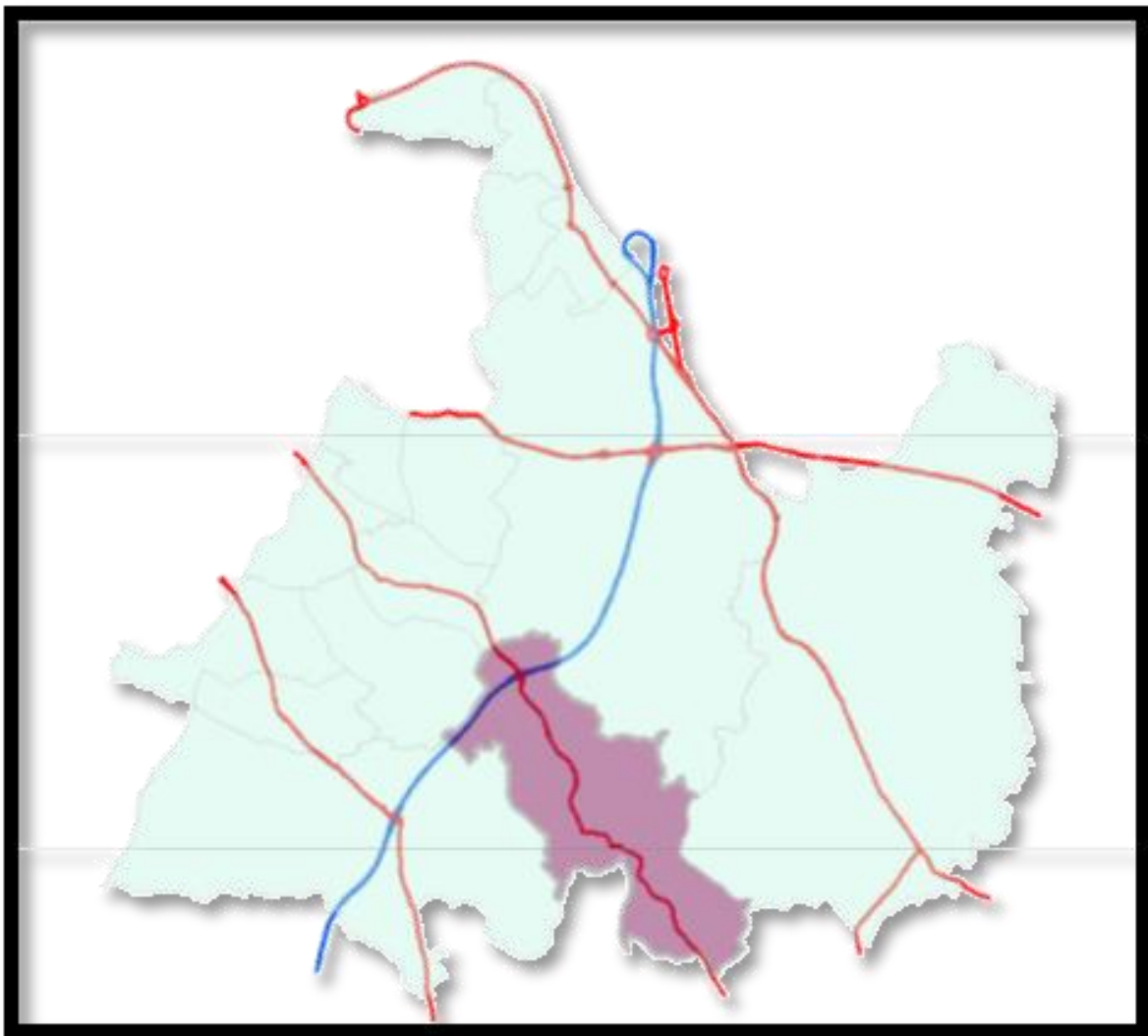


Knowle Ward Profile 2024



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Technical Guide to Ward Profiles

Ward profiles are part of the Solihull Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA is how local authorities and Integrated Care Boards assess the current and future health, care and wellbeing needs of the local community. Leading to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve the health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities.

At a borough level the Story of Solihull provides an overview of the current population, demographics, health and wellbeing of Solihull residents. The Story of Solihull can be viewed via the link below.

[Story of Solihull - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#)

Ward Profiles complement the Story of Solihull, providing a detailed local snapshot of a ward's population, economy, health and housing. It highlights specific issues of local concern and considers what residents think about their local neighbourhood.

This ward Profile includes comprehensive coverage of the 2021 Census which can be accessed via the link below. The Census remains the most detailed and accurate measure available at a ward level. The Census provides highly detailed information on the following themes:

- Population and demography.
- Households, living arrangements and family structure.
- Ethnicity, religion, origin and language.
- Employment and qualifications.
- Health and care.
- Housing and housing condition.

[ONS 2021 Census - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(NOMIS\)](#)

The ward profile also draws on a range of published sources, including the latest data from:

- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.
- West Midlands Police.
- Department for Work and Pensions.
- Office for Health Improvement & Disparities.
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Sub-borough data is available at a variety of levels. As well as the borough's 17 electoral wards, the majority of data is based on the standard Census geographies:

- Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) local neighbourhoods based on a minimum population of 1,000 and an average of 1,500 (134 in Solihull);
- Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs) containing an average of 7,200 persons (29 in Solihull).

Technical advice and support is available from the Solihull Observatory.

Knowle Super Output Areas



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Summary

About Solihull

Solihull lies at the heart of the West Midlands motorway network, has excellent public transport connections with the Birmingham city conurbation and is linked to many overseas destinations through Birmingham International Airport.

There are 148,000 jobs located in Solihull with strengths in business services, transport and manufacturing. The borough benefits from a range of key economic assets such as Solihull town centre, the NEC complex, Jaguar Land Rover and Birmingham Business Parks.

Solihull is a largely affluent borough, characterised by above average levels of income and limited levels of poverty and deprivation. For instance:

- 73% of Solihull households own their own home compared to 62% for England and 64% for the West Midlands.
- The median annual wage of Solihull residents in full-time employment is 11% higher than the England average and 18% higher than that for the West Midlands.
- 13% of the Solihull working age population claim Universal Credit compared to 15% for England and 17% for the West Midlands.
- 14% of Solihull children aged 0-15 years live in a low income household compared to 20% for England and 27% for the West Midlands.
- The 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) shows that Solihull is the least deprived local authority in the West Midlands. Just 16% of the population live in one of the most deprived 20% of neighbourhoods in England, whereas 40% of people live in the least deprived 20%.

This is not the case for all Solihull communities and below average incomes and poverty are far more common among households in the three North Solihull wards (Smith's Wood; Kingshurst and Fordbridge; Chelmsley Wood). For instance:

- Just 47% of North Solihull households own their own home while 40% are social rented.
- 31% of the North Solihull working age population claim Universal Credit.
- 29% of North Solihull children aged 0-15 years live in a low income household.
- According to the IMD 52% of people in north Solihull live in one of the most deprived 20% of neighbourhoods in England, including 11% who live in the most deprived 5%.

About Knowle

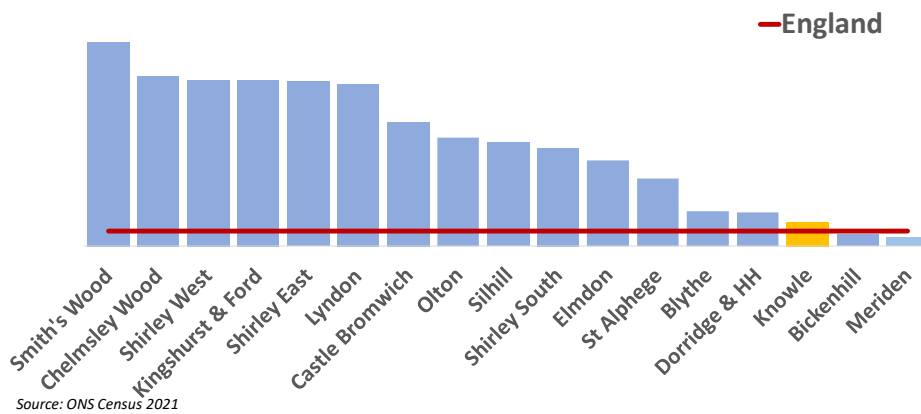
Knowle is located in Solihull's southern Green Belt, bordering Stratford and Warwick to the south and bisected by the M42 motorway in the north. Large swathes of the ward are rural, with scattered communities, although Knowle village, together within the north-eastern fringes of Dorridge represent one of the largest and most attractive residential communities in the southern part of Solihull. Affluence levels are among the highest in the West Midlands. Despite its semi-rural aspect the ward has easy access to key employment sites at Blythe Valley Business Park on the M42 and Solihull town centre to the north. The LSOA map on page 2 illustrates the individual neighbourhoods within Knowle, based on the Office for National Statistics LSOAs. Bentley Heath North and Chadwick End are the only neighbourhoods in Knowle that overlap the ward boundary.

Population and Households

Population Size and Growth

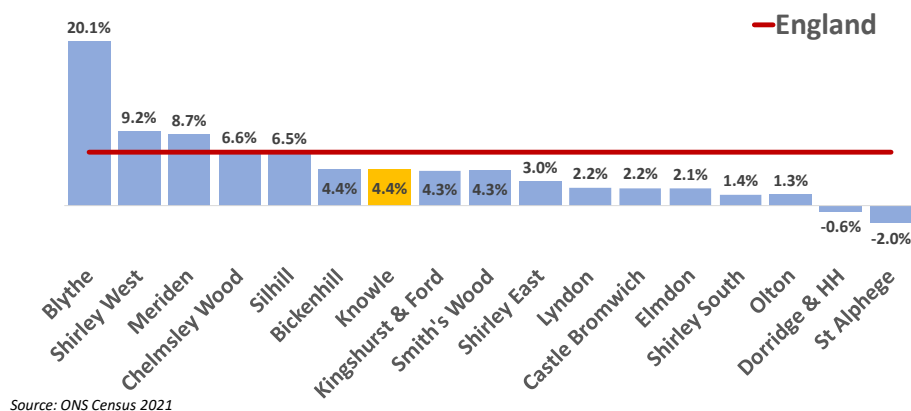
The 2021 Census shows that 11,150 people live in Knowle, representing 696 people per km² (Population density Solihull 1,213 and England 434 per km²). Knowle has the 3rd lowest population density of Solihull's 17 wards.

Solihull Population Density 2021



Between 2011 and 2021 the Knowle population increased by 472 people. This equates to growth of 4.4% over this 10-year period about the same as the Solihull average (4.6%) but lower than that for England (6.6%). Population growth in Knowle was the 7th highest out of Solihull's 17 wards.

Solihull Population Growth 2011 - 2021



Population Age Groups

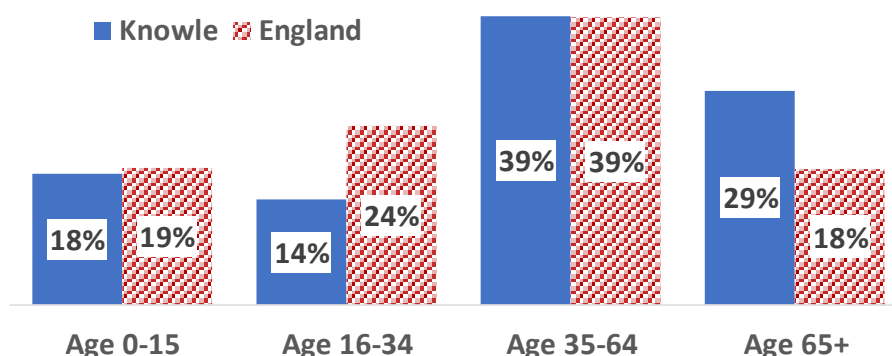
18% of the Knowle population are under 16 years of age (including 5% aged 5 and under), 53% are working age and 29% are aged 65 and over (including 4.6% aged 85+).

The size of the under 16 population in Knowle (18%) is slightly smaller than Solihull (19%) or England (19%), while the number aged 65+ is proportionally larger (29% Knowle, 21% Solihull, 18% England).

Population by in Knowle Age Group 2021				
Age Group	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Age 0-15	1,973	18%	19%	19%
Age 16-24	886	8%	9%	11%
Age 25-34	698	6%	12%	14%
Age 35-49	2,012	18%	18%	19%
Age 50-64	2,348	21%	20%	19%
Age 65+	3,233	29%	21%	18%
Total	11,150			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Age Structure in Knowle



Source: ONS Census 2021

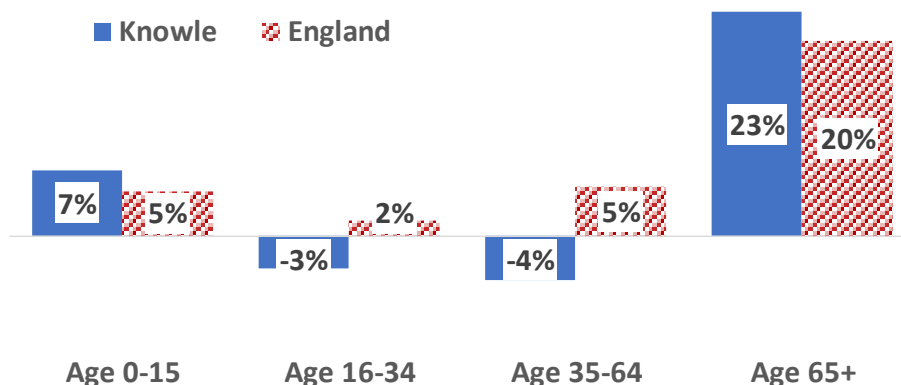
In the 10-years 2011 to 2021 population growth in Knowle has been driven by those aged 65 and over (+23%) and to a lesser extent by those under 25 years (7% age 0-15, 6% age 16-24). This has been offset by population decline for all population groups aged 25 to 64 years.

Change in Population in Knowle Between 2011 and 2021 by Age Group				
Age Group	Change in number in Knowle	% Change in number of people		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Age 0-15	126	7%	7%	5%
Age 16-24	50	6%	-9%	-5%
Age 25-34	-105	-13%	17%	7%
Age 35-49	-113	-5%	-10%	-3%
Age 50-64	-92	-4%	9%	15%
Age 65+	606	23%	15%	20%
Total	472	4%	5%	7%

Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Comparing 10-year population growth in Knowle and England shows similar rates among children and older people aged 65+. The main difference is the fall in the working age population of Knowle contrasting with a slight increase in the number of people of this age throughout England.

