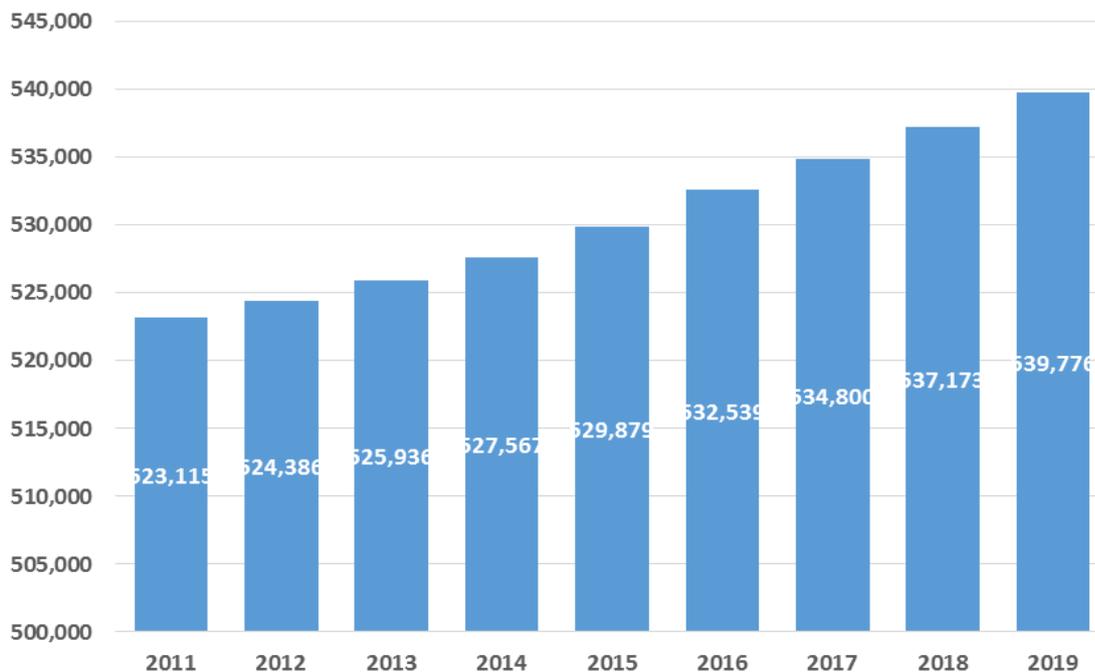


# Demographics of Bradford District

## The Population

Bradford is the fifth largest local authority in England in terms of population size after Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester. In 2019 it was estimated that there were **539,776** people living in Bradford District, an increase of 3.2% and nearly 16,661 people since 2011.

Figure 1: Total population of Bradford District, 2011-2019



Source: Office for National Statistics

## Age

The District's population is a young one, with the **fourth highest proportion of under 16 year olds** in England. Bradford District has a higher proportion of babies, infants, children and young people than the average for England. The proportion of the working age population and older people population are lower in Bradford than the average for England.

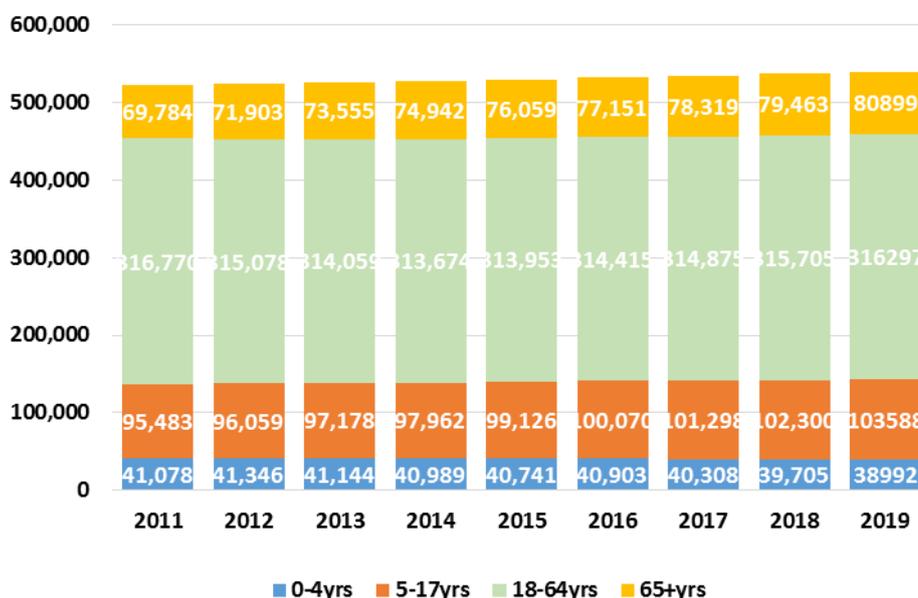
**Table 1: Age breakdown of Bradford District, 2019**

