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South Dorset Parliamentary Constituency Area 2024

50% Male 50% Female



Total Population: 98,533 (ONS Mid Year Estimates 2022)



Within South Dorset Parliamentary Constituency Area there are nine Libraries - six owned and run by Dorset Council and three run by the Community. There are also 34 Schools of which: 25 are Primary, three are Secondary schools, one is a Learning Centre, three are Special schools, one is an all-through Academy and one a Free School. The Constituency also includes two prisons.

Population - Age breakdown

2022 Mid Year Population Estimates, ONS	South Dorset	South West	England and Wales
All	98,530	5,764,880	60,238,040
% Aged 0 to 15	15%	17%	18%
% Aged 16 to 64	57%	61%	63%
% Aged 65 to 84	24%	19%	16%
% Aged 85+	4%	3%	3%

The area has a smaller proportion of working age population than the regional and national average with 57% aged 16-64 compared to 61% across the South West. The proportion of the population aged 65+ is much larger at 28% compared to a regional average of 22% and national average of 19%.

Ethnicity/Country of Birth and Proficiency in English

Census 2021	South Dorset	South West	England and Wales
% White British	93.7%	85.5%	74.4%
% Ethnic Minority	6.3%	14.5%	25.6%
% UK	93.8%	89.8%	83.2%
% EU	3.2%	4.6%	6.1%
% Elsewhere	3.0%	5.5%	10.7%
% Main language spoken not English	1.9%	4.6%	8.9%
% Cannot Speak English well or very well	0.2%	0.7%	1.8%

Households

Address Base Dorset Council	South Dorset	Number of HH within the top 20% most deprived nationally	Household Characteristics (Experian Mosaic)	South Dorset	South West	UK
			Affluent Households	20.3%	27.9%	25.1%
Number of Dwellings	51,488	9,216	Comfortably Off	47.4%	43.8%	35.9%
			Low Income Households	32.3%	28.3%	39.0%

Health and Care

Census 2021	South Dorset	Dorset	England and Wales
% Disability (under the equalities act)	21.9	19.8	17.5
% Health Very Good/Good	78.5	80.7	82.0
% Health Very Bad/Bad	6.0	5.1	5.2
% Provides unpaid care	10.2	9.7	8.9

- Overall the health of those living in South Dorset Parliamentary Constituency Area is not as good as England & Wales or Dorset, with a greater proportion in poor health.
- Just over a fifth of the population in the South Dorset Parliamentary Constituency Area have a long term illness/disability, four percentage points higher than the national averages, and a slightly higher proportion provide unpaid care compared to England and Wales and Dorset.

Deprivation

	Multiple Deprivation	Income Deprivation	Employment Deprivation	Health Deprivation	Education Deprivation	Crime Deprivation	Barriers to Housing and Services Deprivation	Living Environment Deprivation
% Population living in areas within the top 20% nationally	18.4	11.9	17.0	25.9	20.7	6.5	24.8	17.0