% Change in Population in Knowle by Age Group 2011 - 2021



Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Ethnicity

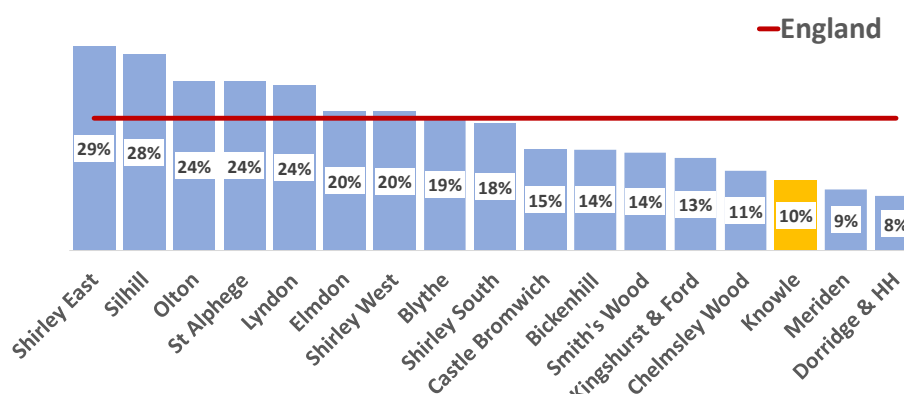
90% of the Knowle population are white and 10% from an ethnic minority background. Knowle has a proportionally smaller ethnic minority population than either Solihull (18%) or England (19%).

Ethnic Group of Knowle Population 2021				
Ethnic Group	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
White	10,025	90%	82%	81%
Asian/Asian British	619	6%	11%	10%
Mixed of Multiple Ethnic Groups	306	3%	3%	3%
Black/Black British	77	1%	2%	4%
Other Ethnic Group	116	1%	2%	2%
Ethnic Minority Total	1,118	10%	18%	19%
Total Population	11,143			

Source ONS Census 2021

Knowle has the 3rd smallest ethnic minority population among Solihull's 17 wards.

Ethnic Minority Population in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

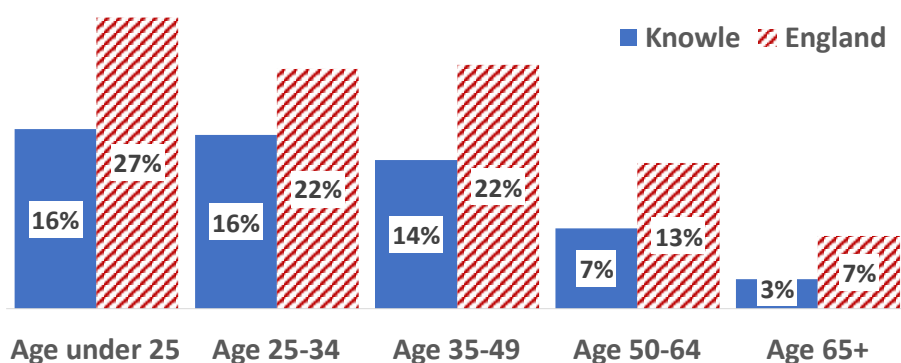
The ethnic minority population in Knowle is proportionally higher among younger than older age groups. For instance, 16% of those under 25 are from an ethnic minority background compared to just 3% of those aged 65+.

Ethnic Group of Knowle Population by Age					
Ethnic Group	Age under 25	Age 25-34	Age 35-49	Age 50-64	Age 65+
White	2,389	586	1,735	2,172	3,143
Asian/Asian British	220	63	182	96	58
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	189	31	41	35	10
Black/Black British	24	4	24	21	4
Other ethnic group	38	13	27	21	17
Ethnic Minority Total	471	111	274	173	89
Total Population	2,860	697	2,009	2,345	3,232
% Ethnic Minority	16%	16%	14%	7%	3%

Source: ONS Census 2021

The pattern in Knowle is the same as England, with the ethnic minority population higher among younger age groups in both. A sharp reduction in the ethnic minority population from the age of 50 onwards is evident in both Knowle and England.

Ethnic Minority Population by Age Knowle 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

In the 10-years 2011 to 2021 the proportion of Knowle residents from an ethnic minority background increased from 5% to 10% of the population.

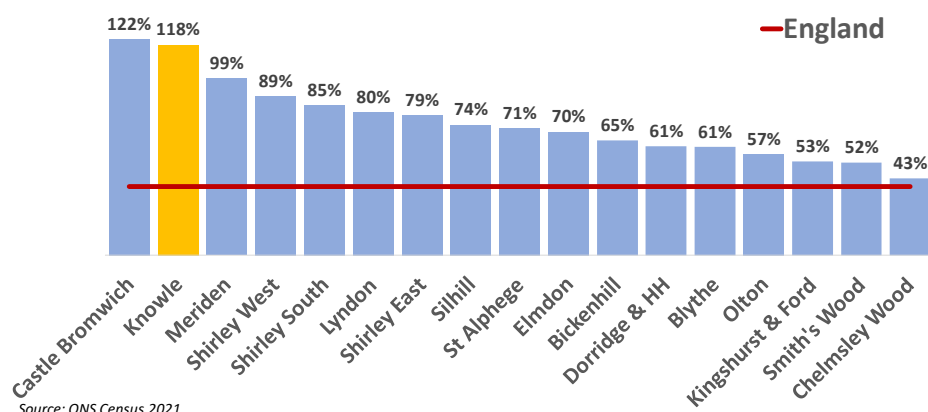
Although the Knowle population increased by around 4% the number of ethnic minority residents increased by 118% (606 individuals) in the 10 years to 2021. This was partially offset by a fall of -1% (-141 individuals) in the number of white residents. In absolute terms the increase in Knowle residents was largest among those from an Asian/Asian British background (+337 individuals) followed by those from a mixed or multiple ethnic group (+175).

Change in Population Ethnicity in Knowle 2011-2021				
Ethnic Group	Change in Number in Knowle	% Change		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
White	-141	-1%	-4%	1%
Asian/Asian British	337	120%	76%	31%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	175	134%	70%	40%
Black/Black British	37	93%	22%	29%
Other ethnic group	57	97%	167%	124%
Ethnic Minority Total	606	118%	72%	38%
Total Population	465	4%	5%	7%

Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Growth of 118% in the ethnic minority population in Knowle in the 10 years to 2021 is higher than the England average (38%) and the 2nd highest among Solihull’s 17 wards.

Ethnic Minority Population Growth Solihull 2011 - 2021



Religion

70% of the Knowle population who answered the Census religious identification question said that they had a religious faith, with 30% saying they had no religion. Knowle has proportionally fewer people with no religion than either Solihull (35%) or England (39%).

Christianity is by far the most common religious faith in Knowle and is proportionally larger than Solihull or England (64% Knowle, 53% Solihull, 49% England). People with a non-Christian faith represent just 6% of the Knowle population (653 individuals) compared to 12% across Solihull and England.

Religious Faith of Knowle Population 2021				
Religious Faith	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Christian	6,812	64%	53%	49%
Muslim	246	2%	6%	7%
Hindu	153	1%	3%	2%
Sikh	173	2%	2%	1%
Buddhist	24	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%
Jewish	27	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%
Other religion	30	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
No religion	3,138	30%	35%	39%
Total	10,603			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Origin and Language

At the time of the 2021 Census, around 92% of the Knowle population lived at the same address that they were resident in the year before. Of the remainder, most migrants lived elsewhere in the UK (96% of Knowle migrants, 7% of Knowle population) with a small number coming from outside UK (4% of Knowle migrants, 0.3% of Knowle population).

Recent Migration of Knowle Population 2021				
Address One Year Ago	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Same address (non-migrant)	10,222	92%	92%	89%
Temp student residence in UK (non-migrant)	37	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%
Elsewhere in UK (migrant)	781	7.1%	7.6%	9.6%
Outside the UK (migrant)	36	0.3%	0.5%	0.9%
All Migrants	817	7.4%	8.1%	10.5%
Total Population	11,076			

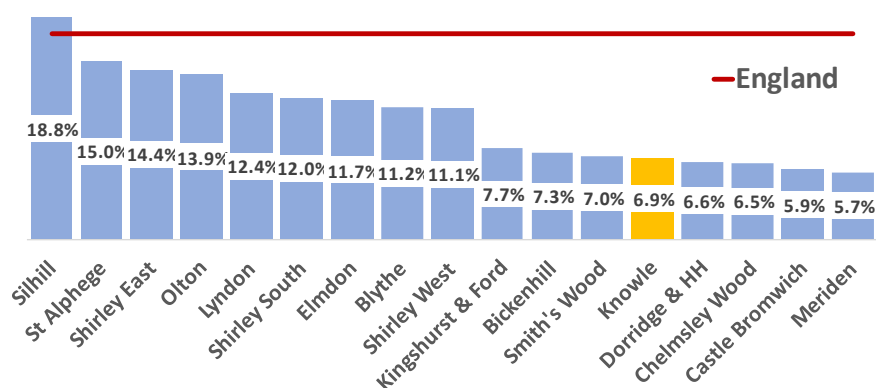
Source: ONS Census 2021

93% of the Knowle population were born in in the UK (90% Solihull, 83% England). Just 7% of the Knowle population were born overseas (765 individuals). Proportionally Knowle has the 5th smallest overseas population in Solihull.

Country of Birth of Knowle Population 2021				
Country of Birth	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
UK	10,382	93%	90%	83%
Europe	262	2%	3%	7%
Africa	112	1%	1%	3%
Middle East & Asia	301	3%	5%	6%
Americas & Caribbean	64	0.6%	0.7%	1.4%
Antarctica & Oceania	23	0.2%	0.15%	0.30%
British Overseas	3	0.03%	0.03%	0.04%
Total	11,147			

Source: ONS Census 2021

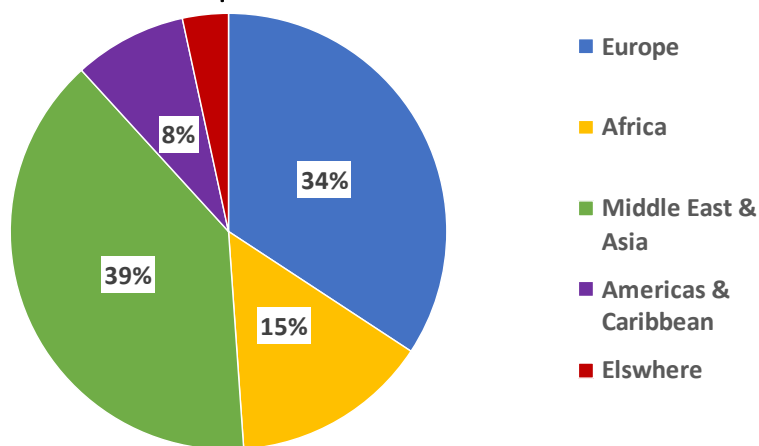
Population Born Overseas in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

39% of the Knowle population born overseas were born in the middle East or Asia (801 individuals), with 34% born in another European country (262 individuals), 15% (112) in Africa and 8% (64) in the Americas & Caribbean.

Knowle Population Born Overseas 2021



The Census data shows that in addition to the fact that a relatively small proportion of the Knowle population were born overseas, new arrivals from overseas are below average. 48% of the Knowle overseas born population have arrived in the UK since 2001 compared to 69% for England, while 52% of Knowle migrants arrived prior to 2001 compared to the England average of 31%.

Year of Arrival in UK Among Knowle Population 2021				
Year of Arrival	Number in Knowle	% born overseas		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Arrived before 1981	251	33%	27%	14%
Arrived 1981 to 2000	150	20%	16%	17%
Arrived 2001 to 2013	190	25%	30%	36%
Arrived 2014 to 2021	174	23%	26%	34%
Total born overseas	765			

Source: ONS Census 2021

98% of the Knowle population speak English as their first language (96% Solihull, 91% England). Just 0.2% of the Knowle population cannot speak English well or speak English at all.

Proficiency in English of Knowle Population 2021				
Language Skills	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
English 1 st language	10,647	98%	96%	91%
Not 1 st language but speak English well	187	2%	2%	4%
Cannot speak English well	22	0.2%	0.5%	1.6%
Cannot speak English	4	0.04%	0.1%	0.3%
Total (aged 3+)	10,860			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Households

There are 4,667 households in Knowle, with family households comprising 69% (3,238) and single person households 28% (1,296). Compared with the England and Solihull averages Knowle has more family households and single person households.

Household Composition in Knowle 2021				
Household Type	Number in Knowle	% Households		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Single person households	1,296	28%	29%	30%
Family households	3,238	69%	66%	63%
Other households	133	3%	5%	7%
All households	4,667			

Source: ONS Census 2021

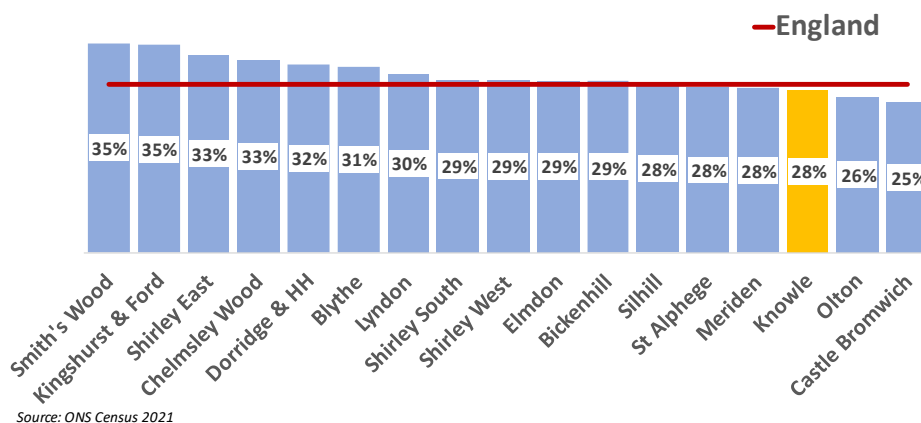
Like the England and Solihull averages, in the majority of Knowle households with children the children are dependent (72% Knowle, 71% Solihull, 73% England).

