

Equalities data - March 2024

Protected characteristic	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
Total population in 2022	550,720	102,247	90,622	100,677	94,162	163,012

Source: ONS 2022 mid-year estimates

Protected characteristics: Age and Sex	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
Age groups						
Population aged 0-15 (%) - 2022	16.5	16.8	17.9	16.6	14.6	16.6
Population aged 16-64 (%) - 2022	57.1	58.4	61.4	56.6	52.8	56.7
Population aged 65+ (%) - 2022	26.4	24.8	20.7	26.8	32.6	26.8
Sex						
Female (%) - 2022	52.0	52.2	51.4	51.9	52.5	51.9
Male (%) - 2022	48.0	47.8	48.6	48.1	47.5	48.1

Source: ONS 2022 mid-year estimates

Protected characteristic: Disability	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
Disabled under the Equality Act - 2021	110,553	21,919	20,525	20,342	20,138	27,629
Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Personal Independence Payments (PIP) (Claimants of all ages, August 2023)	40,140	8,620	9,307	7,023	6,869	8,309

Sources: 2021 Census

DLA and PIP claimants: DWP StatXplore website

Protected characteristic: Pregnancy and maternity	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
Live births - 2022	4,411	820	896	718	678	1,299
Births per 1,000 females - 2022	15.4	15.4	19.2	13.7	13.7	15.4
Live births by mother's country of birth - % UK born mothers (%) - 2022	85.8%	74.1%	84.9%	86.4%	89.4%	91.5%
Teenage pregnancy, rate per 1,000 females - 2021	11.6	10.2	18.5	8.8	11.0	10.8

Source: ONS births data

Protected characteristic: Ethnic group	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
Ethnic group % of population in 2021						
All White ethnic groups (% - 2021)	93.9	90.8	91.4	94.2	95.6	96.0
White - British & Northern Irish	88.3	82.1	85.1	88.9	91.7	91.8
White - other	5.6	8.7	6.3	5.3	3.9	4.3
Irish	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Roma	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other White	4.5	7.6	5.2	4.3	2.8	3.3
All Black, Asian and other minority ethnic groups (% - 2021)	6.1	9.2	8.6	5.8	4.4	4.0
All Asian or Asian British	2.1	3.5	2.8	1.9	1.5	1.4
Indian	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
Pakistani	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Bangladeshi	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Chinese	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Other Asian	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.5
All Black or Black British	0.8	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.4
African	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.2
Caribbean	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Other Black	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
All Mixed	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.5	1.8	1.7
White and Black Caribbean	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3
White and Black African	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
White and Asian	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7
Other Mixed	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5
Other ethnic group	0.9	1.7	1.5	0.7	0.5	0.5
Arab	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
Any other ethnic group	0.7	1.2	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.4

Source: 2021 Census

Protected characteristic: Religion	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
Religion						
Christian (%) - 2021	45.9	45.9	37.8	42.7	50.9	49.5
No religion (%) - 2021	44.7	43.2	51.4	48.2	40.7	42.1
Religion not stated (%) - 2021	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.6	6.3
Buddhist (%) - 2021	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3
Hindu (%) - 2021	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
Jewish (%) - 2021	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Muslim (%) - 2021	1.1	2.2	1.9	0.8	0.6	0.5
Sikh (%) - 2021	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Other religion (%) - 2021	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.8

Source: 2021 Census

Protected characteristic: Marital and Civil Partnership status	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership) (%) - 2021	31.9	35.8	36.9	31.4	28.1	27.7
Married: Opposite sex (%) - 2021	46.0	40.8	37.5	46.7	48.6	52.2
Married: Same sex (%) - 2021	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3
In a registered opposite-sex civil partnership (%) - 2021	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
In a registered same-sex civil partnership (%) - 2021	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership) (%) - 2021	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.0
Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved (%) - 2021	11.2	12.2	12.7	10.6	11.1	10.1
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership (%) - 2021	7.7	7.8	6.3	7.8	9.2	7.4

Source: 2021 Census

Protected characteristics: Sexual orientation and gender identity	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
LGB+ (% aged 16 and over identifying as “gay or lesbian”, “bisexual” or “other sexual orientation”) - 2021	3.3	3.9	4.6	4.0	2.6	2.3
Gender identity (% aged 16 and over with a gender identity different to their sex registered at birth) - 2021	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2

Source for data: 2021 Census

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