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2021 Census Summary of Findings – May 2023

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Background



What is the census?

The census is undertaken by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) every 10 years, since 1801, and gives the ONS a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The census asks questions about individuals, their household and their home. In doing so, it helps to build a detailed snapshot of society. Information from the census helps the government and local authorities to plan and fund local services, such as education, doctors' surgeries and roads.

The latest Census took place 21 March 2021 and the first results were released on 28 June 2022, with further releases on 2 November 2022. The response rate for the 2021 Census was at 97% of the usual resident population of England and Wales and more than 88% in all local authorities (exceeding the targets of 94% overall and 80% in all local authorities).

Local authorities and the 2021 Census

The census is important to local authorities across England and Wales. It is also vital to the government and many other public sector organisations.

This is because it gives information to help:

- develop policies
- plan and run services, such as schools, health services, roads and libraries
- decide how to allocate funds to make sure public funds get to where they are needed most

For example, census data showing how many people work in different jobs and industries are used to develop new job and training policies. Information on how people travel to work and how many cars they have contributes to planning roads and transport.



Headline figures for Southampton



248,922 people resident
in Southampton



Total population
Increased by 5.1%



Population aged **under 5**
decreased by -10.5%

Population aged **5 to 14**
increased by 20.9%

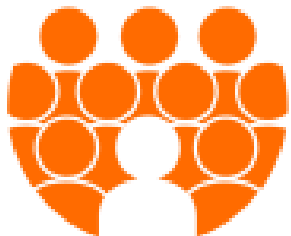


Population aged **15**
to 24 **decreased** by
-9.4%



People aged **65 to 84**
increased by 13.7%

People aged **85 and over**
has **decreased** by -2.0%



Population density **49.9**
people per hectare

An **increase** of 2.4
people per hectare



Number of
households **102,291**

An **increase** of 4.1%



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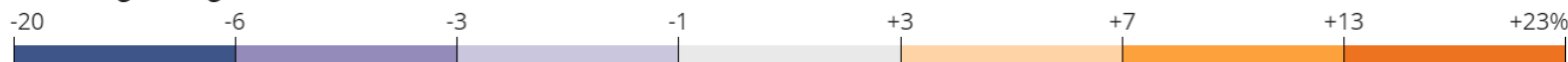
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Census 2021 population size and structure

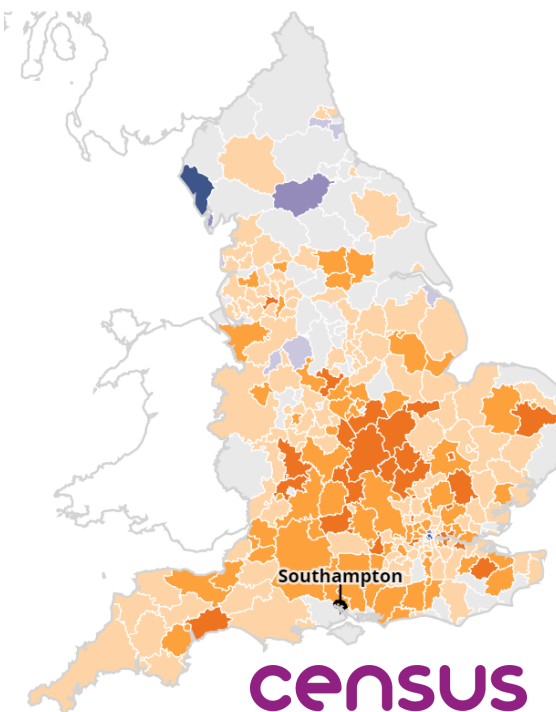
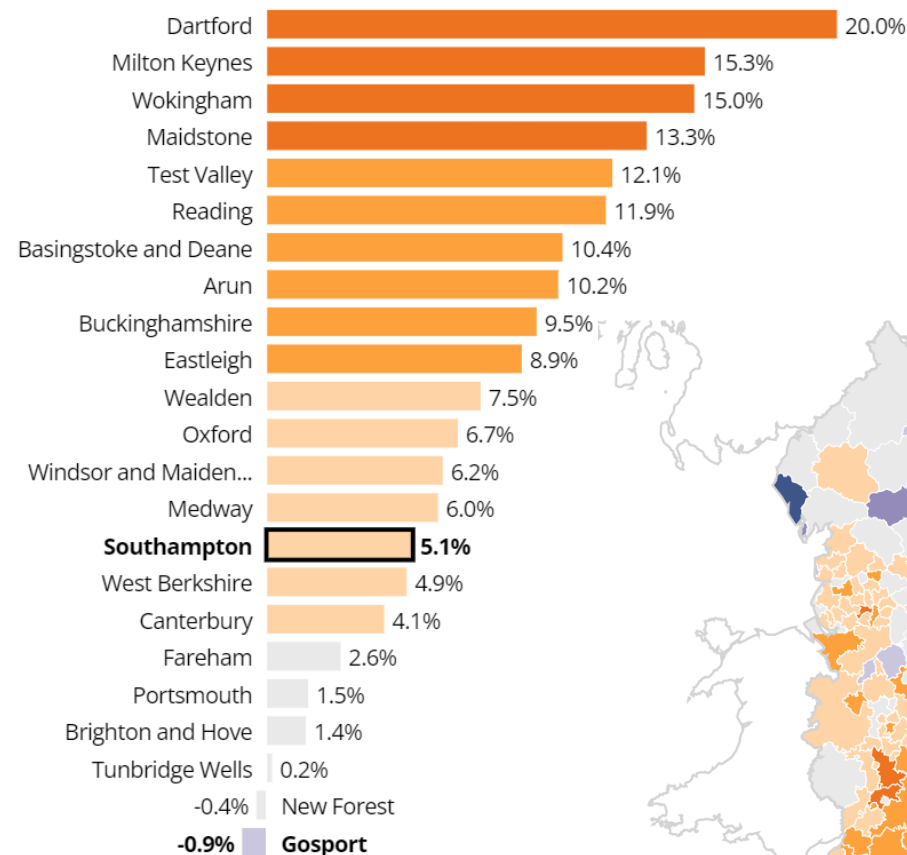


Population change (%) of local authority areas in England between 2011 and 2021

Percentage change



- There were **59,597,542** people living in **England and Wales** on 21 March 2021, the day of the latest census. This is over **3.5 million more (6.3%)** than in 2011 and is the largest census population ever recorded.
- The English region with the **largest** population increase was the **East of England**, which grew by around **8.3%** or 488,000 more residents. The English region with the **smallest** increase was the **North East**, growing by **1.9%** or around 50,000 people. In Wales, the population grew by **1.4%** or 44,000 people.
- In **Southampton**, the population size has **increased** by **5.1%**, from around **236,882** in **2011** to **248,922** in **2021**. This is **lower** than the overall increase for **England (6.6%)**, where the population grew by nearly **3.5 million** to **56,490,048** and **lower** than the **South East (7.5%)**.
- Nearby areas like **Test Valley** and **Eastleigh** have seen a greater **increase** in their populations, by around 12.1% and 9.0%, respectively, while others such as **Fareham** saw a **smaller increase (2.6%)** and **New Forest** saw a **decrease** of **-0.4%**.

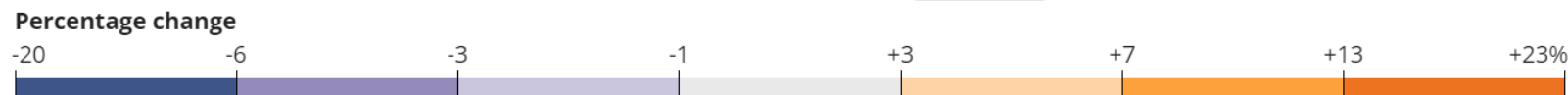


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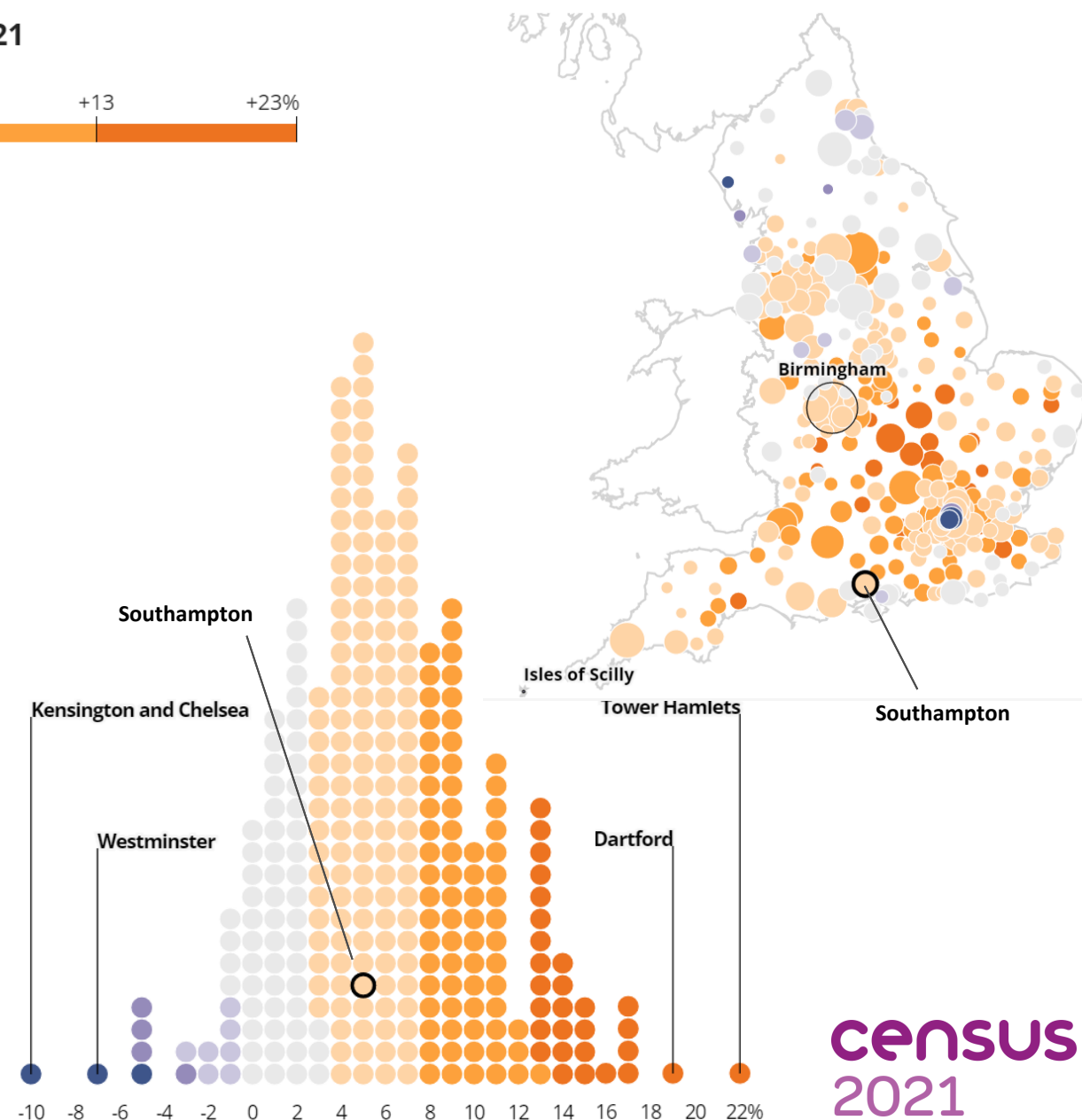


2021 Census – Population Size

Local authority areas grouped by population change in England, 2011 to 2021

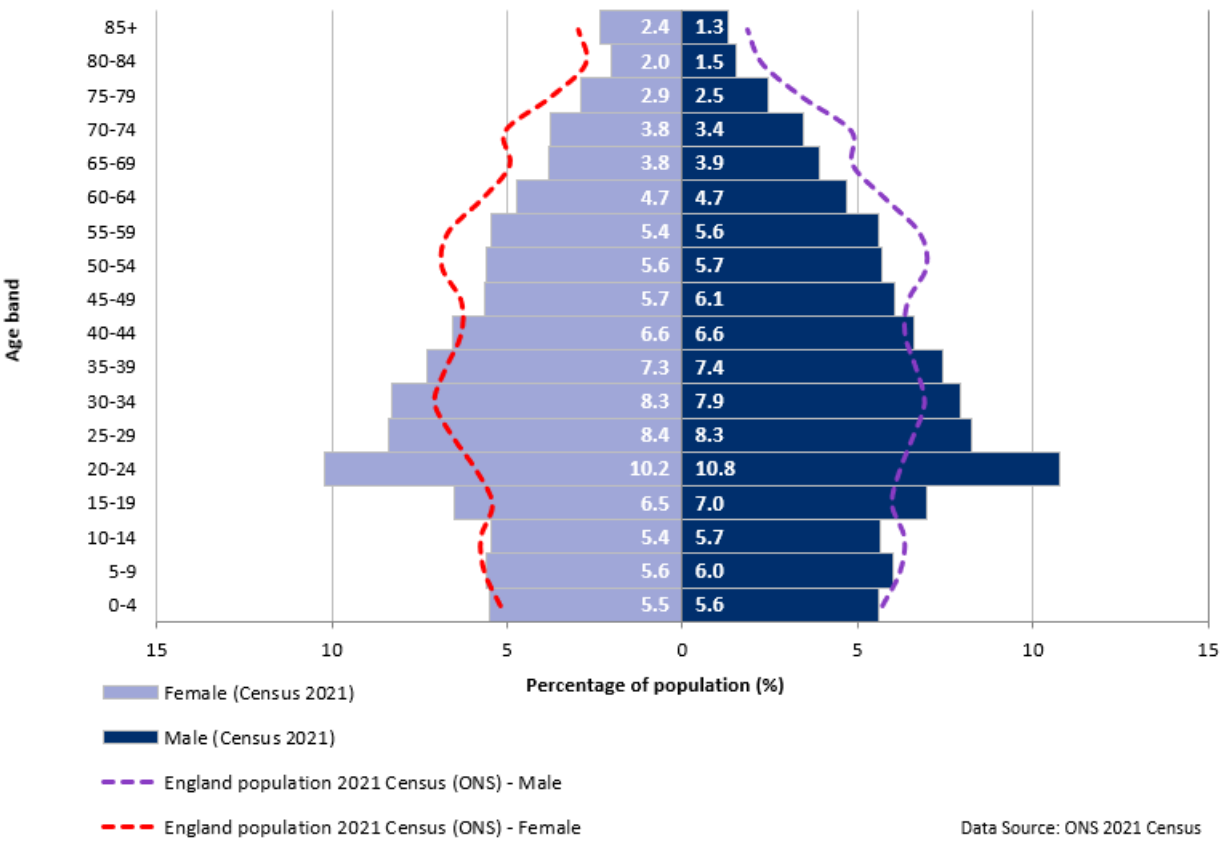


- Across all local authority areas in England, Southampton's population increase is middle of the road
- **Tower Hamlets** saw the **largest** percentage growth in population in England, increasing **22.1%** between 2011 and 2021. **Dartford** was second, increasing **20.0%**.
- Some local authority areas have seen their populations **decline**. **Kensington and Chelsea** had an estimated population of 143,400 in 2021, which was around 15,200 fewer than in 2011 and a **decrease** of **9.6%**.
- The total population of local authority areas varies a lot, from **Birmingham** with around **1,144,900 people** to the **Isles of Scilly** with around **2,100 people**. The sizes of the circles on the map are proportionate to the size of the population in each local authority area





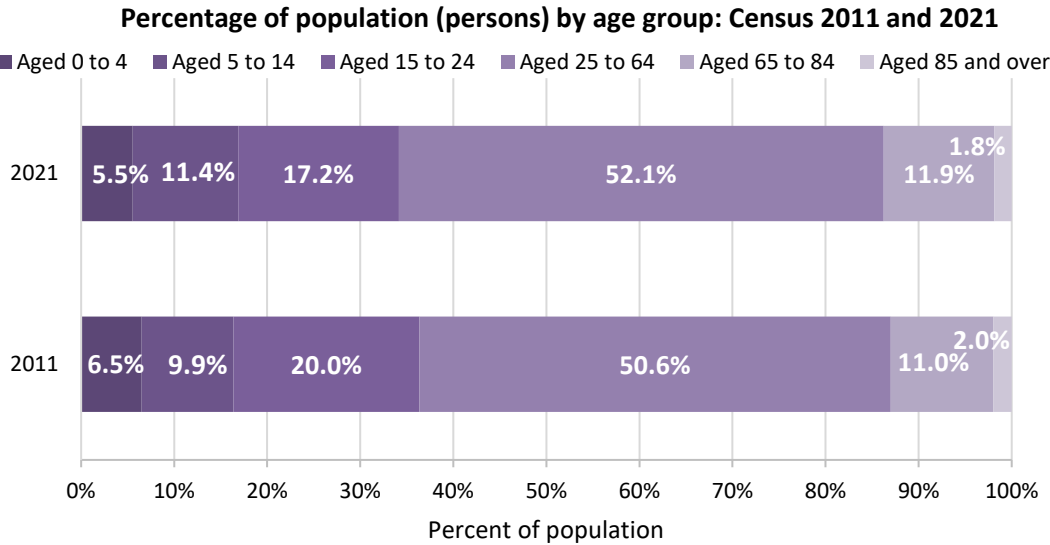
Population pyramid for Census 2021: Southampton and England



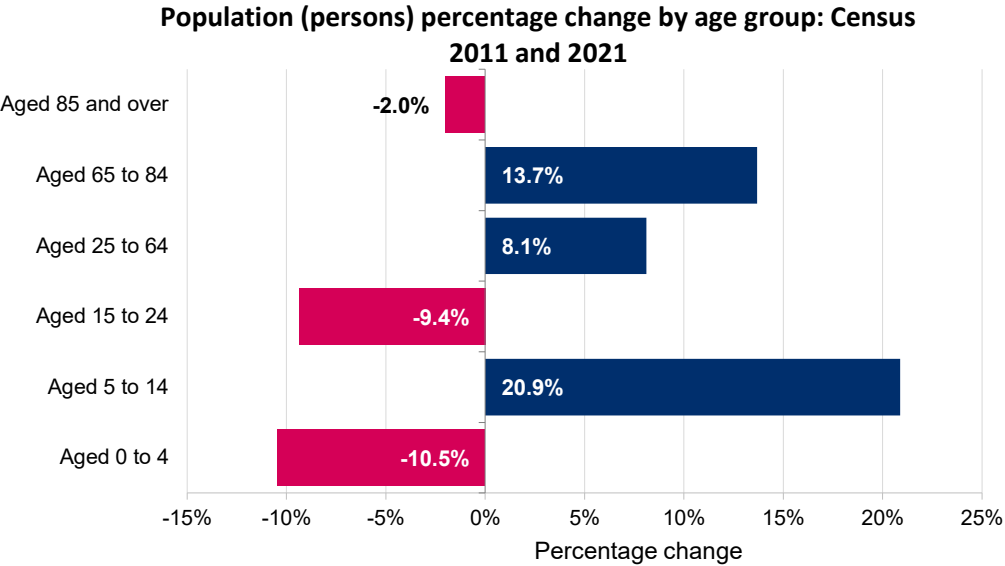
Southampton continues to have a much **younger** population profile in comparison to **England** as a whole.