However, households with dependent children are less common as a proportion of all households in Knowle than across the benchmarks (28% Knowle, 28% England, 30% Solihull). Knowle has the 3rd smallest proportion of households with children in Solihull.

Households with Children in Knowle 2021				
Household Type	Number in Knowle	% Households with Children		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Dependent children	1,287	28%	30%	28%
Non-dependent children	489	10%	12%	11%
All Households with Children	1,776	38%	43%	39%
All Households	4,667			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Households with Dependent Children in Solihull 2021



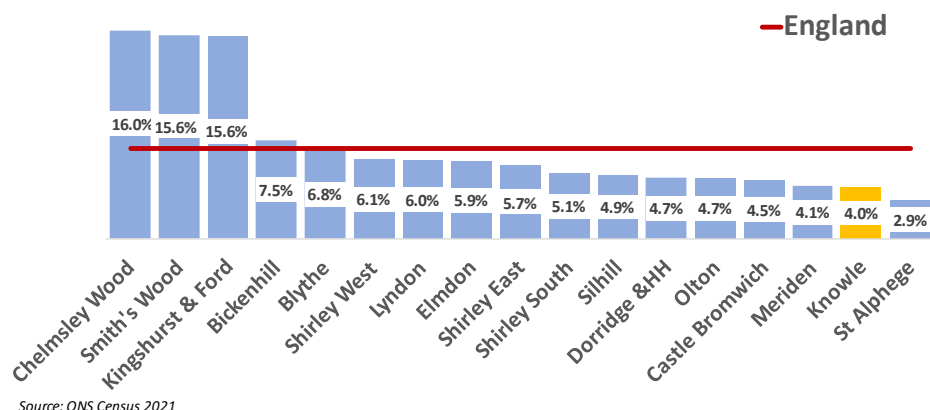
Single parent households represent 8% of all households (414 households) in Knowle compared to over 11% across Solihull and England.

About 57% of single parent households in Knowle contain dependent children. The proportion of single parent households with dependent children is considerably lower than both the Solihull and England averages (4.0% of all households in Knowle, 7.2% Solihull, 6.9% England).

Single Parent Households in Knowle 2021				
Household Type	Number in Knowle	% Households		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Dependent children	858	4.0%	7.2%	6.9%
Non-dependent children	382	3.0%	4.4%	4.2%
All Single parent households	1,240	7.0%	11.6%	11.1%
All households	4,667			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Single Parent Households with Dependent Children in Solihull 2021

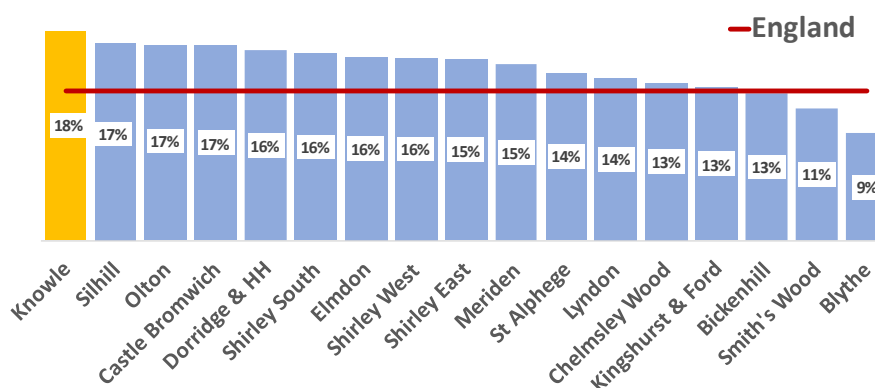


More households in Knowle are occupied by older people than the benchmarks (36% of all households Knowle, 26% Solihull, 22% England). Knowle has a larger proportion of both older couple households and single older people households. Knowle has 834 single older people households and at 18% of all households in the ward is the highest proportion in Solihull.

Older People Households in Knowle 2021				
Household Type	Number in Knowle	% Households		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Single older people households	834	18%	15%	13%
Couple older people households	837	18%	11%	9%
All older people households	1,671	36%	26%	22%
All households	4,667			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Single Older People Households in Solihull 2021

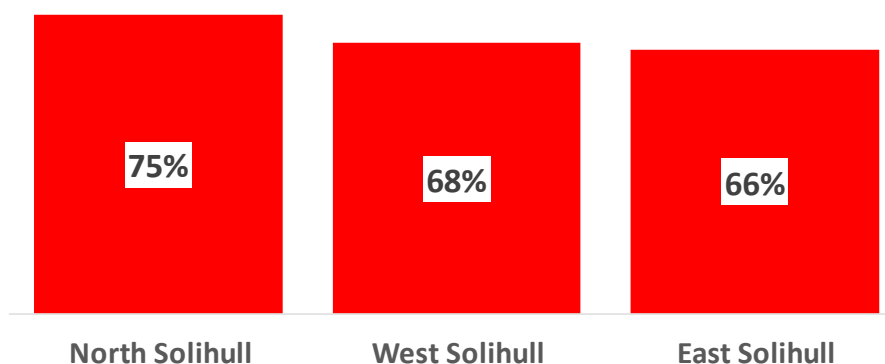


Source: ONS Census 2021

Deprivation, Benefits and Poverty

For much of 2022 and 2023 UK households have been subject to high levels of inflation and a squeeze on living standards. This is reflected in local survey results, with 70% of respondents to the 2022 Place Survey saying that they were more worried about their finances than a year previously. This pattern was replicated across all three Solihull localities.

Respondents to Place Survey who are more worried about finances than one year ago



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

Index of Multiple Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) is the official measure of deprivation in England produced by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The IMD combines 39 economic, financial, social, environmental and housing measures into a single deprivation score for individual neighbourhoods called Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in England. There are 32,844 LSOAs in England and 134 in Solihull with an average population of 1,500.

The IMD therefore allows each LSOA neighbourhood to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation.

The 2019 IMD shows that Solihull is the least deprived upper tier Local Authority in the West Midlands and is ranked in the 2nd top quintile nationally.

Solihull is relatively polarised between large parts of the borough that rank among the least deprived areas of England and a concentration of neighbourhoods in North Solihull among the most deprived.

Population Living in Most and Least Deprived Neighbourhoods in 2019			
	% Population		
	Solihull Population	North Solihull Population	Rest of Borough Population
Most Deprived 5% of areas in England	5%	16%	0%
Most Deprived 10% of areas in England	11%	41%	0%
Least Deprived 10% of areas in England	28%	0%	39%
Least Deprived 5% of areas in England	23%	0%	31%

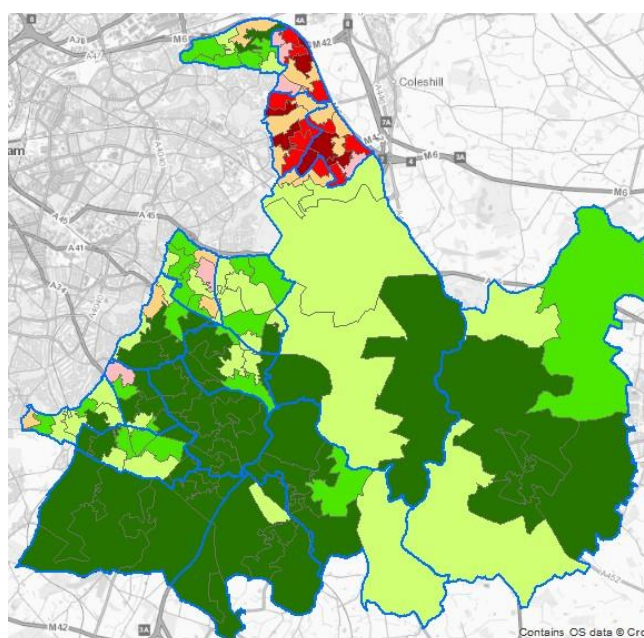
Source: Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government English Indices of Deprivation

2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

Overall Rank

Percentile Rank

- Bottom 5%
- 5th to 10th percentile
- 10th to 20th percentile
- 20th to 40th percentile
- 40th to 60th percentile
- 60th to 80th percentile
- Top 20%



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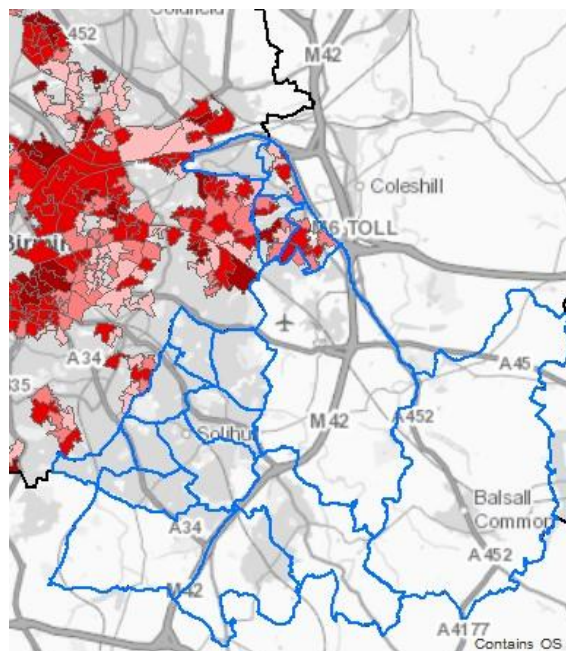
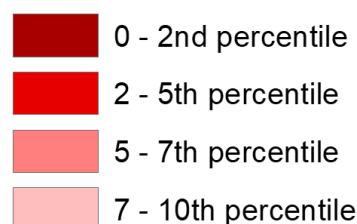
Deprivation is substantially higher in the North Solihull wards of Chelmsley Wood, Kingshurst & Fordbridge and Smith's Wood than elsewhere in the borough. The deprivation evident in North Solihull is part of a wider area of disadvantage that spreads throughout east Birmingham.

2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

Overall Rank

LSOAs in Solihull & East Birmingham in Most Deprived 10%

Percentile Rank



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Knowle's eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 86th percentile nationally, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the deprived Chelmsley Wood (9th percentile) to the advantaged St Alphege (94th percentile). On this basis Knowle would be considered one of the least deprived areas in England.

IMD Deprivation Rank in Solihull 2019	
Ward	Average Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Chelmsley Wood	9
Smith's Wood	11
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	14
Lyndon	49
Bickenhill	52
Elmdon	59
Shirley West	60
Castle Bromwich	64
Olton	72
Silhill	73
Shirley East	75
Shirley South	76
Meriden	78
Knowle	86
Blythe	91
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	91
St Alphege	94

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Deprivation among the eight Knowle LSOAs ranges from the most deprived neighbourhood Chadwick End on the 41st percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Bentley Heath North on the 100th percentile. All Knowle LSOAs bar one are among the least deprived 50% of neighbourhoods in England.

IMD Deprivation Rank in Knowle 2019	
LSOA	Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Chadwick End	41.2
Knowle South	72.4
Copt Heath	89.4
Dorridge East	93.1
Tilehouse Green	98.7
Arden	98.7
Knowle North	99.5
Bentley Heath North	99.9

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Universal Credit

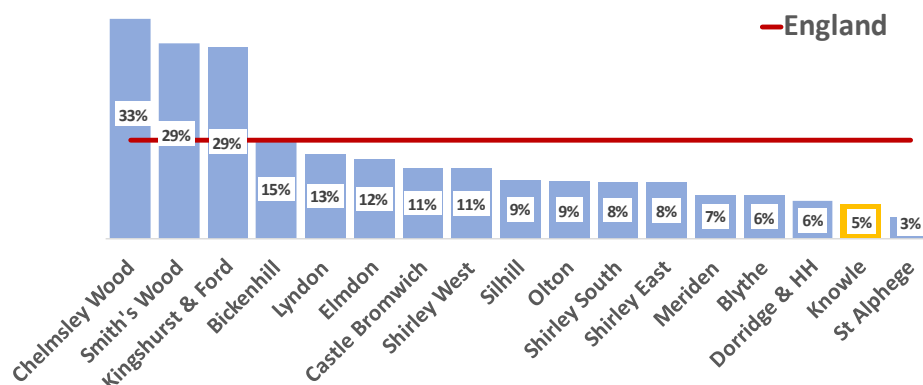
As of July 2023 305, Knowle residents were claiming Universal Credit (UC), equating to 5.1% of the working age population. The rate in Knowle is much lower than the England average (14.7%) and the 2nd lowest in Solihull.

37% of the claimants in Knowle are in employment and 63% not in employment, this is broadly in-line with the Solihull and England averages.

Universal Credit Claimants in Knowle July 2023				
Claimants	Claimants in Knowle	% UC Claimants		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
UC in employment	112	37%	38%	39%
UC not in employment	191	63%	62%	61%
All UC claimants	305			

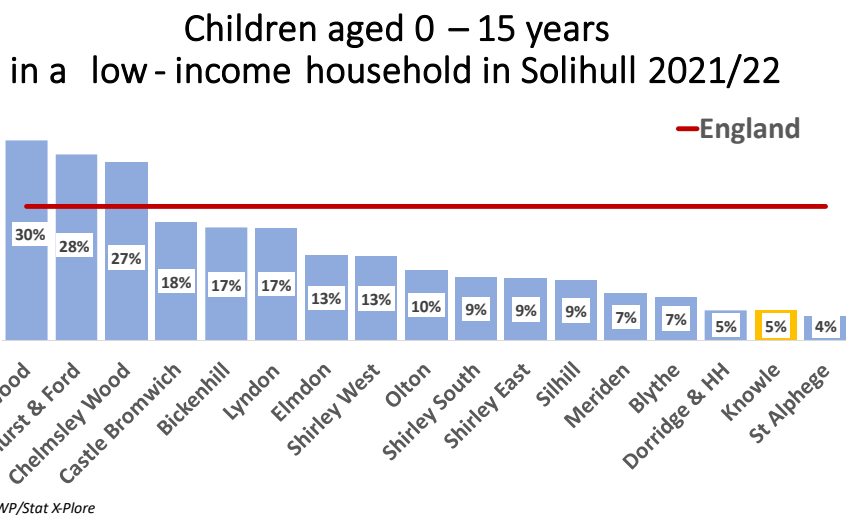
Source: DWP/Stat-Xplore

Universal Credit Claimant Rate in Solihull July 2023



Child Poverty

At the end of 2021/22 91 children aged 0-15 years in Knowle lived in a low income household. This equates to 5% of the 0-15 population, much lower than the England average (20%) and the 2nd lowest in Solihull.



