

Saddleworth West & Lees Ward: Location



Saddleworth West & Lees Ward: An Introduction

Saddleworth West and Lees ward is the most heavily populated of the three Saddleworth wards and has a more urban feel, with housing situated in the villages of Grotton, Springhead and Lees. Grotton and part of Springhead are situated within the Saddleworth Parish Council boundary.

The more abundant supply of housing means that house prices are more affordable than Saddleworth North and South, although it is still considered to be an aspirational and attractive place to live.

Lees is the largest of the villages and is considered a district centre. It has a range of shops, employment opportunities and amenities, along with a more lively night time economy with a choice of pubs and restaurants along with good transport links into Oldham Town Centre and Manchester beyond. However, along with other similar sized district centres, there is local concern over the vitality of the village centre and a desire to improve the environment and encourage investment in the local economy. There is an active pub and business watch, who are working with local councillors and officers to keep the village a safe and attractive place to visit and invest.

Grotton, Springhead and Lees all have active communities and a strong sense of identity.

Current Councillors

Name	Political party
Sam Al-Hamdani	Liberal Democrats
Mark Kenyon	Liberal Democrats
Peter Klonowski	Reform UK

Select Ward

Saddleworth West & Lees

Ward Profiles: Population



11,045

Total Population



-49

Change Since 2011



51.5%

% Female



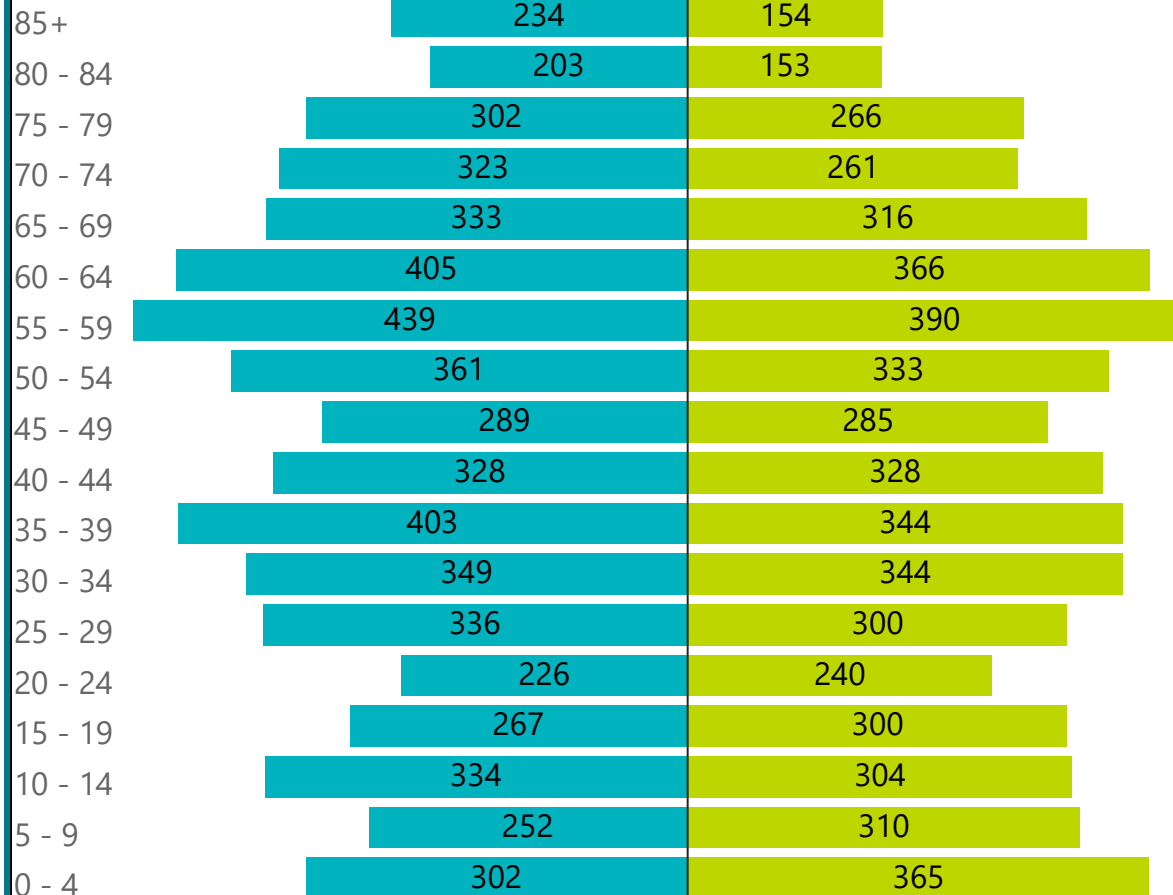
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Median age

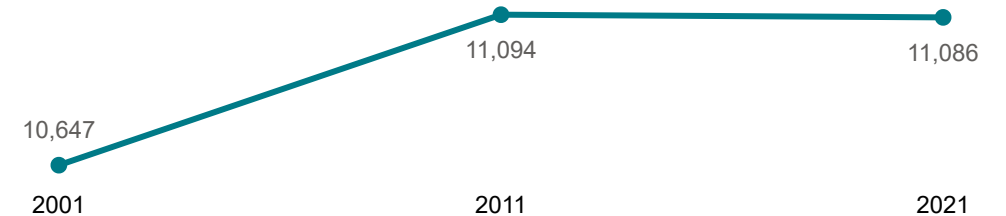


Age Structure Most Recent Year

● Female ● Male



Population by Year



Broad Age Bands

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

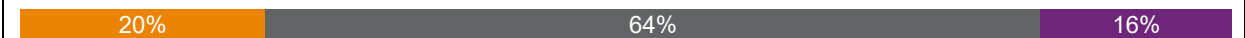
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Ward Profiles: Population Change

