

Birchfield Ward Factsheet



Birchfield Ward is an inner city ward located to the north of the city centre. It has a population of 12,473 making it the 41st most populous ward in the city.

The ward has a younger age profile than the city as a whole and has a higher BAME population share.

Birchfield is amongst the most deprived wards in the city and has the 15th highest share of working age residents with no qualifications out of the city's 69 wards.

Resident employment rates in the ward are much lower than the city average and claimant count unemployment proportions are well above the Birmingham average.



Population
12,473

Ward Rank

Population **41**

Employment Rate **56**

No Qualifications Rate **15**

Index of Deprivation **10**



Employment Rate
46.8%

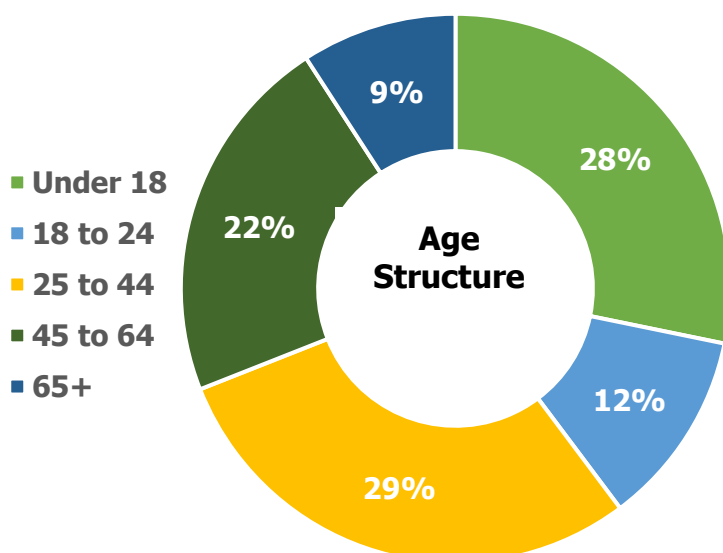


NVQ4+ Qualifications
23.4%

Demography

Table 1: Ward Age Structure

Age	Ward N°	% of Ward Population	Birmingham %	England %
All Residents	12,473		-	-
16-64	8,268	66.3%	64.6%	63.0%
Under 18	3,520	28.2%	25.1%	20.8%
18-24	1,440	11.5%	11.5%	8.3%
25-44	3,648	29.2%	28.1%	26.6%
45-64	2,723	21.8%	22.1%	25.8%
65+	1,142	9.2%	13.1%	18.4%



Under 18s
28.2%

(25.1% B'ham)



Over 65s
9.2%

(13.1% B'ham)



Table 2: Ward Ethnicity

Ethnic Group	Ward N°	% of Ward Population	Birmingham %	England %
All Residents	12,473		-	-
BAME Total	11,118	89.1%	51.4%	19.0%
Bangladeshi	1,472	11.8%	4.2%	1.1%
Chinese	59	0.5%	1.1%	0.8%
Indian	1,158	9.3%	5.8%	3.3%
Pakistani	3,287	26.4%	17.0%	2.8%
Black African	1,594	12.8%	5.8%	2.6%
Black Caribbean	1,524	12.2%	3.9%	1.1%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	513	4.1%	4.8%	3.0%
Other Ethnic Group	583	4.7%	4.5%	2.2%
White	1,354	10.9%	48.6%	81.0%

Labour Market

Table 3: Ward Working Age Economic Activity

Economic Activity	Ward N°	% 16-64	Birmingham %	England %
16-64 Population	8,268	-	-	-
Economically Active Total	4,679	56.6%	64.9%	71.0%
Employed	3,865	46.8%	57.9%	71.0%
Unemployed	814	9.8%	7.0%	0.0%
Economically inactive Total	3,587	43.4%	35.1%	24.6%

Claimant Count Unemployment

Ward level claimant count and youth claimant count unemployment data is released monthly. The latest data can be found in our monthly Unemployment Update available on our website on the following link: [Link to Monthly Unemployment Update](#)

