. The level of economic activity of residents (aged 16-74) of West Bromwich town is similar to that for Sandwell as a whole, although there are variations within the town.

- West Bromwich Central has the highest levels of unemployment within the town, at 9.2% this is the third highest of all Sandwell wards.
- Great Barr with Yew Tree and Charlemont with Grove Vale have the highest proportions of self-employment (8% and 7.8% respectively).
- Great Barr with Yew Tree and Newton have the highest proportions of residents who are in full time employment.

Economic Activity 2011 (Residents aged 16-74)

	Economically Active					Economically Inactive					All aged 16-74
	Employees:		Self-employed %	Un-employed %	Full-time student %	Retired %	Student %	Looking after home or family %	Long term sick / disabled %	Other %	
	Full-time %	Part-time %									
Charlemont with Grove Vale	38.2	14.0	7.8	6.3	2.7	16.9	4.5	3.7	3.8	2.0	8,847
Great Barr with Yew Tree	40.6	14.2	8.0	5.0	2.7	13.1	5.4	4.5	4.1	2.3	8,928
Greets Green & Lyng	31.6	13.4	5.5	8.4	2.5	12.4	6.3	8.0	7.4	4.6	8,093
Hateley Heath	35.5	13.5	5.4	8.3	2.8	12.1	5.3	6.6	7.2	3.4	9,947
Newton	40.3	14.0	6.6	5.4	2.9	16.8	5.1	3.6	3.4	1.9	8,272
West Bromwich Central	34.3	12.1	6.4	9.2	2.7	12.7	5.3	5.5	6.9	4.9	9,665
TOWN	36.7	13.5	6.6	7.2	2.7	14.0	5.3	5.3	5.5	3.2	53,752
SANDWELL	37.1	13.6	6.0	7.3	2.9	13.0	5.3	5.9	5.8	3.2	219,508

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

Economically Inactive

Levels of economic inactivity within the town are similar to those for Sandwell as a whole. Within the town:

- There are higher proportions of long term sick or disabled in Greets Green & Lyng and Hateley Heath.
- Greets Green & Lyng has the highest proportion (8%) of residents aged 16-74 who are looking after the home or family, ranking third out of all Sandwell wards.

Highest Level of Qualification of usual residents aged 16 & over

	No Qualifications		Level 1		Level 2		Apprenticeships		Level 3		Level 4 or above		% Other Qualifications	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	2,911	29.5	1,453	14.7	1,475	14.9	339	3.4	1,125	11.4	1,932	19.6	632	6.4
Great Barr with Yew Tree	2,847	28.5	1,485	14.9	1,447	14.5	308	3.1	1,157	11.6	2,099	21.0	639	6.4
Greets Green & Lyng	3,863	42.9	1,212	13.5	1,144	12.7	191	2.1	795	8.8	863	9.6	928	10.3
Hateley Heath	4,236	38.5	1,589	14.5	1,668	15.2	274	2.5	1,037	9.4	1,318	12.0	874	7.9
Newton	2,689	28.8	1,280	13.7	1,390	14.9	382	4.1	1,120	12.0	1,839	19.7	648	6.9
West Bromwich Central	3,891	36.3	1,325	12.3	1,331	12.4	212	2.0	908	8.5	1,681	15.7	1,385	12.9
TOWN	20,437	34.1	8,344	13.9	8,455	14.1	1,706	2.8	6,142	10.2	9,732	16.2	5,106	8.5
SANDWELL	85,040	35.2	34,723	14.4	35,543	14.7	6,451	2.7	25,245	10.4	37,151	15.4	17,676	7.3

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

Qualifications

The table shows the highest level of academic, vocational or professional qualifications obtained by residents aged 16 and over. Briefly, the categories are as follows:

- No qualifications: No formal qualifications;
- Level 1: 1-4 GCSEs or equivalent qualifications;
- Level 2: 5 GCSEs or equivalent qualifications;
- Apprenticeships;
- Level 3: 2 or more A-levels or equivalent qualifications;
- Level 4 or above: Bachelors degree or equivalent, and higher qualifications;
- Other qualifications including foreign qualifications.