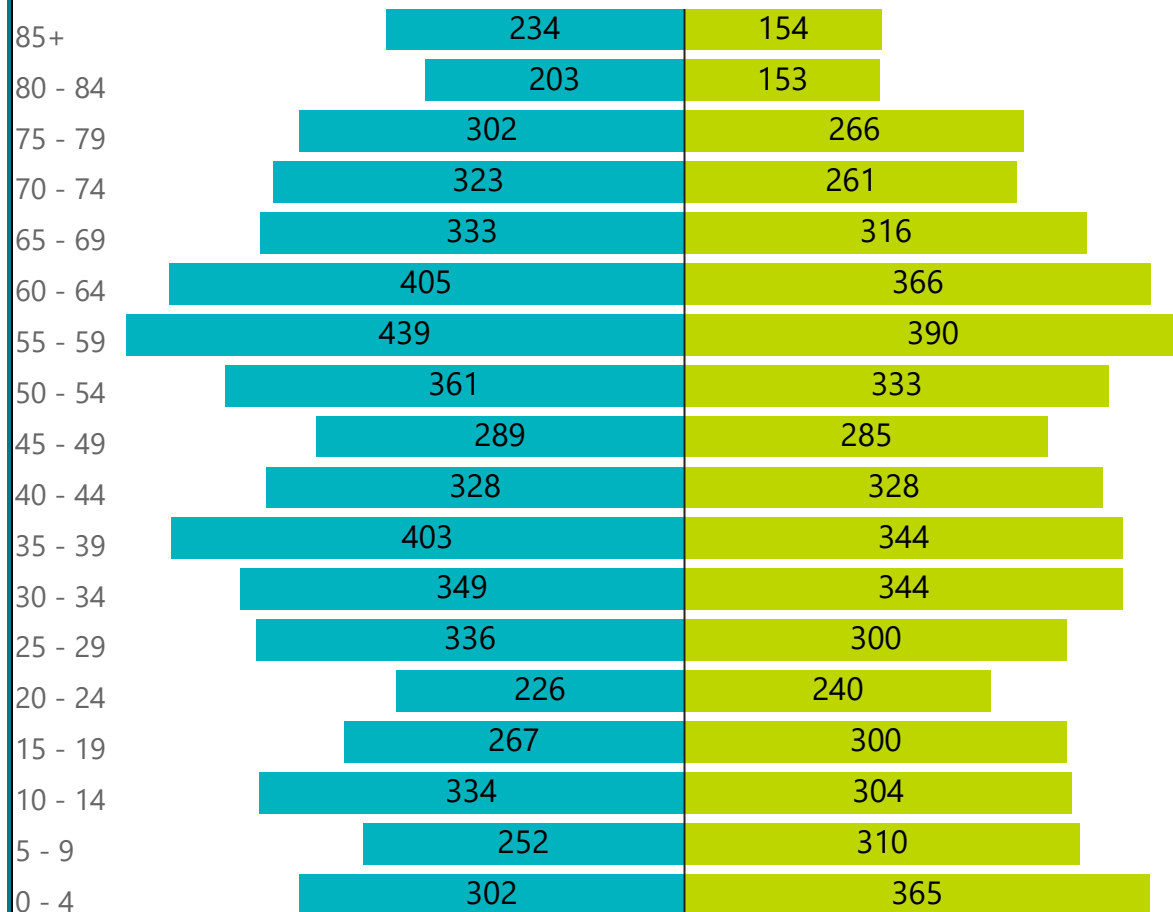


Select Year for Age Structure

Selected Year

2024

Female Male



11,045

Latest Total Population

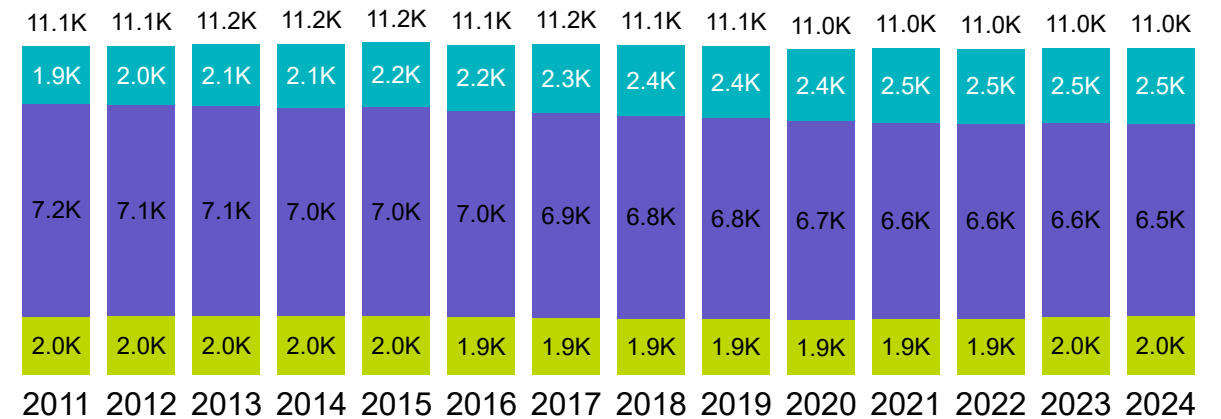
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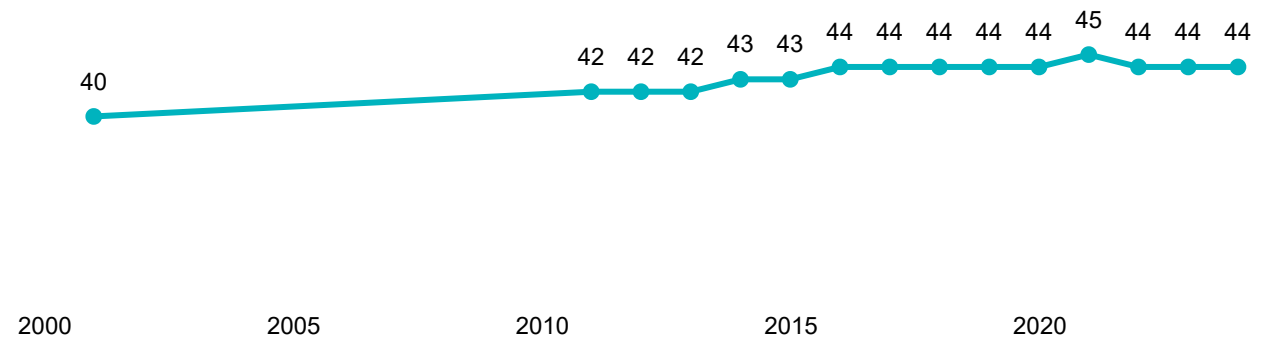


