

Census 2011 First Release - Key findings for Bath and North East Somerset

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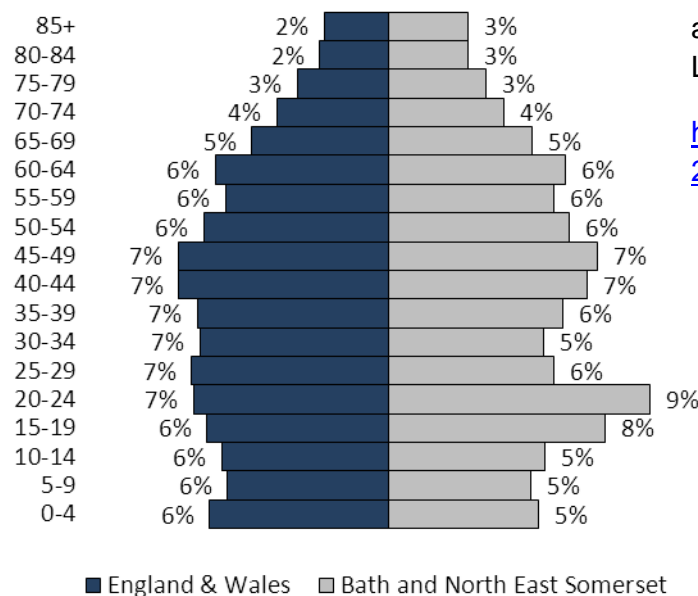
There were:

176,000

people estimated to be living in Bath and North East Somerset on the night of the Census (27 March 2011), representing 0.31% of England & Wales.

This represents an increase of 8% since 1981 (14,500 people) and 4% (6,800 people) since the last census in 2001. This was lower than levels of growth in England and Wales and the South West (7% respectively) since 2001.

The population structure (fig.1) continues to reflect the notable proportion of residents in the 15-19 and 20-24 age ranges, which represent 17% of the population, compared to 13% in England and Wales.



Interactive population pyramids by age and sex for England, Wales, Regions and Local Authorities can be found at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/interactive/vp2-2011-census-comparator/index.html>



The age and sex profile remains largely consistent over time and is in line with national and regional levels.

Fig 1 – Comparative population distribution– Census 2011

Since the 2001 census, the greatest increases (fig 2) have been observed in the 15-24 populations, aligned with an increase in university intake. These age ranges have increased by 27% (6,300), which could account for 93% of the population increase.

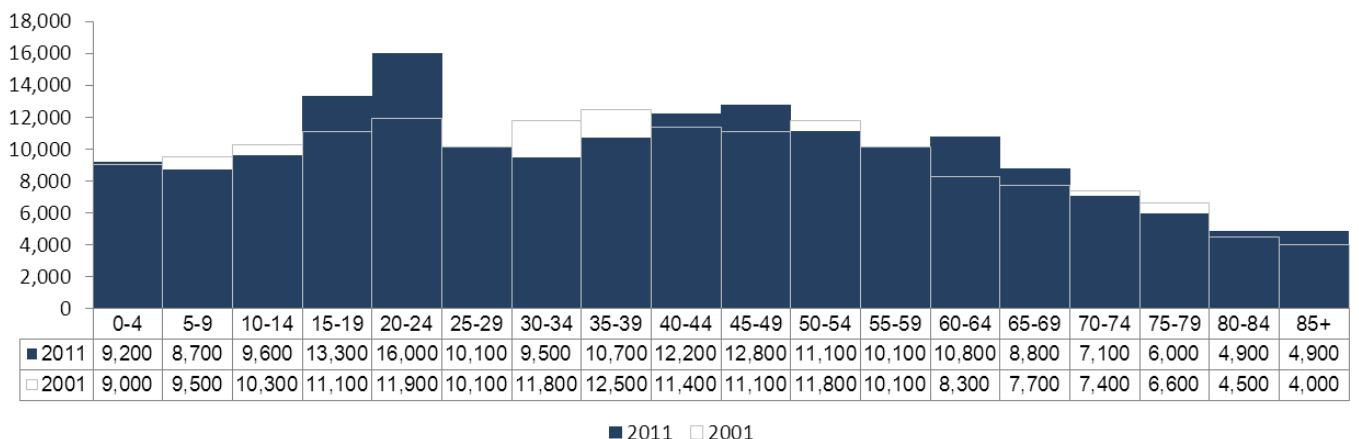


Fig 2 – Comparative population (no). Bath and North East Somerset – Census 2001 and 2011 (Figures may not sum due to rounding)

