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Coldhurst ⌄

Coldhurst Ward: Location

Current Councillors

Name	Political party
Montaz Ali Azad	Oldham Group
Abdul Jabbar MBE	Labour
Abdul Malik	Labour

Coldhurst Ward: An Introduction

Coldhurst Is a very compact and densely populated neighbourhood whose main residential areas are to the north and west of Oldham Town Centre. Public transport links are excellent with a number of Metrolink stations, plus the Oldham Bus Station; which is Oldham's stop for the National Express. The town centre is undergoing significant redevelopment with an ambition of creating a new neighbourhood of 2,000 new homes, a new town centre park, the new Eton Star sixth form, the redevelopment of Spindles shopping centre, and the refurbished Old Library. A new high/secondary school opened off Middleton Road in September 2023.

Since 2020 the town centre has had an increase in 'informal' residential occupancy, mainly in flats above commercial properties, due to the demand for temporary accommodation.   The demolition of Summervale and Crossbank tower blocks took place in 2022 reducing the number of one and two bedroom accommodation available, the development of 88 new homes on the site commenced soon after with the first homes due to be available Winter 2024 to Spring 2025.

Top Coldhurst and Barker Street are on the 'hill' up to Oldham Edge and are predominantly social housing managed by First Choice Homes Oldham (FCHO). This is an appealing area for residents due to its proximity to the Town Centre and easy access to local amenities. The recent (2023) ward boundary change has brought the neighbouring St Mary's estate into the ward, which is also mainly social housing managed by FCHO and Onward Homes. These neighbourhoods have undergone a noticeable demographic shift, as people from different backgrounds have moved into estates that have traditionally been mainly older white British.

Coldhurst and Westwood is made up of the neighbourhoods that run 'down' from Rochdale Road, across Featherstall Road and down to the border with Chadderton. The housing is mixed with a lot of privately owned terraced homes. Many residents here have a strong sense of identity and there is a vibrant local economy. Residents are proud of where they live and families have aspirations for their children to be successful. There is a high demand and reliance on public services, with a perception that many things should be managed and delivered by the local authority.

There are generational tensions in the area as young peoples' values can be at odds with the traditional community values. Many young people see self-employment as the main route to affluence. Crime and community safety across the ward are usually linked to drugs and alcohol; dependence on

Ward Profiles: Population

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15,195
Total Population

+1,669
Change Since 2011

48.8%
% Female

27.6
Median age

Age Structure

Population by Year

12.3K — 13.5K — 15.2K

2001   2011   2021
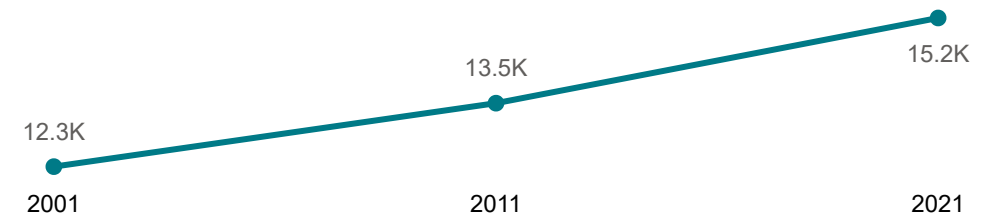
Broad Age Bands

Broad Age Band ● Aged 0 to 15 ● Aged 16 to 64 ● Aged 65+

Ward

| 30% | 63% | 7% |

Oldham

| 23% | 61% | 16% |

Greater Manchester

| 20% | 64% | 16% |
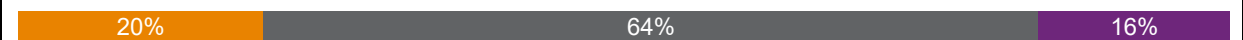
Ward Profiles: Ethnicity

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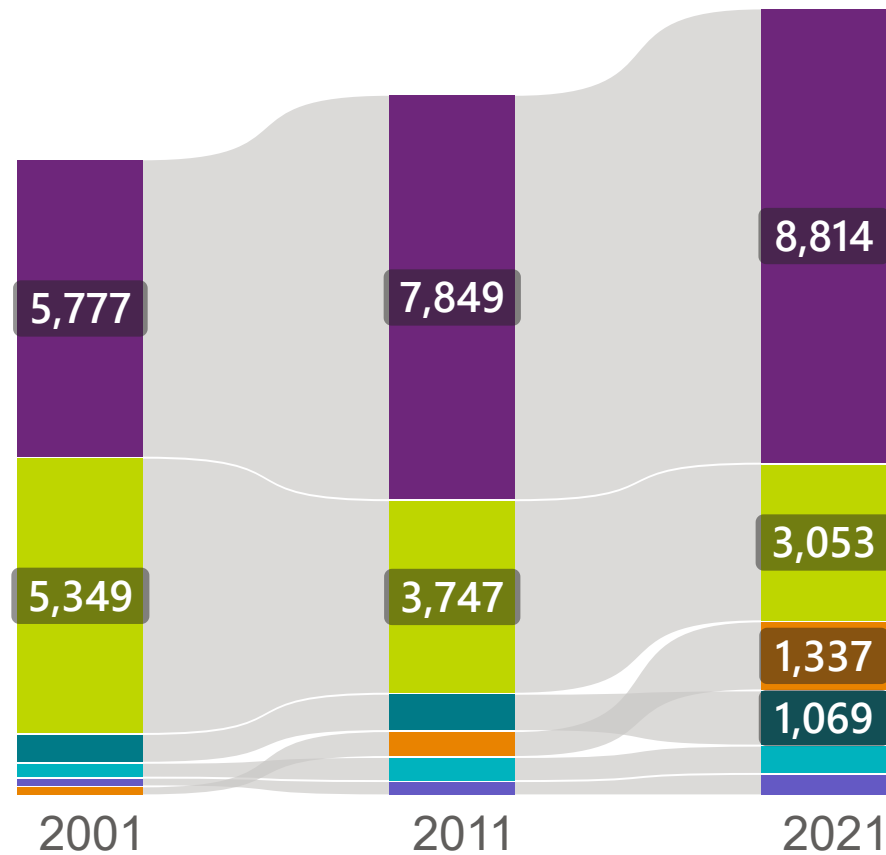| 20%	80%	10%	90%
White British 2021	Minority Ethnic Groups 2021	White British School Age 2024	Minority Ethnic Groups School Age 2024

Larger Groups by Year

Legend: ● White: Other ● White: British ● Pakistani ● Other ● Black ● Bangladeshi

