

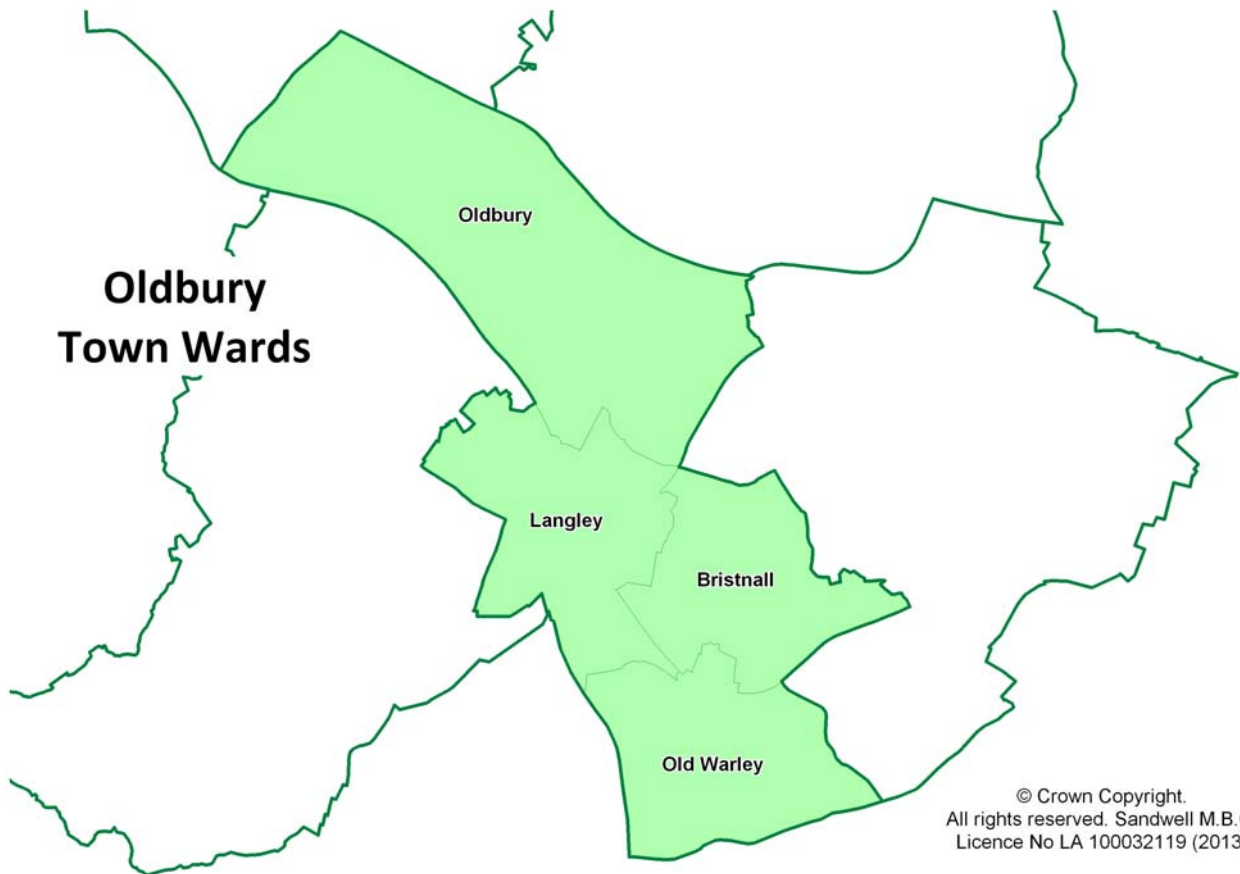
The 2011 Census Town Profiles aim to provide an overview of the socio-economic conditions within each of the six towns of Sandwell, and their constituent wards.

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Oldbury 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.

- The rise in population in Oldbury town mirrors that of Sandwell, and all wards within the town have seen an increase. However there has been a disproportionate increase in Oldbury ward (+25.0%), whilst Old Warley has seen little overall increase (+0.7%).
- The overall population rise in Oldbury is the second largest of all Sandwell wards between 2001 and 2011.

