

THE FIRST STATISTICAL RELEASE OF THE CENSUS 2011

Who lives in Staffordshire?

Statistics from the 2011 Census provide a detailed snapshot of the population and its characteristics. This first release of data provides household and population estimates by age and gender, for England and Wales and local authorities. More detailed data relating to Staffordshire's residents will be released in three further stages over the next 18 months.

All districts and boroughs in Staffordshire achieved a household response rate of between 94% and 98% (equal to 95% for Staffordshire overall); compared with a national average of 94%.

This bulletin and accompanying statistics are available to download from the Staffordshire Observatory website. Visit www.staffordshireobservatory.org.uk/IAS/census2011 for more information.

Key Findings

- There are 848,500 people living in Staffordshire, an increase of 5.2% (almost 42,000 additional residents) since the previous Census in 2001.
- The population of Staffordshire is ageing considerably. The number of residents above the age of 65 years old is 25% higher than in 2001 and those above the age of 85 has increased by 39%.
- There are 355,400 occupied households in Staffordshire, an increase of 8.3% over the last 10 years; more than 27,000 additional households.
- East Staffordshire, Stafford Borough and Lichfield District record the biggest proportionate increases in both population and occupied households.
- The Census 2011 shows that there are 2.4 residents per household in Staffordshire, compared with 2.5 per household recorded in 2001.

Results

The resident population of Staffordshire has increased by 5.2% over the last 10 years. The largest increases were recorded in East Staffordshire (an increase of 9.5%, equal to almost 10,000 additional residents), Stafford Borough (an increase of 8.4%, equal to 10,130 additional residents) and Lichfield District (an increase of 8%, equal to almost 7,500 additional residents).

In comparison, the population of England and Wales has increased by 7.1% over the last ten years, equal to more than 3.7 million additional residents.

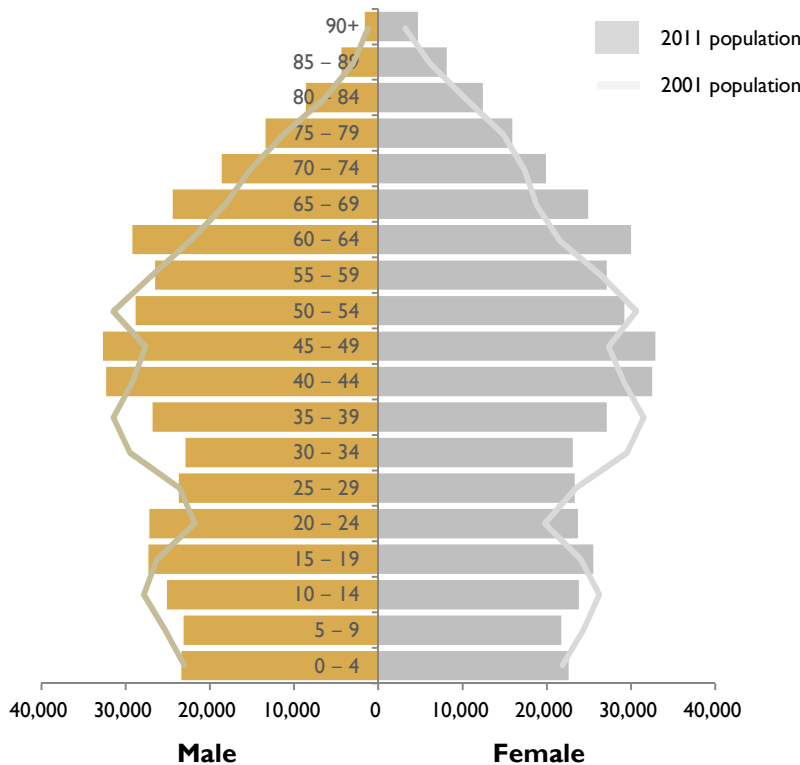
Figure 1 - Population of Staffordshire by district 2011, including comparison with results from the previous Census