- The population for **England** **increased** by **6.3%** to **56,490,048** people in 2021, whilst in **Southampton** the population **increased** by **5.1%** to **248,922**
- Comparing against England, the biggest difference in the age structure of the population is in those **aged 20 to 24**. In Southampton they account for **10.5%** of the total population compared to **6.0%** for **England**
- Southampton has a **lower** percentage of those aged **50 to 54 (5.6%)** and those people aged **70 to 74 (3.6%)** when compared to **England (6.9%** for those people aged **50 to 54** and **5.0%** for those aged **70 to 74** years)

Population change by age



Source: Office for National Statistics



Source: Office for National Statistics

- Southampton’s population aged **under 5 years** in **2021** is **13,795 (5.5%)** compared to **15,407 (6.5%)** in **2011**. Overall, this is a **decrease** of **-10.5%** and is reflective of decreasing birth rates nationally and locally.
- The population **aged 5 to 14** has **increased** by **20.9%** to **28,288 (11.4%)** from **23,402 (9.9%)** in **2011**.
- The population aged **15 to 24** has **decreased** to **42,892 (17.2%)** in **2021** from **47,326 (20.0%)** in **2011**, a **decrease** of **-9.4%**. This is likely a reflection of reduced student residency in line with pandemic national and University policies at the time of the 2021 Census
- The number of people aged **65 to 84** has **increased** by **13.7%** to **29,676**, reflecting the ageing population
- However, the very old, aged **85 and over** has **decreased** by **-2.0%**, which may be influenced by higher levels of pandemic related deaths amongst older people



% Population change by age group for England and Southampton

- A comparison of relative population change between Southampton and England is provided below

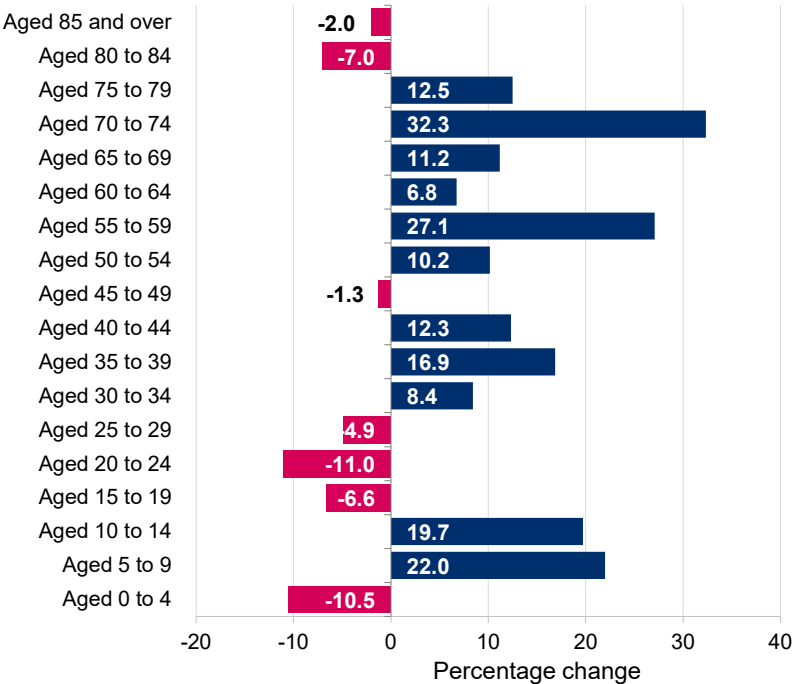
Overall, in England, there has been...

- An **increase** of **81.5%** in people aged **65 years and over**
- An **increase** of **34.5%** in people aged **15 to 64 years**
- An **increase** of **37.1%** in children aged **under 15 years**.

In Southampton, there has been...

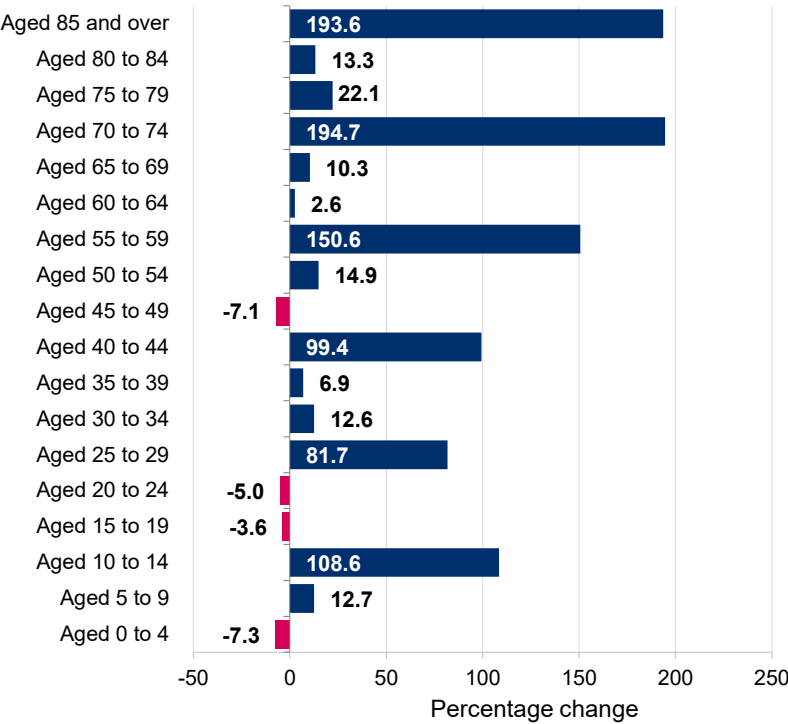
- An **increase** of **11.3%** in people aged **65 years and over**
- An **increase** of **3.2%** in people aged **15 to 64 years**
- An **increase** of **8.4%** in children aged **under 15 years**.

Population (persons) percentage change by age group: Southampton - Census 2011 and 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics

Population (persons) percentage change by age group: England - Census 2011 and 2021

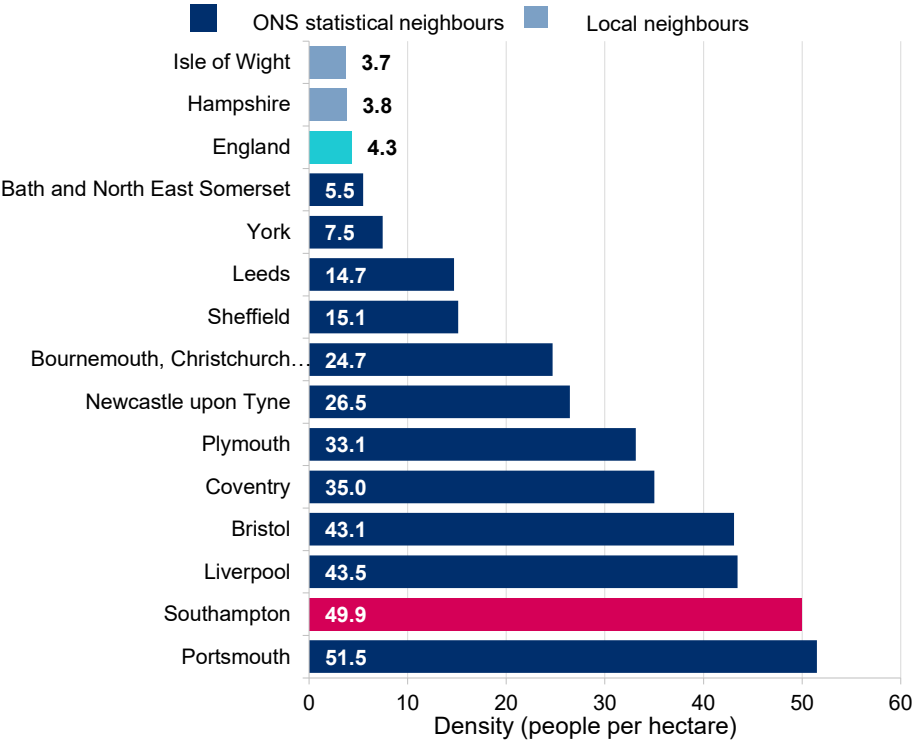


Source: Office for National Statistics

Population density



Population density by hectare: Southampton and comparator Local Authorities: 2021 population

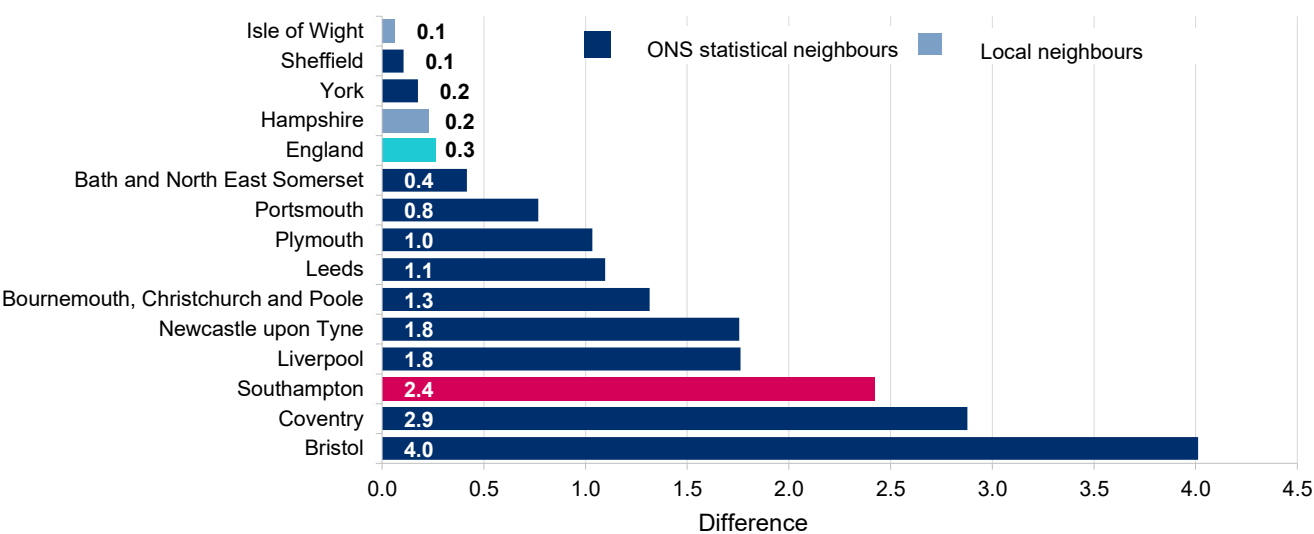


Source: Office for National Statistics.

- Among our comparators, **Portsmouth** is the **most densely populated** at **51.5 people per hectare** (an increase of 0.8)
- The **Isle of Wight** is the **least densely populated** at **3.7 people per hectare** (an increase of 0.1)

- Population density in **Southampton** **increased** from **47.5 people per hectare** in 2011 to **49.9 per hectare** in the 2021 Census; a change in density of **2.4 people per hectare**. This means **Southampton** is now **more densely populated** than in 2011
- Southampton has the **2nd highest population density** among our **ONS comparators** and is the **2nd most densely populated** area amongst the **South East's 64 local authorities**

Difference in population density by hectare: Southampton and ONS comparator Local Authorities: Census 2011 and 2021



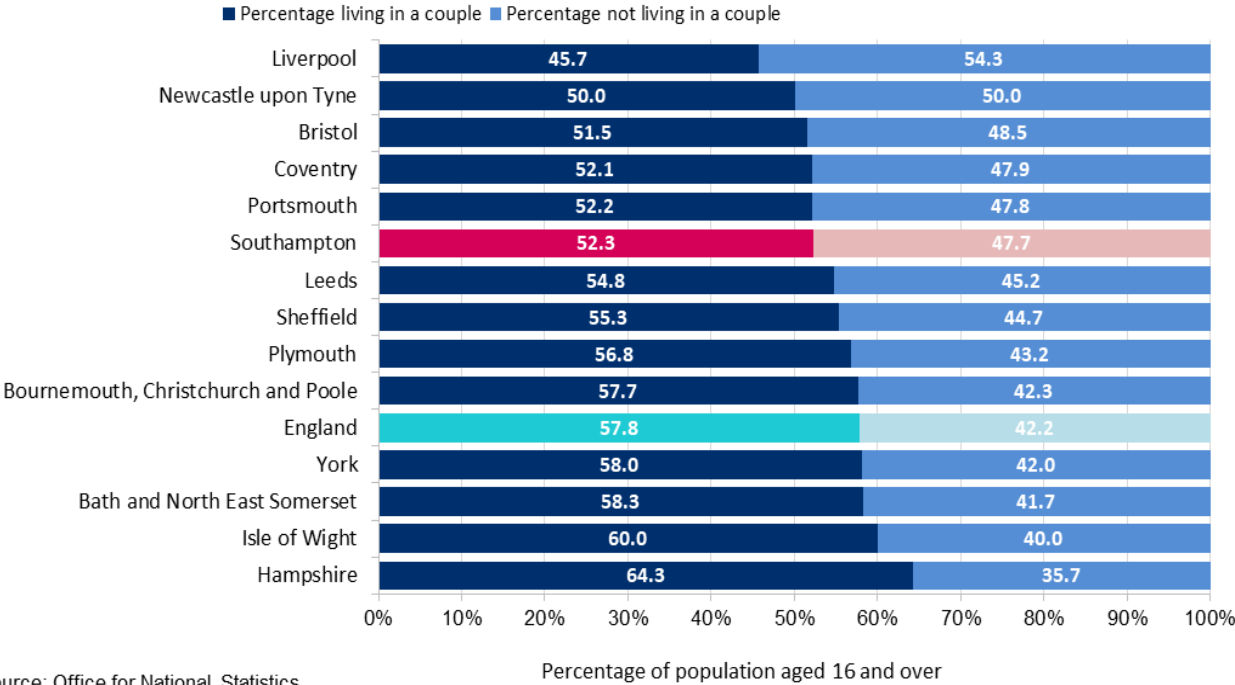
Source: Office for National Statistics.

Please note: Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole in the Census 2011 data is made up of the three individual areas

Living arrangements



Living arrangements: Southampton and comparator Local Authorities: Census 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics.

- In Southampton the number of **people living in a couple** has **increased** by **7.5%** since the 2011 Census
- There has been an **increase** of **21.6%** in cohabiting couples
- The percentage of people who are single has **increased** by **1.7%**
- The percentage of people who are **widowed** has **fallen** by **-14.7%** between the 2011 and 2021 census

- In Southampton **52.3%** of people aged 16 and over **live in a couple** and **47.7%** are **not living in a couple**. This reflects the number of young people students (37,800) in Southampton. Compared to **57.8%**, in England, **living in a couple** and **42.2%** **not living in a couple**
- In Southampton, of the number of people **living in a couple**, **69.4%** are **either married or registered in a civil partnership**, **30.4%** are **cohabiting** and **0.2%** are **separated but still married or in a civil partnership**
- Of those **not living in a couple**, **68.5%** are **single** (never married and never registered a civil partnership), **3.2%** are **married or registered in a civil partnership but not living together**, **4.0%** are **separated**, **14.9%** **divorced** and **9.4%** **widowed**.
- The range among Southampton wards **61.0% (7,058)** of people in **Sholing** are **living in a couple** compared to **39.0% (5,543)** in **Bevois** again reflecting the large student population of the city, conversely **78.4%** of people in **Portswood** are **single never married and never registered in a civil partnership**



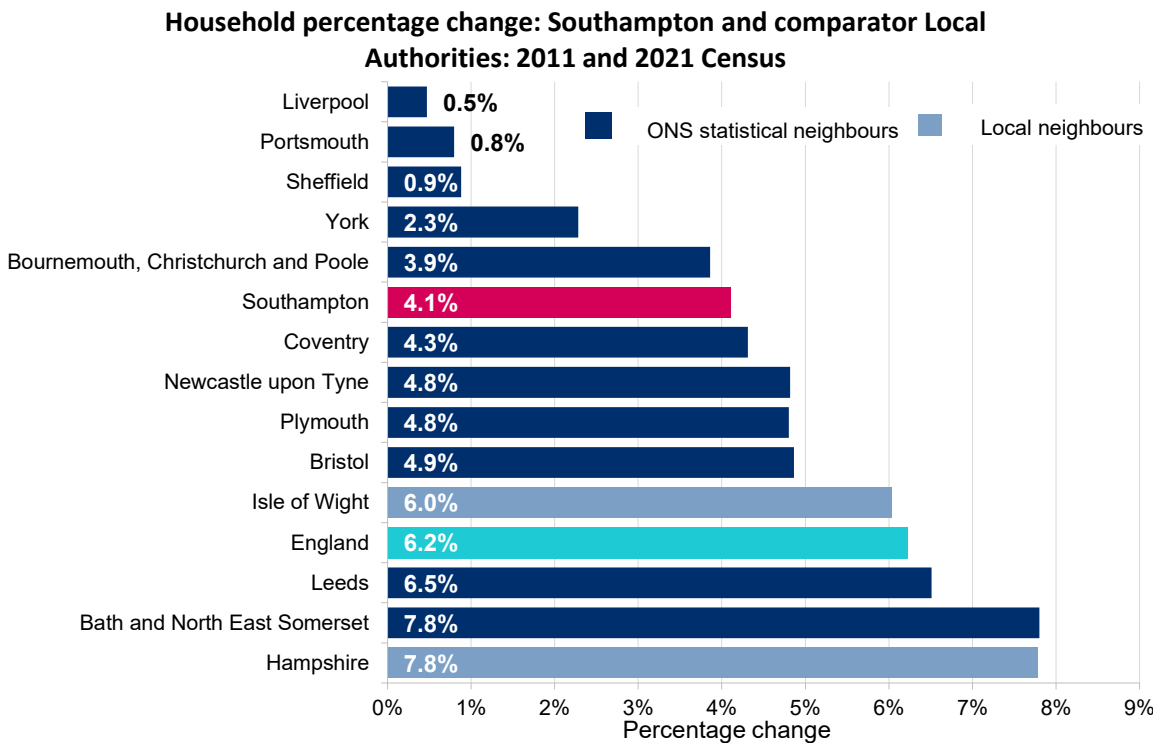
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Households



