

Demographics of Bradford District

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The Population



Bradford is now the fifth largest local authority in England in terms of population size after Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester

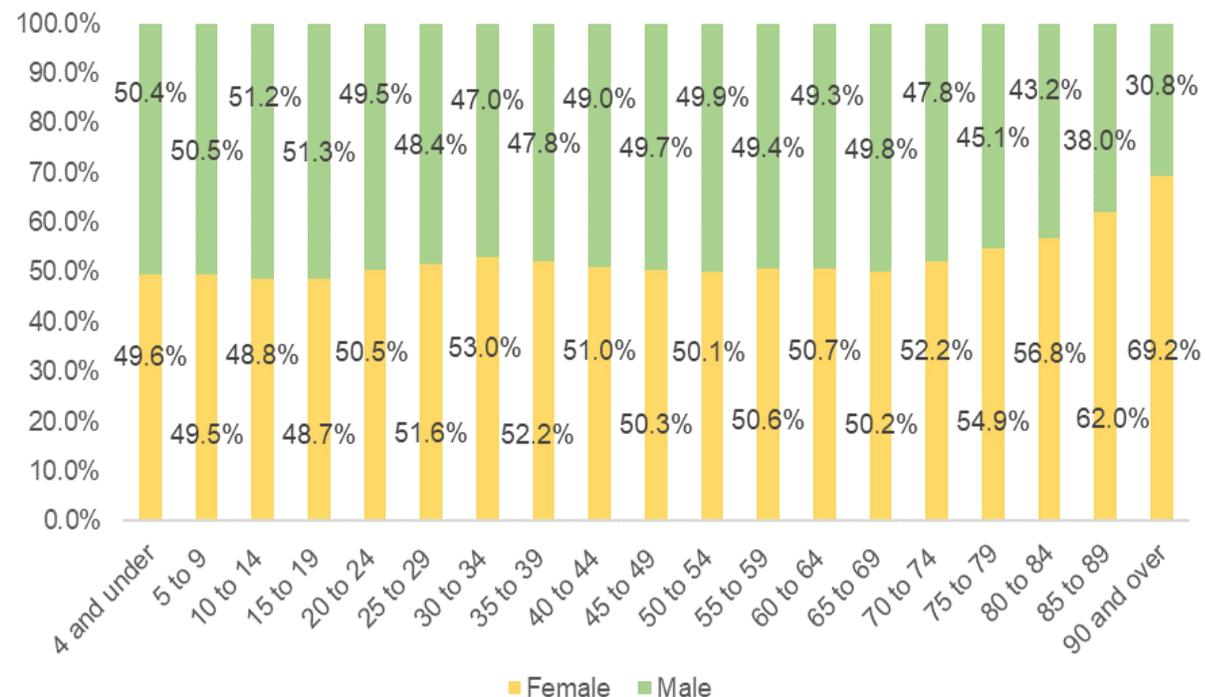
In 2021 it was estimated that there were 546,400 people living in Bradford District, an increase of 4.6% (23,950 people) since the 2011 census. This is lower than the overall increase for England (6.6%)

At 4.6%, Bradford's population increase is higher than the increase for Yorkshire and The Humber (3.7%).

As of 2021, there are three people for every football pitch-sized piece of land in England. Bradford is the third most densely populated of Yorkshire and The Humber's 21 local authority areas, with around 11 people living on each football pitch-sized area of land.

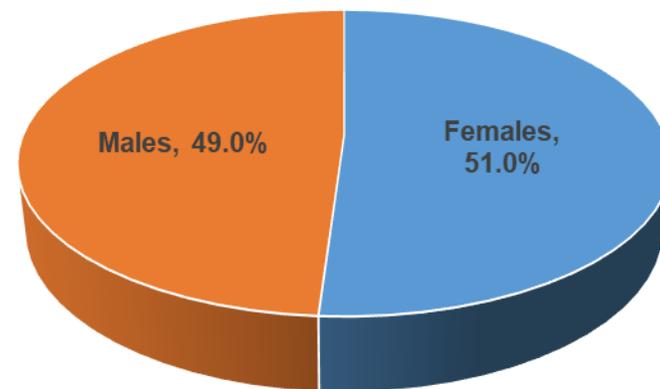
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Gender split and age groups by gender



51% of the population in Bradford are female with 49% male. This is the same as England.

The district has a higher proportion of females who are aged 85 to 89 (62% female/38% male) and 90 and over (69.2% female/30.8% male) compared to other age groups.



