



2021 Census

Sexual orientation and gender identity

At a glance:

- The results from the 2021 census show that 1.1% of the District's population aged 16 and over identified as Gay or Lesbian
- 1% identified as Bisexual
- 88.9% identified as Straight or Heterosexual
- This was a voluntary question and 8.8% chose not to answer
- 91.7% identified with the sex they were registered at birth
- 0.1% each identified as a Trans women or Trans man and 0.5% did not specify an identity or chose other gender identities.
- This too was a voluntary question and 7.6% chose not to answer

Introduction

The 2021 Census included two new questions for people aged 16 and over about sexual orientation and gender identity. Like the question about religion, both these questions were voluntary and respondents could choose not to provide an answer.

The question about sexual orientation asked respondents which category best described their sexual orientation: Straight/Heterosexual, Gay or Lesbian, Bisexual and there was an option to write in any other sexual orientation.

The question about gender identity asked respondents whether the gender with which they identify is the same as their sex registered at birth. If they chose not to answer 'Yes', there was an option to write in any other gender identity.

Sexual orientation

88.9% of the District's population identified as Straight or Heterosexual, this is higher than the figure for Leeds (88.4%), but lower than the other local authorities in West Yorkshire and the regional (89.7%) and national (89.4%) figures.

A higher percentage of respondents in Bradford (8.8%) chose not to answer this question than the rest of West Yorkshire, regionally (7.2%) or nationally (7.5%).

Bradford had a lower percentage of respondents identifying as Gay or Lesbian (1.1%) than the rest of West Yorkshire, regionally (1.4%) and nationally (1.5%)

1% of Bradford residents over the age of 16 identified as Bisexual and 0.3% identified as all other sexual orientations which are broadly similar percentages as other local authorities in West Yorkshire, regionally and nationally.

Gender identity

91.7% of the District's population aged 16 and over identified as the same sex as registered at birth. This is the lowest percentage in West Yorkshire and lower than the regional (93.6%) and national (93.5%) figures.

Bradford District had the highest percentage of respondents aged 16 and over (7.6%) in West Yorkshire who chose not to answer this question. This figure is also higher than regional (5.8%) and national (6%) figures.

The percentage of respondents who now identify as Trans man, Trans woman or another gender identity is consistent across West Yorkshire, regionally and nationally at 0.1% each.

In Bradford District 0.4% of respondents answered that they identify as a different gender, but do not specify a particular identity – this is higher than other local authorities in West Yorkshire, regionally and nationally which are all consistent at 0.2% each.

ONS will be publishing other main data from the Census within two years of the Census data. This will also become available at Ward, LSOA and MSOA level. On-the-day alerts and briefing notes will be produced as soon as the information at these levels becomes available

Data sources and further information

The next bulletin in this series will provide more detailed information about education and will be published on Tuesday 10th January 2023

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