- The number of households in Southampton with at least one resident increased from **98,254** in **2011** to **102,291** in **Census 2021**; an **increase** of **4.1%**
- **England** had a larger **increase** in households (**6.2%**)



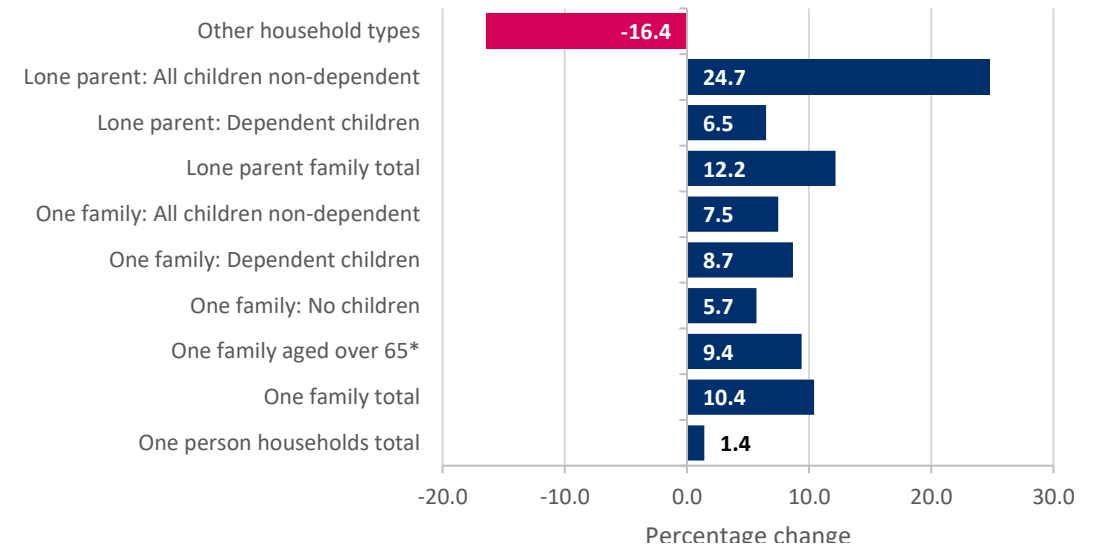
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Local Authority	Households			
	Census 2011 households	Census 2021 households	Difference (Census 2011 and 2021)	Percentage change
Hampshire	545,254	587,693	42,439	7.8%
Bath and North East Somerset	73,515	79,250	5,735	7.8%
Leeds	320,596	341,466	20,870	6.5%
England	22,063,368	23,436,085	1,372,717	6.2%
Isle of Wight	61,085	64,775	3,690	6.0%
Bristol	182,747	191,638	8,891	4.9%
Plymouth	109,307	114,558	5,251	4.8%
Newcastle upon Tyne	117,153	122,797	5,644	4.8%
Coventry	128,592	134,139	5,547	4.3%
Southampton	98,254	102,291	4,037	4.1%
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	167,379	173,842	6,463	3.9%
York	83,552	85,459	1,907	2.3%
Sheffield	229,928	231,950	2,022	0.9%
Portsmouth	85,473	86,155	682	0.8%
Liverpool	206,515	207,491	976	0.5%

- Southampton has the **6th lowest** change in households when compared with our **ONS comparators**
- **Hampshire** and **Bath and North East Somerset** saw the **greatest** increase at **7.8%**, whilst **Liverpool (0.5%)** and **Portsmouth (0.8%)** saw the **least growth** in the number of households between 2011 and 2021.

- The number of **one person** households in Southampton has increased from **33,241** in **2011** to **33,711** in **Census 2021**; an **increase** of **1.4%**
- Older person single** households increased by **1.5%** between **2011** and **2021** (it should be noted that in 2011 census older people were classified as aged 65 and over. In the 2021 Census they are classified as 66 and over)
- Single family households** increased from **53,070** in **2011** to **58,597** households in **2021** an **increase** of **10.4%**
- Lone parent families** increased from **10,048** in **2011** to **11,270** in **2021** an **increase** of **12.2%**
- The number of **other household types** including full time students fell from **11,943** in **2011** to **9,983** households in **2021** a **decrease** of **-16.4%**. This may be due to fewer student households in Southampton due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Percentage change in household composition by household type:
Southampton 2011 to 2021 Census



Source: Office for National Statistics.

* In 2011 census older people were classified as aged 65 and over in the 2021 Census they are classified as 66 and over.

- In England, single family households made up **63.0%** in 2021 compared to **62.6%** in 2011
- In **2021** - **30.1%** were one person households (**30.2%** in 2011)
- In **2021** - **6.9%** were other household types (**8.0%** in 2011)



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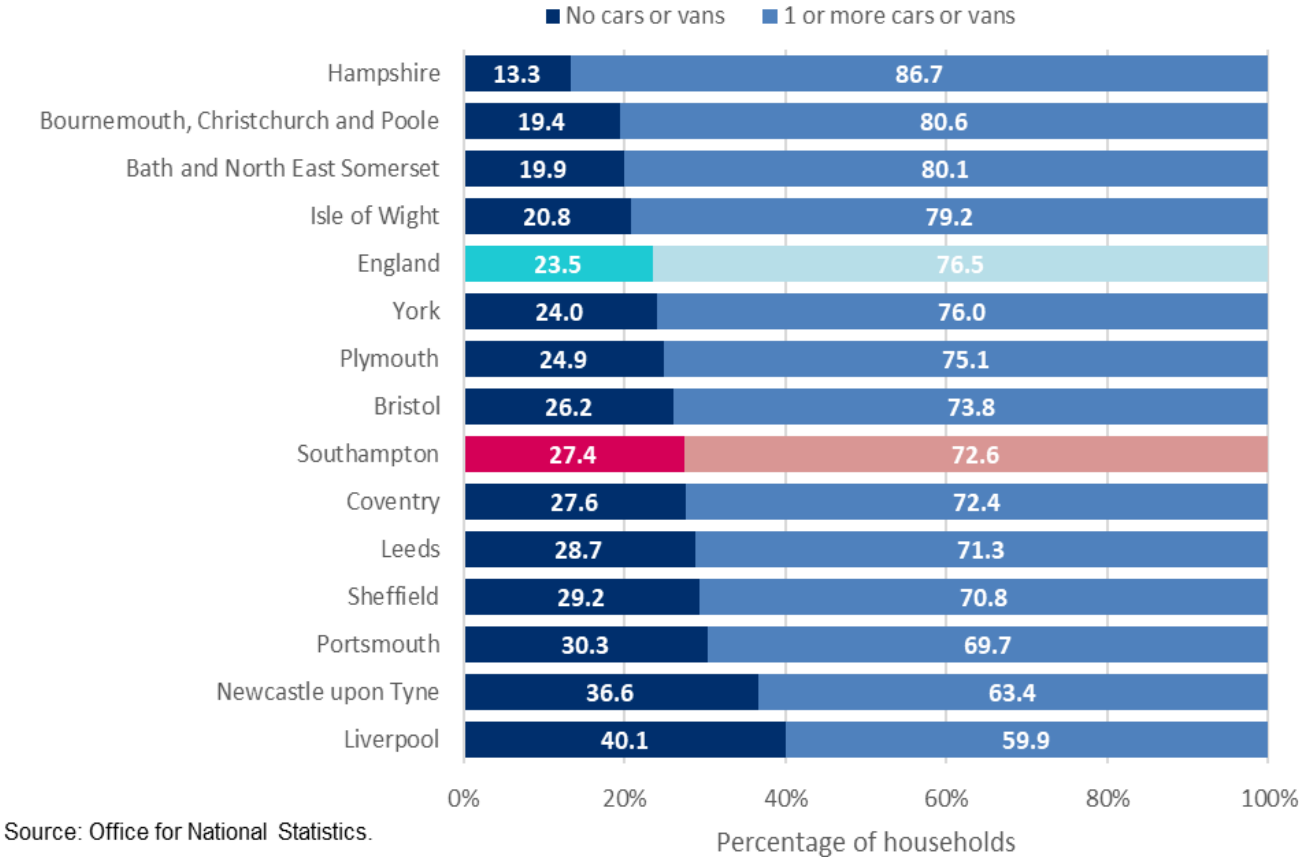
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Households – cars and vans



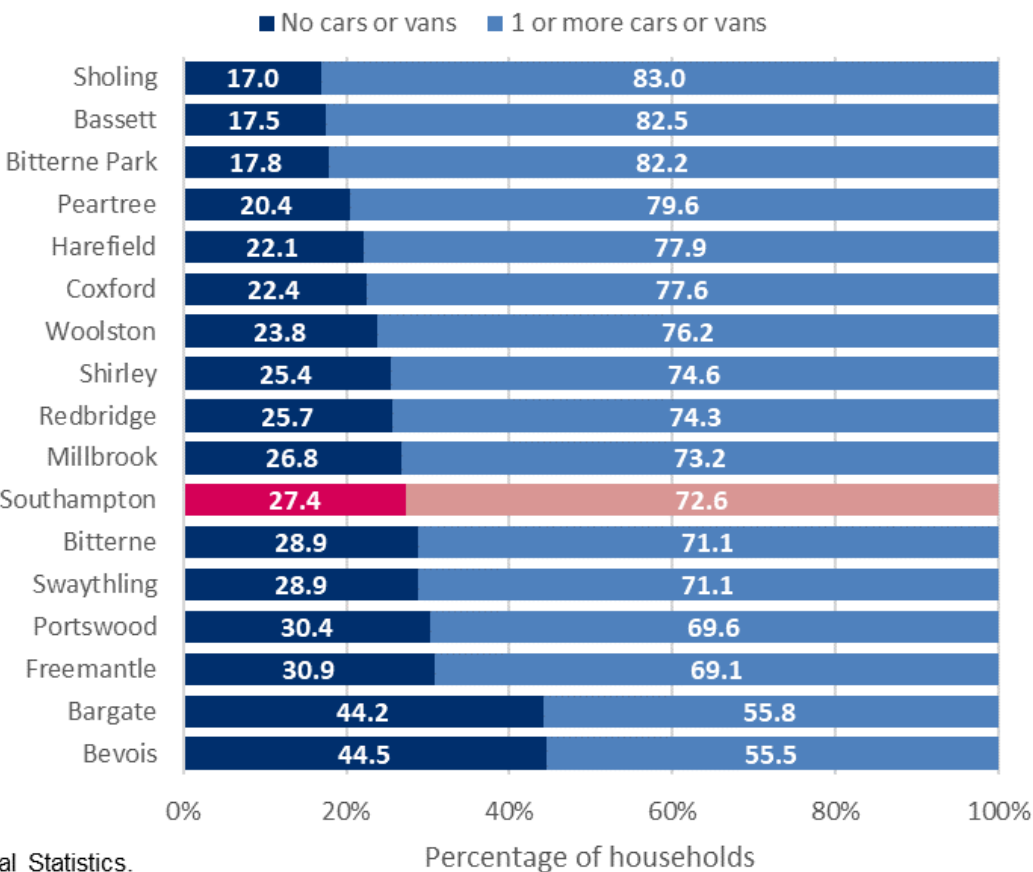
- In **Southampton** **27.4%** of households have no cars or vans in their household. Compared with **23.5%** in **England**.
- Among our comparators **Liverpool** has **40.1%** of households with **no car or van** and **Bournemouth** with just **19.4%** of households with **no cars or vans**.
- **72.6%** of households in **Southampton** have at least **one or more cars or vans**. In more detail this is
 - **44.3%** own **one** car or van (**41.3%** in **England**)
 - **21.8%** own **two** cars or vans (**26.1%** in **England**)
 - **6.5%** own **three** or more cars or vans (**9.1%** in **England**)
- In Southampton there has been an **increase** of **+7.2%** in households with **one or more cars or vans** and a **fall** of **-3.4%** in households with **no cars or vans**, compared with **9.5% increase** in **England** in households with **one or more cars or vans** and a **fall** of **-3.1%** in households with **no cars or vans**

Cars and vans: Households with or without cars or vans: Southampton and ONS comparators - Census 2021





Cars and vans: Households with or without cars or vans: Southampton and wards - Census 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics.

- In Southampton sub-city areas, **44.5%** of households in **Bevois** and **44.2%** of households in **Bargate** have **no cars or vans**, both among the most urban areas in Southampton
- **Sholing** has the highest percentage of households that have **one or more cars and vans (83.0%)**, of those **52.7%** own **one car or van**.
- Households in **Bargate (55.5%)** and **Bevois (55.8%)** have the lowest percentage of car and van ownership in households
- But of those households who do have a car or van, in **Bargate 79.4%** of households have **one car or van**
- **11.4%** of households in **Harefield** have **three or more cars or vans**, this may reflect the number of multiple occupancy student households



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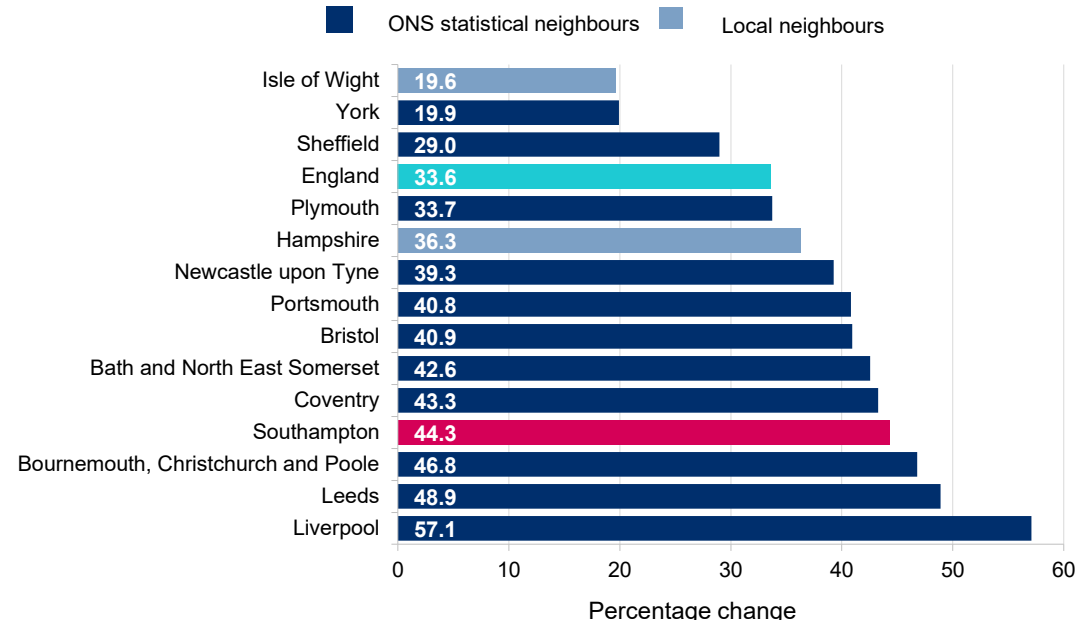
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Migration – Country of birth



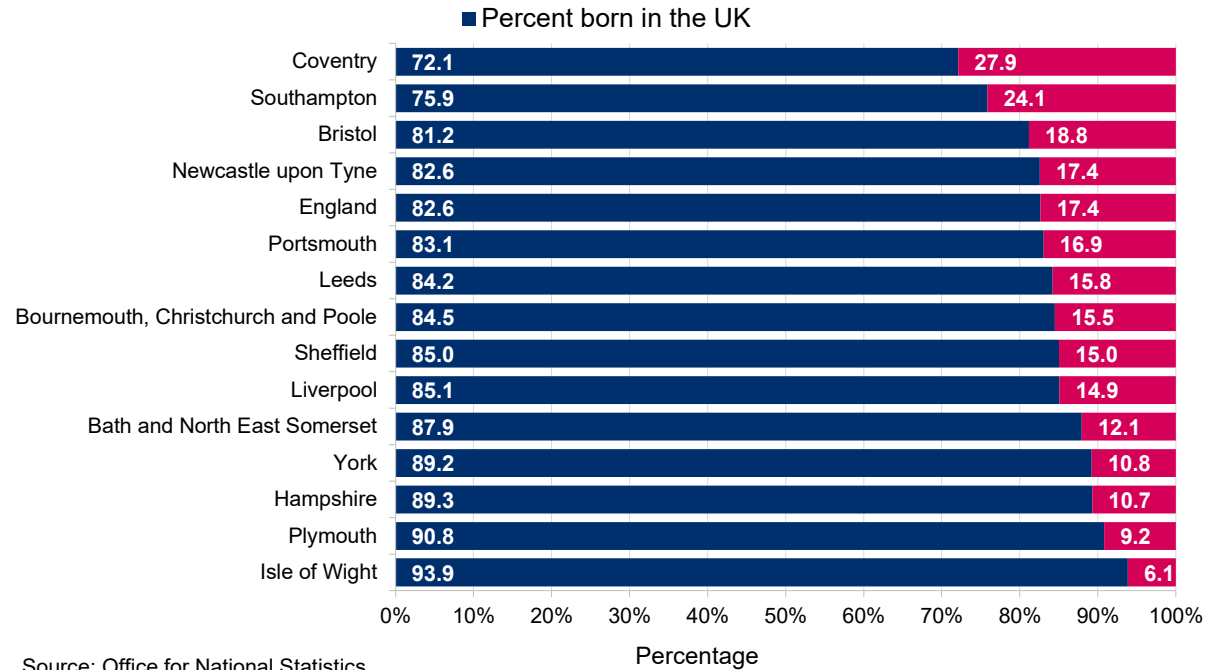
- In Southampton, the number of people born outside the UK has **increased** by **44.3%** from **41,651** in **2011** to **60,098** in **2021**
- The number of people born in the UK **decreased** by **-3.3%** from **195,231** in **2011** to **188,823** in **2021**
- In England the number of non-UK born residents has **increased** by **33.6%**