Table 4: Ward Occupational Breakdown

Occupation	Ward N°	% of Employed Residents	Birmingham %	England %
All Employed 16+	3,964	-	-	-
Managers, directors and senior officials	299	7.5%	9.3%	12.9%
Professional occupations	560	14.1%	21.1%	20.3%
Associate professional and technical occupations	358	9.0%	11.3%	13.3%
Higher Skilled Occupations	1,217	30.7%	41.7%	46.4%
Administrative and secretarial occupations	361	9.1%	9.3%	9.3%
Skilled trades occupations	276	7.0%	8.3%	10.2%
Intermediate Occupations	637	16.1%	17.6%	19.4%
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	549	13.8%	10.3%	9.3%
Sales and customer service occupations	336	8.5%	8.2%	7.5%
Process plant and machine operatives	414	10.4%	8.7%	6.9%
Elementary occupations	811	20.5%	13.4%	10.5%
Lower Skilled Occupations	2,110	53.2%	40.7%	34.1%



Higher Skilled
30.7%



Intermediate Skills
16.1%



Lower Skilled
53.2%

Table 5: Ward NVQ Qualification Levels

NVQ Level	Ward N°	% of 16+ Population	Birmingham %	England %
No Qualifications	2,849	30.3%	23.9%	18.1%
Level 1	1,107	11.8%	10.1%	9.7%
Level 2	1,243	13.2%	12.5%	13.3%
Apprenticeship	296	3.1%	3.6%	5.3%
Level 3	1,403	14.9%	17.1%	16.9%
Level 4 qualifications	2,203	23.4%	29.9%	33.9%
Other Qualifications	308	3.3%	2.9%	2.8%

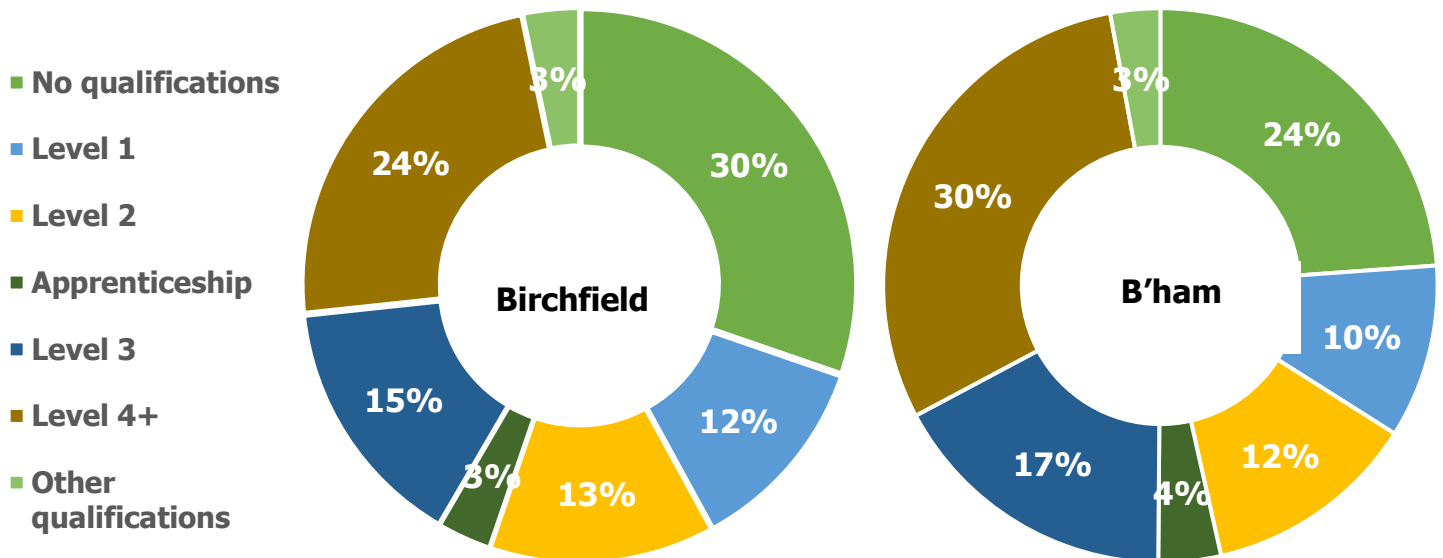


Table 6: Ward Disability & Long Term Health Conditions Working Age

Level	Ward N°	%	Birmingham %	England %
Disabled	1,316	15.7%	16.1%	15.0%
Long Term Health Condition -not Disabled	308	3.7%	5.8%	7.5%
Total Disabled & Long Term Health Condition	1,624	19.4%	21.8%	22.6%
Not Disabled & No Long Term Health Conditions	6,740	80.6%	78.2%	77.4%