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
Bristnall	3,070	3,201	+4.3	6,453	6,928	+7.4	2,044	2,022	-1.1	11,567	12,151	+5.0
Langley	3,117	3,310	+6.2	6,858	7,529	+9.8	2,238	2,130	-4.8	12,213	12,969	+6.2
Oldbury	2,922	3,712	+27.0	6,501	8,366	+28.7	1,458	1,528	+4.8	10,881	13,606	+25.0
Old Warley	2,852	2,883	+1.1	6,487	6,670	+2.8	2,490	2,362	-5.1	11,829	11,915	+0.7
TOWN	11,961	13,106	+9.6	26,299	29,493	+12.1	8,230	8,042	-2.3	46,490	50,641	+8.9
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, Oldbury town has seen an increase in under 20s and 20-64 year olds between 2001 and 2011 (+9.6% and +12.1% respectively), however there has been a fall in the proportion of those aged 65 & over in the town (-2.3%).

- Oldbury ward has seen a particularly large increase in the younger age groups, with a 27.0% increase in the proportion aged under 20, and a 28.7% increase in the number aged 20-64 (the second largest increase of all Sandwell wards for both of these age groups).
- Oldbury is the only ward within the town to have seen an increase in the proportion aged 65 & over since 2001, with a rise of 4.8%.
- Old Warley and Langley have both seen relatively large falls in the proportion of the population aged 65 & over since 2001, and rank fourth and fifth of all Sandwell wards on this indicator.

Oldbury town has a total population of 50,641 in 2011, and makes up 16.4% of Sandwell's total population - the same proportion as in 2001. Of the four wards which comprise the town, the largest is Oldbury ward, with 13,606 residents.

- This makes Oldbury ward the fifth most populous in Sandwell, whilst Old Warley is the borough's fifth smallest in terms of population.

Population by Age 2011

	0-15		16-24		25-44		45-59		60-74		75+		All Ages
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Bristnall	2,512	20.7	1,439	11.8	3,171	26.1	2,325	19.1	1,746	14.4	958	7.9	12,151
Langley	2,596	20.0	1,622	12.5	3,563	27.5	2,393	18.5	1,790	13.8	1,005	7.7	12,969
Oldbury	3,047	22.4	1,618	11.9	4,547	33.4	2,281	16.8	1,402	10.3	711	5.2	13,606
Old Warley	2,263	19.0	1,319	11.1	2,931	24.6	2,352	19.7	1,832	15.4	1,218	10.2	11,915
TOWN	10,418	20.6	5,998	11.8	14,212	28.1	9,351	18.5	6,770	13.4	3,892	7.7	50,641
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 very similar to Sandwell overall. However, when considering the wards that make up the town, there is some variation.

- Bristnall has a smaller proportion of 25-44 year olds than average (26.1% compared with 28.1% for the town).
- The age profile of Langley is similar to the town overall.
- The structure of Oldbury ward is markedly different to that of the town. Oldbury has a larger proportion of residents aged under 16 and 25-44 (22.4% and 33.4% respectively), and a smaller proportion of those in the three older age groups. The largest difference is in those aged 60-74 - 10.3% of residents in the ward are part of this age group, compared with 13.4% in the town.
- Old Warley has an older age profile than the town overall, with higher proportions in the 45-59, 60-74 and 75+ age groups (19.7%, 15.4% and 10.2% respectively compared with 18.5%, 13.4% and 7.7%). In contrast, the proportion aged 25-44 is much lower than the Oldbury town average.

Household Characteristics

Since 2001, Sandwell overall has seen an increase of 5.3% in the number of households, compared with 6.0% in Oldbury town. Within the town, Oldbury ward has seen the largest increase at 18.2%.

Considering household composition, the profile of Oldbury town is fairly similar to that of Sandwell overall, however there is some variation by ward.

- Langley and Oldbury have a large proportion of single person households (non-pensioners) compared with the town overall. These wards are within the top 5 in Sandwell on this indicator - Oldbury having the second highest proportion of all wards, and Langley the fifth.

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.	%	
Bristnall	645	13.6	679	14.3	2,000	42.1	406	8.5	281	5.9	743	15.6	4,754
Langley	1,101	20.0	763	13.9	2,097	38.1	512	9.3	244	4.4	780	14.2	5,497
Oldbury	1,131	21.1	512	9.6	2,220	41.4	490	9.1	209	3.9	794	14.8	5,356
Old Warley	644	13.0	821	16.6	1,974	39.9	365	7.4	255	5.2	885	17.9	4,944
TOWN	3,521	17.1	2,775	13.5	8,291	40.3	1,773	8.6	989	4.8	3,202	15.6	20,551
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.