Country of birth - percentage change of residents not born in UK:
Southampton and ONS comparator Local Authorities: Census 2011
and 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics. Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole in the Census 2011 data is made up of the three individual areas

Country of birth: Percentage born in UK and Non-UK: Southampton and ONS
comparator Local Authorities: Census 2021



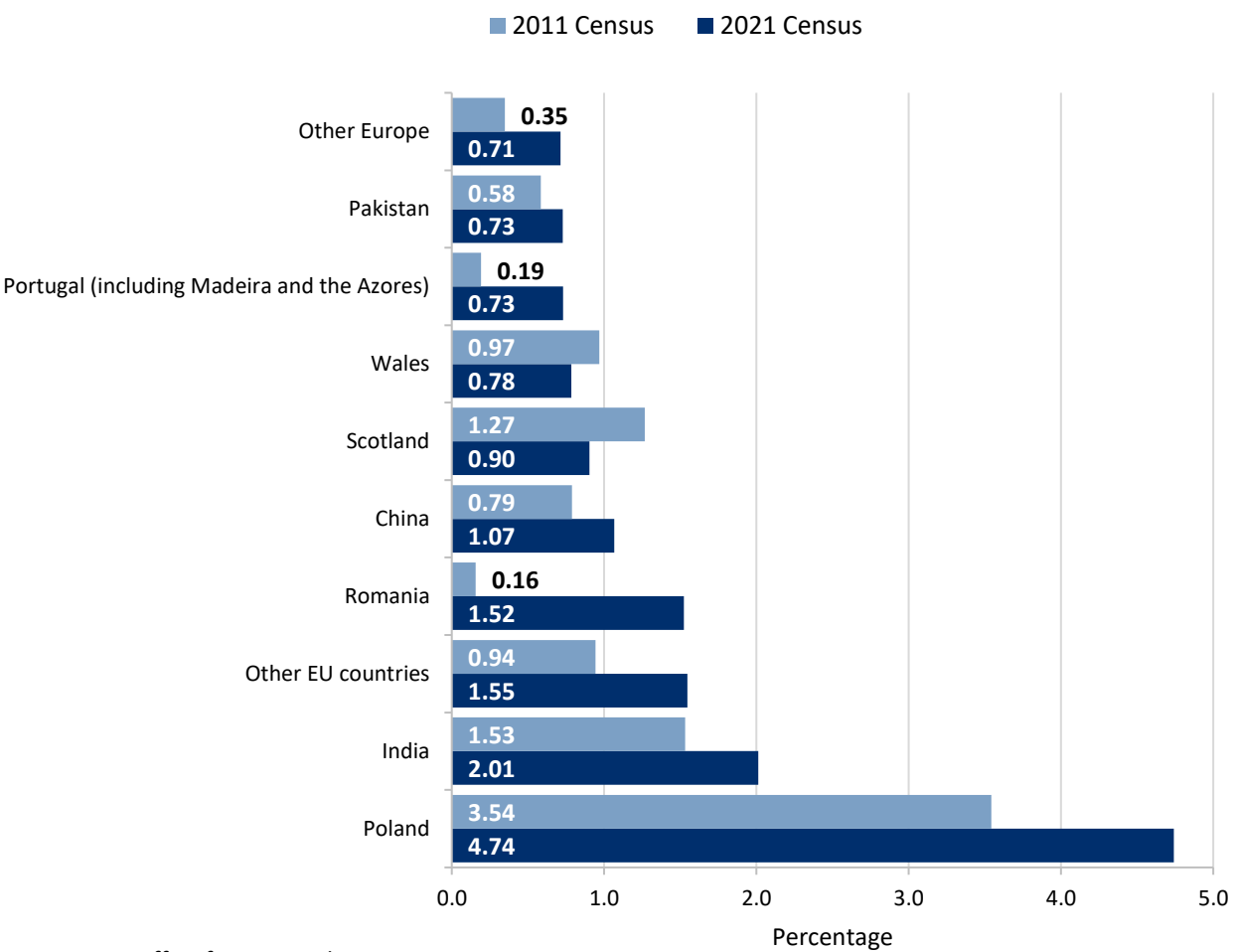
Source: Office for National Statistics

- Southampton has the **4th highest** change in number of non-UK born residents when compared with our **ONS comparators**
- The largest change is in **Liverpool** an **increase** of **57.1%** and the lowest is the **Isle of Wight** with an **increase** of **19.6%**
- Amongst ONS comparator areas, only **Coventry** has a higher percentage of it's population born outside the UK (27.9%).



- Across the UK population, the three most common non-UK countries of birth in 2021 were the same as in 2011, namely India, Poland and Pakistan.
- This is similar in Southampton, with Poland, India and ‘Other EU countries’ making up the top three
- In the UK, the number of people born in Romania **increased** by **459,000 (576%)**, making Romania the fourth most common non-UK country of birth
- The number of Southampton residents from **Romania** has increased from **369** in **2011** to **3,794** in **Census 2021**; an **increase** of **928.2%** or over 10 times more people than in 2011. This increase is likely driven by working restrictions for Romanian citizens being lifted in 2014.
- Residents from Portugal, **increased** by just over **300%** from **454** in **2011** to **1,818** in **2021**
- Residents from Spain **increased** by **179.3%** from **392** in **2011** to **1,095** in **2021**; 2.8 times higher

Top 10: proportion of population by country of birth 2011 and 2021 Census: Southampton (excluding England - 79.7% in 2011 and 73.8% in 2021 Census)



Source: Office for National Statistics



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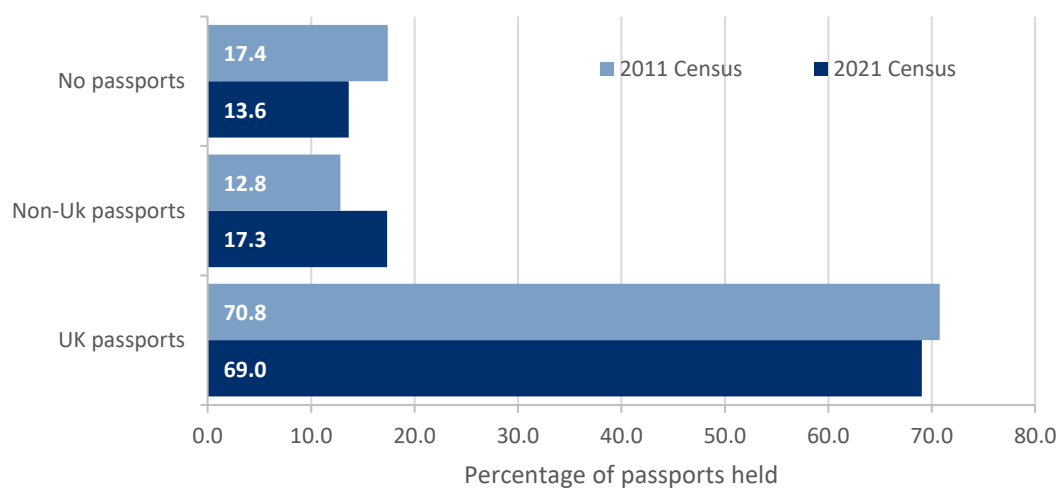
Migration – Passports held



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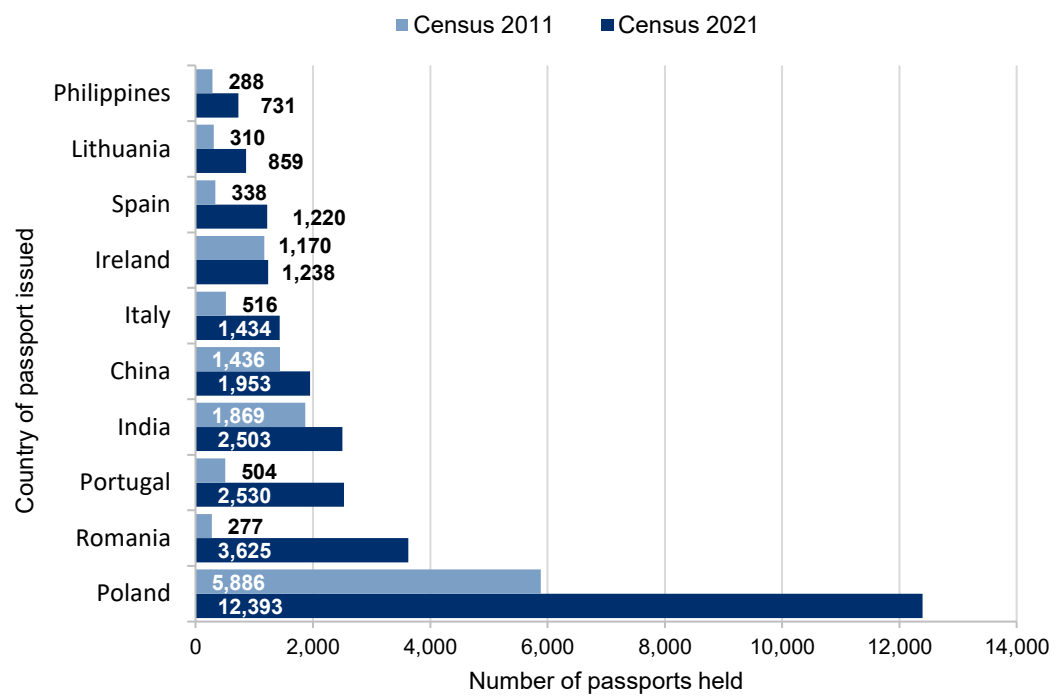
- **215,024 (86.4%)** people held at least **one passport** in 2021, an **increase** of **8.6%** from **2011**. This is similar to the national picture (**86.5%** in the UK)
- **33,897 (13.6%)** had **no passport** a **decrease** of **-17.8%** between **2011** and **2021** (**13.5%** in the UK)
- **43,148 (17.3%)** held a non-UK passport an **increase** of **41.9%** between **2011** and **2021** (**9.9%** in the UK)

Percentage of passports held between 2011 and 2021 Census:
Southampton



Source: Office for National Statistics

Top 10 countries holding non-UK passportsSouthampton: 2011
Census and 2021 Census



Source: Office for National Statistics

Non-UK resident passports held:

- Polish passport holders increased from **5,886** in **2011** to **12,393** in **2021**; an **increase** of **6,507 (110.6%)**
- Romanian passport holders increased from **277** in **2011** to **3,625** in **2021**; an **increase** of **3,348 (1,208.7%)**
- In the UK the top three non-UK passports held were from **Poland, Romania and India**



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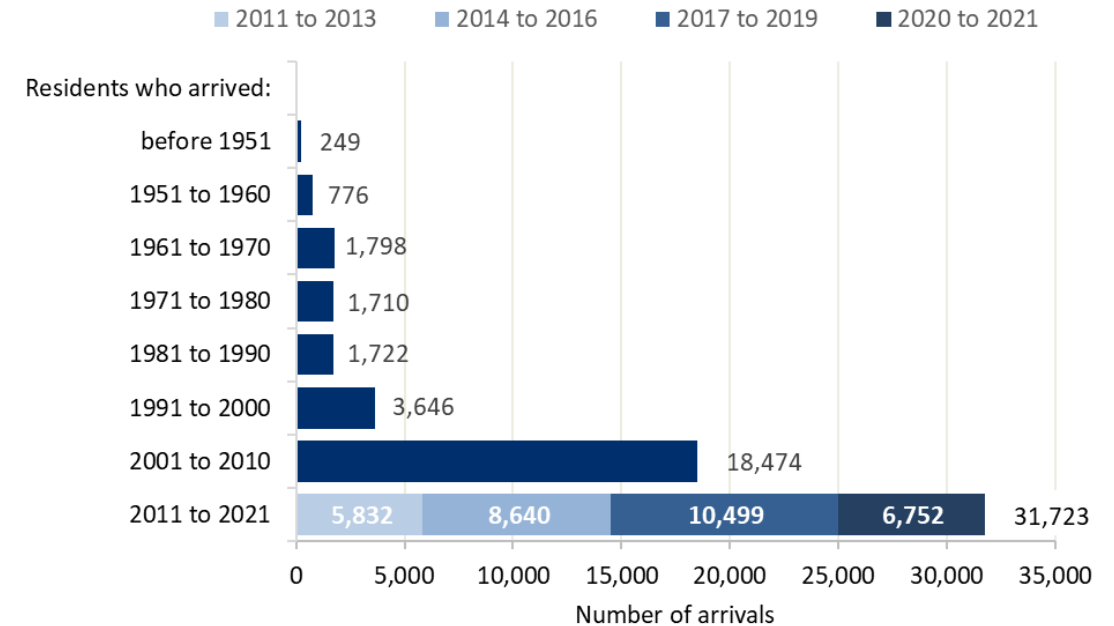
Migration – Year and age of arrival



Of the **60,099** Southampton residents in **2021** who were not born in the UK:

- **31,723**, or over half (**52.8%**) arrived in the city over the last decade (since 2011). This is higher than the England average (42.4%) and the third highest amongst ONS comparator areas, with only Liverpool (59.6%) and Newcastle (55.5%) having higher proportions.
- **18,474 (30.7%)** arrived between **2001** and **2010** (compared with **26.9%** in the UK)
- **9,901 (16.5%)** arrived before **2001** (compared with **30.7%** in the UK) restrictions.

Most recent year of arrival: all usual residents who are non-UK born, 2021 Census, Southampton



Source: Office for National Statistics

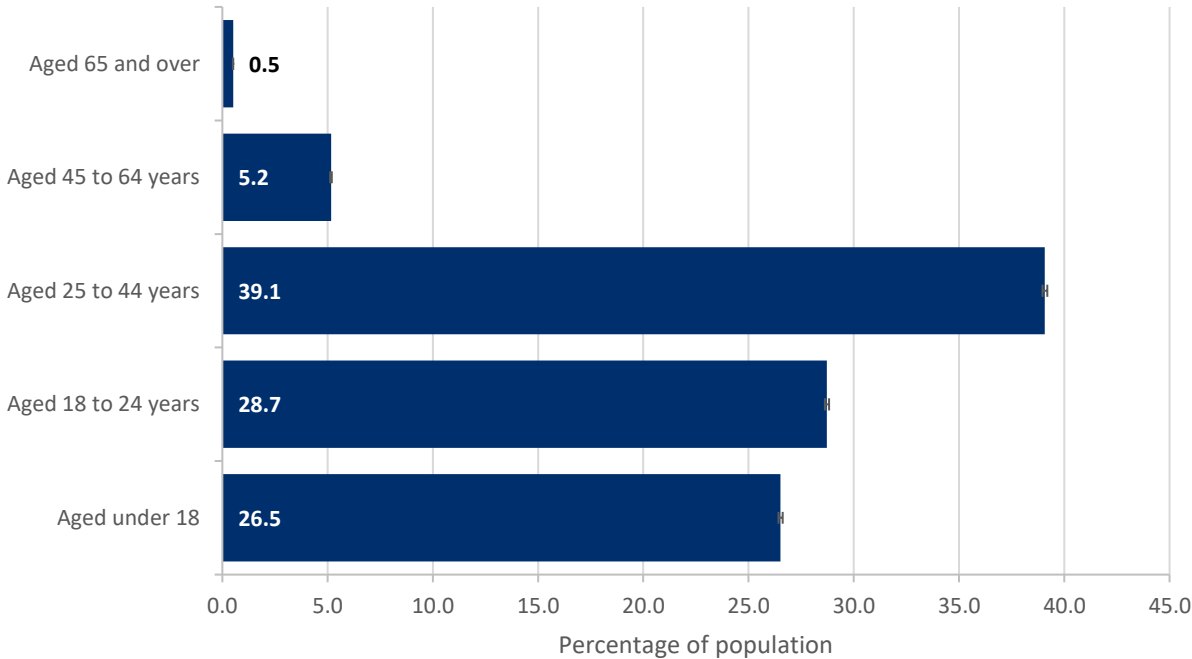
- Data does not include people who had arrived and then left, following Brexit in 2020.
- Smaller numbers of arrivals between 2020 and 2021 may have been caused by COVID-19 travel



Of the **60,099** Southampton residents in **2021** who were not born in the UK:

- The majority were of **working age** when arriving in the UK, with the greatest proportion aged between **25 to 44 years**
- **15,937** were aged **under 18 years** when they arrived in the UK (**26.5%**), compared with **30.2%** in the UK
- **17,263** were aged **18 to 24 years (28.7%)** compared with **25.3%** in the UK
- **23,484** were aged **25 to 44 years (39.1%)** compared with **38.2%** in the UK
- **3,105** were aged **45 to 64 years (5.2%)** compared with **5.5%** in the UK
- Only **310** were aged **65 years and over** when they arrived (**0.5%**) compared with **0.8%** in the UK

Percentage of people by age of arrival in the UK: Southampton 2021 Census



Source: Office for National Statistics
Notes: Percentages are based on total number of non-UK born residents (60,099)