Values shown: 5,777 / 5,349 (2001); 7,849 / 3,747 (2011); 8,814 / 3,053 / 1,337 / 1,069 (2021)

Large Ethnic Groups: Ward

Group ● Bangladeshi ● Black ● Other ● Pakistani ● White: British ● White: Other

Ward: 58% | 9% | 7% | | 20% |

Oldham

9% | 6% | 14% | 65% |

Greater Manchester

5% | 10% | 7% | 71% | 5% |

Larger Groups - School Age

| Bangladeshi 66% | Other 11% | Black 6% |
| | White Briti... 10% | Pa... 5% |

Group ● Bangladeshi ● Other ● White British ● Black ● Pakistani ● White Other

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Ward Profiles: Health

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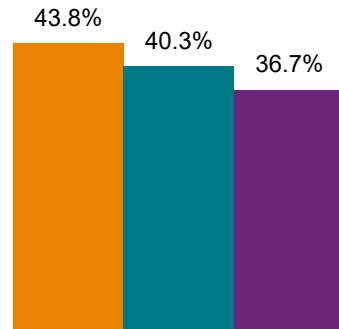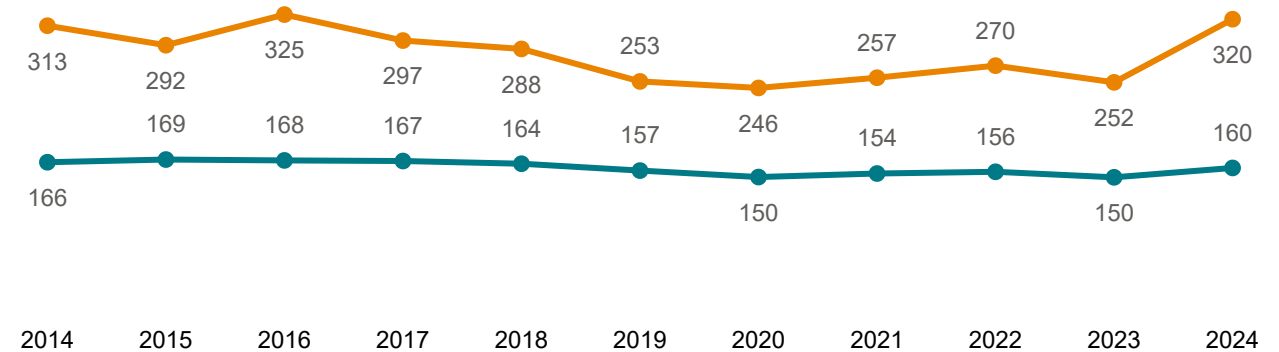| 8	4	320	103
Reception Obesity ward rank (out of 20)	Year 6 Obesity ward rank (out of 20)	Number of births last year	Number of deaths last year

Reception Overweight/obesity

● Ward ● Oldham ● England

- 21.1%
- 21.0%
- 21.9%
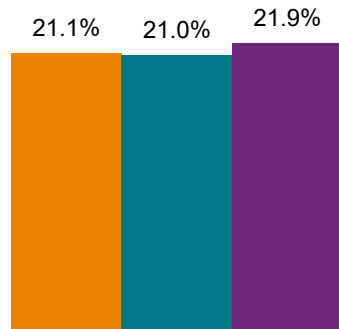
Year 6 Overweight/obesity

● Ward ● Oldham ● England

- 43.8%
- 40.3%
- 36.7%

Number of Births by Year

● Number of Births ● Oldham Average

Number of Births: 313, 292, 325, 297, 288, 253, 246, 257, 270, 252, 320
Oldham Average: 166, 169, 168, 167, 164, 157, 150, 154, 156, 150, 160

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

General Health 'Very Good' or 'Good'

● Ward ● Oldham ● England

- 79.0%
- 79.8%
- 78.9%
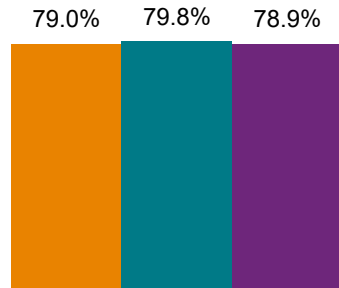
Residents providing unpaid care

● Ward ● Oldham ● England

- 7.4%
- 9.2%
- 9.0%
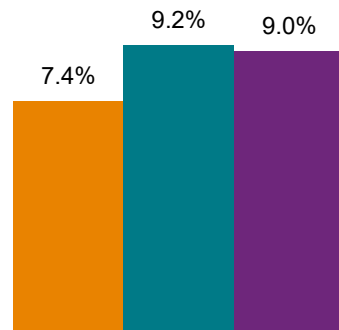
Number of Deaths by Year

● Ward ● Oldham Average

Oldham Average: 108, 108, 111, 107, 107, 110, 118, 101, 103
Ward: 111, 105, 106, 106, 94, 110, 120, 123, 117, 91, 112

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
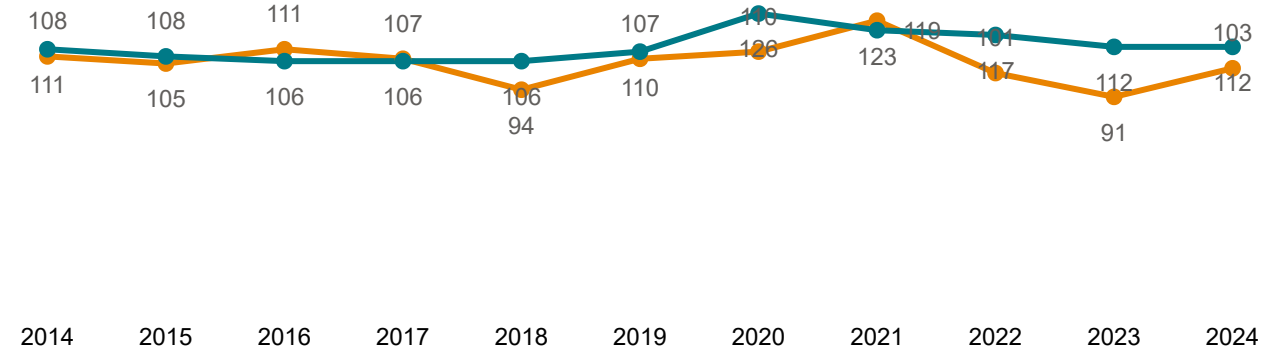
Ward Profiles: Education

