

Bolton overview

Our people



11,800 – 20,200 people per ward¹

Resident age varies between wards¹:

- **16-30%** are aged **0-15**
- **21-31%** are aged **25-44**
- **6-13%** are aged **65-74**
- **3-16%** are aged **75+**



Resident ethnicity across Bolton²:

- **20%** from **Asian** backgrounds
- **4%** from **Black** backgrounds
- **72%** from **White** backgrounds



Household makeup²:

- **31%** are **single person** households
- **32%** have **dependent children**



Housing type varies between wards³:

- **28-86%** of households **own** their home
 - **1-49%** own their **detached house**
 - **9-35%** own their **terraced house**
- **3-36%** live in a **social rented** home
- **9-38%** live in a **private rented** home
 - **3-17%** - a private rented **terrace**
 - **1-18%** - a private rented **flat**



Our health



76-86% say their **health is good/** very good²

Health behaviours among adults:

- **25-38%** are physically **inactive**^{8,9}
Less than 30 mins brisk walk a week
- **7-21%** smoke¹⁰
- **2-14%** drink alcohol at high/ v high levels¹⁰



24-45% of young people in **Year 6**
(age 10-11) are **above a healthy weight**¹²



Long term conditions across Bolton¹⁰:

- **21%** experience **depression**
- **1%** experience **severe mental illness**
- **7%** experience **asthma**



Life expectancy at birth gives an overview of population health & varies by over a decade¹¹

- **Male 70-82** | England 79
- **Female 75-88** | England 83



259 road traffic collisions with 1+ person
killed or seriously injured 2022-24¹²

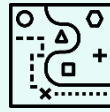


- **30 (12%)** in Queens Park & Central

Our place

Land use across wards⁴

- **12-72% developed land**
 - 2-14% residential
 - 6-24% highways and road transport
 - 0-11% industry and commerce
- **28-87% undeveloped land**
 - 5-36% forest, open land & water
 - 0-54% agriculture



24 retail centres across the borough⁵:

- Middlebrook retail park – **£173** million
- Bolton – **£161** million
- Astley Bridge – **£22** million
- Total – **£570** million



10+% of Westhoughton South; Horwich South & Blackrod; & Horwich North residents live in an area with a nationally **high risk of transport related social exclusion**⁶



357 listed buildings⁷ - 3 grade I listed

- Hall i' th' Wood
- Smithills Hall
- 10 Firwood Fold



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