■ Females ■ Males

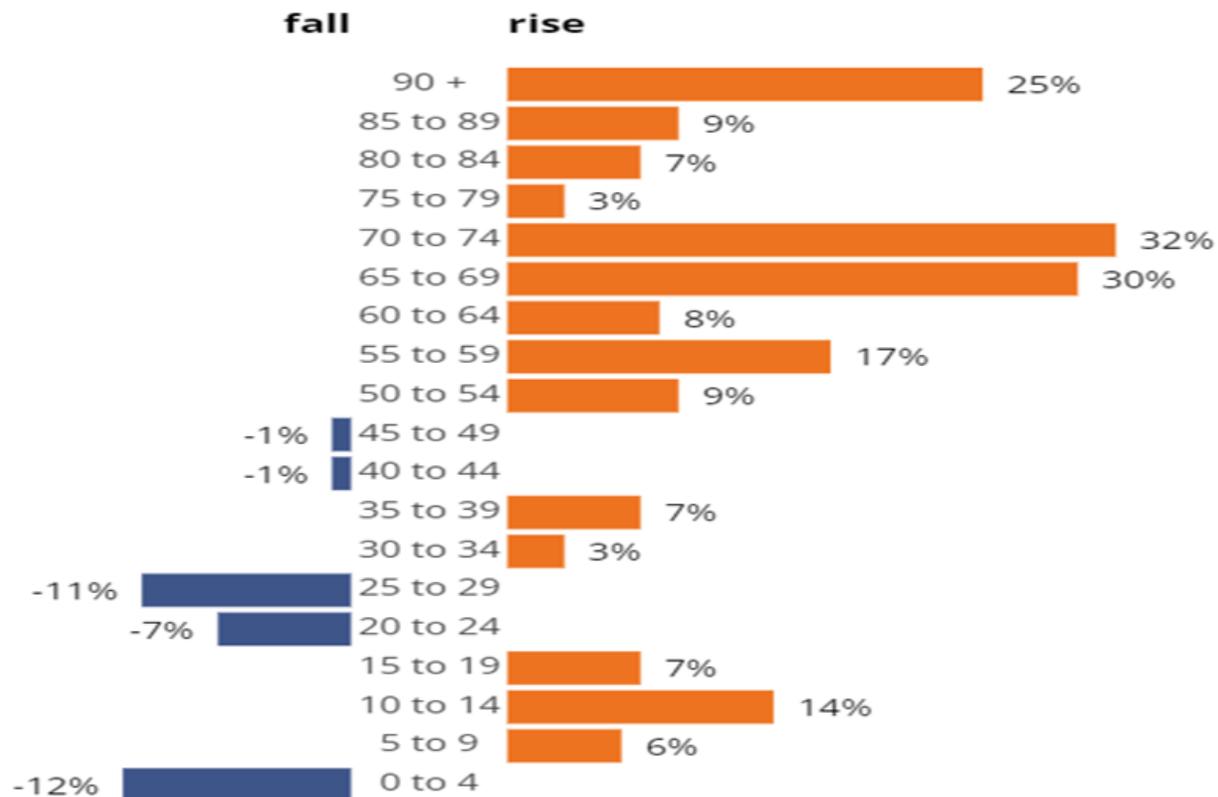
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Population change (%) by age group in Bradford, 2011 to 2021



The number of residents aged 4 years and under fell by around 5,100 (12.3% decrease).

In people aged 10 to 14 there has been a 14% increase with a 7% increase in people 15 to 19 years and 15 to 10 years.

People aged between 25 and 29 years have fallen by 11%.

There has been an increase of 32% in people aged 70 to 74 followed by a 30% increase in people aged 65 to 69. The number of people aged 65 to 74 years rose by just over 11,000 (an increase of 31.0%),

The number of people aged 90 years and over increased by 25%.

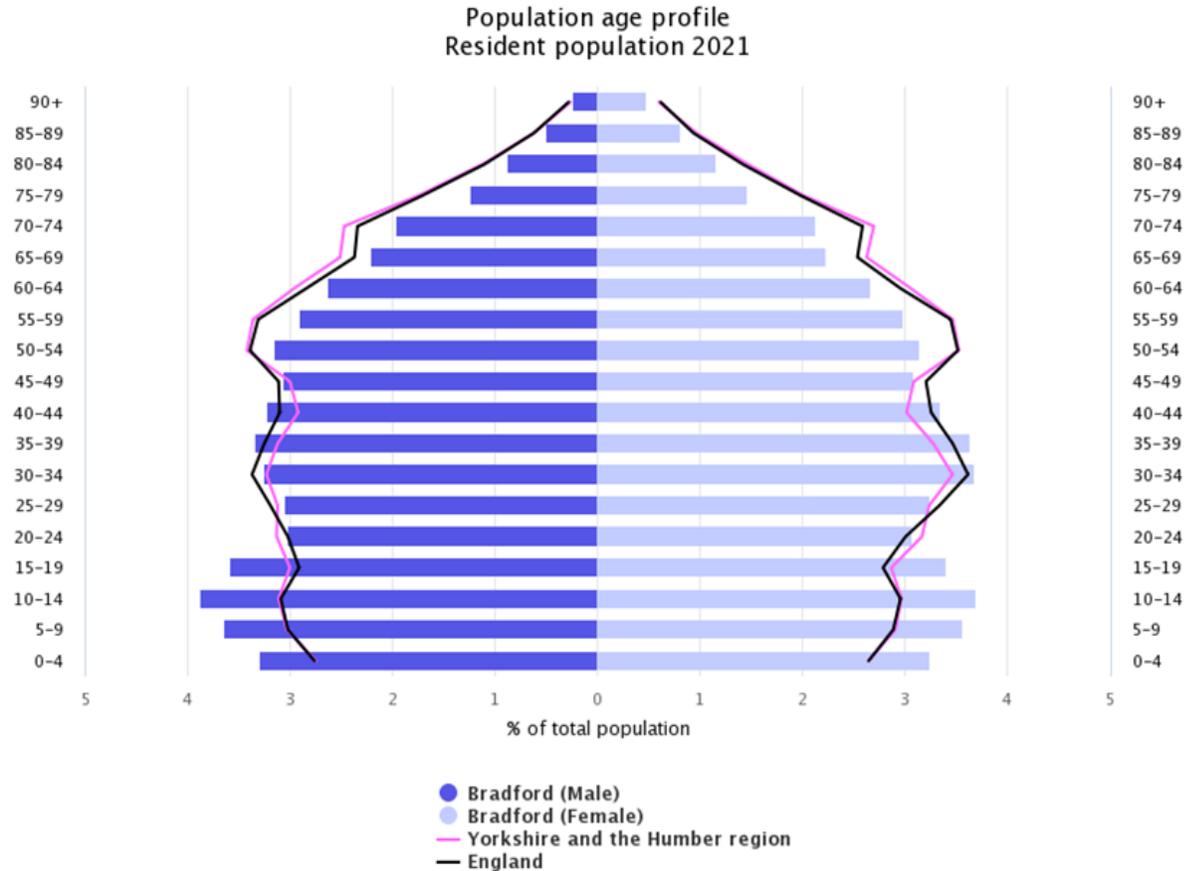
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Age and Gender



The District has the **fourth highest** proportion of **under 15** year olds in England.

