

Dudley Borough in numbers 2024

Population 324,969 (2022)



Number of young people aged under 15 is **57,790**



Number of people aged 65 and over is **66,544**

Health



Average life expectancy for men **78.3** years

(3 year period 2020-22)



Average life expectancy for women **82.4** 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)

Housing



141,641 residential properties



20,952 Council housing (DMBC Revenues 01.04.2024)



the average house price is

£238,630

West Midlands average is

£258,973 (to year ending 31.03.2023)

Employment



Employment rate is **79.7%**, highest employment rate in the Black Country (Jan 23 to Dec 23)

TOP THREE EMPLOYMENT SECTORS ARE



Health (14,000 staff) (BRES 2021: open access)



Retail (12,000 staff)



Education (10,000 staff) (BRES 2022: open access)

Median wage is **£31,635** highest average full-time earnings in the Black Country in 2023

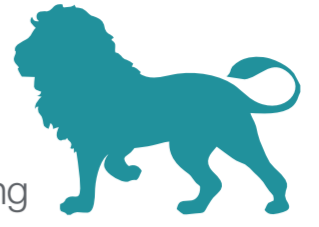


Community Safety

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



Tourism



Our borough consists of several visitor attractions including Dudley Zoo and Castle, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley Canal & Caverns, Himley Hall and Park and The Lace Guild. Making up the Stourbridge Glass Quarter are the Red House Glass Cone, Stourbridge Glass Museum and Ruskin Glass Centre. Dudley Museum at the Archives is also the headquarters of the Black Country UNESCO Global Geopark. Further information can be found at www.discoverdudley.org.uk

There were **9.4 million** visitors to the borough of Dudley in 2022, contributing **£402 million** to the visitor economy of the borough.

(Source: STEAM Report for Dudley 2019-2022)

Welfare & benefits

23,549 claimants in receipt of Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction (as at March 2024)

£570k awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments (as at March 2024 awarded for 23/23)

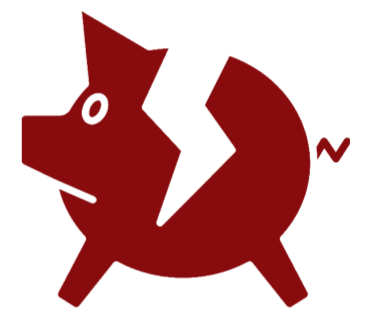


Deprivation

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

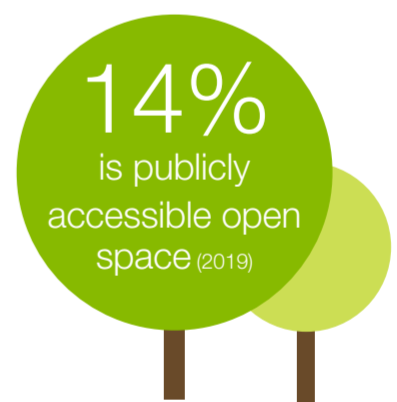
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Environment

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



14% is publicly accessible open space (2019)

Education

55% of Dudley pupils are meeting the expected standard at Key Stage 2 compared to 60% for England (2023)

81.3% of school children attend a Good or Outstanding school (Mar 2024)

91.4% of young people aged 16-18 are participating in education, employment or training compared to 91.2% for England (Feb 2024)



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