

The 2021 Census Profile for Sandwell aims to provide an overview of the socio-economic conditions within the borough, each of its six towns, and its constituent wards.

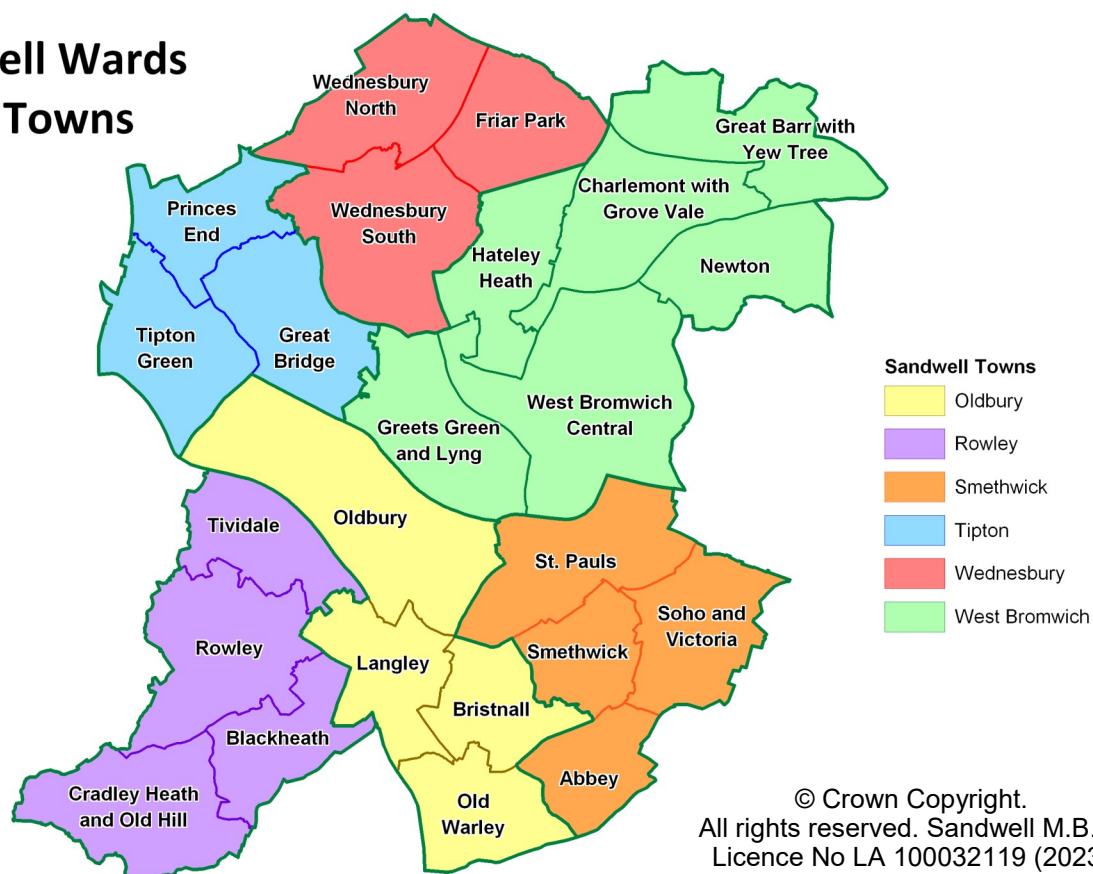
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Sandwell Wards and Towns



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Population Change & Structure

Since 2011, Sandwell's population has increased by 11.0%. However, there has been a large variation by ward, with the majority of wards seeing an increase in population.

- Notably Blackheath has seen a decline in the number of residents (-1.9%).
- Friar Park and Bristnall only saw relatively small increases (1.3% and 3.0% respectively).
- Soho & Victoria, Greets Green & Lyng, Wednesbury South and Tipton Green have all seen increases of over 20% in terms of the number of residents - in Soho & Victoria this rise equates to an additional 4,590 people (+30.5%).
- Soho & Victoria also saw a rise of over 30% between 2001 & 2011.
- Smethwick town saw the largest population increase overall, with a rise of 16%.

In terms of broad age groups:

- Soho & Victoria ward has seen a particularly large increase in the younger age groups, with a 10% increase in the proportion aged under 20, and a 20% increase in the number aged 20-64 (the largest increase of all Sandwell wards for both of these age groups). There has also been a rise in those aged 65 & over.
- Greets Green & Lyng ward has also seen a large increase in the younger age groups, with a 9% increase in the proportion aged under 20, and a 15.9% increase in the number aged 20-64 (the second largest increase of all Sandwell wards for both of these age groups).
- Blackheath ward has seen a fall in the proportion of under 20s (-2.3%). The ward has also seen a fall in the proportion aged 20-64 (-1.2%). These are the largest falls of all Sandwell wards.
- The largest increases in the 65 & over age group have been in Wednesbury South, Rowley and Oldbury wards (+2.5%, 2% and 1.9% respectively).
- Smethwick town saw the largest increases in terms of younger age groups, with a rise of 5.7% in under 20s, and 10% in those aged 20-64.

West Bromwich town is Sandwell's largest in terms of the number of residents (with a total population of 83,634 in 2021), and makes up 24.5% of Sandwell's total population. The smallest town is Wednesbury (with a population of 41,335, 12.1% of the borough's total). Considering more detailed age groups (see table on page 5):

- Blackheath has high proportions of the older age groups, with 20.5% of its population aged 50-64, 9.7% aged 65-74 and 9.5% aged 75 & over. These are all higher than the Borough average, and among the highest proportions of all Sandwell wards.
- St. Pauls and Soho & Victoria both have a high proportion of under 16s and 16-24s compared to the Sandwell average. Both wards are also among the lowest in terms of the proportions in the older age groups.
- Abbey ward has the highest proportion of 25-49 year olds in the borough (39.3%). This compares with a Sandwell average of 34.4%.

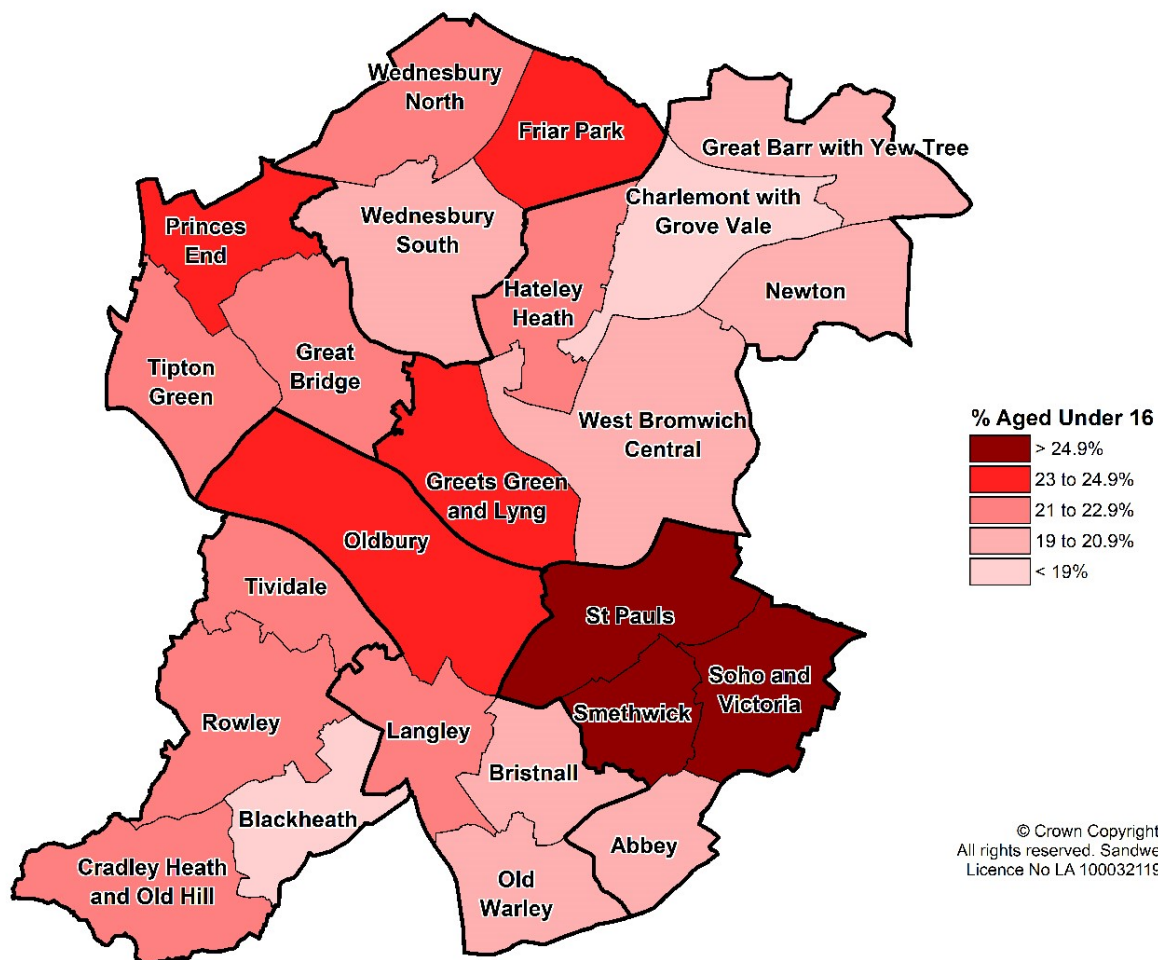
Population Change by Broad Age Band 2011-2021

| | Under 20 | | | 20-64 | | | 65 & over | | | All Ages | | |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2021 | % Change | 2011 | 2021 | % Change | 2011 | 2021 | % Change | 2011 | 2021 | % Change |
| Abbey | 2,687 | 2,934 | 2.1 | 7,570 | 7,672 | 0.9 | 1,495 | 1,580 | 0.7 | 11,752 | 12,186 | 3.7 |
| Blackheath | 3,069 | 2,784 | -2.3 | 7,116 | 6,970 | -1.2 | 2,107 | 2,306 | 1.6 | 12,292 | 12,060 | -1.9 |
| Bristnall | 3,201 | 3,164 | -0.3 | 6,928 | 7,217 | 2.4 | 2,022 | 2,138 | 1.0 | 12,151 | 12,519 | 3.0 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 2,665 | 2,885 | 1.8 | 7,008 | 7,342 | 2.8 | 2,291 | 2,483 | 1.6 | 11,964 | 12,710 | 6.2 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 3,419 | 3,837 | 3.1 | 7,879 | 8,639 | 5.6 | 2,267 | 2,485 | 1.6 | 13,565 | 14,961 | 10.3 |
| Friar Park | 3,560 | 3,715 | 1.2 | 7,135 | 7,180 | 0.4 | 1,930 | 1,895 | -0.3 | 12,625 | 12,790 | 1.3 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 3,257 | 3,386 | 1.0 | 7,269 | 7,900 | 5.0 | 2,071 | 2,223 | 1.2 | 12,597 | 13,509 | 7.2 |
| Great Bridge | 3,432 | 3,910 | 3.7 | 7,823 | 8,577 | 5.8 | 1,707 | 1,939 | 1.8 | 12,962 | 14,426 | 11.3 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 3,380 | 4,440 | 9.0 | 6,629 | 8,500 | 15.9 | 1,760 | 1,783 | 0.2 | 11,769 | 14,723 | 25.1 |
| Hateley Heath | 4,035 | 4,159 | 0.9 | 8,139 | 8,794 | 4.6 | 2,053 | 2,167 | 0.8 | 14,227 | 15,120 | 6.3 |
| Langley | 3,310 | 3,711 | 3.1 | 7,529 | 8,357 | 6.4 | 2,130 | 2,017 | -0.9 | 12,969 | 14,085 | 8.6 |
| Newton | 2,750 | 2,977 | 2.0 | 6,522 | 6,904 | 3.3 | 2,286 | 2,265 | -0.2 | 11,558 | 12,146 | 5.1 |
| Old Warley | 2,883 | 3,214 | 2.8 | 6,670 | 7,145 | 4.0 | 2,362 | 2,362 | 0.0 | 11,915 | 12,721 | 6.8 |
| Oldbury | 3,712 | 4,350 | 4.7 | 8,366 | 9,461 | 8.0 | 1,528 | 1,793 | 1.9 | 13,606 | 15,604 | 14.7 |
| Princes End | 3,707 | 4,149 | 3.4 | 7,510 | 8,039 | 4.1 | 1,764 | 1,952 | 1.4 | 12,981 | 14,140 | 8.9 |
| Rowley | 3,167 | 3,569 | 3.4 | 6,585 | 7,838 | 10.6 | 2,032 | 2,262 | 2.0 | 11,784 | 13,669 | 16.0 |
| Smethwick | 3,978 | 4,707 | 5.2 | 8,109 | 8,774 | 4.7 | 2,059 | 1,991 | -0.5 | 14,146 | 15,472 | 9.4 |
| Soho & Victoria | 5,165 | 6,673 | 10.0 | 8,441 | 11,451 | 20.0 | 1,436 | 1,505 | 0.5 | 15,042 | 19,629 | 30.5 |
| St. Pauls | 4,634 | 5,310 | 4.8 | 8,096 | 9,819 | 12.1 | 1,496 | 1,591 | 0.7 | 14,226 | 16,720 | 17.5 |
| Tipton Green | 3,476 | 4,313 | 6.5 | 7,473 | 9,153 | 13.1 | 1,885 | 2,093 | 1.6 | 12,834 | 15,559 | 21.2 |
| Tividale | 3,407 | 3,579 | 1.4 | 7,264 | 7,474 | 1.7 | 1,945 | 2,029 | 0.7 | 12,616 | 13,082 | 3.7 |
| Wednesbury North | 3,436 | 3,625 | 1.5 | 7,373 | 7,628 | 2.0 | 1,873 | 2,065 | 1.5 | 12,682 | 13,318 | 5.0 |
| Wednesbury South | 2,963 | 3,889 | 7.4 | 7,329 | 8,804 | 11.8 | 2,218 | 2,534 | 2.5 | 12,510 | 15,227 | 21.7 |
| West Bromwich Central | 3,123 | 3,811 | 5.2 | 8,043 | 9,394 | 10.2 | 2,124 | 2,221 | 0.7 | 13,290 | 15,426 | 16.1 |
| OLDBURY | 13,106 | 14,439 | 2.6 | 29,493 | 32,180 | 5.3 | 8,042 | 8,310 | 0.5 | 50,641 | 54,929 | 8.5 |
| ROWLEY | 13,062 | 13,769 | 1.4 | 28,844 | 30,921 | 4.1 | 8,351 | 9,082 | 1.5 | 50,257 | 53,772 | 7.0 |
| SMETHWICK | 16,464 | 19,624 | 5.7 | 32,216 | 37,716 | 10.0 | 6,486 | 6,667 | 0.3 | 55,166 | 64,007 | 16.0 |
| TIPTON | 10,615 | 12,372 | 4.5 | 22,806 | 25,769 | 7.6 | 5,356 | 5,984 | 1.6 | 38,777 | 44,125 | 13.8 |
| WEDNESBURY | 9,959 | 11,229 | 3.4 | 21,837 | 23,612 | 4.7 | 6,021 | 6,494 | 1.3 | 37,817 | 41,335 | 9.3 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 19,210 | 21,658 | 3.2 | 43,610 | 48,834 | 6.9 | 12,585 | 13,142 | 0.7 | 75,405 | 83,634 | 10.9 |
| SANDWELL | 82,416 | 93,100 | 3.5 | 178,806 | 199,031 | 6.6 | 46,841 | 49,704 | 0.9 | 308,063 | 341,835 | 11.0 |

Source: 2011 & 2021 Census.

