



2011 Census – Population Aged 65 and Over at Electoral Ward Level

Nationally - The Census shows that the population of England and Wales aged 65 and over has reached 9,223,073. This is an increase of 11% since the 2001 Census.

Locally - The 2011 Census shows that Shropshire has a population aged 65 and over of 63,400. This is an increase of 24% since the 2001 Census and represents 20.6% of the total population of the county.

The tables below give details of :

- the electoral wards with the highest number of people aged 65 and over
- the electoral wards with the lowest number of people aged 65 and over
- the electoral wards where the % of the population aged 65 and over is greater than 25%.

Highest Ranking Electoral Wards

The table below shows that Bayston Hill, Column and Sutton Electoral ward has the highest number of people aged 65 and over, followed by Church Stretton & Craven Arms and Wem.

Electoral Ward	Population Aged 65 and Over	Ranking (Highest to lowest)
Bayston Hill, Column and Sutton	2909	1
Church Stretton and Craven Arms	2655	2
Wem	1824	3
Cleobury Mortimer	1702	4
Market Drayton West	1576	5
Bridgnorth West and Tasley	1507	6
Oswestry East	1493	7
Bridgnorth East and Astley Abbots	1480	8
Whitchurch North	1354	9
Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn	1333	10

Lowest Ranking Electoral Wards

The Electoral Wards with the lowest number of people aged 65 and over area Battlefield with just 555 people, followed by Chirbury & Worthen with 556 and Underdale with 580.

Electoral Ward	Population Aged 65 and Over	Ranking (Lowest to Highest)
Battlefield	555	1
Chirbury and Worthen	566	2
Underdale	580	3
Sundorne	599	4
Bowbrook	641	5
Hodnet	648	6
Castlefields and Ditherington	672	7
Ruyton and Baschurch	679	8
Cheswardine	713	9
Bagley	726	10

Electoral Wards where at least 20% of the total population is aged 65 and over (table on left)

Over 65's make up more than 20% of the population in over half the Electoral Wards in Shropshire (38/63) Ludlow North and Church Stretton having the highest proportions (33% and 30% respectively).

Electoral Ward	Percentage of Total Population aged 65+
Ludlow North	33%
Church Stretton and Craven Arms	30%
Abbey	27%
Clun	27%
Albrighton	25%
Alveley and Claverley	25%
Tern	24%
Bayston Hill, Column and Sutton	24%
Llanymynech	24%
Bishop's Castle	24%
Much Wenlock	24%
Cleobury Mortimer	24%
Market Drayton East	23%
Ludlow East	23%
Clee	23%
Ludlow South	23%
Oswestry South	23%
Rea Valley	22%
Bridgnorth East and Astley Abbots	22%
Ellesmere Urban	22%
Worfield	22%
Bridgnorth West and Tasley	22%
Highley	22%
Corvedale	22%
Wem	22%
Brown Clee	22%
Longden	22%
Shifnal North	21%
Radbrook	21%
Prees	21%
Whitchurch South	21%
Oswestry West	21%
Copthorne	20%
St Oswald	20%
Severn Valley	20%
Whittington	20%
Meole	20%
Burnell	20%

The **lowest proportions** of over 65's are in Underdale Electoral Ward and Battlefield Electoral Ward (13%).

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