

The 2021 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 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. At 10.9%, the rise in population in West Bromwich town is slightly lower than that of Sandwell.

- All wards within the town have seen an increase in population. The rise in Greets Green & Lyng is the second largest of all Sandwell wards, and there have also been a relatively large rise in West Bromwich Central.
- Newton has seen the smallest population, with a rise of only +5.2% since 2011, this is the 7th smallest increase across all Sandwell wards.

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
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
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
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
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
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
TOWN	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.

In terms of broad age groups, West Bromwich town has seen a rise in all age groups between 2011 and 2021. The rise in those aged under 20 is slightly below the Sandwell average, whilst the rise in those aged 20 to 64 and 65 & over is slightly above the Borough figure.

- Greets Green & Lyng has seen a particularly large increase in the youngest age group; at +9% this is the second largest rise of all Sandwell wards.
- In contrast, Hateley Heath has seen a rise of only +0.9% in the under 20 age group (the third lowest rise out of all Sandwell wards).
- All wards within the town have seen an increase in the proportion aged 20-64 since 2011, with the largest rise of +15.9% being in Greets Green & Lyng (the second largest rise of all Sandwell wards). West Bromwich Central also saw a relatively large rise of +10.2%.

- The change in terms of those aged 65 & over is much less varied across the wards. This age group has increased by 1.6% in Charlemont with Grove Vale (the highest rise of the West Bromwich wards), whilst there has been a fall in Newton (one of only four wards in the Borough to see a fall).

West Bromwich town has a total population of 83,634 in 2021, and makes up 24.5% of Sandwell's total population - a similar proportion to 2011. The town is Sandwell's largest in terms of the number of residents. Of the six wards which comprise the town, West Bromwich Central is the largest with a population of 15,426 - the sixth largest ward in Sandwell.

Population by Age 2021

	0-15		16-24		25-49		50-64		65-74		75+		All Ages
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Charlemont with Grove Vale	2,286	18.0	1,433	11.3	4,020	31.6	2,488	19.6	1,315	10.3	1,168	9.2	12,710
Great Barr with Yew Tree	2,755	20.4	1,363	10.1	4,595	34.0	2,573	19.0	1,131	8.4	1,092	8.1	13,509
Greets Green & Lyng	3,584	24.3	1,797	12.2	5,176	35.2	2,383	16.2	952	6.5	831	5.6	14,723
Hateley Heath	3,387	22.4	1,703	11.3	5,175	34.2	2,688	17.8	1,112	7.4	1,055	7.0	15,120
Newton	2,351	19.4	1,275	10.5	3,885	32.0	2,370	19.5	1,072	8.8	1,193	9.8	12,146
West Bromwich Central	3,059	19.8	1,799	11.7	5,686	36.9	2,661	17.3	1,220	7.9	1,001	6.5	15,426
TOWN	17,422	20.8	9,370	11.2	28,537	34.1	15,163	18.1	6,802	8.1	6,340	7.6	83,634
SANDWELL	75,804	22.2	37,669	11.0	117,500	34.4	61,158	17.9	26,514	7.8	23,190	6.8	341,835

Source: 2021 Census.

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 (20.8% compared with 22.2%), and a slightly higher proportion aged 75 & over (7.6% compared with 6.8%).

- Charlemont with Grove Vale has a smaller proportion of under 16s than average (18.0% compared with 20.8% 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 49 (31.6% and 32.0% respectively). These are the second and fourth lowest of all Sandwell wards. In contrast, these wards both have a high proportion of those aged 65-74.
- Greets Green & Lyng has a low proportion of those aged 65-74 (at 6.5%, this is the third 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 five of all Sandwell wards.

Household Characteristics

Since 2011, Sandwell overall has seen an increase of 7.2% in the number of households, compared with 7.0% in West Bromwich town. Within the town, Greets Green & Lyng and West Bromwich Central wards have seen the largest increases at 18.0% and 12.7% respectively, whilst Newton and Charlemont with Grove Vale have seen increases of less than 3%.

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.	%	
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
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
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
Newton	746	15.4	667	13.7	1,874	38.6	408	8.4	337	6.9	823	17.0	4,855
West Bromwich Central	1,508	25.0	681	11.3	2,013	33.3	481	8.0	345	5.7	1,010	16.7	6,038
TOWN	5,602	17.5	3,824	12.0	12,430	38.9	2,817	8.8	1,837	5.7	5,449	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	20,312	15.6	130,246

¹ HHs = Households
Source: 2021 Census.