- Charlemont with Grove Vale has a smaller proportion of under 16s than average (18.0% compared with 22% for the borough). This is the lowest proportion of all Sandwell wards.
- Old Warley, Charlemont with Grove Vale and Blackheath all have a low proportion of those aged 25 to 49 (31.4%, 31.6% and 31.6% respectively). In contrast, these wards all have a high proportion of those aged 65-74.
- One in five Blackheath and Bristnall residents are aged 50-64, compared with a Sandwell average of 17.9%. These are the highest of all Sandwell wards.
- The three wards to the north of West Bromwich 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 five of all Sandwell wards. Old Warley (at 8.9%) also has a high proportion of this age group.
- Smethwick town is by far the youngest of the six towns, with the highest proportion of under 16s, 16-24s and 25-49s, and the lowest proportion of those aged 50-64, 65-74 and 75 & over, of all the towns.

Map 1: Proportion of Residents Aged Under 16 by Ward 2021



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Population by Age 2021

| | 0-15 | | 16-24 | | 25-49 | | 50-64 | | 65-74 | | 75+ | | All Ages |
|----------------------------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Abbey | 2,467 | 20.2 | 1,197 | 9.8 | 4790 | 39.3 | 2,152 | 17.7 | 858 | 7.0 | 722 | 5.9 | 12,186 |
| Blackheath | 2,232 | 18.5 | 1,244 | 10.3 | 3806 | 31.6 | 2,472 | 20.5 | 1,165 | 9.7 | 1141 | 9.5 | 12,060 |
| Bristnall | 2,572 | 20.5 | 1,281 | 10.2 | 4024 | 32.1 | 2,504 | 20.0 | 1,194 | 9.5 | 944 | 7.5 | 12,519 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 2,286 | 18.0 | 1,433 | 11.3 | 4020 | 31.6 | 2,488 | 19.6 | 1,315 | 10.3 | 1168 | 9.2 | 12,710 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 3,173 | 21.2 | 1,517 | 10.1 | 5077 | 33.9 | 2,709 | 18.1 | 1,303 | 8.7 | 1182 | 7.9 | 14,961 |
| Friar Park | 3,116 | 24.4 | 1,219 | 9.5 | 4138 | 32.4 | 2,422 | 18.9 | 1,032 | 8.1 | 863 | 6.7 | 12,790 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 2,755 | 20.4 | 1,363 | 10.1 | 4595 | 34.0 | 2,573 | 19.0 | 1,131 | 8.4 | 1092 | 8.1 | 13,509 |
| Great Bridge | 3,131 | 21.7 | 1,648 | 11.4 | 5028 | 34.9 | 2,680 | 18.6 | 1,045 | 7.2 | 894 | 6.2 | 14,426 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 3,584 | 24.3 | 1,797 | 12.2 | 5176 | 35.2 | 2,383 | 16.2 | 952 | 6.5 | 831 | 5.6 | 14,723 |
| Hateley Heath | 3,387 | 22.4 | 1,703 | 11.3 | 5175 | 34.2 | 2,688 | 17.8 | 1,112 | 7.4 | 1055 | 7.0 | 15,120 |
| Langley | 3,061 | 21.7 | 1,459 | 10.4 | 4839 | 34.4 | 2,709 | 19.2 | 1,068 | 7.6 | 949 | 6.7 | 14,085 |
| Newton | 2,351 | 19.4 | 1,275 | 10.5 | 3885 | 32.0 | 2,370 | 19.5 | 1,072 | 8.8 | 1193 | 9.8 | 12,146 |
| Old Warley | 2,604 | 20.5 | 1,238 | 9.7 | 3996 | 31.4 | 2,521 | 19.8 | 1,230 | 9.7 | 1132 | 8.9 | 12,721 |
| Oldbury | 3,631 | 23.3 | 1,693 | 10.8 | 5854 | 37.5 | 2,633 | 16.9 | 1,059 | 6.8 | 734 | 4.7 | 15,604 |
| Princes End | 3,448 | 24.4 | 1,588 | 11.2 | 4669 | 33.0 | 2,483 | 17.6 | 1,098 | 7.8 | 854 | 6.0 | 14,140 |
| Rowley | 2,914 | 21.3 | 1,384 | 10.1 | 4576 | 33.5 | 2,533 | 18.5 | 1,170 | 8.6 | 1092 | 8.0 | 13,669 |
| Smethwick | 3,869 | 25.0 | 1,804 | 11.7 | 5315 | 34.4 | 2,493 | 16.1 | 1,004 | 6.5 | 987 | 6.4 | 15,472 |
| Soho & Victoria | 5,472 | 27.9 | 2,611 | 13.3 | 7474 | 38.1 | 2,567 | 13.1 | 847 | 4.3 | 658 | 3.4 | 19,629 |
| St. Pauls | 4,231 | 25.3 | 2,348 | 14.0 | 6080 | 36.4 | 2,470 | 14.8 | 876 | 5.2 | 715 | 4.3 | 16,720 |
| Tipton Green | 3,525 | 22.7 | 1,707 | 11.0 | 5477 | 35.2 | 2,757 | 17.7 | 1,127 | 7.2 | 966 | 6.2 | 15,559 |
| Tividale | 2,890 | 22.1 | 1,353 | 10.3 | 4350 | 33.3 | 2,460 | 18.8 | 1,057 | 8.1 | 972 | 7.4 | 13,082 |
| Wednesbury North | 2,911 | 21.9 | 1,437 | 10.8 | 4367 | 32.8 | 2,538 | 19.1 | 1,192 | 9.0 | 873 | 6.6 | 13,318 |
| Wednesbury South | 3,132 | 20.6 | 1,564 | 10.3 | 5102 | 33.5 | 2,895 | 19.0 | 1,368 | 9.0 | 1166 | 7.7 | 15,227 |
| West Bromwich Central | 3,059 | 19.8 | 1,799 | 11.7 | 5686 | 36.9 | 2,661 | 17.3 | 1,220 | 7.9 | 1001 | 6.5 | 15,426 |
| OLDBURY | 11,868 | 21.6 | 5,671 | 10.3 | 18713 | 34.1 | 10,367 | 18.9 | 4,551 | 8.3 | 3759 | 6.8 | 54,929 |
| ROWLEY | 11,209 | 20.8 | 5,498 | 10.2 | 17809 | 33.1 | 10,174 | 18.9 | 4,695 | 8.7 | 4387 | 8.2 | 53,772 |
| SMETHWICK | 16,039 | 25.1 | 7,960 | 12.4 | 23659 | 37.0 | 9,682 | 15.1 | 3,585 | 5.6 | 3082 | 4.8 | 64,007 |
| TIPTON | 10,104 | 22.9 | 4,943 | 11.2 | 15174 | 34.4 | 7,920 | 17.9 | 3,270 | 7.4 | 2714 | 6.2 | 44,125 |
| WEDNESBURY | 9,159 | 22.2 | 4,220 | 10.2 | 13607 | 32.9 | 7,855 | 19.0 | 3,592 | 8.7 | 2902 | 7.0 | 41,335 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 17,422 | 20.8 | 9,370 | 11.2 | 28537 | 34.1 | 15,163 | 18.1 | 6,802 | 8.1 | 6340 | 7.6 | 83,634 |
| SANDWELL | 75,804 | 22.2 | 37,669 | 11.0 | 117500 | 34.4 | 61,158 | 17.9 | 26,514 | 7.8 | 23190 | 6.8 | 341,835 |

Source: 2021 Census.

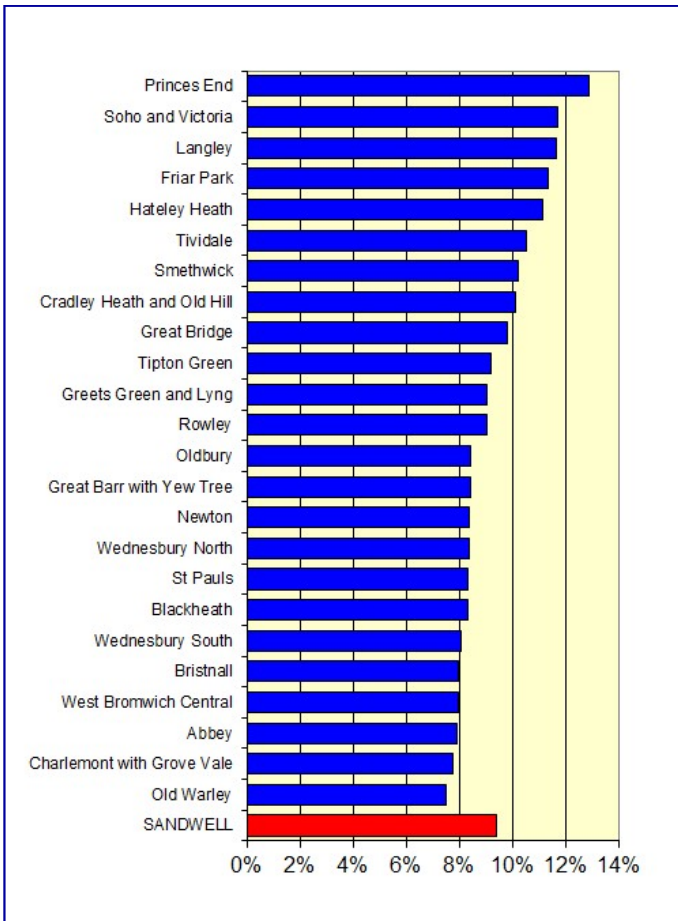
Household Characteristics

There are 130,246 households with residents in Sandwell, a rise of 7.2% since 2011. The average household size in Sandwell is 2.42, which is slightly above the England & Wales average of 2.4. In terms of household composition, in 2021, 38,042 households in Sandwell are made up of only one person.

Considering household composition by ward:

- The ward with the largest number of households is Soho & Victoria, with 6,277. The smallest is Bristnall, with 4,765.
- West Bromwich Central (25%), Oldbury (22.5%) and Langley (21.5%) have a relatively large proportion of single person households (non-pensioners) and rank in the top three of all wards. Great Barr with Yew Tree (13.2%) has the lowest proportion.
- At 15.6%, Blackheath has a high proportion of lone pensioner households - the largest of all Sandwell wards. Newton and Old Warley are also in the top three. St. Pauls has the lowest proportion in the Borough (7.1%).
- At 6.9%, Newton has the highest proportion of Sandwell wards in terms of lone parents (with non-dependent children only).

Graph 1: Lone Parents with Dependent Children by Ward 2021



- At 12.9%, Princes End ward has the highest proportion of lone parents (with dependent children) of all Sandwell wards, whilst the second highest are Soho & Victoria and Langley (both with 11.7%). Old Warley has the lowest proportion of lone parents (with dependent children) at 7.5%.
- Tividale, Rowley and Wednesbury North wards have the largest proportions of couple households of all Sandwell wards (at 45.1%, 45.0% and 44.0% respectively).
- Cradley Heath & Old Hill has the lowest proportion of 'all other households' in Sandwell. This includes households made up of unrelated adults or more than one family.
- Smethwick town has a particularly high proportion of this type of household (18.1%).