Table 7: Ward Language Barriers Aged 16+

Proficiency in English	Ward N°	% 16+	Birmingham %	England %
Main language is English	6,742	71.7%	82.7%	90.1%
Main language is not English Total	2,661	28.3%	17.3%	9.9%
Main language is not English- Can speak English very well or well	1,632	17.4%	11.9%	7.9%
Main language is not English- Cannot speak English or speak English well	1,029	10.9%	5.4%	2.1%

Deprivation

Table 8: 2019 Index of Deprivation Birmingham Wards Ranked

Ward	2019 Ward Rank	2015 Ward Rank	Change in Rank 2015 to 2019	2019 Decile (where 1 is 10% Most Deprived Nationally)
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	1	2	1	1
Bordesley Green	2	4	2	1
Lozells	3	3	-	1
Castle Vale	4	18	14	1
Alum Rock	5	5	-	1
Newtown	6	1	-5	1
Heartlands	7	9	2	1
Gravelly Hill	8	10	2	1
Balsall Heath West	9	6	-3	1
Birchfield	10	7	-3	1
Shard End	11	12	1	1
Kingstanding	12	16	4	1
Garretts Green	13	14	1	1
Aston	14	11	-3	1
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	15	17	2	1
Handsworth	16	20	4	1
Kings Norton South	17	13	-4	1
Ward End	18	21	3	1
Bordesley & Highgate	19	15	-4	1
Tyseley & Hay Mills	20	22	2	1
Small Heath	21	19	-2	1
Frankley Great Park	22	24	2	1
Holyhead	23	23	-	1
Nechells	24	8	-16	1
Druids Heath & Monyhull	25	27	2	1
Stockland Green	26	28	2	1
Yardley West & Stechford	27	26	-1	1
Perry Common	28	29	1	2
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	29	25	-4	2
Sparkhill	30	30	-	2
Bartley Green	31	31	-	2
Allens Cross	32	35	3	2
Bromford & Hodge Hill	33	33	-	2
Billesley	34	37	3	2
Weoley & Selly Oak	35	41	6	2
Acocks Green	36	34	-2	2
Rubery & Rednal	37	40	3	2
Erdington	38	36	-2	3

Pype Hayes	39	39	-	2
Longbridge & West Heath	40	42	2	2
North Edgbaston	41	38	-3	2
Ladywood	42	32	-10	2
Moseley	43	44	1	2
Kings Norton North	44	46	2	2
Sheldon	45	52	7	3
Stirchley	46	50	4	3
Highter's Heath	47	47	-	3
South Yardley	48	45	-3	3
Yardley East	49	43	-6	3
Hall Green North	50	49	-1	3
Quinton	51	51	-	3
Oscott	52	53	1	3
Brandwood & King's Heath	53	54	1	3
Handsworth Wood	54	48	-6	3
Harborne	55	55	-	3
Perry Barr	56	58	2	4
Bournville & Cotteridge	57	56	-1	4
Sutton Reddicap	58	60	2	4
Northfield	59	57	-2	4
Bournbrook & Selly Park	60	61	1	5
Edgbaston	61	59	-2	5
Hall Green South	62	62	-	6
Sutton Trinity	63	63	-	6
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	64	64	-	7
Sutton Vesey	65	65	-	7
Sutton Mere Green	66	66	-	7
Sutton Wylde Green	67	68	1	7
Sutton Four Oaks	68	67	-1	8
Sutton Roughley	69	69	-	9

Child Poverty

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) data on the number and proportion of children living in low income families provide an indication of the number of children living in poverty in each ward of the city. Low income families are defined as those whose household income is less than 60% of average household income. Only families who have claimed Child Benefit and at least one other household benefit are included in the statistics.

In 2021/22 there were 1,956 children living in low income households in Birchfield, 48.6% of all children in the ward, meaning the ward is ranked 13th in the city in terms of the levels of child poverty.



Children in Poverty

1,956
48.6%

Ward Rank

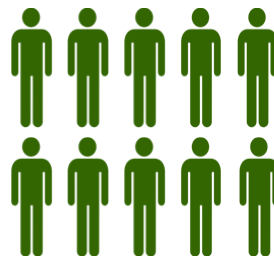
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Economic Output

New experimental data from the ONS provides Gross Value Added (GVA) a measure of economic output at LSOA level. Ward economic output has been calculated using an LSOA best fit approach. Total economic output in Birchfield stood at £50m in 2020 (latest data available) and GVA per head was £3,994. Birchfield has the 2nd smallest ward economy in the city in terms of GVA.



GVA
£50m



GVA Per Head
£3,994