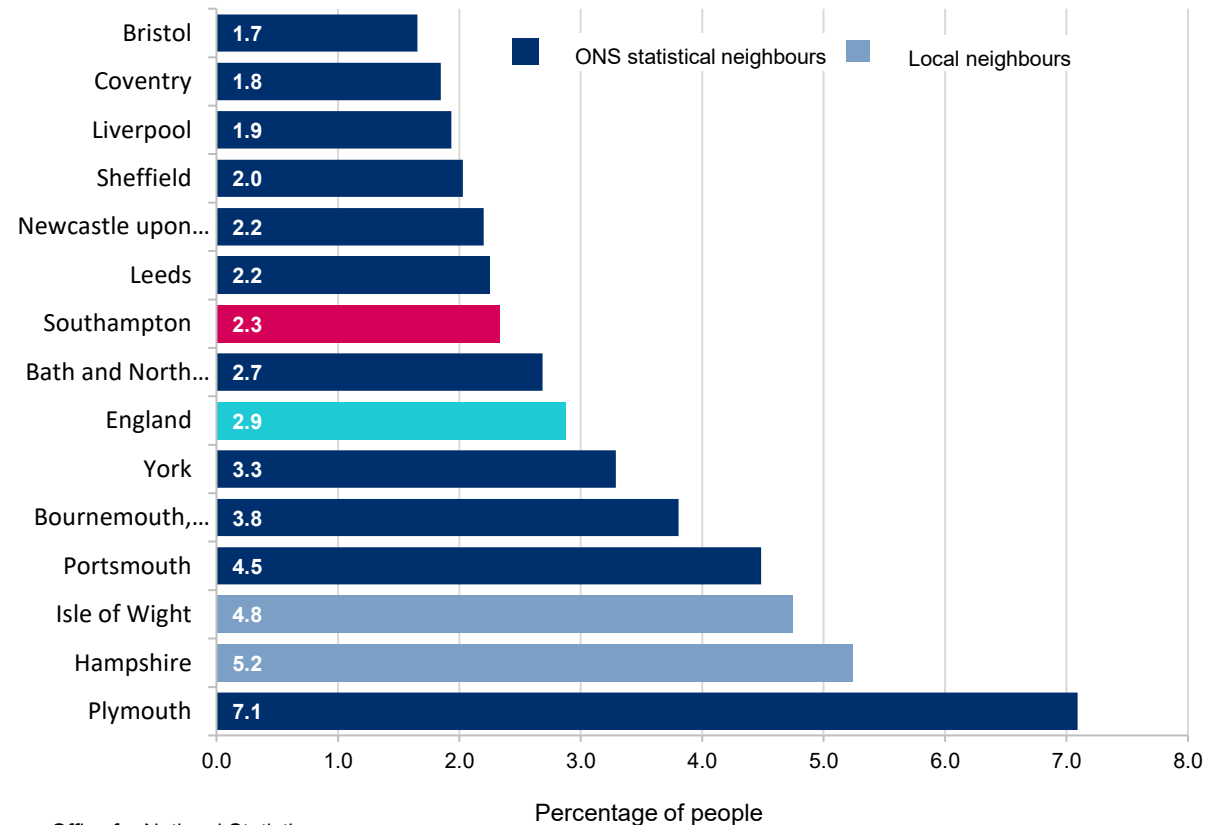
Armed forces veterans



New for the Census 2021 are questions on armed forces veterans:

- In Southampton **4,770 (2.3%)** residents have previously served in the UK armed forces (compared with **2.9%** in England)
- Southampton is ranked **7th lowest** among our ONS Comparators
- Plymouth (**7.1%**) has the largest percentage of residents who have served in the UK armed services and Bristol has the lowest (**1.7%**)
- **1,346 (0.7%)** residents have previously served in UK **reserve** armed forces (compared with **0.7%** in the UK)

Percentage of people who have previously served in UK armed forces -
Southampton and local authority comparators: Census 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics



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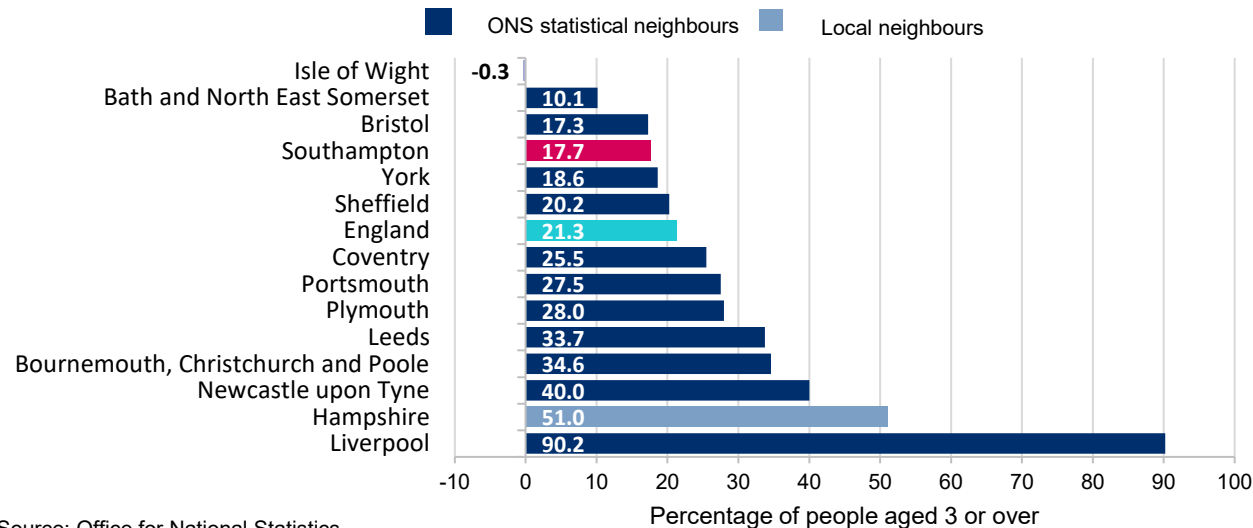
Language – Proficiency in English

- In Southampton **203,603 (84.6%)** residents aged over 3, speak English as their main language
- For **37,044 (15.4%)** residents English is not their main language

Of the **37,044** people, in Southampton whose main language is not English:

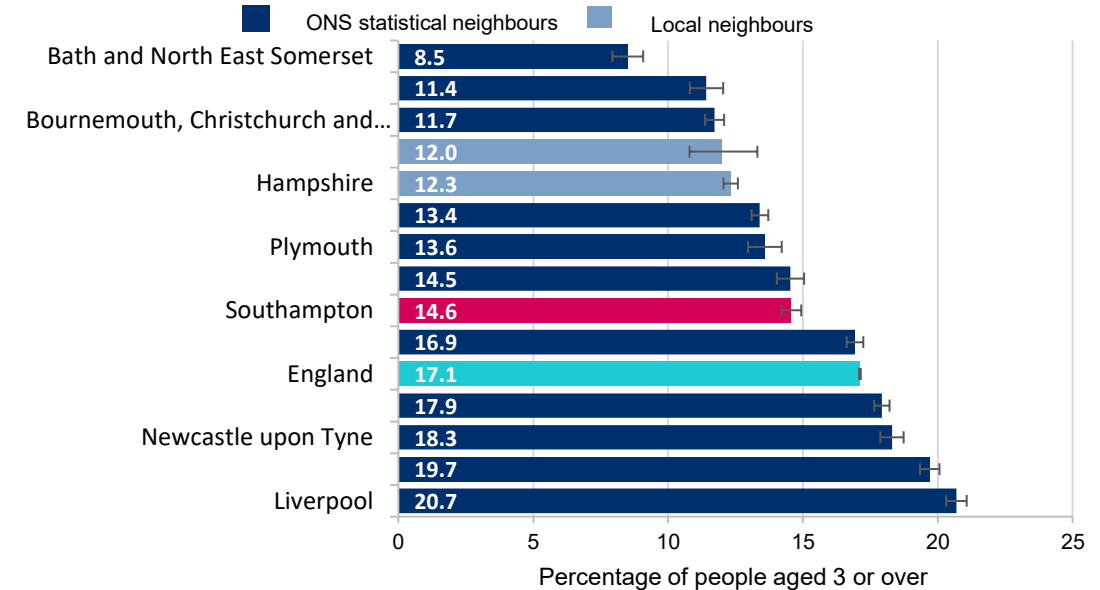
- 5,398 (14.6%) cannot speak English well** an **increase** of **17.7%** since 2011 (Compared with an **increase** of **21.3%** in England). Southampton has seen the 3rd smallest change among our ONS Comparators

Proficiency in English - Main language is not English - **Cannot speak English well**: Southampton and local authority comparators: percentage difference between Census 2011 and 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics

Proficiency in English - Main language is not English - **Cannot speak English well**: Southampton and local authority comparators: Census 2021



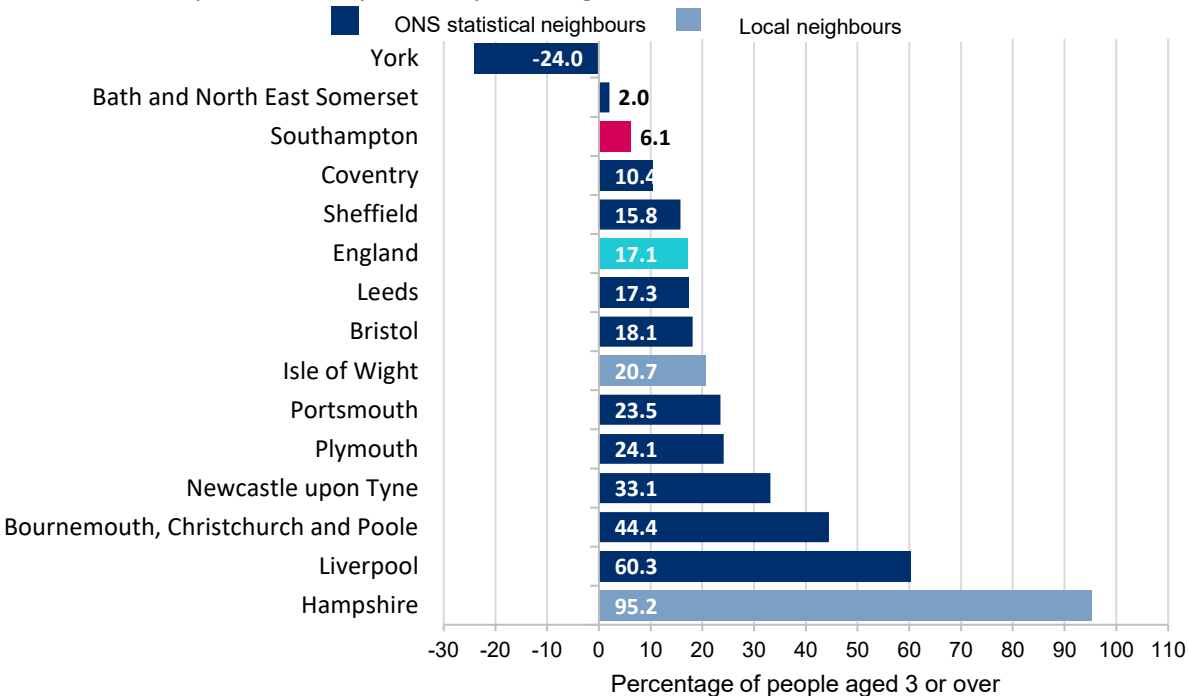
Source: Office for National Statistics

- Among our comparators, Liverpool is the highest area with **20.7%** cannot speak English well, and Bath and North East Somerset were the lowest with **8.5%**
- Liverpool showed the largest **increase** in residents who cannot speak English well (**90.2%**) and Bath and North East Somerset saw the lowest comparator **increase** (**10.1%**). The Isle of Wight showed a **fall** of **-0.3%** between Census 2011 and Census 2021

Of the **37,044** people, in Southampton whose main language is not English:

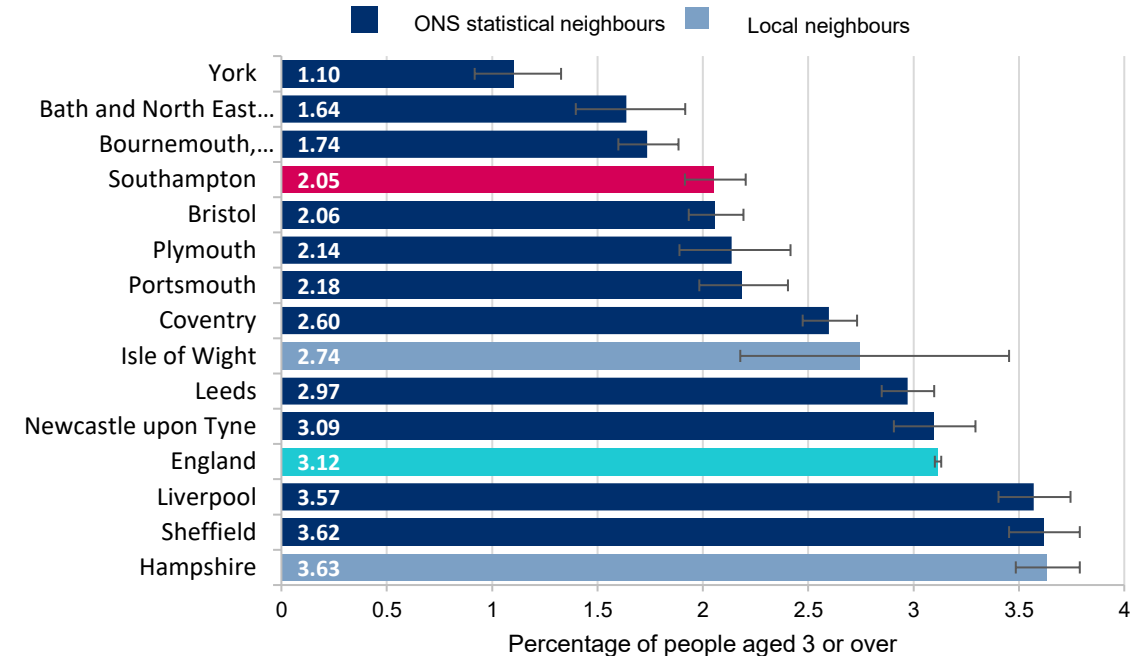
- **761 (2.1%)** residents **cannot speak English** (compared with **3.1%** in England)
- There has been an **increase** of **+6.1%** since Census 2011 (Compared with an **increase** of **17.1%** in England)

Proficiency in English - Main language is not English - **Cannot speak English**: Southampton and comparators: percentage difference between Census 2011 and 2021



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Proficiency in English - Main language is not English - **Cannot speak English**: Southampton and comparators: Census 2021



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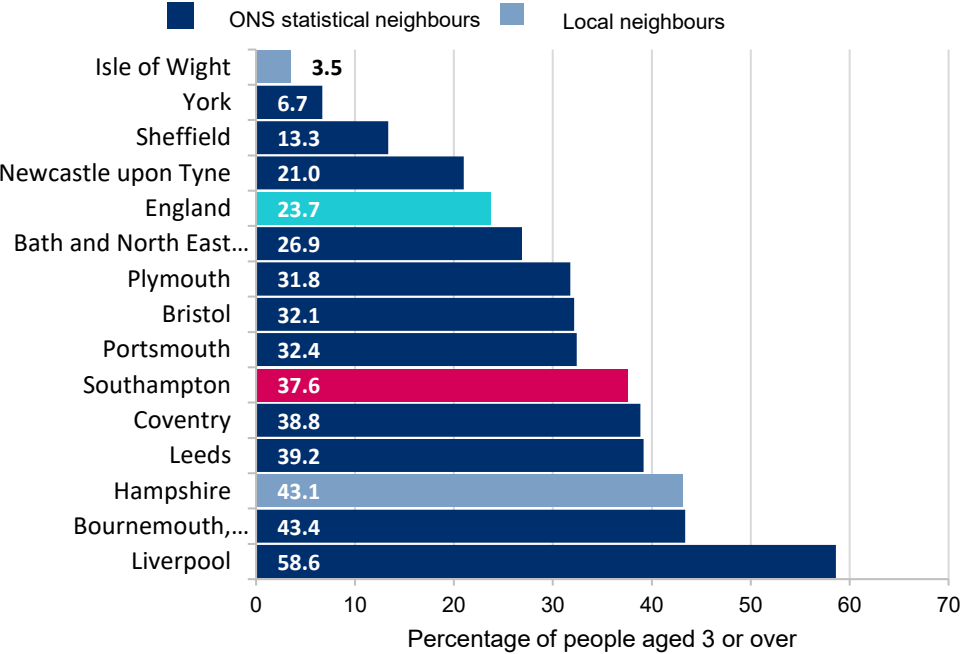
- Among our comparators and local neighbours, Hampshire is the highest area with **3.63%** residents who **cannot speak English**, and York is the lowest with **1.1%**
- Liverpool showed the largest **increase** of **+60.3%** and York showed the largest **decrease** of **-24.0%** between Census 2011 and Census 2021 for our ONS comparators. Hampshire showed the largest **increase** of our local neighbours in residents who **cannot speak English** (**+95.2%**)

Languages spoken



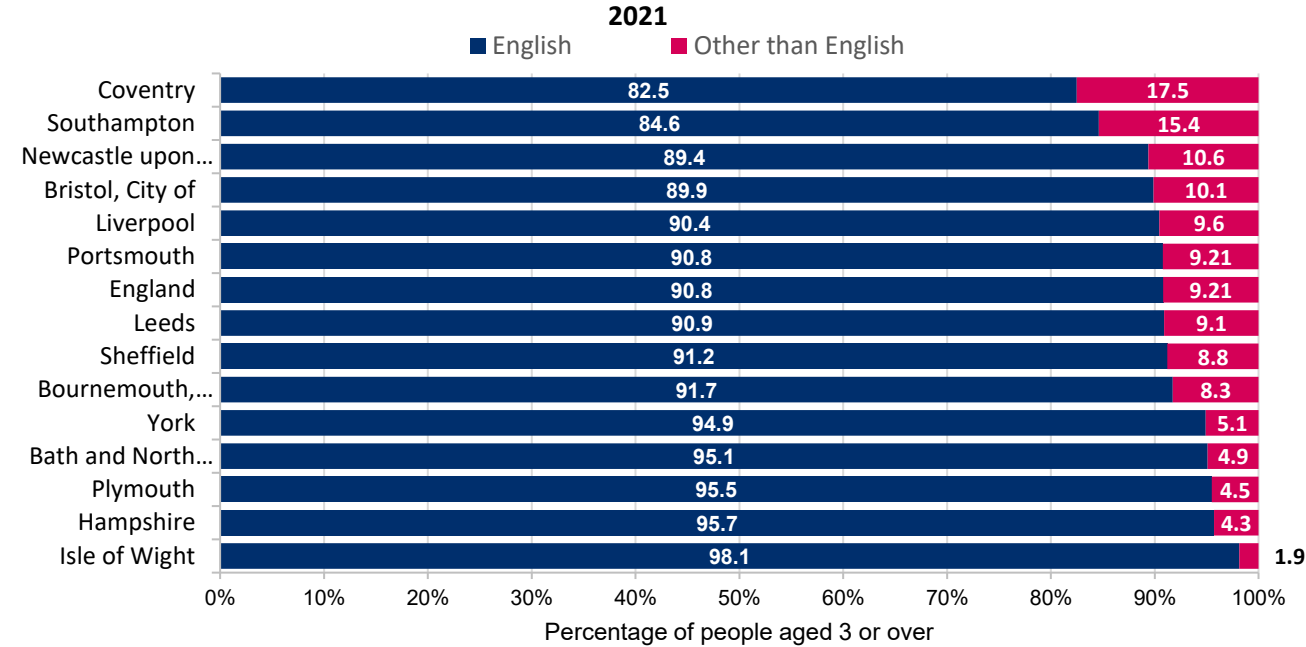
- In Southampton, **15.4%** of residents aged over 3 years **do not speak English as a main language** compared with **9.2%** in England
- There has been an **increase** of **+37.6%** of residents whose main language is not English since Census 2011 (compared with an **increase** of **+23.7%** in England)