Between the last two censuses, the average (median) age of Bradford increased by two years, from 34 to 36 years of age.

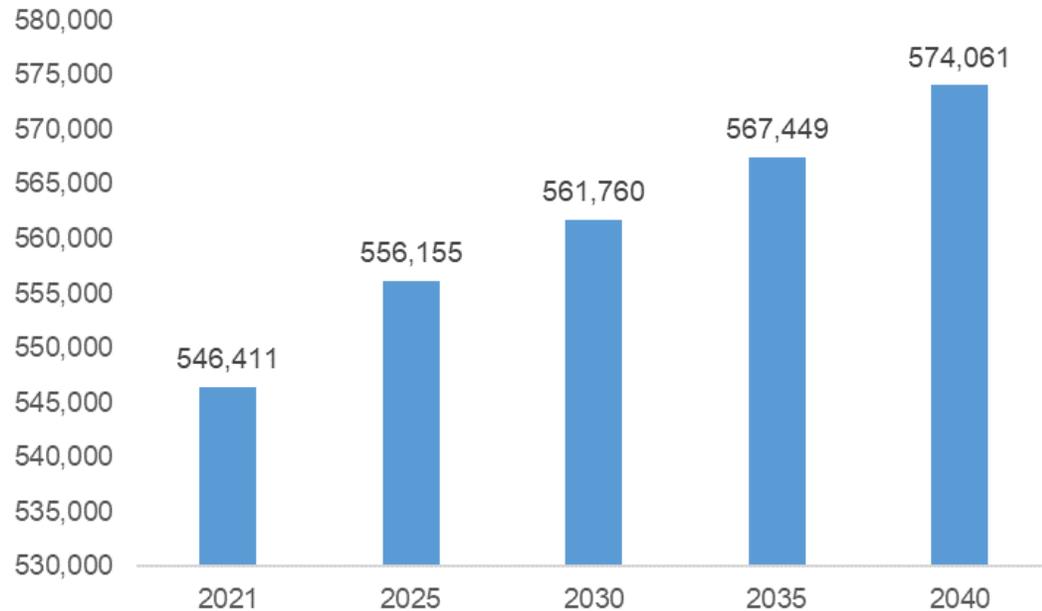
Bradford had the joint lowest average (median) age in Yorkshire and The Humber (alongside Kingston upon Hull and Leeds) and a lower average (median) age than England (40 years).

Data and Graph Source: Office for National Statistics – Census 2021



Population projections

Population projections by 2051



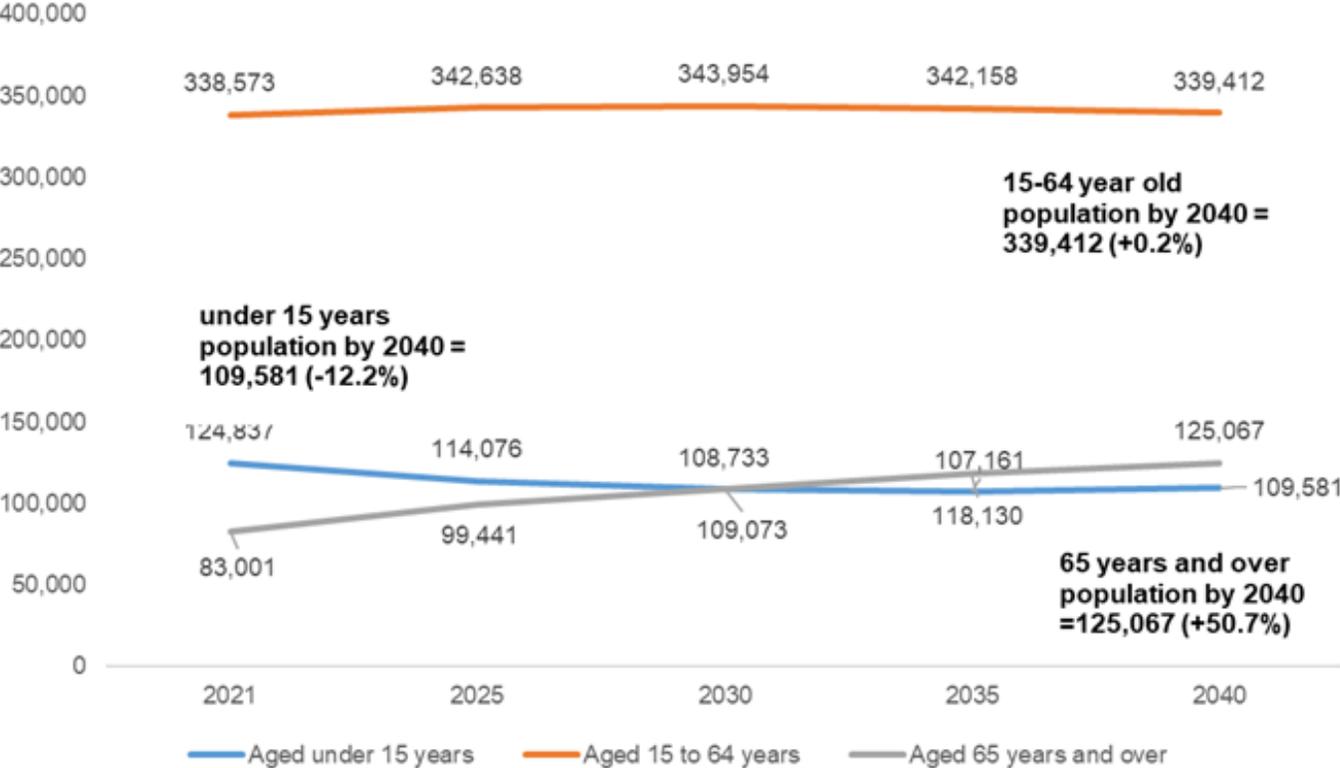
Applying 2018 ONS population projection estimates to the latest 2021 census data shows that from 2025 onwards, the population of Bradford District will increase by between 5,500 and 6,000 residents every 5 years