- At 16.6%, Old Warley has a high proportion of lone pensioner households - the largest of all Sandwell wards, whilst Oldbury has the lowest proportion in the Borough.
- Couple households (both married and co-habiting) are more prevalent in Bristnall and Oldbury (42.1% and 41.4% compared with 40.3% in Oldbury town).
- Most of the Oldbury Wards have a similar proportion of lone parents (with dependent children) to the town overall, with the exception of Old Warley which has a lower than average proportion of households within this category (7.4% compared with 8.6%). This is the third lowest of the Sandwell wards.
- At 5.9%, Bristnall has the highest proportion of Sandwell wards in terms of lone parents (with non-dependent children only).
- Old Warley has a higher proportion of 'all other households' than Oldbury town. This includes households made up of unrelated adults or more than one family.

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 Oldbury town has fallen from 79.6% in 2001 to 67.6% in 2011.

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.	%
Bristnall	8,688	71.5	376	3.1	1,114	9.2	346	2.8	73	0.6	281	2.3
Langley	9,676	74.6	459	3.5	985	7.6	179	1.4	63	0.5	221	1.7
Oldbury	6,909	50.8	739	5.4	2,127	15.6	1,327	9.8	76	0.6	481	3.5
Old Warley	8,946	75.1	442	3.7	960	8.1	143	1.2	50	0.4	246	2.1
TOWN	34,219	67.6	2,016	4.0	5,186	10.2	1,995	3.9	262	0.5	1,229	2.4
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.	%
Bristnall	562	4.6	394	3.2	98	0.8	82	0.7	12	0.1	125	1.0
Langley	473	3.6	512	3.9	158	1.2	119	0.9	10	0.1	114	0.9
Oldbury	514	3.8	782	5.7	244	1.8	138	1.0	15	0.1	254	1.9
Old Warley	392	3.3	442	3.7	106	0.9	78	0.7	16	0.1	94	0.8
TOWN	1,941	3.8	2,130	4.2	606	1.2	417	0.8	53	0.1	587	1.2
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.

Oldbury town has relatively high proportions of people of Pakistani and Mixed Ethnicity compared to the other Sandwell towns, at 3.9% and 3.8% respectively. However, the proportion of Pakistani residents is still below the borough average.

- The proportion of Bangladeshi residents in the town is also below the borough average, and at 0.5% is the second lowest of the six towns.
- Within the town, Bristnall ward has the highest proportion for the Mixed Ethnic group (4.6%) and Oldbury ward for the Pakistani community (9.8%).
- At 49.2%, Oldbury ward has a relatively high proportion of residents overall from all Minority Ethnic groups (that is, all ethnic groups other than White British). Oldbury ward ranks in the bottom six among all Sandwell wards in terms of the White British population.

Religion 2011

	Christian		Sikh		Muslim		Hindu		Other Religion		No Religion		Not Stated	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Bristnall	7,028	57.8	1,097	9.0	495	4.1	136	1.1	73	0.6	2,525	20.8	797	6.6
Langley	7,771	59.9	826	6.4	383	3.0	175	1.3	87	0.7	2,952	22.8	775	6.0
Oldbury	6,429	47.3	2,143	15.8	1,462	10.7	341	2.5	108	0.8	2,303	16.9	820	6.0
Old Warley	7,390	62.0	932	7.8	245	2.1	123	1.0	91	0.8	2,385	20.0	749	6.3
TOWN	28,618	56.5	4,998	9.9	2,585	5.1	775	1.5	359	0.7	10,165	20.1	3,141	6.2
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.

Oldbury town overall has a similar proportion of Christian residents to Sandwell, but is lower in terms of most other religious affiliations. The proportion of residents who stated they follow no religion is above the Borough average.

- At 15.8%, Oldbury ward is fourth highest of all wards in Sandwell in terms of residents who state their religion is Sikh. This ward also has a relatively high proportion of Muslims compared to the town and borough averages.
- Old Warley ranks 5th out of all Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of Christian residents (62%, which compares with a borough average of 55.2%). This ward ranks fifth lowest for the proportion of Muslims.
- Bristnall and Langley are both above the Sandwell average in terms of the proportion of Christians (57.8% and 59.9% respectively compared with an average of 55.2%).