Percentage change in number of people whose main language is other than English - Southampton and comparators: Census 2011 and 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics

Percentage of main language English or other than English - Southampton and ONS comparators: Census 2021



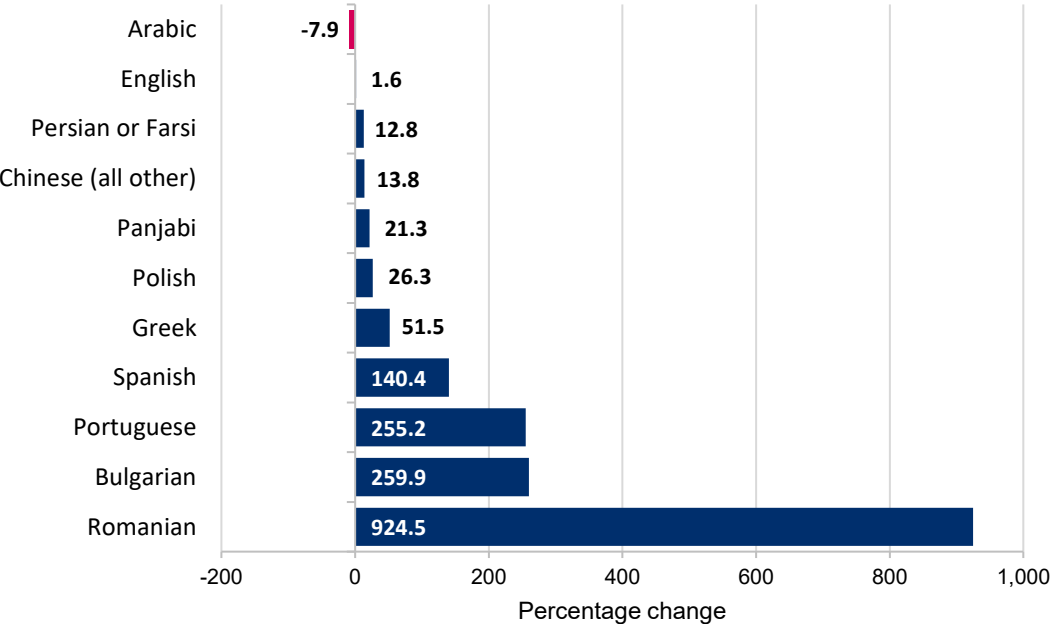
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- Coventry** is the highest area with **17.5%** residents who do not speak English as their main language and the **Plymouth** is the lowest of our ONS comparators with just **4.5%** of residents who do not speak English as their main language
- Liverpool** showed the **largest increase** in residents whose main language is not English (**58.6%**) and the **York** with **smallest increase**, **3.5%** of our ONS comparators between Census 2011 and Census 2021



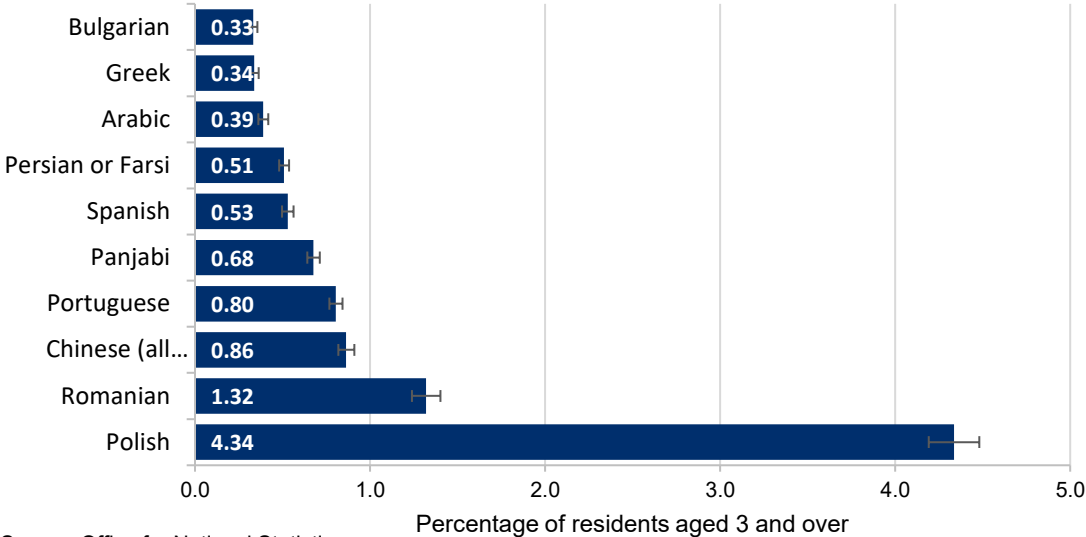
- The Census recorded over **88** languages spoken in Southampton
- The largest language other than English was **Polish** with **10,436 (4.34%)** residents
- The next largest was **Romanian** with **3,176 (1.32%)** of residents

Top 11 (including English) languages spoken in Southampton, percentage change: Census 2011 to 2021.



Source: Office for National Statistics

Top 10 languages spoken in Southampton. Excluding English (84.6%):
Census 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics

Of the top 10 (11 including English) most spoken languages in Southampton:

- The number of residents speaking **English** increased by **1.6%** between Census 2011 and 2021
- The largest **increase** was **Romanian** speakers from **310** in 2011 to **3,176** in 2021, **10 times higher** or **+924.5% increase**. The next largest increase are in **Bulgarian** speakers an **increase** of **+259.9%**
- The number of **Arabic** speakers **decreased** by **-7.9%** despite being in the top 10 most spoken languages in Southampton.



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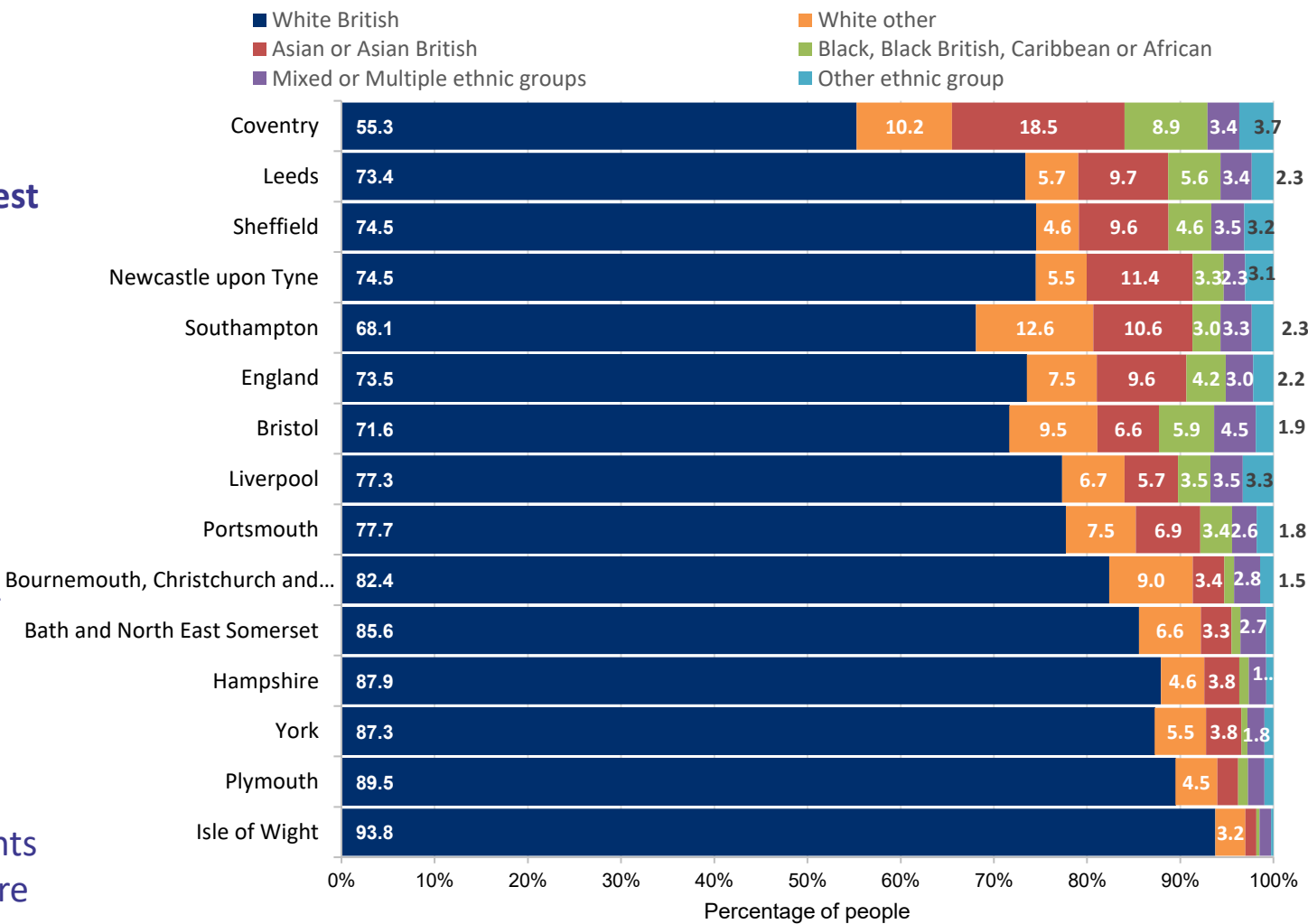
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Ethnicity



- In the Census 2021 there are **293** different ethnic groups classified
- In Southampton, **68.1%** of the population are **white British** with **12.6% white other**
- Amongst our ONS comparators, **Coventry** have the **lowest** percent (**55.3%**) of residents who are **white British** and **Plymouth** the **highest (89.5%)**, and among local neighbours the **Isle of Wight** has the highest at **93.8%**
- In **Coventry**, **18.5%** are **Asian or British Asian** compared with **10.6%** in **Southampton**, **9.6%** in **England**, **2.2%** in **Plymouth** and only **1.2%** in the **Isle of Wight**
- In **Southampton**, there has been a **decrease** of **-7.9%** of residents who classify themselves as **white British** since Census 2011. Compared with **decrease** of **-1.7%** in **England**
- Looking in more detail, in Southampton, **4.0%** of residents are **Polish**, **3.7%** are **Indian or British Indian** and **1.7%** are **Chinese**

Percentage of Ethnic Group - Southampton and local authority comparators: Census 2021



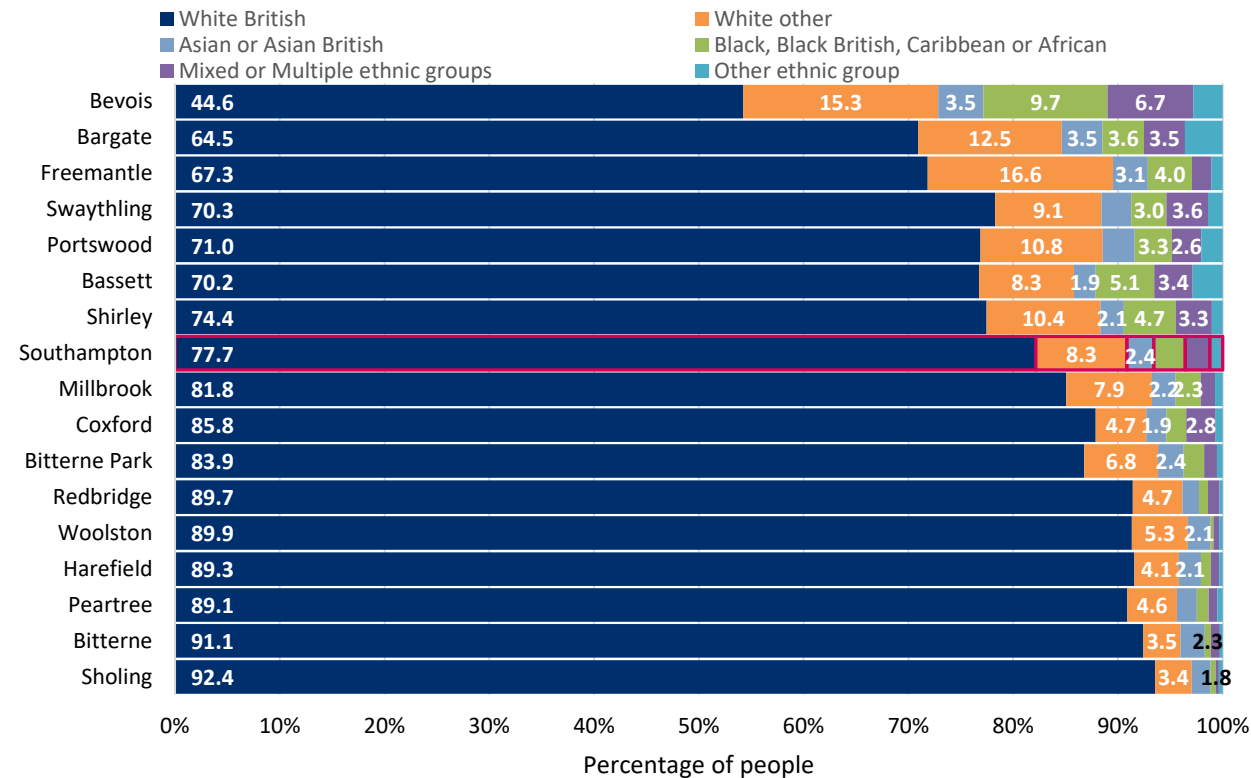
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2021 Census – Ethnicity (wards)

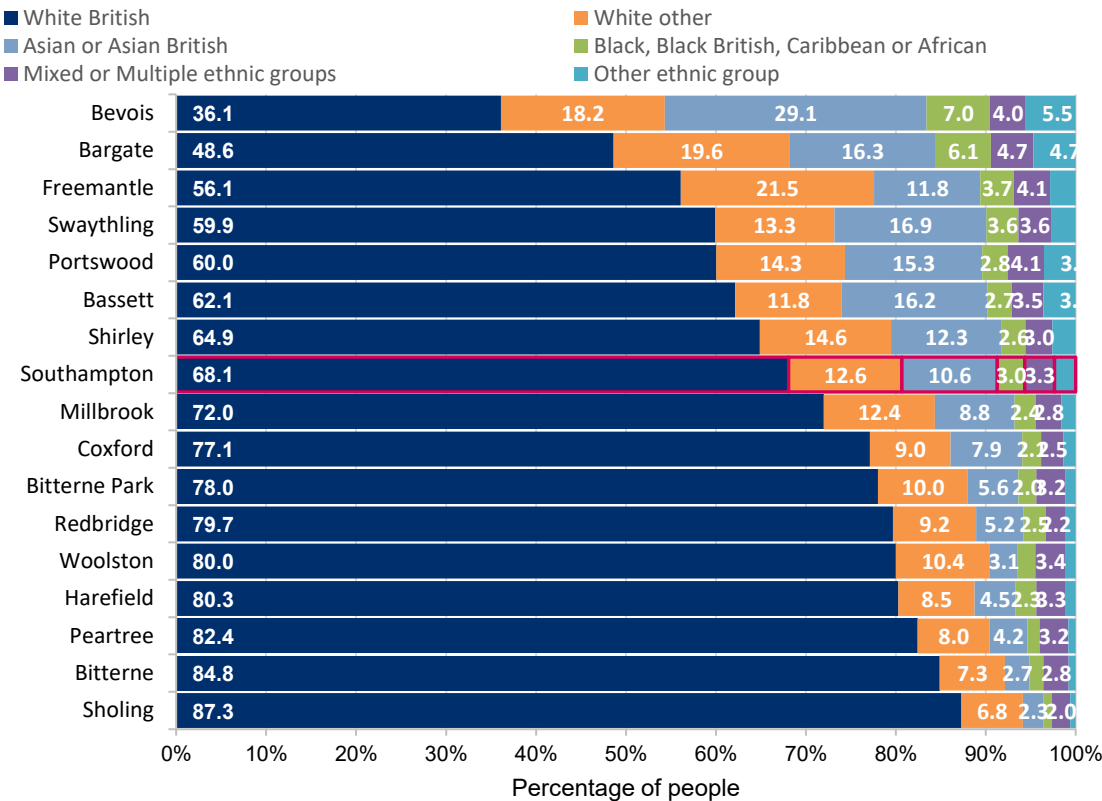
- The tables below show the percentage of ethnic groups by ward for Census 2011 and 2021.
- Wards with **greater diversity** than the city average **remain** the same. **Bargate's** diversity has **increased** the **most** among wards since the previous Census.

Percentage of Ethnic Group - Southampton and wards: Census 2011



Source: Office for National Statistics

Percentage of Ethnic Group - Southampton and wards: Census 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics.
Ward figures are combined from MSOA 2021 data. Ward data is due to be released between February and March 2023

Some of the changes between ethnic groups may be due to reclassification of ethnic groups in Census 2021.



