



Key Statistics about Bristol from the 2011 Census

Population

	2001	2011		
Population (Mid Year Estimates)	no.	no.	change	% change
Total population	390,000	428,100	38,000	9.7
Aged 0-15 years	73,500	78,700	5,200	7.0
Aged 16-24 years	56,600	66,000	9,400	16.6
Aged 25-49 years	144,500	163,300	18,800	13.0
Aged 50-64 years	57,600	64,000	6,300	11.0
Aged 65 and over	57,800	56,100	-1,700	-2.9

Bristol's total mid-2011 population was 428,100, making Bristol the 10th largest local authority in England and Wales.

Bristol's total population increased by 38,000 (9.7%) between 2001 and 2011; a percentage increase higher than the averages for both the South West (7.2%) and England and Wales (7.3%). Bristol had the third highest growth rate of all Core Cities after Manchester (18.9%) and Nottingham (13%).

The median age of people living in Bristol is 33 years old compared to the England and Wales median age of 39 years.

Students

The number of full time students aged 18 and over living in Bristol during term time has increased from 25,573 to 35,638. Students now make up 8.3% of the total population of Bristol.

Country of birth

	2001		2011	
Country of birth	no.	%	no.	%
UK	349,304	91.8	365,108	85.3
non-UK	31,311	8.2	63,126	14.7

14.7% of people living in Bristol were born outside of the UK, this is up from 8.2% in 2001. On Census Day there was a total of 4,947 people living in Bristol who were born in Somalia, this is the 4th highest number of all local authorities after Birmingham (7,765), Brent (6,855) and Ealing (6,468).

Ethnicity

Ethnic group	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
All people	380,615	100.0	428,234	100.0
Total White	349,530	91.8	359,592	84.0
White: British	335,085	88.0	333,432	77.9
White: Irish	4,321	1.1	3,851	0.9
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	n/a	n/a	359	0.1
White: Other White	10,124	2.7	21,950	5.1
Total Black and minority ethnic groups	31,085	8.2	68,642	16.0
Mixed/multiple ethnic group	7,934	2.1	15,438	3.6
Indian	4,595	1.2	6,547	1.5
Pakistani	4,050	1.1	6,863	1.6
Bangladeshi	1,230	0.3	2,104	0.5
Chinese	2,149	0.6	3,886	0.9
Other Asian	984	0.3	4,255	1.0
Black African	2,310	0.6	12,085	2.8
Black Caribbean	5,585	1.5	6,727	1.6
Other Black	936	0.2	6,922	1.6
Arab	n/a	n/a	1,272	0.3
Any other ethnic group	1,312	0.3	2,543	0.6

The Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) population in Bristol has increased from 8.2% to 16% of the total population. The largest growth since 2001 has been in White Other (includes Eastern Europeans) (+11,826), Black African (+9,775), Black Other (+5,986) and mixed ethnic groups (+7,504).

Religion

Religion	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
Christian	236,239	62.1	200,254	46.8
Buddhist	1,614	0.4	2,549	0.6
Hindu	2,131	0.6	2,712	0.6
Jewish	823	0.2	777	0.2
Muslim	7,664	2.0	22,016	5.1
Sikh	1,778	0.5	2,133	0.5
Other religions	1,740	0.5	2,793	0.7
No religion	93,322	24.5	160,218	37.4
Religion not stated	35,304	9.3	34,782	8.1

The proportion of Christians in Bristol has fallen from 62.1% of the population to 46.8%, whilst the proportion of people stating they have no religion has increased from 24.5% to 37.4%. Bristol is ranked 7th of all local authorities in England and Wales for the proportion of people stating that they have no religion. The second most popular religion in Bristol is Muslim, with a total of 22,016 Muslims living in Bristol.

Health and carers

	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
Health and provision of unpaid care				
Long-term health problem or disability	67,739	17.8	71,724	16.7
People with good or very good health	n/a	n/a	352,307	82.3
People who provide unpaid care	35,344	9.3	40,138	9.4

Since 2001 there has been a fall in the proportion of people with a long-term health problem or disability from 17.8% to 16.7%, although numbers have increased from 67,739 to 71,724. The number of people providing unpaid care has increased from 35,344 to 40,138 carers.