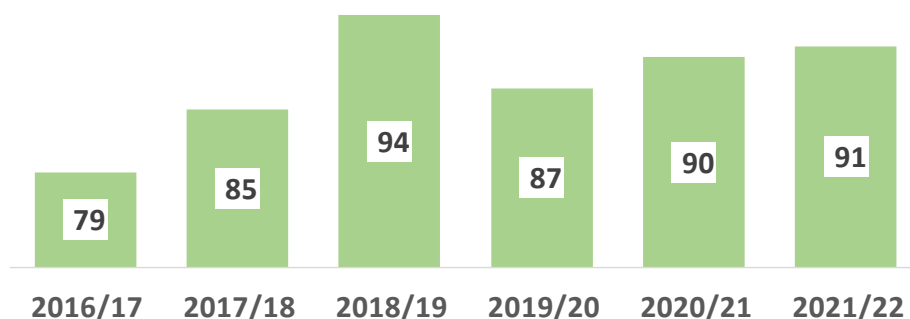
The number of children living in a low-income household in Knowle varies between age groups, with far fewer children aged 0-5 years (15% of total) than older age groups (33% 5-10 years; 52% 11-15 years). The pattern in Knowle contrasts with the Solihull and England averages where the age group split is more equal.

Children Aged 0-15 Years Living in a Low-Income Household in Knowle 2021/22				
Age Group	Number in Knowle	% all children 0-15 years in low income household		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Aged 0-4 Years	14	15%	30%	28%
Aged 5-10 Years	30	33%	36%	37%
Aged 11-15 Years	47	52%	34%	35%
All Aged 0-15 Years	91			

Source: DWP/Stat-Xplore

The number of Knowle children living in a low-income household averaged 88 in the six years 2016/17 to 2021/22. There was a rise from 85 at the end of 2017/18 to 94 at the end of 2018/19 and has remained fairly constant since then.

Number of Children Aged 0-15 Years in Knowle in a Low -Income Household



Source: DWP/Stat X-Plore

The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) is a component part of the IMD measuring the relative income deprivation impacting upon children aged 0-15 years.

Knowle's eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 83rd percentile nationally of the IDACI, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the deprived Smith's Wood (6th percentile) to the advantaged St Alphege (89th percentile). On this basis Knowle would be considered one of the least income deprived areas in England for children.

Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) in Solihull 2019	
Ward	Average IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Smith's Wood	6
Chelmsley Wood	8
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	12
Bickenhill	49
Shirley West	56
Lyndon	56
Elmdon	60
Castle Bromwich	67
Silhill	68
Olton	71
Shirley East	71
Shirley South	71
Meriden	75
Knowle	83
Blythe	84
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	86
St Alphege	89

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Child income deprivation among the eight Knowle LSOAs ranges from Chadwick End on the 29th percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Bentley Heath North on the 99th percentile. Only one LSOA in Knowle is among the 50% most income deprived neighbourhoods in England from a child perspective.

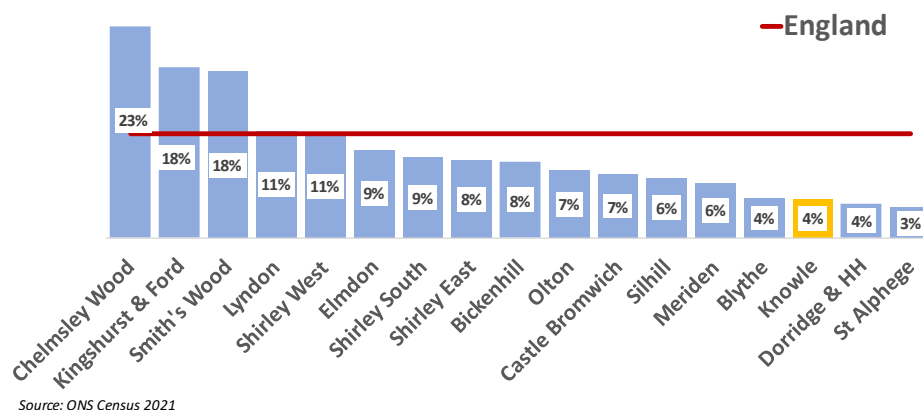
IDACI Rank in Knowle 2019	
LSOA	IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Chadwick End	28.8
Knowle South	58.8
Copt Heath	86.5
Tilehouse Green	93.0
Knowle North	95.7
Dorridge East	95.9
Arden	97.8
Bentley Heath North	99.4

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Older People Poverty

In February 2023 there were 136 older people in Knowle claiming a pension credit. This equates to 4% of the pension age population lower than both the Solihull (9%) and England (11%) averages. Knowle has the 3rd lowest pension credit rate among Solihull's 17 wards.

Pension Credit Rate in Solihull February 2023



The Income Deprivation Affecting Older People (IDAOP) is a component part of the IMD measuring the relative income deprivation impacting upon older people aged 65 and over.

Knowle's eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 88th percentile nationally of the IDAOP, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from Chelmsley Wood (21st percentile) to St Alphege (93rd percentile). It is notable that even the most relatively deprived Solihull wards rank outside the most deprived quintile in England on this measure.

Income Deprivation Affecting Older People (IDAOP) in Solihull 2019	
Wards	Average IDAOP Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Chelmsley Wood	21
Smith's Wood	25
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	26
Lyndon	47
Shirley West	53
Bickenhill	58
Elmdon	59
Shirley South	65
Shirley East	65
Olton	68
Castle Bromwich	68
Meriden	72
Silhill	74
Blythe	85
Knowle	88
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	88
St Alphege	93
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Older people income deprivation among the eight Knowle LSOAs ranges from Knowle South on the 56th percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Tilehouse Green on the 99th percentile. Income deprivation affecting older people in Knowle is very limited.

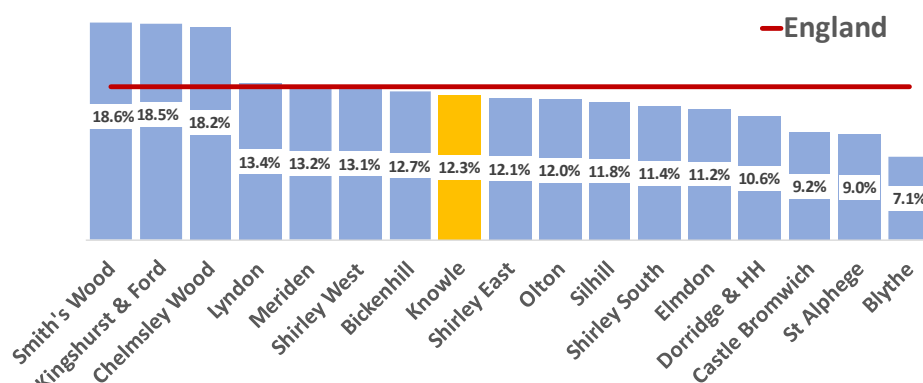
IDAOP Rank in Knowle 2019	
LSOA	IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Knowle South	56.3
Chadwick End	63.1
Dorridge East	93.5
Bentley Heath North	93.5
Knowle North	95.0
Arden	97.7
Copt Heath	98.2
Tilehouse Green	98.8
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Fuel Poverty

Fuel poverty is measured by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy which determines that those households which are below the poverty line and at the same time are energy inefficient and fuel poor.

680 Knowle households were classified as fuel poor in 2021. This equates to 12% of all Knowle households, slightly lower than the Solihull (12.7%) and England (13.1%) averages. Among the 17 Solihull wards Knowle has the 8th highest fuel poverty rate.

Fuel Poverty Rate in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

Of the eight Knowle LSOAs the percentage of fuel poor households ranges from 9% in Dorridge East to 19% in Chadwick End.

Fuel Poor Households in Knowle 2021		
	Number	% Households
Dorridge East	67	9%
Bentley Heath North	61	9%
Tilehouse Green	64	10%
Knowle North	80	10%
Arden	53	10%
Copt Heath	85	12%
Knowle South	147	18%
Chadwick End	123	19%

Source: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Employment and Skills

Resident Economic Activity

At the time of the 2021 Census 75% of the Knowle working age population were in employment (4,477 individuals), 3% were unemployed (188 individuals) and 21% economically inactive (1,275 individuals). This is more positive than across England with more Knowle residents in employment and fewer unemployed or inactive.

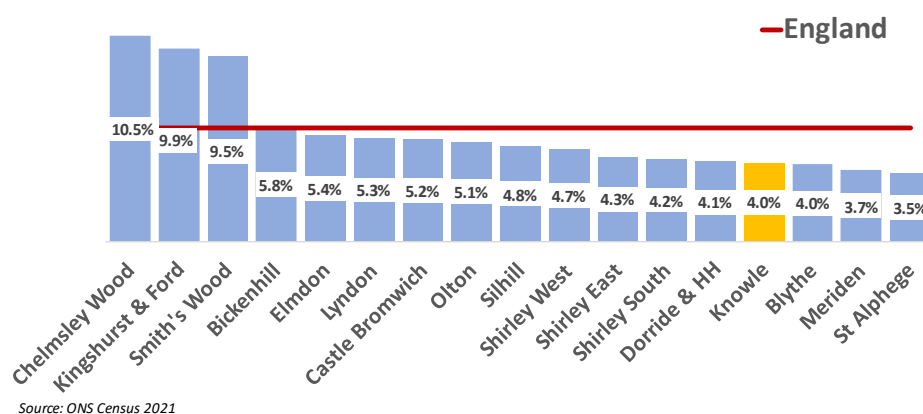
Economic Activity of Working Age Population in Knowle 2021				
Economic Status	Number in Knowle	% 16-64 Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Employed	4,477	75%	73%	71%
Unemployed	188	3%	4%	4%
Inactive	1,275	21%	23%	25%
All Age 16-64	5,940			

Source: ONS Census 2021

An unemployment rate reflects just the part of the population that is economically active (i.e. excludes people who have opted out of the labour market due to retirement or looking after home and are deemed to be inactive).

In March 2021, Knowle’s unemployment rate of 4.0% was lower than the England average (5.8%) and the 4th lowest in Solihull.

Unemployment Rate in Solihull March 2021



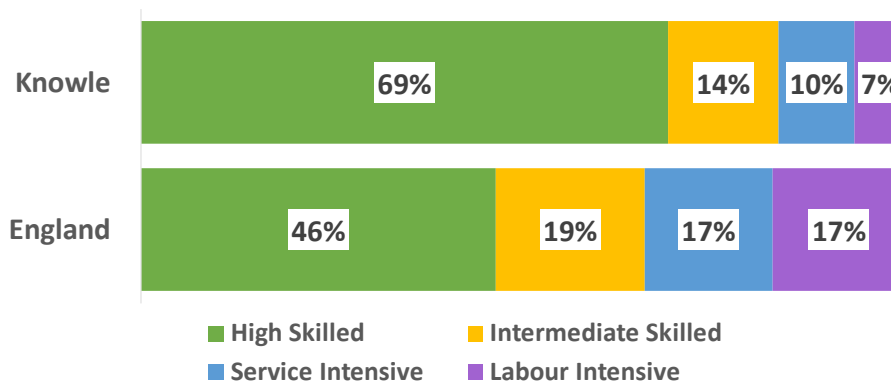
Resident Employment

Knowle residents in employment are more likely to work in those occupations that typically demand higher levels of formal qualifications including managerial and professional roles than the Solihull or England averages. Knowle residents are less likely than people across Solihull or England to work in service intensive or labour intensive occupations.

Occupation of Employed Population of Knowle 2021				
Occupation	Number in Knowle	% Population in Employment		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Managers, directors & senior officials	1,168	24%	15%	13%
Professional occupations	1,469	31%	24%	20%
Associate professional & technical occupations	676	14%	13%	13%
Administrative & secretarial occupations	450	9%	11%	9%
Skilled trades occupations	243	5%	8%	10%
Caring, leisure & other service occupations	268	6%	8%	9%
Sales & customer service occupations	212	4%	7%	7%
Process, plant & machine operatives	102	2%	6%	7%
Elementary occupations	217	5%	8%	10%
All in Employment	4,805			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Occupation of Employed People in Knowle 2021

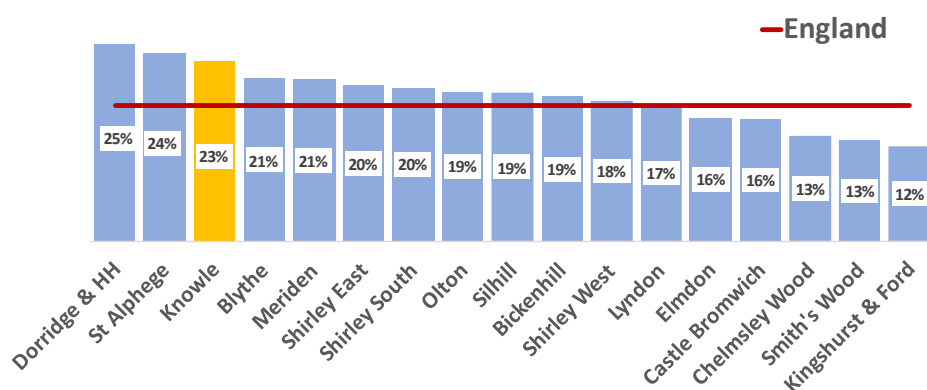


30% of Knowle residents in employment work in the public sector (1,426 individuals across public administration, education and healthcare). This is by far the largest sector in Knowle, although the size of the sector is in-line with employment across the benchmarks. Other significant industries for those in employment in Knowle include business services (17%), wholesale & retail (11%), wholesale & retail (12%), construction (7%) and manufacturing (7%).