Household Composition 2021

| | 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. | % | |
| Abbey | 1,022 | 19.9 | 561 | 10.9 | 2,107 | 41.0 | 407 | 7.9 | 267 | 5.2 | 772 | 15.0 | 5,136 |
| Blackheath | 850 | 16.5 | 801 | 15.6 | 2,012 | 39.1 | 428 | 8.3 | 290 | 5.6 | 768 | 14.9 | 5,149 |
| Bristnall | 695 | 14.6 | 627 | 13.2 | 1,978 | 41.5 | 380 | 8.0 | 318 | 6.7 | 767 | 16.1 | 4,765 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 827 | 16.2 | 636 | 12.4 | 2,020 | 39.5 | 397 | 7.8 | 271 | 5.3 | 966 | 18.9 | 5,117 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 1,292 | 20.7 | 799 | 12.8 | 2,431 | 38.9 | 631 | 10.1 | 312 | 5.0 | 777 | 12.4 | 6,242 |
| Friar Park | 739 | 14.9 | 603 | 12.1 | 2,150 | 43.3 | 563 | 11.3 | 271 | 5.5 | 641 | 12.9 | 4,967 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 676 | 13.2 | 593 | 11.6 | 2,233 | 43.6 | 433 | 8.5 | 283 | 5.5 | 905 | 17.7 | 5,123 |
| Great Bridge | 963 | 17.6 | 562 | 10.3 | 2,287 | 41.9 | 535 | 9.8 | 334 | 6.1 | 779 | 14.3 | 5,460 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 909 | 17.3 | 649 | 12.4 | 2,077 | 39.6 | 476 | 9.1 | 275 | 5.2 | 865 | 16.5 | 5,251 |
| Hateley Heath | 936 | 16.8 | 598 | 10.7 | 2,213 | 39.7 | 622 | 11.2 | 326 | 5.8 | 880 | 15.8 | 5,575 |
| Langley | 1,263 | 21.5 | 706 | 12.0 | 2,137 | 36.4 | 686 | 11.7 | 310 | 5.3 | 773 | 13.2 | 5,875 |
| Newton | 746 | 15.4 | 667 | 13.7 | 1,874 | 38.6 | 408 | 8.4 | 337 | 6.9 | 823 | 17.0 | 4,855 |
| Old Warley | 755 | 14.7 | 775 | 15.1 | 2,123 | 41.5 | 385 | 7.5 | 298 | 5.8 | 784 | 15.3 | 5,120 |
| Oldbury | 1,319 | 22.5 | 515 | 8.8 | 2,326 | 39.7 | 496 | 8.5 | 328 | 5.6 | 878 | 15.0 | 5,862 |
| Princes End | 1,028 | 18.3 | 610 | 10.9 | 2,264 | 40.3 | 724 | 12.9 | 275 | 4.9 | 714 | 12.7 | 5,615 |
| Rowley | 787 | 14.3 | 701 | 12.8 | 2,466 | 45.0 | 496 | 9.0 | 280 | 5.1 | 756 | 13.8 | 5,486 |
| Smethwick | 872 | 16.3 | 621 | 11.6 | 2,024 | 37.9 | 546 | 10.2 | 347 | 6.5 | 932 | 17.4 | 5,342 |
| Soho & Victoria | 1,294 | 20.6 | 451 | 7.2 | 2,301 | 36.7 | 736 | 11.7 | 353 | 5.6 | 1142 | 18.2 | 6,277 |
| St. Pauls | 704 | 14.0 | 354 | 7.1 | 2,130 | 42.4 | 419 | 8.3 | 315 | 6.3 | 1097 | 21.9 | 5,019 |
| Tipton Green | 1,220 | 20.3 | 706 | 11.8 | 2,390 | 39.8 | 552 | 9.2 | 303 | 5.0 | 834 | 13.9 | 6,005 |
| Tividale | 776 | 15.3 | 522 | 10.3 | 2,290 | 45.1 | 535 | 10.5 | 228 | 4.5 | 731 | 14.4 | 5,082 |
| Wednesbury North | 849 | 17.0 | 544 | 10.9 | 2,205 | 44.0 | 419 | 8.4 | 250 | 5.0 | 740 | 14.8 | 5,007 |
| Wednesbury South | 988 | 16.8 | 747 | 12.7 | 2,389 | 40.5 | 475 | 8.1 | 310 | 5.3 | 984 | 16.7 | 5,893 |
| West Bromwich Central | 1,508 | 25.0 | 681 | 11.3 | 2,013 | 33.3 | 481 | 8.0 | 345 | 5.7 | 1010 | 16.7 | 6,038 |
| OLDBURY | 4,032 | 18.6 | 2,623 | 12.1 | 8,564 | 39.6 | 1,947 | 9.0 | 1,254 | 5.8 | 3202 | 14.8 | 21,622 |
| ROWLEY | 3,705 | 16.9 | 2,823 | 12.9 | 9,199 | 41.9 | 2,090 | 9.5 | 1,110 | 5.1 | 3032 | 13.8 | 21,959 |
| SMETHWICK | 3,892 | 17.9 | 1,987 | 9.1 | 8,562 | 39.3 | 2,108 | 9.7 | 1,282 | 5.9 | 3943 | 18.1 | 21,774 |
| TIPTON | 3,211 | 18.8 | 1,878 | 11.0 | 6,941 | 40.6 | 1,811 | 10.6 | 912 | 5.3 | 2327 | 13.6 | 17,080 |
| WEDNESBURY | 2,576 | 16.2 | 1,894 | 11.9 | 6,744 | 42.5 | 1,457 | 9.2 | 831 | 5.2 | 2365 | 14.9 | 15,867 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 5,602 | 17.5 | 3,824 | 12.0 | 12,430 | 38.9 | 2,817 | 8.8 | 1,837 | 5.7 | 5449 | 17.0 | 31,959 |
| SANDWELL | 23,017 | 17.7 | 15,025 | 11.5 | 52,436 | 40.3 | 12,228 | 9.4 | 7,228 | 5.5 | 20312 | 15.6 | 130,246 |

¹ HHs = Households
Source: 2021 Census.

Ethnic Background

The ethnic makeup of Sandwell has seen extensive changes since 2001. Just over half of Sandwell residents now class themselves as being of White British origin, and a further 5.2% are of Other White origin (which includes Irish and Gypsy Travellers). 42.8% of Sandwell's population are from other ethnic backgrounds. These Sandwell figures compare with England & Wales averages of 74.4%, 7.3% and 18.3% 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 2011.

Smethwick town has the highest ranked proportion of residents from Minority Ethnic groups in Sandwell (that is, all ethnic groups other than White British). These groups make up 75.6% of the town's population, which is considerably higher than West Bromwich town which ranks second with 55.8% of its population from Minority Ethnic groups.

- Three of the four wards in Smethwick town have a high proportion of residents from Minority Ethnic Groups, with Soho & Victoria, St. Pauls and Smethwick wards ranked first, second and fourth for this indicator across all Sandwell wards. In Soho & Victoria 90.2% of residents are from groups other than White British.
- Soho & Victoria ward has the highest ranked proportions of people from the Pakistani, Chinese & Asian Other, Black African and Black Other groups, out of all wards in Sandwell. The largest of these groups is Pakistani residents, which make up 21.1% of the ward's population. Away from Smethwick town, Oldbury ward ranks third for the Pakistani community (13.9%).
- St. Pauls ward has the highest ranked proportions of people from Bangladeshi groups (out of all Sandwell wards). 12.6% of St. Pauls residents are of Bangladeshi origin.
- Greets Green & Lyng has high proportions of Bangladeshi and Arab residents (at 11% and 1.4%, the ward ranks second out of all Sandwell wards for both groups). Wednesbury North ward also has a particularly high proportion of residents from the Bangladeshi community (11%), ranking joint second on this indicator.
- Abbey ward ranks highest of all Sandwell wards in terms of population from Other White groups at 11.2%, whilst West Bromwich Central ward is ranked second (at 8.0% of residents). West Bromwich Central also ranks highest in terms of residents of Indian origin (25.6%).
- In contrast, Princes End has very low proportions of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Chinese & Other Asian residents, ranking in the bottom three Sandwell wards for all four of these groups.
- At 8.0%, Newton has a high proportion of Black Caribbean residents, and ranks highest of all Sandwell wards.

The town of Rowley has the highest proportion of residents within the White British ethnic group of any town in Sandwell, with 74.9% of the population being part of this group compared to 52% for Sandwell as a whole.

- 78.8% of the population in Rowley ward are from the White British community. This is the highest proportion of all wards in Sandwell.
- Friar Park also has a very high proportion of residents from the White British ethnic group - at 78.1% this is the second largest proportion of all Sandwell wards.

Population by Ethnic Group 2021: White & Asian Groups

| | White | | | | Asian or Asian British | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|------|--------|------|------------------------|------|-----------|------|-------------|------|-----------------------|-----|
| | British | | Other | | Indian | | Pakistani | | Bangladeshi | | Chinese & Asian Other | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Abbey | 6,712 | 55.1 | 1,365 | 11.2 | 882 | 7.2 | 481 | 3.9 | 74 | 0.6 | 347 | 2.8 |
| Blackheath | 9,357 | 77.5 | 396 | 3.3 | 456 | 3.8 | 457 | 3.8 | 127 | 1.1 | 187 | 1.5 |
| Bristnall | 7,280 | 58.2 | 466 | 3.7 | 1,706 | 13.6 | 683 | 5.5 | 95 | 0.8 | 306 | 2.4 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 7,155 | 56.3 | 620 | 4.9 | 2,331 | 18.3 | 286 | 2.3 | 199 | 1.6 | 292 | 2.3 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 11,218 | 74.9 | 400 | 2.7 | 224 | 1.5 | 1,127 | 7.5 | 90 | 0.6 | 217 | 1.4 |
| Friar Park | 9,986 | 78.1 | 426 | 3.3 | 594 | 4.6 | 141 | 1.1 | 147 | 1.1 | 174 | 1.4 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 7,028 | 52.0 | 428 | 3.2 | 2,772 | 20.5 | 471 | 3.5 | 413 | 3.1 | 321 | 2.4 |
| Great Bridge | 8,730 | 60.5 | 892 | 6.2 | 1,618 | 11.2 | 528 | 3.7 | 552 | 3.8 | 280 | 1.9 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 5,063 | 34.4 | 1,002 | 6.8 | 2,320 | 15.8 | 1,001 | 6.8 | 1,621 | 11.0 | 784 | 5.3 |
| Hateley Heath | 7,889 | 52.2 | 986 | 6.5 | 2,453 | 16.2 | 323 | 2.1 | 302 | 2.0 | 389 | 2.6 |
| Langley | 8,425 | 59.8 | 622 | 4.4 | 1,446 | 10.3 | 543 | 3.9 | 74 | 0.5 | 363 | 2.6 |
| Newton | 5,662 | 46.6 | 578 | 4.8 | 2,041 | 16.8 | 479 | 3.9 | 284 | 2.3 | 398 | 3.3 |
| Old Warley | 7,855 | 61.8 | 702 | 5.5 | 1,372 | 10.8 | 375 | 2.9 | 66 | 0.5 | 337 | 2.7 |
| Oldbury | 5,741 | 36.8 | 980 | 6.3 | 2,968 | 19.0 | 2,177 | 13.9 | 100 | 0.6 | 519 | 3.3 |
| Princes End | 10,877 | 76.9 | 720 | 5.1 | 588 | 4.2 | 199 | 1.4 | 36 | 0.3 | 140 | 1.0 |
| Rowley | 10,772 | 78.8 | 369 | 2.7 | 585 | 4.3 | 425 | 3.1 | 49 | 0.4 | 153 | 1.1 |
| Smethwick | 4,576 | 29.6 | 807 | 5.2 | 3,057 | 19.8 | 2,144 | 13.9 | 405 | 2.6 | 684 | 4.4 |
| Soho & Victoria | 1,931 | 9.8 | 1,301 | 6.6 | 3,015 | 15.4 | 4,145 | 21.1 | 434 | 2.2 | 1,570 | 8.0 |
| St. Pauls | 2,376 | 14.2 | 711 | 4.2 | 3,947 | 23.6 | 3,140 | 18.8 | 2,105 | 12.6 | 990 | 5.9 |
| Tipton Green | 8,601 | 55.3 | 842 | 5.4 | 1,617 | 10.4 | 1,175 | 7.6 | 898 | 5.8 | 288 | 1.9 |
| Tividale | 8,934 | 68.3 | 598 | 4.6 | 997 | 7.6 | 406 | 3.1 | 33 | 0.3 | 226 | 1.7 |
| Wednesbury North | 9,275 | 69.6 | 498 | 3.7 | 714 | 5.4 | 195 | 1.5 | 1,471 | 11.0 | 127 | 1.0 |
| Wednesbury South | 8,330 | 54.7 | 785 | 5.2 | 2,724 | 17.9 | 248 | 1.6 | 375 | 2.5 | 516 | 3.4 |
| West Bromwich Central | 4,150 | 26.9 | 1,238 | 8.0 | 3,951 | 25.6 | 1,000 | 6.5 | 1,123 | 7.3 | 815 | 5.3 |
| OLDBURY | 29,301 | 53.4 | 2,770 | 5.0 | 7,492 | 13.6 | 3,778 | 6.9 | 335 | 0.6 | 1,525 | 2.8 |
| ROWLEY | 40,281 | 74.9 | 1,763 | 3.3 | 2,262 | 4.2 | 2,415 | 4.5 | 299 | 0.6 | 783 | 1.5 |
| SMETHWICK | 15,595 | 24.4 | 4,184 | 6.5 | 10,901 | 17.0 | 9,910 | 15.5 | 3,018 | 4.7 | 3,591 | 5.6 |
| TIPTON | 28,208 | 63.9 | 2,454 | 5.6 | 3,823 | 8.7 | 1,902 | 4.3 | 1,486 | 3.4 | 708 | 1.6 |
| WEDNESBURY | 27,591 | 66.7 | 1,709 | 4.1 | 4,032 | 9.8 | 584 | 1.4 | 1,993 | 4.8 | 817 | 2.0 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 36,947 | 44.2 | 4,852 | 5.8 | 15,868 | 19.0 | 3,560 | 4.3 | 3,942 | 4.7 | 2,999 | 3.6 |
| SANDWELL | 177,926 | 52.0 | 17,703 | 5.2 | 44,378 | 13.0 | 22,148 | 6.5 | 11,074 | 3.2 | 10,429 | 3.1 |

Source: 2021 Census.