Economic activity

	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
Economic activity				
Persons aged 16-74	279,083	100.0	321,506	100.0
Total economically active	186,878	67.0	227,119	70.6
Full time employees	115,443	41.4	127,829	39.8
Part time employees	32,993	11.8	42,980	13.4
Self employed	19,281	6.9	27,106	8.4
Unemployed	8,599	3.1	13,817	4.3
Full-time student	10,562	3.8	15,387	4.8
Economically inactive persons 16-74:	92,205	33.0	94,387	29.4
Retired	31,086	11.1	31,534	9.8
Student	22,321	8.0	28,932	9.0
Looking after home/family	16,344	5.9	12,556	3.9
Long-term sick or disabled	13,850	5.0	13,973	4.3
Other	8,604	3.1	7,392	2.3

Economic activity rates – the proportion of people aged 16-74 in work or looking for work - have increased since 2001 from 67% to 70.6%. The number of people self employed in Bristol has increased from 19,281 (6.9% of all people aged 16-74) to 27,106 (8.4% of all people aged 16-74).

Qualifications

	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
Qualifications and students				
No qualifications	72,785	26.1	70,478	20.2
Qualified to degree level and above	68,375	24.5	114,621	32.8
Total number of full-time students aged 18 and over	25,573		35,638	

There are now more people aged 16 and over educated to degree level and above (32.8%) than there are people with no qualifications (20.2%).

Housing tenure

Household tenure	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
Total households	162,090	100.0	182,747	100.0
Owned outright or buying	102,084	63.0	100,093	54.8
Rented from housing association [1]	7,007	4.3	10,589	5.8
Rented from local authority [1]	30,036	18.5	26,494	14.5
Rented privately [1]	19,777	12.2	40,401	22.1
Other private rented including living rent free [1]	3,186	2.0	5,170	2.8

[1] The 2001 data been adjusted to include people wrongly allocated as living rent free.

Of the 182,747 occupied households in Bristol, the majority of households are owner occupied (54.8%) with the remainder (45.2%) being rented either from a social provider or a private landlord or letting agency. The private rented sector has increased significantly since 2001, rising from 12.2% to 22.1% of all accommodation in Bristol.

Accommodation type

Accommodation type	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
Total household spaces	167,123	100.0	189,885	100.0
Detached	10,655	6.4	11,164	5.9
Semi-detached	48,470	29.0	49,983	26.3
Terraced (including end-terrace)	61,145	36.6	63,331	33.4
Flat; maisonette or apartment:				
Purpose-built block of flats or tenement	24,456	14.6	40,016	21.1
Part of a converted or shared house (including bed-sits)	19,438	11.6	22,074	11.6
In a commercial building	2,750	1.6	3,149	1.7
Caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	209	0.1	168	0.1

Of all the housing development that has taken place since 2001, more than two thirds (68%) has been in the form of purpose built flats.

Cars

Amenities and car availability	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
No central heating	14,305	8.8	5,187	2.8
No car available	46,674	28.8	52,814	28.9
2 or more cars available	39,855	24.6	47,450	26.0
Total number of cars	165,334		190,530	

On Census Day there was a total of 190,530 cars/vans in Bristol, this is 25,196 more than in 2001. On average there are 1.04 cars per household.

Central heating

The number of households without central heating has fallen significantly from 14,305 in 2001 to 5,187 in 2011.

Household size

The average household size in Bristol is 2.3 persons per household. The average number of rooms per household is 5 and the average number of bedrooms per household is 2.6.

One person households

Household composition	2001		2011	
	no.	%	no.	%
Average household size	2.3		2.3	
One person	54,004	33.3	61,607	33.7
One family only: Couple with no children	38,963	24.0	41,546	22.7
One family only: Couple with children	36,497	22.5	37,584	20.6
One family only: Lone parent	16,784	10.4	20,533	11.2
Other households	15,842	9.8	21,477	11.8

A third (33.7%) of all households in Bristol are occupied by just one person, similar to the proportion in 2001.

Same sex civil partnerships

The number of people living in Bristol in a registered same-sex civil partnership is 1,126. Bristol is ranked 14th of all local authorities in England and Wales for the number of same sex civil partnerships.

Language

On Census Day 5.1% of households in Bristol did not have anyone living in them who had English as a main language.

Note

All statistics relate to the Bristol Local Authority area.

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