

# Sefton Census 2021

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This report provides a breakdown of the first release data for Census 2021, including usual resident population statistics by gender and five-year age bands, resident population density and household numbers rounded to the nearest 100.

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## Sefton Census 2021

### Current Population

The first release Census 2021 figures, suggest 279,300 (rounded to the nearest 100) people reside in Sefton which makes up 0.5% of the overall population across England (Table 1). The borough has the 55<sup>th</sup> highest population count of the 309 Lower Tier Local Authorities in England (these will be referred to as LAs throughout this document).

As with the comparator areas, Liverpool City Region (LCR), the North West (NW) and England there are slightly more females within Sefton than males.

23% of the residents within Sefton are aged 65 and over, this is higher than LCR, NW (both 19%) and England (18%). The borough is the 79<sup>th</sup> highest LA for the percentage of residents aged 65 and over. Sefton moves to 54<sup>th</sup> highest when looking at percentage of residents aged 85 and over, with Sefton again being higher than the three comparator areas.

The borough has slightly lower proportions of children and young people with 21% of the population being aged between 0 to 19 compared to 23% across the North West and England. Sefton was ranked 241 out of 309 LAs for the percentage of those aged 0 to 19.

The population pyramid for first release Census 2021 result (Chart 1) indicate that Sefton has a lower number of young people than seen nationally, yet a higher level of older people, this may lead to a high dependency of non-economically active age groups (taken to be children 15 and under and adults 65 and over) on the economically active age group (thought to be 16- to 64-year-olds).

The 'bulge' in the pyramid representing those aged 55 to 64 implies a significant potential for increased future demand on services such as Adult Social Care and Health as this population ages. At the same time as this population becomes economically inactive it will remove significant resources in terms of tax from the system whilst adding service and pension demand.

### Population Change

When comparing 2021 Census results to those of 2011, the number of residents living in Sefton has increased by 2%, considerably lower than the regional (5%) and national (6%) rises (Chart 2). Sefton was ranked 262 of the 309 England lower tier local authorities.

When compared to the other LCR authorities and bordering authority of West Lancashire, Sefton had a lower increase than most (Chart 3).

### Population Density

Sefton's population density (the number of persons per square kilometre) in 2021 was 1,784, over four times higher than that of England and three times greater than the North West (Chart 4). Sefton was ranked 97<sup>th</sup> densest LA of the 309 lower tier local authorities in England.

Sefton is one of the least densely populated LAs of the LCR, though is significantly greater than the bordering authority West Lancashire (Chart 5).

### Households

In the 2021 Census, 123,000 households with at least one usual resident were identified in Sefton (this figure has been rounded to the nearest 100). Sefton had the 39<sup>th</sup> highest number of households out of the 309 Lower Tier Local Authorities in England and has the third highest of the LCR and bordering authority West Lancashire.

The borough has seen an increase of over 4% when compared to the 2011 Census, lower than that seen nationally (over 6%) and by most of the LCR and West Lancashire (Chart 6).

The borough was ranked 221 for household percentage change out of the 309 LAs across England.

### Census 2021 Compared to Mid-Year Estimates 2020

When comparing the 2020 mid-year population estimates (MYE) to the Census 2021 population, there is only a slight difference between the total figures (1%), however, some of the age bands appear to show more variance for example the number of those aged 85 and over being 4% lower in the Census 2021 to the MYE and those aged between 15 to 64 being 3% higher in the Census (Table 2).

Table 1: Census 2021 Population Distribution

	Sefton	Percentage				Sefton Rank*
		LA	LCR	NW	England	
Total	279,300	-	-	-	-	-
Females	144,000	52%	51%	51%	51%	52
Males	135,300	48%	49%	49%	49%	260
Aged 0-14	43,900	16%	17%	18%	17%	227
Aged 0-19	57,900	21%	22%	23%	23%	241
Aged 15-64	170,500	61%	64%	64%	64%	220
Aged 55-64	41,500	15%	13%	13%	13%	41
Aged 65+	64,700	23%	19%	19%	18%	79
Aged 85+	9,300	3%	2%	2%	2%	54

\* Sefton Rank out of the 331 English LAs where one has the highest %

Chart 1: Census 2021 Population Distribution by Age Band & Gender (Sefton / England)

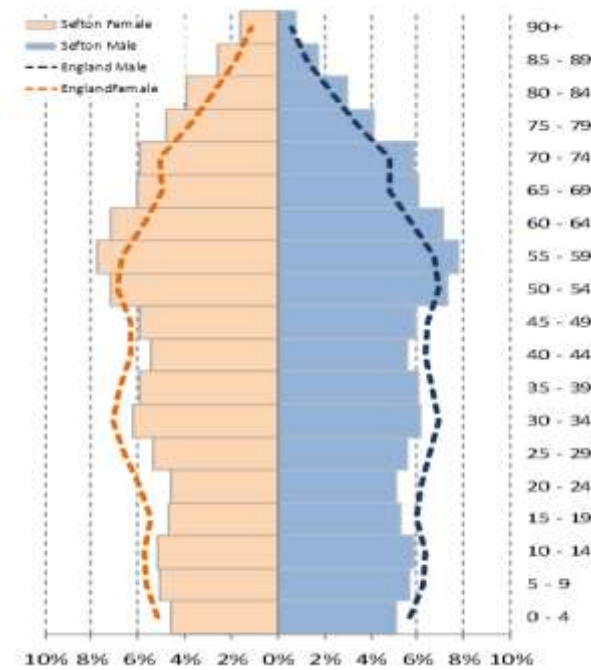


Chart 2: Census 2021 / 2011 Population Percentage Point Change (Sefton / NW / England)