Population by Ethnic Group 2021: Other Ethnic Groups

| | Mixed | | Black or Black British | | | | | | Arab | | Other Ethnic Group | |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|------------------------|-----|---------------|------|-------------|-----|-------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| | | | Black Caribbean | | Black African | | Black Other | | | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Abbey | 837 | 6.9 | 382 | 3.1 | 526 | 4.3 | 160 | 1.3 | 71 | 0.6 | 354 | 2.9 |
| Blackheath | 473 | 3.9 | 248 | 2.1 | 151 | 1.3 | 53 | 0.4 | 37 | 0.3 | 129 | 1.1 |
| Bristnall | 683 | 5.5 | 414 | 3.3 | 331 | 2.6 | 125 | 1.0 | 32 | 0.3 | 381 | 3.0 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 415 | 3.3 | 475 | 3.7 | 284 | 2.2 | 107 | 0.8 | 53 | 0.4 | 493 | 3.9 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 656 | 4.4 | 207 | 1.4 | 352 | 2.4 | 65 | 0.4 | 292 | 2.0 | 123 | 0.8 |
| Friar Park | 469 | 3.7 | 377 | 2.9 | 221 | 1.7 | 100 | 0.8 | 14 | 0.1 | 144 | 1.1 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 588 | 4.4 | 593 | 4.4 | 285 | 2.1 | 134 | 1.0 | 32 | 0.2 | 449 | 3.3 |
| Great Bridge | 483 | 3.3 | 404 | 2.8 | 436 | 3.0 | 153 | 1.1 | 20 | 0.1 | 330 | 2.3 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 623 | 4.2 | 631 | 4.3 | 529 | 3.6 | 173 | 1.2 | 208 | 1.4 | 768 | 5.2 |
| Hateley Heath | 652 | 4.3 | 824 | 5.4 | 424 | 2.8 | 334 | 2.2 | 34 | 0.2 | 512 | 3.4 |
| Langley | 792 | 5.6 | 553 | 3.9 | 483 | 3.4 | 259 | 1.8 | 135 | 1.0 | 387 | 2.7 |
| Newton | 628 | 5.2 | 967 | 8.0 | 443 | 3.6 | 211 | 1.7 | 35 | 0.3 | 427 | 3.5 |
| Old Warley | 709 | 5.6 | 450 | 3.5 | 221 | 1.7 | 97 | 0.8 | 94 | 0.7 | 434 | 3.4 |
| Oldbury | 625 | 4.0 | 882 | 5.6 | 666 | 4.3 | 204 | 1.3 | 27 | 0.2 | 728 | 4.7 |
| Princes End | 481 | 3.4 | 388 | 2.7 | 361 | 2.6 | 221 | 1.6 | 28 | 0.2 | 98 | 0.7 |
| Rowley | 521 | 3.8 | 213 | 1.6 | 241 | 1.8 | 112 | 0.8 | 44 | 0.3 | 192 | 1.4 |
| Smethwick | 882 | 5.7 | 707 | 4.6 | 887 | 5.7 | 260 | 1.7 | 55 | 0.4 | 1,010 | 6.5 |
| Soho & Victoria | 811 | 4.1 | 1,284 | 6.5 | 2,840 | 14.5 | 530 | 2.7 | 253 | 1.3 | 1,520 | 7.7 |
| St. Pauls | 610 | 3.6 | 681 | 4.1 | 784 | 4.7 | 236 | 1.4 | 71 | 0.4 | 1,088 | 6.5 |
| Tipton Green | 607 | 3.9 | 411 | 2.6 | 511 | 3.3 | 158 | 1.0 | 125 | 0.8 | 325 | 2.1 |
| Tividale | 620 | 4.7 | 442 | 3.4 | 333 | 2.5 | 172 | 1.3 | 46 | 0.4 | 273 | 2.1 |
| Wednesbury North | 399 | 3.0 | 177 | 1.3 | 163 | 1.2 | 78 | 0.6 | 85 | 0.6 | 141 | 1.1 |
| Wednesbury South | 485 | 3.2 | 567 | 3.7 | 461 | 3.0 | 148 | 1.0 | 35 | 0.2 | 548 | 3.6 |
| West Bromwich Central | 642 | 4.2 | 818 | 5.3 | 430 | 2.8 | 237 | 1.5 | 186 | 1.2 | 831 | 5.4 |
| OLDBURY | 2,809 | 5.1 | 2,299 | 4.2 | 1,701 | 3.1 | 685 | 1.2 | 288 | 0.5 | 1,930 | 3.5 |
| ROWLEY | 2,270 | 4.2 | 1,110 | 2.1 | 1,077 | 2.0 | 402 | 0.7 | 419 | 0.8 | 717 | 1.3 |
| SMETHWICK | 3,140 | 4.9 | 3,054 | 4.8 | 5,037 | 7.9 | 1,186 | 1.9 | 450 | 0.7 | 3,972 | 6.2 |
| TIPTON | 1,571 | 3.6 | 1,203 | 2.7 | 1,308 | 3.0 | 532 | 1.2 | 173 | 0.4 | 753 | 1.7 |
| WEDNESBURY | 1,353 | 3.3 | 1,121 | 2.7 | 845 | 2.0 | 326 | 0.8 | 134 | 0.3 | 833 | 2.0 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 3,548 | 4.2 | 4,308 | 5.2 | 2,395 | 2.9 | 1,196 | 1.4 | 548 | 0.7 | 3,480 | 4.2 |
| SANDWELL | 14,680 | 4.3 | 13,096 | 3.8 | 12,351 | 3.6 | 4,333 | 1.3 | 2,016 | 0.6 | 11,709 | 3.4 |

Source: 2021 Census.

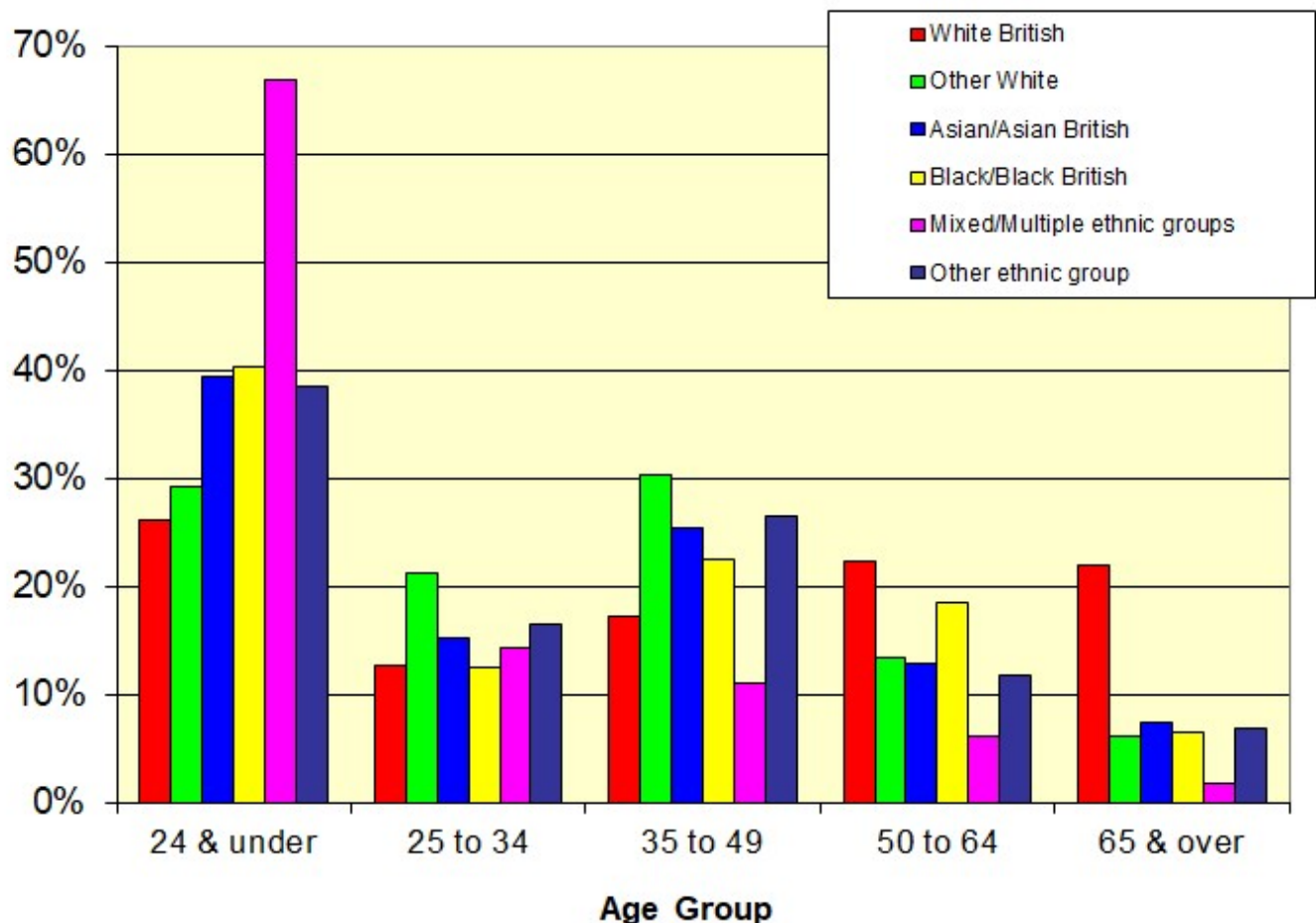
The ethnicity profile of the various age groups in Sandwell are markedly different.

- Older age groups are largely White, with over two thirds of those aged 50 to 64 and more than 80% of those aged 65 & over being of White origin. In particular, 78.7% of those aged 65 & over are White British. The next largest ethnic group of this age is those of Indian origin (9.0%).
- Over 30% of those aged under 25 are of Asian/Asian British origin. Mixed groups are also more prevalent among younger age groups - 8.6% of under 25s are of mixed/multiple ethnic origin.
- Those from Black groups are more prevalent among 35-49 year olds, with 9.5% of those aged 35-49 being from these groups.

Considering the age profile of the different ethnic groups, there are a few key points of note:

- 21.2% of those of “Other White” origin are aged 25 to 34, and 30.2% are aged 35 to 49, compared with 13.9% and 20.5% for all ethnic groups. This suggests recent migrants to this country are young working age.
- Two thirds of those of Mixed origin are aged under 25 (33.2% for all ethnic groups). 40.3% of those of Black/Black British origin are in this youngest age group.

Graph 2: Age by Ethnicity 2021

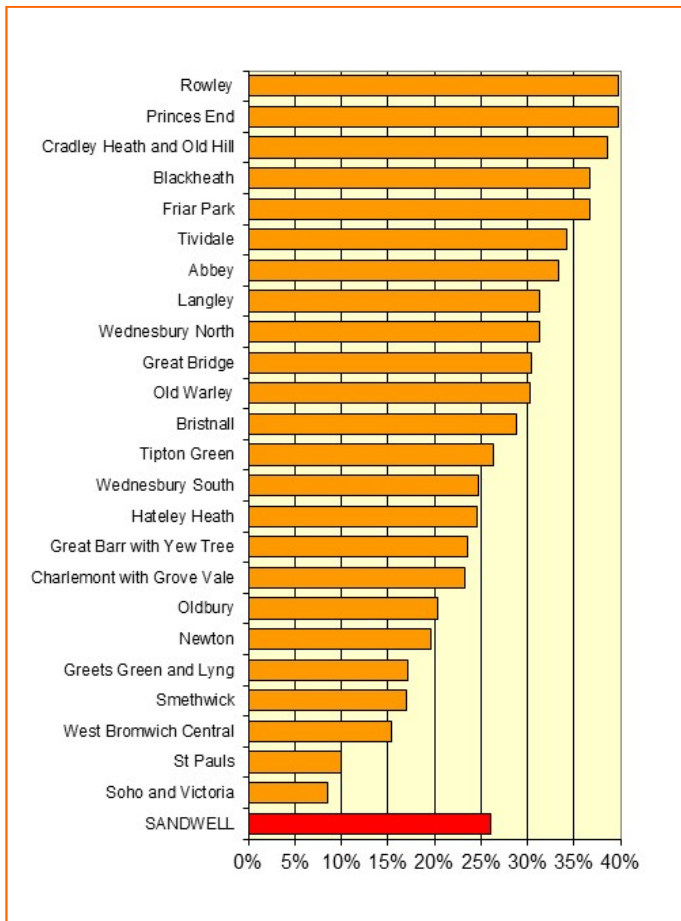


Religion

In terms of religion, 39.9% of Sandwell residents are Christian, lower than the national average of 46.2%. This has fallen considerably since 2011, when 55.2% of Sandwell residents said they were Christian. Wednesbury town is the highest ranked town at 44.9%, whilst Smethwick is the lowest at 28.9%. In terms of the wards:

- Friar Park ranks highest out of all Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of Christian residents (49% compared with a borough average of 39.9%).
- Princes End ranks second out of all Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of Christian residents (47.1%). However, this ward also ranks highly in terms of those who state they have no religion (second of all Sandwell wards).
- St. Pauls, Soho & Victoria and Smethwick ward rank lowest out of all Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of Christian residents, with only one in five St. Pauls residents affiliating with Christianity.
- St. Pauls has a high proportion of Sikhs compared to the rest of the town (24% compared with a Smethwick town average of 16.8%), which ranks highest of all Sandwell wards. Smethwick ward ranks second highest of all wards on this indicator.