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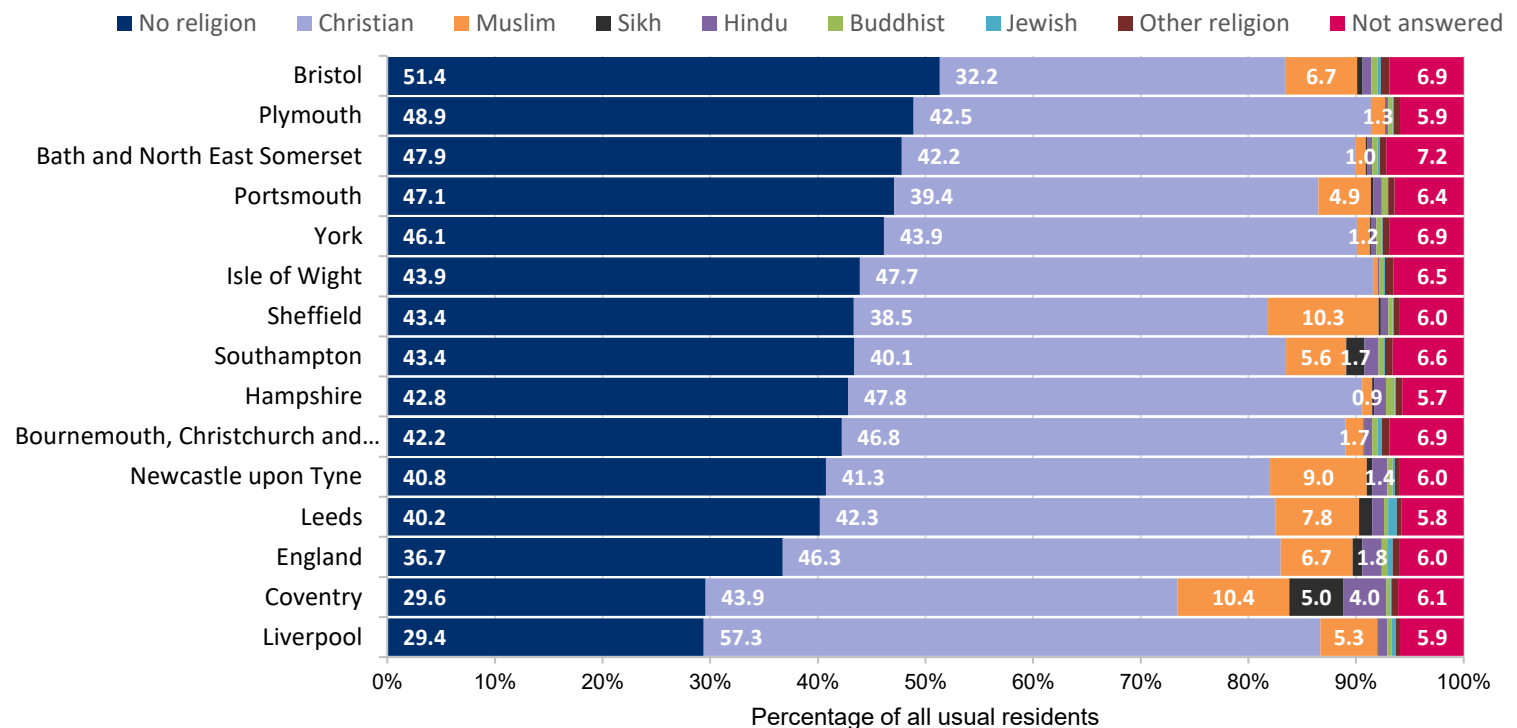
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Religion



- In Southampton:
 - 43.4%** had **no religion**
 - 40.1%** were **Christian**
 - 5.6%** were **Muslim**
 - 1.7%** were **Sikh**
 - 1.3%** were **Hindu**
 - 0.5%** were **Buddhist**
 - 0.1%** were **Jewish**
 - 0.7%** were of **another** religion
 - 6.6%** didn't answer the question
- In England **36.7%** had **no religion**, **46.3%** were **Christian** and **6.7%** were **Muslim**
- Amongst our comparators Liverpool has the **largest** percentage of **Christians** (**57.3%**) and Bristol has the **smallest** percentage at **32.2%**
- The largest percentage of **Muslims** live in **Sheffield** (**10.4%**) and **Coventry** (**10.3%**) and the lowest area is the **Isle of Wight** with only **0.4%**

Percentage of religious group - Southampton and local authority comparators: Census 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics

- In Southampton the percentage of people who are **Muslims** has **increased** by **+40.3%**. The percentage of **Christians** has **fallen** by **-18.1%**. Those with **no religion** has **increased** by **36.1%** since 2011
- Compared to England, where the percentage of people with no religion has **increased** by **58.0%**. The percentage of **Christians** has **fallen** by **-16.9%**. The percentage of people who are **Muslim** has **increased** by **+42.9%**.



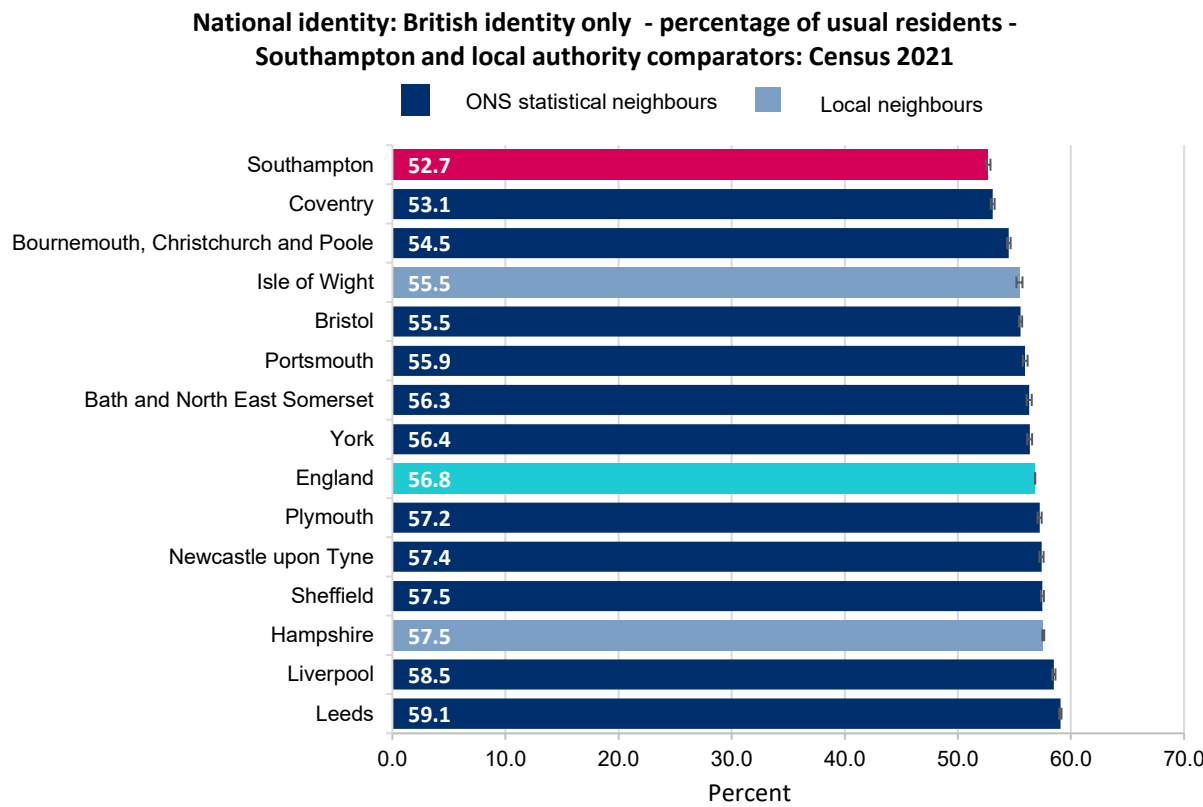
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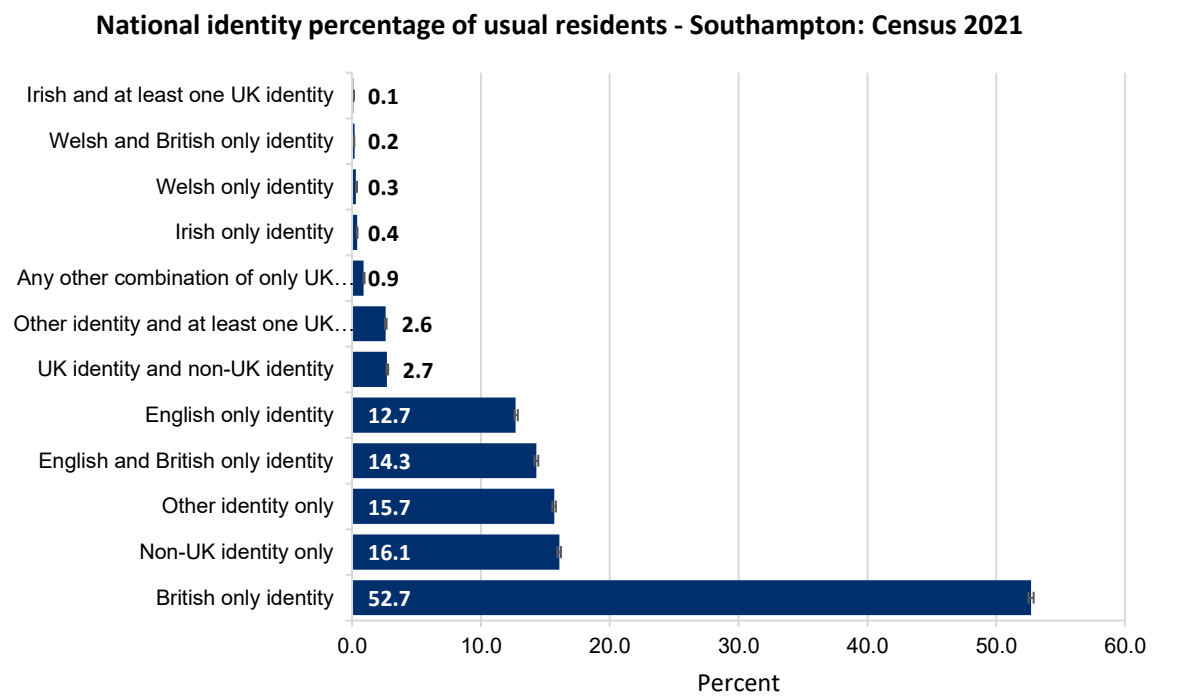
National identity



- In 2021, **52.7%** of Southampton’s usual residents identify themselves as **British** only, compared to **56.8%** in England. This was the lowest percentage among Southampton's comparator group and local neighbours.
- The highest percentage among the ONS group was **Leeds** with **59.1%** who identified as British only.



Source: Office for National Statistics. Please note: Respondents could select more than one national identity.



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- In Southampton **16.1%** of residents identified themselves as **Non-UK identity only**. Higher when compared with 10.0% for England
- Among our comparators and local neighbours the highest percentage of residents identifying as **Non-UK identity only** was **Coventry (18.2%)** and the lowest was the **Isle of Wight (3.3%)**

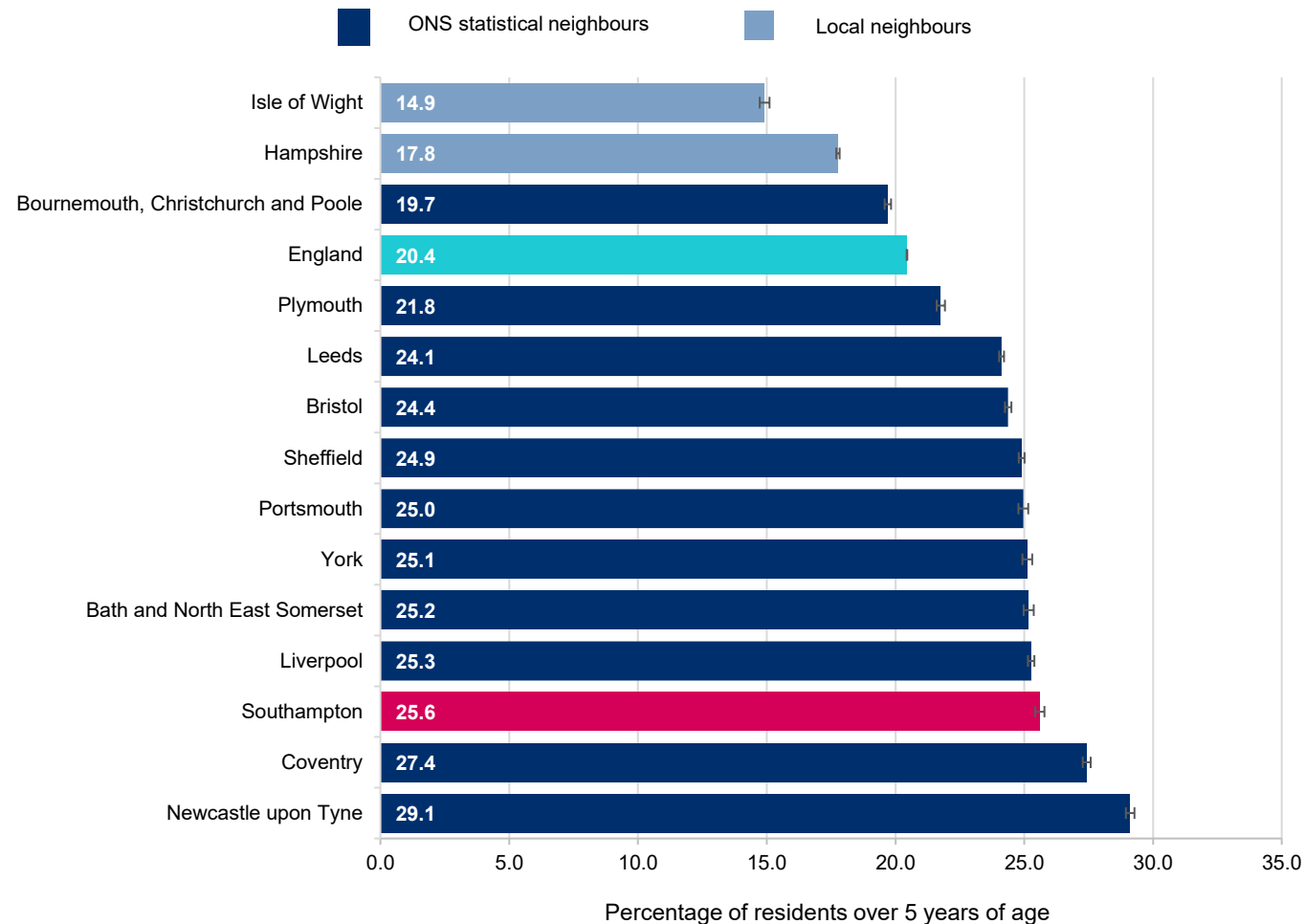


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Schoolchildren and students

Percentage of residents aged 5 years and over in full-time education - Southampton and ONS comparators: Census 2021



Source: Census 2021. Office for National Statistics

- In Southampton **25.6%** (the 3rd highest amongst our ONS comparators) of usual residents aged 5 and over are full-time schoolchildren or students (including adults) **higher** when compared to **20.4%** in England
- Among our ONS comparators the **highest** area was Newcastle upon Tyne with **29.1%** of the over 5 year old population who were schoolchildren or students.
- Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole where the **lowest** amongst our ONS comparators with **19.7%** of the over 5 year old population who were schoolchildren or students.



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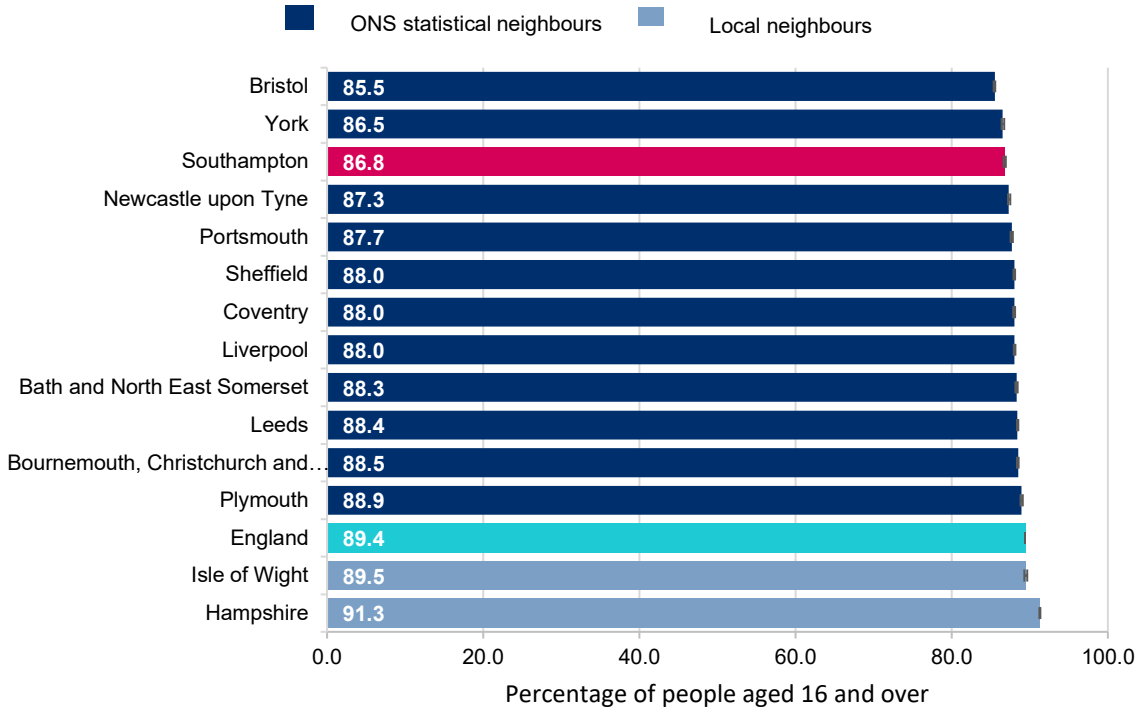
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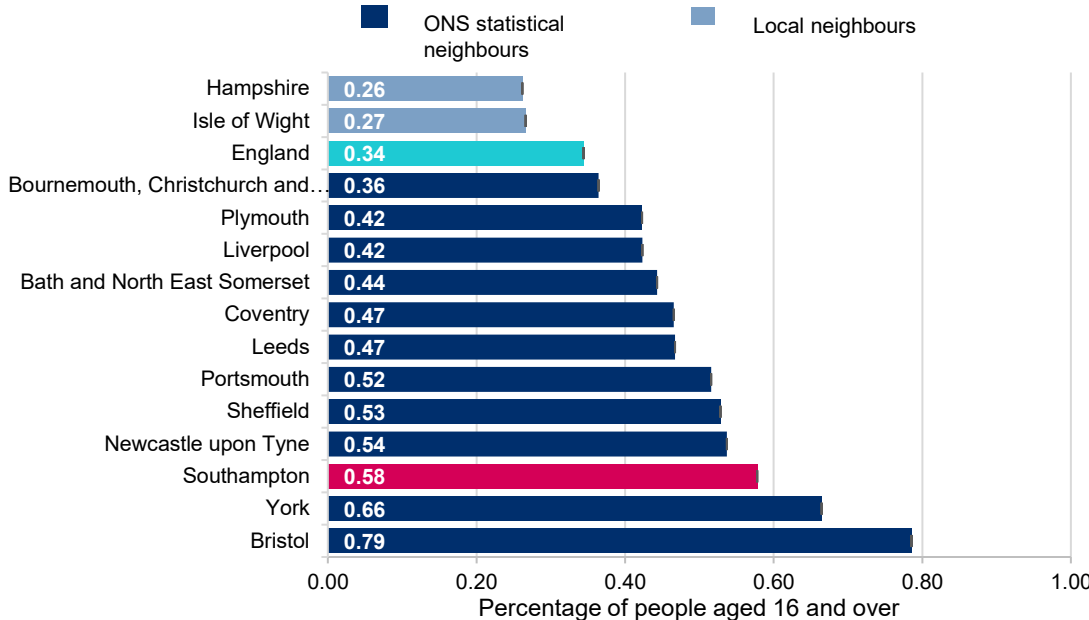
- In Southampton, **86.8%** (the 3rd lowest amongst our ONS comparators) of usual residents aged 16 and over are straight or heterosexual **lower** when compared to **89.4%** in England.
- Among our ONS comparators the **highest** percentage was for Plymouth with **88.9%** of usual residents aged 16 and over were straight or heterosexual. Bristol had the **lowest** percentage at **85.5%**.