	0-4yrs	5-17yrs	18-64yrs	65+yrs
<b>Bradford</b>	7.2%	19.2%	58.6%	15.0%
<b>England</b>	5.9%	15.5%	60.2%	18.4%

Source: Office for National Statistics

Since 2011 the number of babies and infants has fallen by over 2,000 from 41,078 in 2011 to just over 38,990 in 2019. The number of children and young people has grown year on year to nearly 103,588 in 2019 whilst the working age population has fallen slightly to just over 316,290 people. The largest **increase has been in older people**, where the population has grown by almost 14% since 2011 to over 80,890 in 2019.

**Figure 2: Bradford District population by specific age groups, 2011-2019**



Source: Office for National Statistics

## Gender

In 2019 there were a total of 273,496 girls and women living in Bradford District and 266,280 boys and men. As with the national average, the percentage of males and females in Bradford District has stayed roughly the same, with females accounting for 50.7% of the population, compared to 49.3% of the population of Bradford District being male in 2019.

## Ethnicity

Bradford District is an **ethnically diverse** area, with the largest proportion of people of Pakistani ethnic origin in England. One on four people living in the District describe themselves as Asian / Asian British ethnic origin, compared to under 1 in 10 people on average for England as a whole.

**Table 2: Ethnicity breakdown of Bradford District, 2020**

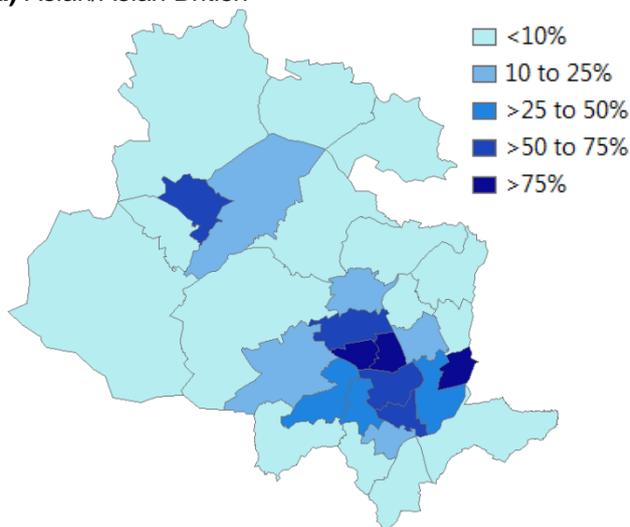
Ethnic group	Bradford District 2011	
	Number	%
White	352,317	67.4%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	12,979	2.5%
Asian/Asian British	140,149	26.8%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	9,267	1.8%
Other ethnic group	7,740	1.5%