Graph 3: Residents who don't follow a Religion by Ward 2021



- Soho & Victoria, St. Pauls and Smethwick feature in the top three Sandwell wards in terms of Muslim residents, with more than 40% of Soho & Victoria residents stating they are affiliated with this religion. Greets Green & Lyng also ranks highly at 23.4%.
- West Bromwich Central ward ranks highest of Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of Hindu residents (7.1% compared with a borough average of 2.8%). This ward also ranks third in terms of Sikh residents.
- Greets Green & Lyng and Newton wards both also rank highly in terms of Hindu residents (second and third respectively).
- Almost 40% of residents in Rowley and Princes End state they follow no religion, the highest of all Sandwell wards.
- Only 15.7% of Smethwick town residents state they follow no religion.

Religion 2021

| | Christian | | Sikh | | Muslim | | Hindu | | Other Religion | | No Religion | | Not Stated | |
|----------------------------|-----------|------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----------------|-----|-------------|------|------------|-----|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Abbey | 5,324 | 43.7 | 706 | 5.8 | 1,029 | 8.4 | 186 | 1.5 | 163 | 1.3 | 4,070 | 33.4 | 709 | 5.8 |
| Blackheath | 5,557 | 46.1 | 391 | 3.2 | 781 | 6.5 | 105 | 0.9 | 108 | 0.9 | 4,430 | 36.7 | 691 | 5.7 |
| Bristnall | 5,208 | 41.6 | 1,659 | 13.3 | 1,105 | 8.8 | 192 | 1.5 | 103 | 0.8 | 3,597 | 28.8 | 643 | 5.1 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 5,846 | 46.0 | 2,118 | 16.7 | 731 | 5.8 | 400 | 3.1 | 115 | 0.9 | 2,951 | 23.2 | 550 | 4.3 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 6,292 | 42.1 | 163 | 1.1 | 1,449 | 9.7 | 65 | 0.4 | 109 | 0.7 | 5,771 | 38.6 | 1,113 | 7.4 |
| Friar Park | 6,266 | 49.0 | 509 | 4.0 | 425 | 3.3 | 143 | 1.1 | 78 | 0.6 | 4,690 | 36.7 | 682 | 5.3 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 5,445 | 40.3 | 2,276 | 16.8 | 1,132 | 8.4 | 598 | 4.4 | 177 | 1.3 | 3,195 | 23.6 | 690 | 5.1 |
| Great Bridge | 6,158 | 42.7 | 1,356 | 9.4 | 1,348 | 9.3 | 297 | 2.1 | 162 | 1.1 | 4,384 | 30.4 | 716 | 5.0 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 4,922 | 33.4 | 1,852 | 12.6 | 3,438 | 23.4 | 931 | 6.3 | 291 | 2.0 | 2,521 | 17.1 | 761 | 5.2 |
| Hateley Heath | 6,859 | 45.4 | 2,031 | 13.4 | 1,031 | 6.8 | 517 | 3.4 | 180 | 1.2 | 3,725 | 24.6 | 780 | 5.2 |
| Langley | 6,187 | 43.9 | 1,221 | 8.7 | 1,054 | 7.5 | 355 | 2.5 | 121 | 0.9 | 4,407 | 31.3 | 742 | 5.3 |
| Newton | 5,622 | 46.3 | 1,554 | 12.8 | 1,147 | 9.4 | 547 | 4.5 | 255 | 2.1 | 2,391 | 19.7 | 630 | 5.2 |
| Old Warley | 5,843 | 45.9 | 1,287 | 10.1 | 830 | 6.5 | 266 | 2.1 | 84 | 0.7 | 3,852 | 30.3 | 560 | 4.4 |
| Oldbury | 5,409 | 34.6 | 2,911 | 18.6 | 2,382 | 15.3 | 514 | 3.3 | 152 | 1.0 | 3,188 | 20.4 | 1,062 | 6.8 |
| Princes End | 6,666 | 47.1 | 469 | 3.3 | 399 | 2.8 | 131 | 0.9 | 109 | 0.8 | 5,620 | 39.7 | 750 | 5.3 |
| Rowley | 6,253 | 45.7 | 450 | 3.3 | 656 | 4.8 | 104 | 0.8 | 90 | 0.7 | 5,438 | 39.8 | 682 | 5.0 |
| Smethwick | 4,572 | 29.6 | 3,371 | 21.8 | 3,640 | 23.5 | 383 | 2.5 | 111 | 0.7 | 2,636 | 17.0 | 754 | 4.9 |
| Soho & Victoria | 5,253 | 26.8 | 2,647 | 13.5 | 8,300 | 42.3 | 535 | 2.7 | 172 | 0.9 | 1,686 | 8.6 | 1,039 | 5.3 |
| St. Pauls | 3,357 | 20.1 | 4,016 | 24.0 | 6,069 | 36.3 | 592 | 3.5 | 134 | 0.8 | 1,664 | 9.9 | 900 | 5.4 |
| Tipton Green | 6,315 | 40.6 | 1,350 | 8.7 | 2,394 | 15.4 | 368 | 2.4 | 158 | 1.0 | 4,092 | 26.3 | 884 | 5.7 |
| Tividale | 5,933 | 45.4 | 933 | 7.1 | 689 | 5.3 | 195 | 1.5 | 87 | 0.7 | 4,480 | 34.2 | 765 | 5.8 |
| Wednesbury North | 5,845 | 43.9 | 341 | 2.6 | 1,839 | 13.8 | 329 | 2.5 | 77 | 0.6 | 4,162 | 31.2 | 726 | 5.5 |
| Wednesbury South | 6,461 | 42.4 | 2,386 | 15.7 | 1,125 | 7.4 | 597 | 3.9 | 143 | 0.9 | 3,769 | 24.8 | 747 | 4.9 |
| West Bromwich Central | 4,762 | 30.9 | 3,254 | 21.1 | 2,770 | 18.0 | 1,099 | 7.1 | 267 | 1.7 | 2,385 | 15.5 | 889 | 5.8 |
| OLDBURY | 22,647 | 41.2 | 7,078 | 12.9 | 5,371 | 9.8 | 1,327 | 2.4 | 460 | 0.8 | 15,044 | 27.4 | 3,007 | 5.5 |
| ROWLEY | 24,035 | 44.7 | 1,937 | 3.6 | 3,575 | 6.6 | 469 | 0.9 | 394 | 0.7 | 20,119 | 37.4 | 3,251 | 6.0 |
| SMETHWICK | 18,506 | 28.9 | 10,740 | 16.8 | 19,038 | 29.7 | 1,696 | 2.6 | 580 | 0.9 | 10,056 | 15.7 | 3,402 | 5.3 |
| TIPTON | 19,139 | 43.4 | 3,175 | 7.2 | 4,141 | 9.4 | 796 | 1.8 | 429 | 1.0 | 14,096 | 31.9 | 2,350 | 5.3 |
| WEDNESBURY | 18,572 | 44.9 | 3,236 | 7.8 | 3,389 | 8.2 | 1,069 | 2.6 | 298 | 0.7 | 12,621 | 30.5 | 2,155 | 5.2 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 33,456 | 40.0 | 13,085 | 15.6 | 10,249 | 12.3 | 4,092 | 4.9 | 1,285 | 1.5 | 17,168 | 20.5 | 4,300 | 5.1 |
| SANDWELL | 136,354 | 39.9 | 39,252 | 11.5 | 45,763 | 13.4 | 9,447 | 2.8 | 3,451 | 1.0 | 89,099 | 26.1 | 18,465 | 5.4 |

Source: 2021 Census.

Country of Birth

When considering country of birth, 76.4% of Sandwell residents were born in the United Kingdom, compared with 83.2% nationally. Around one in six Sandwell residents were born in a country outside the European Union.

- At 90.8% Rowley ward ranks highest out of the Sandwell wards in terms of the proportion of residents born in the UK, whilst Friar Park ranks second at 90%).
- Only half of Soho & Victoria residents were born in the UK, which is the lowest proportion of all Sandwell wards. St. Pauls has the second lowest proportion for this indicator, with 56.3% of residents having been born in the UK.
- Soho & Victoria and St. Pauls both have high proportions of residents born outside the EU (the highest of all Sandwell wards). Around two in five residents in both wards were born in countries outside of the EU.
- Soho & Victoria also has a relatively high proportion of residents born in EU countries (including Ireland), at 9.7% this ranks second highest.
- At 59.4% 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 EU countries (including Ireland).

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 80.8% of Sandwell households all residents have English as their main language in 2021, compared with 86.3% in 2011.

- Rowley ward has a high proportion of households where all residents have English as a main language (93.7% compared with a Sandwell average of 80.8%). This is the highest proportion of all Sandwell wards.
- Cradley Heath and Blackheath also have a high proportion of households where all residents have English as a main language (at 93%). These three wards ranking most highly are all within Rowley town.
- Soho & Victoria and St. Pauls have high proportions of households where no residents have English as a main language, and rank in the top two Sandwell wards on this indicator. This reflects residents' country of birth.
- 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 18.3% and 15.7% respectively).

In Sandwell overall 83.6% (274, 710) of Sandwell usual residents, aged three years and over, had English as a main language, compared with 91.1% in England & Wales. The Sandwell figure is down from 88.0% in 2011.

- A further 5.2% (17,230) of the overall population were proficient in English (saying they speak it very well) but did not speak it as their main language.

Country of Birth and Household Language 2021

| | Country of Birth | | | | | | Household Language | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------|-----------------------|------|--------|------|---|------|--|------|
| | UK | | EU (incl. Ireland) | | Other | | All in HH have English as main language | | None in HH have English as main language | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Abbey | 9,256 | 75.9 | 1,166 | 9.6 | 1,766 | 14.5 | 4,275 | 83.2 | 409 | 8.0 |
| Blackheath | 10,818 | 89.7 | 362 | 3.0 | 884 | 7.3 | 4,791 | 93.0 | 138 | 2.7 |
| Bristnall | 10,261 | 82.0 | 458 | 3.7 | 1,790 | 14.3 | 4,091 | 85.9 | 240 | 5.0 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 10,237 | 80.5 | 652 | 5.1 | 1,823 | 14.4 | 4,332 | 84.6 | 337 | 6.6 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 13,420 | 89.7 | 344 | 2.3 | 1,202 | 7.9 | 5,803 | 93.0 | 153 | 2.5 |
| Friar Park | 11,512 | 90.0 | 461 | 3.6 | 821 | 6.5 | 4,571 | 92.2 | 168 | 3.4 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 11,088 | 82.1 | 439 | 3.2 | 1,981 | 14.6 | 4,376 | 85.4 | 232 | 4.5 |
| Great Bridge | 11,467 | 79.5 | 984 | 6.8 | 1,974 | 13.6 | 4,556 | 83.5 | 450 | 8.2 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 9,422 | 64.0 | 1,270 | 8.6 | 4,028 | 27.5 | 3,536 | 67.4 | 822 | 15.7 |
| Hateley Heath | 11,444 | 75.7 | 1,150 | 7.6 | 2,526 | 16.7 | 4,478 | 80.3 | 537 | 9.6 |
| Langley | 11,271 | 80.0 | 722 | 5.1 | 2,095 | 14.8 | 5,036 | 85.8 | 394 | 6.7 |
| Newton | 9,504 | 78.3 | 654 | 5.4 | 1,987 | 16.3 | 4,124 | 84.9 | 295 | 6.1 |
| Old Warley | 10,699 | 84.1 | 590 | 4.6 | 1,432 | 11.3 | 4,563 | 89.1 | 189 | 3.7 |
| Oldbury | 11,054 | 70.8 | 1,064 | 6.8 | 3,500 | 22.4 | 4,425 | 75.5 | 628 | 10.7 |
| Princes End | 12,497 | 88.3 | 689 | 4.9 | 960 | 6.7 | 5,122 | 91.3 | 252 | 4.5 |
| Rowley | 12,414 | 90.8 | 375 | 2.7 | 888 | 6.5 | 5,135 | 93.7 | 131 | 2.4 |
| Smethwick | 9,818 | 63.5 | 1,039 | 6.7 | 4,607 | 29.8 | 3,529 | 66.1 | 879 | 16.5 |
| Soho & Victoria | 9,840 | 50.1 | 1,909 | 9.7 | 7,886 | 40.1 | 3,386 | 54.0 | 1,256 | 20.0 |
| St. Pauls | 9,424 | 56.3 | 1,021 | 6.1 | 6,286 | 37.6 | 2,558 | 51.0 | 1,037 | 20.7 |
| Tipton Green | 12,390 | 79.6 | 898 | 5.8 | 2,272 | 14.6 | 4,942 | 82.3 | 481 | 8.0 |
| Tividale | 11,223 | 85.8 | 567 | 4.3 | 1,294 | 9.8 | 4,507 | 88.7 | 265 | 5.2 |
| Wednesbury North | 11,469 | 86.1 | 523 | 3.9 | 1,326 | 10.2 | 4,383 | 87.5 | 247 | 4.9 |
| Wednesbury South | 11,515 | 75.6 | 916 | 6.0 | 2,796 | 18.4 | 4,780 | 81.0 | 519 | 8.8 |
| West Bromwich Central | 9,168 | 59.4 | 1,556 | 10.1 | 4,702 | 30.5 | 3,946 | 65.4 | 1,104 | 18.3 |
| OLDBURY | 43,285 | 78.8 | 2,834 | 5.2 | 8,817 | 16.1 | 18,115 | 83.8 | 1,451 | 6.7 |
| ROWLEY | 47,875 | 89.0 | 1,648 | 3.1 | 4,268 | 7.8 | 20,236 | 92.2 | 687 | 3.1 |
| SMETHWICK | 38,338 | 59.9 | 5,135 | 8.0 | 20,545 | 32.1 | 13,748 | 63.1 | 3,581 | 16.4 |
| TIPTON | 36,354 | 82.4 | 2,571 | 5.8 | 5,206 | 11.8 | 14,620 | 85.6 | 1,183 | 6.9 |
| WEDNESBURY | 34,496 | 83.4 | 1,900 | 4.6 | 4,943 | 11.9 | 13,734 | 86.6 | 934 | 5.9 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 60,863 | 72.8 | 5,721 | 6.8 | 17,047 | 20.4 | 24,792 | 77.6 | 3,327 | 10.4 |
| SANDWELL | 261,213 | 76.4 | 19,806 | 5.8 | 60,814 | 17.7 | 105,246 | 80.8 | 11,164 | 8.6 |

Source: 2021 Census.

