

2011 Census - First Release

16th July 2012

Background



The 2011 Census took place on 27th March 2011. Today the first results are released, giving us local authority-level estimates of:

- the usually resident population
- the number of households, and
- the number of short term non-UK residents

Usually resident population

Blackburn with Darwen estimate

The 2011 Census estimate of usually resident population in Blackburn with Darwen is **147,500**.

This is a big increase on what the official series of ONS mid-year population estimates had led us to expect. The official 2010 estimate was 140,045, although it was later unofficially uplifted to 141,698 using a new and improved methodology.

The headline figure of 147,500 is a best estimate, after making adjustments for undercount. The actual number counted in Blackburn with Darwen was 137,500, which means that the estimated response rate was 93%. This is close to the national average response rate of 94%. ONS are 95% confident that the borough's true population lies between 145,300 and 149,600.

Local authority comparisons

Out of all the authorities in Lancashire and Greater Manchester, Blackburn with Darwen has seen the biggest percentage increase compared with the 2010 mid-year population estimate:

Table 1 - 2011 Census results compared to Mid-2010 Population Estimate (MYE 2010)

	Census 2011	MYE 2010	Change	Percentage change
Blackburn with Darwen UA	147,500	140,045	7,455	5.3%
Blackpool UA	142,100	139,974	2,126	1.5%
Bolton	276,800	266,492	10,308	3.9%
Bury	185,100	183,753	1,347	0.7%
Manchester	503,100	498,779	4,321	0.9%
Oldham	224,900	219,771	5,129	2.3%
Rochdale	211,700	205,190	6,510	3.2%
Salford	233,900	228,992	4,908	2.1%
Stockport	283,300	284,645	-1,345	-0.5%
Tameside	219,300	216,882	2,418	1.1%
Trafford	226,600	217,307	9,293	4.3%
Wigan	317,800	307,577	10,223	3.3%
Burnley	87,000	85,301	1,699	2.0%
Chorley	107,200	105,432	1,768	1.7%
Fylde	75,800	76,590	-790	-1.0%
Hyndburn	80,700	81,122	-422	-0.5%
Lancaster	138,400	141,066	-2,666	-1.9%
Pendle	89,500	89,283	217	0.2%
Preston	140,200	135,081	5,119	3.8%
Ribble Valley	57,100	57,992	-892	-1.5%
Rossendale	68,000	67,396	604	0.9%
South Ribble	109,100	108,349	751	0.7%
West Lancashire	110,700	110,267	433	0.4%
Wyre	107,700	111,391	-3,691	-3.3%

Age profile

It is well established that Blackburn with Darwen has a younger than average age profile. The 2011 Census results confirm that this is still the case, as the population pyramid below shows.

Figure 1- Age profile, Blackburn with Darwen versus England, 2011 Census

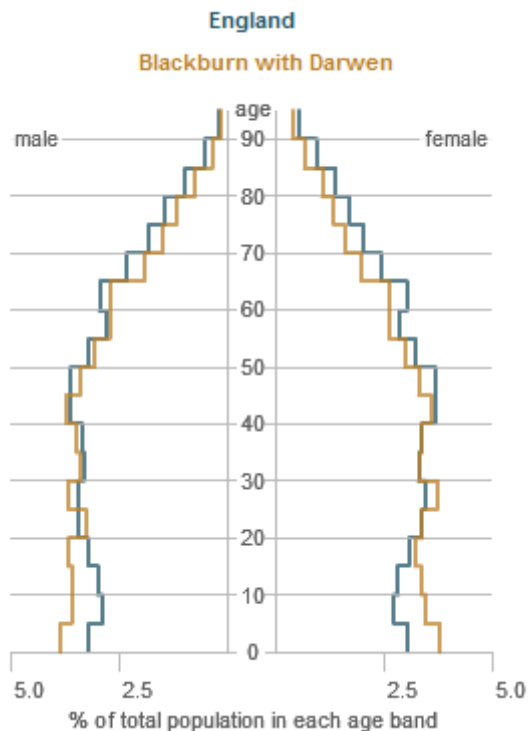


Table 2 - Usually Resident Population of Blackburn with Darwen by Age and Sex, 2011 Census

Age	Male	Female	Total
0-4	5,700	5,600	11,300
5-9	5,300	5,100	10,500
10-14	5,300	5,000	10,300
15-19	5,400	4,800	10,200
20-24	4,800	5,000	9,700
25-29	5,400	5,500	11,000
30-34	5,000	4,900	9,900
35-39	5,100	5,000	10,100
40-44	5,500	5,300	10,800
45-49	5,000	4,900	9,900
50-54	4,500	4,400	8,900
55-59	4,000	3,900	7,900
60-64	4,000	3,900	7,900
65-69	2,800	2,900	5,700
70-74	2,200	2,400	4,700
75-79	1,700	2,000	3,700
80-84	1,100	1,600	2,700
85+	700	1,600	2,300
Total	73,500	73,900	147,500

Any discrepancies due to rounding

28.7% of Blackburn with Darwen's population is aged 0-19. This compares with a national average of 24.0%, and is the fifth highest proportion of any local authority in England (after Barking & Dagenham, Birmingham, Slough and Bradford). The proportion of residents aged 65 or over is correspondingly lower than average, at 12.9% (England 16.3%).

Number of households

According to the 2011 Census, there are an estimated **57,400** households in Blackburn with Darwen. It is estimated that **145,800** of the borough's usually resident population live in these households, and the other **1,700** live in communal establishments.

Short-term non-UK residents

For the first time, the 2011 Census also attempted to estimate the number of short-term non-UK residents. These are people who do not intend to remain in the UK for 12 months. Blackburn with Darwen had approximately **100** such residents (rounded to the nearest hundred), and the whole of the North West only had 16,000.

Nearly all Census outputs, and other products such as mid-year population estimates and population projections, are based on usually resident population only. The estimate of short-term non-UK residents is over and above that figure.

Future releases

Today's first release from the 2011 Census gives us no data below local authority level, and no information on population characteristics other than age and sex. However, many more outputs (which will not be rounded to 100) are due to follow:

- **Second release (November 2012 – February 2013) : 'Quick' and 'Key' Statistics**

These tables will be available at all geographical levels down to small neighbourhoods, but they will only tell us about one characteristic at a time – e.g. age or ethnicity or health or qualifications, etc., etc.

- **Third release (March – June 2013) -: 'Local Characteristics' tables**

These will be the first tables to tell us about two characteristics at once – such as qualifications broken down by age, or health status broken down by ethnic group.

- **Fourth release (July – October 2013) : 'Detailed Characteristics' tables**

These will provide more detailed two-way breakdowns, but they will not be available for the smallest neighbourhoods.

ONS will also be starting to use the 2011 Census results in its other outputs. The mid-2011 population estimates, due out in September 2012, will be heavily influenced by the 2011 Census results. ONS are aiming to release an unrounded version of today's Census population estimates for local authority areas at the same time. The Census results will also form the basis for new short-term population projections, due out in October 2012. And the mid-year population estimates for past years, back to 2002, will be revised in due course to reflect the 2011 Census findings.

Further information and contact

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