

First results from Census 2021 in England and Wales – Population and Household Estimates¹

In Summary

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- The Midlands Engine area followed the national trend where there were declines in five age bands; aged 4 years and under, 15-19 years old, 20-24 years old, 40-44 years old and 45-49 years old. However, there are age bands with significant percentage increases; those aged 70-74 years old, those aged 75-79 years old and those aged 90 years and over.

Full Briefing

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- The Midlands Engine population can be split by 5,269,900 females (+6.4%, +316,929 since Census Day 2011) and 5,102,200 males (+5.9%, +284,992 since Census Day 2011). In England, there were 28,833,500 females (+7.0%) and 27,656,300 males (+6.1%).
- Within the Midlands Engine, there were four local authorities where the population decreased since the Census day in 2011. Chesterfield population decreased by approximately 188 residents (-0.2%), Newcastle-under-Lyme decreased by approximately 571 residents (-0.5%), Staffordshire Moorlands decreased by approximately 1,306 residents (-1.3%) and North East Lincolnshire decreased by 2,716 residents (-1.7%).
- Derbyshire Dales total population increased by 384 (+0.5%) but notably there was a decrease of 171 (-0.5%) of males.
- Within the Midlands Engine, the largest increase in population was in Birmingham (+71,855) – this was also the biggest change across the country. This was followed by Leicester (+38,761 – 12th highest increase out of all areas) and Sandwell (+33,837, 18th highest out of all areas).

In the appendix is a table containing Midlands Engine local authority data for usual resident population on Census Day on 2021 and the change since Census Day on 2011.

- In the Midlands Engine area there were 4,288,500 households with at least one usual resident on Census Day 2021.

¹ Source: Office for National Statistics - [Population and household estimates, England and Wales: Census 2021](#) – released June 2022

Population Age Breakdown

- As seen in the following table, the Midlands Engine area followed the national trend where there were declines in five age bands; aged 4 years and under (-6.3%, Eng. -7.3%), 15-19 years old (-3.8%, Eng. -3.6%) 20-24 years old (-3.7%, Eng. -5.0%), 40-44 years old (-13.1%, Eng. -7.9%) and 45-49 years old (-9.8%, Eng. -7.1%).

Age breakdown on Census Day 2021 compared to Census Day 2011:

	Midlands Engine 2011	Midlands Engine 2021	Midlands Engine Num. Change	Midlands Engine % Change	England	England Change since Census Day 2011
All persons	9,770,179	10,371,800	601,621	6.2%	56,489,800	6.6%
Aged 4 years and under	599,250	561,300	-37,950	-6.3%	3,077,000	-7.3%
Aged 5 to 9 years	551,773	622,100	70,327	12.7%	3,348,600	12.6%
Aged 10 to 14 years	582,080	634,700	52,620	9.0%	3,413,100	10.8%
Aged 15 to 19 years	643,152	618,500	-24,652	-3.8%	3,218,900	-3.6%
Aged 20 to 24 years	668,934	643,900	-25,034	-3.7%	3,414,400	-5.0%
Aged 25 to 29 years	618,204	643,300	25,096	4.1%	3,715,400	1.8%
Aged 30 to 34 years	584,884	684,500	99,616	17.0%	3,952,600	12.6%
Aged 35 to 39 years	623,113	657,000	33,887	5.4%	3,795,400	6.9%
Aged 40 to 44 years	712,032	618,800	-93,232	-13.1%	3,580,400	-7.9%
Aged 45 to 49 years	715,495	645,700	-69,795	-9.8%	3,602,600	-7.1%
Aged 50 to 54 years	626,697	726,300	99,603	15.9%	3,907,700	14.9%
Aged 55 to 59 years	569,402	706,100	136,698	24.0%	3,806,300	27.0%
Aged 60 to 64 years	603,950	609,000	5,050	0.8%	3,256,100	2.6%
Aged 65 to 69 years	495,463	528,200	32,737	6.6%	2,767,500	10.3%
Aged 70 to 74 years	397,806	534,800	136,994	34.4%	2,796,600	36.8%
Aged 75 to 79 years	319,726	402,400	82,674	25.9%	2,038,800	22.1%
Aged 80 to 84 years	239,727	277,200	37,473	15.6%	1,427,900	13.4%
Aged 85 to 89 years	145,637	165,800	20,163	13.8%	872,200	12.4%
Aged 90 years and over	72,854	92,100	19,246	26.4%	498,200	23.4%

- For the Midlands Engine area, the highest percentage increases were in those aged 70-74 years old (+34.4%, Eng. +36.8%), aged 90 years and over (+26.4%, Eng. +23.4%) and those aged 75-79 years old (+25.9%, Eng. +22.1%).