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 figures currently published are for those residents aged 16 & over.

- Abbey ward has a high proportion of residents in full time employment (39.3%), this is the highest of all Sandwell wards. The second highest is Oldbury ward at 36.7%, whilst Tividale has the third highest proportion (see Map 2 overleaf).
- Soho & Victoria has the highest rate of unemployment of all Sandwell wards (6.2% of those aged 16+). Princes End also has a high level of unemployment, at 6% this is the second highest of all Sandwell wards.
- Unemployment is lowest in Old Warley (at 3.2%).
- Abbey, Charlemont with Grove Vale and Oldbury have the highest proportions of self-employment of all Sandwell wards (8.6%, 7.7% and 7.7% respectively).
- The three highest Sandwell wards in terms of economically active full-time students are all within Smethwick town - the highest being Soho & Victoria at 4.2%.

Economically Inactive

In terms of economic inactivity:

- The highest proportion of retired residents (aged 16+) are in Charlemont & Grove Vale (22.8%), Newton (22.7%) [both to the north of West Bromwich town], and Old Warley (22.7%). Soho & Victoria has the lowest proportion of all Sandwell wards at 9.2%.
- Wednesbury North has the highest proportion of residents in the Borough, aged 16+, who are long-term sick or disabled (7.4%). Langley and Friar Park also have a high proportion at 7.2% and 7.1% respectively. The lowest proportion is in Abbey (3%).
- Soho & Victoria and St. Pauls have the highest proportion (12.5% and 11.8% respectively) of residents aged 16 & over who are looking after the home or family of all Sandwell wards.

Qualifications

The table on page 19 shows the highest level of academic, vocational or professional qualifications obtained by residents aged 16 and over. Briefly, the categories are as follows:

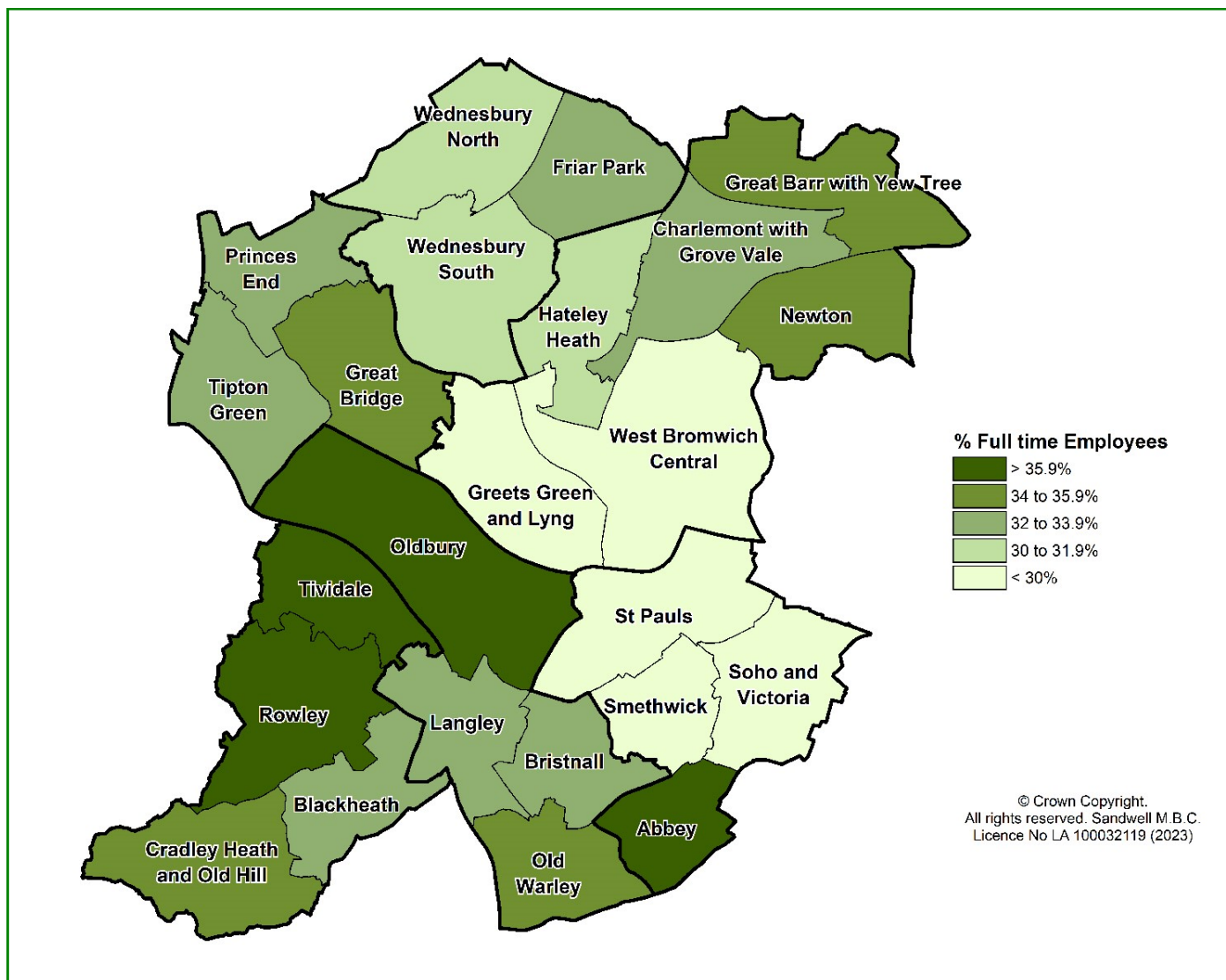
- No qualifications: No formal qualifications;
- Level 1: 1-4 GCSEs or equivalent qualifications;
- Level 2: 5 GCSEs or equivalent qualifications;
- Apprenticeships;
- Level 3: 2 or more A-levels or equivalent qualifications;
- Level 4 or above: Bachelors degree or equivalent, and higher qualifications;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

Economic Activity 2021 (Residents aged 16 & over)

| | Economically Active | | | | | Economically Inactive | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | Employees: | | Self-employed % | Un-employed % | Full-time student % | Retired % | Student % | Looking after home or family % | Long term sick / disabled % | Other % | |
| | Full-time % | Part-time % | | | | | | | | | |
| Abbey | 39.3 | 12.3 | 8.6 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 16.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 9,724 |
| Blackheath | 33.9 | 11.5 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 22.5 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 3.7 | 9,828 |
| Bristnall | 33.4 | 12.0 | 7.1 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 20.0 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 3.7 | 9,937 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 32.9 | 11.4 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 22.8 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 10,426 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 34.1 | 12.2 | 7.1 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 19.5 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 3.3 | 11,788 |
| Friar Park | 32.1 | 13.2 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 1.5 | 18.9 | 5.2 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 3.9 | 9,679 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 35.8 | 12.4 | 7.2 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 19.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 10,755 |
| Great Bridge | 34.2 | 12.3 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 15.5 | 5.9 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 4.6 | 11,294 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 28.1 | 12.3 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 2.8 | 14.3 | 8.0 | 9.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 11,141 |
| Hateley Heath | 31.3 | 12.7 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 2.3 | 17.0 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 4.8 | 11,732 |
| Langley | 33.8 | 11.8 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 3.0 | 17.2 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 4.4 | 11,024 |
| Newton | 34.4 | 11.7 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 22.7 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 9,793 |
| Old Warley | 35.0 | 11.9 | 7.3 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 22.7 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 10,116 |
| Oldbury | 36.7 | 12.1 | 7.7 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 13.5 | 5.7 | 7.6 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 11,985 |
| Princes End | 32.3 | 12.4 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 17.0 | 4.7 | 8.7 | 7.0 | 4.6 | 10,695 |
| Rowley | 36.1 | 12.4 | 6.6 | 3.4 | 1.8 | 20.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 10,759 |
| Smethwick | 27.9 | 12.2 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 15.2 | 7.6 | 9.9 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 11,597 |
| Soho & Victoria | 25.5 | 13.1 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 9.2 | 10.1 | 12.5 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 14,157 |
| St. Pauls | 25.9 | 12.2 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 11.0 | 9.8 | 11.8 | 5.5 | 7.3 | 12,495 |
| Tipton Green | 32.5 | 11.7 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 2.4 | 16.0 | 6.0 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 4.7 | 12,036 |
| Tividale | 36.6 | 12.8 | 6.3 | 4.2 | 2.0 | 19.0 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 10,190 |
| Wednesbury North | 31.7 | 12.5 | 6.3 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 18.2 | 5.3 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 10,411 |
| Wednesbury South | 31.5 | 11.9 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 19.1 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 12,095 |
| West Bromwich Central | 29.4 | 11.2 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 16.1 | 7.0 | 8.7 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 12,365 |
| OLDBURY | 34.8 | 11.9 | 7.1 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 18.1 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 43,062 |
| ROWLEY | 35.2 | 12.2 | 6.6 | 4.0 | 1.7 | 20.2 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 3.5 | 42,565 |
| SMETHWICK | 29.0 | 12.5 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 12.5 | 8.4 | 10.2 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 47,973 |
| TIPTON | 33.0 | 12.1 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 16.2 | 5.5 | 8.1 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 34,025 |
| WEDNESBURY | 31.8 | 12.5 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 1.9 | 18.8 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 32,185 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 31.9 | 12.0 | 6.7 | 4.4 | 2.4 | 18.6 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 66,212 |
| SANDWELL | 32.5 | 12.2 | 6.7 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 17.4 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 266,026 |

Source: 2021 Census.

Map 2: Proportion of Residents Aged 16+ in Full-time Employment by Ward 2021



More than 1 in 5 (22.7%) usual Sandwell residents aged 16 years and over had Level 4 or above qualifications. This compares with 33.8% in England & Wales. Almost 30% of Sandwell residents aged 16 and over (28.9%, 76,840) reported having no qualifications. This is much higher than the England & Wales figure of 18.2%.

Across the wards:

- Abbey has the greatest proportion of highly qualified residents, with 40.3% being qualified to level 4 or above. The two next highest wards have over one in five residents qualified to this level - Great Barr with Yew Tree and Old Warley.
- Smethwick town has the most highly qualified residents overall.
- Only 16.1% of residents in Friar Park are qualified to level 4 or above.
- The Sandwell ward with the largest proportion of residents with no qualifications is Greets Green & Lyng, at 33.8%. Friar Park also has a similar proportion of residents with no qualifications (33.3%).
- Abbey has the lowest proportion with no qualifications (19%).

