

Dudley Borough in numbers 2023

Population 323,581 (2021)



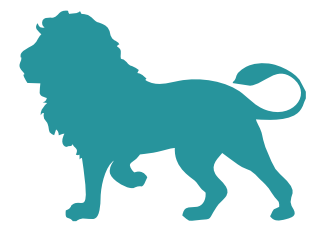
Number of young people aged under 15 is **57,069**



Number of people aged 65 and over is **66,258**

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

24,434

claimants in receipt of Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction (as at March 2023)



£650k

awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments (as at March 2023 awarded for 22/23)

Housing



140,960 residential properties

20,959 Council housing (DMBC Revenues 03.04.2023)



the average house price is

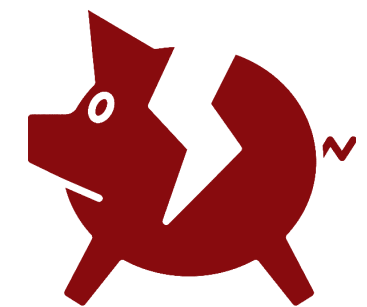
£228,670

West Midlands average is

£247,022 (to year ending 30.09.2022)

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 **77.3%**, highest employment rate in the Black Country (Oct 21 - Sept 22)

TOP THREE EMPLOYMENT SECTORS ARE



Health (16,000 staff) (BRES 2021: open access)

Median wage is **£30,417**



Retail (13,000 staff)

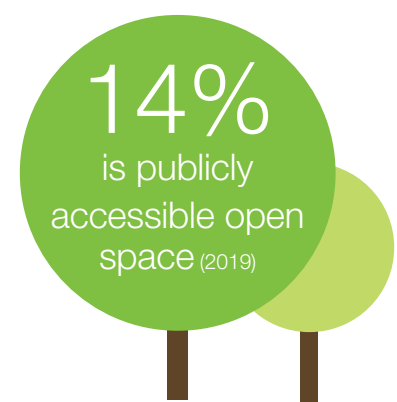
highest average full-time earnings in the Black Country in 2022



Education (10,000 staff) (BRES 2021: open access)

Environment

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



14% is publicly accessible open space (2019)

Education

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



75.1% of school children attend a Good or Outstanding school (Mar 2023)

91.6% of young people aged 16-18 are participating in education, employment or training compared to 92.6% for England (Feb 2023)

Safety

Dudley is the safest borough within the West Midlands Police Force area with the lowest crime rate per 1000 population



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