Population by Year and Broad Age Group

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



Median Age by Year



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Ward Profiles: Ethnicity



93%

White British 2021

7%

Minority Ethnic Groups 2021

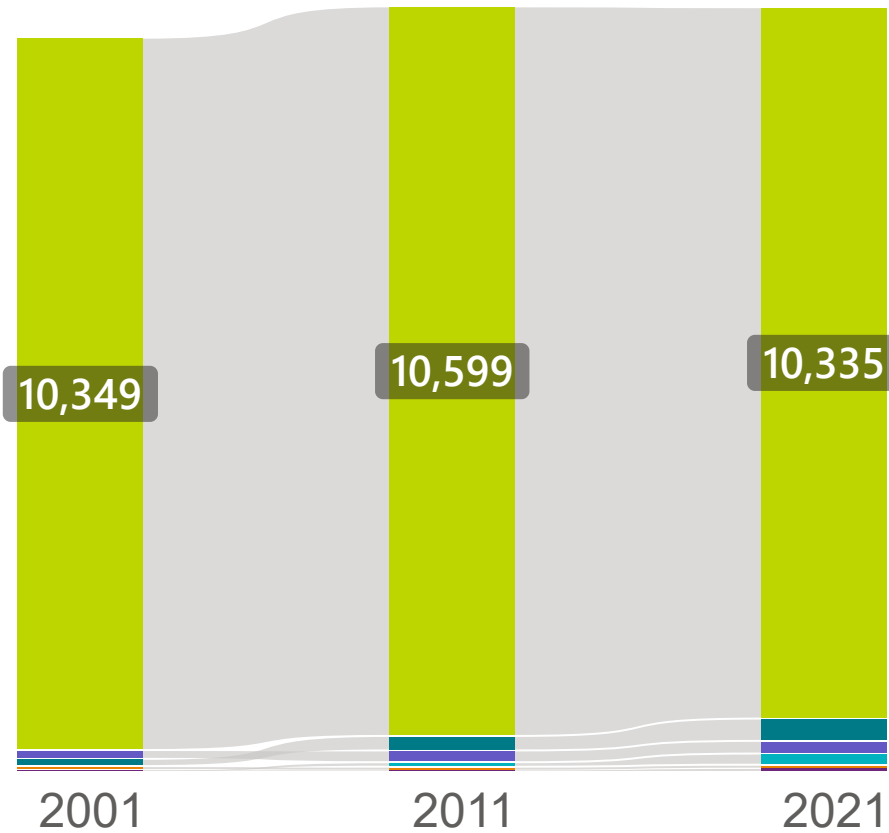
89%

White British School Age 2024

11%

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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Larger Groups - School Age



Group White British Other Black Pakistani White Other Bangladeshi

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Ward Profiles: Health



17

Reception Obesity ward rank (out of 20)

18

Year 6 Obesity ward rank (out of 20)

102

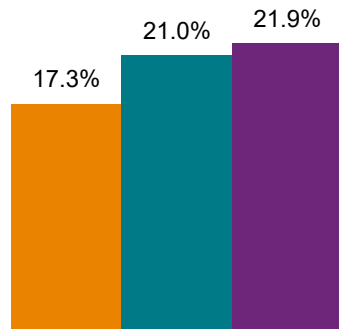
Number of births last year

97

Number of deaths last year

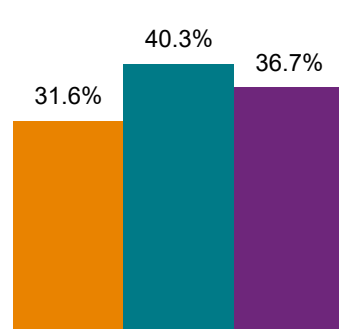
Reception Overweight/obesity

Ward Oldham England



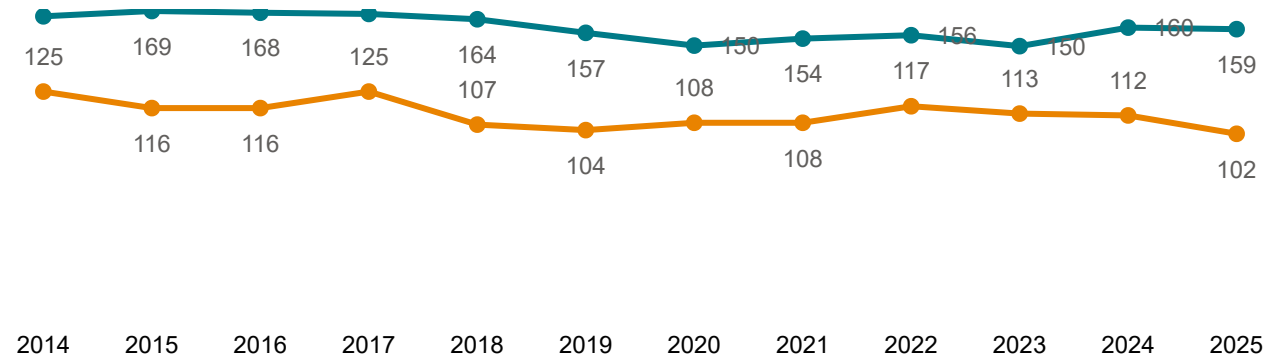
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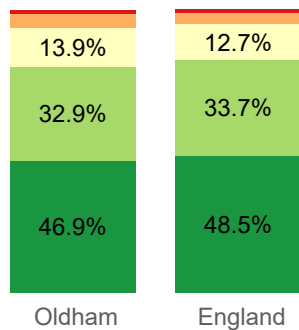
Number of Births by Year