Highest Level of Qualification of usual residents aged 16 & over 2021

| | No Qualifications | | Level 1 | | Level 2 | | Apprentice-ships | | Level 3 | | Level 4 or above | | % Other Qualifications | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------|---------|------|---------|------|------------------|-----|---------|------|------------------|------|------------------------|-----|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Abbey | 1,846 | 19.0 | 778 | 8.0 | 1,118 | 11.5 | 398 | 4.1 | 1,408 | 14.5 | 3,915 | 40.3 | 258 | 2.7 |
| Blackheath | 2,627 | 26.7 | 1,200 | 12.2 | 1,505 | 15.3 | 573 | 5.8 | 1,590 | 16.2 | 2,033 | 20.7 | 301 | 3.1 |
| Bristnall | 2,828 | 28.5 | 1,101 | 11.1 | 1,384 | 13.9 | 506 | 5.1 | 1,547 | 15.6 | 2,259 | 22.7 | 311 | 3.1 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 2,611 | 25.0 | 1,157 | 11.1 | 1,388 | 13.3 | 621 | 6.0 | 1,647 | 15.8 | 2,627 | 25.2 | 377 | 3.6 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 3,227 | 27.4 | 1,361 | 11.5 | 1,724 | 14.6 | 591 | 5.0 | 2,018 | 17.1 | 2,517 | 21.4 | 350 | 3.0 |
| Friar Park | 3,225 | 33.3 | 1,234 | 12.8 | 1,444 | 14.9 | 522 | 5.4 | 1,425 | 14.7 | 1,561 | 16.1 | 266 | 2.7 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 2,378 | 22.1 | 1,189 | 11.1 | 1,544 | 14.4 | 495 | 4.6 | 1,746 | 16.2 | 3,076 | 28.6 | 323 | 3.0 |
| Great Bridge | 3,631 | 32.1 | 1,319 | 11.7 | 1,603 | 14.2 | 509 | 4.5 | 1,657 | 14.7 | 2,194 | 19.4 | 381 | 3.4 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 3,760 | 33.8 | 1,377 | 12.4 | 1,330 | 11.9 | 490 | 4.4 | 1,415 | 12.7 | 2,226 | 20.0 | 542 | 4.9 |
| Hateley Heath | 3,684 | 31.4 | 1,452 | 12.4 | 1,573 | 13.4 | 578 | 4.9 | 1,683 | 14.3 | 2,253 | 19.2 | 508 | 4.3 |
| Langley | 3,085 | 28.0 | 1,245 | 11.3 | 1,638 | 14.9 | 579 | 5.3 | 1,774 | 16.1 | 2,360 | 21.4 | 346 | 3.1 |
| Newton | 2,345 | 23.9 | 1,033 | 10.5 | 1,315 | 13.4 | 502 | 5.1 | 1,588 | 16.2 | 2,655 | 27.1 | 357 | 3.6 |
| Old Warley | 2,320 | 22.9 | 1,037 | 10.3 | 1,434 | 14.2 | 498 | 4.9 | 1,648 | 16.3 | 2,883 | 28.5 | 297 | 2.9 |
| Oldbury | 3,357 | 28.0 | 1,410 | 11.8 | 1,531 | 12.8 | 497 | 4.1 | 1,670 | 13.9 | 3,054 | 25.5 | 466 | 3.9 |
| Princes End | 3,421 | 32.0 | 1,370 | 12.8 | 1,647 | 15.4 | 611 | 5.7 | 1,578 | 14.8 | 1,744 | 16.3 | 324 | 3.0 |
| Rowley | 2,836 | 26.4 | 1,285 | 11.9 | 1,704 | 15.8 | 616 | 5.7 | 1,790 | 16.6 | 2,193 | 20.4 | 335 | 3.1 |
| Smethwick | 3,883 | 33.5 | 1,284 | 11.1 | 1,471 | 12.7 | 472 | 4.1 | 1,497 | 12.9 | 2,373 | 20.5 | 615 | 5.3 |
| Soho & Victoria | 4,550 | 32.1 | 1,574 | 11.1 | 1,542 | 10.9 | 426 | 3.0 | 1,887 | 13.3 | 3,491 | 24.6 | 694 | 4.9 |
| St. Pauls | 4,133 | 33.1 | 1,415 | 11.3 | 1,487 | 11.9 | 410 | 3.3 | 1,699 | 13.6 | 2,737 | 21.9 | 612 | 4.9 |
| Tipton Green | 3,678 | 30.6 | 1,463 | 12.2 | 1,646 | 13.7 | 567 | 4.7 | 1,771 | 14.7 | 2,535 | 21.1 | 376 | 3.1 |
| Tividale | 2,677 | 26.3 | 1,144 | 11.2 | 1,609 | 15.8 | 578 | 5.7 | 1,663 | 16.3 | 2,177 | 21.4 | 344 | 3.4 |
| Wednesbury North | 3,032 | 29.1 | 1,216 | 11.7 | 1,549 | 14.9 | 529 | 5.1 | 1,580 | 15.2 | 2,123 | 20.4 | 380 | 3.7 |
| Wednesbury South | 3,869 | 32.0 | 1,422 | 11.8 | 1,560 | 12.9 | 628 | 5.2 | 1,706 | 14.1 | 2,384 | 19.7 | 524 | 4.3 |
| West Bromwich Central | 3,832 | 31.0 | 1,522 | 12.3 | 1,429 | 11.6 | 560 | 4.5 | 1,477 | 11.9 | 2,945 | 23.8 | 602 | 4.9 |
| OLDBURY | 11,590 | 26.9 | 4,793 | 11.1 | 5,987 | 13.9 | 2,080 | 4.8 | 6,639 | 15.4 | 10,556 | 24.5 | 1,420 | 3.3 |
| ROWLEY | 11,367 | 26.7 | 4,990 | 11.7 | 6,542 | 15.4 | 2,358 | 5.5 | 7,061 | 16.6 | 8,920 | 21.0 | 1,330 | 3.1 |
| SMETHWICK | 14,412 | 30.0 | 5,051 | 10.5 | 5,618 | 11.7 | 1,706 | 3.6 | 6,491 | 13.5 | 12,516 | 26.1 | 2,179 | 4.5 |
| TIPTON | 10,730 | 31.5 | 4,152 | 12.2 | 4,896 | 14.4 | 1,687 | 5.0 | 5,006 | 14.7 | 6,473 | 19.0 | 1,081 | 3.2 |
| WEDNESBURY | 10,126 | 31.5 | 3,872 | 12.0 | 4,553 | 14.1 | 1,679 | 5.2 | 4,711 | 14.6 | 6,068 | 18.9 | 1,170 | 3.6 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 18,610 | 28.1 | 7,730 | 11.7 | 8,579 | 13.0 | 3,246 | 4.9 | 9,556 | 14.4 | 15,782 | 23.8 | 2,709 | 4.1 |
| SANDWELL | 76,839 | 28.9 | 30,586 | 11.5 | 36,175 | 13.6 | 12,758 | 4.8 | 39,465 | 14.8 | 60,316 | 22.7 | 9,889 | 3.7 |

Source: 2021 Census.

Transport

In 2021, 29.2% of Sandwell households do not have access to a car or van, which has fallen from 33.9% in 2011. This compares with 23.3% in England & Wales in 2021.

- 42.7% of households in West Bromwich Central are without a car or van, the highest of all Sandwell wards. The second highest ward is Soho & Victoria, where 41% of households are without a car or van.

Car Ownership 2021

| | HHs ¹ without a car or van | | HHs with 1 car or van | | HHs with 2 or more cars or vans | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Abbey | 1,603 | 31.2 | 2,362 | 46.0 | 1173 | 22.8 |
| Blackheath | 1,412 | 27.4 | 2,181 | 42.4 | 1556 | 30.2 |
| Bristnall | 1,184 | 24.9 | 1,993 | 41.8 | 1587 | 33.3 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 1,188 | 23.2 | 2,139 | 41.8 | 1792 | 35.0 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 1,687 | 27.0 | 2,578 | 41.3 | 1978 | 31.7 |
| Friar Park | 1,446 | 29.2 | 2,072 | 41.8 | 1442 | 29.1 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 968 | 18.9 | 2,098 | 41.0 | 2055 | 40.1 |
| Great Bridge | 1,579 | 28.9 | 2,300 | 42.1 | 1578 | 28.9 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 1,951 | 37.2 | 2,170 | 41.3 | 1130 | 21.5 |
| Hateley Heath | 1,732 | 31.1 | 2,346 | 42.1 | 1497 | 26.9 |
| Langley | 1,776 | 30.2 | 2,579 | 43.9 | 1517 | 25.8 |
| Newton | 1,071 | 22.1 | 2,236 | 46.1 | 1548 | 31.9 |
| Old Warley | 1,136 | 22.2 | 2,259 | 44.1 | 1726 | 33.7 |
| Oldbury | 1,626 | 27.7 | 2,543 | 43.4 | 1692 | 28.9 |
| Princes End | 1,901 | 33.9 | 2,302 | 41.0 | 1409 | 25.1 |
| Rowley | 1,199 | 21.9 | 2,326 | 42.4 | 1956 | 35.7 |
| Smethwick | 1,965 | 36.8 | 2,144 | 40.1 | 1234 | 23.1 |
| Soho & Victoria | 2,571 | 41.0 | 2,511 | 40.0 | 1195 | 19.0 |
| St. Pauls | 1,560 | 31.1 | 2,072 | 41.3 | 1385 | 27.6 |
| Tipton Green | 1,764 | 29.4 | 2,514 | 41.9 | 1726 | 28.7 |
| Tividale | 1,226 | 24.1 | 2,083 | 41.0 | 1774 | 34.9 |
| Wednesbury North | 1,303 | 26.0 | 2,148 | 42.9 | 1556 | 31.1 |
| Wednesbury South | 1,663 | 28.2 | 2,508 | 42.5 | 1725 | 29.3 |
| West Bromwich Central | 2,581 | 42.7 | 2,262 | 37.5 | 1195 | 19.8 |
| OLDBURY | 5,722 | 26.5 | 9,374 | 43.4 | 6522 | 30.2 |
| ROWLEY | 5,524 | 25.2 | 9,168 | 41.8 | 7264 | 33.1 |
| SMETHWICK | 7,699 | 35.4 | 9,089 | 41.7 | 4987 | 22.9 |
| TIPTON | 5,244 | 30.7 | 7,116 | 41.7 | 4713 | 27.6 |
| WEDNESBURY | 4,412 | 27.8 | 6,728 | 42.4 | 4723 | 29.8 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 9,491 | 29.7 | 13,251 | 41.5 | 9217 | 28.8 |
| SANDWELL | 38,092 | 29.2 | 54,728 | 42.0 | 37426 | 28.7 |

¹ Households
Source: 2021 Census.

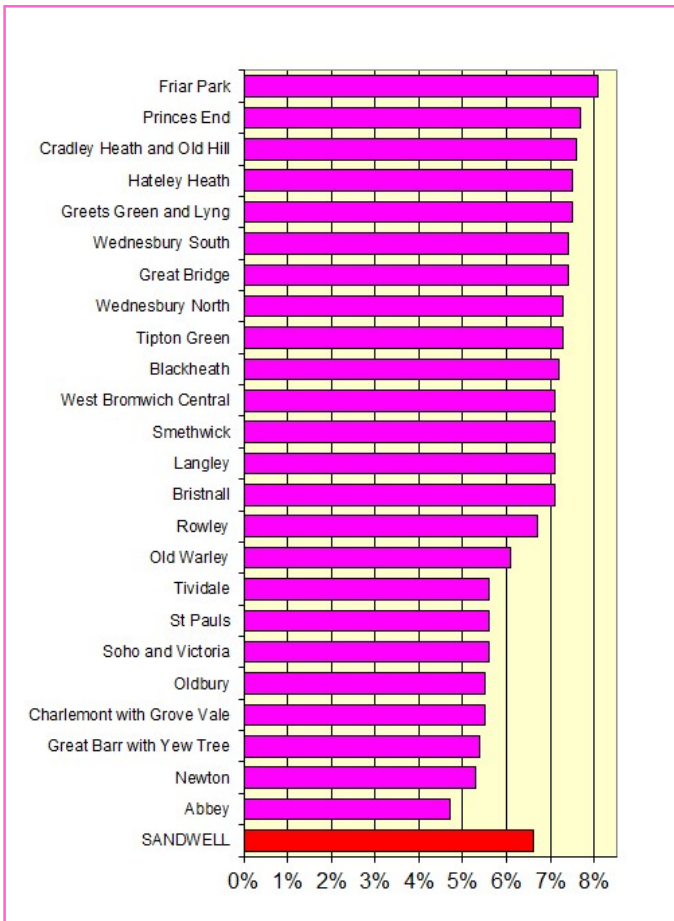
- Less than a fifth of households in Great Barr with Yew Tree are without a car or van.
- 46.1% of households in Newton have access to 1 car or van, the highest of all Sandwell wards.
- Great Barr with Yew Tree, Rowley and Charlemont with Grove Vale are the three highest Sandwell wards in terms of households with 2 or more cars or vans - at over a third of households. Soho & Victoria is the lowest at 19%.

Health & Provision of Unpaid Care

To identify disability in 2021, people were asked "Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?". If they answered yes, a further question "Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?" was presented. This differs from the 2011 Census question used, in order to collect data that more closely aligned with the definition of disability in the Equality Act (2010).

- In terms of day-to-day activities being limited a lot, Wednesbury North and Friar Park both fair badly on this indicator, at 10.4%, and Blackheath is also poor (10.2%).
- Blackheath (11.1%), Cradley Heath & Old Hill (10.8%), Friar Park and Rowley (both 10.6%) are worst in terms of the proportion of residents whose activities are limited a little.
- Soho & Victoria, St. Pauls and Oldbury all fair well on these indicators.

Graph 4: Residents who rate their Health as bad or very bad by Ward 2021



Residents were asked to assess their general state of health on a five point scale: very good, good, fair, bad or very bad. Across the wards:

- Abbey ward is high in terms of those stating their level of health is good or very good - at 83.4% this is the highest of the Sandwell wards.
- Soho & Victoria (82.4%) and Oldbury (81.5%) also have a high proportion of residents with good or very good health.
- Blackheath ward is low in terms of those stating their level of health is good or very good - at 75.7% this is the lowest of all the Sandwell wards.
- At 8.1%, Friar Park is the worst of all Sandwell wards for those stating their level of health is bad or very bad. 7.7% of residents of Princes End and 7.6% in Cradley Heath & Old Hill also consider their health to be bad or very bad.

Health Indicators 2021

| | Disabled under the Equality Act | | 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 |
| Abbey | 6.0 | 9.4 | 83.4 | 11.8 | 4.7 | 22.3 | 8.2 | 2.2 |
| Blackheath | 10.2 | 11.1 | 75.7 | 17.0 | 7.2 | 28.1 | 10.8 | 3.5 |
| Bristnall | 9.4 | 9.7 | 78.1 | 14.8 | 7.1 | 24.2 | 9.9 | 3.4 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 7.8 | 9.7 | 80.3 | 14.2 | 5.5 | 22.9 | 9.9 | 3.1 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 9.5 | 10.8 | 77.3 | 15.1 | 7.6 | 26.6 | 10.2 | 3.5 |
| Friar Park | 10.4 | 10.6 | 76.4 | 15.6 | 8.1 | 26.0 | 10.5 | 4.2 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 7.6 | 8.6 | 81.4 | 13.3 | 5.4 | 21.4 | 9.9 | 3.3 |
| Great Bridge | 9.2 | 9.4 | 77.7 | 14.9 | 7.4 | 23.2 | 9.7 | 3.9 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 9.2 | 8.1 | 78.7 | 13.9 | 7.5 | 21.0 | 8.6 | 3.1 |
| Hateley Heath | 10.1 | 9.5 | 77.8 | 14.7 | 7.5 | 24.1 | 9.6 | 3.6 |
| Langley | 9.5 | 10.1 | 78.0 | 14.8 | 7.1 | 24.7 | 9.5 | 3.2 |
| Newton | 7.2 | 8.7 | 80.9 | 13.9 | 5.3 | 21.5 | 10.1 | 2.9 |
| Old Warley | 8.0 | 10.4 | 80.1 | 13.7 | 6.1 | 24.4 | 9.8 | 2.9 |
| Oldbury | 7.1 | 7.6 | 81.5 | 13.0 | 5.5 | 19.1 | 8.0 | 2.4 |
| Princes End | 9.8 | 9.8 | 77.1 | 15.2 | 7.7 | 24.4 | 10.4 | 4.5 |
| Rowley | 8.7 | 10.6 | 78.7 | 14.6 | 6.7 | 25.4 | 10.3 | 3.7 |
| Smethwick | 8.8 | 8.4 | 78.6 | 14.3 | 7.1 | 21.0 | 7.9 | 2.7 |
| Soho & Victoria | 6.4 | 6.6 | 82.4 | 12.0 | 5.6 | 16.0 | 6.7 | 2.2 |
| St. Pauls | 7.1 | 6.9 | 81.3 | 13.2 | 5.6 | 16.9 | 8.0 | 2.4 |
| Tipton Green | 9.7 | 9.5 | 77.8 | 14.9 | 7.3 | 24.1 | 9.2 | 3.1 |
| Tividale | 8.0 | 9.2 | 80.4 | 14.0 | 5.6 | 22.7 | 8.9 | 2.9 |
| Wednesbury North | 10.4 | 9.9 | 76.9 | 15.8 | 7.3 | 25.7 | 10.2 | 3.5 |
| Wednesbury South | 9.6 | 9.9 | 77.0 | 15.6 | 7.4 | 24.2 | 10.1 | 3.8 |
| West Bromwich Central | 9.0 | 8.3 | 77.9 | 15.0 | 7.1 | 22.0 | 7.9 | 2.6 |
| OLDBURY | 8.5 | 9.3 | 79.5 | 14.0 | 6.4 | 22.9 | 9.2 | 2.9 |
| ROWLEY | 9.1 | 10.4 | 78.1 | 15.1 | 6.8 | 25.7 | 10.0 | 3.4 |
| SMETHWICK | 7.1 | 7.6 | 81.3 | 12.9 | 5.8 | 18.6 | 7.6 | 2.4 |
| TIPTON | 9.6 | 9.6 | 77.6 | 15.0 | 7.5 | 23.9 | 9.7 | 3.8 |
| WEDNESBURY | 10.1 | 10.1 | 76.8 | 15.7 | 7.5 | 25.3 | 10.2 | 3.8 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 8.5 | 8.8 | 79.3 | 14.2 | 6.4 | 22.2 | 9.3 | 3.1 |
| SANDWELL | 8.7 | 9.2 | 79.1 | 14.3 | 6.6 | 22.8 | 9.3 | 3.2 |