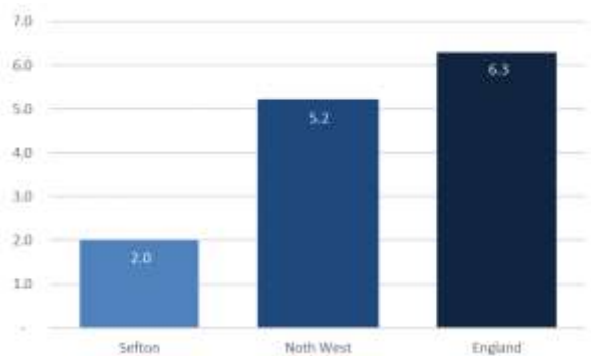


Chart 3: Census 2021 / 2011 Population Percentage Point Change (LCR / West Lancashire)

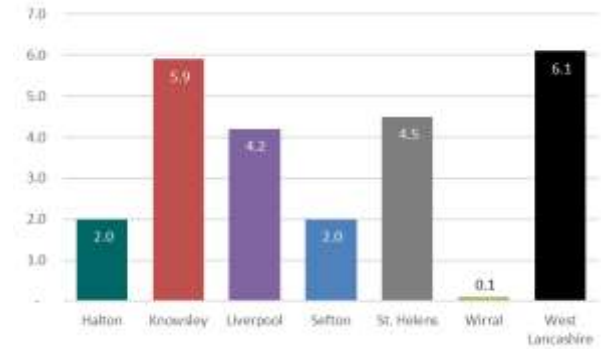


Chart 4: Census 2021 Population Density (Sefton / NW / England)

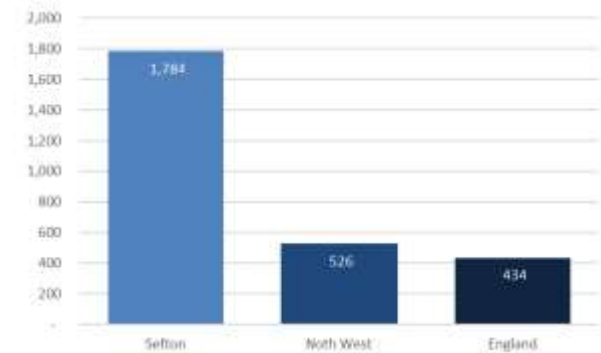


Chart 5: Census 2021 Population Density (LCR / West Lancashire)

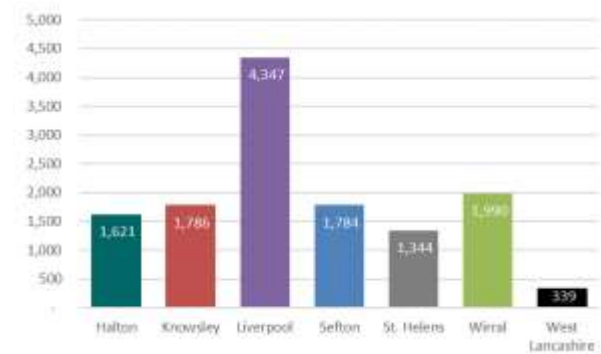


Chart 6: Census 2021 / 2011 Household  
Percentage Point Change (LCR / West Lancashire /  
England)

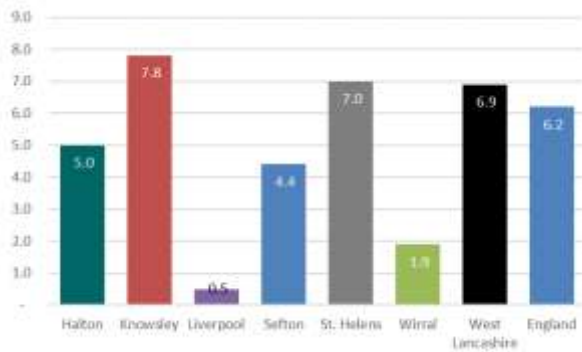


Table 2: Census 2021 / Mid-Year 2021 Estimates  
Population Distribution

Sefton	Census 2021	MYE 2020	Difference	
			Count	%
<b>Total</b>	279,300	275,899	3,401	1%
<b>Females</b>	144,000	143,031	969	1%
<b>Males</b>	135,300	132,868	2,432	2%
<b>Aged 0-14</b>	43,900	45,328	- 1,428	-3%
<b>Aged 0-19</b>	57,900	59,324	- 1,424	-2%
<b>Aged 15-64</b>	170,500	165,108	5,392	3%
<b>Aged 55-64</b>	41,500	40,847	653	2%
<b>Aged 65+</b>	64,700	65,463	- 763	-1%
<b>Aged 85+</b>	9,300	9,725	- 425	-4%

## Source

Report: [Population and household estimates, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

Data: [Population and household estimates, England and Wales: Census 2021 - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

Mid-Year Estimates: [Estimates of the population for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)