By 2040, the District is estimated to increase by over 27,000 to nearly 575,000 residents, an increase of 5.1%



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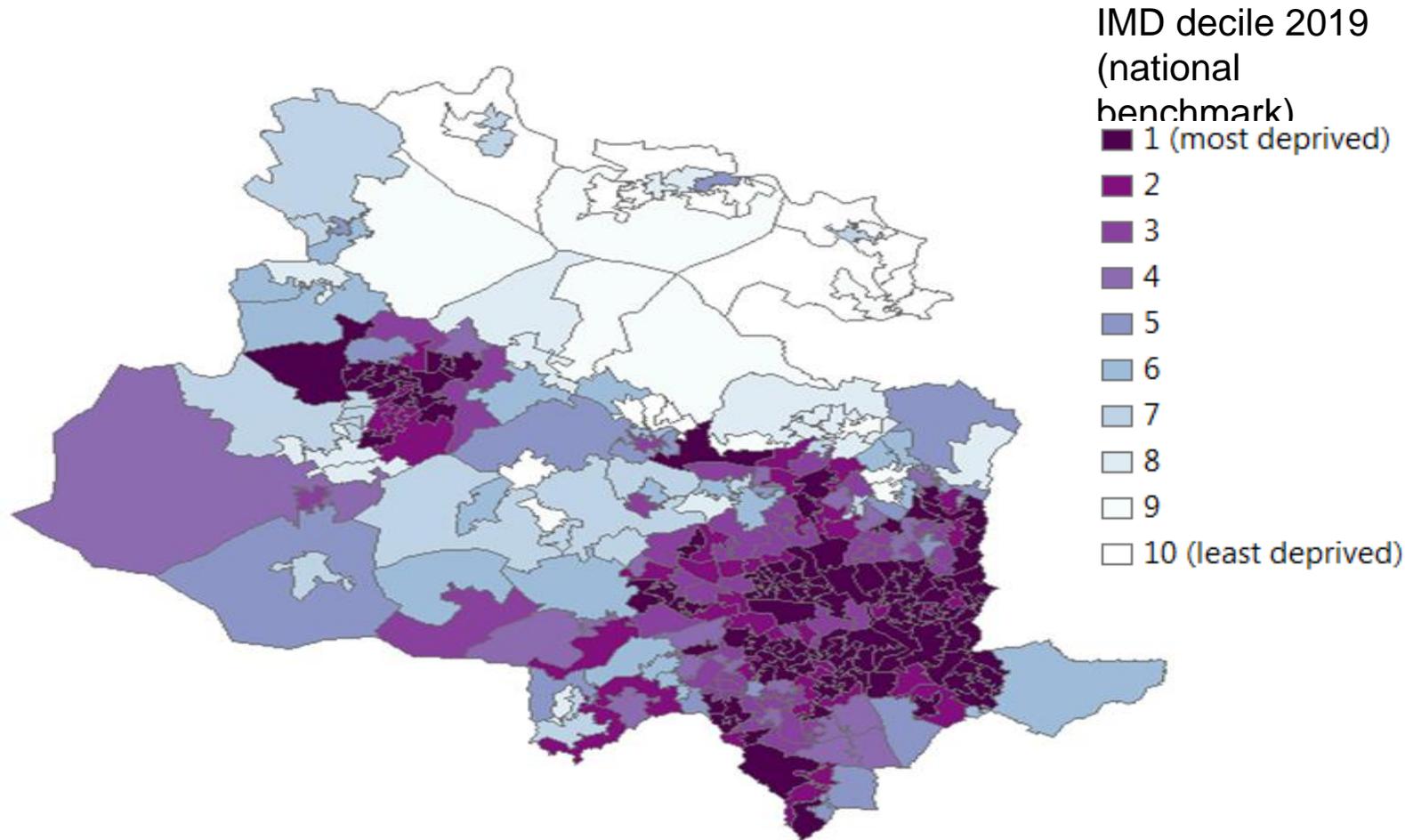
Population projections by 2051 by specific age groups



Population change is being driven by an increase in the over 65 population, which is projected to grow by over 50% by 2040 to over 125,000 residents. This population increase is offset by a projected fall in under 15s, where a projected decrease of over 12% is projected by 2040

Deprivation

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Bradford District is one of the most deprived local authorities in England and ranks **21st out of 317** Local Authority Districts.

Deprivation varies greatly across the District, with wards generally around central Bradford and central Keighley appearing in the 10% most deprived wards in the country and wards located in the Wharfedale appearing in the 10% least deprived wards in the country.