Number of Births Oldham Average



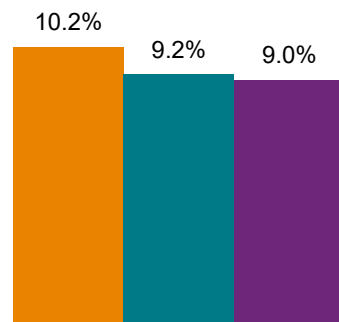
General Health

Very Good Good Fair Bad Very bad



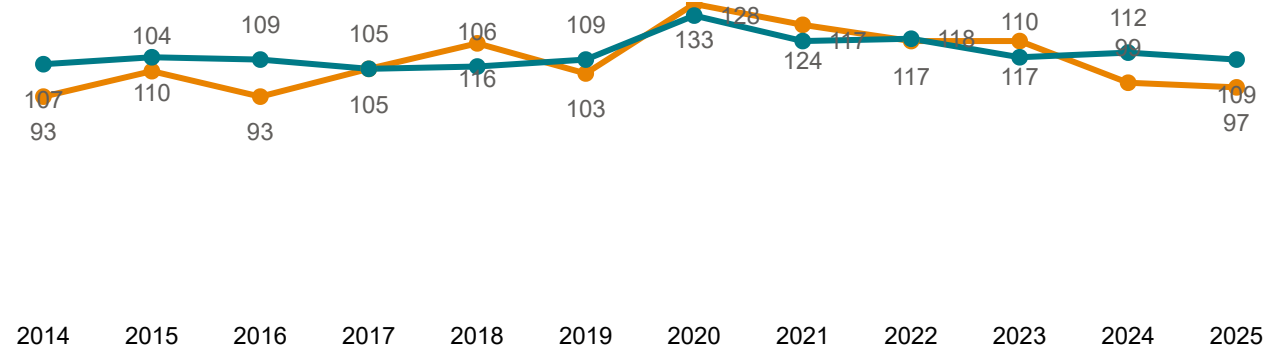
Residents providing unpaid care

Ward Oldham England



Number of Deaths by Year

Ward Oldham Average



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Ward Profiles: Education



76%

Good Level of Development %

46.5

Attainment 8 Average Score GCSE

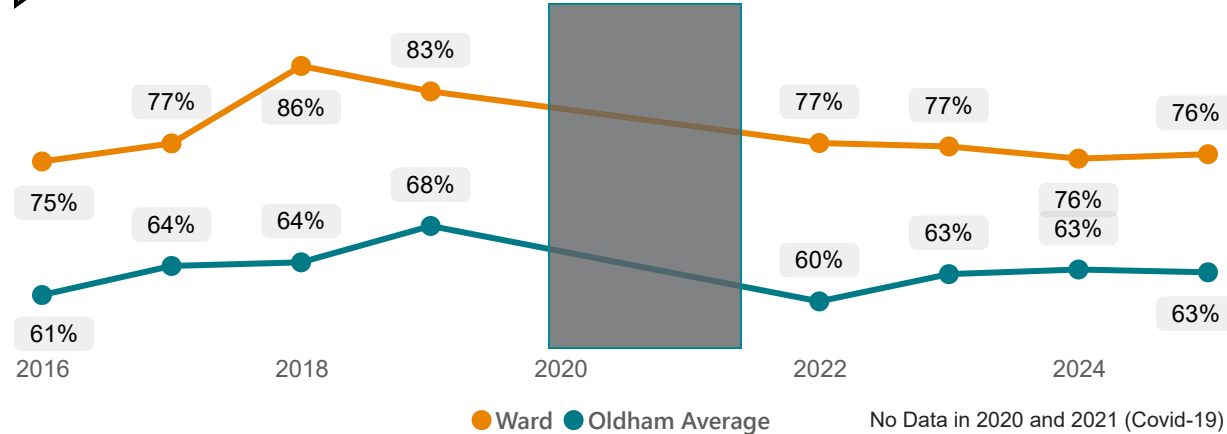
51.5%

KS4 Grades 9-5 English & Maths

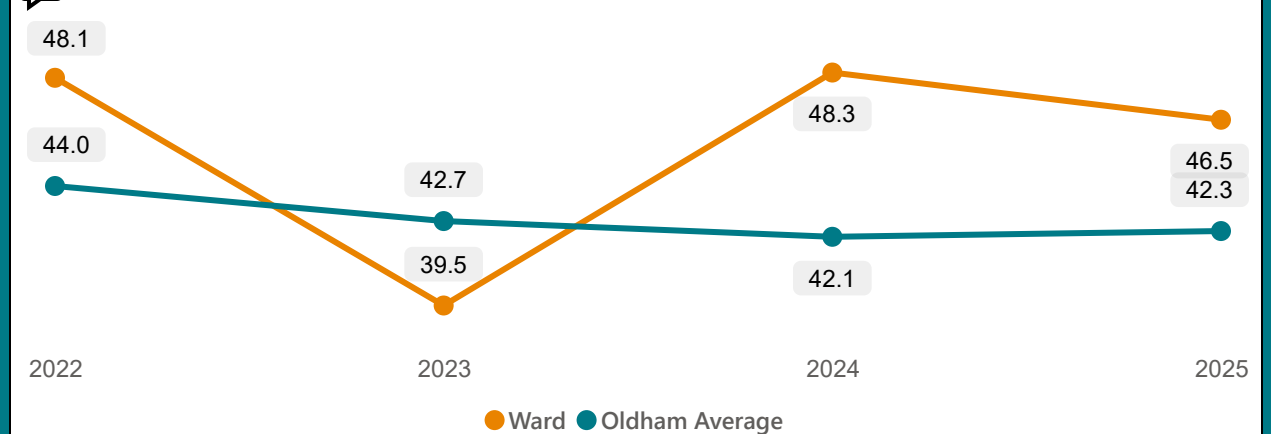
17%

No Qualifications (Aged 16+)

% Achieving Good Level of Development (end of reception)