Local Authority	2011	2001	Change	% Change
Cannock Chase	97,500	92,126	5,374	5.8%
East Staffordshire	113,600	103,770	9,830	9.5%
Lichfield District	100,700	93,232	7,468	8.0%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	123,900	122,030	1,870	1.5%
South Staffordshire	108,100	105,896	2,204	2.1%
Stafford Borough	130,800	120,670	10,130	8.4%
Staffordshire Moorlands	97,100	94,489	2,611	2.8%
Tamworth	76,800	74,531	2,269	3.0%
Staffordshire County	848,500	806,744	41,756	5.2%

The large increase in population in Staffordshire is predominantly due to an aging population. Between 2001 and 2011 the number of residents above the age of 65 years old has increased by 25% (almost 31,000 additional residents within this age group) and the number of residents above the age of 85 has increased by 39% (an increase of over 5,000). Conversely, there has been a 3% reduction in the number of residents below the age of 20 years old.

The following chart highlights the change in population across Staffordshire within five-year age bands.

Figure 2 - Change in population of Staffordshire by gender and five-year age band



The largest reductions are in the 30 to 44 age group (12% fewer residents), whereas the largest increase in population is in the 60 to 74 and 85+ age groups.

The change in population by age group shows some very different patterns across each of Staffordshire's districts. For example, overall the number of residents in the 0 to 4 age group has increased by just 3%, however this has decreased by 11% in South Staffordshire and increased by 13% in Stafford Borough.

East Staffordshire has seen a large (18%) increase in residents aged between 15 and 29 years old but records one of the lowest increases in those over the age of 85.

Figure 3 - Change in population for Staffordshire's districts by broad age band

Local Authority	0-4	5-14	15-29	30-44	45-59	60-74	75-84	85+
Cannock Chase	1%	-10%	8%	-8%	10%	22%	13%	36%
East Staffordshire	10%	-8%	18%	-6%	13%	18%	15%	22%
Lichfield	5%	-6%	9%	-5%	-1%	30%	21%	29%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	-2%	-10%	6%	-13%	3%	14%	4%	21%
South Staffordshire	-11%	-18%	7%	-22%	2%	24%	24%	34%
Stafford	13%	-6%	12%	-4%	5%	24%	12%	26%
Staffordshire Moorlands	-2%	-10%	-1%	-11%	-1%	24%	13%	32%
Tamworth	2%	-15%	1%	-8%	1%	31%	17%	34%
Staffordshire	3%	-11%	8%	-9%	4%	23%	15%	28%

As well as recording the number of residents, the Census also provides information relating to the number of occupied households (those with at least one usual resident). There were 355,400 occupied households recorded in Staffordshire during 2011, an increase of over 8% over the last 10 years; more than 27,000 additional households. This is higher than the increases recorded in both the West Midlands (6.5%) and England and Wales (7.5%).

The largest increases were recorded in the three district areas to record the biggest population growth (Stafford Borough, East Staffordshire and Lichfield District).

Figure 4 - Occupied households in Staffordshire by district 2011, including comparison with results from the previous Census

Local Authority	2011	2001	Change	% Change
Cannock Chase	40,700	37,102	3,598	9.7%
East Staffordshire	47,300	42,717	4,583	10.7%
Lichfield District	41,200	37,500	3,700	9.9%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	52,600	50,738	1,862	3.7%
South Staffordshire	44,500	41,973	2,527	6.0%
Stafford Borough	55,700	50,025	5,675	11.3%
Staffordshire Moorlands	41,800	38,799	3,001	7.7%
Tamworth	31,600	29,380	2,220	7.6%
Staffordshire County	355,400	328,234	27,166	8.3%

Contact information

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Due to the breadth and depth of the 2011 Census results, the statistics on the main resident population base (usual residents) will be released in three further stages:

- Second release November 2012 – February 2013: Key and Quick statistics
- Third release March 2013 – June 2013: Local Characteristics
- Fourth release July 2013 – October 2013: Detailed Characteristics, Theme and Armed Forces

Staffordshire Observatory will also provide an analysis summary, outlining the outputs that will be produced following the release of these data sets. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss ways in which our analysis could support your work area.