Industry of Employed Population of Knowle 2021				
Industry Sector	Number in Knowle	% Population in Employment		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Manufacturing	347	7%	10%	7%
Other Production	24	0.5%	0.3%	1.0%
Electricity, gas & water supply	144	3%	2%	1%
Construction	357	7%	9%	9%
Wholesale & retail	577	12%	13%	15%
Transport & storage	129	3%	5%	5%
Accommodation & food services	176	4%	4%	5%
Information & communication	303	6%	5%	5%
Financial services	288	6%	5%	4%
Business Services	822	17%	14%	14%
Public Services	1,426	30%	30%	30%
Other Services	212	4%	4%	5%
All in Employment	4,805			

Source: ONS Census 2021

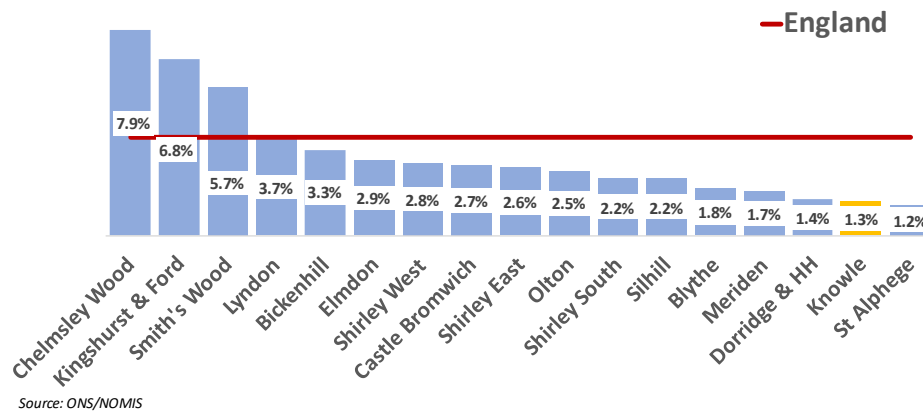
Employed in Financial & Business Services in Solihull March 2021



Claimant Count Unemployment

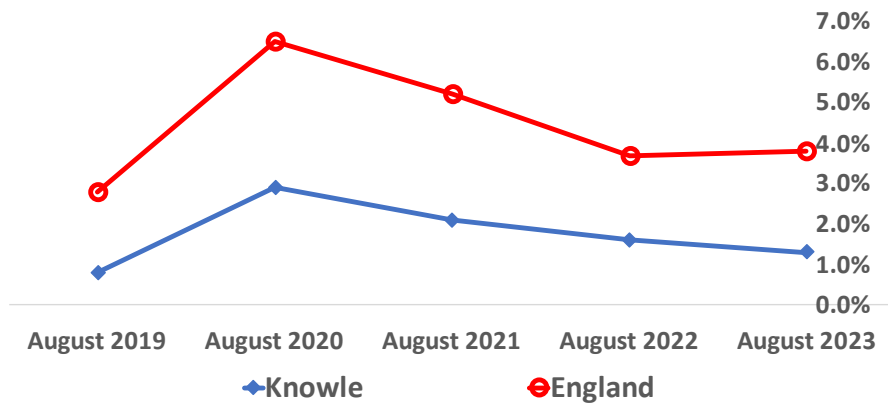
As at August 2023 80 people in Knowle were in receipt of unemployment benefit. This equates to a claimant unemployment rate of 1.3%, lower than the Solihull (3.2%) and England (3.8%) averages. Among the 17 Solihull wards the claimant unemployment rate in Knowle is the 2nd lowest.

Claimant Unemployment Rate in Solihull August 2023



The claimant unemployment has fluctuated over recent years following the onset on the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020. Claimant unemployment in Knowle has been consistently lower than England but rose from 0.8% in August 2019 to 2.9% a year later. It has subsequently trended downwards, although it is still higher than in 2019.

Trend in Claimant Unemployment Rate in Knowle



Resident Qualifications

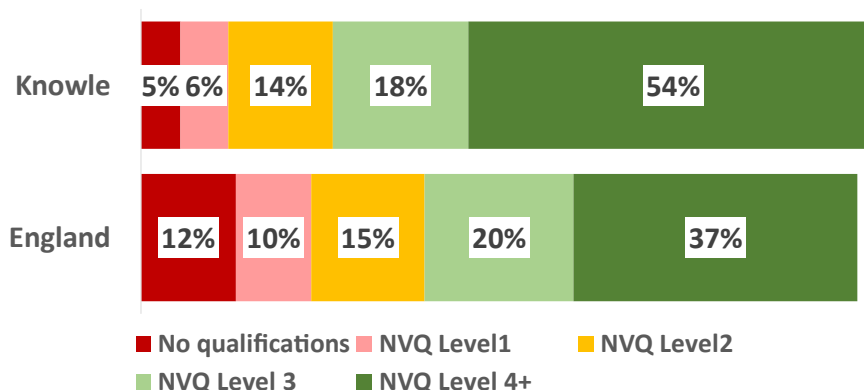
Working age Knowle residents tend to have higher levels of formal qualifications than the benchmarks. For instance, 54% of Knowle residents (3,184 individuals) had NVQ level 4+ qualifications in March 2021 compared to 40% of the Solihull population and 37% of people in England.

At the other end of the spectrum fewer Knowle residents aged 16-64 have either no qualifications (5% vs 11% Solihull, 12% England) or NVQ level 1 qualifications (6% vs 10% Solihull, 10% England) than benchmark averages.

Formal Qualifications of Working Age Knowle Population 2021				
Qualifications	Number in Knowle	% 16-64 Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
No qualifications	305	5%	11%	12%
NVQ Level1	371	6%	10%	10%
NVQ Level2	816	14%	16%	15%
NVQ Level 3	1,050	18%	19%	20%
NVQ Level 4+	3,184	54%	40%	37%
Other	214	4%	5%	6%
16-64 Population	5,940			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Formal Qualification Levels of Knowle Population Aged 16-64 Years 2021



Health and Care

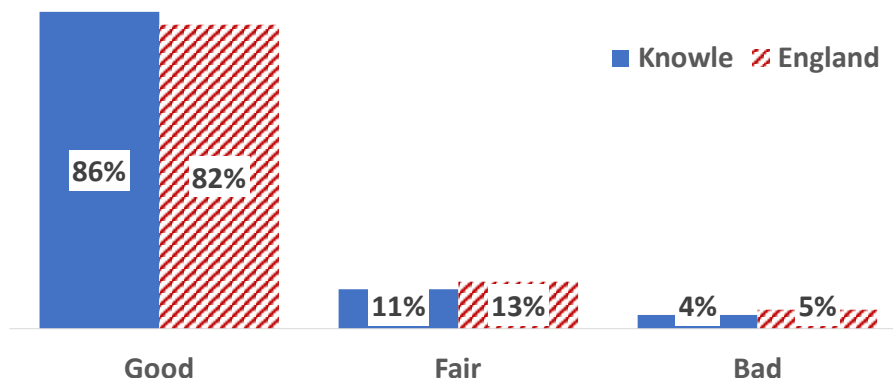
General Health, Disability and Unpaid Care

According to the 2021 Census self-reported general health in Knowle is better than that of the population of England. A large majority of people in Knowle say that their health is good (54% very good, 32% good) while just 4% say that their health is bad (3% bad, 1% very bad).

General Health of Population in Knowle 2021				
General Health	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Very good health	6,018	54%	49%	48%
Good health	3,532	32%	33%	34%
Fair health	1,184	11%	12%	13%
Bad health	316	3%	4%	4%
Very bad health	97	1%	1%	1%
Total Population	11,147			

Source: ONS Census 2021

General Health Population Knowle 2021



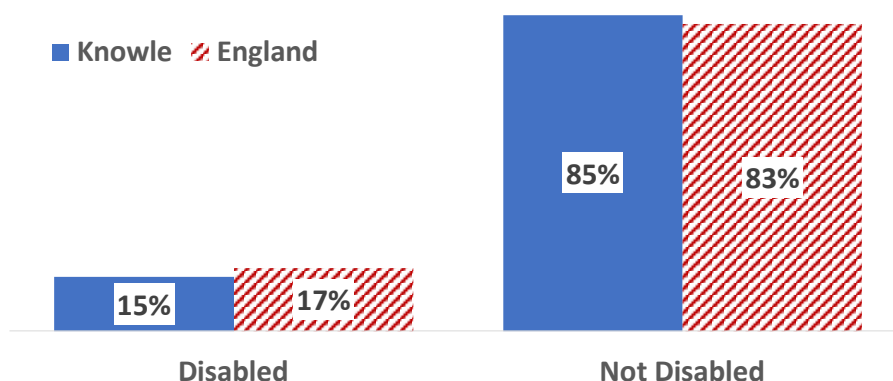
Source: ONS Census 2021

The population of Knowle are slightly less likely to have a long-term physical or mental health condition than the population of England (15% vs 17%) although the vast majority have no long-term problems (78%).

Disability in Knowle Population 2021				
Disability	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	655	6%	7%	7%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	969	9%	10%	10%
Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited	825	7%	7%	7%
No long term physical or mental health conditions	8,699	78%	76%	76%
Total Population	11,148			

Source: ONS Census 2021

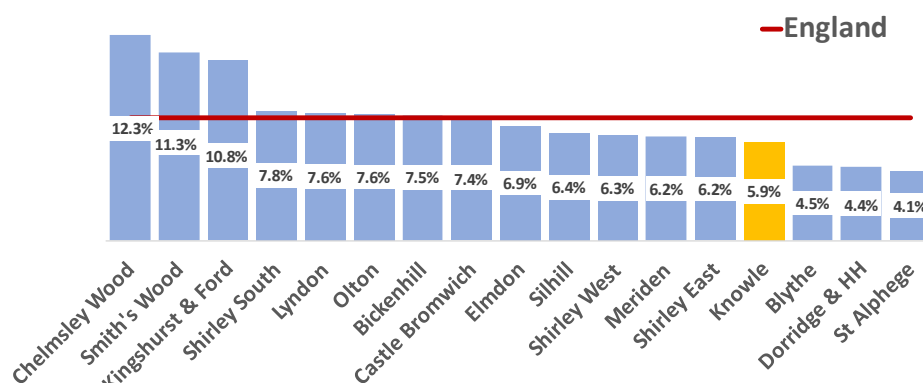
Disability in Population Knowle 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

6% of the Knowle population (655 individuals) say that their day-to-day activities are limited a lot by a long-term health condition lower than the England average (7%) and 4th lowest in Solihull.

Life Limited a Lot by Long – Term Health Condition Solihull Population 2021



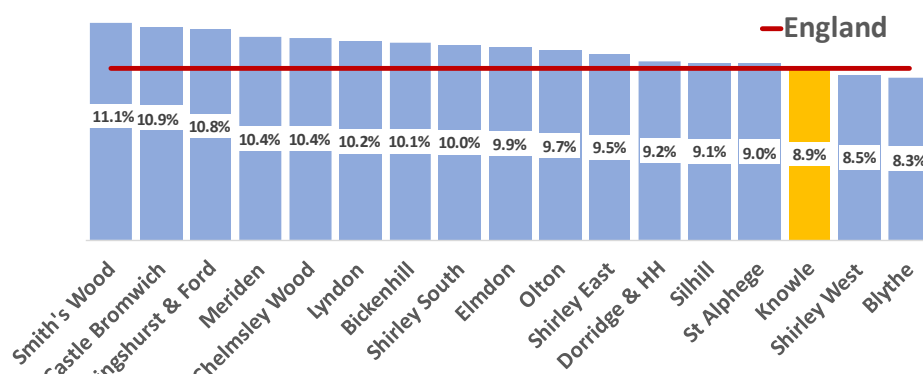
Source: Dept for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Just under 9% of the Knowle population (953 individuals) provide unpaid care to a friend or relative compared to 91% who provide no care (9,760 individuals). This is broadly in-line with the England average, but the proportion of people providing unpaid care in Knowle is the 3rd lowest in Solihull.

Provision of Unpaid Care in Knowle Population 2021				
Care Provided	Number in Knowle	% Population		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Provides no unpaid care	9,760	91%	90%	91%
Provides 9 hours or less care	426	4%	4%	3%
Provides 10 to 19 care	127	1%	1%	1%
Provides 20 to 34 care	74	1%	1%	1%
Provides 35 to 49 hours care	73	1%	1%	1%
Provides 50+ hours care	253	2%	3%	3%
Total Population	10,713			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Provision of Unpaid Care in Solihull 2021

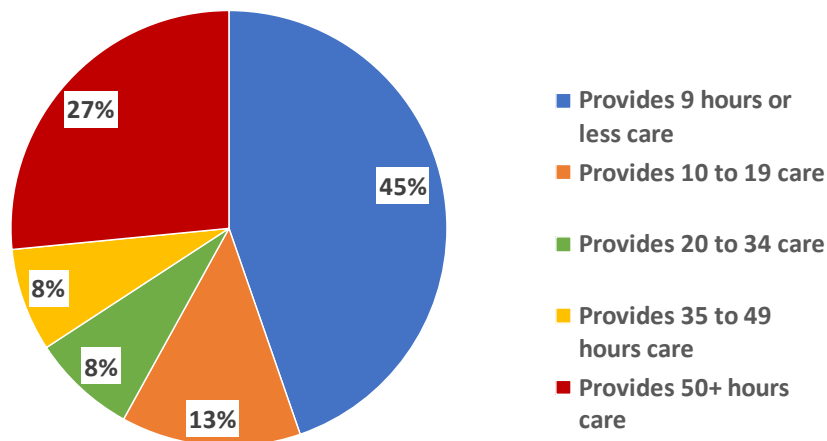


Source: Dept for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

45% of the Solihull population who provide unpaid care do so for nine hours or less per week (426 individuals). At the other end of the spectrum 27% (253 individuals) provide 50 hours or more care

per week. Knowle carers are slightly less likely to care for 50 hours+ per week than carers across England (27% vs 30%).

Provision of Unpaid Care in Knowle 2021



Life Expectancy

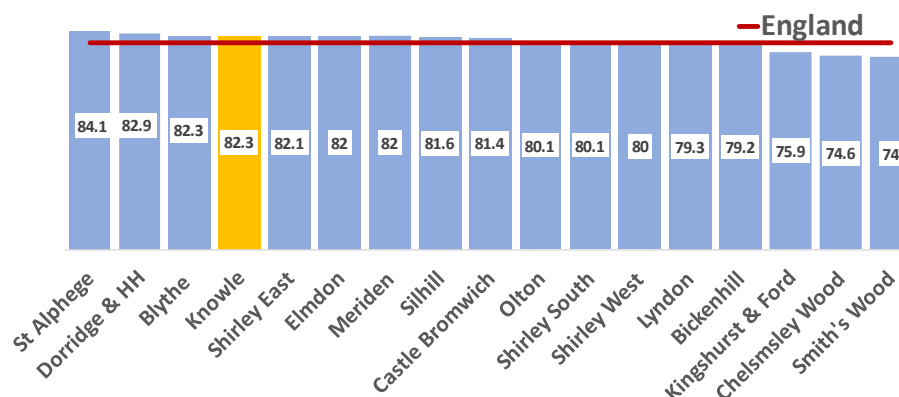
Life expectancy at birth is an estimate of the average number of years a new-born baby would survive if they experienced the age-specific mortality rates for that area. As such it is a useful summary measure of all-cause mortality and a proxy for the overall health of an area.

