

## Black Country Mid-Year 2020 Population Estimates<sup>1</sup>

### Summary:

- Mid-2020 population estimates show there were 1.2m residents in the Black Country – meaning the Black Country target for population growth was achieved 13 years early.
- At the LEP level, the Black Country was the third highest across all the LEPs for the percentage of people aged 0 – 15 years old, at 21.3%.
- In mid-2020 there were 3,369 people per sq.km in the Black Country area, significantly above the England average of 434.

### Full Brief:

- The mid-year 2020 population estimates show there were over 1.2m residents in the Black Country - meaning the Black Country target was reached 13 years early. Since the mid 2019 estimates, the population in the Black Country increased by 0.3% (+3,647 people); England increased by 0.5% to reach a total of 56.55m residents.
- In mid-2020 there were 594,362 male Black Country residents (49.4% of total population compared to 49.5% for England), an increase of 0.3% (+1,925) while nationally there was an increase of 0.6% since the mid-2019 population estimates. There were 608,166 female Black Country residents (50.6% of total population compared to 50.5% for England), an increase of 0.3% (+1,722) while nationally there was an increase of 0.4% since the mid-2019 population estimates.

### Total population estimates and the change between mid-2019 and mid-2020:

	Mid-2019	Mid-2020	% Change	Number Change
Dudley	321,596	322,363	+0.2%	+767
Sandwell	328,450	329,042	+0.2%	+592
Walsall	285,478	286,716	+0.4%	+1,238
Wolverhampton	263,357	264,407	+0.4%	+1,050
<b>Black Country</b>	<b>1,198,881</b>	<b>1,202,528</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>	<b>+3,647</b>
England	56,286,961	56,550,138	+0.5%	+263,177

Components of population change between mid-2019 and mid-2020, (as seen in the following table) shows for the Black Country that there were 1,461 more births than deaths, net international migration of 4,749 people and an additional 230 people classed as other. Over this time period there was a net decrease of 2,801 from internal migration.

### Components of Population Change:

	Estimated Population mid-2019	Births	Deaths	Births minus Deaths	Internal Migration Inflow	Internal Migration Outflow	Internal Migration Net	International Migration Inflow	International Migration Outflow	International Migration Net	Other	Estimated Population mid-2020
Dudley	321,596	3,440	3,577	-137	10,055	9,593	462	729	358	371	71	322,363
Sandwell	328,450	4,299	3,444	855	13,218	15,217	-1,999	2,305	621	1,684	52	329,042
Walsall	285,478	3,657	3,085	572	10,664	10,901	-237	1,272	421	851	52	286,716
Wolverhampton	263,357	3,229	3,058	171	10,199	11,226	-1,027	2,668	825	1,843	63	264,407
<b>Black Country</b>	<b>1,198,881</b>	<b>14,625</b>	<b>13,164</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>44,136</b>	<b>46,937</b>	<b>-2,801</b>	<b>6,974</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>4,749</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>1,202,528</b>
England	56,286,961	600,708	553,546	47,162	90,650	110,943	-20,293	553,116	322,002	231,114	5,194	56,550,138

<sup>1</sup> Source: ONS, Population estimates for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland: Mid-2020, June 2021.

The estimates presented cover the period up to 30 June 2020 and so only describe some of the impacts of the early part of the pandemic on the UK population. All population estimates are subject to statistical uncertainty.

## Population by age breakdown

- At the LEP level, the Black Country was the third highest across all the LEPs for the percentage of people aged 0 – 15 years old, at 21.3%. This share is third to the Thames Valley Berkshire LEP (21.6%) and South East Midlands (21.5%). The Black Country was above the England average of 19.2%.
- Across all LEPs, the Black Country was the eighth lowest for the percentage of people aged 65 years old and over, at 17.4%, and below the England average of 18.5%.
- When ranked lowest to highest, the Black Country was in 20<sup>th</sup> place for the percentage of people aged 16 – 64 years old with 61.3%, below the England average of 62.3%.
- Within the Black Country, all local authorities are above the England average for the percentage of people aged 0 – 15 years old - varying from 19.3% in Dudley to 22.8% in Sandwell.
- Three Black Country local authorities were below the England average for people aged 16 – 64 years old. Population estimated varied from 60.3% in Dudley to 62.3% in Sandwell (matching the England proportion).
- Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton were below the England average for people aged 65 years old and over (15.0%, 17.5% and 16.6% respectively), while Dudley was above at 20.4%.

## Population by age

	All Ages	Aged 0 to 15	% Aged 0 to 15	Aged 16 to 64	% Aged 16 to 64	Aged 65+	% Aged 65+
Dudley	322,363	62,242	19.3%	194,465	60.3%	65,656	20.4%
Sandwell	329,042	74,862	22.8%	204,882	62.3%	49,298	15.0%
Walsall	286,716	62,319	21.7%	174,344	60.8%	50,053	17.5%
Wolverhampton	264,407	57,060	21.6%	163,541	61.9%	43,806	16.6%
<b>Black Country</b>	<b>1,202,528</b>	<b>256,483</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>737,232</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>208,813</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
England	56,550,138	10,852,240	19.2%	35,233,879	62.3%	10,464,019	18.5%

## Population density

- In mid-2020 there were 3,369 people per sq.km in the Black Country area, significantly above the England average of 434. Within the Black Country, the people per sq. km varies from 2,758 in Walsall to 3,846 in Sandwell.

## Population density mid-2019 to mid-2020:

	2019 People per sq.km	2020 People per sq.km
Dudley	3,283	3,291
Sandwell	3,839	3,846
Walsall	2,746	2,758
Wolverhampton	3,793	3,808
<b>Black Country</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>3,369</b>
England	432	434