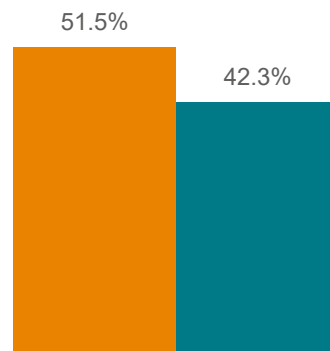


Attainment 8 Average Score



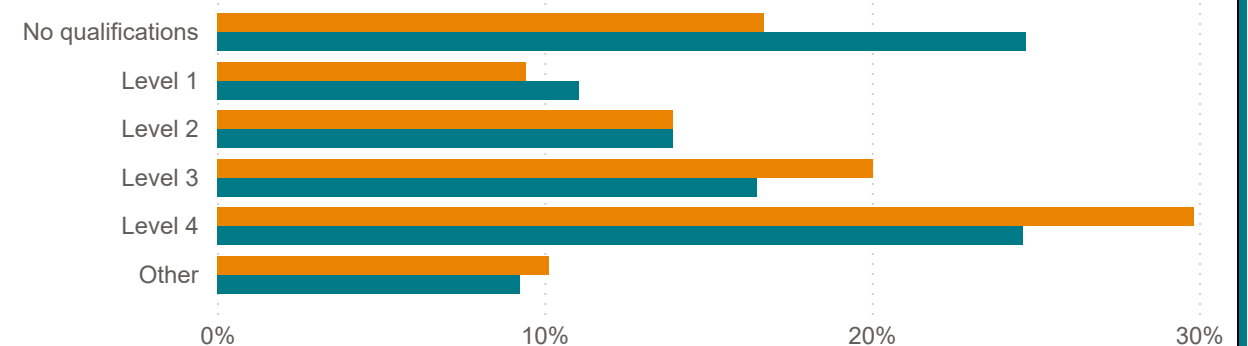
KS4 Grades 9-5 in English & Maths

Ward Average Oldham Average



Highest Level of Qualification 2021

Ward Oldham Average



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Ward Profiles: Economy



3.2%

16-64 Unemployment Rate

5.8%

18-24 Unemployment Rate

2.4%

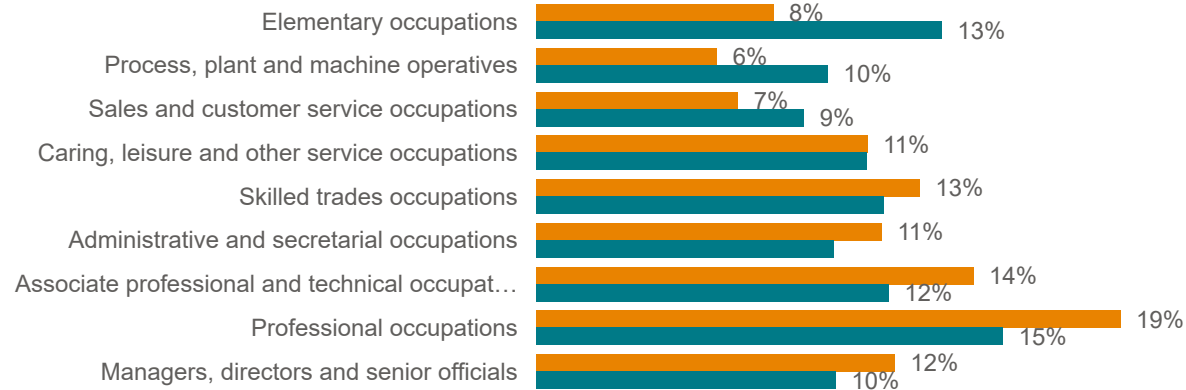
NEET Rate 16 & 17 Year-Olds

£40,098

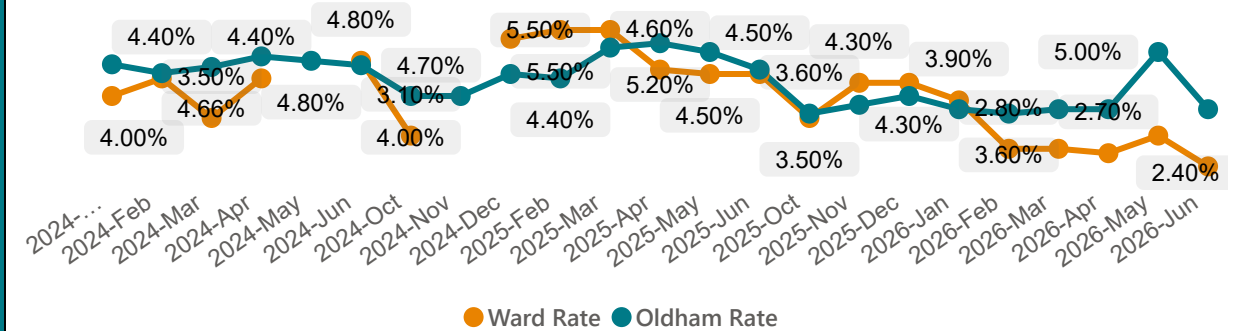
Median Equivalised Household Income

Occupation 2021

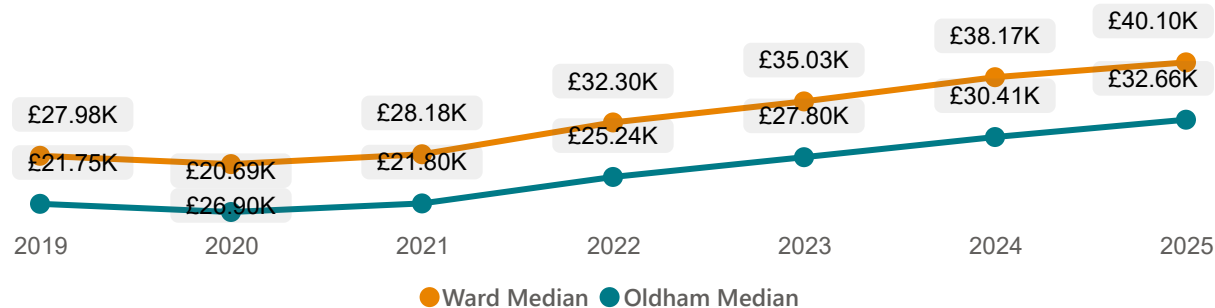
Ward % Oldham %



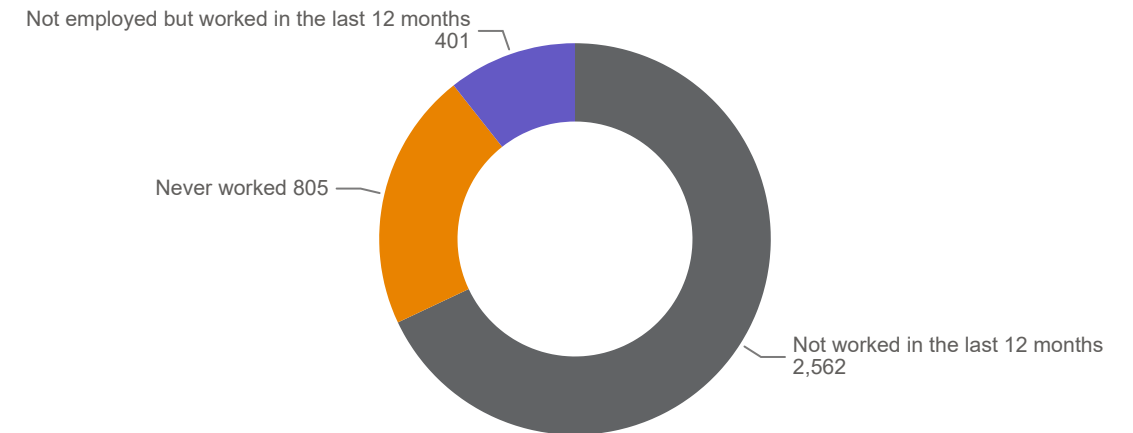