Source: NOMIS

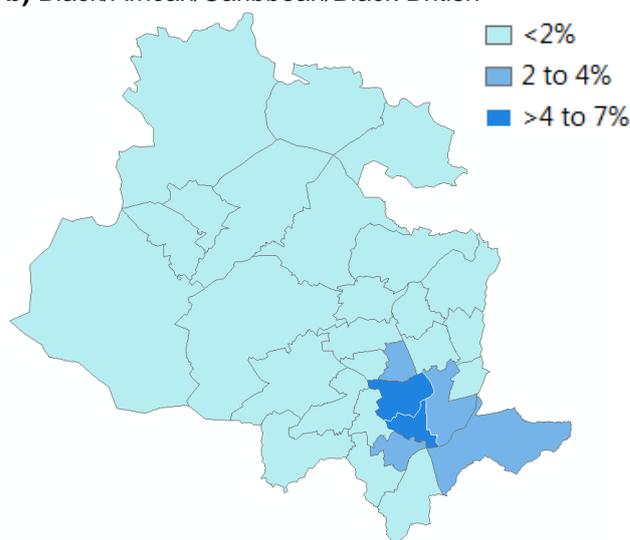
Whilst the District itself is ethnically diverse, there is also wide variation across the District. Some wards, including Toller, Manningham and Bradford Moor have a population of between 70% and 80% being people of Asian/Asian British ethnic origin. Other wards including Ilkley, Wharfedale and Worth Valley have a population which is predominately of white ethnic origin.

**Figure 3: Ward 2011 populations by % ethnicity.** Please not varying legend categories

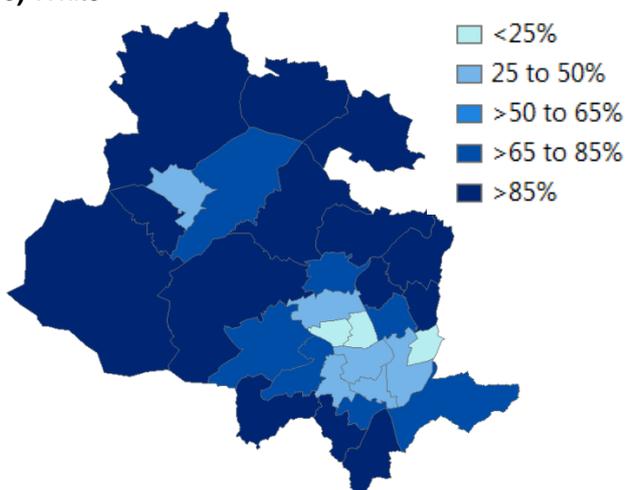
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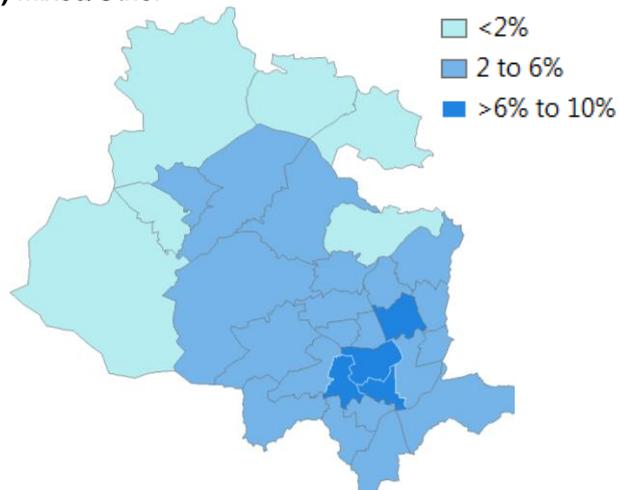
b) Black/African/Caribbean/Black British



c) White



d) Mixed/Other



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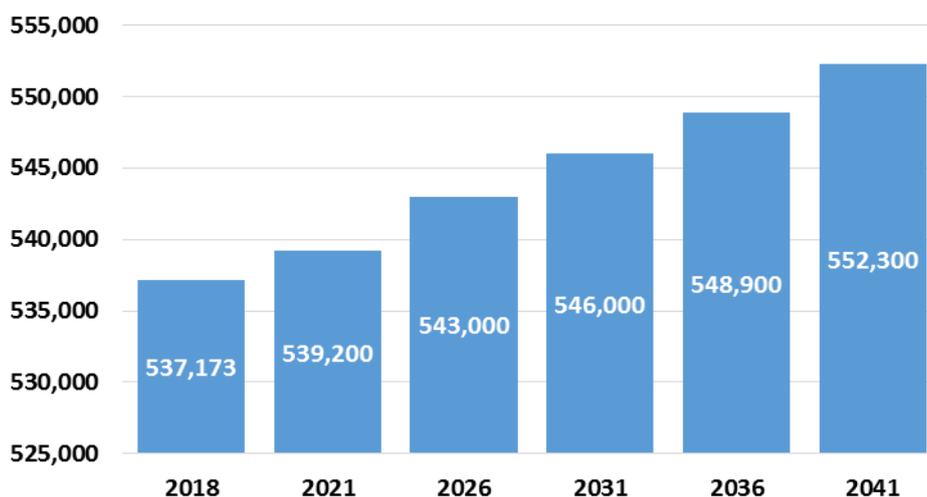
## Population Projections

