



Demographic Profile

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Policy and Communications

Introduction

This report provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of Welwyn Hatfield. This supports our Single Equality Scheme with information, where it exists, about some of the protected characteristics recognised in the legal framework. It includes data on age, disability, ethnicity, gender, religion or belief.

Welwyn Hatfield is one of the 10 districts/boroughs in Hertfordshire and according to the latest (2018) estimate, 10.36% of the estimated total population of Hertfordshire live in Welwyn Hatfield.



Map of Welwyn Hatfield Borough

Population

There are two main sources of population data, the 10 yearly national census and the annual mid-year population estimates, produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The latest (mid-2018) estimate puts the population of Welwyn Hatfield Borough at 122,700.

The estimated total population of Welwyn Hatfield has increased by approximately 12,200 (11.0%) since the 2011 Census.

Resident population in Welwyn Hatfield mid-2018

	Welwyn Hatfield
Total	122,700
Males (all ages)	60,400 (49.23%)
Females (all ages)	62,300 (50.77%)
Population density (persons per hectare)	9.47

Source: Office for National Statistics, mid-year population estimates

Proficiency in Spoken English

The main source of detailed data on languages spoken is the national census. The 2011 census was the first in which people were asked about their main spoken language and proficiency in speaking English.

In 2011, 91.44% of residents in Welwyn Hatfield had English as their main language. 0.99% of residents did not have English as a main language and could not speak English well. 0.13% of residents could not speak English at all.

Proficiency in spoken English percentages in 2011

	Welwyn Hatfield	Hertfordshire	East of England	England
Main language – English	91.44	93.94	94.47	92.02
Main language not English, can speak English very well	3.95	2.90	2.31	3.31
Main language not English, can speak English well	3.50	2.23	2.10	3.01
Main language not English, cannot speak English well	0.99	0.80	0.95	1.39
Main language not English, cannot speak English	0.13	0.13	0.17	0.26

Source: Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census.

Ethnicity

The main source of detailed ethnic group population data is the national census. In 2011, the proportion of the total population in Welwyn Hatfield that were in a minority ethnic group (i.e. not White-British) was 23.50%. This compares to a proportion of 11.21% at 2001.

The largest ethnic group in Welwyn Hatfield is White (English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British) which accounts for 76.5% of the population. This compares with a figure of 80.82% for Hertfordshire County as a whole.

Ethnic group percentages in 2011

	Welwyn Hatfield	Hertfordshire
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	76.50	80.82
White: Irish	1.55	1.55
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.14	0.10
White: Other	5.89	5.11
Mixed or multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	0.78	0.80
Mixed or multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	0.38	0.29
Mixed or multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	0.74	0.78
Mixed or multiple ethnic group: Other	0.63	0.60
Asian or Asian British: Indian	3.19	2.58
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	0.66	1.10
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	0.42	0.50
Asian or Asian British: Chinese	1.73	0.76
Asian or Asian British: Other	1.87	1.56
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	3.56	1.77
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	0.65	0.78
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other	0.31	0.27
Other ethnic group: Arab	0.51	0.21
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	0.49	0.42

Source: Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census

Age

Estimates of population are produced by the ONS each year in between censuses. These mid-year estimates are initially based on the previous census figures and are calculated using numbers of birth and deaths in an area, and estimates of migration within the UK, and to and from the UK. Estimates are produced by gender and five year age groups.

Age structure mid-2018

	Welwyn Hatfield	Hertfordshire
Aged 0-4	7300	74800
Aged 5-9	7700	80900
Aged 10-14	6800	74400
Aged 15-19	7700	64900
Aged 20-24	13100	62600
Aged 25-29	9700	71500
Aged 30-34	8600	77500
Aged 35-39	8200	85300
Aged 40-44	7100	81700
Aged 45-49	7400	84900
Aged 50-54	7600	86600
Aged 55-59	7200	76300
Aged 60-64	5700	61700
Aged 65-69	4800	53400
Aged 70-74	4700	52000
Aged 75-79	3300	36000
Aged 80-84	2900	29500
Aged 85-89	2000	19200
Aged 90+	1200	11200

Source: Office for National Statistics, mid-year population estimates

Adult Disability and General Health

The source of the general health and long-term health problem or disability data is the national census and only provides a snapshot of the situation at that time. General health is a self-assessment of a person's health over the 12 months before the census.

Limiting long-term illness is a self-assessment of whether or not a person has a long-term health problem or disability that limits their day-to-day activities and has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months. This includes problems relating to old age.

In 2011, 937 people in Welwyn Hatfield stated that their general health was "very bad", 0.85% of the resident population.

General Health in 2011

	Welwyn Hatfield	Hertfordshire
General health - % very good	50.89	50.90
General health - % good	33.92	33.93
General health - % fair	11.24	11.25
General health - % bad	3.10	3.07
General health - % very bad	0.85	0.85

15,908 people stated that they had a long-term health problem or disability that limited their day-to-day activities to some extent, which is 14.4% of the resident population.

Long-term Health Problem or Disability in Welwyn Hatfield in 2011

Long-term illness/Disability - % activities limited a lot	6.26	6.19
Long-term illness/Disability - % activities limited a little	8.13	8.13
Long-term illness/Disability - % activities not limited	85.61	85.68

Source: Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census.

Religion or belief

The main source of detailed religion data is the national census. In 2011, over half of Welwyn Hatfield's population considered themselves to be Christian (57.54%), with over one quarter of the remaining population confirming they either did not have a religion or did not state one.

The 2011 census saw increases from 2001 in the percentage of residents considering themselves to be Hindu (1.5%) and Muslim (1.4%).

Stated Religion in 2011 (%)

	Welwyn Hatfield	Hertfordshire
Christian	57.54	58.25
Buddhist	0.81	0.49
Hindu	2.51	1.93
Jewish	0.80	1.91
Muslim	2.54	2.75
Sikh	0.34	0.45
Other religion	0.47	0.45
No religion	27.87	26.53
Religion not stated	7.11	7.23

Source: Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census

Sexual Orientation (Living Arrangements, Marital & Civil Partnerships)

Specific data on sexual identity is not available for any areas lower than regional level. Other potential indicators of sexual identity / orientation for those in Welwyn Hatfield are shown below.

Living Arrangements Summary - Living as a couple in 2011

	Welwyn Hatfield	Hertfordshire
Married	38,770	431,456
Cohabiting (opposite sex)	9,176	97,461
Civil partnership	116	1,012
Cohabiting (same sex)	613	5161

Source: Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census

Living arrangements in 2011 (%)

	Welwyn Hatfield
Couple: Married	44.69
Couple: Cohabiting (opposite sex)	10.58
Couple: Civil partnership or cohabiting (same sex)	0.84
Couple: Civil partnership	0.13
Couple: Cohabiting (same sex)	0.71

Source: Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census

References

This report was generated using data from:
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