

DIVERSITY OF THE AVON AND SOMERSET AREA

Age

The proportion of children across all LA areas is broadly similar but the age profile varies quite significantly across different age groups of adults and the highlighted cells show the age group which has the highest proportion of the population in each area. Over half the population of Bristol is under 35. Whereas over half the population of North Somerset and Somerset are 45 and over and in both these areas almost a quarter are 65 and over.

	BANES	Bristol	North Somerset	Somerset	South Gloucestershire
Under 11	11.5%	13.5%	12.6%	12.1%	13.2%
11-17	7.2%	6.8%	7.7%	7.7%	7.6%
18-24	15.1%	14.0%	6.3%	6.6%	8.7%
25-34	12.9%	19.8%	10.2%	10.5%	13.0%
35-44	10.4%	13.1%	12.0%	10.5%	12.6%
45-54	12.9%	11.0%	14.5%	14.3%	14.4%
55-64	11.2%	8.9%	12.8%	13.9%	11.7%
65-74	9.9%	6.9%	12.8%	13.3%	9.9%
75+	8.9%	6.1%	11.0%	11.2%	8.8%

Ethnicity

Based on the 2011 census the A&S population is has 89.1% white British, 4.1% white other and 6.7% non-white. This varies greatly across the Local Authorities with Bristol being the most diverse and above the national average. Looking on a hyper-local level (LSOA) demonstrates the diversity further: in Bristol one LSOA has 98.6% white population whereas another has only a 19.6% white population.

	BANES	Bristol	North Somerset	Somerset	South Gloucestershire
White British	90.1%	77.9%	94.1%	94.6%	91.9%
White other	4.5%	6.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.0%
Non-white	5.4%	16.0%	2.7%	2.0%	5.0%

Religion

The predominant categories are either Christian or no religion. As in other respects Bristol has the most diversity with 7.7% of the population having a religion other than Christianity; this is as few as 1.4% in Somerset.

	BANES	Bristol	North Somerset	Somerset	South Gloucestershire
Christian	56.5%	46.8%	61.0%	64.0%	59.6%
Buddhist	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Hindu	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%
Jewish	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Muslim	0.7%	5.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%

Sikh	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Other	0.5%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%
None	32.7%	37.4%	30.0%	26.6%	30.7%
Not stated	8.5%	8.1%	7.5%	8.0%	7.4%

Physical Geography

Across the whole of A&S 22.8% of the population live in rural areas however this varies greatly by Local Authority ranging from Bristol, which is wholly urban, to Somerset which has almost half the population in rural areas.

The geographical size, and population density, of Somerset is also considerably different to the other areas.

	Area (sq km)	Density (People per sq. km)	% Rural population
BANES	346	555	21.1%
Bristol	110	4,224	0.0%
North Somerset	374	572	18.4%
Somerset	3,451	162	48.2%
South Gloucestershire	497	569	13.1%

Deprivation

The English Indices of Multiple Deprivation published in September 2019 demonstrates the diversity of the Avon and Somerset area. The most deprived area of A&S scores 75.5 and is ranked 91st in the country; the least deprived area scores only 1.6 and is ranked 32773rd (out of 32844).

For ease of analysis and comparison all areas are put into a decile (one tenth of all areas). The spread across A&S is as follows

Decile	Number of A&S areas
1	60
2	69
3	69
4	104
5	111
6	118
7	129
8	110
9	91
10	144

This also varies greatly by Local Authority area as follows

Local Authority	Average deprivation score	Equivalent Decile
Bristol	26.2	4
Somerset	18.7	5
North Somerset	15.9	6

BANES	12.1	7
South Gloucestershire	11.6	7

Labour Market

	BANES	Bristol	North Somerset	Somerset	South Gloucestershire
Unemployed (%)	3.3	4.2	3.3	2.4	3
Economically inactive (%)	17.5	18	16.8	17.7	14.1
Long-Term Sick (%)	3.1	4.9	2.8	4.2	2.7
Workless households (%)	10.5	10.9	9.5	11.3	7.8
Qualification NVQ4 or above (%)	48.9	49.3	43.1	33.7	41.1
Gross weekly pay (£)	613.3	594.1	584.6	567.1	599
Business - total enterprises	8,440	18,335	8,755	24,510	10,155
Business - local units	9,835	22,475	10,145	28,550	12,405

Crime rate

Crime rates are vastly different across the force area with the highest, Bristol, having almost double the rate of the lowest, South Gloucestershire.

	Recorded Crime (12 months as at 19/03/20)	Population	Crime Rate (per 1000 people)
BANES	12,255	192,106	63.8
Bristol	52,624	463,405	113.6
North Somerset	15,796	213,919	73.8
Somerset	38,996	559,399	69.7
South Gloucestershire	16,888	282,644	59.8