



2021 Census

Qualifications and Students

At a glance:

- The 2021 Census asked people about their qualifications and whether they had completed an apprenticeship
- 24% of the District's residents aged 16+ have no qualifications
- 5.4% have completed an apprenticeship
- 27.4% have a Level 4 or higher qualification – equivalent to a degree
- 2.9% have other qualifications (including world-wide qualifications)
- 24.4% of the District's residents aged 5+ are students

Highest level of qualification

24% of Bradford residents aged 16 and over had no qualifications – this is the second lowest percentage in West Yorkshire, after Wakefield. Bradford also has lower rates than the regional and national averages. This is lower than the 2011 figure of 27.7%.

13.6% of the District's 16+ residents have Level 2 qualifications (lower than the 2011 figure of 14.8%) this is the equivalent to achieving GCSE grades 9 – 4 or previously graded from A* - C.

27.4% have a Level 4 or above qualification (equivalent to a degree) – higher than the 2011 figure of 21.8%, but lower than the regional and national averages.

Bradford compared with other local authorities

	Bradford	Calderdale	Kirklees	Leeds	Wakefield	Yorkshire and Humber	England
No qualifications	24.0%	19.2%	20.7%	18.2%	24.4%	20.6%	18.1%
Level 1 and entry level qualifications	10.9%	9.8%	9.8%	9.1%	10.8%	10.1%	9.7%
Level 2 qualifications	13.6%	14.0%	13.3%	12.0%	14.9%	13.6%	13.3%
Apprenticeship	5.4%	6.3%	6.3%	5.2%	6.5%	6.1%	5.3%
Level 3 qualifications	15.7%	17.5%	17.4%	18.3%	16.3%	17.4%	16.9%
Level 4 qualifications or above	27.4%	30.9%	29.9%	34.7%	24.3%	29.5%	33.9%
Other qualifications	2.9%	2.4%	2.7%	2.4%	2.8%	2.6%	2.8%

Students

The census asked respondents whether they were students. 24.4% of the Bradford population aged 5 and over are students. This is the highest percentage in West Yorkshire and is higher than the regional and national averages.

Data sources and further information

The next bulletin in this series will provide information at ward level and will be published on Monday 30th January 2023

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2021 Census for England and Wales

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