NEET Rate 16 & 17 Year-olds



Median Equivalised Household Income



Unemployment History of those not employed - Census 2021



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Ward Profiles: Housing



£195,000

Median House Price

2%

Overcrowded Households %

8%

Social Housing %

16%

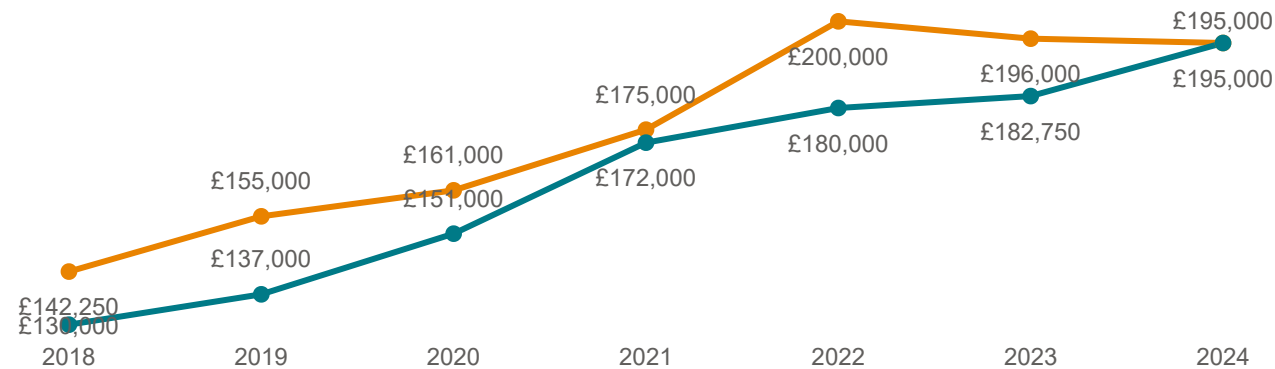
Privately Rented %

75%

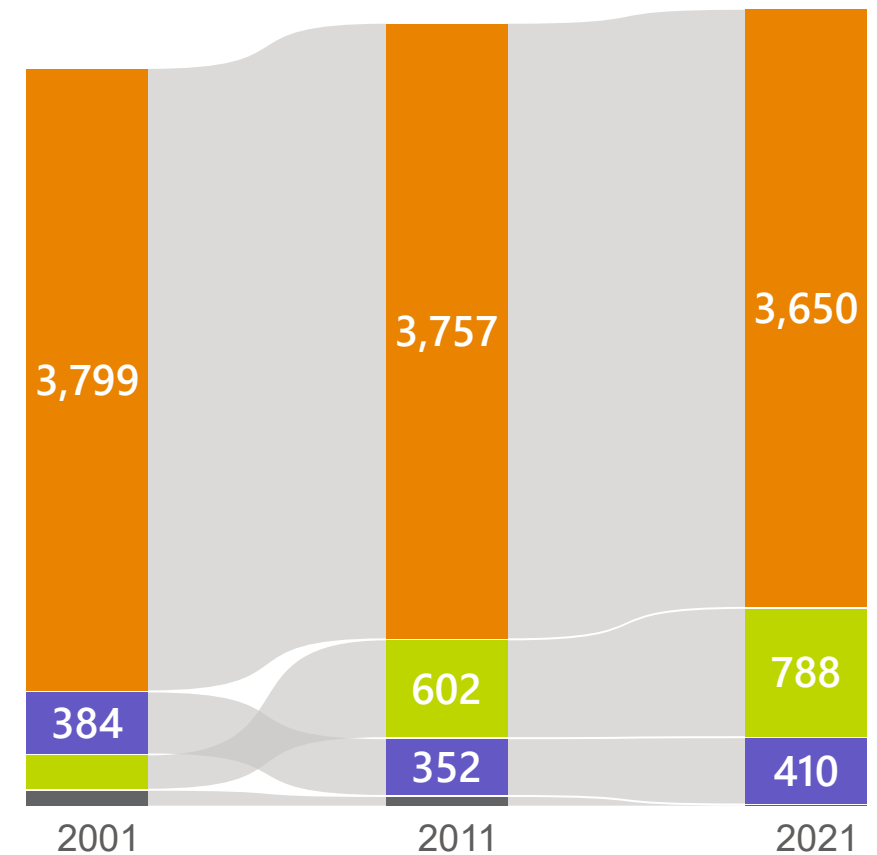
Owner Occupied %

Median House Price

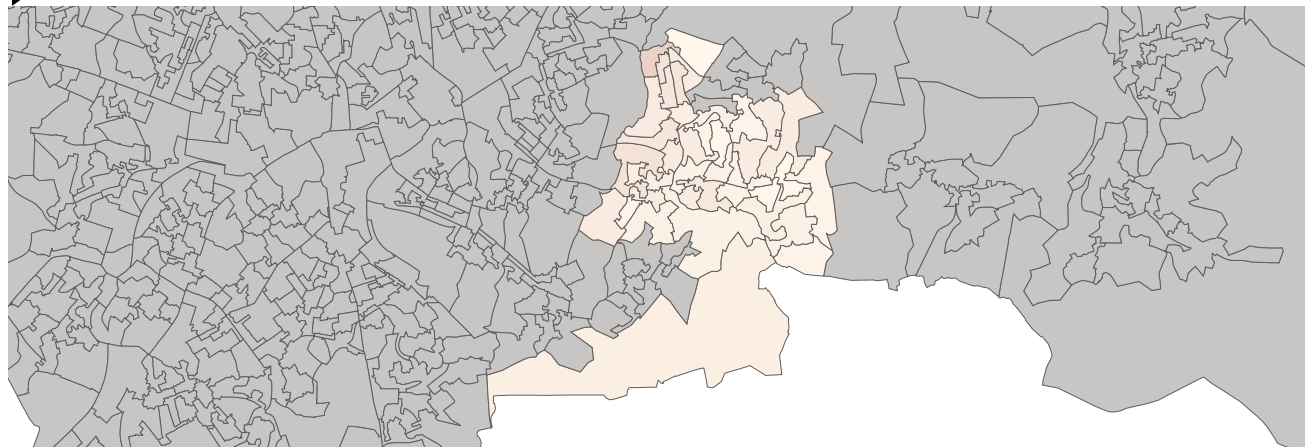
Ward Oldham



Tenure over time



Overcrowded Households



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Ward Profiles: Deprivation



14

IMD Rank of 20 Oldham Wards

2,280

