

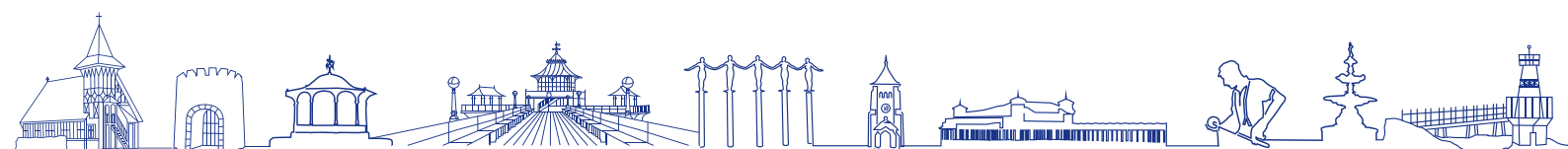
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Equality Information



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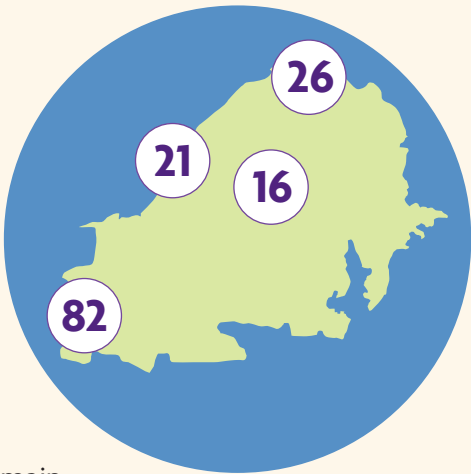
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Population



ONS population estimates (2021) that there are just under **217,000** people a 7.04% increase since the 2011 census.



North Somerset’s main urban centres population in thousands

- Weston-super-Mare – 82
- Portishead – 26
- Clevedon – 21
- Nailsea – 16

Growth

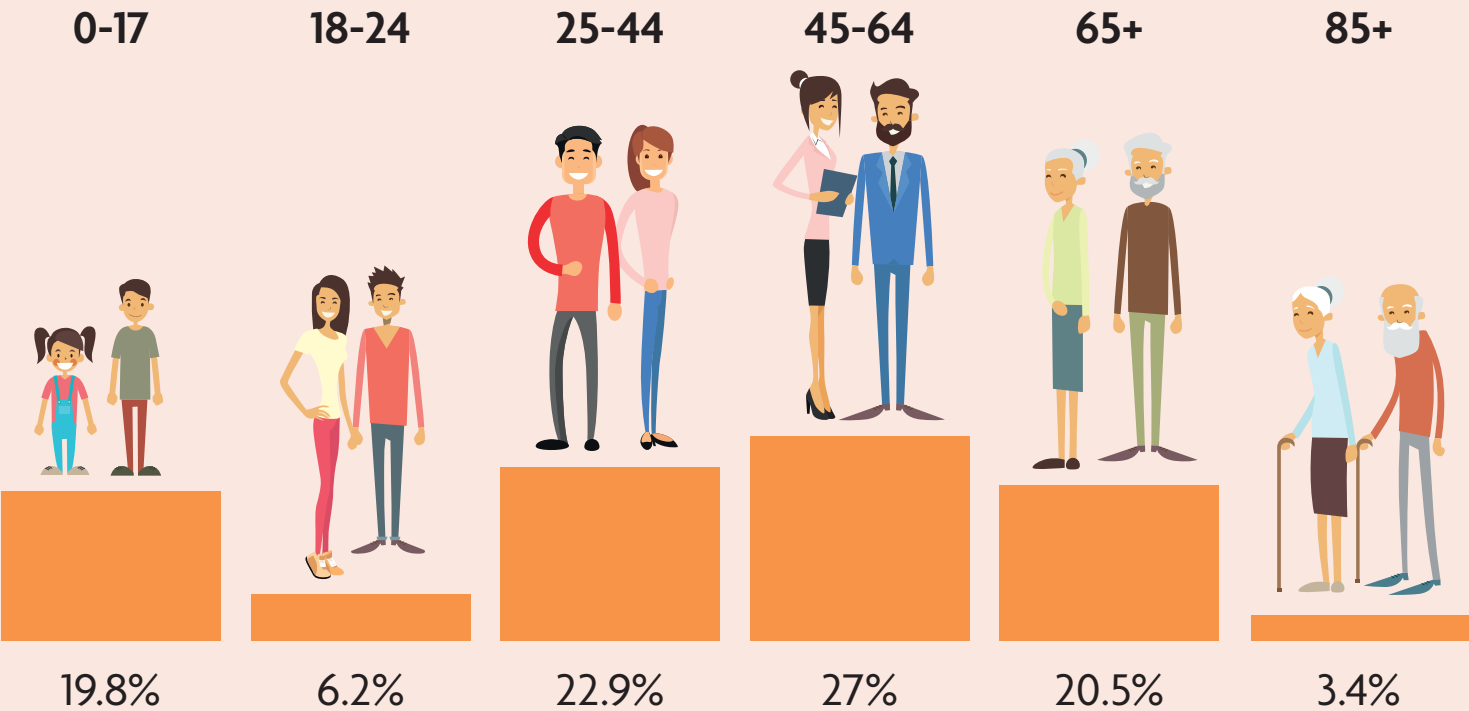


The latest (2018) ONS official population projections suggest the population will grow by around 34,215 people over the next decade, or

16%



Age



Employment

Average gross annual income



£39,800

In 2024, the average salary was 1.7% below the south west average.