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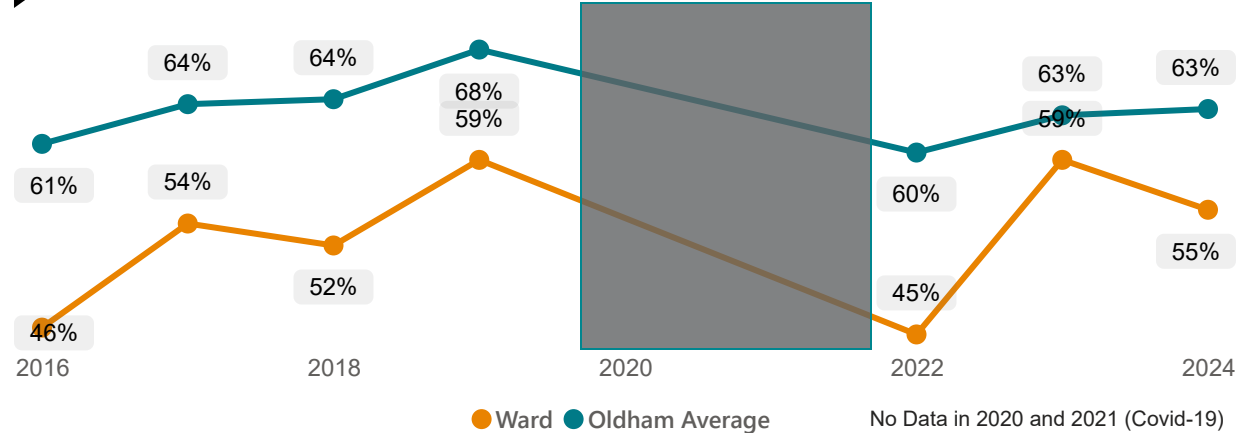| 55%	42	0.05	36%
Good Level of Development %	Attainment 8 Average Score GCSE	Progress 8 Average Score GCSE	No Qualifications (Aged 16+)

% Achieving Good Level of Development (end of reception)

- Ward
- Oldham Average

Oldham Average: 61%, 64%, 64%, 68%, —, 60%, 63%, 63%
Ward: 46%, 54%, 52%, 59%, —, 45%, 59%, 55%

No Data in 2020 and 2021 (Covid-19)

2016 · 2018 · 2020 · 2022 · 2024

Progress 8 Average Score

- Ward
- Oldham Average

Ward: 0.00, 0.23, 0.10, -0.03, —, 0.26, 0.44, 0.05
Oldham Average: -0.34, -0.20, -0.30, -0.39, —, -0.19, -0.18, -0.20

No Data in 2020 and 2021 (Covid-19)

2016 · 2018 · 2020 · 2022 · 2024
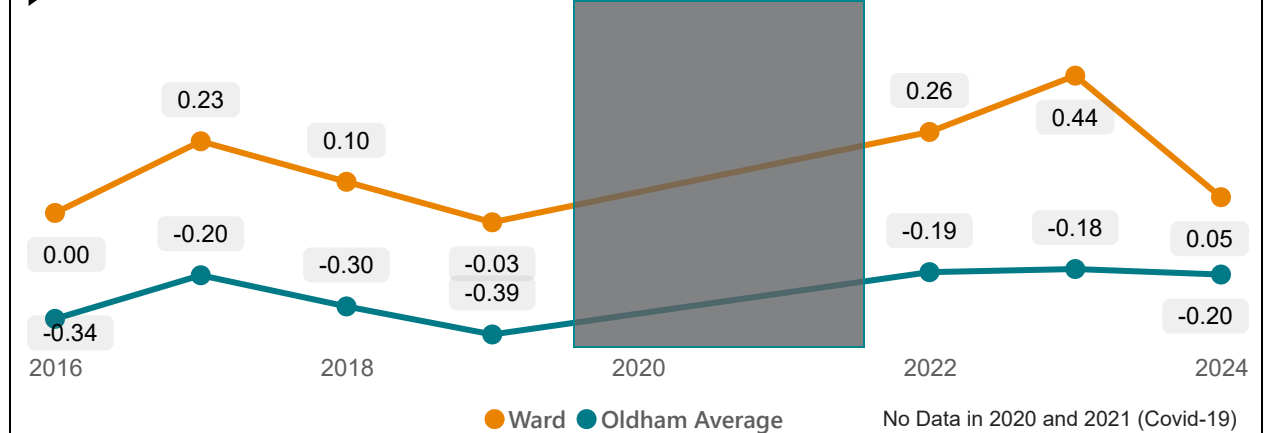
Attainment 8 Average Score

- Ward Average
- Oldham Average

Ward Average: 42
Oldham Average: 42

Highest Level of Qualification 2021

- Ward
- Oldham Average

No qualifications		
Level 1		
Level 2		
Level 3		
Level 4		
Other		

0% · 10% · 20% · 30% · 40%

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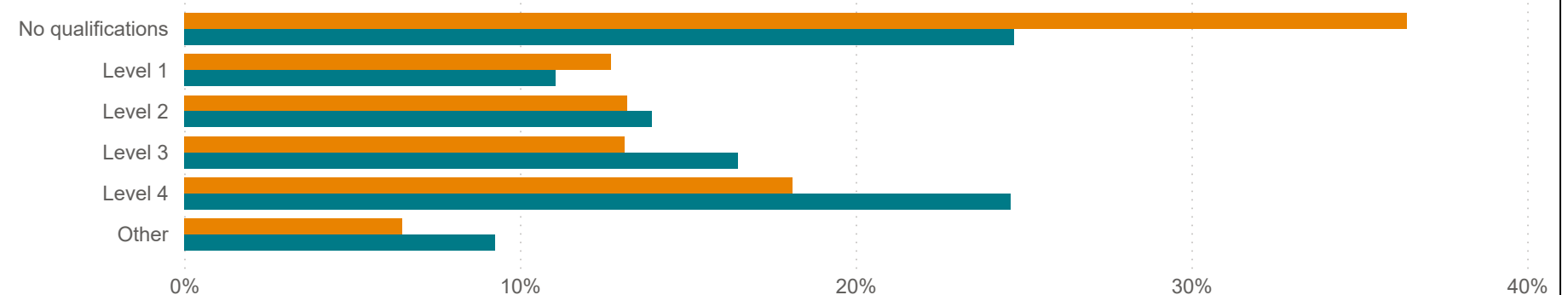
Ward Profiles: Economy