Percentage of people aged 16 and over who identify as straight or heterosexual:
Southampton and comparators - Census 2021



Source: Census 2021. Office for National Statistics

Percentage of people aged 16 and over who identify as pansexual, asexual or queer and all other sexual orientations: Southampton and comparators -
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Source: Census 2021. Office for National Statistics

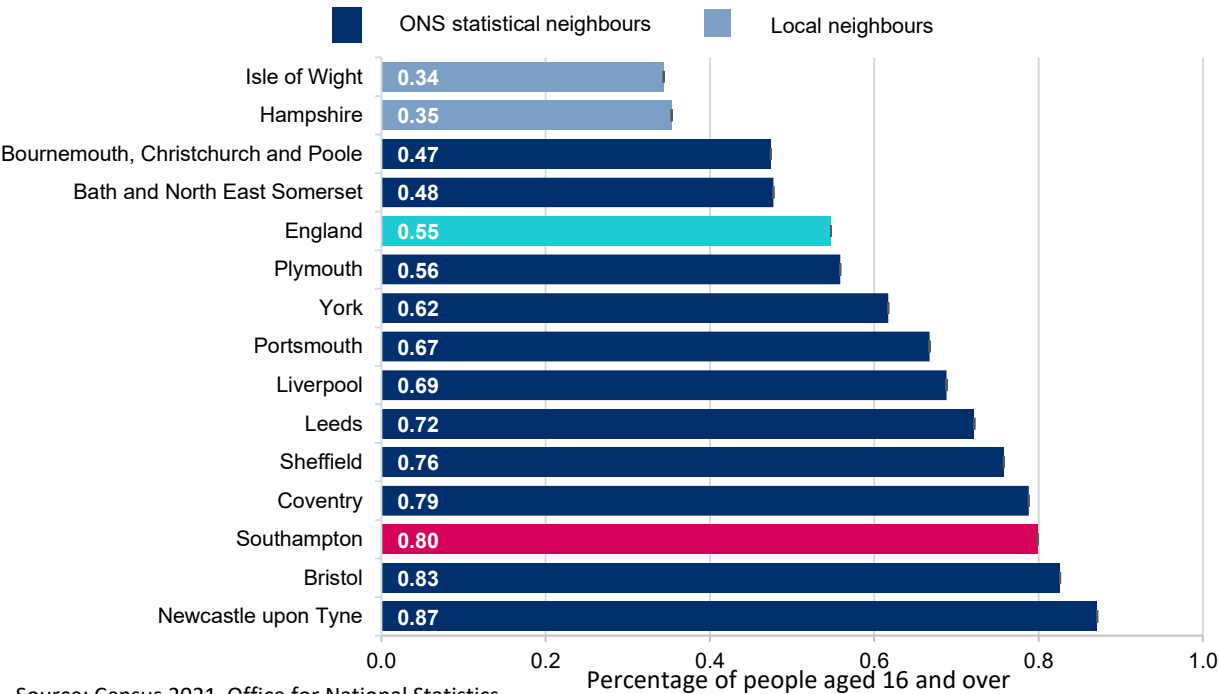
- In Southampton, **1.99%** (the 5th highest amongst our ONS comparators) of people aged 16 and over gay or lesbian, **higher** when compared to **1.54%** for England.
- In Southampton, **0.58%** (the 3rd highest amongst our ONS comparators) of people aged 16 and over identified as pansexual, asexual or queer and all other sexual orientations. **Higher** when compared with **0.34%** for England.

Gender identity

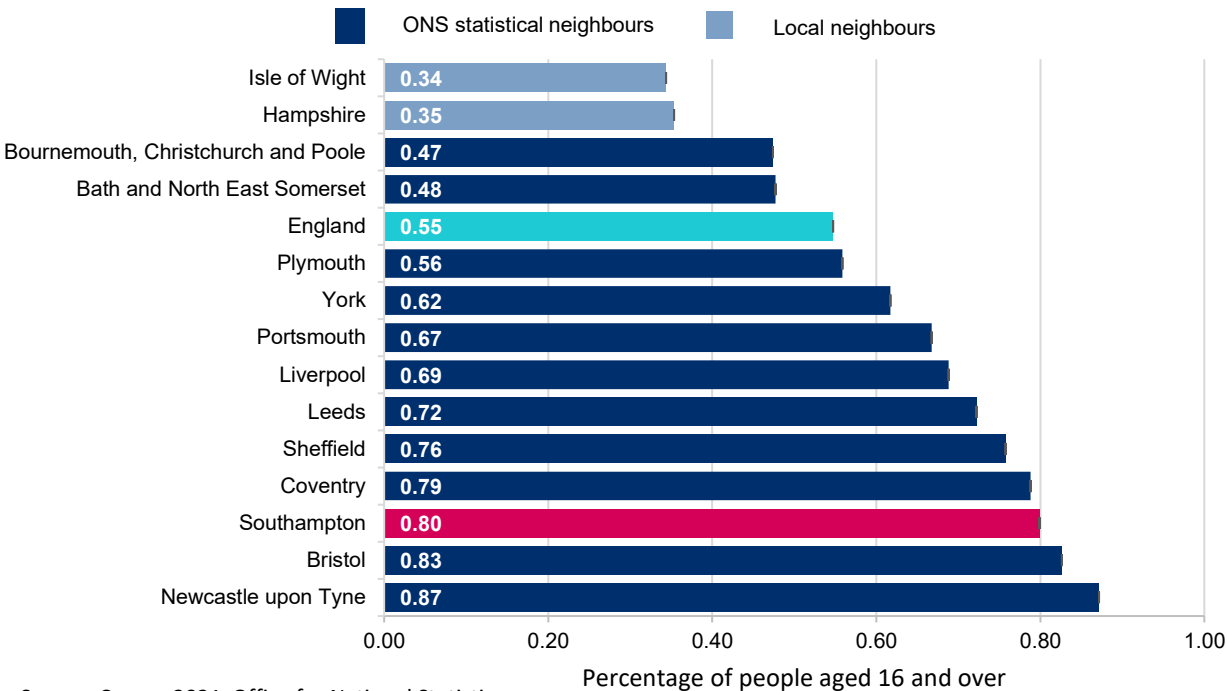


- In Southampton, **92.3%** (the 2nd lowest amongst our ONS comparators) of usual residents aged 16 and over were the same as the sex registered at birth **lower** when compared to **93.5%** for England.
- Among our **ONS comparators**, Plymouth was the **highest** percentage (**94.2%**) of usual residents straight or heterosexual. The **lowest** was Coventry at **91.6%**.

Percentage of people aged 16 and over, gender identity as other sex than registered at birth: Southampton and comparators - Census 2021



Percentage of people aged 16 and over, gender identity as other sex than registered at birth: Southampton and comparators - Census 2021



- In Southampton, **0.80%** (the 3rd highest amongst our ONS comparators) of residents aged 16 and over had a gender identity of other than the sex that they were registered as at birth **higher** compared to **0.55%** in England.
- In Southampton, **308 (0.15%)** of people aged 16 and over identified as Trans women and men, **higher** compared to **0.10%** in England.



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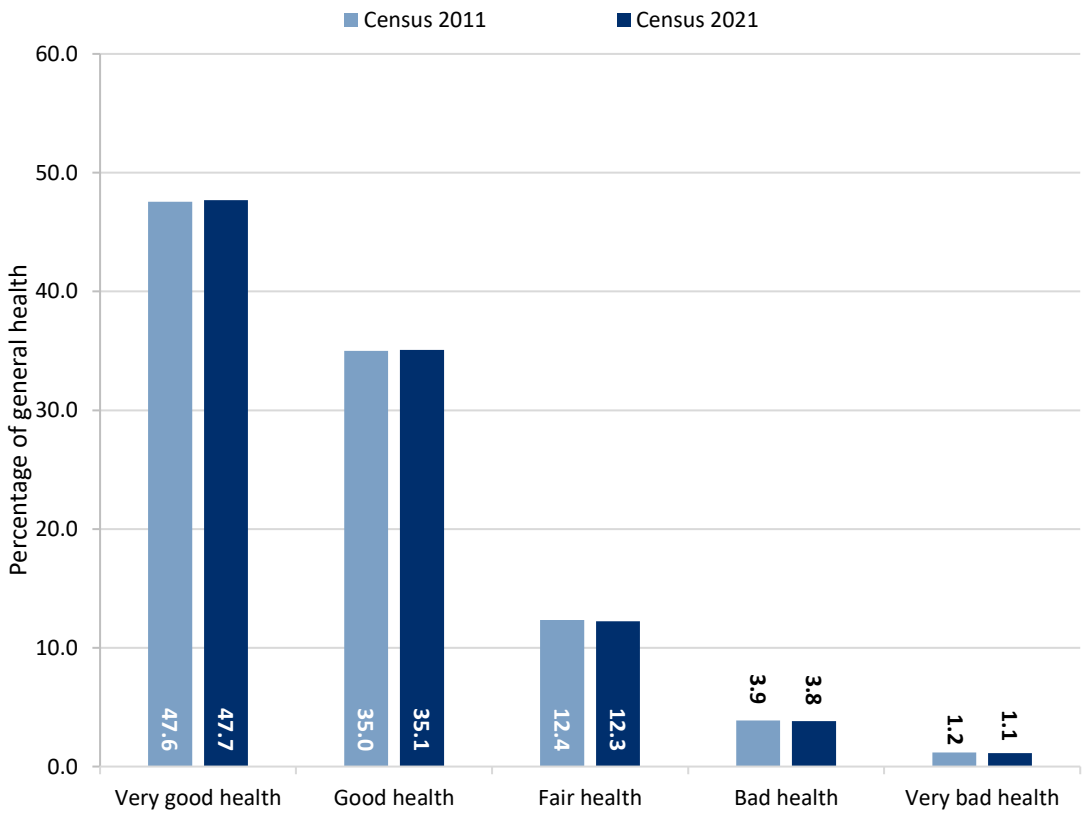
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General health



- In Southampton, **47.7%** of usual residents considered themselves to be in very good health, **lower** than England at **48.5%**.
- In Southampton **1.1%** of residents consider themselves in **very bad health**, **lower** when compared with **1.2%** in England.
- In 2021, **82.8%** of Southampton residents thought themselves to be in **good or very good health**, **higher** than **82.5%** of local residents in **2011**, or the **2021** percentage for **England** of **82.2%**.
- Across **England** **5.2%** of residents thought themselves to be of **bad or very bad health** in 2021, Southampton had a **lower** percentage than England with **5.0%** reporting in 2021 to be of **bad or very bad health**. This was also lower than 2011 Census finding of 5.1% Southampton residents in **bad or very bad health**.
- It is worth noting, these self-reports of health reports in Census 2021 took place in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

General health by level, Southampton and ONS comparators: Census 2011 and 2021 with percentage change



Source: Census 2021. Office for National Statistics



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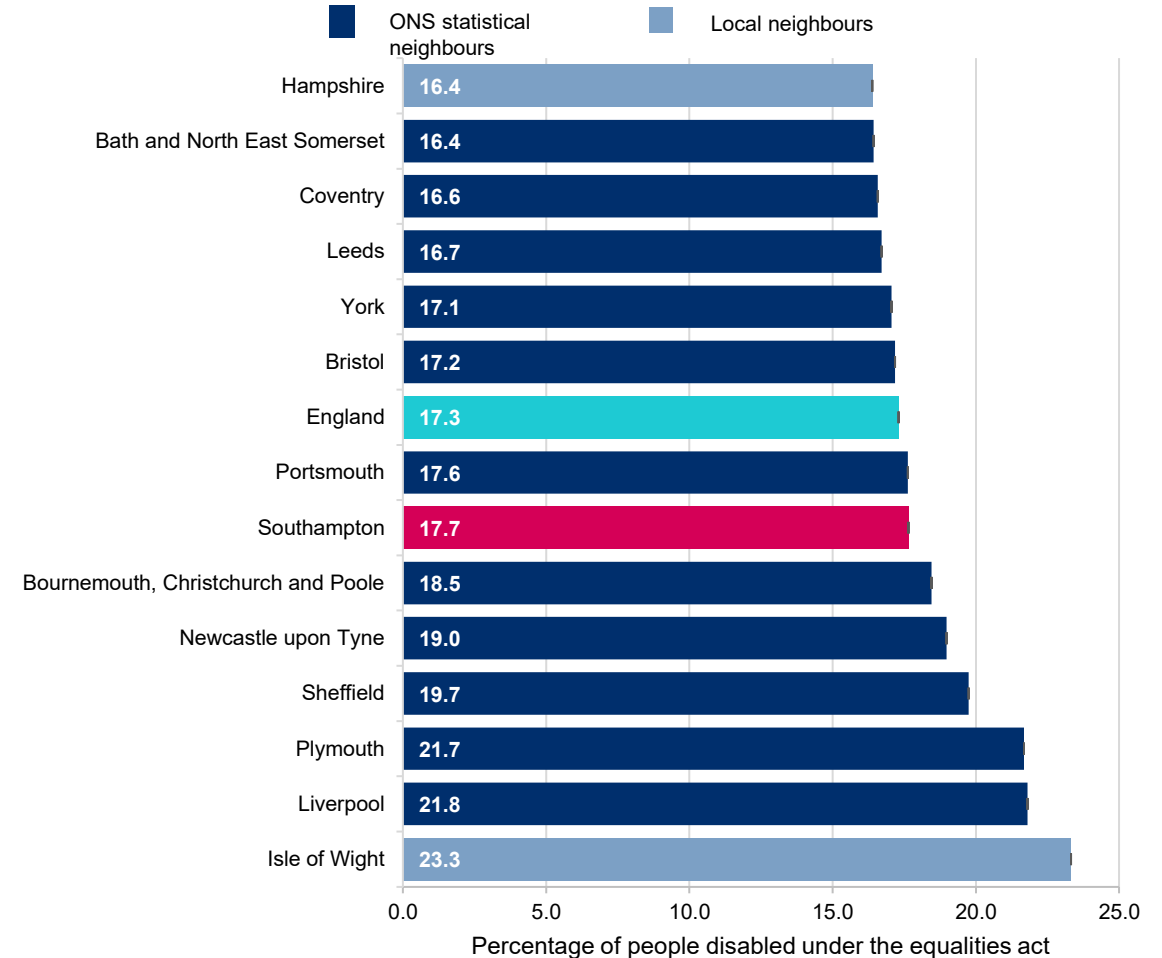
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Disability



- In Southampton, **17.7%** of all usual residents are disabled under the Equality Act, **higher** than England (**17.3%**).
- Southampton is ranked **7th** highest among our ONS comparators, with Liverpool the highest at **21.8%** and Bath and North East Somerset the lowest at **16.4%**.
- In Southampton, **6.9%** of residents are not disabled under the Equality Act but have a long term physical or mental health condition that doesn't impact on day-to-day activities. **Lower** when compared to **6.8%** in England.
- For the first time the Census 2021 created age standardised proportions (ASP) for disability that allow for comparison between populations over time and across geographies, as they account for differences in the population size and age structure.
- Using this methodology, in Southampton, **8.2% (ASP)** of residents are disabled under the Equality Act higher when compared with **7.5% (ASP)** England and day-to-day activities are limited a lot.
- In Southampton, **11.3% (ASP)** have their day to day activities limited a little, higher than England **10.2% (ASP)**.

Percentage of people disabled under the equalities act, Southampton and ONS comparators: Census 2021



Source: Census 2021. Office for National Statistics

Future releases



Further detailed data from Census 2021 will be released between now and the summer of 2023.

Some of the releases that are expected are:

- Families
- Living arrangements
- Marriage and civil partnership status



The Southampton Data, Intelligence and Insight team will release more updates on the Southampton Data Observatory as the data is made available.

More information is available on the Office for National Statistics Census 2021 website:

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