Life expectancy in Knowle is significantly higher than the England average for both males and females and is at the upper end among the 17 Solihull wardsⁱ.

Life Expectancy at Birth (Years) in Knowle 2016 to 2020			
	Knowle	Solihull	England
Male	82.3	80.2	79.5
Female	87	84.1	83.2
<i>Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities</i>			

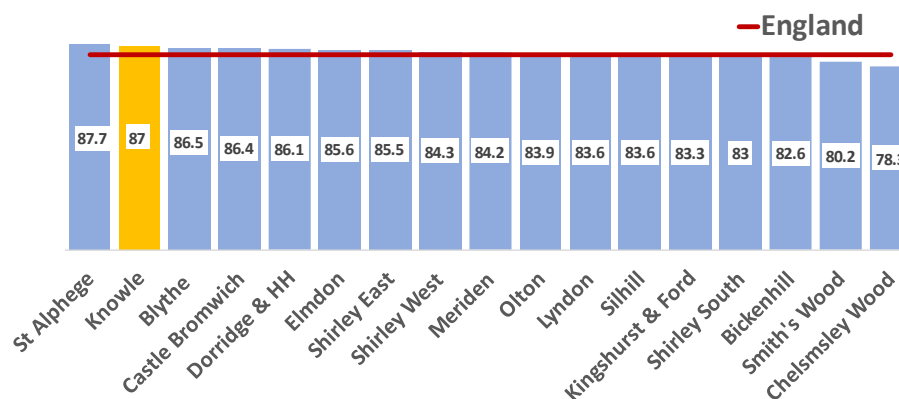
ⁱ Shading used in all OHID health tables denotes statistical significance: green=statistically better than in England; yellow=in-line with England average; red=statistically worse than England.

Male Life Expectancy in Solihull 2016 to 2020



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Female Life Expectancy in Solihull 2016 to 2020



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Hospital Admissions

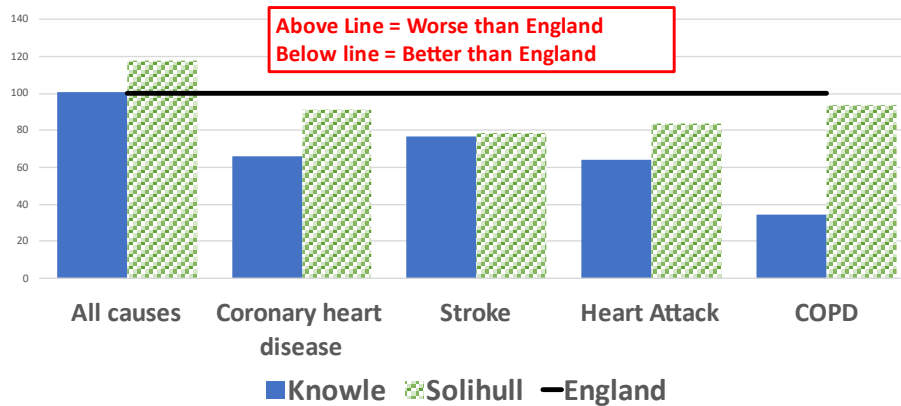
The table below shows the rate of standardised age emergency hospital admissions in Knowle for various health conditions relative to the England average of 100. Like Solihull as a whole emergency admissions for all causes are significantly more common than across England (100.8 vs 100). However, the rate of admissions for specific causes in Knowle is significantly lower than England for the specific causes of coronary heart disease, stroke, heart attack and COPD.

Emergency Admissions to Hospital in Knowle 2016/17 to 2020/21		
<i>This is an age standard admissions ratio where England = 100. A SAR over 100 indicates that admissions are more common than England, a SAR below 100 indicates that admissions are less common than England</i>		
	Knowle SAR	Solihull SAR
All causes	100.8	117.5
Coronary heart disease	66.2	90.9
Stroke	77	78.3
Heart Attack	63.9	83.6
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	34.6	93.6

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Emergency Hospital Admissions 2016/17 to 2020/21

Standardised Admissions Ratio



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

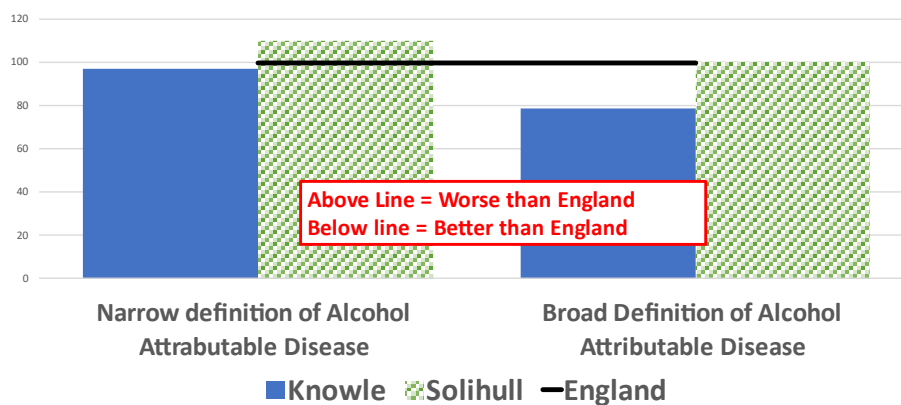
Alcohol consumption is a contributing factor to hospital admissions and deaths from a diverse range of conditions. Alcohol misuse is measured by hospital admissions for diseases attributable to alcohol. Using a broad definition of diseases attributable to alcohol the rate in Knowle is significantly lower than the England average and is marginally lower when a narrow definition is considered.

Admissions due to Alcohol Misuse in Knowle 2016/17 to 2020/21		
<i>This is an age standard admissions ratio where England = 100. An SAR over 100 indicates that incidence is more common than England, an SAR below 100 indicates that incidence is less common than England</i>		
	Knowle SAR	Solihull SAR
Alcohol attributable conditions (narrow definition)	96.9	110.1
Alcohol attributable conditions (broad definition)	78.6	100.3

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Admissions for Alcohol 2016/17 to 2020/21

Standardised Admissions Ratio



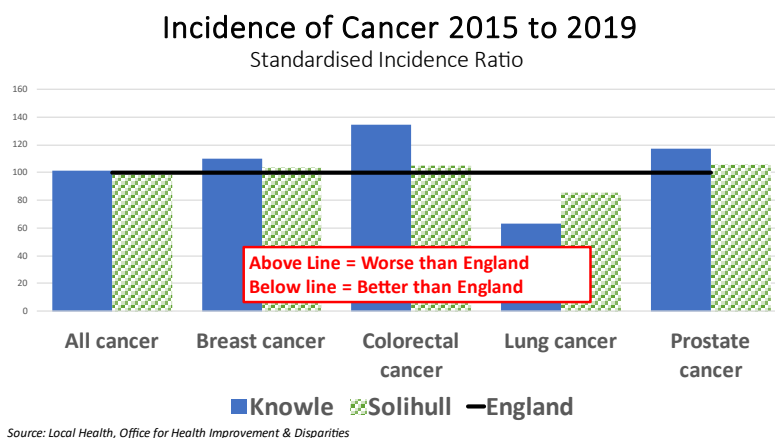
Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Cancer Incidence

The incidence of cancer (defined by the number of new cases) in Knowle is slightly higher than the England average but given the confidence limits attached to the data this cannot be described as significantly higher. This is also the case in terms of breast and prostate cancer. The incidence of lung cancer in Knowle is significantly lower than England but higher for colorectal cancer.

Incidence of Cancer in Knowle 2015 to 2019		
<i>This is an age standard incidence ratio where England = 100. An SIR over 100 indicates that incidence is more common than England, an SIR below 100 indicates that incidence is less common than England</i>		
	Knowle SIR	Solihull SIR
All cancer	101.3	98.6
Breast cancer	109.8	103.2
Colorectal cancer	134.2	105.1
Lung cancer	63.3	85.4
Prostate cancer	117.3	105.4

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities



Causes of Mortality

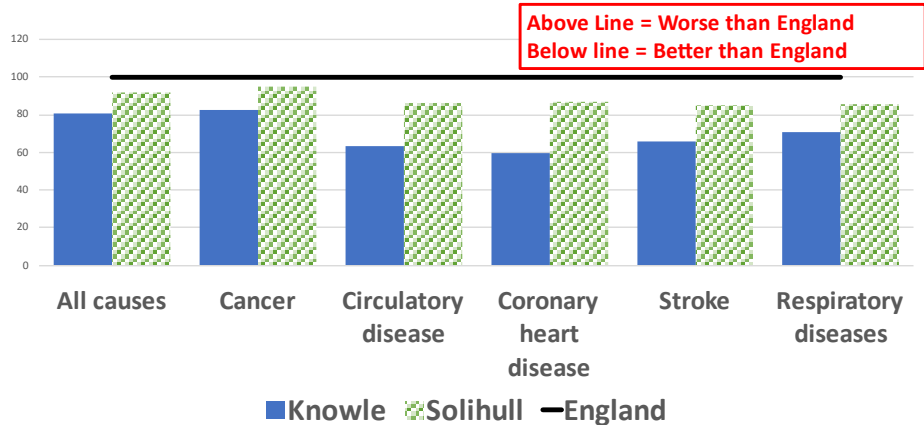
All age mortality is significantly lower than the England average as is mortality attributable to the specific causes of cancer, circulatory disease, coronary heart disease, stroke and respiratory disease.

All Age Deaths in Knowle 2016 to 2020		
<i>This is an age standard mortality ratio where England = 100. A SMR over 100 indicates that deaths are more common than England, a SMR below 100 indicates that deaths are less common than England</i>		
	Knowle SMR	Solihull SMR
All causes	80.9	91.6
Cancer	82.6	95.1
Circulatory disease	63.5	86.1
Coronary heart disease	59.7	86.8
Stroke	65.7	85.2
Respiratory diseases	71	85.6

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

All Age Deaths 2016 to 2020

Standardised Mortality Ratio



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

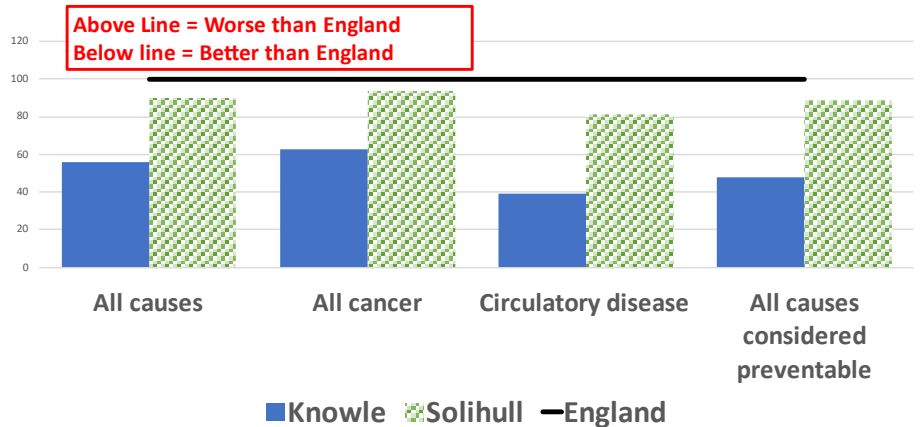
Premature mortality (deaths under the age of 75 years) is significantly lower in Knowle than across England as are early deaths from cancer, circulatory disease and all causes considered preventable.

Premature and Preventable Deaths (under 75 years) in Knowle 2016 to 2020		
<i>This is an age standard mortality ratio where England = 100. A SMR over 100 indicates that deaths are more common than England, a SMR below 100 indicates that deaths are less common than England</i>		
	Knowle SMR	Solihull SMR
All causes	55.8	89.9
All cancer	62.9	93.5
Circulatory disease	38.9	81.3
All causes considered preventable	47.7	88.6

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

All Premature & Preventable Deaths 2016 to 2020

Standardised Mortality Ratio



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Housing and Transport

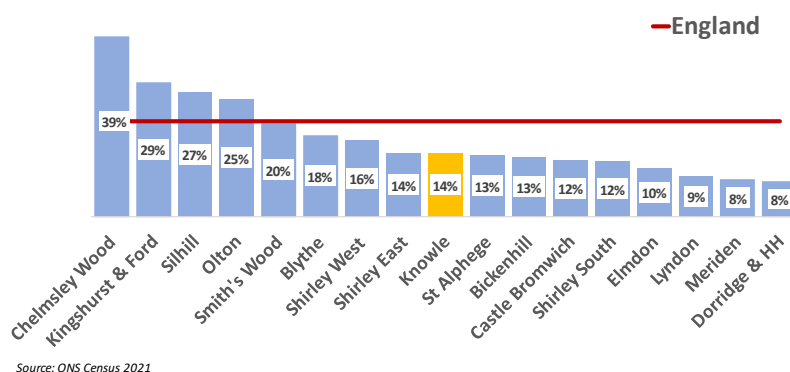
Accommodation Type

85% of Knowle households live in a house (3,956 households) and 14% in a flat (638 households). The proportion of Knowle households living in a flat is lower than the England average (14% vs 21%) but is in the middle of Solihull's 17 wards.

