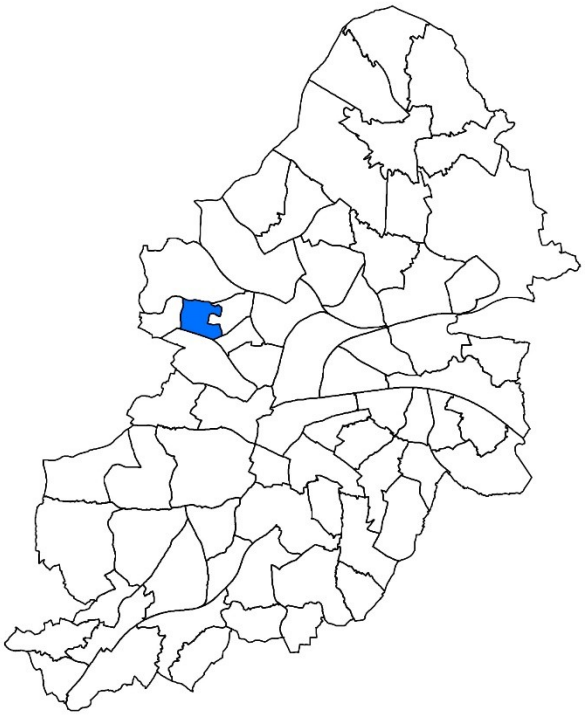
Handsworth Ward Factsheet



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Handsworth is an inner city ward located to the north west of the city centre. It has a population of 11,814 making it the 47th 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.

Handsworth is amongst the more deprived wards in the city and has the 6th highest share of residents with no qualifications of the 69 wards in the city.

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
11,814

Employment Rate
47.3%

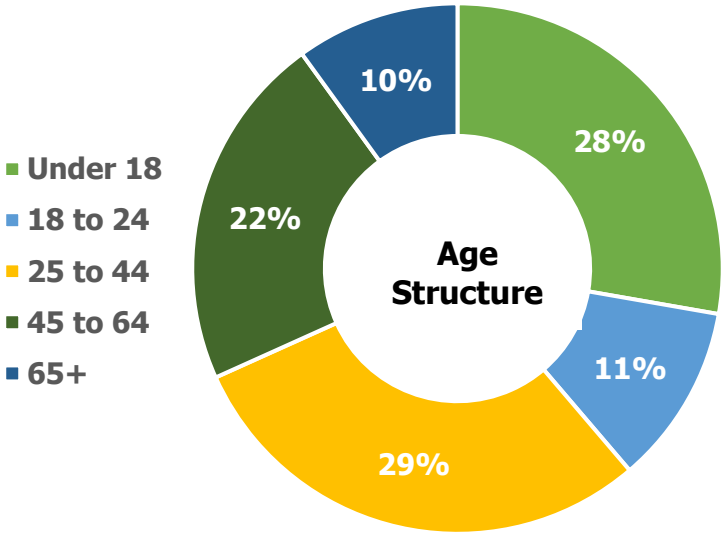
NVQ4+ Qualifications
21.4%

	Ward Rank
Population	**47**
Employment Rate	**55**
No Qualifications Rate	**6**
Index of Deprivation	**16**

Demography

Table 1: Ward Age Structure

Age	Ward Nº	% of Ward Population	Birmingham %	England %
All Residents	11,814		-	-
16-64	7,800	66.0%	64.6%	63.0%
Under 18	3,278	27.7%	25.1%	20.8%
18-24	1,301	11.0%	11.5%	8.3%
25-44	3,486	29.5%	28.1%	26.6%
45-64	2,570	21.8%	22.1%	25.8%
65+	1,179	10.0%	13.1%	18.4%



Under 18s

27.7%

(25.1% B'ham)

Over 65s

10.0%

(13.1% B'ham)

Table 2: Ward Ethnicity

Ethnic Group	Ward Nº	% of Ward Population	Birmingham %	England %
All Residents	11,814		-	-
BAME Total	10,787	91.3%	51.4%	19.0%
Bangladeshi	1,202	10.2%	4.2%	1.1%
Chinese	44	0.4%	1.1%	0.8%
Indian	2,736	23.1%	5.8%	3.3%
Pakistani	2,962	25.1%	17.0%	2.8%
Black African	927	7.8%	5.8%	2.6%
Black Caribbean	971	8.2%	3.9%	1.1%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	402	3.4%	4.8%	3.0%
Other Ethnic Group	770	6.5%	4.5%	2.2%
White	1,032	8.7%	48.6%	81.0%

Labour Market

Table 3: Ward Working Age Economic Activity

Economic Activity	Ward Nº	% 16-64	Birmingham %	England %
16-64 Population	7,800	-	-	-
Economically Active Total	4,458	57.2%	64.9%	71.0%
Employed	3,687	47.3%	57.9%	71.0%
Unemployed	771	9.9%	7.0%	0.0%
Economically inactive Total	3,342	42.8%	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 Nº	% of Employed Residents	Birmingham %	England %
All Employed 16+	3,798	-	-	-
Managers, directors and senior officials	233	6.1%	9.3%	12.9%
Professional occupations	475	12.5%	21.1%	20.3%
Associate professional and technical occupations	319	8.4%	11.3%	13.3%
Higher Skilled Occupations	**1,027**	**27.0%**	**41.7%**	**46.4%**
Administrative and secretarial occupations	314	8.3%	9.3%	9.3%
Skilled trades occupations	318	8.4%	8.3%	10.2%
Intermediate Occupations	**632**	**16.6%**	**17.6%**	**19.4%**
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	484	12.7%	10.3%	9.3%
Sales and customer service occupations	366	9.6%	8.2%	7.5%
Process plant and machine operatives	523	13.8%	8.7%	6.9%
Elementary occupations	766	20.2%	13.4%	10.5%
Lower Skilled Occupations	**2,139**	**56.3%**	**40.7%**	**34.1%**

