

# Directorate of Public Health

## 2021 Census Bolton

### Summary briefing: Migration and Demography

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#### 1 Purpose

This report details the migration and demography Census 2021 information summary for Bolton (data release 02/11/2022).

#### 2 Scope

The second release of data from the Census 2021, was released on the 2nd November 2022; figures may not add exactly because of this rounding. Unrounded figures will be released in autumn 2022. Figures may differ slightly in future releases because of the impact of removing rounding and applying further statistical processes. Unrounded historical census data are used for all comparisons with previous censuses. Census statistics are estimates rather than counts, and therefore have measures of uncertainty associated with them. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic may have affected some people's choice of usual residence on Census Day, for example, students and in some urban areas. These changes might have been temporary for some and more long-lasting for others.

#### 3 Key findings

- In Bolton, the population size has increased by 6.9%, from around 276,800 in 2011 to 296,000 in 2021. This is higher than the overall increase for England (6.6%), where the population grew by nearly 3.5 million to 56,489,800
- Like England and Wales, one in six usual residents of Bolton were born outside the UK, an increase of 19,000 since 2011, from 31,224 (11.3%) to 50,052 (16.9%).
- For Bolton, the most common country of birth outside the UK in 2021 was Pakistan (12,578 people, 4.2% of all usual residents), which is a significant increase from the 2011 Census; this was followed by India (7,949), which remained almost the same since 2011.
- There were increases in the proportion of residents whose country of birth was Southern and Eastern Africa, as well as Central and Western Africa.
- There were large numbers of people who were born in 'Other' European or EU countries (2,262) and also Poland (2,017). Similar to England and Wales, usual residents whose country of birth was Romania significantly grew since the previous census, from 64 in 2011 to 853 in 2021.

- Around 25,500 usual residents (8.6%) held a non-UK passport; the most common non-UK passport held in Bolton was Pakistan (4,449, 1.5% of all usual residents).
- Almost 2,300 usual residents (0.8% of the population) had an address outside the UK one year before the census 2021; signalling no significant change from 2011 when there were 2,315 (0.8%).

#### **4 Useful links**

[Demography and migration: Census 2021 in England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

[New and notable – Bolton JSNA](#)