¹ This includes people disabled under equality act and people with long term condition with no limits on day-to-day activities (not disabled under equality act)

Source: 2021 Census.

- Blackheath is highest of all Sandwell wards in terms of residents who are long-term sick or disabled (28.1% compared with a Sandwell average of 22.8%).

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.

- Of all Sandwell wards, Blackheath has the highest proportion of residents providing unpaid care (10.8%). This is likely to be due to the age profile of the ward.
- At 6.7%, the proportion who provide unpaid care in Soho & Victoria is the lowest of all Sandwell wards.
- Princes End, Friar Park, and Great Bridge are the three highest Sandwell wards in terms of residents providing unpaid care for 50 hours a week or more.

Housing

The Census asks various questions relating to housing, including the type of accommodation people live in and its tenure. In Sandwell, since 2011 the proportion of households in shared ownership accommodation or renting from the local authority has declined, whilst the proportion renting from other social landlords or private landlords has increased considerably.

Across the wards:

- Newton has the highest (71.1%) level of owner occupation of all Sandwell wards. Also high are Old Warley (68.3%) and Great Barr with Yew Tree (66.4%).
- Almost a third of households in Abbey ward are in private rented accommodation. Soho & Victoria and St. Pauls also have high levels of private renting, meaning that Smethwick town has the highest level of all six towns overall (28.4%).
- The highest proportion of households in social rented accommodation is in Princes End ward (43.9%). Friar Park had the second highest proportion at 37%. This includes properties rented either from the Council or housing associations.
- At 9.1%, Abbey has the lowest proportion in social rented accommodation of all Sandwell wards. Newton and Old Warley also have relatively low levels of social renting (at 13.2% and 16.5% respectively).
- There is a very high proportion of terraced housing in Abbey ward (59.4%). Overall, Smethwick town has 42.8% terraced housing, twice the proportion of the majority of the other Sandwell towns. Only 6.7% of households live in terraced housing in Tividale.
- Over one in five households live in detached properties in Great Barr with Yew Tree and Charlemont with Grove Vale.

Housing Indicators 2021

| | Tenure (% of households) | | | | Dwelling Type | | | Suitability of Accommodation | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | % Owner-occupied | % Social Rented ¹ | % Private Rented ² | % Shared Ownership | Total household spaces | Detached % | Terraced % | % HHs ³ lacking central heating | % Over-crowded HHs ⁴ |
| Abbey | 58.4 | 9.1 | 31.9 | 0.5 | 5,137 | 4.5 | 59.4 | 2.2 | 6.3 |
| Blackheath | 59.9 | 26.2 | 13.0 | 0.5 | 5,149 | 16.8 | 25.1 | 1.7 | 5.5 |
| Bristnall | 62.8 | 23.2 | 13.4 | 0.2 | 4,765 | 10.2 | 21.0 | 1.7 | 5.8 |
| Charlemont with Grove Vale | 64.5 | 18.8 | 16.0 | 0.4 | 5,120 | 21.8 | 15.6 | 2.1 | 5.4 |
| Cradley Heath & Old Hill | 52.3 | 28.5 | 17.8 | 0.6 | 6,242 | 15.5 | 24.3 | 1.4 | 7.0 |
| Friar Park | 52.2 | 37.0 | 9.7 | 0.3 | 4,957 | 6.7 | 24.3 | 1.5 | 6.8 |
| Great Barr with Yew Tree | 66.4 | 17.3 | 15.7 | 0.5 | 5,121 | 21.8 | 13.9 | 1.7 | 5.0 |
| Great Bridge | 49.8 | 30.8 | 18.6 | 0.3 | 5,457 | 11.6 | 23.0 | 1.6 | 7.3 |
| Greets Green & Lyng | 43.8 | 35.5 | 19.2 | 1.0 | 5,248 | 7.2 | 36.3 | 2.0 | 12.6 |
| Hateley Heath | 48.2 | 34.0 | 17.1 | 0.1 | 5,575 | 6.5 | 18.7 | 1.7 | 8.5 |
| Langley | 52.0 | 28.0 | 18.9 | 0.4 | 5,871 | 6.0 | 23.9 | 2.1 | 5.6 |
| Newton | 71.1 | 13.2 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 4,855 | 7.8 | 12.2 | 1.9 | 5.0 |
| Old Warley | 68.3 | 16.5 | 13.5 | 1.2 | 5,118 | 9.2 | 15.9 | 1.5 | 4.5 |
| Oldbury | 54.2 | 18.6 | 26.7 | 0.3 | 5,860 | 15.9 | 24.5 | 1.6 | 9.4 |
| Princes End | 43.5 | 43.9 | 11.7 | 0.4 | 5,612 | 8.4 | 19.4 | 1.7 | 8.2 |
| Rowley | 60.4 | 24.7 | 13.9 | 0.4 | 5,481 | 16.8 | 24.1 | 1.5 | 5.2 |
| Smethwick | 46.0 | 30.1 | 22.4 | 0.5 | 5,342 | 7.8 | 38.1 | 2.1 | 10.4 |
| Soho & Victoria | 35.5 | 31.6 | 31.2 | 0.5 | 6,277 | 9.4 | 37.8 | 2.0 | 16.5 |
| St. Pauls | 52.2 | 18.8 | 27.8 | 0.5 | 5,019 | 10.8 | 37.1 | 1.9 | 13.3 |
| Tipton Green | 48.9 | 32.1 | 17.4 | 0.8 | 6,006 | 13.8 | 24.3 | 1.7 | 8.6 |
| Tividale | 61.9 | 22.7 | 14.5 | 0.3 | 5,082 | 17.8 | 6.7 | 1.8 | 6.4 |
| Wednesbury North | 53.5 | 27.9 | 18.0 | 0.2 | 5,007 | 10.9 | 21.6 | 1.7 | 9.7 |
| Wednesbury South | 54.1 | 28.9 | 15.8 | 0.7 | 5,898 | 13.1 | 15.0 | 2.0 | 8.5 |
| West Bromwich Central | 41.2 | 33.8 | 23.3 | 0.5 | 6,036 | 13.8 | 20.7 | 2.2 | 12.3 |
| OLDBURY | 58.8 | 21.7 | 18.5 | 0.5 | 21,614 | 10.4 | 21.5 | 1.7 | 6.4 |
| ROWLEY | 58.3 | 25.7 | 14.9 | 0.5 | 21,954 | 16.7 | 20.4 | 1.6 | 6.2 |
| SMETHWICK | 47.3 | 22.9 | 28.4 | 0.5 | 21,775 | 8.2 | 42.8 | 2.1 | 11.8 |
| TIPTON | 47.4 | 35.6 | 15.9 | 0.5 | 17,075 | 11.3 | 22.3 | 1.7 | 8.0 |
| WEDNESBURY | 53.3 | 31.1 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 15,862 | 10.4 | 20.0 | 1.7 | 8.3 |
| WEST BROMWICH | 55.2 | 25.9 | 18.0 | 0.4 | 31,955 | 13.1 | 19.7 | 1.9 | 8.3 |
| SANDWELL | 53.7 | 26.6 | 18.6 | 0.5 | 130,246 | 11.9 | 24.4 | 1.8 | 8.2 |

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

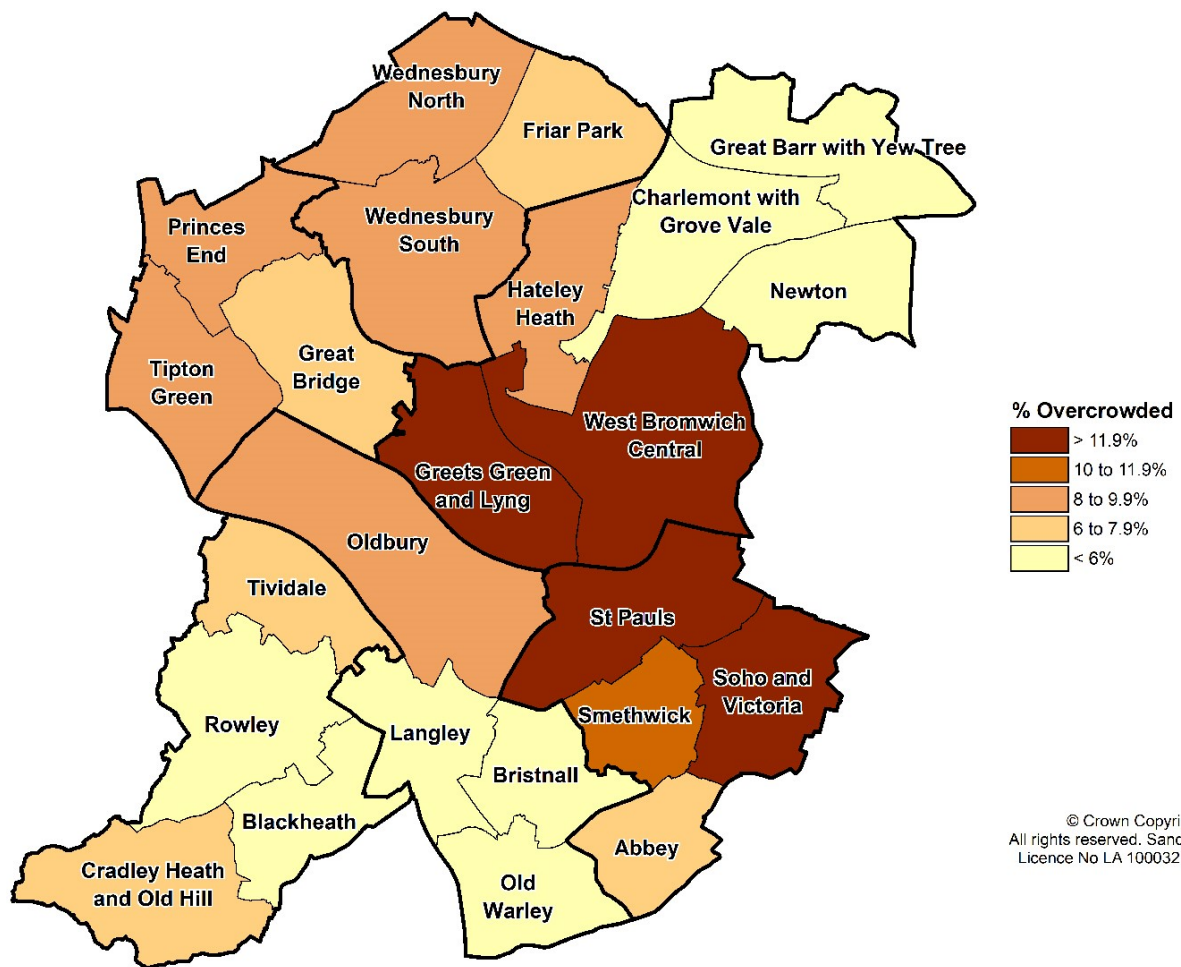
³ Households

⁴ Households with an occupancy rating of –1 or less

Source: 2021 Census.

Map 3: Proportion of Households living in Overcrowded Accommodation by Ward 2021

Households with an occupancy rating of -1 or less



The Census also looks at housing conditions, including whether a property 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 previous table*).

- Overcrowding is particularly high in Soho & Victoria (16.5% of households have an occupancy rating of -1 or less) and St. Pauls (13.3%). These wards both form part of Smethwick town. This compares with less than one in twenty households living in overcrowded accommodation in Old Warley, Newton and Great Barr with Yew Tree.
- In terms of households lacking central heating, there is little variation from the Borough average of 1.8%. 2.2% of households in Abbey and West Bromwich Central lack central heating (the highest of all Sandwell wards), compared with the lowest value of 1.4% in Cradley Heath & Old Hill.

*Further data for Sandwell's wards is available
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