

Bolton's older people



1 in 6 Bolton residents are **aged 65+**¹

1 in 50 Bolton residents are **aged 85+**¹

There is **variation** in proportion of 65+ residents across Bolton



9% in **Rumworth South**²

31% in **Harwood**²



Many Bolton 65+s hold **no formal qualifications**³

51% of women | **32%** of men

Confidence their household can use wanted and needed **online services** is generally high among older GM residents:



83% aged **65-74** are **confident**⁴

72% aged **75+** are **confident**⁴

Future older people

Bolton's older people are **increasingly diverse**

Bolton residents **aged 65+** in 2021⁵



- 89% White British
- 8% Asian
- 2% other White groups
- 1% Black



Bolton residents **aged 50-64** in 2021⁵



- 81% White British
- 13% Asian
- 2% other White groups
- 2% Black

Bolton's **older population is increasing, particularly the oldest**

2023 Bolton:¹



- Age 65+ 52,000
- Age 85+ 6,000

2040 Bolton:⁶

- Age 65+ 64,000
- Age 85+ 10,000

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Economic challenges



19% of people aged 60+ in Bolton are **income deprived**⁷



1 in 3 Bolton residents aged 50-64 are **economically inactive**⁸

↑ Higher than England

↑ Higher than Bolton pre-pandemic



26% of Bolton 65+s couldn't afford to pay an **unexpected but necessary** expense of **£850**⁴



30% of people aged 65+ in Bolton found it **difficult to pay their rent/ mortgage**⁴



8% of people aged 65+ in GM have cut the size of or **skipped meals** because there wasn't enough money for food⁴

Social implications



62% of Bolton 65+s felt a strong sense of **belonging** to their local area⁴



3 in 4 Bolton 65+s agreed that if they wanted **company or to socialise** there were people they could call on⁴



1 in 4 Bolton 50+s **live alone**⁹



36% of **adult social care users** aged 65+ have as much **social contact** as they would like¹⁰



63% of Bolton 65+s thought their local area was a place where people **look out for each other**⁴

Transportation



Bolton's over 65's take on average **3.1 bus journeys** a day¹¹



55% of Bolton's 65+ are **satisfied** with availability of **public transport** in their local area⁴



52% of Bolton's 65+ are **dissatisfied** with the condition of local **paved/ pedestrian areas**⁴



159 people aged 60+ were **injured or killed on Bolton's roads** 2021-2023¹²

43 while **walking or cycling**¹²



UK **disabled** older adults are most likely to have a **mobility** (69%) or **stamina, breathing or fatigue** impairment (46%)¹³

Health and wellbeing



Among Bolton residents:

62% aged 65-74 are in **good health**¹⁴

47% aged 75+ are in **good health**¹⁴



14% of GM 65+s had skipped **accessing a health or social care service** because of **cost** implications⁴



GM residents aged 55+ had **greater** 'health confidence' than overall suggesting they are more likely to **feel in control of their health**⁴



Bolton's **healthy life expectancy at 65**¹⁵

Male 8.5 years | **Female 10.6** years



3000 **disabled people** aged 65+ live in Bolton¹⁴