

Dudley Borough in numbers 2022

Population 322,363 (2020)



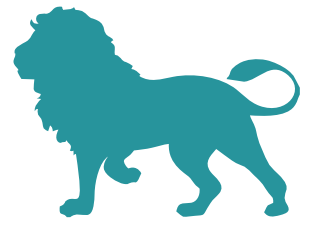
Number of young people aged **under 15** is
58,312



Number of people aged **65 and over** is
65,656

Tourism

Internationally recognised Zoological Gardens, The Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust and Black Country Global Geopark



Over **4.5m** day trips are made to Dudley each year

contributing **£117m** to the local economy (3 years period from 2017-19)

Health



Average life expectancy for men **78.8** years



Average life expectancy for women **82.2** years

Life expectancy for men in the most deprived areas of Dudley is **9.2 years lower** than in the least deprived areas, **8.6 years lower** for women (3 year period 2018-20)

Welfare & benefits

26,049 claimants in receipt of Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction (as at Feb 2022)

33,961 Universal Credit claimants within the Dudley borough (DWP Feb 22 - latest data available)

£669k awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments (as at 28.2.22 awarded for 21/22)



Housing



140,535 residential properties

21,158 Council housing (DMBC Revenues 01.03.22)



the average house price is

£223,995

West Midlands average is

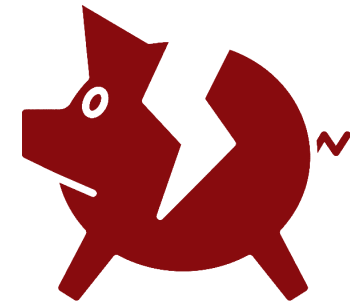
£248,152 (to year ending 30.09.2021)

Deprivation

104th most deprived of 317 local authorities in England (Index of Multiple Deprivation, Indices of Deprivation 2019)

28.6% of the Dudley population live in areas amongst the 20% most deprived in England

16.9% of the Dudley population live in areas amongst the 20% least deprived in England



Employment



Employment rate is **78.4%**, highest employment rate in the Black Country (Oct 20 - Sept 21)

TOP THREE EMPLOYMENT SECTORS ARE



Retail (13,000 staff)



Education (10,000 staff) (BRES 2020: open access)



Health (12,000 staff) (BRES 2020: open access)

Median wage is

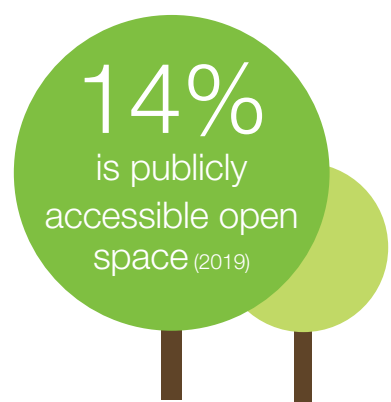
£29,438

highest average full-time earnings in the Black Country in 2021



Environment

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



Education

59% of Dudley pupils are meeting the expected standard at Key Stage 2 compared to 65% for England (2019)

76.4% of school children attend a Good or Outstanding school (Feb 2022)

92.5% of young people aged 16-18 are participating in education, employment or training compared to 93.1% for England (Jan 2022)



Safety

Dudley is the second safest borough in the West Midlands with one of the lowest crime rates per 1000 population



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