

JSNA 2023 - Summary for Fenland

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Demography

In 2021 Fenland had a population almost 102,500 (Census 2021) and had experienced 7.6% growth (an additional 7,205 people) in its population since 2011. Growth mainly occurred in people aged 25 to 39 (14.0%, 2,325 people), older people aged 65+ (21.1%, 23,405 people) and 5-14 year olds, with decreases seen in people in their forties (14.0% reduction, 1,940 people) and 15-24 year olds (7.5% reduction, 820 people). Fenland is forecast to grow by around 15.2% by 2031 (an additional 15,525 people), with increases across all age bands, except in people in their fifties (6.1% reduction, 910 people). Between 2031 and 2041 the Fenland population is expected to increase at a rate similar to that seen between 2011 and 2021 (7.4%, 8,695 people between 2031 and 2041).

Fenland has a relatively low proportion of population from non-White ethnic groups (4.1%); 85.9% of the population are White UK and 8.8% 'Other White'. At the time of the 2021 Census 14.3% of Fenland residents were born outside England: with the most common countries of birth being Lithuania (3.4%), Poland (1.8%) and Scotland (1.0%).

Language

In the 2021 census, 91.2% of Fenland residents said their main language was English, with a relatively high proportion (2.5%) reporting that they could not speak English well (2,480 people). This compares to 1.2% for Cambridgeshire. After English, the three most common main languages spoken in Fenland are Lithuanian, Polish and Russian.

Life expectancy

Overall, Fenland has relatively high levels of deprivation (IMD 2019 score of 25.4 compared to 13.9 for Cambridgeshire, low being less deprived).

Life expectancy (at birth) in Fenland is 78.5 years for males and 82.2 years for females, both of which are significantly lower than the England averages of 79.4 years for males and 83.1 years for females. At the time of the Census 79.0% of Fenland residents reported being in 'good health', lower than the Cambridgeshire average of 83.6%; with almost a fifth of residents (19.5%) reporting being disabled under the equality act (16.4% for Cambridgeshire).

Mortality and health conditions

In 2021, the all-age all-cause mortality rate (1093 per 100,000) and premature mortality (409 per 100,000) for Fenland were significantly higher than England (1,008 per 100,000 and 363 per 100,000, respectively). Mortality rates are statistically

worse in Fenland when compared to England for lung cancer (all-age and under 75), cardiovascular diseases (under 75), heart disease (under 75), injuries (under 75), COPD (all-age) and respiratory disease (all-age and under 75).

The most prevalent conditions, recorded in GP registers, in Fenland are hypertension (17.3%), depression (14.3%), and diabetes (9.2%). This is compared to 13.1%, 11.7%, and 6.3% for Cambridgeshire, respectively.