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.	%
Bristnall	10,805	88.9	67	0.6	251	2.1	1,028	8.5	4305	90.6	166	3.5
Langley	11,539	89.0	59	0.5	334	2.6	1,037	8.0	5050	91.9	207	3.8
Oldbury	10,649	78.3	39	0.3	633	4.7	2,285	16.8	4317	80.6	421	7.9
Old Warley	10,715	89.9	142	1.2	215	1.8	843	7.1	4604	93.1	115	2.3
TOWN	43,708	86.3	307	0.6	1,433	2.8	5,193	10.3	18,276	88.9	909	4.4
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. Oldbury town is above the Sandwell average in terms of the proportion of residents who were born in the United Kingdom, and is below average for residents born outside of the European Union.

- Old Warley ranks third in terms of the proportion of residents born in Ireland, although this only accounts for 1.2% of residents in the ward overall.
- Oldbury ward has a high proportion of residents born outside of the EU - at 16.8%, this is more than double the proportions of the other wards which make up the town, and ranks sixth highest of all Sandwell wards.

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 Oldbury town, 4.4% of households have no residents who have English as a main language - below the average for the Borough.

- Oldbury ward has a relatively high proportion of households where no residents have English as a main language (7.9% compared with a town average of 4.4%).
- Old Warley has a high proportion of households where all have English as a main language (93.1%). This reflects residents' country of birth.

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. Oldbury town has the greatest proportion of residents who are economically active out of the six towns (68.9%) and also the highest proportion of residents in full-time employment (39.6%). Within the town:

- Oldbury ward has the highest proportion of residents in full-time employment (41.4%), this is the second highest of all Sandwell wards.
- Old Warley has a relatively high proportion of self-employed (7.3%), the second highest of all Sandwell wards.
- Unemployment within the town is highest in Oldbury ward and lowest in Old Warley (at 5.1%, this is the lowest in the Borough).

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 %									
Bristnall	38.1	13.7	6.2	7.0	2.6	14.2	5.0	4.5	5.7	2.9	8,681
Langley	38.8	13.8	5.1	7.0	3.2	14.0	5.0	5.0	5.6	2.7	9,368
Oldbury	41.4	12.6	5.7	7.5	2.9	9.8	5.3	5.9	5.3	3.6	9,848
Old Warley	39.9	14.5	7.3	5.1	3.0	15.2	4.8	3.9	4.2	2.2	8,434
TOWN	39.6	13.6	6.1	6.7	2.9	13.2	5.0	4.9	5.2	2.9	36,331
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

Oldbury town has the lowest level of economic inactivity among 16-74 year olds of the six towns (31.1%). Within this category:

- The highest proportion of retired residents (aged 16-74) are in Old Warley (15.2%), as would be expected from its' older age profile.
- Most wards in the town have a lower proportion of residents looking after the home or family than Sandwell as a whole, except for Oldbury ward which is the same as the Borough average.
- The proportion who are long-term sick or disabled is lowest in Old Warley (4.2%).

- The proportion of students is similar to the Borough average in most 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.	%
Bristnall	3,361	34.9	1,415	14.7	1,538	16.0	295	3.1	1,031	10.7	1,472	15.3	527	5.5
Langley	3,594	34.6	1,612	15.5	1,696	16.4	315	3.0	1,166	11.2	1,346	13.0	644	6.2
Oldbury	3,291	31.2	1,557	14.7	1,594	15.1	220	2.1	1,171	11.1	1,823	17.3	903	8.6
Old Warley	2,829	29.3	1,344	13.9	1,518	15.7	323	3.3	1,142	11.8	2,012	20.8	484	5.0
TOWN	13,075	32.5	5,928	14.7	6,346	15.8	1,153	2.9	4,510	11.2	6,653	16.5	2,558	6.4
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.

Oldbury town has a slightly higher proportion of residents with the highest level qualifications, level 4 or above, than Sandwell as a whole and a lower proportion of residents with no qualifications. Within the town:

- Old Warley has the greatest proportion of highly qualified residents, 20.8% are qualified to level 4 or above.
- Bristnall has the highest proportion with no qualifications (34.9%), but this is still lower than the Borough average.

The 2011 Census asked for the first time whether any qualifications had been gained outside the UK. In Oldbury town, 5.1% of residents aged 16 and over had foreign qualifications,. Within the town, Oldbury ward had the highest proportion, at 8.3%.