Higher Skilled 27.0%

Intermediate Skills 16.6%

Lower Skilled 56.3%

Table 5: Ward NVQ Qualification Levels

NVQ Level	Ward Nº	% of 16+ Population	Birmingham %	England %
No Qualifications	3,094	34.4%	23.9%	18.1%
Level 1	1,033	11.5%	10.1%	9.7%
Level 2	1,098	12.2%	12.5%	13.3%
Apprenticeship	270	3.0%	3.6%	5.3%
Level 3	1,188	13.2%	17.1%	16.9%
Level 4 qualifications	1,919	21.4%	29.9%	33.9%
Other Qualifications	382	4.3%	2.9%	2.8%

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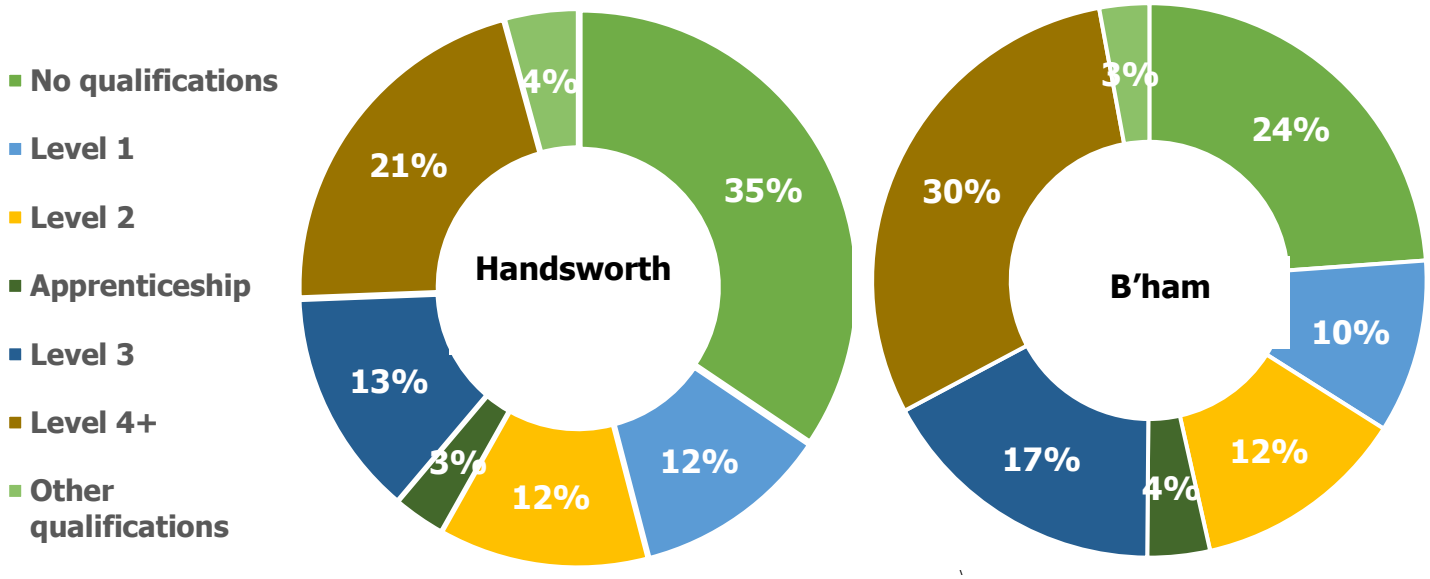

Table 6: Ward Disability & Long Term Health Conditions Working Age

Level	Ward Nº	%	Birmingham %	England %
Disabled	1,117	14.0%	16.1%	15.0%
Long Term Health Condition -not Disabled	251	3.2%	5.8%	7.5%
Total Disabled & Long Term Health Condition	**1,368**	**17.2%**	**21.8%**	**22.6%**
Not Disabled & No Long Term Health Conditions	6,594	82.8%	78.2%	77.4%

Table 7: Ward Language Barriers Aged 16+

Proficiency in English	Ward Nº	% 16+	Birmingham %	England %
Main language is English	5,597	62.3%	82.7%	90.1%
Main language is not English Total	3,385	37.7%	17.3%	9.9%
Main language is not English- Can speak English very well or well	1,966	21.9%	11.9%	7.9%
Main language is not English- Cannot speak English or speak English well	**1,419**	**15.8%**	**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 1,930 children living in low income households in Handsworth, 52.4% of all children in the ward, meaning the ward is ranked 11th in the city in terms of the levels of child poverty.

Children in Poverty

1,930
52.4%

Ward Rank

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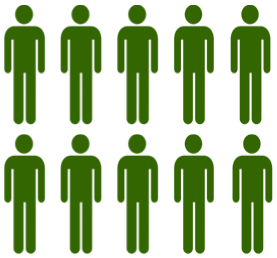
Economic Output

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 Handsworth stood at £80m in 2020 (latest data available) and GVA per head was £6,357. Handsworth has the 62nd largest ward economy in the city in terms of GVA.

GVA
£80m



GVA Per Head
£6,357