

Spotlight report: North Somerset population

The [population](#) of North Somerset as of 2020 is estimated to be 215,574 people. This is an increase of over 500 people since 2019 estimates. The population has grown year on year and based on [sub-national population projections](#) is predicted to increase to over 231,000 people by 2030 and over 244,000 people by 2040. This growth in population is not due to increases in births as the number of [live births](#) has been reducing in North Somerset and the trend since 2013 has been for there to be more deaths than births (a negative natural population change). Instead, the projected increase in population is due to increases in [migration](#) both internally within the UK (people moving to North Somerset from other areas of the country) and internationally (people moving here from other countries). To note, nationally there is not a negative natural population change, births continue to exceed deaths across England and more people come to live in England than go to live elsewhere, though the number of live births has been reducing nationally also.

The current age profile of the population of North Somerset differs from the national average with a higher percentage of residents who are over the age of 65 years (24% compared to 19% nationally) and a lower percentage of residents who are in the economically active age range of 16-64 years (58% compared to 62% nationally). Population projections do not suggest this will change in the coming years. By 2040 the percentage of residents over the age of 65 years in North Somerset is projected to increase from around 24% to almost 28%, this compares to almost 24% nationally.

Demographically North Somerset is less diverse than the England average. [Census 2011](#) data shows that over 97% of residents gave their ethnic group as 'white' compared to 86% across England and Wales, 94% stated they were born in the UK compared to 87% across England and Wales, and residents in North Somerset were more likely to have English as a main language. *Census 2021 is due to be released soon giving updated demographic data.*