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 Oldbury town overall are higher than the Sandwell average, with a total of 20,619 cars and vans available to households living within the town.

- 35.1% of households in Langley are without a car or van in the town, higher than both the town and borough averages.
- 46.2% of households in Oldbury ward have access to 1 car or van, the second highest of all Sandwell wards.
- 28.4% of households in Old Warley have access to 2 or more cars or vans, the fifth highest of all Sandwell wards.

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.	%
Bristnall	1,422	29.9	2,096	44.1	1,236	26.0
Langley	1,932	35.1	2,345	42.7	1,220	22.1
Oldbury	1,664	31.1	2,477	46.2	1,215	22.6
Old Warley	1,347	27.2	2,195	44.4	1,402	28.4
TOWN	6,365	31.0	9,113	44.3	5,073	24.7
SANDWELL	41,197	33.9	51,922	42.7	28,379	23.4

¹ Households

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 Oldbury town, 10.3% of residents said they were limited a little, whilst 9.0% said they were limited a lot, similar to the Sandwell average.

- Oldbury ward fares much better on this indicator, at 9.0% and 9.2% respectively - the fourth lowest of Sandwell's wards on both indicators.
- Old Warley is higher than the town average in terms of those whose daily activities are limited a little (11.5% compared with 10.3%). This will be due in part to the older age profile of this ward.

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

- Oldbury ward is relatively high in terms of those stating their level of health is good or very good - at 78.7% this is third highest of the Sandwell wards.

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. 11.6% of Oldbury town residents provide unpaid care, slightly higher than the Sandwell average.

- Of all Sandwell wards, Old Warley has the highest proportion of residents providing unpaid care (12.9%). Again, this is likely to be due to the age profile of the ward.
- Bristnall is the fourth highest of Sandwell wards in terms of residents providing unpaid care for 50 hours a week or more.

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
Bristnall	11.3	10.6	75.9	16.4	7.8	5.7	12.7	3.9
Langley	11.3	10.3	75.4	16.7	7.9	5.6	11.0	3.2
Oldbury	9.2	9.0	78.7	14.7	6.6	5.3	10.0	2.7
Old Warley	10.4	11.5	77.5	15.7	6.7	4.2	12.9	3.4
TOWN	10.5	10.3	76.9	15.9	7.2	5.2	11.6	3.3
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. Oldbury town has the highest level of owner-occupation of the six towns in the Borough. The proportion of households in privately rented accommodation has increased to 13.2%, which is similar to Sandwell as a whole. It has the lowest proportion of social rented housing of the six towns.

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	% Over-crowded HHS ⁴
Bristnall	62.2	25.8	9.6	0.2	4,961	4.2	9.5	21.9	3.7	6.8
Langley	55.4	28.8	13.3	0.3	5,696	3.5	5.9	25.8	4.1	7.3
Oldbury	57.5	20.3	19.6	0.7	5,643	5.1	13.3	25.0	3.0	10.7
Old Warley	70.1	17.6	9.6	1.1	5,199	4.9	9.0	16.5	3.0	5.4
TOWN	61.1	23.2	13.2	0.6	21,499	4.4	9.4	22.5	3.5	7.6
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.

- Old Warley has the highest level of owner occupation, at 70.1%, this is the third highest of all Sandwell wards.
- The highest proportion of socially rented housing is in Langley (28.8%), this is the only ward in the town which is higher than the Sandwell average.
- The proportion of privately rented housing is highest in Oldbury (19.6%), this is the third highest of all Sandwell wards. Oldbury ward has seen a large increase in households renting from a private landlord or letting agency, from 313 households (6.9%) in 2001 to 1009 (18.8%) in 2011.

Vacancy rates in the town are similar to that for Sandwell as a whole. The proportion of detached and terraced housing are both lower than the Borough average. Within the town:

- Oldbury ward has the highest vacancy rate (5.1%), and highest proportion of detached housing (13.3%), Langley has the highest proportion of terraced housing (25.8%).

In Oldbury town, the proportion of households lacking central heating is similar to the Borough average and overcrowding is slightly lower.

- Oldbury ward has a higher than average proportion of overcrowded households (10.7%), meaning 1 in 10 households have an occupancy rating of -1 or less.

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

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

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