

JSNA 2023 - Summary for South Cambridgeshire

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Demography

In 2021, South Cambridgeshire had a population of about 162,000 (Census 2021), with 9.0% growth (an additional 13,351 people) in its population since 2011. Growth has occurred across most age bands with the most growth in older age groups, but decreases were seen in 15 to 24 years olds (5.7% reduction, 900 people), 60-64 year olds (4.7% reduction, 455 people) and in children aged under 5 (5.7% reduction, 530 people). South Cambridgeshire is also expected to continue to grow by around a fifth (22.1%) by 2031 (an additional 35,795 people) – this is the highest increase among the Cambridgeshire districts. Increases are forecast in all age bands. The following ten years are expected to see the increase in population continuing at a lower, but substantial rate, of 12.4% (24,445 more people between 2031 and 2041)

Just over 10% of South Cambridgeshire's population are from a non-White ethnic background, the same as the average for the county; 79.6% of the population are White UK and a further 8.1% 'Other White'. South Cambridgeshire has a slightly higher proportion of people from an Indian ethnic group compared to Cambridgeshire as a whole (2.6% compared to 1.9%).

At the time of the 2021 Census around a fifth of South Cambridgeshire's population were born outside of England; with Scotland (1.6%), India (1.6%) and Poland (1.0%) being the most common countries of birth.

Language

In the 2021 census, 93.2% of South Cambridgeshire residents said their main language was English; with just 0.6% reporting that they could not speak English well (953 people). This compares to 1.2% for Cambridgeshire. After English, the three most common main languages spoken in South Cambridgeshire are Polish, Romanian and Spanish.

Life expectancy

Overall, South Cambridgeshire has low levels of deprivation (IMD 2019 score of 8.5 compared to 13.9 for Cambridgeshire, low being less deprived).

Life expectancy (at birth) for South Cambridgeshire is 83.1 years for males and 85.9 years for females, significantly better than the England averages of 79.4 for males and 83.1 for females. At the 2021 Census 85.9% of residents reported that they were in 'good health', slightly higher than the Cambridgeshire average of 84.0%. However, at the same time, 14.8% of people were living with a disability under the equality act; lower than Cambridgeshire at 16.4%.

Mortality and health conditions

In 2021, the all-age all-cause mortality rate (760 per 100,000) and premature (under 75) mortality (227 per 100,000) for South Cambridgeshire was significantly lower than England (1,008 per 100,000 and 363 per 100,000, respectively). The most prevalent conditions recorded on GP registers in South Cambridgeshire are hypertension (13.4%), depression (11.2%), and asthma (7.5%). This is compared to 13.1%, 11.7%, and 6.7% for Cambridgeshire, respectively.