14.3%
16-64 Unemployment Rate
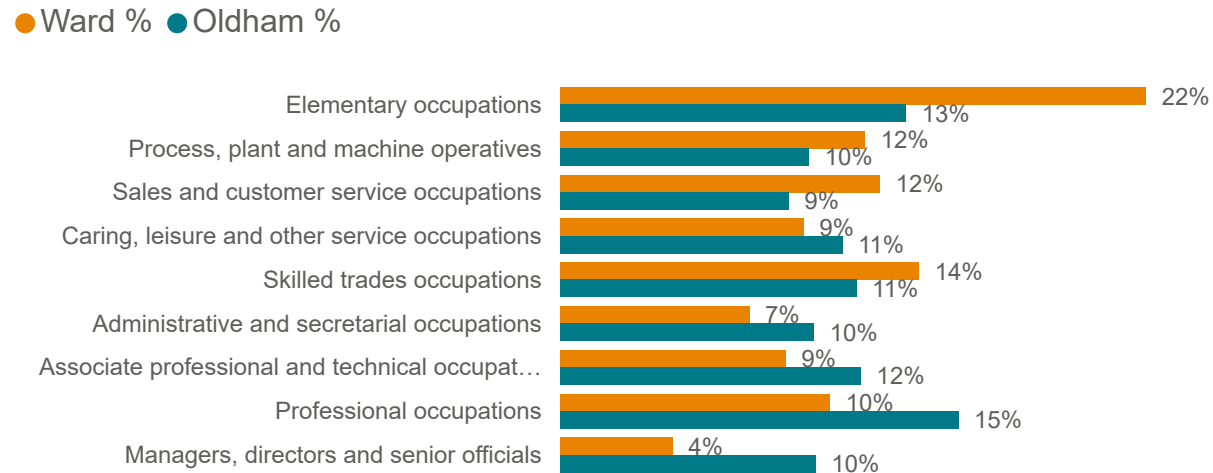
10.4%
18-24 Unemployment Rate

4.3%
NEET Rate 16 & 17 Year-Olds

£23,420
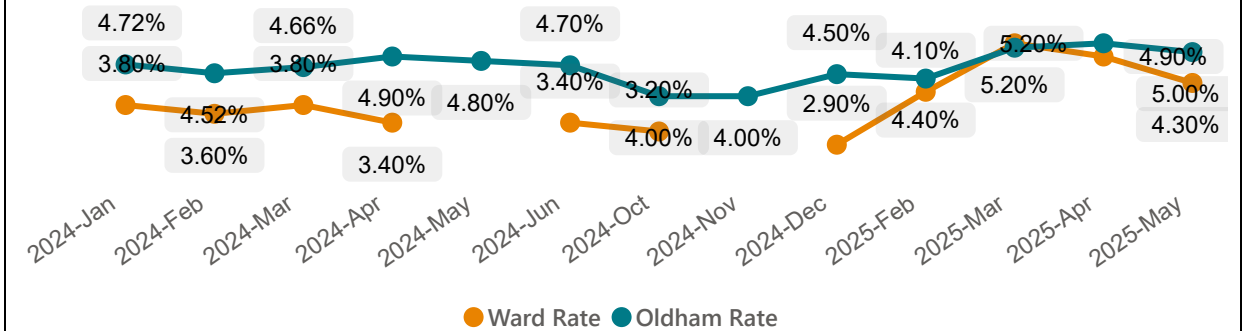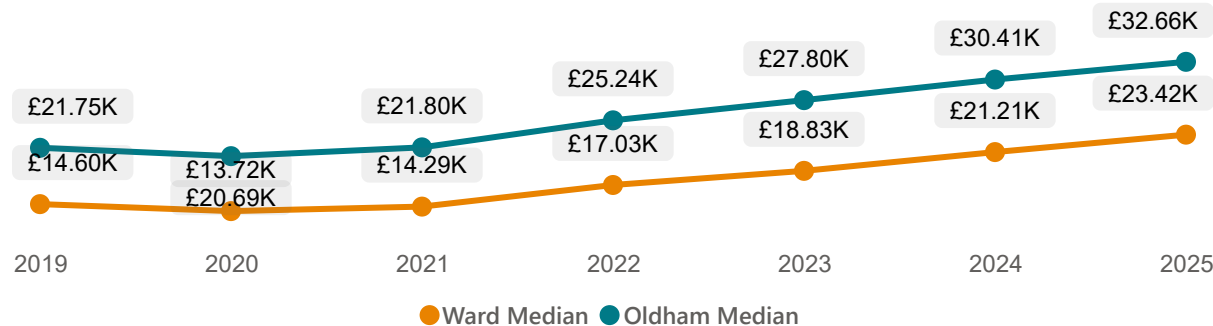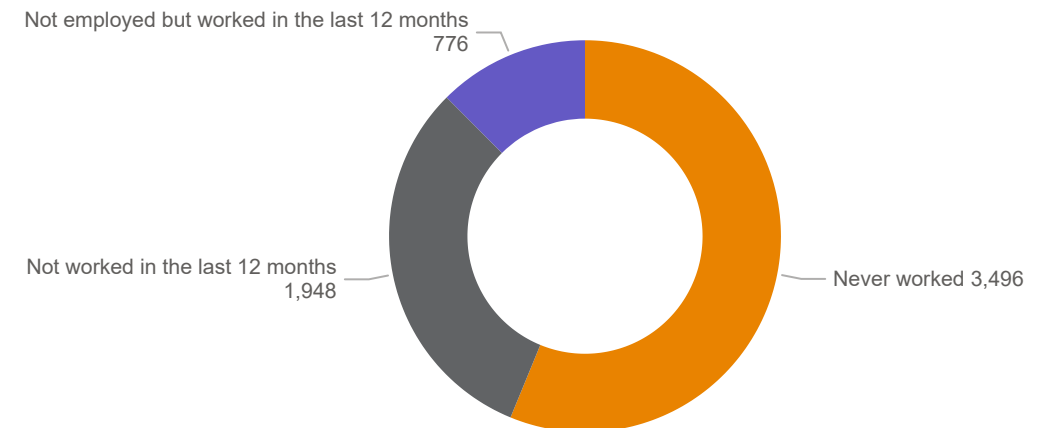Median Equivalised Household Income

Occupation 2021

● Ward % ● Oldham %

Occupation	Ward %	Oldham %
Elementary occupations	22%	13%
Process, plant and machine operatives	12%	10%
Sales and customer service occupations	12%	9%
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	9%	11%
Skilled trades occupations	14%	11%
Administrative and secretarial occupations	7%	10%
Associate professional and technical occupat…	9%	12%
Professional occupations	10%	15%
Managers, directors and senior officials	4%	10%

NEET Rate 16 & 17 Year-olds

Oldham Rate: 3.80% (2024-Jan), 3.80% (2024-Feb), 3.80% (2024-Mar), 4.72%/4.66%/4.70%, 3.40% (2024-Jun), 3.20% (2024-Oct), 4.50%, 2.90%, 4.10%, 5.20%, 5.00%, 4.30%

Ward Rate: 3.60% (2024-Feb), 4.52%, 3.40% (2024-Apr), 4.90%, 4.80%, 4.00%, 4.00%, 5.20%, 4.40%, 4.90%

● Ward Rate ● Oldham Rate

Median Equivalised Household Income

Year	Ward Median	Oldham Median
2019	£14.60K	£21.75K
2020	£13.72K / £20.69K	
2021	£14.29K	£21.80K
2022	£17.03K	£25.24K
2023	£18.83K	£27.80K
2024	£21.21K	£30.41K
2025	£23.42K	£32.66K

● Ward Median ● Oldham Median

Unemployment History of those not employed - Census 2021

Not employed but worked in the last 12 months
776

Not worked in the last 12 months
1,948

Never worked 3,496

Ward Profiles: Housing

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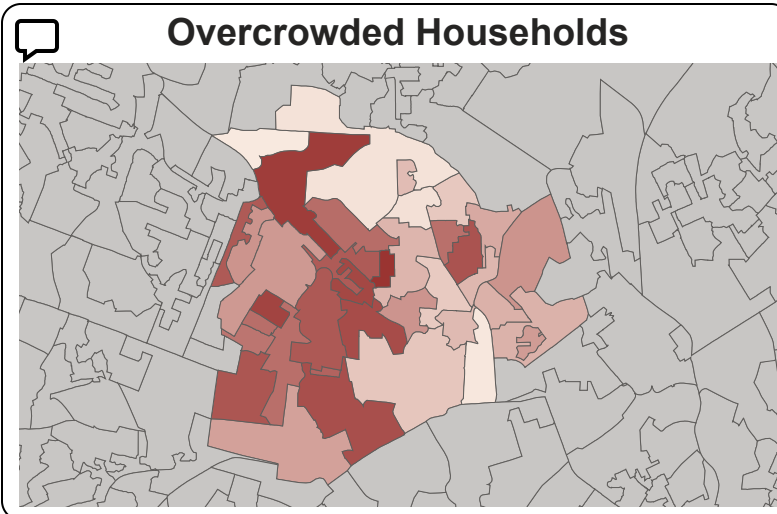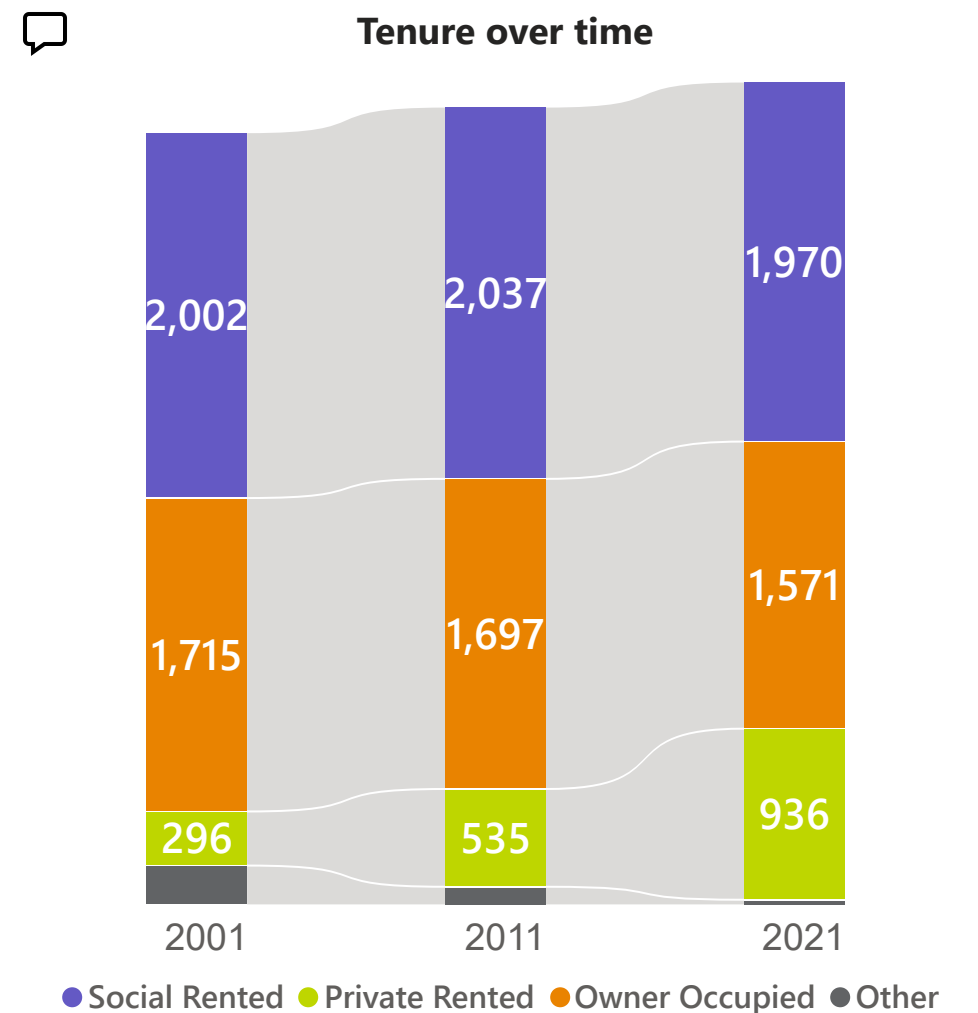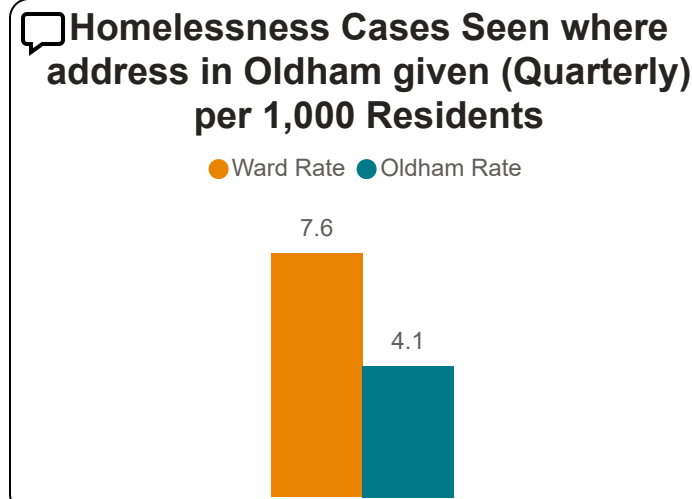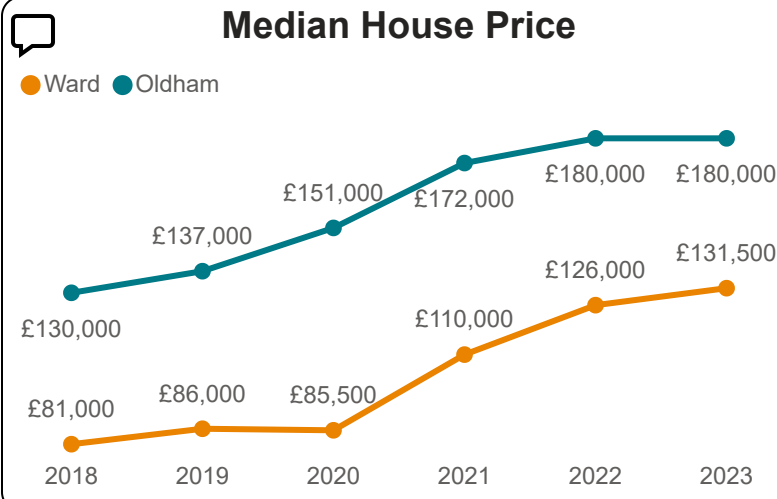
£131,500
Median House Price

21%
Overcrowded Households %

115
Homelessness Cases Seen (Quarterly)

44%
Social Housing %

21%
Privately Rented %

35%
Owner Occupied %

Median House Price

● Ward ● Oldham

£130,000 £137,000 £151,000 £172,000 £180,000 £180,000

£81,000 £86,000 £85,500 £110,000 £126,000 £131,500

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Overcrowded Households

Homelessness Cases Seen where address in Oldham given (Quarterly) per 1,000 Residents

● Ward Rate ● Oldham Rate

7.6

4.1

Homelessness Full Assessments where address in Oldham given (Quarterly) per 1,000 Residents

● Ward Rate ● Oldham Rate

3.2

1.5

Tenure over time

2,002 2,037 1,970

1,715 1,697 1,571

296 535 936

2001 2011 2021

● Social Rented ● Private Rented ● Owner Occupied ● Other

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Ward Profiles: Community & Crime

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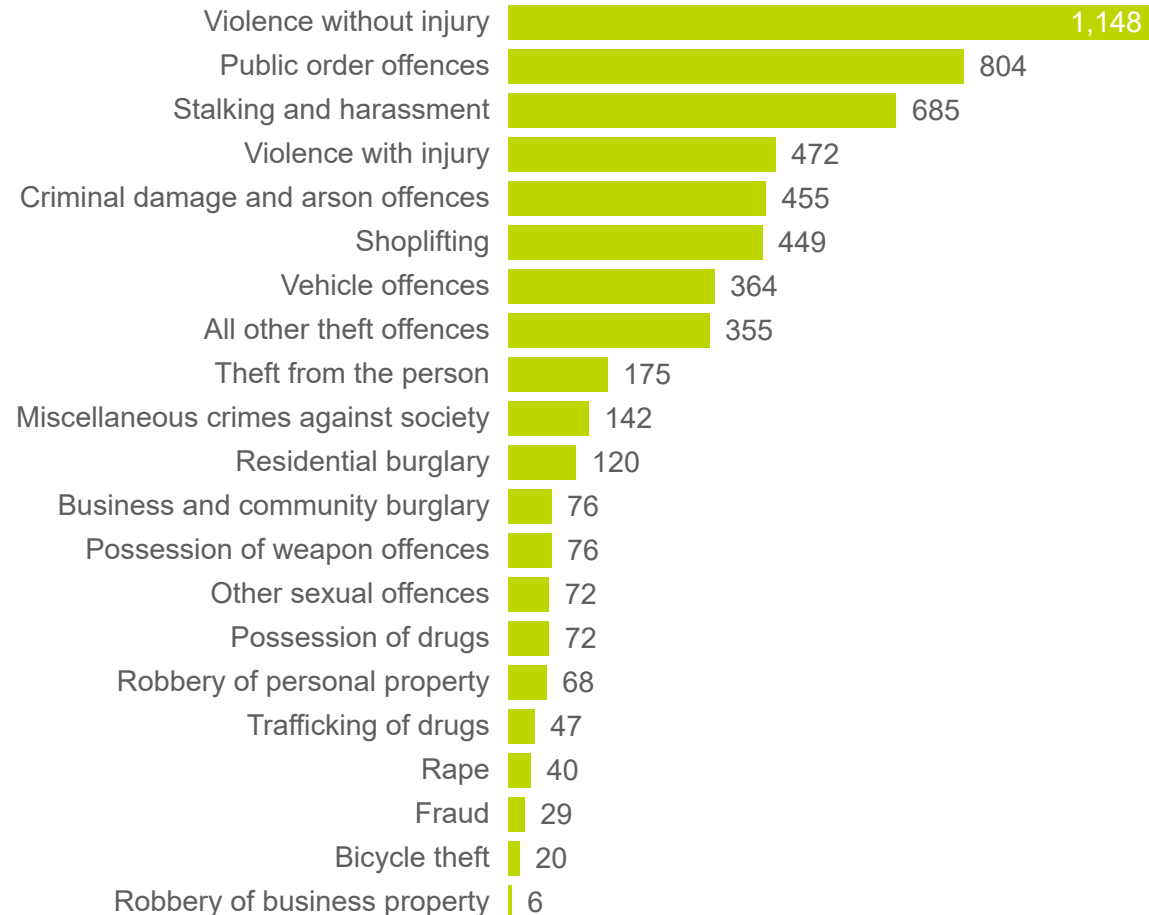
98%
Registered to Vote

43%
Local Elections Turnout

5,678
Total Reported Crimes 2021-2023

19%
Reported Crimes per year: % of population

Reported Crimes 2021-23 by Category

| Category	Count
Violence without injury	1,148
Public order offences	804
Stalking and harassment	685
Violence with injury	472
Criminal damage and arson offences	455
Shoplifting	449
Vehicle offences	364
All other theft offences	355
Theft from the person	175
Miscellaneous crimes against society	142
Residential burglary	120
Business and community burglary	76
Possession of weapon offences	76
Other sexual offences	72
Possession of drugs	72
Robbery of personal property	68
Trafficking of drugs	47
Rape	40
Fraud	29
Bicycle theft	20
Robbery of business property	6

Reported Crime Rate

Crime Map Information

The map (and chart to the left) use data on all crimes recorded between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2023.