The qualifications information in the 2011 Census is not directly comparable with that in 2001 because it includes all people over 16, in 2001, it only covered those aged 16-74.

West Bromwich town has slightly more residents proportionally with the highest level qualifications (level 4 or above) than Sandwell as a whole. Within the town:

- The wards with the greatest proportions of highly qualified residents are Great Barr with Yew Tree, Newton and Charlemont with Grove Vale.
- The ward with the largest proportion of residents with no qualifications is Greets Green & Lyng, at 42.9% this is the highest proportion of all Sandwell wards. Hateley Heath and West Bromwich Central also have higher proportions with no qualifications than Sandwell as a whole.

The 2011 Census asked for the first time whether any qualifications had been gained outside the UK. West Bromwich has the second highest proportion of the six towns (7.3%) and within the town, West Bromwich Central has the highest proportion (12.9%).

Transport

In 2011, 33.9% of Sandwell households do not have access to a car or van, which has fallen from 37.5% in 2001. Car ownership levels in West Bromwich town overall are similar to the Sandwell average, with a total of 29,222 cars and vans available to households living within the town.

- 45.7% of households in West Bromwich Central are without a car or van in the town - this is the second highest proportion of all Sandwell wards.
- Great Barr with Yew Tree and Charlemont with Grove Vale are the two highest Sandwell wards in terms of households with 2 or more cars or vans, whilst Greets Green & Lyng is the lowest at 14.8%.

Car Ownership 2011

	HHs ¹ without a car or van		HHs with 1 car or van		HHs with 2 or more cars or vans	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	1,365	27.4	2,007	40.2	1,617	32.4
Great Barr with Yew Tree	1,158	23.5	2,073	42.1	1,688	34.3
Greets Green & Lyng	2,031	45.7	1,758	39.5	660	14.8
Hateley Heath	1,978	36.5	2,398	44.3	1,036	19.1
Newton	1,199	25.2	2,170	45.7	1,382	29.1
West Bromwich Central	2,448	45.7	1,979	36.9	929	17.4
TOWN	10,179	34.1	12,385	41.5	7,312	24.5
SANDWELL	41,197	33.9	51,922	42.7	28,379	23.4

¹Households

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

Health & Provision of Unpaid Care

In 2011, those reporting a long term health problem or disability (including those related to age) that limited their day-to-day activities and that had lasted, or was expected to last, at least 12 months, were asked to assess whether their daily activities were limited a lot, a little or not at all by such a health problem. In West Bromwich town, 10.4% of residents said they were limited a little, whilst 10.7% said they were limited a lot (both similar to Sandwell overall).

- Whilst all of the town's wards are similar to the Sandwell average in terms of those whose activities are limited a little, there is more variation in relation to those whose activities are limited a lot. Newton is second lowest of all Sandwell wards on this indicator, whilst Hateley Heath and Greets Green & Lyng rank in the worst four.

Residents were asked to assess their general state of health on a five point scale: very good, good, fair, bad or very bad. Overall, West Bromwich town is similar to the Sandwell average on this measure.

- Great Barr with Yew Tree, Charlemont with Grove Vale and Newton are all high in terms of those stating their level of health is good or very good - and are within the top six of all the Sandwell wards. At 9.1%, Greets Green & Lyng is the worst of all Sandwell wards for those stating their level of health is bad or very bad.

- In terms of residents who are unable to work due to being long-term sick or disabled, the town is split in two - the three wards to the north of the town (Newton, Charlemont with Grove Vale, and Great Barr with Yew Tree) are within the four lowest in Sandwell, whilst the three wards to the south of the town are among the four worst.

A person is a provider of unpaid care if they look after or give help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long-term physical or mental ill health or disability, or problems related to old age. This does not include any activities as part of paid employment. 11.1% of West Bromwich town residents provide unpaid care, higher than the Sandwell average.

- At 12.3%, Charlemont with Grove Vale is within the three highest of all Sandwell wards in terms of residents providing unpaid care.

