# Children & young people

# Bolton's young people



Young people aged 0-25 are1:

- 32% of the **Bolton** population
- 29% of the **England** population

**302,400** young people aged 0-25 live in Bolton1

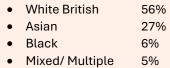


 Age 0-4: 18,900 Age 5-9: 20,500 **Age 10-14**: 21,900

Age 15-19: 19,700 Age 20-24: 16,400



Young people in Bolton come from a diverse range of backgrounds<sup>2</sup>





By 2043, as Bolton's population ages, under 25s will be a lower proportion

down from 32% to 28%<sup>3</sup>

#### Safe



Bolton is worse than England for children U16 killed and seriously injured on the roads8

- 24.0/100,000 children in Bolton
- 16.5/100,000 children in England



**Integrated Front Door**– one point of contact for public or professionals who are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child living in Bolton9

• Links up agencies such as social workers, police, health, and others



**Social care** offers a range of support<sup>10</sup>:

- Children in Need extra support or services to make sure their health and development aren't significantly impaired e.g. due to disabilities, neglect or domestic abuse
- Child protection plan to protect the safety and wellbeing of a child at risk of significant harm
- Looked after children children in the care of the local authority

# Achieve



63% of children were at the expected level across all early learning goals4

• 52% of children on free school meals



Bolton's school attendance is consistently higher than national rates and all our comparators 5

- 95% attendance at primary
- 92% attendance at secondary
- **Illness** is the main reason for time off



Suspension rate per student<sup>6</sup>

Primary: 0.6 Secondary 12.2



Permanent exclusion rate per student<sup>6</sup>

Primary: 0.0 Secondary 0.2



4% of Bolton 16-17 year olds were **not in** education, employment or training (NEET)7

## Healthy



There are **7,000 disabled young people** aged under 25 living in Bolton<sup>2</sup>

• 3,000 are disabled and their day to day activities are limited a lot2

### Healthy weight in Bolton8:

#### Age 4/5



- **2%** underweight worse than England
- 22% overweight/ obese similar to England
- 10% obese similar to England

#### Age 10/11



- 3% underweight worse than England
- 38% overweight/ obese worse than England
- 24% obese worse than England



Bolton is in the top 5 in England for 5 year olds with experience of **visually obvious** dental decay8

- Bolton 43%
- England 24%



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# **Belong**



In 2022/23 there were 9,000 under 25s with

# Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Bolton<sup>11</sup>

- 7000 with Special Educational Needs support
- **2000** with an Education, Health and Care Plan



Bolton **Youth Offending Team** works with young people aged 10-17 and their families who enter the **criminal justice** system<sup>12</sup>



In 2024, **38%** of Bolton children (**24,600** individuals) live in relative **low-income households**<sup>13</sup>

 This puts Bolton among the top 20 highest in the country

#### At home<sup>2</sup>



**36%** of households in Bolton include at least one child aged under 16



18% of Bolton U16s live with 1 adult 57% live with 2 adults 25% live with 3+ adults



17% of households with child(ren) aged under 16 do not own a car or van; 28% of households without children



**5%** of households with child(ren) aged under 16 **live in a flat**; 37% of households without children



**44%** of households with child(ren) aged under 16 **rent** their homes

- 24% private; 21% social 35% of households without children
  - 16% private; 19% social rented)

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