Average salaries

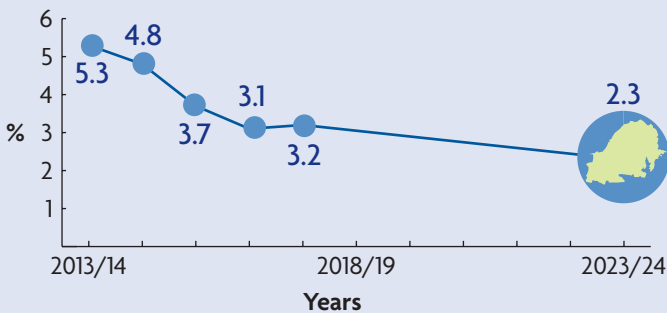
Average salaries for full time workers are estimated at:

- Female – £33,900
- Male – £42,900

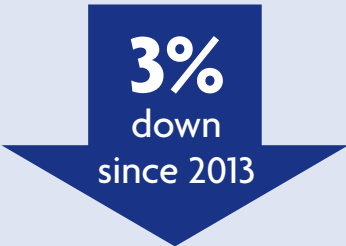


Unemployment

Unemployment rates (Apr 2023)



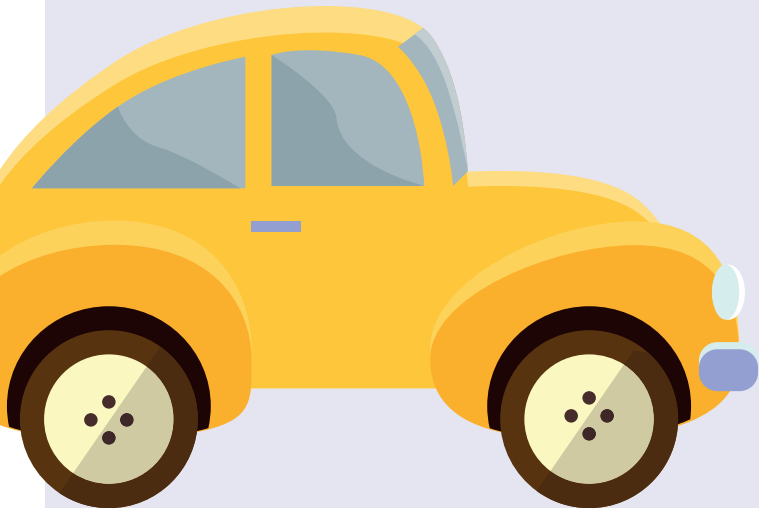
- 2013/14 – 5.3%
- 2014/15 – 4.8%
- 2015/16 – 3.7%
- 2016/17 – 3.1%
- 2017/18 – 3.2%
- 2023/24 – 2.3%



Cars

85%

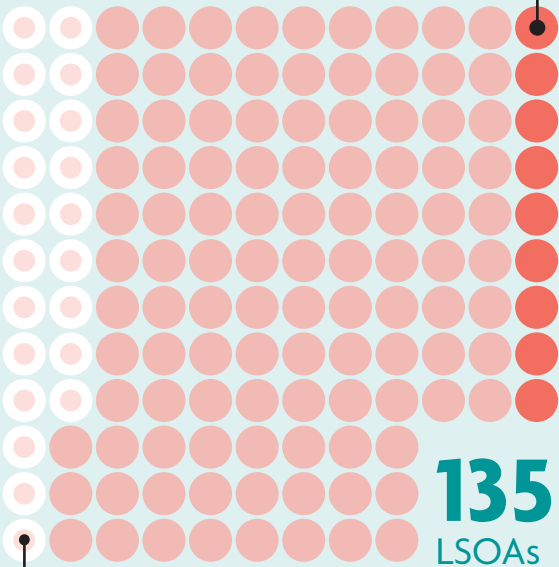
of households have access to a car



Deprivation

Deprivation is measured across the 135 small areas (called Local Super Output Areas – LSOAs) which make up the district.

9 fall in to the most deprived 10% in England, all in Weston-super-Mare



21 fall in to the least deprived 10% in England

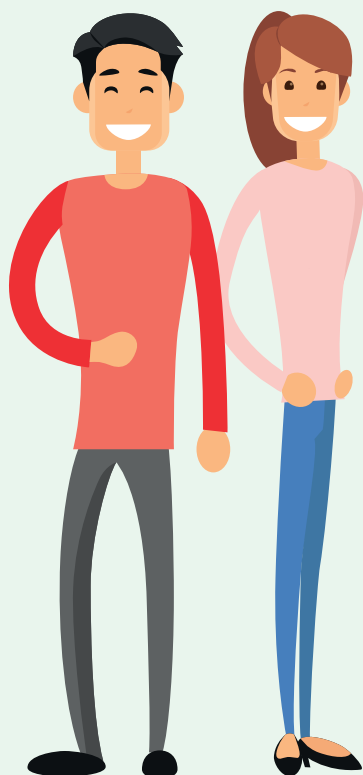
135 LSOAs

Life expectancy

Life expectancy is currently **80.6** years for males and **83.9** for females – broadly in line with the South West average.