Health Indicators 2011

	Limited Long-term Illness		Level of Health			% Long-term Sick/ Disabled ¹	Provides Unpaid Care	
	% with Day-to-day activities limited a lot	% with Day-to-day activities limited a little	% Good or Very Good	% Fair	% Bad or Very Bad		% Providing Care	% Providing 50 hours a week or more
Charlemont with Grove Vale	9.6	10.5	78.4	15.5	6.1	3.8	12.3	2.8
Great Barr with Yew Tree	9.0	10.2	79.5	14.5	6.0	4.1	11.6	2.9
Greets Green & Lyng	12.2	10.4	74.2	16.8	9.1	7.4	10.6	3.6
Hateley Heath	12.3	10.1	75.7	15.8	8.5	7.2	10.9	3.7
Newton	8.7	11.1	78.4	15.8	5.8	3.4	10.8	2.8
West Bromwich Central	12.0	10.2	74.2	17.2	8.7	6.9	10.5	2.8
TOWN	10.7	10.4	76.7	15.9	7.4	5.5	11.1	3.1
SANDWELL	10.8	10.1	76.7	15.6	7.7	5.8	10.9	3.2

¹ As a % of those aged 16 to 74
Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

Housing

The Census asks various questions relating to housing, including, the type of accommodation people live in, its tenure (whether the household owns or rents their accommodation), whether it has central heating and how many rooms it has. The occupancy ratings of rooms and bedrooms are indicators of deprivation and overcrowding in a household. An occupancy rating of -1 implies that there is one room too few for the number of people living in the household (*shown as % overcrowded on the table*).

Nationally, the census has shown an increase in private rented accommodation, a fall in owner occupation and a shift in the social rented sector from councils to other registered social landlords since 2001.

Compared with Sandwell as a whole, West Bromwich town has a slightly higher level of owner occupation, a slightly lower proportion of households in social rented and a similar proportion

Housing Indicators 2011

	Tenure (% of households)				Dwelling Type				Suitability of Accommodation	
	% Owner-occupied	% Social Rented ¹	% Private Rented ²	% Shared Ownership	Total household spaces	Vacant %	Detached %	Terraced %	% HHs ³ lacking central heating	% Overcrowded HHs ⁴
Charlemont with Grove Vale	69.1	18.0	10.8	0.5	5,219	4.4	21.0	16.5	4.8	5.3
Great Barr with Yew Tree	70.5	17.4	10.3	0.3	5,178	5.0	21.1	15.1	3.2	4.9
Greets Green & Lyng	45.6	37.4	13.3	0.9	4,719	5.7	6.5	39.4	4.0	13.3
Hateley Heath	49.3	35.8	12.3	0.4	5,656	4.3	6.4	20.2	3.5	9.5
Newton	74.2	13.2	11.3	0.3	4,966	4.3	8.0	13.0	3.7	5.0
West Bromwich Central	47.5	32.8	16.1	0.8	5,556	3.6	13.1	25.8	3.7	13.3
TOWN	59.2	25.9	12.4	0.5	31,294	4.5	12.7	21.5	3.8	8.6
SANDWELL	56.9	27.5	12.9	0.6	127,196	4.5	11.2	26.2	3.4	8.7

¹ Social Rented includes Social Rented: from Council and Social Rented: Other

² Private Rented includes Private Rented: from private landlord or letting agency and Private Rented: Other

³ Households

⁴ Households with an occupancy rating of -1 or less

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics.

in private rented accommodation. Owner occupation has fallen since 2001, and there has been a slight shift in the social rented sector from the council to other social landlords but the main change has been an increase in private rented accommodation. Renting from a private landlord or letting agency has increased from 4.1% to 11.5% over the decade.

- Newton has the highest and Great Barr with Yew Tree has the second highest level of owner occupation of all Sandwell wards.
- Greets Green & Lyng, Hateley Heath and West Bromwich Central all have high levels of social rented housing. Private rented accommodation is most prevalent in West Bromwich Central ward.

The town has the same vacancy rate as Sandwell as a whole, The proportion of detached houses is slightly higher than the Sandwell average and the proportion of terraced housing is slightly lower. Households lacking central heating and the level of overcrowding are similar to the Borough average, although within the town, overcrowding is higher in West Bromwich Central and Greets Green & Lyng.

Further Census data for Sandwell's wards is available on Sandwell Trends at:

<http://www.sandwelltrends.info/themedpages/Census2011>

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