Population Density

- Since Census Day 2011, across the Midlands Engine area the number of residents per square kilometre decreased in four local authorities; North East Lincolnshire (-14), Chesterfield (-3), Newcastle-under-Lyme (-3) and Staffordshire Moorlands (-2). A further two local authorities remained the same; Derbyshire Dales and High Peak.
- The Midlands Engine area at 380 residents per square kilometre was below the England-wide figure of 434 residents per square kilometre.

Appendix

Breakdown of usual resident population on Census Day 2021 and change since Census Day 2011:

	All persons	All persons % Change since 2011	All persons Num. Change since 2011	Females	Females % Change since 2011	Females Num. Change since 2011	Males	Males % Change since 2011	Males Num. Change since 2011
Amber Valley	126,200	3.2%	3,891	64,200	3.4%	2,083	62,000	3.0%	1,808
Ashfield	126,300	5.7%	6,803	64,400	5.9%	3,568	61,900	5.5%	3,235
Bassetlaw	117,800	4.4%	4,937	59,400	4.5%	2,561	58,400	4.2%	2,376
Birmingham	1,144,900	6.7%	71,855	584,300	7.2%	39,061	560,500	6.2%	32,694
Blaby	102,900	9.6%	8,985	52,500	10.1%	4,813	50,400	9.0%	4,172
Bolsover	80,300	5.8%	4,434	40,700	5.8%	2,222	39,600	5.9%	2,212
Boston	70,500	9.1%	5,863	35,800	8.2%	2,699	34,700	10.0%	3,164
Bromsgrove	99,200	5.9%	5,563	50,700	7.1%	3,363	48,400	4.5%	2,100
Broxtowe	110,900	1.3%	1,413	56,500	2.0%	1,131	54,400	0.5%	282
Cannock Chase	100,500	3.1%	3,038	51,000	3.4%	1,664	49,500	2.9%	1,374
Charnwood	183,900	10.7%	17,800	91,900	10.5%	8,713	92,000	11.0%	9,087
Chesterfield	103,600	-0.2%	-188	52,700	-0.4%	-188	50,900	0.0%	0
Coventry	345,300	8.9%	28,340	173,100	8.6%	13,761	172,200	9.2%	14,579
Derby	261,400	5.1%	12,648	131,900	4.9%	6,194	129,500	5.2%	6,454
Derbyshire Dales	71,500	0.5%	384	36,600	1.5%	555	34,900	-0.5%	-171
Dudley	323,500	3.4%	10,575	164,500	3.4%	5,394	159,000	3.4%	5,181
East Lindsey	142,300	4.3%	5,899	72,800	4.0%	2,826	69,500	4.6%	3,073
East Staffordshire	124,000	9.2%	10,417	62,000	8.4%	4,802	62,000	10.0%	5,615
Erewash	112,900	0.7%	819	57,500	0.6%	353	55,400	0.8%	466
Gedling	117,300	3.3%	3,757	60,400	3.8%	2,205	56,900	2.8%	1,552
Harborough	97,600	14.3%	12,218	49,300	14.6%	6,271	48,400	14.3%	6,047
Herefordshire, County of	187,100	2.0%	3,623	95,200	2.2%	2,025	91,900	1.8%	1,598
High Peak	90,900	0.0%	8	46,300	0.4%	182	44,700	-0.2%	-74
Hinckley and Bosworth	113,600	8.1%	8,522	57,600	7.9%	4,222	56,000	8.3%	4,300
Leicester	368,600	11.8%	38,761	186,500	11.7%	19,545	182,100	11.8%	19,216
Lichfield	106,400	5.7%	5,746	54,000	6.4%	3,266	52,500	5.2%	2,580
Lincoln	103,900	11.1%	10,359	52,400	9.7%	4,632	51,400	12.3%	5,627
Malvern Hills	79,400	6.4%	4,769	40,800	6.5%	2,505	38,600	6.2%	2,264
Mansfield	110,500	5.8%	6,034	56,100	5.5%	2,942	54,400	6.0%	3,092
Melton	51,800	2.8%	1,424	26,500	3.3%	842	25,300	2.4%	582
Newark and Sherwood	122,900	7.0%	8,083	62,500	7.3%	4,239	60,500	7.0%	3,944
Newcastle-under- Lyme	123,300	-0.5%	-571	62,900	0.4%	235	60,400	-1.3%	-806
North East Derbyshire	102,000	3.0%	2,977	52,300	3.6%	1,841	49,800	2.5%	1,236
North East Lincolnshire	156,900	-1.7%	-2,716	80,100	-1.6%	-1,269	76,800	-1.8%	-1,447
North Kesteven	118,000	9.5%	10,234	60,200	9.1%	5,037	57,800	9.9%	5,197
North Lincolnshire	169,700	1.3%	2,254	86,000	1.4%	1,177	83,700	1.3%	1,077
North Warwickshire	65,000	4.8%	2,986	33,100	5.4%	1,690	31,900	4.2%	1,296
North West Leicestershire	104,700	12.0%	11,232	53,100	12.7%	5,967	51,600	11.4%	5,265
Nottingham	323,700	5.9%	18,020	164,700	8.4%	12,797	159,000	3.4%	5,223
Nuneaton and Bedworth	134,200	7.1%	8,948	68,300	7.0%	4,489	65,900	7.3%	4,459
Oadby and Wigston	57,700	2.7%	1,530	29,800	2.8%	799	28,000	3.1%	831
Redditch	87,000	3.3%	2,786	44,100	4.1%	1,734	43,000	2.8%	1,152