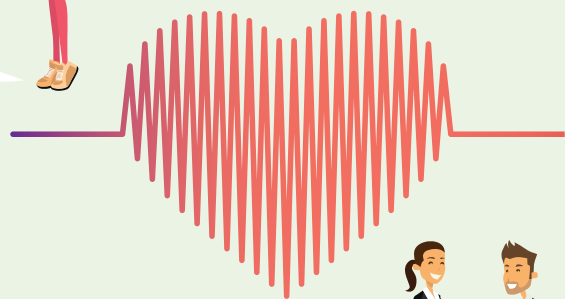
Population breakdown

- Female – **51%**
- Male – **49%**

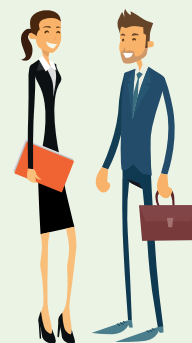


Health inequalities

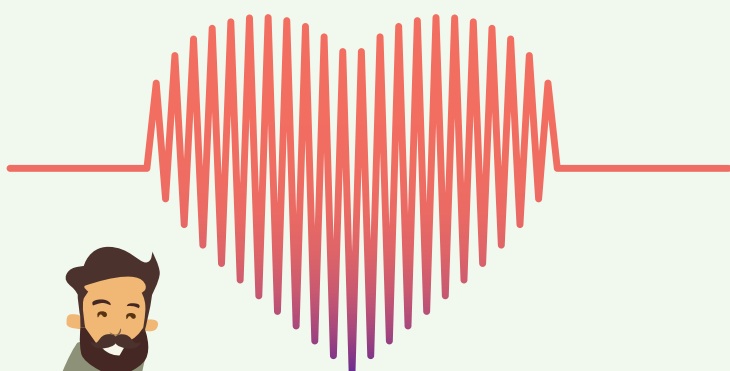
Difference between life expectancy in **10%** most deprived areas compared with 10% of least deprived areas.



- Female – **6.5 years**
- Male – **11.7 years**



Disability



81% health = 'good' or 'very good'

11% (24,099 people) stated that their day to day activities were limited 'a little'

7.6% (16,434) people stating that their day to day activities were limited 'a lot'.

Carers

Over **32,189** people in North Somerset provide regular unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long term illness, health problem or disability



Around **341** of these are under the age of 15.



Ethnicity

The census records White British people makes up **90.4%** of the population. A further **5.3%** of the population (or 11,547 people) describe themselves as White Other.

The census shows **1.5%** of the population (or 3,321 people) as being Asian.

1.7% of the population (3,638 people) describe themselves as Mixed Race.



Languages




Main language as recorded by the school census are: Polish, Malayalam, Romanian, Bulgarian and Chinese (Cantonese).



In schools

Overall **9.6%** (1,512 pupils) in our schools do not speak English as their first language.

Most common other languages are:

-  Polish (about 550 pupils)
-  Malayalam (about 330 pupils)
-  Romanian (about 190 pupils)

Religion

45.3% of the population stated no religion

46.6% of population describe themselves as Christian

Of the other major religions:

- Muslim (1,346)
- Buddhist (695)
- Hindu (468)
- Jewish (166)



Gender identity

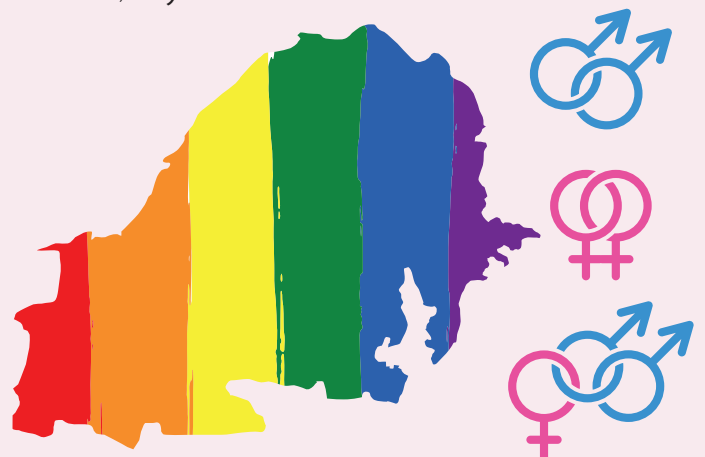


Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIRES) estimate about **0.3%** (604) of people have some degree of gender variance. At some stage about 0.2% (264) may undergo transition.

Sexual orientation

2.7%

of the population are Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual



That's **4,713** people in North Somerset.