



## West Dorset Parliamentary Constituency Area

47% Male 53% Female



Total Population: 94,743 (ONS Mid Year Estimates 2022)



Within West Dorset Parliamentary Constituency Area there are seven Libraries - five owned and run by Dorset Council and two run by the Community. There are also 48 Schools of which: 37 are Primary, two are Middle schools, six are Secondary schools, two are Learning Centres and one is a Special school.

## Population - Age breakdown

2022 Mid Year Population Estimates, ONS	West Dorset	South West	England and Wales
All	94,740	5,764,880	60,238,040
% Aged 0 to 15	14%	17%	18%
% Aged 16 to 64	53%	61%	63%
% Aged 65 to 84	28%	19%	16%
% Aged 85+	5%	3%	3%

The area has a smaller proportion of working age population than the regional and national average with 53% aged 16-64 compared to 61% across the South West. The proportion of the population aged 65+ is much larger at 33% compared to a regional average of 22% and national average of 19%.

## Ethnicity/Country of Birth and Proficiency in English

Census 2021	West Dorset	South West	England and Wales
% White British	93.5%	85.5%	74.4%
% Ethnic Minority	6.5%	14.5%	25.6%
% UK	93.1%	89.8%	83.2%
% EU	2.6%	4.6%	6.1%
% Elsewhere	4.3%	5.5%	10.7%
% Main language spoken not English	1.8%	4.6%	8.9%
% Cannot Speak English well or very well	0.2%	0.7%	1.8%

## Households

Address Base Dorset Council	West Dorset	Number of HH within the top 20% most deprived nationally	% HH Characteristics (Experian Mosaic)	West Dorset	South West	UK
			Affluent Households	41.1	27.9	25.1
Number of Dwellings	49,741	677 (1.4%)	Comfortably Off Households	38.1	43.8	35.9
			Lower Income Households	20.7	28.3	39.0

## Health and Care

Census 2021	West Dorset	Dorset	England and Wales
% Disability (under the equalities act)	19.9	19.8	17.5
% Health Very Good/Good	80.8	80.7	82.0
% Health Very Bad/Bad	5.0	5.1	5.2
% Provides unpaid care	9.5	9.7	8.9

- Overall the health of those living in West Dorset Parliamentary Constituency Area is very similar to Dorset and England & Wales.
- One fifth of the population in the West Dorset Parliamentary Constituency Area have a long term illness/disability, higher than the national averages, and a slightly higher proportion provide unpaid care.

## Deprivation

	Multiple Deprivation	Income Deprivation	Employment Deprivation	Health Deprivation	Education Deprivation	Crime Deprivation	Barriers to Housing and Services Deprivation	Living Environment Deprivation
% of Population living in areas within the top 20% nationally	1.4	1.5	6.4	1.2	6.4	1.7	40.2	38.3