IMD Rank of 6,793 English Wards

2,957

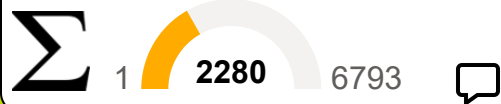
IDACI Rank of 6,793 English Wards

3,515

IDAOPi Rank of 6,793 English Wards

Overall and Domain Ward Rankings

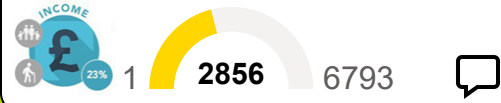
IMD Overall



Health & Disability



Income



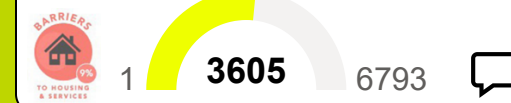
Crime



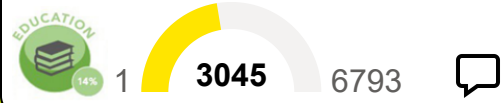
Employment



Barriers to Housing & Services



Education, Skills & Training

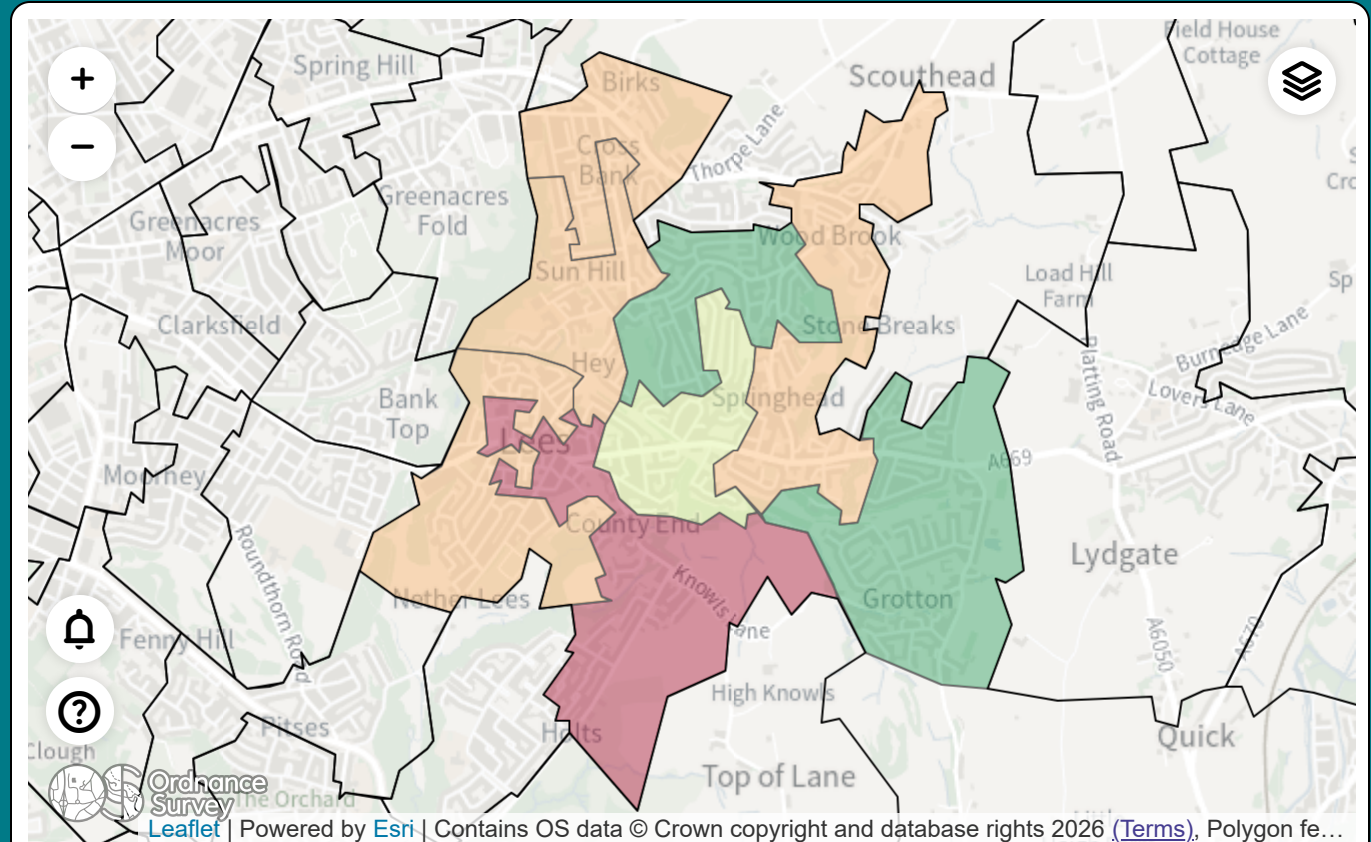


Living Environment



Mapping LSOAs: Choose IMD, Domain or Sub-Domain

IMD Decile 2025



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Ward Profiles: Community & Crime