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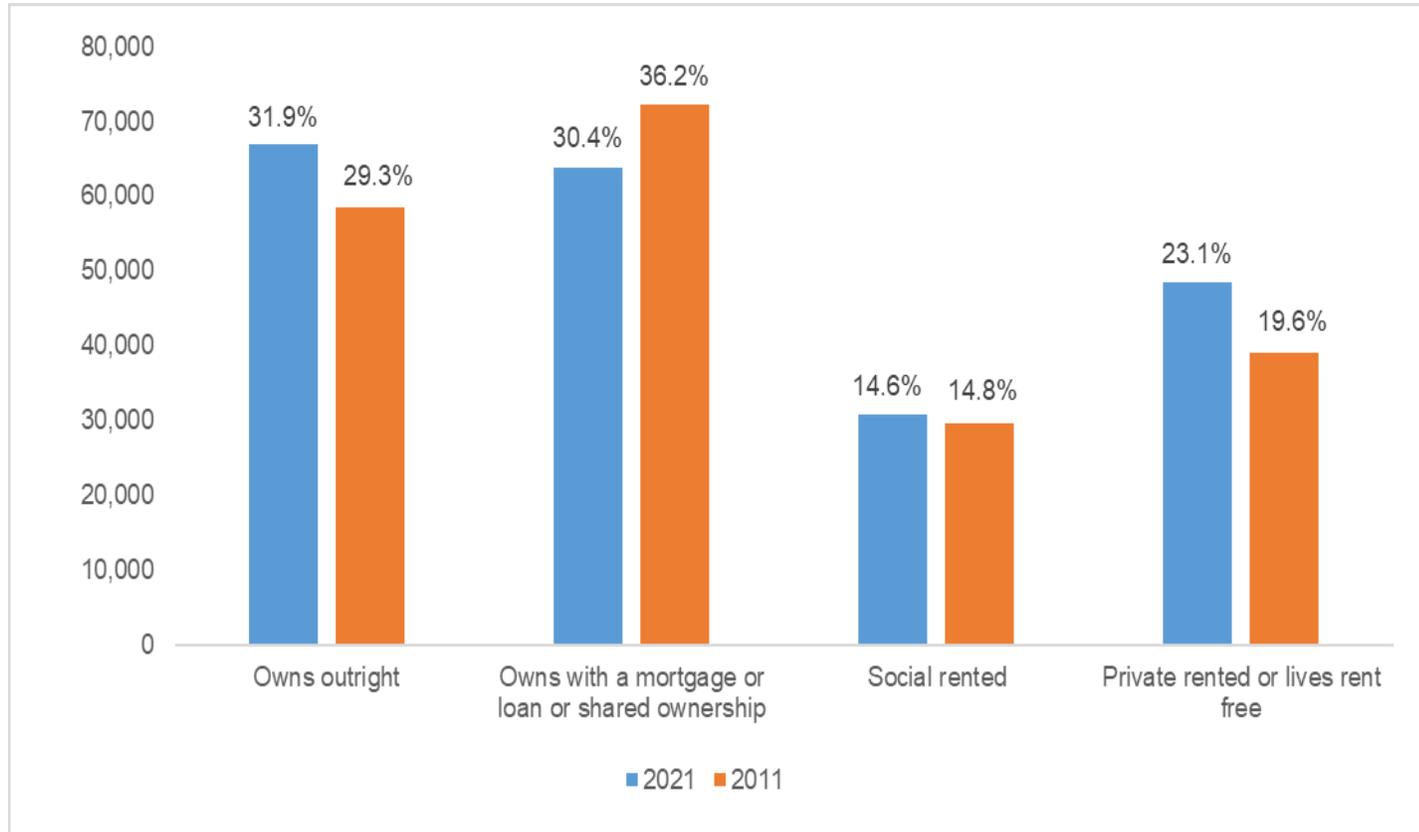
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Households

Tenure of households



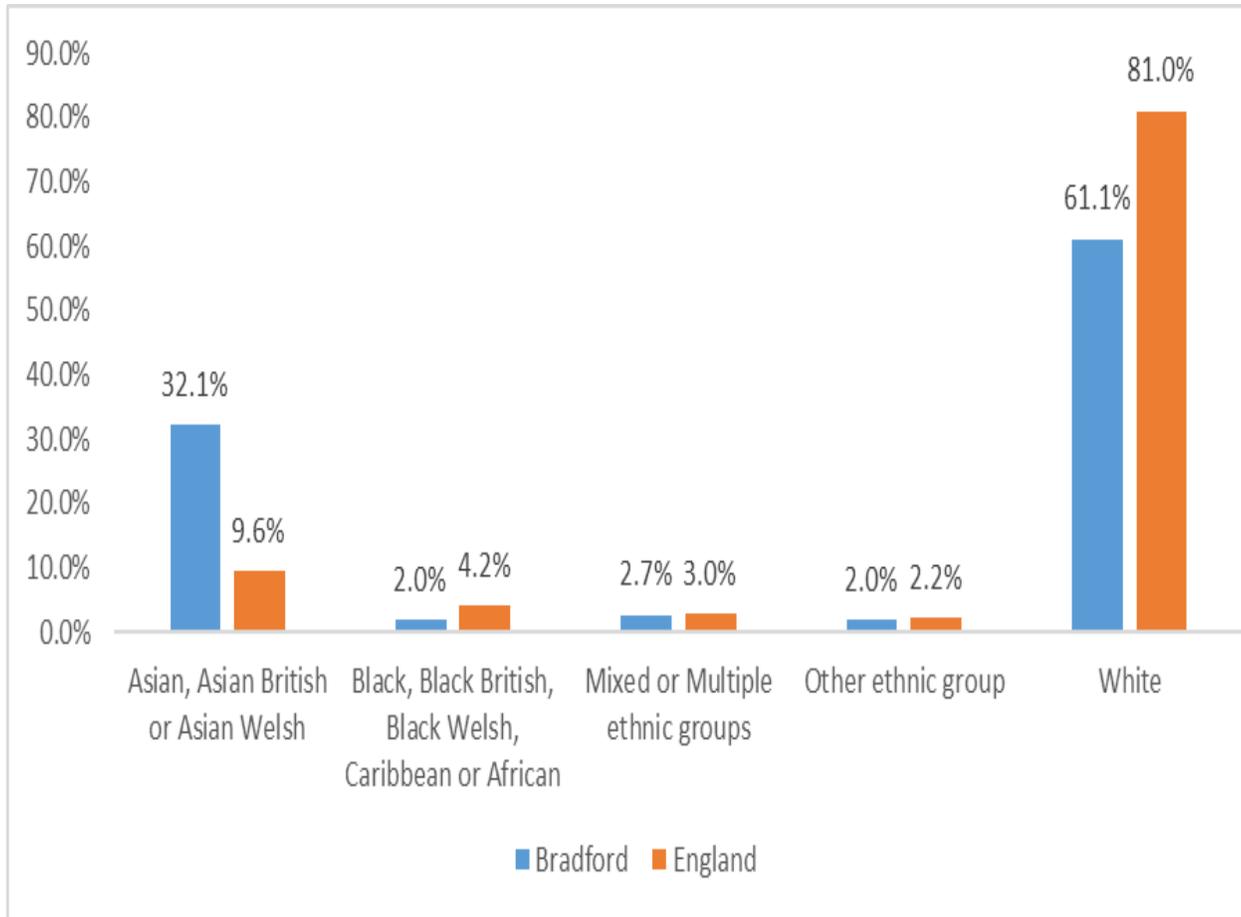
There are 216,813 households in the Bradford district. Most households own their own home (31.9% outright) this increased compared to 29.3% in 2011.

