

Walsall Data.

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Children Living in Walsall

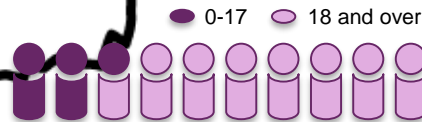
Population of 286,716

69,375 (24.2%) of whom are children aged 0-17

2020 mid-year population estimates

The number of children and young people aged 0-17 is projected to rise to 71,822 by 2030

24.2% of the population are children and young people 2020 mid-year population estimates



Children and young people have more health challenges than their peers

3.5% of babies are born with a low birth weight

compared with 3.3% the West Midlands and 2.9% nationally (2019 data)

6.8 per 1,000 children die before their first birthday

compared with 5.6 in the West Midlands and 3.9 nationally (2017-2019 data)

3.0% of young girls get pregnant at 15,16 or 17

compared with 1.9% in the West Midlands and 1.7% nationally (2018 data)

7.3 per 10,000 would be admitted to hospital as an inpatient for mental health issues

compared with 9.2 in the West Midlands and 9.0 nationally (2019-20 data)

1.5 per 10,000 admitted to hospital for alcohol related issues

compared with 2.6 in the West Midlands and 3.1 nationally (2017-18 – 2019-20 data)

31.2% of Children are from BME backgrounds

2011 Census

Deprivation levels are high

In the Indices of Deprivation Affecting Children (IDACI), Walsall is the **19th most deprived Local Authority** in the country with 29% of neighbourhoods in the top 10% of most deprived neighbourhoods nationally which is the 15 highest.

Two of Walsall's three parliamentary constituencies are in the **top 50** constituencies with the highest levels of child poverty

28% of children are aged 0-4, 29% are aged 5-9, 28% are aged 10-14 and 15% are aged 15-17 2017 mid-year population estimates



39% of children live in poverty after housing costs Campaign to end child poverty – May 2021



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Children going to school in Walsall

Walsall has it's challenges....

There are 53,104 children on a school roll in Walsall

January 2021 School Census

Academic outcomes for Walsall children are generally worse than those for statistical, regional and national neighbours.

Significantly more children have English as an additional language

24.9% at Primary

compared with 25.0% for stat neighbours, 22.4% in the West Midlands and 20.9% nationally

21.1% at Secondary

compared with 20.5% for stat neighbours, 19.5% in the West Midlands and 17.2% nationally

A higher proportion of children are overweight at reception and year 6

27.2% in Reception

compared with 25.3% for stat neighbours, 24.6% in the West Midlands and 23.0% nationally

44.5% at Year 6

compared with 39.0% for stat neighbours, 38.2% in the West Midlands and 35.2% nationally

Significantly more children receive free school meals and numbers are increasing

31.6% at Primary

compared with 26.5% for stat neighbours, 25.7% in the West Midlands and 21.6% nationally

27.5% at Secondary

compared with 23.5% for stat neighbours, 22.2% in the West Midlands and 18.9% nationally

Fewer children have an identified special educational need

10.9% have SEN Support

compared with 12.8% for stat neighbours, 12.6% in the West Midlands and 11.9% nationally

2.8% have an EHCP

compared with 3.3% for stat neighbours, 3.1% in the West Midlands and 3.1% nationally



Schools in Walsall

122

State-funded
schools in
Walsall

The percentage of schools that are
Good or Outstanding is below that of
national and regional neighbours

26 Schools are
Outstanding

72 Schools
are Good

21 Schools
are Requires
Improvement

2 Schools are
Inadequate

As at 31st July 2021

80% of schools were Good or Outstanding
compared with 83% in the West Midlands and 85% nationally

74% of learners attended Good or Outstanding
schools
compared with 82% in the West Midlands and 85% nationally

69% of the most deprived learners attended Good or
Outstanding schools
compared with 75% in the West Midlands and 77% nationally

8
Nursery
Schools

85
Primary
Schools
(20 are academies)

19
Secondary
Schools
(17 are academies)

7
Special
Schools
(1 is an academy)

3
Pupil Referral
Units
(1 is a free school)

7
Independent
Schools

64% (25) of
Academies are
Good or
Outstanding

88% (73) of LA
maintained are
Good or
Outstanding



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