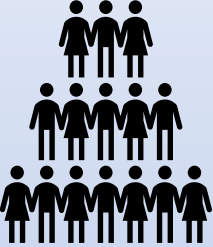


Population and Demography Summary



Population estimates and projections

- In 2024 the population of B&NES is estimated to be **200,028**, an 11% increase since 2014.
- The shape of the population is largely driven by the **high number of university students** attending the two campus-based universities in the area.
- The B&NES population is projected to increase to **over 212k by 2032**, an 8.4% increase from 2022.
- By 2032, **20% of the population is projected to be over 65**, whilst the proportion aged under 18 will decrease.
- The largest driver of growth is projected to be from **international migration**, with an increase of over 15,000 from 2022 to 2032.
- Fewer births than deaths mean that **natural change** over time is set to see a decrease in B&NES over the next decade.
- Over the same period, B&NES is set to see a larger proportion of its population become dependent, putting strain on social care and the economy.

Life expectancy

- Life expectancy in B&NES is **higher than national** averages (85.7 for women and 82 for men in 2025) and appears to be increasing again after a recent trend of decline.
- There are geographical inequalities in life expectancy in B&NES, with the difference between the MSOAs with the highest and lowest life expectancy being **8.6 years for women and 9.3 years for men**.
- Healthy life expectancy figures show that although women live longer than men in B&NES, most of that additional time is **spent in poor health**.

Demographics

- There is a general shift away from people getting married or entering into a civil partnership, a trend reflected nationally. This is especially true of younger adults.
- In the 2021 Census, **86%** of people in B&NES identified their ethnic background within the White British category, compared with 90% in 2011 and the area has become **more diverse** since 2011.
- Fewer residents identify themselves as 'disabled and limited a lot' in 2021 compared to a decade ago.
- **85%** of residents reported their general health as 'good' or 'very good' in 2021, higher than national rates.
- **~15,000** residents reported providing some level of unpaid care in 2021, down from ~17,500 in 2011.

To view census data for B&NES by ward, please see the [Bath and North East Somerset Ward Profile Tool](#)