30.4% with a mortgage, loan or shared ownership). This increased has decreased compared to 36.2% in 2011.

The percentage of privately rented or lives rent free households is 23.1% which has increased from 19.6% in 2011.

Data and information source: Office for National Statistics – Census 2011 and 2021

Ethnicity



In 2021, 32.1% of Bradford residents identified their ethnic group within the "Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh" category, up from 26.8% in 2011. The 5.3 percentage-point change was the largest increase among high-level ethnic groups in this area. For England this is 9.6%.

Bradford has the 2nd largest proportion of people of Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh: Pakistani ethnicity after Pendle (25.6%).

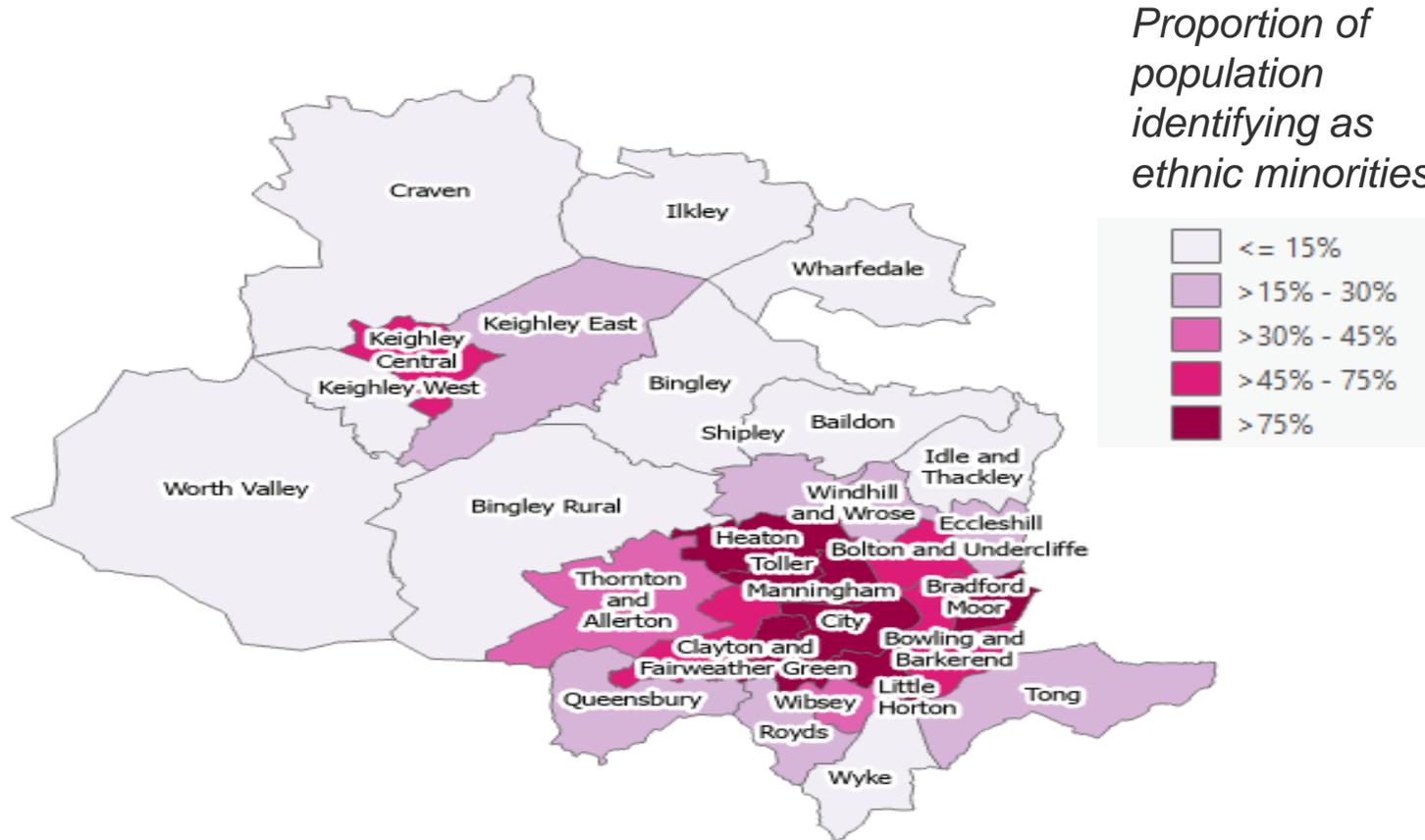
In 2021, 61.1% of people in Bradford identified their ethnic group within the "White" category (compared with 67.4% in 2011), while 2.7% identified their ethnic group within the "Mixed or Multiple" category (compared with 2.5% in 2011). For England this is 81.% and 3% respectively. The percentage of people who identified their ethnic group within the "Other" category ("Arab" or "Any other ethnic group") increased from 1.5% in 2011 to 2.0% in 2021.

Data and information source: Office for National Statistics – Census 2021



Ethnicity

Proportion of population by ward identifying as ethnic minorities* by ward



3.8% of Bradford residents identified as ethnic minorities live in the City (Bradford) ward with 3.6% living in Bradford Moor ward and 3.6% Toller ward.