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 (13.2%) has the lowest proportion of single person households (non-pensioners) of all Sandwell wards, whilst West Bromwich Central (25.0%) has the highest.
- In terms of lone pensioner households, Newton is within the top three of all Sandwell wards, with 13.7% of households made up of lone pensioners.
- Couple households (both married and co-habiting) are more prevalent in Great Barr with Yew Tree (43.6% compared with 38.9% in the town overall). This ward is fourth highest in Sandwell in terms of this indicator.
- Charlemont with Grove Vale has the second lowest proportion of lone parents (with dependent children) of all Sandwell wards at 7.8%.
- Charlemont with Grove Vale and Great Barr with Yew Tree 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 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. The White British population in West Bromwich town has fallen from 59.1% in 2011 to 44.2% in 2021, whilst the Other White group has increased from 5.4% to 5.8%.

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.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	7,155	56.3	620	4.9	2,331	18.3	286	2.3	199	1.6	292	2.3
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
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
Newton	5,662	46.6	578	4.8	2,041	16.8	479	3.9	284	2.3	398	3.3
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
TOWN	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.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	415	3.3	475	3.7	284	2.2	107	0.8	53	0.4	493	3.9
Great Barr with Yew Tree	588	4.4	593	4.4	285	2.1	134	1.0	32	0.2	449	3.3
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
Newton	628	5.2	967	8.0	443	3.6	211	1.7	35	0.3	427	3.5
West Bromwich Central	642	4.2	818	5.3	430	2.8	237	1.5	186	1.2	831	5.4
TOWN	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.

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 55.8% of the town's population compared to the highest proportion of 75.6% in Smethwick.

- At 73.1%, 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 8.0% the ward ranks second highest of all Sandwell wards), Indian residents (25.6%, ranked highest) and Chinese & Other Asian residents (5.3%, ranked third).
- Greets Green & Lyng has high proportions of Bangladeshi and Arab residents (at 11.0% and 1.4% respectively, the ward ranks second on both these indicators).
- At 8.0%, Newton has a high proportion of Black Caribbean residents, and ranks highest of all Sandwell wards.

Religion 2021

	Christian		Sikh		Muslim		Hindu		Other Religion		No Religion		Not Stated	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
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
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
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
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
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
TOWN	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.

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.

West Bromwich town overall has the highest proportion of Hindu residents of all six Sandwell towns, but this is a relatively small group (4.9%). The town also has an above average proportion of Sikh residents (15.6% compared to a borough average of 11.5%), and ranks second of the six towns.

- 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 (21.1%) and 'other' religious groups (1.4%).
- Greets Green & Lyng and Newton wards both also rank highly in terms of Hindu residents (second and third respectively).
- Greets Green & Lyng ranks fourth of all Sandwell wards in terms of Muslim residents, with 23.4% of the population being affiliated to this religion.

Country of Birth and Household Language 2021

	Country of Birth						Household Language			
	UK		All EU		Other		All in HH have English as main language		None in HH have English as main language	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	10,237	80.5	652	5.1	1,823	14.4	4,332	84.6	337	6.6
Great Barr with Yew Tree	11,088	82.1	439	3.2	1,981	14.6	4,376	85.4	232	4.5
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
Newton	9,504	78.3	654	5.4	1,987	16.3	4,124	84.9	295	6.1
West Bromwich Central	9,168	59.4	1,556	10.1	4,702	30.5	3,946	65.4	1,104	18.3
TOWN	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.

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. 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 EU countries, and in countries outside the EU.

- 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 within EU countries.
- Greets Green & Lyng and Hateley Heath also have a relatively high proportion of residents born in EU countries compared to the town and borough averages, ranking fourth and fifth of all Sandwell wards.
- West Bromwich Central and Greets Green & Lyng rank highly in terms of residents born in countries outside the EU (third and fifth respectively).

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. In West Bromwich town, 10.4% of households have no residents who have English as a main language - the second highest of the six towns.

- Great Barr with Yew Tree has the highest proportion of households where all residents have English as a main language within the town at 85.4%, however this is not among the highest wards on this indicator.
- West Bromwich Central and Greets Green & Lyng rank third and fifth 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).

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. At 57.3%, the level of economic activity of residents of West Bromwich town is below that for Sandwell as a whole, and is the second lowest of the six towns.

- West Bromwich Central has the highest levels of unemployment within the town, at 5.6% this is the third highest of all Sandwell wards.
- Charlemont with Grove Vale has the highest proportion of self-employment (at 7.7% this is the second highest of all Sandwell wards).
- Great Barr with Yew Tree has the highest proportion of residents who are in full time employment in the town - this is fifth highest in the Borough.

