

# Dudley Borough in numbers

Dudley Borough is a predominantly urban area, made up of four main towns

## Population 319,419 (2017)



## Health



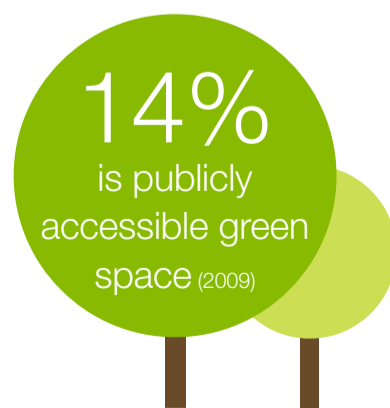
Life expectancy for men in the most deprived areas of Dudley is 9 years lower than in the least deprived areas, 7.6 years lower for women

## Housing



## Environment

Area of **38 sq miles/ 98 sq km**, of which...



## Business & investment

Total businesses in Dudley is **10,675** highest in the Black Country

**INVESTMENT TO DEVELOP DUDLEY BUSINESS & INNOVATION ENTERPRISE ZONE DY5** **£71 Million**

**INVESTMENT IN WEDNESBURY TO BRIERLEY HILL METRO EXTENSION** **£343 Million**

## Safety

Dudley remains the safest borough within the West Midlands Police Force area for total recorded crime per 1000 population

## Level of homelessness

(source DMBC 2017/18)

Around **2,500** households presented as homeless, many just need housing advice.

**778 households** were prevented from becoming homeless (2017/18)

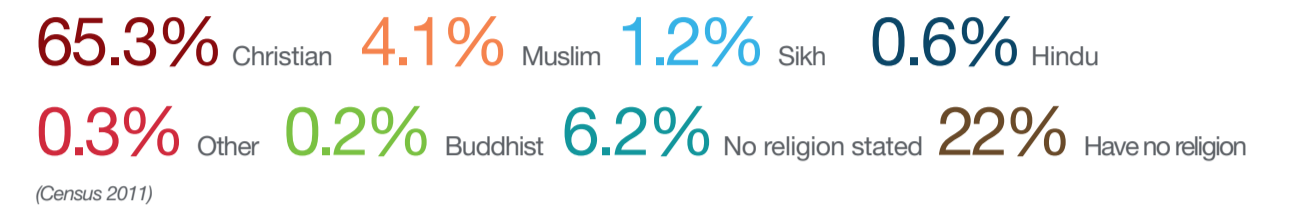
**Rough sleeping** increased from **3** cases in 2017 to **11** in 2018

## Tourism

Internationally recognised Zoological Gardens, open-air Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust

Over 5 million day trips are made to Dudley each year contributing £177m to the local economy

## Religion



## Employment

Employment rate is **71.7%**, highest employment rate in the Black Country

**3.9%** of working age people claiming Job Seeker's Allowance or Universal Credit

**Top Three employment sectors are**



## Social issues

**20.2%** of children under 16 are living in relative poverty, England 16.8%

**2,014** Claimants affected by bedroom tax (August 2018)

**551** additional benefit cap cases currently being considered (August 2018)