Whilst 0.1% live in Wharfedale ward and Worth Valley ward (0.1%)

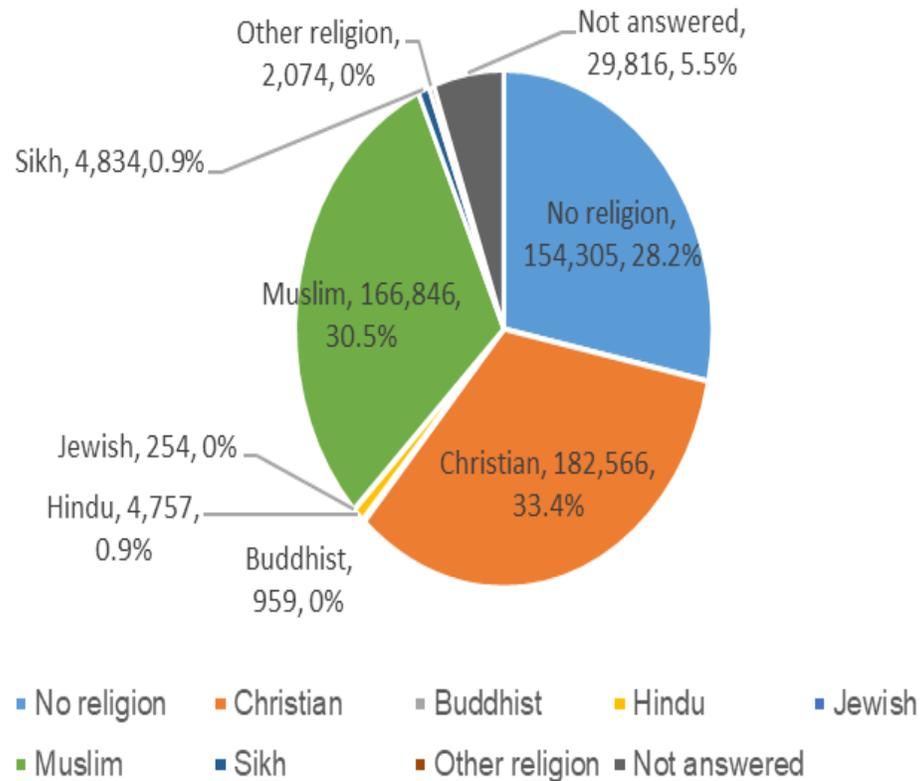
**'ethnic minorities' refers to all ethnic groups except white (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British and white Irish). Ethnic minorities include white: Gypsy, Roma and Irish Traveller groups and other white.*

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Religion



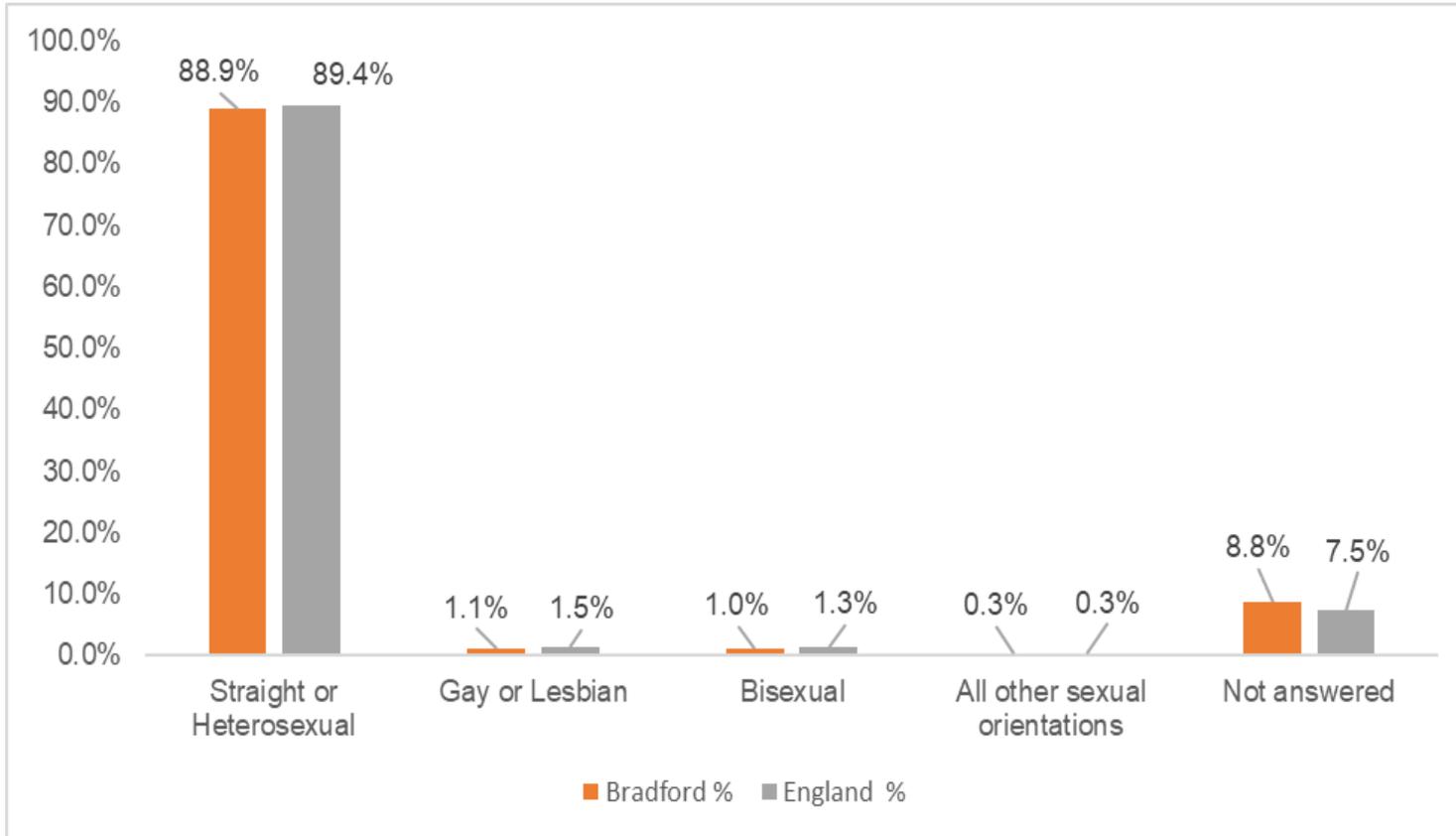
28.2% of Bradford residents reported having "No religion", up from 20.7% in 2011. The rise of 7.6 percentage points was the largest increase of all broad religious groups in Bradford. Across England the percentage increased from 24.8% to 36.7%.

