

# Astley Bridge ward

## Our people



**15,600** people live in the ward<sup>1</sup>

Resident age<sup>1</sup>:

- **19%** are aged **0-15**
- **25%** are aged **25-44**
- **9%** are aged **65-74**
- **10%** are aged **75+**



Resident ethnicity<sup>2</sup>:

- **19%** from **Asian** backgrounds
- **2%** from **Black** backgrounds
- **77%** from **White** backgrounds



Household makeup<sup>2</sup>:

- **32%** are **single person** households
- **29%** have **dependent children**



Housing type<sup>3</sup>:

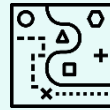
- **70%** of households **own** their home
  - **29%** own their **semi-detached**
  - **18%** own their **detached house**
- **13%** live in a **social rented** home
  - **5%** live in a socially rented **terrace**
- **17%** live in a **private rented** home
  - **7%** - a private rented **terrace**



## Our place

Land use within the ward<sup>4</sup>

- **23% developed land**
  - 6% residential
  - 9% highways and road transport
- **77% undeveloped land**
  - 30% forest, open land and water
  - 18% agriculture
  - 17% residential gardens



**1 retail centre** in or near the ward<sup>5</sup>:

- Astley Bridge – **£22 million**
- The Valley leisure park - no relevant retail spend



**2%** of ward residents live in an area with a nationally **high risk of transport related social exclusion**<sup>6</sup>



**44 listed buildings**<sup>7</sup> - all grade II listed

- Bank Top United Reform Church
- The Cottonworks (Horrocks Mill)
- Watermillock
- ....



## Our health



**82%** say their **health is good/ very good**<sup>2</sup>

Health behaviours among adults:

- **30%** are physically **inactive**<sup>8,9</sup>  
Less than 30 mins brisk walk a week
- **13%** smoke<sup>10</sup>
- **10%** drink alcohol at high/ very high levels<sup>10</sup>



**34%** of young people in **Year 6** (age 10-11) are **above a healthy weight**<sup>12</sup>



Long term conditions<sup>10</sup>:

- **18%** experience **depression**
- **1%** experience **severe mental illness**
- **7%** experience **asthma**



**Life expectancy** at birth gives an overview of population health<sup>11</sup>

- **Male 76-80**: 3 yrs less - 1 yr above England
- **Female 80-82**: 1-3 years below England



**13 road traffic collisions** with 1+ person **killed or seriously injured** 2022-24<sup>12</sup>

- 5% of Bolton's total



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