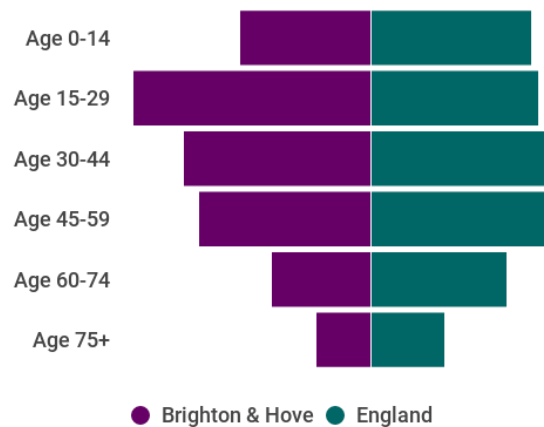


9. Local Background and Context

Population

The city of Brighton & Hove sits on the South East coast of England. The city's population was estimated to be 288,155 in 2017, an 11.62% increase from 2007. This is a larger increase than across the South East (8.73%) or England (8.25%). The city has relatively fewer children and older residents, and a far larger proportion of working-age adults and student population.



Percentage of population by age group (2017 Estimates)

The city is estimated to have an even number of male and female residents, although this varies by age group.

11-15% Estimated percentage of adults who are **lesbian, gay or bisexual**
2,875 Estimated number of adults who are **transgender**

Neighbourhoods

The city's population density is 7 times the average for the South East.

- BAME communities are mostly concentrated in city centre wards.
- The student population live mostly in wards around Lewes Road.
- Single person households are most concentrated in the city centre wards.
- Families are predominantly found to the east and north of the city



Adults with Care and Support Needs

44,569

Residents with health problems or disability affecting daily activities (16%)

17,367

Estimate of working-age adults with a moderate or serious physical disability

4,746

Estimate of residents with a learning disability

23,987

Residents provide unpaid care for a relative, friend or neighbour (9%)

1 in 10

Adults registered with a GP with depression (9.3%)

1 in 100

Around 1% of working age residents use opiates

1 in 100

Around 1% of Individuals registered with a GP on the Mental Health Registers

From 2015-2017 there were 8.6 drug-related deaths per 100,000 city residents. This compares to 3.9 in the South East and an average of 4.3 across England.

Older Residents

The city's population is relatively young. However, the number of over 65s is predicted to increase by 30% by 2030. Brighton & Hove has double the national average proportion of independent & active older people. Yet 2 in 5 of our older residents live alone, compared to less than a third nationally.



Ethnicity & Immigration

In 2011, 19.5% or 1 in 5 residents identified as belonging to a minority ethnic group, an increase from 12% in 2001.

In 2016, 18% of residents were born outside the UK. Of these, 42% in were born in EU countries, 6% elsewhere in Europe, and 26% in Asia. 1/5 of students come from abroad to study at the two Universities.



There are an estimated 200 asylum seekers in the city. As of August 2017, the city received 10 households under the government's scheme to bring Syrian refugees to the UK. Undocumented migrants are not visible in these statistics, although the city's coastal location, proximity to London, major transport hubs,

and the transient nature of the population make it likely that there are migrants – some vulnerable – living 'below the radar'.

Languages

In 89% of households, English is the main language of all working-age residents. This is lower than average for the South East (93%) and England (91%). 4.9% of households had no occupants with English as a main language, higher than the South East (3%) and England (4%).

Languages spoken in the city include; Arabic, Polish, Chinese, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Portuguese, Greek, and Bengali.



Poverty

Deprivation is more acute in the city than in neighbouring counties. Of 152 Upper tier Local Authorities, Brighton & Hove ranks 76th most deprived. (East and West Sussex rank 99th and 130th respectively). On income deprivation affecting older people, Brighton & Hove ranks 46th most deprived.

6% of adults in the city are unemployed, higher than average for the South East.

City residents are also more likely to live in private rented housing than the national average. In 2008, up to 37,000 homes in the city were considered to be "non-decent". 2013 estimates show 12% of households were living in fuel poverty, putting older and younger residents at risk of ill health during the colder months.

Homelessness

Rates of homelessness are high in Brighton & Hove. The council commissions accommodation and support services. In the year from April 2017, 1192 clients were supported by council commissioned support services, and 631 cases were closed. From July 2017 to April 2018, 518 cases remain open.



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