

Our people

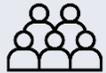


310,000 residents¹

- **24%** aged **under 18**
more than England, slightly more than GM
- **17%** aged **65+**
lower than England, slightly more than GM



97% of residents either **speak English** as their main language or **proficiently**⁴



By 2040 Bolton is expected to have **317,000** residents²

- A 3.8% increase from 2025
- A lower increase than England or GM



Bolton has **high levels of deprivation**⁵

- Bolton is just outside the top 10% most deprived local council areas in England
- **46%** of residents live in an area that is among the **20% most deprived** nationally
- **16%** live in an area that is among the **20% least deprived**



Bolton is **richly diverse**³

- **69%** from a **White British** background
- **20%** from **Asian** backgrounds
More than England & GM
- **4%** from **Black** backgrounds
Lower than England & GM



38% of Bolton **children** live in relative **low income households**⁶

- 24,600 individuals
- **Among the top 20 highest** local council areas in the country

Our place



All of Bolton is '**Urban: Nearer to a major town or city**'⁷

- **27%** of Bolton is **developed land**⁸:
10% highways and road transport, 5% residential, 2% industry & commerce
- **73%** of Bolton is **undeveloped land**⁸: 29% agricultural, 18% forest, open land and water, 15% garden



68% of Bolton adults age 16-64 are **in work** - lower than NW¹³

- Among those **economically inactive**: **31% students, 29% long term sick**, 20% looking after home & family 10% retired¹³
- **Pay** for jobs in Bolton (average £30,455 a year full time) is **lower** than England or NW¹⁴



3 grade 1 listed buildings⁹

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

Individual **behaviour** is crucially **influenced by the social and physical environment**



- **24%** of Bolton adults **eat 5-a-day** fruit & veg (worse than England)¹⁵
- **155.1 fast food outlets per 100,000** population in Bolton (worse than England)¹⁵
- **37%** of **year 6** students (are **overweight or obese** (similar to England) **58%** are **physically active** (better than England).¹⁵



Sites of Special Scientific Interest¹⁰:

- West Pennine Moors, Red Moss, Nob End, Ashclough



Of the borough's households:

- **33%** live in **terraced houses**
- **13%** in **flats**¹¹
- **12%** are in **fuel poverty**¹²



26% of Bolton adults **volunteer** at least once a month¹⁶

Our health & wellbeing



As in many parts of the north of England, the **health** of people in Bolton is **generally worse over a range of measures** than the average for England¹⁷

Life expectancy indicates **overall population health**, & health **inequalities**



- At 76.9 years for males and 81.4 for females, life expectancy in Bolton is **over 2 years less than England**¹⁸
- **Within Bolton**, life expectancy varies by **over 10 years** between small areas¹⁹



The main conditions contributing to the **life expectancy gap** by deprivation in Bolton²⁰:

- **Circulatory disease & respiratory disease** for males
- Respiratory disease and **cancer** for females



Our **mental health influences our physical health**, our ability to lead a healthy lifestyle & to manage & recover from physical health conditions

- **15%** of Bolton adults have **depression**²¹
- **7%** say they often or always feel **lonely**²¹
- These figures are similar to England²¹



35% of Bolton **5 year olds** have visually obvious **dental decay** (worse than England)²²

Measles is a highly infectious vaccine preventable viral infection which can cause serious disease²²



- **90%** of children have **at least one dose of MMR** by age 2 (similar to England)
- The target is 95% coverage nationally to ensure disease control

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