The population has grown by 3.2% since 2011. By 2041 the population is estimated to grow by on average 800 people per year to approximately **552,300**. Although the **population is expected to grow** year on year for the next 25 years, a breakdown of the estimates by age shows how the demographics will change in the District.

Looking at specific age groups, it is the population of **people aged 65** and over that will fuel the population change over the next 25 years, **increasing by nearly 40,000** people to 116,800 by 2041.

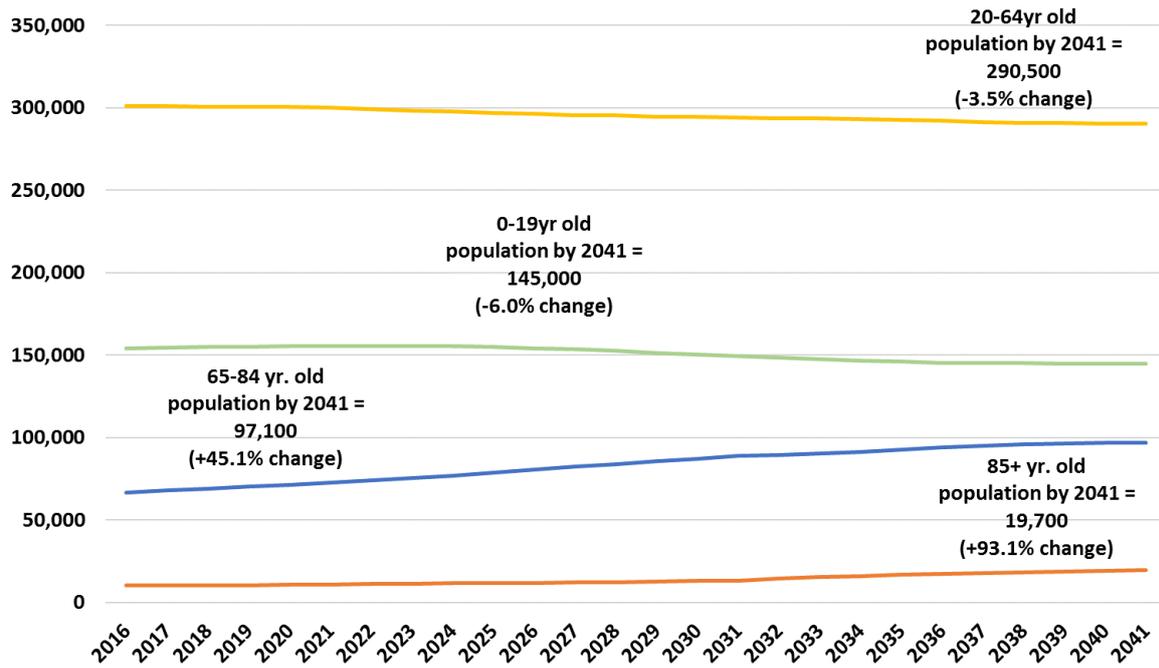
Due to the number of assumptions made in their calculations, we need to be mindful of the accuracy of population projections. However, we need to take note of the increase in the number of people aged 65 and over as they are some of the highest users of health and care services. This is not necessarily because of their age, but because long term health conditions are much more likely as we age, although poor health isn't an inevitable consequence of ageing. The need for healthy ageing is important – we need to take action now to ensure that as people get older, they are in good health, and have good mental wellbeing.

**Figure 4: Projected population of Bradford District to 2041**



Source: Office for National Statistics

**Figure 5: Projected population of Bradford District to 2041**



Source: Office for National Statistics

### Supporting resources

Understanding Bradford District - <https://ubd.bradford.gov.uk/about-us/population/>

Office for national statistics – <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration>