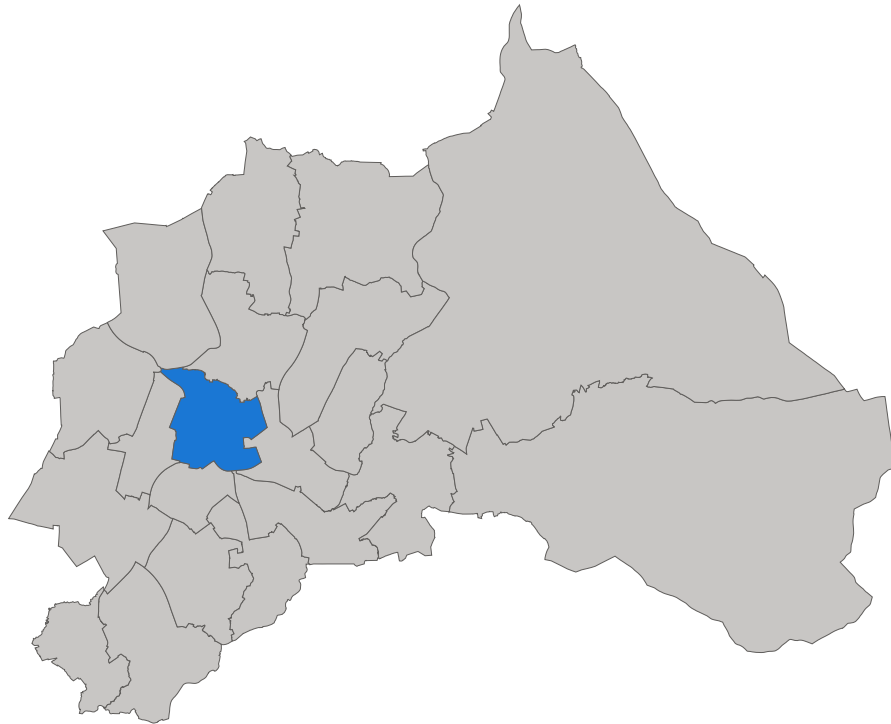




Coldhurst Ward: Location



Current Councillors

Name	Political party
Mohammed Mohib Abu Taleb	Independent Group
Montaz Ali Azad	Oldham Group
Abdul Jabbar MBE	Labour Group

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

Select Ward

Coldhurst



Ward Profiles: Population



15,941

Total Population



+2,415

Change Since 2011



48.9%

% Female



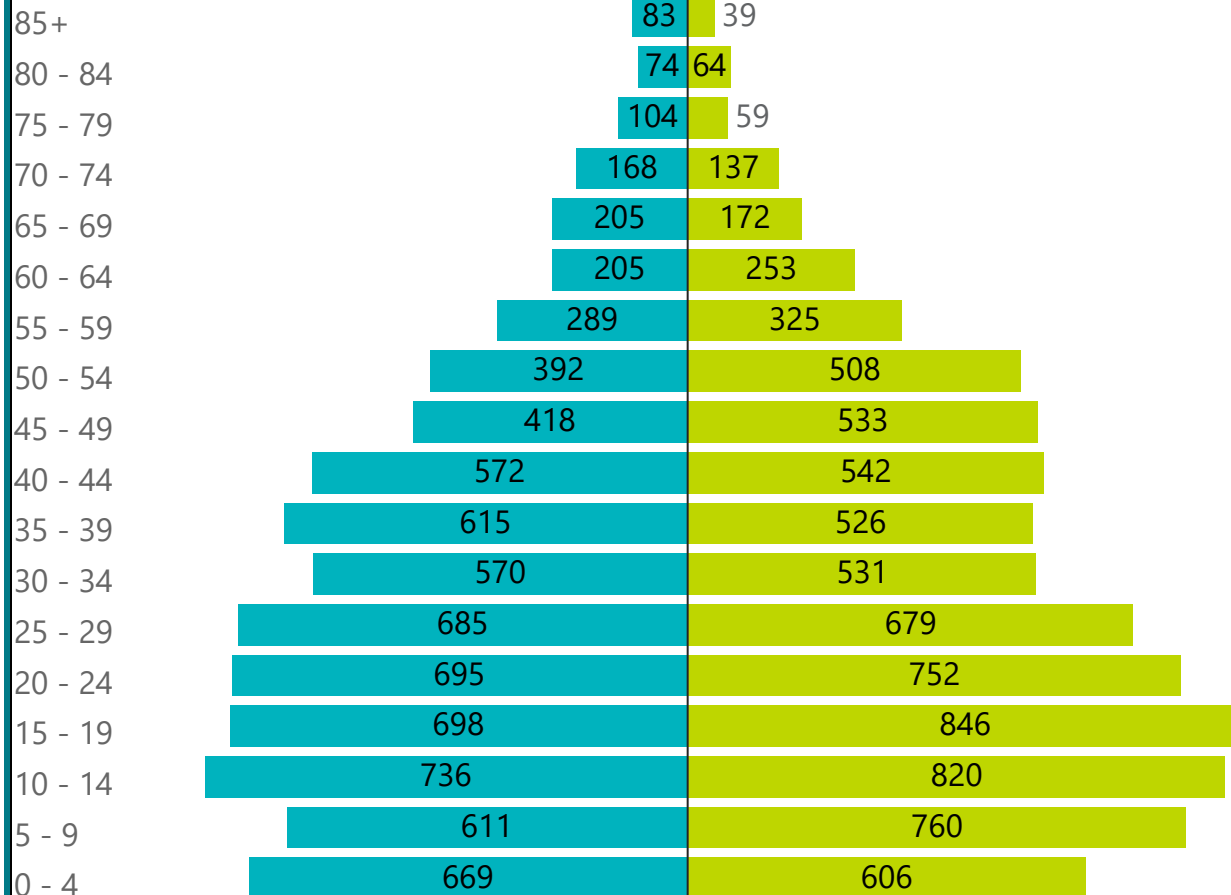
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Median age

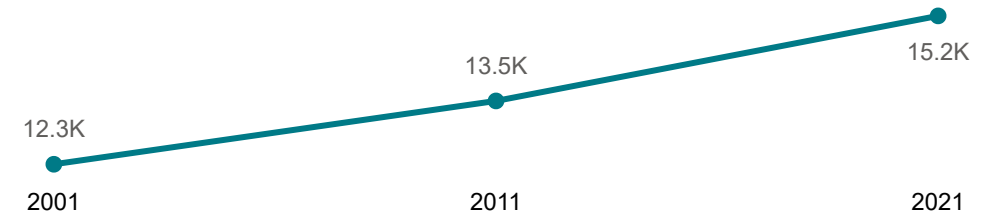


Age Structure Most Recent Year

● Female ● Male



Population by Year



Broad Age Bands

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

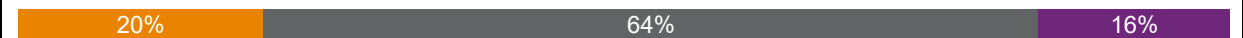
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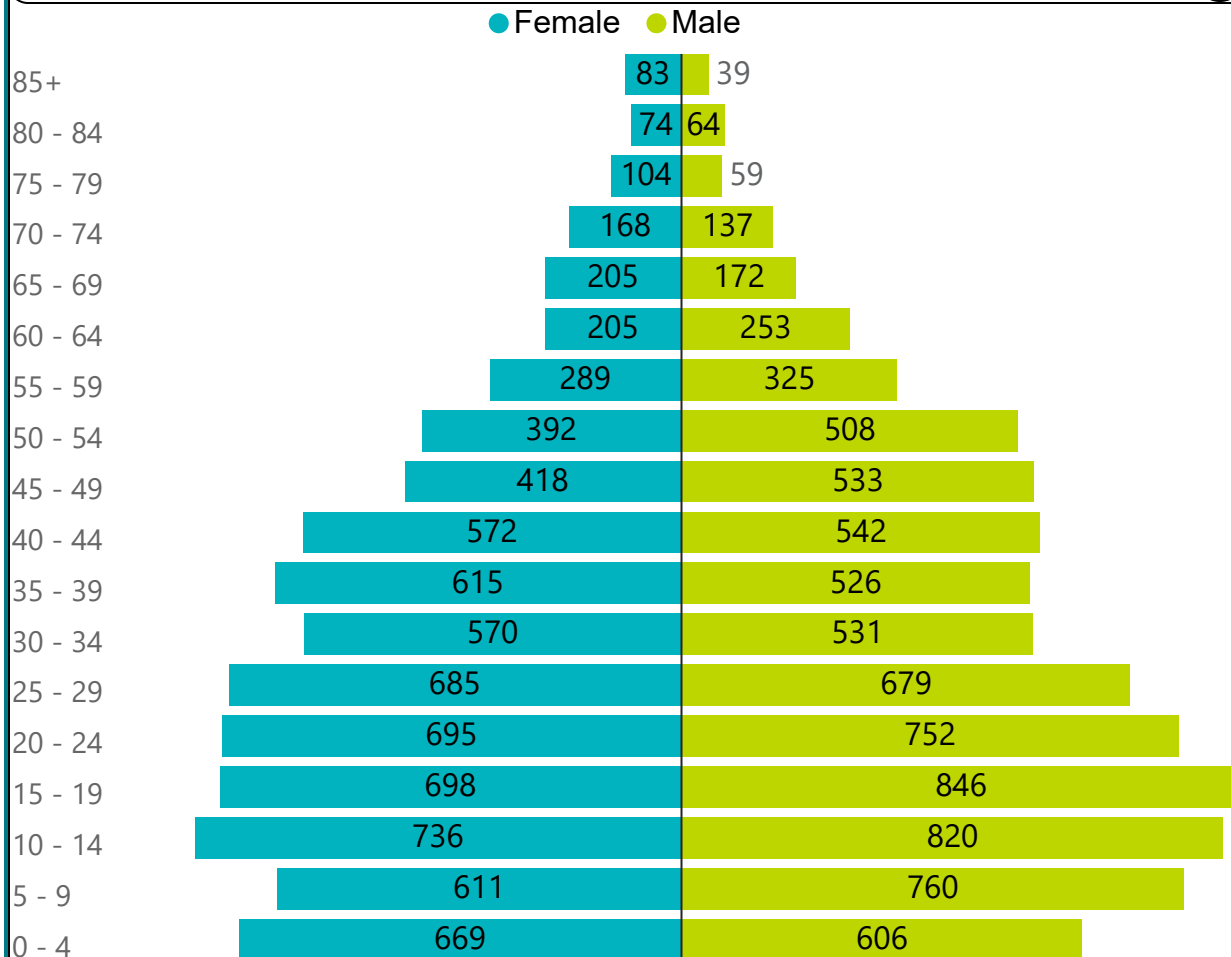
Ward Profiles: Population Change



Select Year for Age Structure

Selected Year

2024



15,941

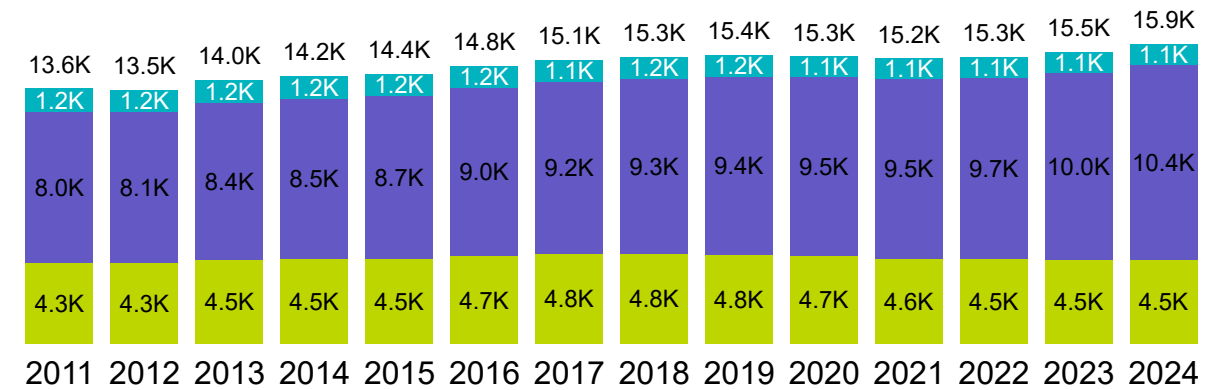
Latest Total Population

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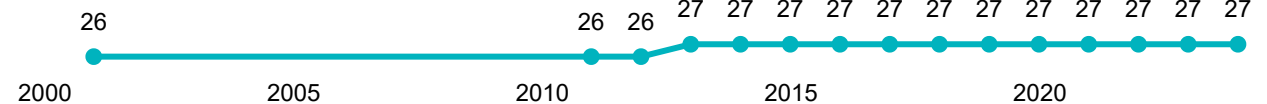
Change Since 2011

Population by Year and Broad Age Group

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



Median Age by Year



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Ward Profiles: Ethnicity



20%

White British 2021

80%

Minority Ethnic Groups 2021

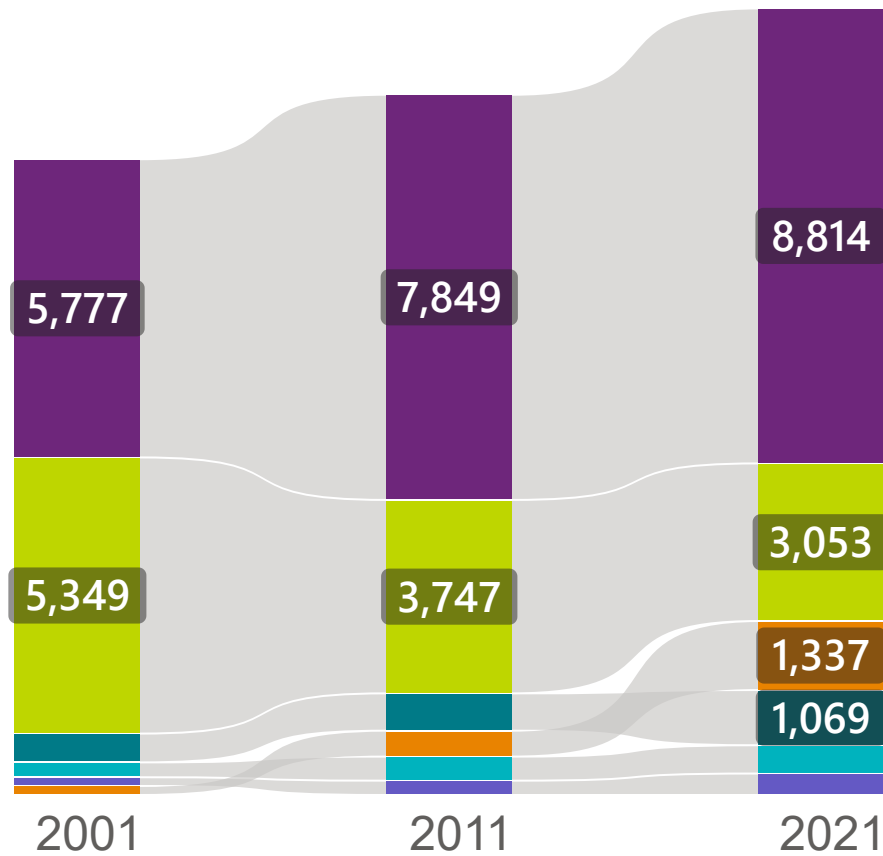
10%

White British School Age 2024

90%

Minority Ethnic Groups School Age 2024

Larger Groups by Year



White: Other White: British Pakistani Other Black Bangladeshi

Large Ethnic Groups: Ward

Group Bangladeshi Black Other Pakistani White: British White: Other



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Greater Manchester



Larger Groups - School Age



Group Bangladeshi Other White British Black Pakistani White Other

Select Ward

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Ward Profiles: Health



8

Reception Obesity ward rank (out of 20)

4

Year 6 Obesity ward rank (out of 20)

316

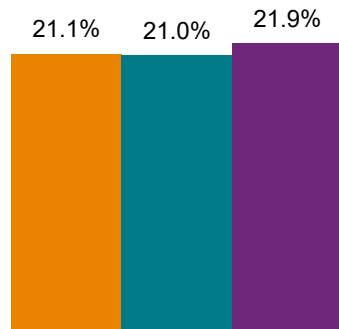
Number of births last year

110

Number of deaths last year

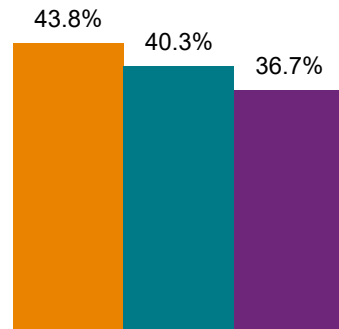
Reception Overweight/obesity

Ward Oldham England



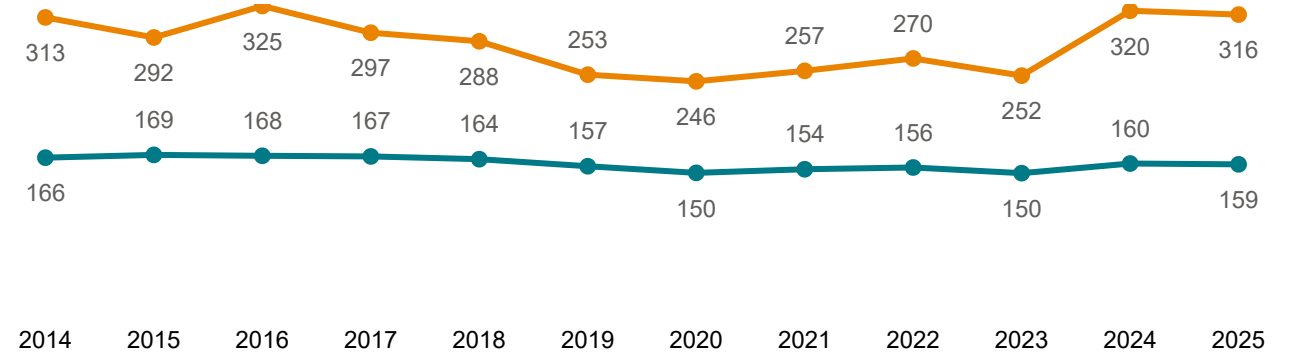
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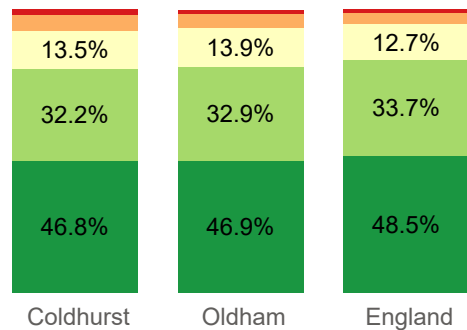
Number of Births by Year

Number of Births Oldham Average



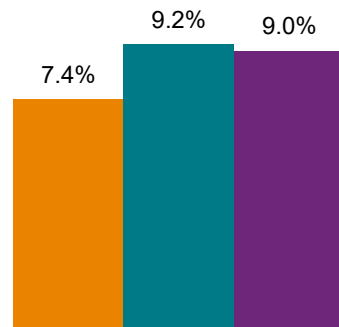
General Health

Very Good Good Fair Bad Very bad



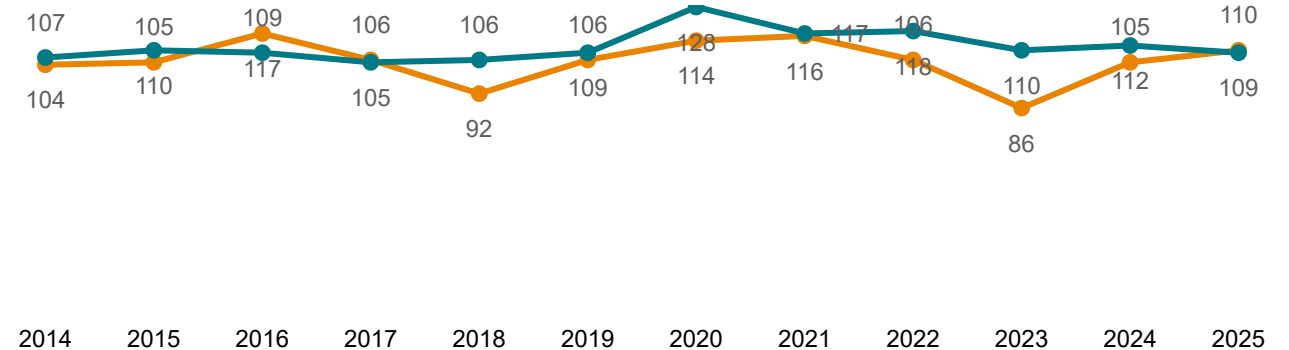
Residents providing unpaid care

Ward Oldham England



Number of Deaths by Year

Ward Oldham Average



Select Ward

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Ward Profiles: Education



54%

Good Level of Development %

42.8

Attainment 8 Average Score GCSE

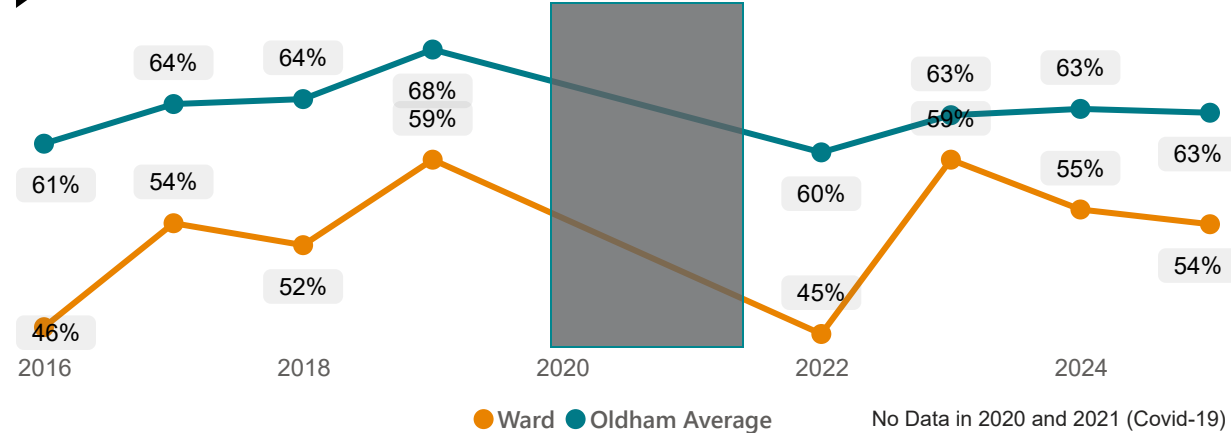
37.0%

KS4 Grades 9-5 English & Maths

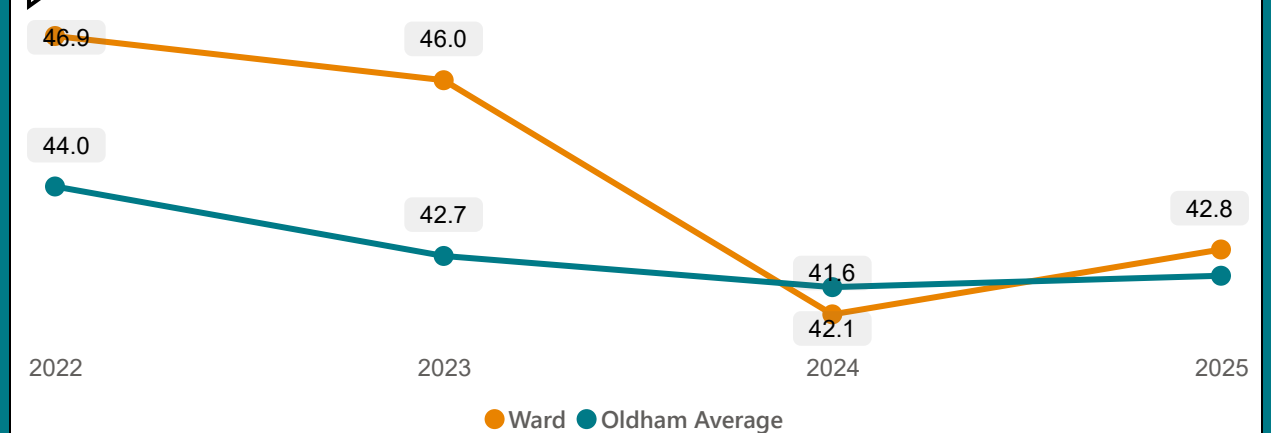
36%

No Qualifications (Aged 16+)

% Achieving Good Level of Development (end of reception)

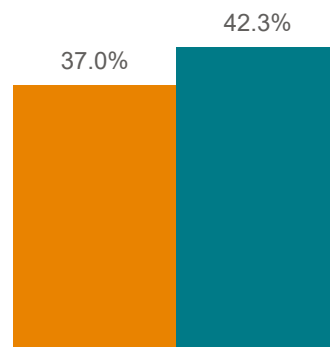


Attainment 8 Average Score



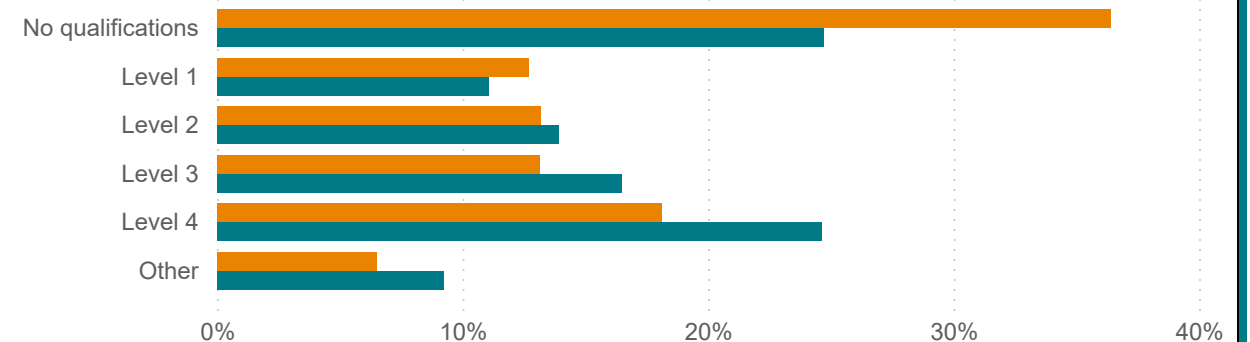
KS4 Grades 9-5 in English & Maths

Ward Average Oldham Average



Highest Level of Qualification 2021

Ward Oldham Average



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Ward Profiles: Economy



12.5%

16-64 Unemployment Rate

10.4%

18-24 Unemployment Rate

4.4%

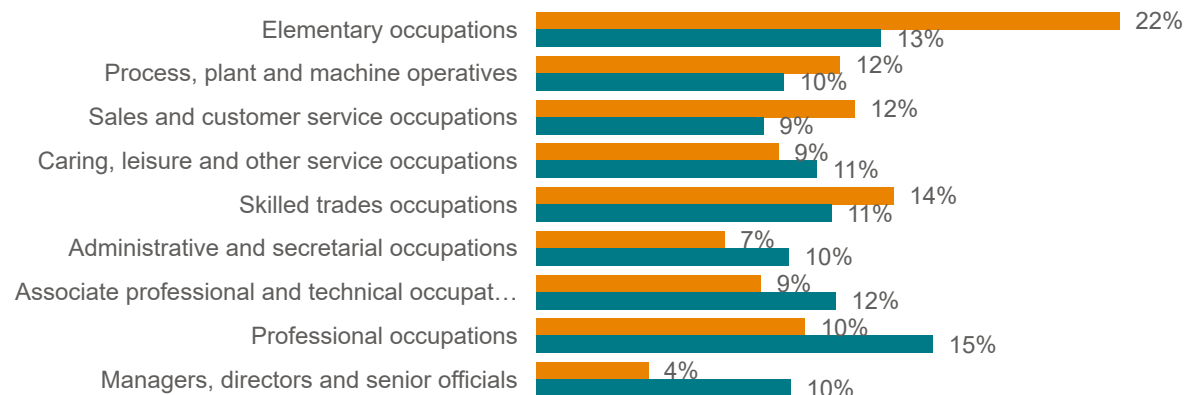
NEET Rate 16 & 17 Year-Olds

£23,420

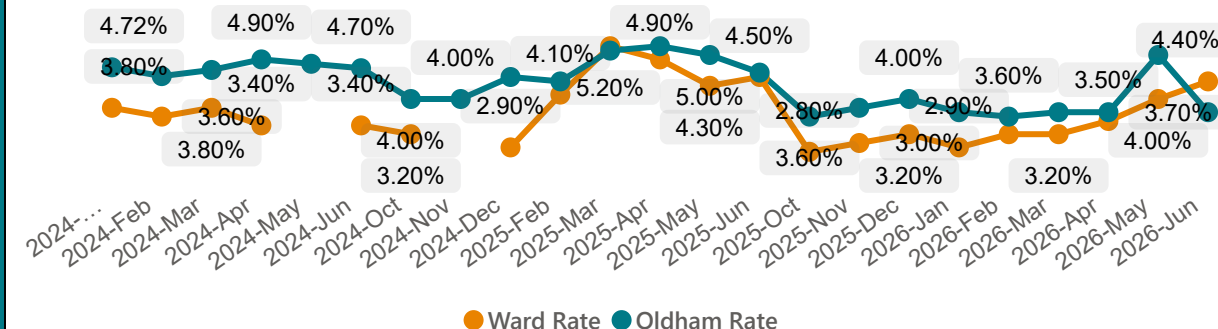
Median Equivalised Household Income

Occupation 2021

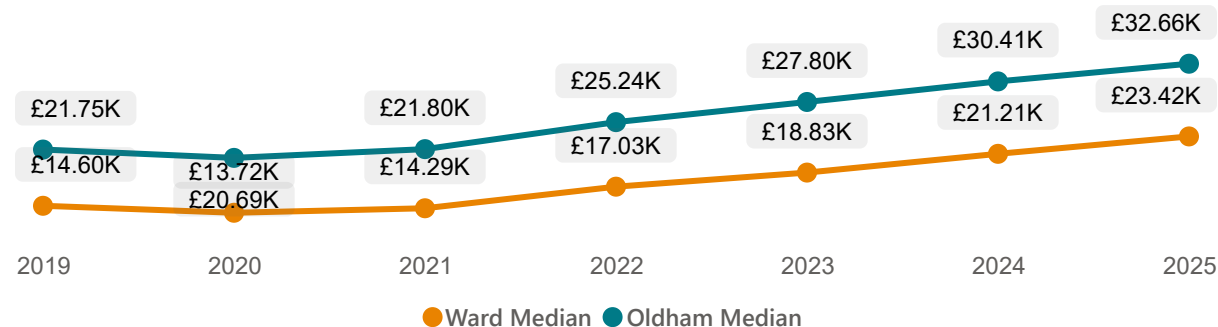
Ward % Oldham %



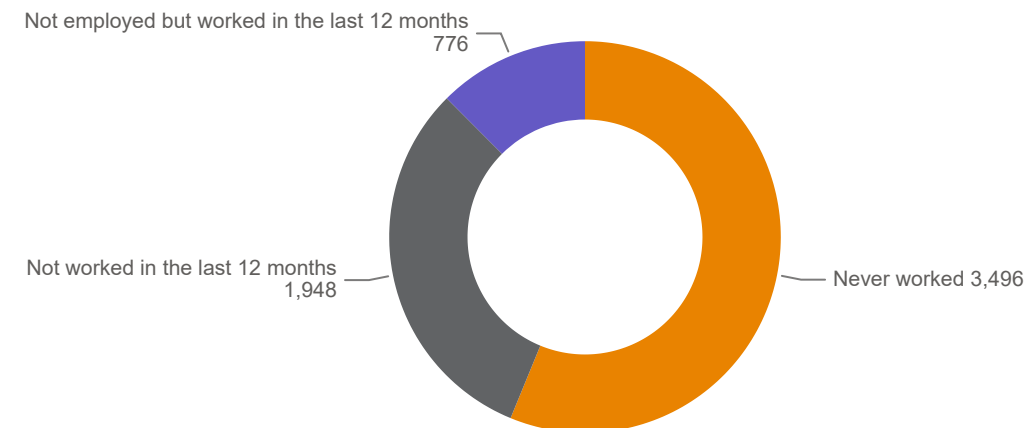
NEET Rate 16 & 17 Year-olds



Median Equivalised Household Income



Unemployment History of those not employed - Census 2021



Select Ward

Coldhurst



Ward Profiles: Housing



£121,500

Median House Price

21%

Overcrowded Households %

44%

Social Housing %

21%

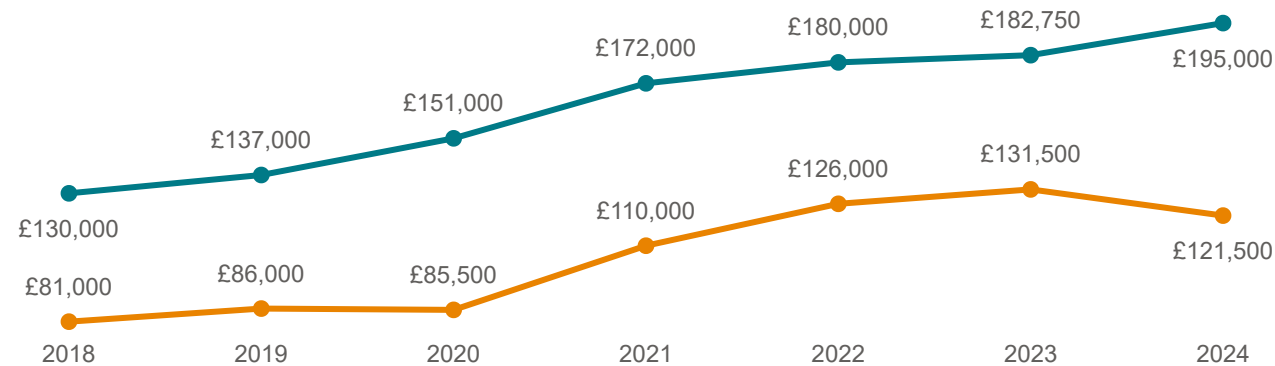
Privately Rented %

35%

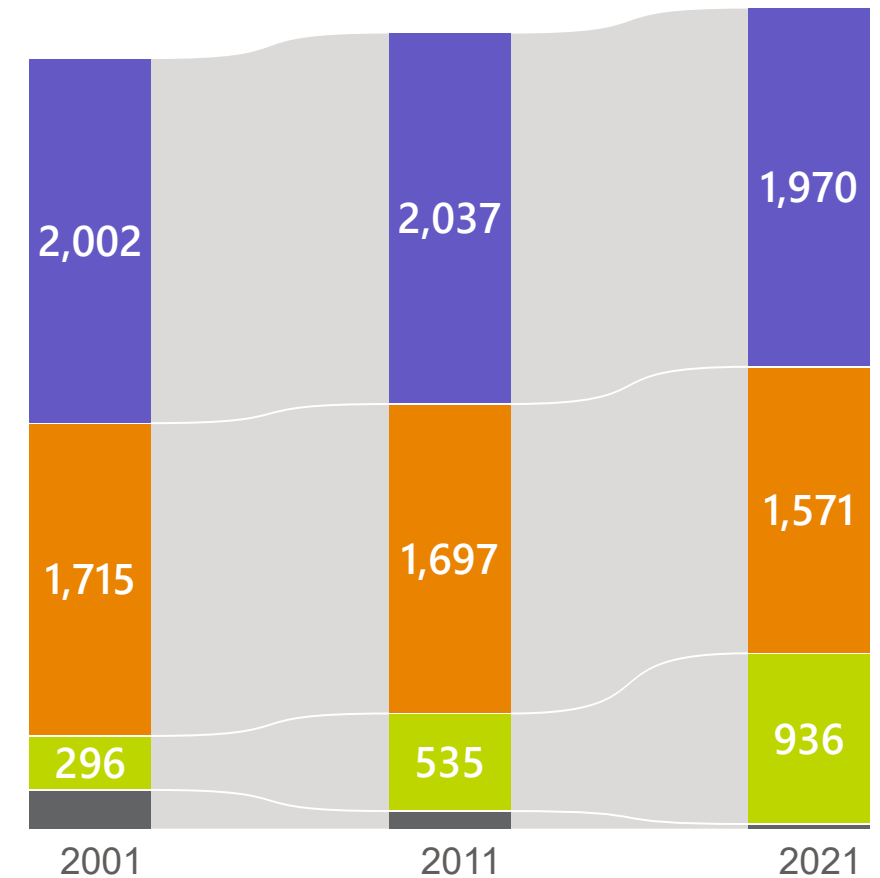
Owner Occupied %

Median House Price

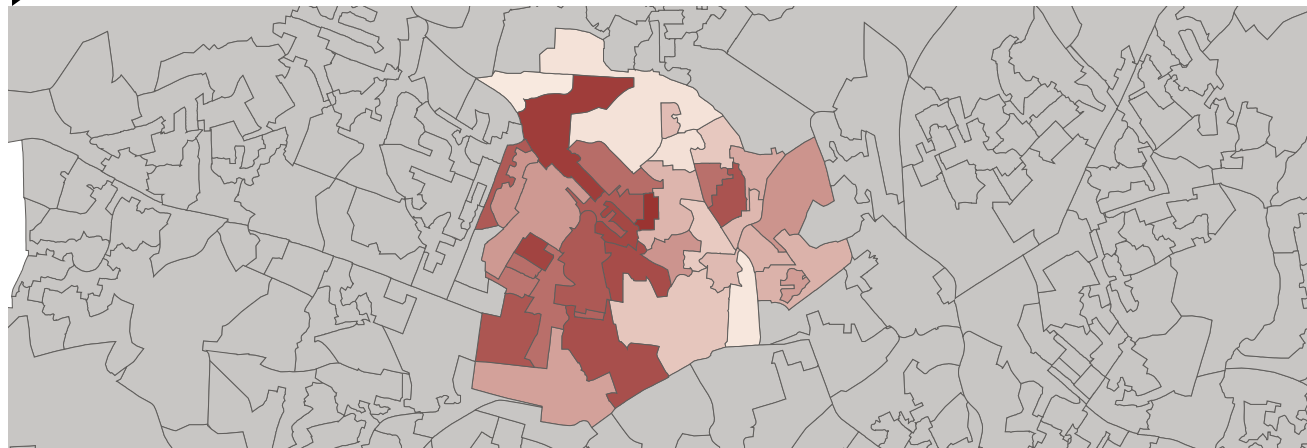
Ward Oldham



Tenure over time



Overcrowded Households



Select Ward

Coldhurst

Ward Profiles: Deprivation



2

IMD Rank of 20 Oldham Wards

46

IMD Rank of 6,793 English Wards

179

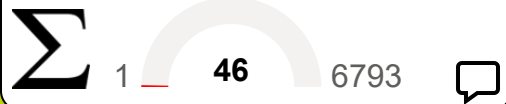
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IDAOPi Rank of 6,793 English Wards

Overall and Domain Ward Rankings

IMD Overall



Health & Disability



Income



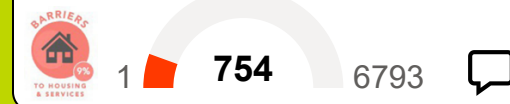
Crime



Employment



Barriers to Housing & Services



Education, Skills & Training

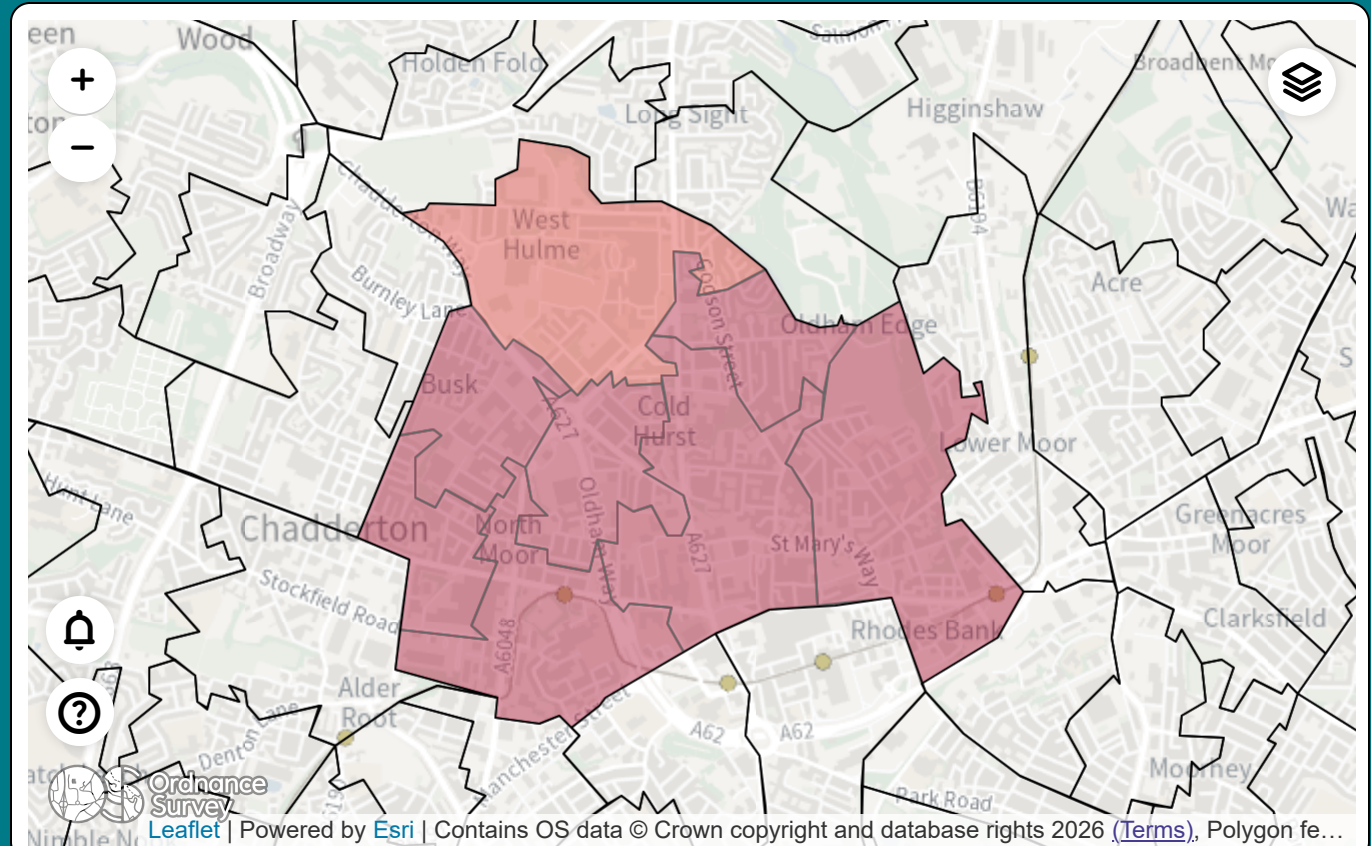


Living Environment



Mapping LSOAs: Choose IMD, Domain or Sub-Domain

IMD Decile 2025



Select Ward

Coldhurst

Ward Profiles: Community & Crime



93%

Registered to Vote

46%

Local Elections Turnout

2,818

Reported Crimes per Year 2022-25

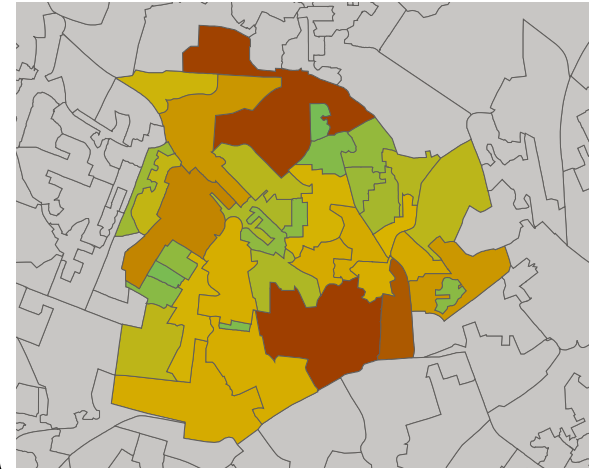
18%

Reported Crimes per year: % of population

Reported Crimes 2022-25 by Category

Violence without injury	1,581
Public order offences	1,078
Stalking and harassment	1,043
Shoplifting	810
Violence with injury	727
Criminal damage and arson offences	661
All other theft offences	554
Vehicle offences	462
Theft from the person	206
Miscellaneous crimes against society	203
Possession of drugs	181
Other sexual offences	161
Residential burglary	149
Possession of weapon offences	143
Business and community burglary	125
Robbery of personal property	99
Trafficking of drugs	95
Rape	75
Bicycle theft	49
Fraud	39
Robbery of business property	12

Reported Crime Rate



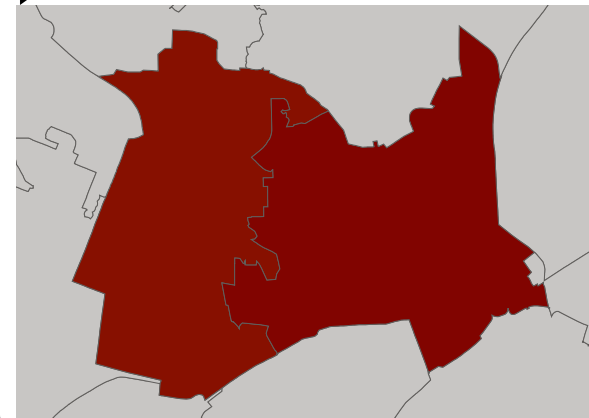
Crime Map Information

The map (and chart to the left) use data on all crimes recorded between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2025.

The areas of the map are coloured according to the percentage of total crimes recorded in each small area. Lower rates are green, middle rates are orange, 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.

Trust



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)

Select Ward

Coldhurst



Ward Profiles: Summary



Lower Values



Coldhurst



Other Wards

Higher Values

Lower Values

Higher Values



Population change since 2011



Percentage of residents from Minority Ethnic Groups, 2021



Median Age



Number of Births Last Year



Overcrowded Households



Median House Price



% of Households in Privately Rented Accommodation, 2021



Unemployment Rate



IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation) National Rank



No Qualifications 2021



KS4 Grades 9-5 in English & Maths



Reported Crimes 2021-23 as a % of population



Local Elections Turnout %



Year 6 Obesity %



Ward Profiles: Sources & Notes

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.

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Section	Measure	Data Date	Source Organisation
Population	% Female	2024	ONS
Population	Broad Age Bands	2024	ONS
Population	Change since 2011	2011-2024	ONS
Population	Median Age	2024	ONS
Population	Median Age Time Series	2001-2024	ONS
Population	Population	2024	ONS
Population	Population by census year	2001-2021	ONS
Population	Population by year and broad age group	2011-2024	ONS
Population	Population Pyramid	2024	ONS
Population	Population Pyramid Time Series	2011-2024	ONS
Ethnicity	Larger ethnic groups	2021	ONS
Ethnicity	Larger ethnic groups by year	2001-2021	ONS
Ethnicity	Larger ethnic groups: school age	2024	Oldham Council
Ethnicity	Minority ethnic groups	2021	ONS
Ethnicity	Minority ethnic groups School Age	2026	Oldham Council
Ethnicity	White British ethnicity	2021	ONS
Ethnicity	White British School Age	2026	Oldham Council
Health	Number of Births per Year	2014-2025	ONS
Health	Number of Deaths per Year	2014-2025	ONS
Health - Live Well	General Health	2021	ONS
Health - Live Well	Provision of Unpaid Care	2021	ONS
Health - Start Well	Obesity Reception	2021/22 to 2023/24	NHS
Health - Start Well	Obesity Year 6	2021/22 to 2023/24	NHS
Education	Attainment 8	2025	Oldham Council
Education	GLD	2025	Oldham Council
Education	Highest Level of Qualification	2021	ONS
Education	KS4 Grades 9-5 English & Maths	2025	Oldham Council
Education	No Qualifications	2021	ONS
Economy	Employment History of those not employed	2021	ONS
Economy	Medium Household Income	2025	CACI
Economy	NEET Rate 16&17 year-olds	June 2026	Positive Steps
Economy	Occupation	2021	ONS
Economy	Unemployment 16-64	May 2026	Nomis
Economy	Youth Unemployment 18-24	May 2026	Nomis
Housing	Housing Tenure over time	2021	ONS
Housing	Median House Price (Oldham)	2024	Land Registry
Housing	Overcrowded Households %	2021	ONS
Housing	Overcrowded Households Map	2021	ONS
Housing	Owner Occupied %	2021	ONS
Housing	Privately Rented %	2021	ONS
Housing	Social Housing %	2021	ONS
Deprivation (IMD)	Indices of Deprivation 2025	2025	DHCLG and LGA
Community & Crime	Local Elections Turnout	2023	Oldham Council Elections Service
Community & Crime	Registered to vote	2025	Oldham Council Elections Service
Community & Crime	Reported Crimes by category	2022-2025	GM Police
Community & Crime	Trust Map	2022	Onward