The areas of the map are coloured according to the crime rate per head of the population per year. Lower rates are green, middle rates are brown, and higher rates red.

It is not possible to show background mapping at the moment, but hovering over an area gives the name of the neighbourhood.
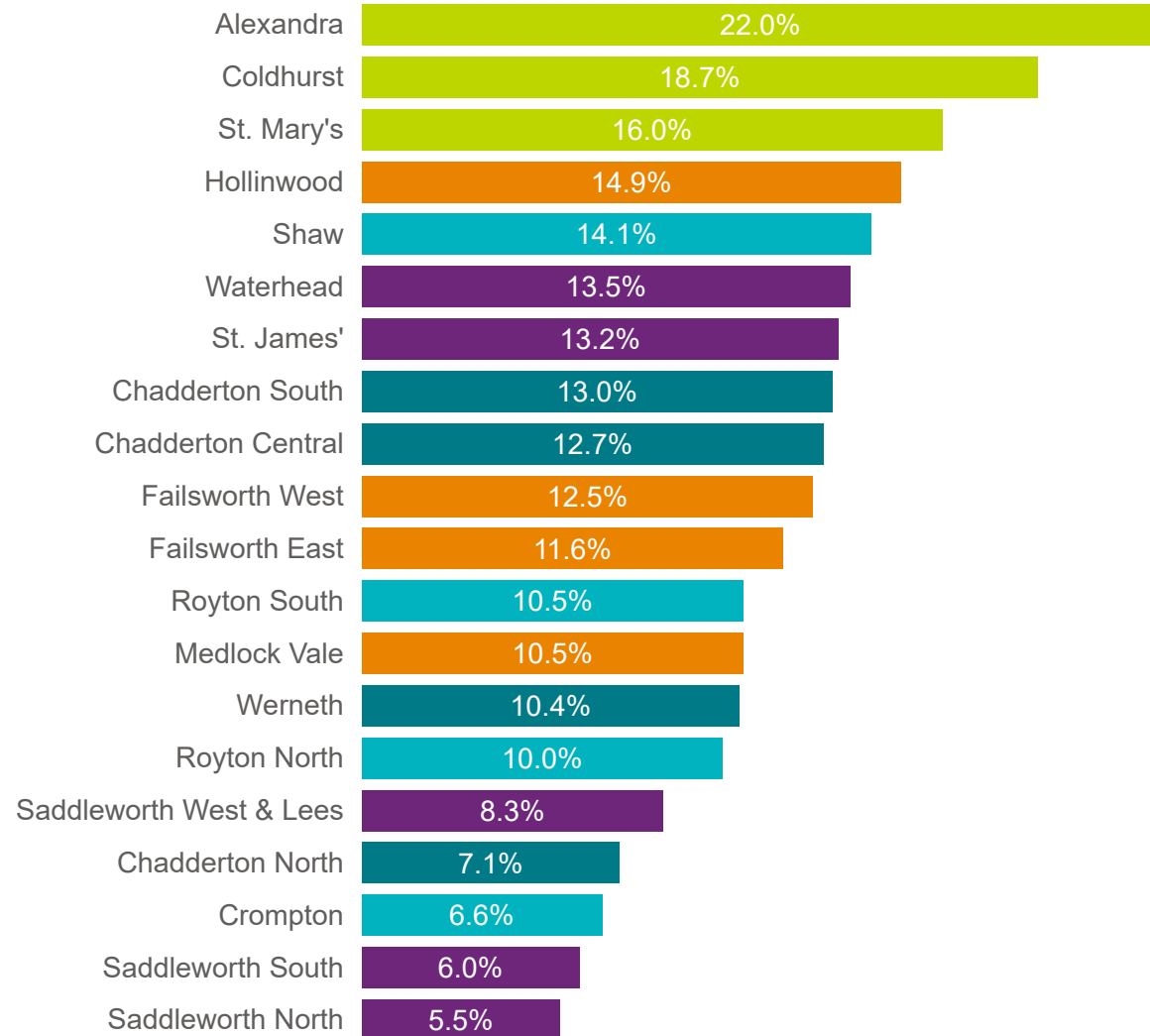
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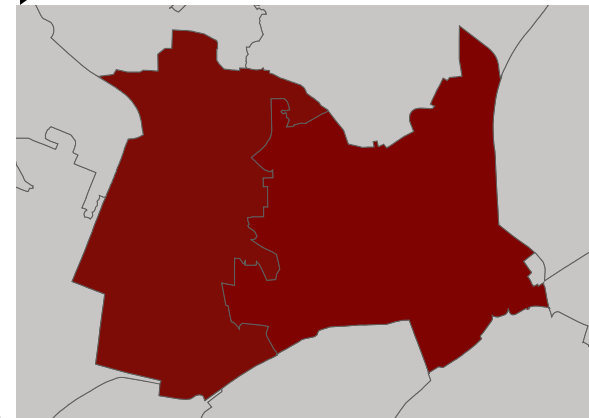
Trust Map Information

The map to the left shows data from work by the 'Onward' organisation that measures social trust. They surveyed residents, asking if others could be trusted.

Where values are positive (coloured green), people tended to trust more. Negative values (red) are where people tend not to trust others.

Grey areas are mainly or wholly in a different ward. The areas are Middle Super Output Areas (statistical areas)

Ward Profiles: All Ward Comparisons

Reported Crime Rate by Ward and District

District ● Central ● East ● North ● South ● West

Ward	Rate
Alexandra	22.0%
Coldhurst	18.7%
St. Mary's	16.0%
Hollinwood	14.9%
Shaw	14.1%
Waterhead	13.5%
St. James'	13.2%
Chadderton South	13.0%
Chadderton Central	12.7%
Failsworth West	12.5%
Failsworth East	11.6%
Royton South	10.5%
Medlock Vale	10.5%
Werneth	10.4%
Royton North	10.0%
Saddleworth West & Lees	8.3%
Chadderton North	7.1%
Crompton	6.6%
Saddleworth South	6.0%
Saddleworth North	5.5%