Accommodation Type in Knowle 2021				
Tenure	Number in Knowle	% Households		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Detached Housing	2,573	55%	28%	23%
Semi-Detached Housing	969	21%	37%	31%
Terraced Housing	414	9%	16%	23%
Flats	638	14%	17%	21%
Other	73	2%	1%	2%
All Households	4,667			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Households Living in a Flat in Solihull 2021



Tenure

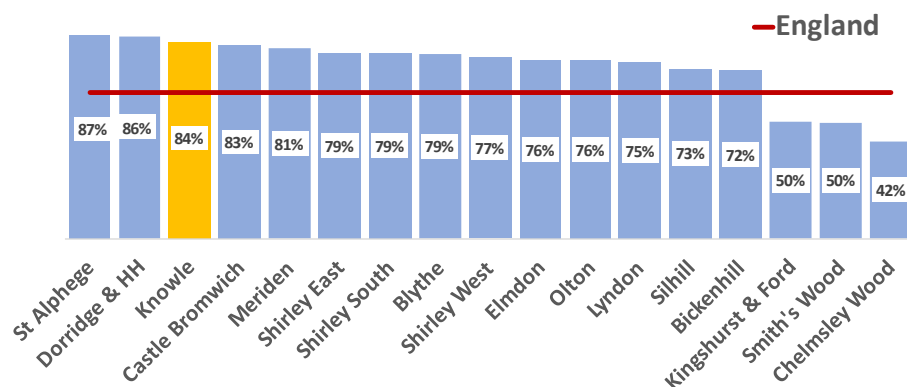
84% of Knowle households own (or part own) their own home either outright or through a mortgage (3,907 households). The vast majority of the remainder rent either privately or socially. Social renting in Knowle (270 households, 6% of total) is less common than across England (17%) or Solihull (14%).

Tenure in Knowle 2021				
Tenure	Number in Knowle	% Households		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Owned or Shared Ownership	3,907	84%	73%	62%
Social rented	270	6%	14%	17%
Private rented or lives rent free	491	11%	13%	21%
All Households	4,668			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Homeownership rates in Knowle are the 3rd highest in Solihull where the rates are above the national average everywhere except the three North Solihull wards.

Homeownership (including shared ownership) in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

Overcrowding

Household overcrowding is assessed by comparing the number of people in a household against the number of bedrooms that they require based on the bedroom standard which determines that adults, children over 16 and children between 10 and 15 of a different sex are entitled to their own bedroom. Overcrowding occurs when the number of bedrooms in the accommodation is less than the number required under this bedroom standard.

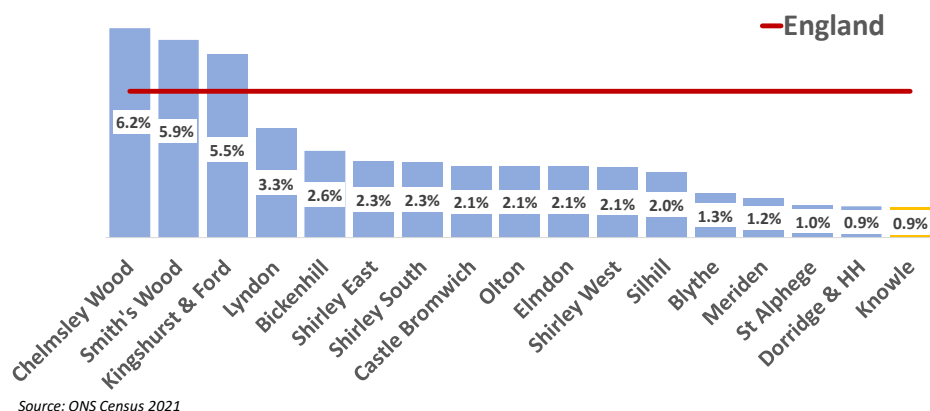
A large majority of households in Knowle have at least one spare bedroom and are considered under-utilised (87%, 4,046 households). This is common across Solihull and England. Just 1% of Knowle households are overcrowded compared to the England average of 4%.

With the exception of the three North Solihull wards bedroom overcrowding is less common among the 17 Solihull wards than England.

Overcrowding in Knowle (Bedroom Standard) 2021				
Bedroom Occupation	Number in Knowle	% Households		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
Under utilised	4,046	87%	76%	69%
Ideal Occupation	580	12%	22%	27%
Overcrowded	42	1%	3%	4%
All Households	4,668			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Overcrowded households in Solihull 2021 (Based on Number of Bedrooms)



Access to Car or Van

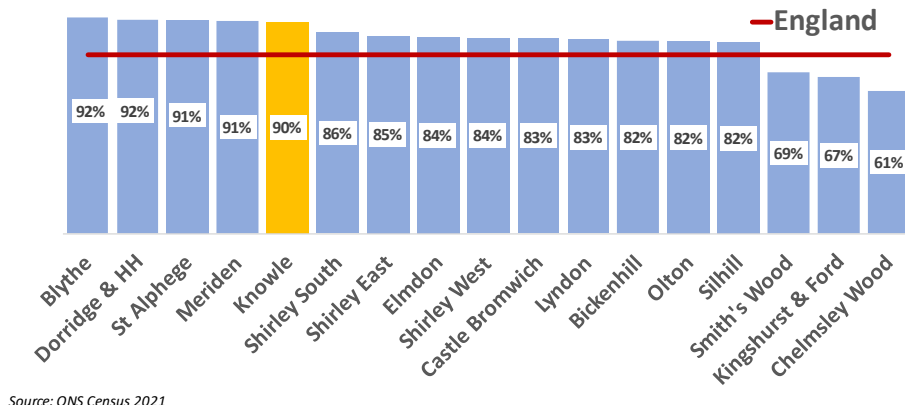
90% of Knowle households have a car or van (4,220 households) including 54% (2,540 households) that have more than one. Car or van ownership, including multiple ownership is more common in Knowle than the England average.

With the exception of the three North Solihull wards all Solihull wards have higher levels of car or van ownership than the England average.

Knowle Households with a car or van 2021				
Car/van access	Number in Knowle	% Households		
		Knowle	Solihull	England
No car or van access	449	10%	18%	24%
Car or van access	4,220	90%	82%	76%
<i>Number of cars or vans per household</i>				
1 car or van	1,680	36%	39%	41%
2 cars or vans	1,866	40%	32%	26%
3+ cars or vans	674	14%	11%	9%
All Households	4,669			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Households with access to a car or van in Solihull 2021

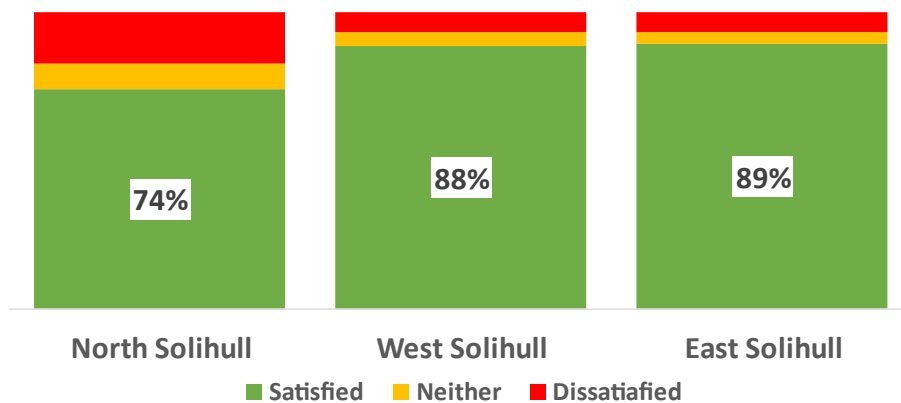


Community and Safety

Community Satisfaction and Belonging

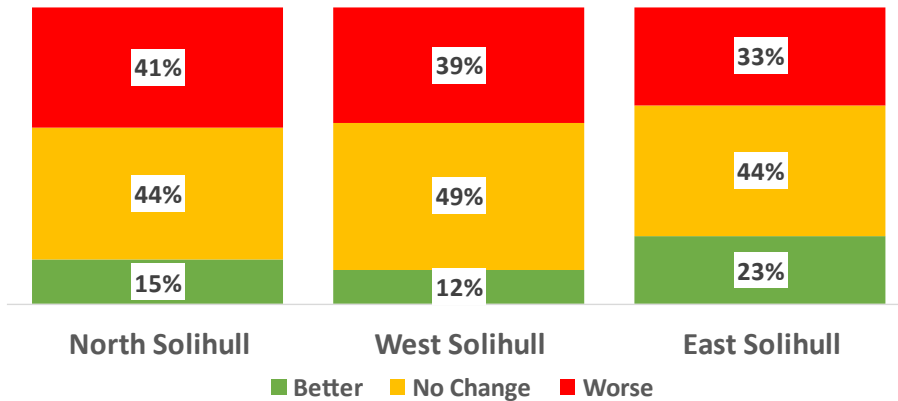
Most Solihull respondents to the 2022 Place Survey say that they are satisfied with their local area as a place to live (84%) with just 10% saying that they are dissatisfied. Levels of satisfaction are high across all three Solihull localities and in East Solihull 89% are satisfied and 7% dissatisfied.

Satisfaction with local area as place to live



The majority of Solihull respondents to the 2022 Place Survey thought that their local area had remained the same or got worse over the two preceding years (85%), including 38% who thought that their local area got worse over this period. The results do not vary greatly across localities, although results from East Solihull are slightly more positive than the Solihull average (East Solihull 77% no change or worse, 23% better).

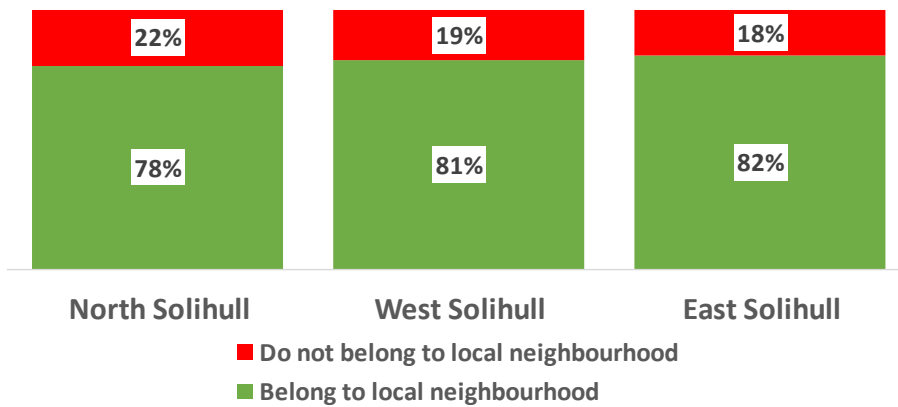
How has local area changed in last 2 years



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

82% of respondents to the 2022 Place Survey feel that they belong to their local neighbourhood while 20% do not. Feelings of community belonging vary little across Solihull with East Solihull broadly in-line with the borough average.

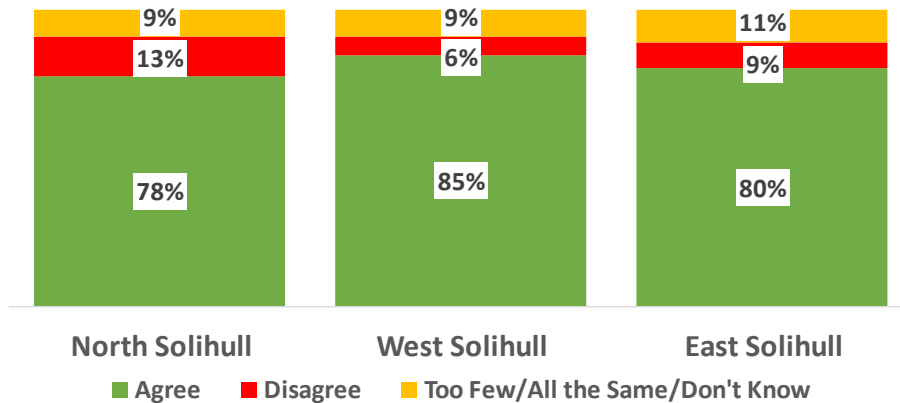
To what extent does respondent feel they belong to local neighbourhood



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

Despite significant demographic changes and increasing ethnic and religious diversity Solihull remains a cohesive borough. 82% of respondents agree that people from a different background get on well together in their local area, with just 9% disagreeing. Cohesion is high throughout Solihull and the results from East Solihull are in-line with the borough average.

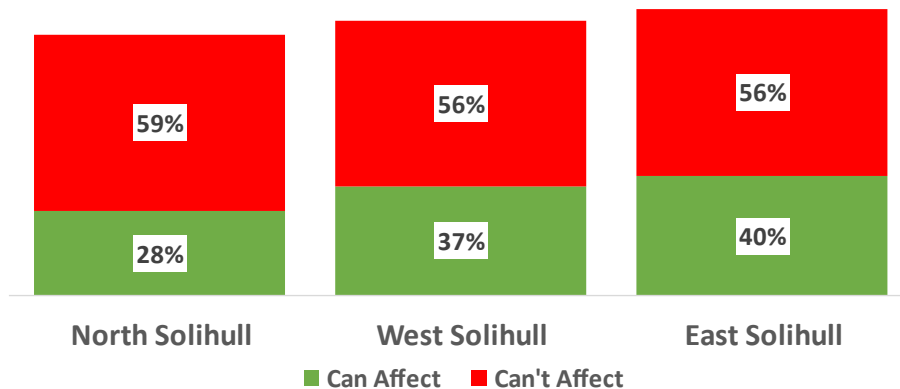
People from a different background get on well together in local area



Civic Participation

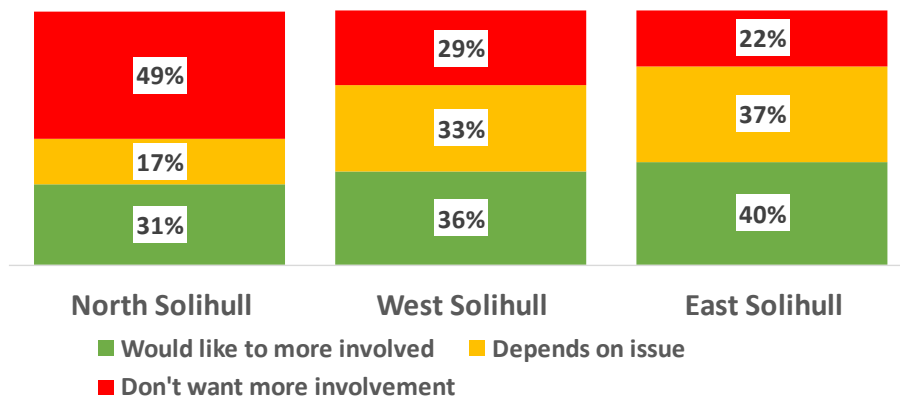
35% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they can influence decisions that affect their local area while 57% don't feel they can influence decisions. More people in East Solihull feel they can influence decisions (40%) than elsewhere in the borough.