In 2021, 33.4% of people in Bradford described themselves as Christian (down from 45.9%), while 30.5% described themselves as Muslim (up from 24.7% compared to 2011).

Data/Information Source: Office for National Statistics – 2011 Census and Census 2021

Sexual Orientation

Sexual orientation of all usual residents aged 16 and over*



In Bradford, 374,590 (88.9% of the population aged 16 years and over) identified as straight or heterosexual compared to 89.4% in England.

4,545 (1.1%) described themselves as gay or lesbian which is lower than 1.5% for England.

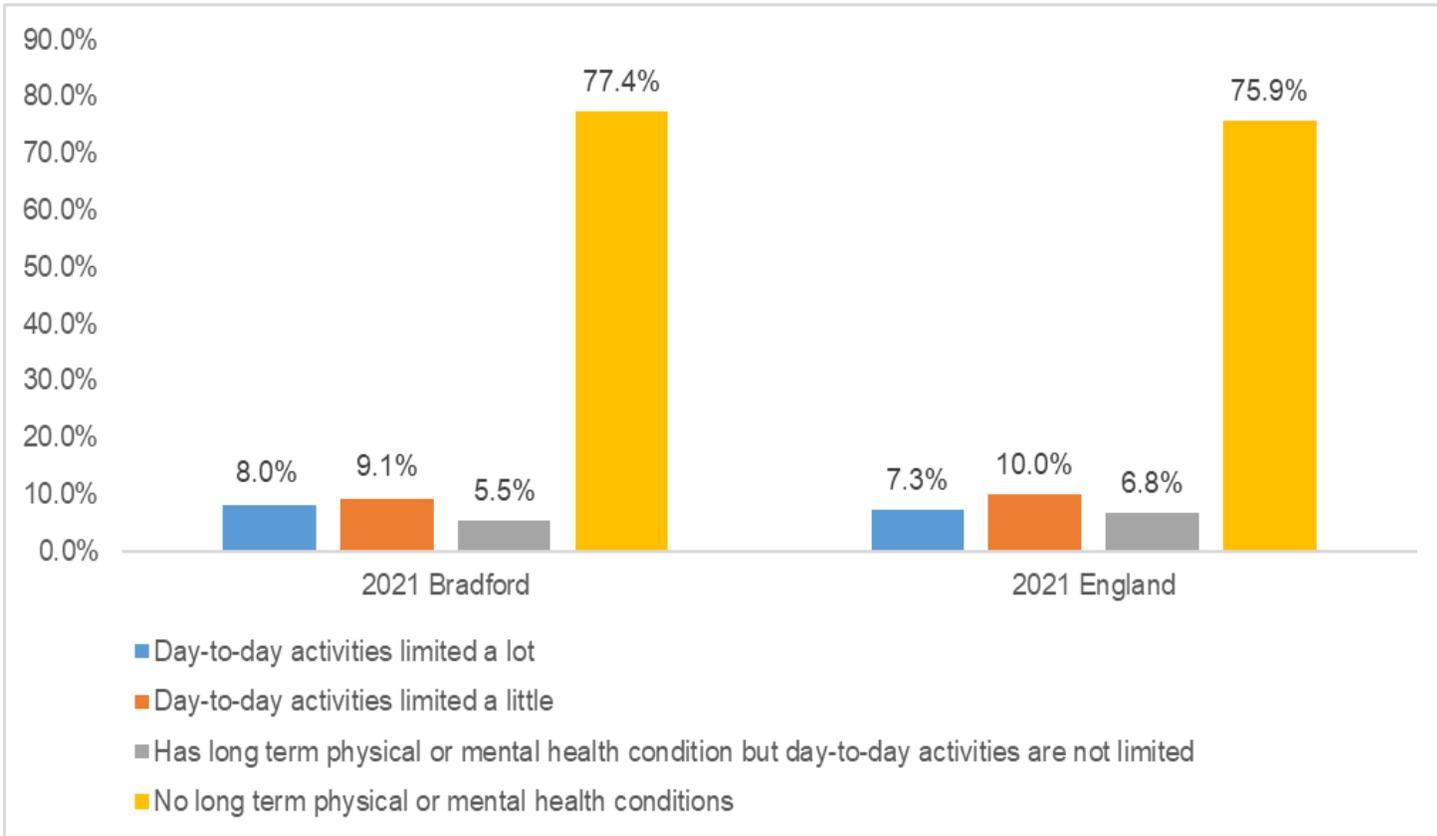
4,261 (1.0%) described themselves as bisexual and 1260 (0.3%) all other sexual orientations.

36,918 (8.8%) did not answer compared to 7.5% for England.

Data and information source: Office for National Statistics – Census 2021

Disability

Long-term health condition or illness of usual residents



The district has a higher proportion of residents (77.4%) with no long term physical or mental health conditions and those with day to day activities limited a lot (8.0%) compared to England (75.9% and 7.3% respectively).

Data and information Source: NOMIS – Census 2021