

Census 2021 – First Results

The ONS have just published the first results from Census 2021.

The Census 2021 [first results](#) include five datasets containing population and household estimates for England and for Wales, rounded to the nearest 100, at local authority level. These are:

- usual resident population by sex
- usual resident population by 5-year age group
- usual resident population by sex and 5-year age group
- usual resident population density
- number of households

The headlines for Dorset:

In Dorset, the population size has increased by 4.0%, from around 365,200 in 2011 to 379,600 in 2021. This is lower than the overall increase for England (6.6%), where the population grew by nearly 3.5 million to 56,489,800.

Nearby areas like East Devon and Wiltshire have seen their populations increase by around 13.8% and 8.4%, respectively, while others such as Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole saw a smaller increase (5.7%) and New Forest saw a decrease of 0.4%.

There has been an increase of 24.8% in people aged 65 years and over in Dorset, a decrease of 2.8% in people aged 15 to 64 years, and a decrease of 3.2% in children aged under 15 years.

There has been an increase of 33% of those aged 90 and over in Dorset since the last Census.

Find out more information from the ONS using this visualisation tool:

[How the population changed in Dorset, Census 2021 - ONS](#)

More detailed data will be released in the Autumn of 2022.