To what extent do feel able to influence decisions that affect your local area



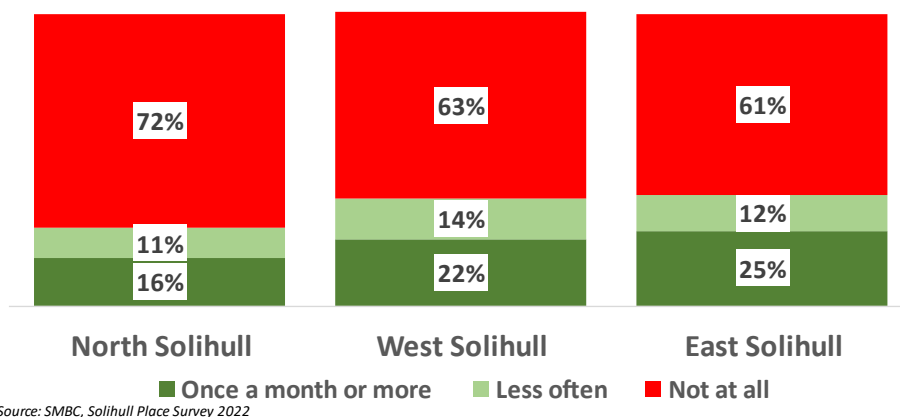
Despite the fact that 57% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they can't influence local decisions only 36% say that they would definitely like more involvement with 33% saying that they definitively don't want to be involved. The results for this measure do vary across the borough and in East Solihull 77% say that they are at least open to more involvement (40% definitely yes, 37% depends on the issue), while less than a quarter (22%) do not want to be involved.

Would like to be more involved in local decisions



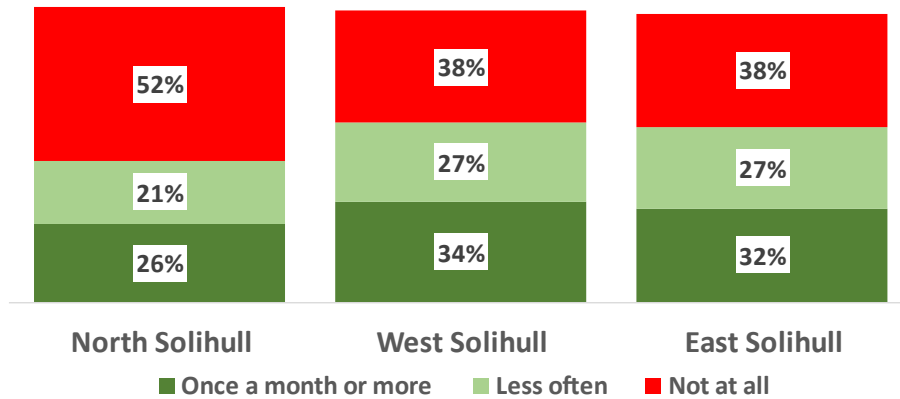
On average 34% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they have taken part in formal volunteering (defined as unpaid help to any group, club or organisation such as sports coaching or supporting a faith organisation) over the last year, including 21% who volunteer at least once a month. Participation is higher outside North Solihull with a participation rate of 38% in East Solihull.

Have taken part in formal volunteering in last year



On average 57% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they have provided informal help in their local community or to a neighbour over the last year, including 32% who have done so at least once a month. Participation is higher outside North Solihull with a participation rate of 59% in East Solihull.

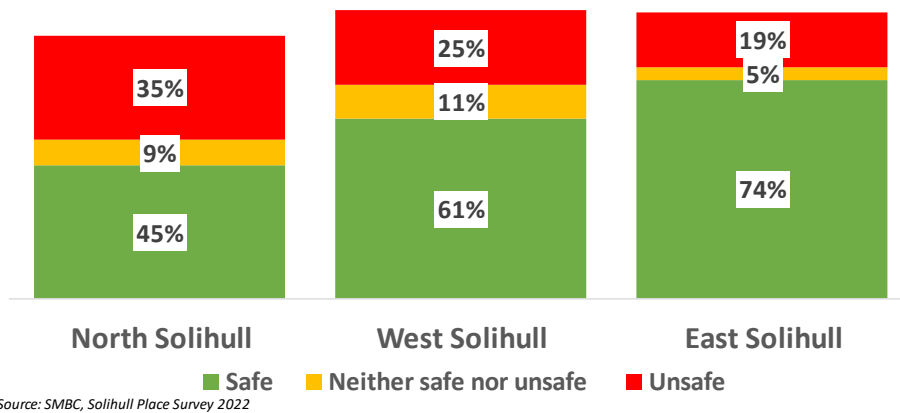
Have taken part in informal volunteering in last year



Community Safety

59% of Solihull respondents to the 2022 Place Survey say that they feel safe after dark whereas 27% feel unsafe. There is a significant difference between North Solihull and the rest of the borough on this measure, with 74% of East Solihull residents feeling safe after dark.

Feeling safe after dark in local area

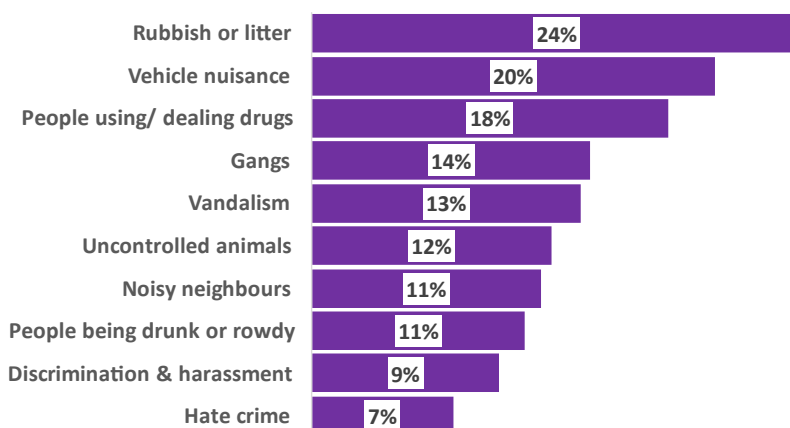


Respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey were asked which of 10 types of antisocial behaviour were a problem in their local area. The most commonly cited problem in East Solihull was rubbish & litter lying around (24%), followed by vehicle nuisance (20%) and people using or dealing drugs (18%). Each type of ASB was considered a problem by fewer East Solihull respondents than the Solihull average.

Problem with Anti-Social Behaviour in Local Area		
ASB Type	East Solihull	Solihull
Discrimination, harassment or intimidation	9%	14%
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	11%	11%
Vehicle nuisance, like joyriding, abandoned cars etc	20%	32%
Gangs hanging around the streets	14%	22%
Uncontrolled animals or dog mess	12%	15%
People using or dealing drugs	18%	28%
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	11%	15%
Vandalism, graffiti & other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	13%	26%
Rubbish or litter lying around	24%	34%
Hate crime	7%	8%

Source: Solihull Place Survey 2022

Problem with ASB in East Solihull



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

Crime Deprivation

Knowle's eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 85th percentile nationally in terms of crime & disorder deprivation, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the crime & disorder deprived Kingshurst & Fordbridge (15th percentile) to the advantaged Knowle (85th percentile).

Ward	Average Crime & Disorder Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	15
Chelmsley Wood	16
Smith's Wood	25
Castle Bromwich	35
Shirley West	42
Lyndon	44
Bickenhill	48
Olton	58
Elmdon	62
Silhill	64
Shirley East	65
Meriden	71
Blythe	72
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	78
Shirley South	78
St Alphege	81
Knowle	85
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Crime & disorder deprivation among the eight Knowle LSOAs ranges from Knowle South on the 68th percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Bentley Heath South on the 98th percentile. No neighbourhoods in Knowle can be considered deprived from a crime & disorder perspective.

Crime & Disorder Rank in Knowle 2019	
LSOA	Crime & Disorder Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Knowle South	67.6
Copt Heath	72.9
Chadwick End	78.3
Knowle North	81.8
Dorridge East	88.3
Arden	95.6
Tilehouse Green	98.0
Bentley Heath North	98.4
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Reported Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

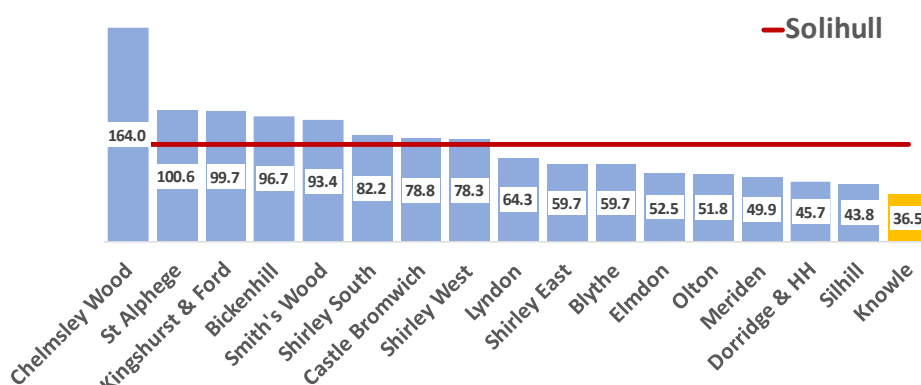
The table below shows the number of recorded crimes in the year to date (January-November 15th 2023). There have been 412 crimes in Knowle, 2.5% of the Solihull total and equating to 36.5 per 1,000 population. This is the lowest crime rate of any of the 17 Solihull wards.

Reported Crimes in 2023			
Ward	Number of Reported Crimes	% Reported Crimes	Crimes per 1,000 Population
Bickenhill	1,242	7.6%	96.7
Blythe	880	5.4%	59.7
Castle Bromwich	889	5.5%	78.8
Chelmsley Wood	2,183	13.4%	164.0
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	524	3.2%	45.7
Elmdon	669	4.1%	52.5
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	1,354	8.3%	99.7
Knowle	412	2.5%	36.5
Lyndon	893	5.5%	64.3
Meriden	636	3.9%	49.9
Olton	665	4.1%	51.8
Shirley East	724	4.5%	59.7
Shirley South	1,030	6.3%	82.2
Shirley West	1,010	6.2%	78.3
Silhill	545	3.4%	43.8
Smith's Wood	1,207	7.4%	93.4
St Alphege	1,393	8.6%	100.6
Solihull^	16,256		74.7

^ Solihull total includes 861 crimes attributed to Airport/NEC (5% total)

Source: West Midlands Police

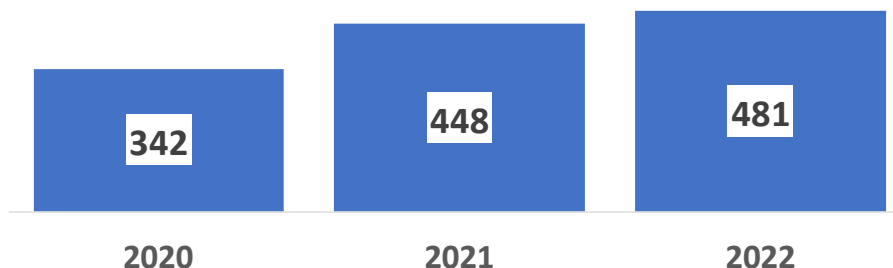
Reported Crimes per 1,000 Population in Solihull 2023



Source: West Midlands Police

The number of reported crimes in Knowle trended upwards from 2020 to 2022, increasing by 41% (+139 crimes over this period). However, this increase matches the 41% increase recorded across Solihull as a whole.

Annual Reported Number of Crimes in Knowle



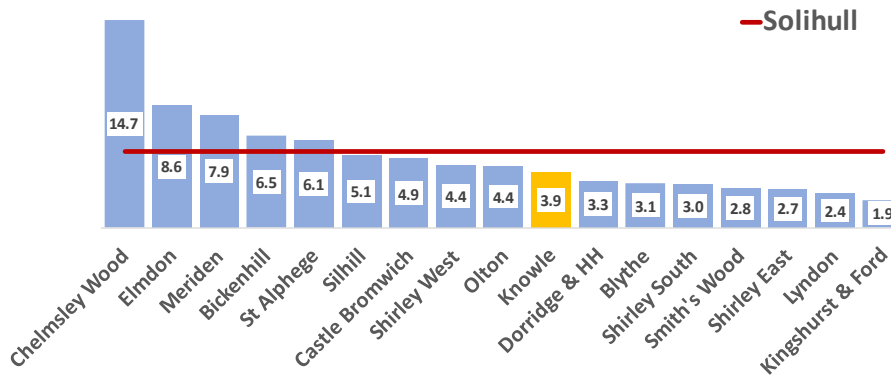
Source: West Midlands Police

The following table shows the number of recorded antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents in the year to date (January-November 15th 2023). There have been 44 ASB incidents in Knowle, 3.7% of the Solihull total and equating to 3.9 per 1,000 population. This is lower than the Solihull average of 5.4 per 1,000 and ranks Knowle 10th of the 17 Solihull wards.

Reported Antisocial Behaviour Incidents in 2023			
Ward	Number of Reported ASB	% ASB	ASB per 1,000 Population
Bickenhill	83	7.1%	6.5
Blythe	46	3.9%	3.1
Castle Bromwich	55	4.7%	4.9
Chelmsley Wood	195	16.6%	14.7
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	38	3.2%	3.3
Elmdon	110	9.4%	8.6
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	26	2.2%	1.9
Knowle	44	3.7%	3.9
Lyndon	34	2.9%	2.4
Meriden	101	8.6%	7.9
Olton	56	4.8%	4.4
Shirley East	33	2.8%	2.7
Shirley South	38	3.2%	3.0
Shirley West	57	4.9%	4.4
Silhill	64	5.5%	5.1
Smith's Wood	36	3.1%	2.8
St Alphege	85	7.2%	6.1
Solihull	1,174		5.4

Source: West Midlands Police

Reported ASB per 1,000 Population in Solihull 2023



Source: West Midlands Police

Local Assets and Services

My Solihull maps provide access to information about the local community including places to go and things to do. Users can search on groups appropriate for a specific budget or age group or to look for specialists in disability or mental health support. Information on defined areas of interest such as sports and physical activity clubs and facilities can also be found. My Solihull Maps can be accessed via the link below.

[My Solihull Map](#)