Reported Crime Rate	Good Level of Development	Overweight or Obese - Rece…	Owner Occupied Accommodation
Registered to Vote	GCSE - Attainment8	Overweight or Obese - Year 6	Social Rented Accommodation
Turnout Local Elections	GCSE - Progress8	Health "Good" or "Very Good"	Minority Ethnic Groups
Youth Unemploymen…	Adults with No Qualifications	Overcrowded Accommodation	Median Age
Unemployment Rate	Number of Births	Median House Price	Change in Population Sin…
Median Income	Number of Deaths	Privately Rented Accommodation	NEET rate 16 & 17 year-olds
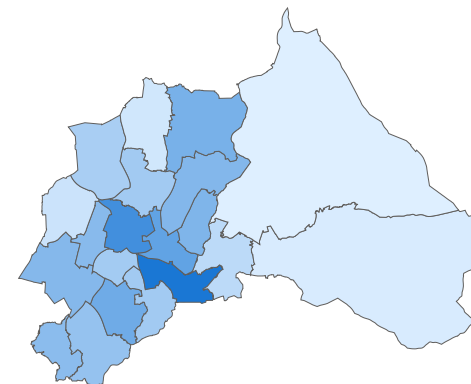
On this page you're selecting a **measure** rather than a ward.

Choose your measure from the list above, and both the map and the chart will show the value of all wards.

Darker colours on the map represent higher values of the measure.

Ward Profiles: Summary

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Lower Values ● Coldhurst ⬤ Other Wards Higher Values

Lower Values Higher Values

Population change since 2011

Unemployment Rate

Percentage of residents from Minority Ethnic Groups, 2021

Homelessness Cases Seen Rate

Median Age

No Qualifications 2021

Number of Births Last Year

Average Progress 8 Score at GCSE

Overcrowded Households

Reported Crimes 2021-23 as a % of population

Median House Price

Local Elections Turnout %

% of Households in Privately Rented Accommodation, 2021

Year 6 Obesity %

Ward Profiles: Sources & Notes

| Section	Measure	Data Date	Source Organisation	Source Dataset	Source URL
About the Ward	Current Councillors	May 2024	Oldham Council		
About the Ward	Introduction	2024	Oldham Council	Oldham Council Districts Team	
Population	% Female	2022	ONS	Small Area Mid-Year Estimates	https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepo ionandcommunity/populationand tion/populationestimates/bulletins ualsmallareapopulationestimates iousReleases
Population	Broad Age Bands	2022	ONS	Small Area Mid-Year Estimates	https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepo ionandcommunity/populationand tion/populationestimates/bulletins ualsmallareapopulationestimates iousReleases
Population	Change since 2011	2011-2022	ONS	Small Area Mid-Year Estimates	https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepo ionandcommunity/populationand tion/populationestimates/bulletins ualsmallareapopulationestimates iousReleases
Population	Median Age	2022	ONS	Small Area Mid-Year Estimates	https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepo ionandcommunity/populationand tion/populationestimates/bulletins ualsmallareapopulationestimates iousReleases
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Ward Profile layout version: 2025 Version 1.2
Data Update: 21/01/2025
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Uses data aggregated to ward boundaries that came into force in May 2023. See the 'Boundaries' map from our web mapping service for detail of the boundaries.

Ward Profiles: Postcode to Ward and Mapping

Enter full/part Postcode & click magnifying glass

Postcode Centroids Map

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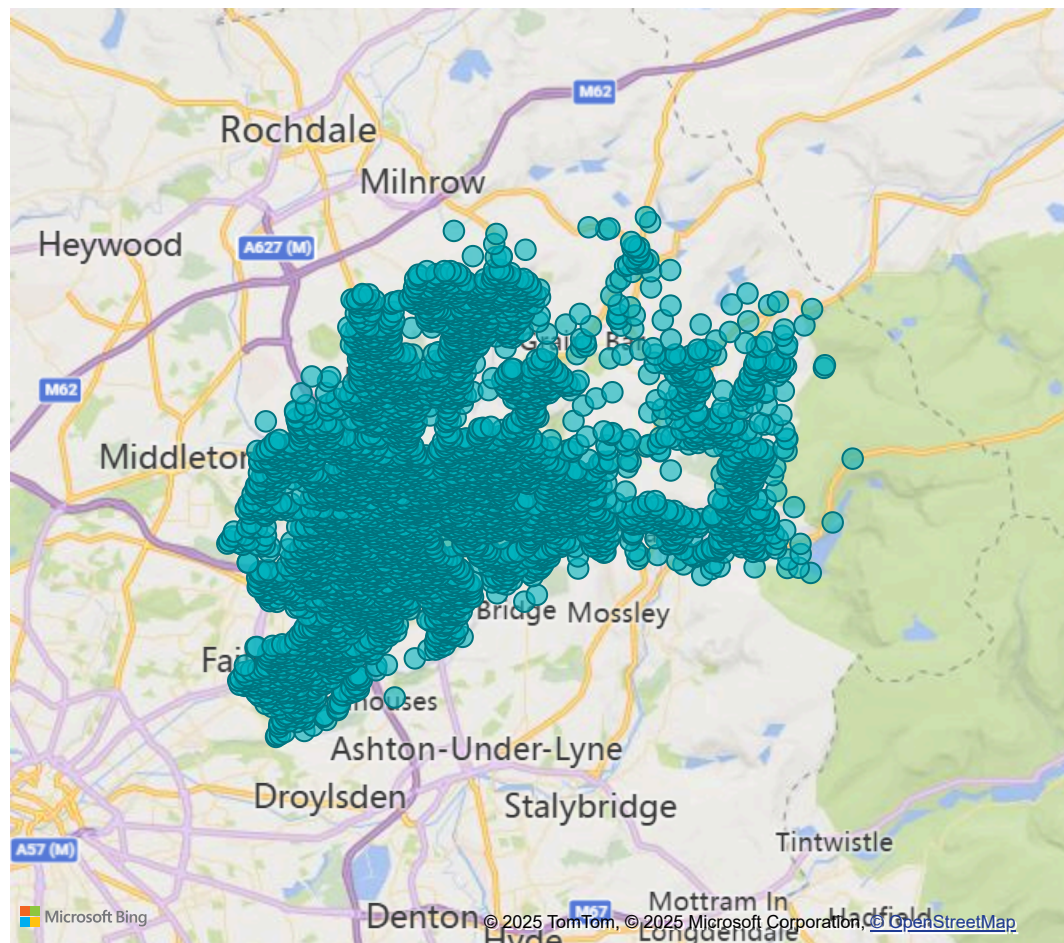
Postcode	Ward	District	OA2021	LSOA2021	MSOA2021	Current
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