

SOLIHULL MB : 2001 Census – First results from Key Statistics

Solihull has a population of 199,521 and an area of 17,832 hectares resulting in a density of 11.19 persons per hectare.

There are two main areas of urban development, in the north of the Borough (32% of the population) and in the west (50% of the population), both adjoining neighbouring Birmingham. Nearly 70% of the Borough's area is Green Belt (bordering Stratford on Avon, Bromsgrove, Warwick and Coventry Districts), where there are significant settlements of Knowle, Dorridge, Balsall Common, Meriden, Hampton in Arden and Hockley Heath, accommodating 18% of the population.

The 2001 Census population for Solihull of 199,521 shows a fall since 1991 of 0.17% but is still higher than 1981, when the Census reported a population of 197,933.

The position at April 2001:

Population

- **Sex** - The population is evenly split between male (48%) and female (52%) but there are more females in all 5-year age groups above 25 years and twice as many females (5464) as males (2642) over 80 years of age.
- **Age** - Residents aged over 65 total 33,583 (16.83% of total population), which is nearly 1% higher than the National average. Since 1991 when there were 28,626, there has been a 17.32% increase. In the 85+ age group, the total of 3,578 people shows an increase of 63.4% since 1991. 4.1% of all Solihull residents are aged over 80 years, which is equal to the National average.
- **Ethnicity** - The District currently has an ethnic minority population of 5.41% (England/Wales: 8.7%). This compares to 2.9% in 1991 - but this increase may reflect a reclassification of ethnic groups in the latest Census. There has been an increase in ethnic groups Indian/Pakistani/Bangladesh (1.20% in 1991 to 2.54% in 2001) and slight increase in ethnic groups Black Caribbean/African (0.78% in 1991 – 0.95% in 2001)
- **Employment** - There is an economic activity rate of 63.48% of people age 16-74 years.(63.93% of people age 16+ in 1991). Of those in employment 42.64% are working full time compared to 40.95% in 1991. 15.97% of people in employment work in wholesale/retail trades, 12.07% in public administration and education, 15.18% in real estate, renting and business activities and 16.18% in manufacturing. Most people travel to work by car - 68.61%(67.82% in 1991), and working at home has increased during the last 10 years from 4.37% to 9.15% The highest occupation group is 1.Managers & Senior Officials – 18.01%, followed by 4.Administrative & Secretarial – 15.94%

Households

There are 80930 households in the Solihull - an average of 2.45 persons per household. (2.91 in 1981, and 2.62 in 1991). The average for England/Wales is 2.36

- **Household composition** - The percentage of Single Person households has increased steadily, from 17.05% in 1981 to 22.04 in 1991 and 26.28% in 2001. Lone parent households with dependent children totalled 1786 in 1981, 2656 in 1991 and 4951 in 2001 and the percentage of households comprising only people of pensionable age has increased from 18.97% in 1981 to 25.41% in 2001. 31.53% of all households include dependent children, compared to 32.14% in 1991.
- **Tenancy** - In 1981 66.98% of households were owner occupied. This increased to 76.49% in 1991 and to 78.57% in 2001. The % rented from the Local Authority dropped from 25.95% in 1981 to 13.59% in 2001.
- **Amenities** - Properties lacking basic amenities such as bath/WC constituted only 0.18% of the total in 1991, and this dropped further to 0.11% in 2001. The number lacking central heating decreased from 10.2% to 4.63% during ten years and car ownership/availability increased, with 40.97% of households having 1 car, and 38.44% having access to 2+ cars/vans.
- **Deprivation** - Solihull had an unemployment rate of 2.96% in 2001 (2.3% in December 2002).and 0.84% are considered to be long-term unemployed (not worked since 1999). 3.97% of all households in Solihull contain children but have no adult in employment- this is a slight decrease since 1991 and compares with 4.90% in England/Wales. 3.93% of households are considered to be overcrowded (1.46% in 1991 - but the specification has changed).

Finally, 4.17% of residents had moved into Solihull between April 2001 and April 2002, 4.39% changed address within the Borough and the equivalent of 4.06% moved out.

Age Range	All people 2001	% Change from 1991	Male 2001	% Male Change from 1991	Female 2001	% Female Change from 1991
0 – 4	11203	-11.26%	5855	-8.43%	5348	-14.17%
5 – 9	13463	7.85%	6778	5.66%	6685	10.17%
10 – 14	14440	14.68%	7495	14.53%	6945	14.83%
15 – 19	12250	-13.76%	6334	-12.86%	5916	-14.69%
20 – 24	8883	-37.02%	4473	-38.07%	4410	-35.91%
25 – 29	10158	-21.43%	4859	-22.62%	5299	-20.30%
30 – 34	13645	2.52%	6644	1.54%	7001	3.47%
35 – 39	15471	17.61%	7485	16.83%	7986	18.36%
40 – 44	14591	-13.03%	7178	-11.57%	7413	-14.40%
45 – 49	12882	-14.50%	6319	-15.95%	6563	-13.05%
50 – 54	15413	29.77%	7512	24.70%	7901	34.99%
55 – 59	13273	20.26%	6567	21.12%	6706	19.43%
60 – 64	10266	-7.32%	5077	-5.91%	5189	-8.66%
65 – 69	9390	-2.26%	4392	-2.70%	4998	-1.87%
70 – 74	8931	21.71%	4065	29.46%	4866	15.91%
75 – 79	7156	22.16%	3015	28.85%	4141	17.71%
80 – 84	4525	24.55%	1608	35.35%	2917	19.30%
85 – 89	2431	48.50%	775	78.98%	1656	37.54%
90 +	1150	107.96%	259	139.81%	891	100.22%
all ages	199521	-0.17%	96690	-0.60%	102831	0.24%

CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN COMPARING 1981, 1991 & 2001 CENSUS DATA, AS DEFINITIONS MAY VARY