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Rugby	114,400	14.3%	14,325	57,400	14.4%	7,209	57,000	14.3%	7,116
Rushcliffe	119,000	7.1%	7,871	60,700	7.6%	4,274	58,300	6.6%	3,597
Rutland	41,000	9.7%	3,631	20,000	8.4%	1,546	21,100	11.6%	2,185
Sandwell	341,900	11.0%	33,837	173,600	10.9%	17,129	168,200	11.0%	16,608
Shropshire	323,600	5.7%	17,471	163,900	6.1%	9,377	159,700	5.3%	8,094
Solihull	216,200	4.6%	9,526	111,300	4.7%	4,978	104,900	4.5%	4,548
South Derbyshire	107,200	13.3%	12,589	54,700	14.8%	7,052	52,500	11.8%	5,537
South Holland	95,100	7.7%	6,830	48,400	7.2%	3,249	46,700	8.3%	3,581
South Kesteven	143,400	7.2%	9,612	73,900	6.9%	4,768	69,500	7.5%	4,844
South Staffordshire	110,500	2.2%	2,369	55,200	0.6%	312	55,300	3.9%	2,057
Stafford	136,800	4.5%	5,931	69,200	5.9%	3,885	67,600	3.1%	2,046
Staffordshire Moorlands	95,800	-1.3%	-1,306	48,500	-1.7%	-816	47,300	-1.0%	-490
Stoke-on-Trent	258,400	3.8%	9,392	129,800	3.8%	4,787	128,600	3.7%	4,605
Stratford-on-Avon	134,700	11.8%	14,215	69,400	12.0%	7,412	65,300	11.6%	6,803
Tamworth	78,600	2.3%	1,787	39,900	2.0%	781	38,700	2.7%	1,006
Telford and Wrekin	185,600	11.4%	18,959	94,200	12.0%	10,108	91,300	10.6%	8,751
Walsall	284,100	5.5%	14,777	145,400	6.1%	8,396	138,700	4.8%	6,381
Warwick	148,500	7.9%	10,852	74,600	8.1%	5,602	73,900	7.6%	5,250
West Lindsey	95,200	6.7%	5,950	48,500	6.0%	2,741	46,700	7.4%	3,209
Wolverhampton	263,700	5.7%	14,230	134,300	6.6%	8,271	129,400	4.8%	5,959
Worcester	103,900	5.2%	5,132	53,000	5.6%	2,795	50,900	4.8%	2,337
Wychavon	132,500	13.3%	15,556	67,500	13.4%	8,001	65,000	13.2%	7,555
Wyre Forest	101,600	3.7%	3,625	51,800	4.3%	2,124	49,800	3.1%	1,501
Midlands Engine	10,371,800	6.2%	601,621	5,269,900	6.4%	316,929	5,102,200	5.9%	284,992
Black Country LEP	1,213,200	6.4%	73,419	617,800	6.8%	39,190	595,300	6.1%	34,129
Coventry and Warwickshire LEP	942,100	9.2%	79,666	475,900	9.2%	40,163	466,200	9.3%	39,503
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire LEP	2,204,400	4.5%	94,480	1,121,600	5.1%	54,011	1,083,100	3.9%	40,769
Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP	2,058,400	5.9%	114,343	1,049,100	6.3%	61,773	1,009,300	5.5%	52,570
Greater Lincolnshire LEP	1,136,000	5.4%	57,916	578,100	5.0%	27,406	557,900	5.8%	30,510
Leicester and Leicestershire LEP	1,080,800	10.2%	100,472	547,200	10.3%	51,172	533,800	10.2%	49,500
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP	1,134,300	3.4%	36,803	572,500	3.4%	18,916	561,900	3.3%	17,987
The Marches LEP	696,300	6.1%	40,053	353,300	6.5%	21,510	342,900	5.7%	18,443
Worcestershire LEP	603,600	6.6%	37,431	307,900	7.1%	20,522	295,700	6.1%	16,909
West Midlands Region	5,950,800	6.2%	348,953	3,023,000	6.5%	184,340	2,927,700	6.0%	164,513
East Midlands Region	4,880,200	7.7%	346,978	2,478,100	7.8%	179,371	2,402,100	7.5%	167,607
England	56,489,800	6.6%	3,477,344	28,833,500	7.0%	1,890,192	27,656,300	6.1%	1,587,152