94%

Registered to Vote

49%

Local Elections Turnout

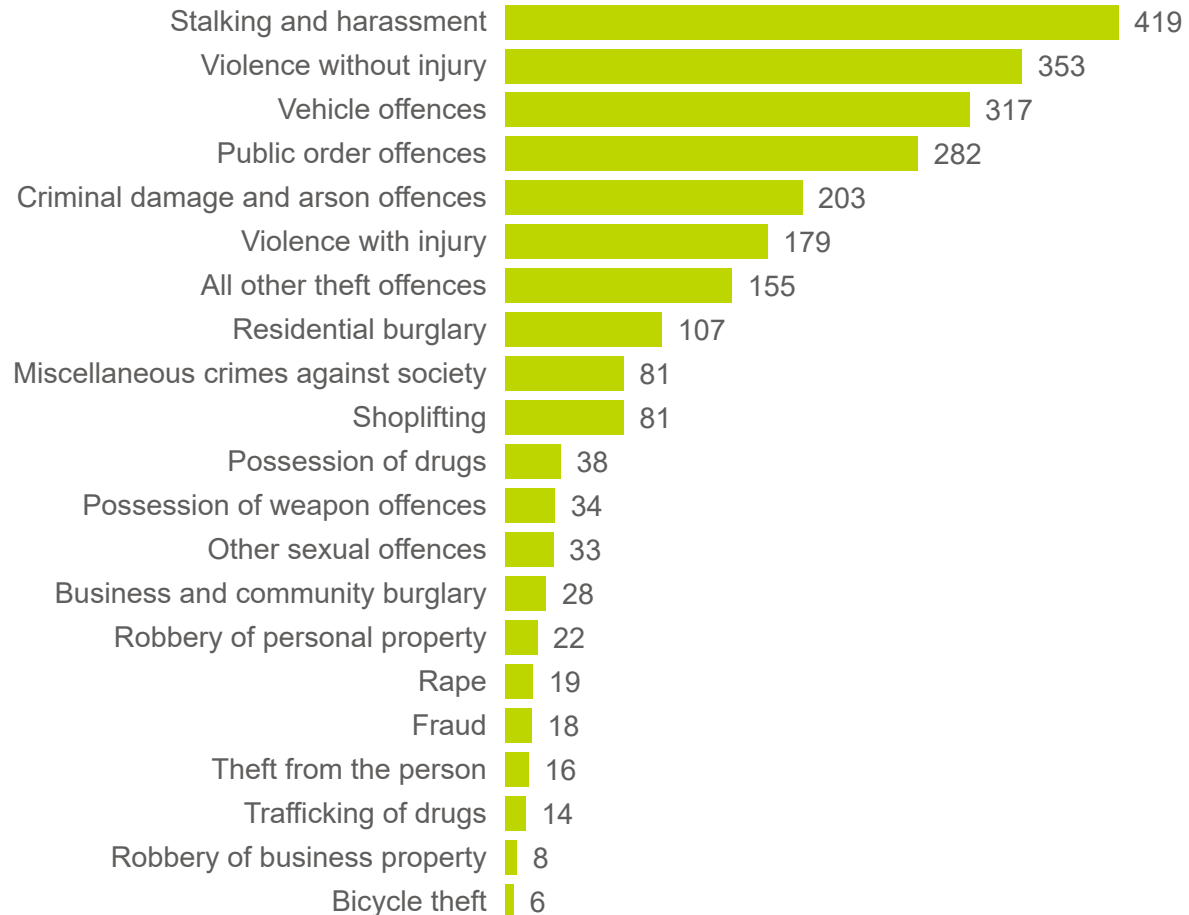
804

Reported Crimes per Year 2022-25

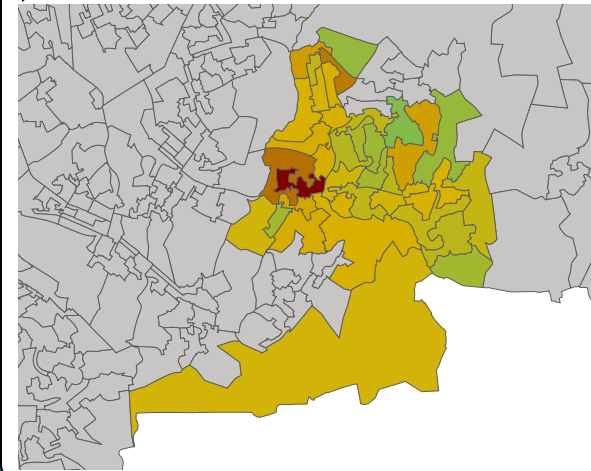
7%

Reported Crimes per year: % of population

Reported Crimes 2022-25 by Category



Reported Crime Rate



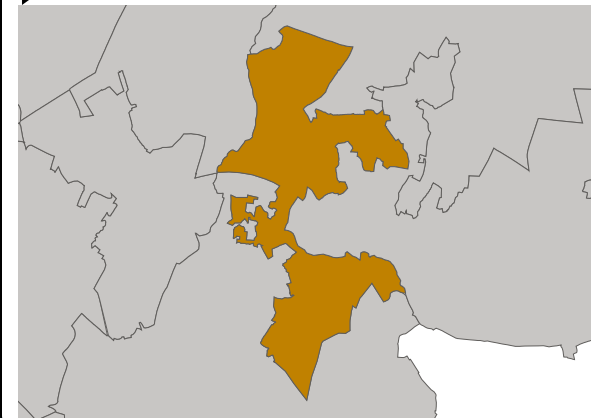
Crime Map Information

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)

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Ward Profiles: Summary



Lower Values

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Other Wards

Higher Values

Lower Values

Higher Values

Population change since 2011



Unemployment Rate



Percentage of residents from Minority Ethnic Groups, 2021



IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation) National Rank



Median Age



No Qualifications 2021



Number of Births Last Year



KS4 Grades 9-5 in English & Maths



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

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