# **Dudley Borough** in numbers

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

### Population 319,419<sub>(2017)</sub>

Number of young people aged under 15 is

Number of people aged 65 and over is

#### Health



expectancy for women

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



138,478 residential properties (DMBC 2018)

21,866 Council housing



the average house price is

£175,655

West Midlands average is

£196,712

#### 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

NVESTMENT TO DEVELOP DUDLEY BUSINESS **INNOVATION ENTERPRISE ZONE DY5** 



£71 Million

**NVESTMENT IN WEDNESBURY TO** RIERLEY 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 homless (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 mmmmmm

65.3% Christian 4.1% Muslim 1.2% Sikh 0.6% Hindu

0.3% Other 0.2% Buddhist 6.2% No religion stated 22% Have no religion (Census 2011)

### 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



Education (11,000 staff)

Retail (13,000 staff)



Health (10,000 staff) (BRES 2016: open access)

Median wage is £27,258, highest average full-time earnings in the Black Country in 2017

#### Social issues



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



fected by bedroom tax (August 2018)