Economic Activity 2021 (Residents aged 16+)

	Economically Active					Economically Inactive					All aged 16+
	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	32.9	11.4	7.7	3.9	2.3	22.8	5.1	5.3	4.2	4.6	10,426
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
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
Newton	34.4	11.7	6.8	3.3	2.2	22.7	6.6	5.2	3.5	3.5	9,793
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
TOWN	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.

Economically Inactive

Levels of economic inactivity within the town are slightly higher than those for Sandwell as a whole. Within the town:

- There are higher proportions of long term sick or disabled in Hateley Heath and Greets Green & Lyng.
- Greets Green & Lyng has the highest proportion (9.8%) of residents aged 16+ who are looking after the home or family, ranking fourth out of all Sandwell wards.

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

	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	2,611	25.0	1,157	11.1	1,388	13.3	621	6.0	1,647	15.8	2,627	25.2	377	3.6
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
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
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
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
TOWN	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.

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.

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 (with Great Barr with Yew Tree being the second highest of all Sandwell wards).
- The ward with the largest proportion of residents with no qualifications is Greets Green & Lyng, at 33.8% 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.
- Charlemont with Grove Vale has the highest proportion of residents qualified to apprenticeship level of all Sandwell wards (6.0%).
- Greets Green & Lyng and West Bromwich Central are both among the highest wards in terms of residents with other qualifications (both 4.9%).

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. Car ownership levels in West Bromwich town overall are similar to the Sandwell average, but there is a great deal of variation across the wards.

- 42.7% of households in West Bromwich Central are without a car or van in the town - this is the highest proportion of all Sandwell wards, whilst Great Barr with Yew Tree has the lowest proportion in the Borough.
- Great Barr with Yew Tree and Charlemont with Grove Vale are the highest and second highest Sandwell wards in terms of households with 2 or more cars or vans, at 40.1% and 35.0% respectively.

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.	%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	1,188	23.2	2,139	41.8	1,792	35.0
Great Barr with Yew Tree	968	18.9	2,098	41.0	2,055	40.1
Greets Green & Lyng	1,951	37.2	2,170	41.3	1,130	21.5
Hateley Heath	1,732	31.1	2,346	42.1	1,497	26.9
Newton	1,071	22.1	2,236	46.1	1,548	31.9
West Bromwich Central	2,581	42.7	2,262	37.5	1,195	19.8
TOWN	9,491	29.7	13,251	41.5	9,217	28.8
SANDWELL	38,092	29.2	54,728	42.0	37,426	28.7

¹Households
Source: 2021 Census.

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 West Bromwich town, 8.8% of residents said they were limited a little, whilst 8.5% 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 fifth lowest of all Sandwell wards on this indicator, whilst Hateley Heath ranks 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 and Newton are both 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 7.5%, Greets Green & Lyng among the worst four of all Sandwell wards for those stating their level of health is bad or very bad.
- In terms of residents who are long-term sick or disabled, Hateley Heath is the worst ward in the town, with almost a quarter of residents being classified as this.

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. 9.3% of West Bromwich town residents provide unpaid care, the same as the Sandwell average.

- At 7.9%, West Bromwich Central is within the three lowest of all Sandwell wards in terms of residents providing unpaid care.

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
Charlemont with Grove Vale	7.8	9.7	80.3	14.2	5.5	22.9	9.9	3.1
Great Barr with Yew Tree	7.6	8.6	81.4	13.3	5.4	21.4	9.9	3.3
Greets Green & Lyng	9.2	8.1	78.7	13.9	7.5	21	8.6	3.1
Hateley Heath	10.1	9.5	77.8	14.7	7.5	24.1	9.6	3.6
Newton	7.2	8.7	80.9	13.9	5.3	21.5	10.1	2.9
West Bromwich Central	9	8.3	77.9	15	7.1	22	7.9	2.6
TOWN	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.

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.

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
Charlemont with Grove Vale	64.5	18.8	16.0	0.4	5,120	21.8	15.6	2.1	5.4
Great Barr with Yew Tree	66.4	17.3	15.7	0.5	5,121	21.8	13.9	1.7	5.0
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
Newton	71.1	13.2	15.4	0.0	4,855	7.8	12.2	1.9	5.0
West Bromwich Central	41.2	33.8	23.3	0.5	6,036	13.8	20.7	2.2	12.3
TOWN	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, Key Statistics.

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 in private rented accommodation. Owner occupation has fallen since 2011, but the main change has been an increase in private rented accommodation. Renting from a private landlord or letting agency has increased from 12.4% to 18.0% over the decade.

- Newton has the highest and Great Barr with Yew Tree has the third highest level of owner occupation of all Sandwell wards.
- At over a third of households, 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 proportion of detached houses is slightly higher than the Sandwell average and the proportion of terraced housing is the lowest of all six towns. 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>

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