In addition there have been features of an aging population, with increases in the 40-49, 60-69 and 80+ age ranges matched by a reduction in the 30-39 age ranges. Looking at the most elderly age range (85+), there has been a 23% increase in residents since 2001 (900). The relationship between male and female residents also changes as the population ages, at 85+ there are 48 men for every 100 women.

73,400 households were estimated to be occupied by at least one resident on the night of the census. This means that an average household in Bath and North East Somerset contains 2.39 people. This is similar to both regional and national figures.

This represents an increase of 3% since 2001 (2,285), compared to a 9% and 14% increase in the South West and England and Wales.

There were **1,100 short-term** residents recorded in the census, these are people who declared their intention to stay in the UK for a period of less than 12 months, but greater than 3 months.

Changes to existing population estimates.

Between each Census the ONS also release mid-year population estimates, the most recent figures for Bath and North East Somerset estimated the population to be 178,200, the census figures are 1% lower than these (2,200 fewer residents). Fig. 4 demonstrates the variation. The overwhelming majority (1,900) of these cases come from the 20-24 age range. This may be attributable to the additional work conducted to ensure that the student population was effectively counted.

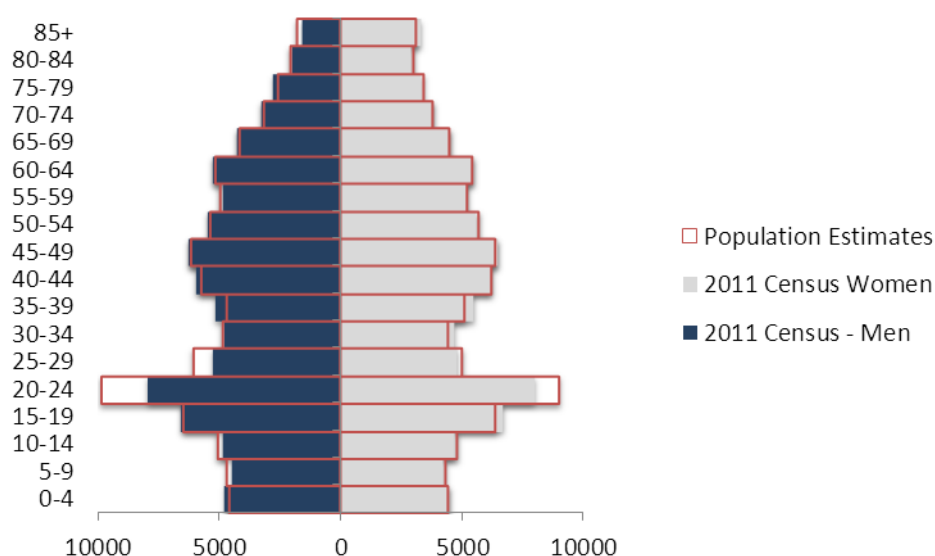


Fig 4 – Comparative Estimates. - exiting population estimates and Census 2011

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- More data will be coming out from December onwards; this will include data on some of the other social and economic data collected in the census, small geographical area information and more complex analysis such as travel to work.
- For more information on any of this data or if you have specific questions, please contact research@bathnes.gov.uk or call 01225 477230
- Local data and briefing notes will be made available on www.bathnes.gov.uk/jsna as it becomes available.
- The census web-site, including all raw data can be found at: www.ons.gov.uk/census-2011