



2011 Census Results First Release Bristol Local Authority

2011 Census Population Estimate for Bristol is **428,200**

Every ten years a census is carried out in England and Wales to produce an accurate estimate of the population. The 2011 Census for England and Wales took place on 27 March 2011 and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has now published the first results.

At this stage only a very limited amount of data has been published at local authority level, no data for smaller areas is yet available. A significant amount of more detailed data is scheduled for release from December 2012.

Why the Census is important

The Census is so important because it is the most accurate count of population we have in Great Britain and it contains a wide range of socio-economic data vital for understanding our society.

Key findings from the 2011 Census for Bristol Local Authority area

Census response rate	93%
Total population (usual residents)	428,200
Living in households	98%
Living in communal establishments	2%
Short-term UK residents ¹	2,200
Total occupied households ²	182,700

On Census night (27 March 2011) the estimate of the usually resident population in Bristol was 428,200. The population of Bristol has increased by approximately 38,000

¹ A short-term UK resident is anyone born outside the UK who has stayed or intends to stay in the UK for a period of three months or more but less than twelve months.

² Household occupied by at least one usual resident. No data has yet been published on the number of vacant household spaces.

since 2001; this is almost a 10% increase, higher than the England and Wales average of 7%.

The average household size in Bristol was 2.3 people per household, similar to the England and Wales average of 2.4.

The age structure of Bristol’s population is illustrated in the chart and table below.

Figure 1: 2011 Census population by broad age band

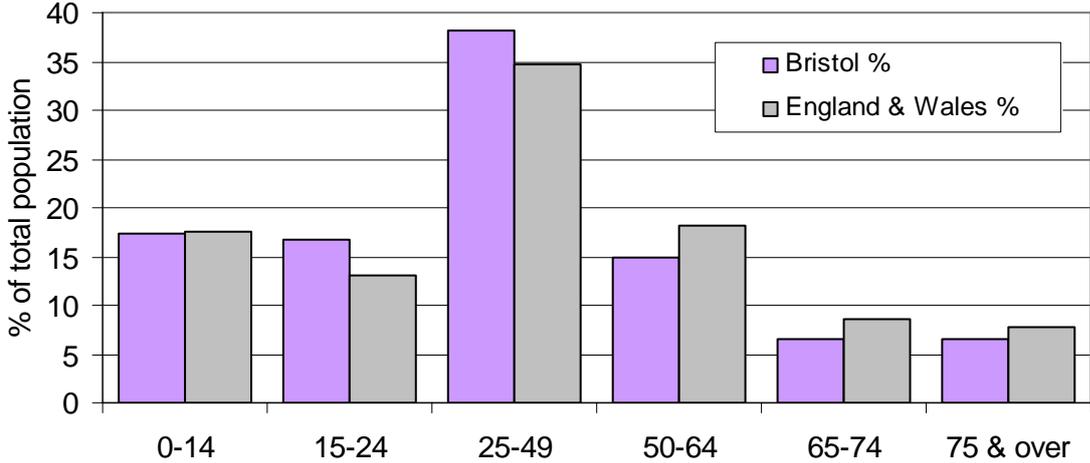


Figure 2: Population by five year age band

Data may not add to total due to rounding

Age:	Males	Females	Persons
0 - 4	15,100	14,500	29,600
5 - 9	11,500	11,300	22,800
10 - 14	10,900	10,800	21,700
15 - 19	13,400	13,700	27,000
20 - 24	22,100	22,200	44,400
25 - 29	20,600	20,100	40,800
30 - 34	19,000	17,500	36,400
35 - 39	15,800	14,600	30,400
40 - 44	14,500	13,800	28,300
45 - 49	13,600	13,500	27,100
50 - 54	11,600	11,700	23,300
55 - 59	10,300	10,100	20,400
60 - 64	10,100	10,000	20,100
65 - 69	7,600	7,700	15,200
70 - 74	6,000	6,500	12,500
75 - 79	4,700	6,000	10,700
80 - 84	3,500	5,000	8,500
85 - 89	2,000	3,800	5,800
90 and over	800	2,300	3,100
Total all ages	213,100	215,200	428,200

2011 Census background

The 2011 Census included a number of new approaches designed to improve census return rates in all areas and with all population groups. These included:

- wide engagement in the community with the help of local authorities, representatives of hard-to-reach groups and accessibility groups and a national publicity campaign
- post-out of all household questionnaires (around 25 million), based on a newly developed national address register
- online completion: people were able to complete and submit their answers online or fill in and return the paper questionnaire

questionnaire tracking and targeted field follow-up: to identify, follow up and assist households which had not returned a questionnaire

Further data releases

More census data will be published in a series of releases from December 2012 and throughout 2013. These releases will include more detail (such as ethnicity, car availability, health and qualifications) at various geographic levels, including wards and super output areas. Further analysis and area profiles for Bristol will be produced and made available via the Bristol City Council web site when the data is published.

Further information

Further information relating to the 2011 Census can be found on the ONS website: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/census>

Including frequently Asked Questions:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/faq/index.html>

Or the Bristol City Council web site:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/census-2011>

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