

# Basic facts about Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes broken down by Unitary



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This report provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic and socio-economic make-up of the 4 unitaries in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. It looks at the population structure and provides information on the economic, housing and educational achievement of each unitary.

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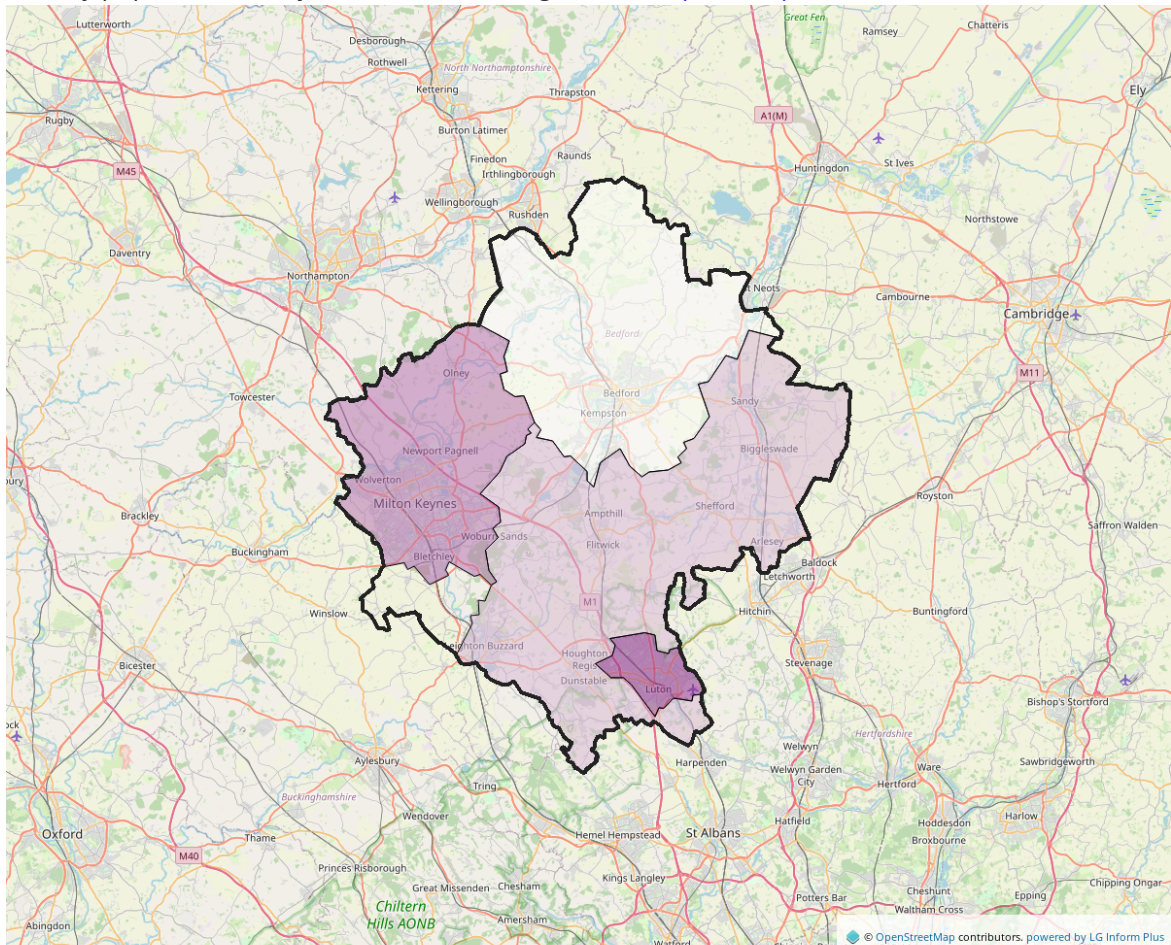
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## Geography and population

Here is a breakdown of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes giving the area, population size and gender split of each unitary.

The total area of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes integrated care system is [154,405.31 hectares](#). The unitary with the largest area is Central Bedfordshire, representing 46.35% of the total area of all Unitaries in the integrated care system.

The most densely populated unitary in 2020 was Luton with [49.25 persons per hectare](#), the least densely populated unitary was Bedford Borough with [3.67 persons per hectare](#).



### Population density (2020)

- $\geq 18.88 \leq 49.25$  persons per hectare
- $\geq 6.44 < 18.88$  persons per hectare
- $\geq 4.00 < 6.44$  persons per hectare
- $\geq 3.67 < 4.00$  persons per hectare

The total resident population of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes in 2020 was [952,514](#). By 2039 the population in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes is projected to be [1,160,536](#). The unitary with the largest population is Central Bedfordshire, representing 30.88% of the total population of all unitaries in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

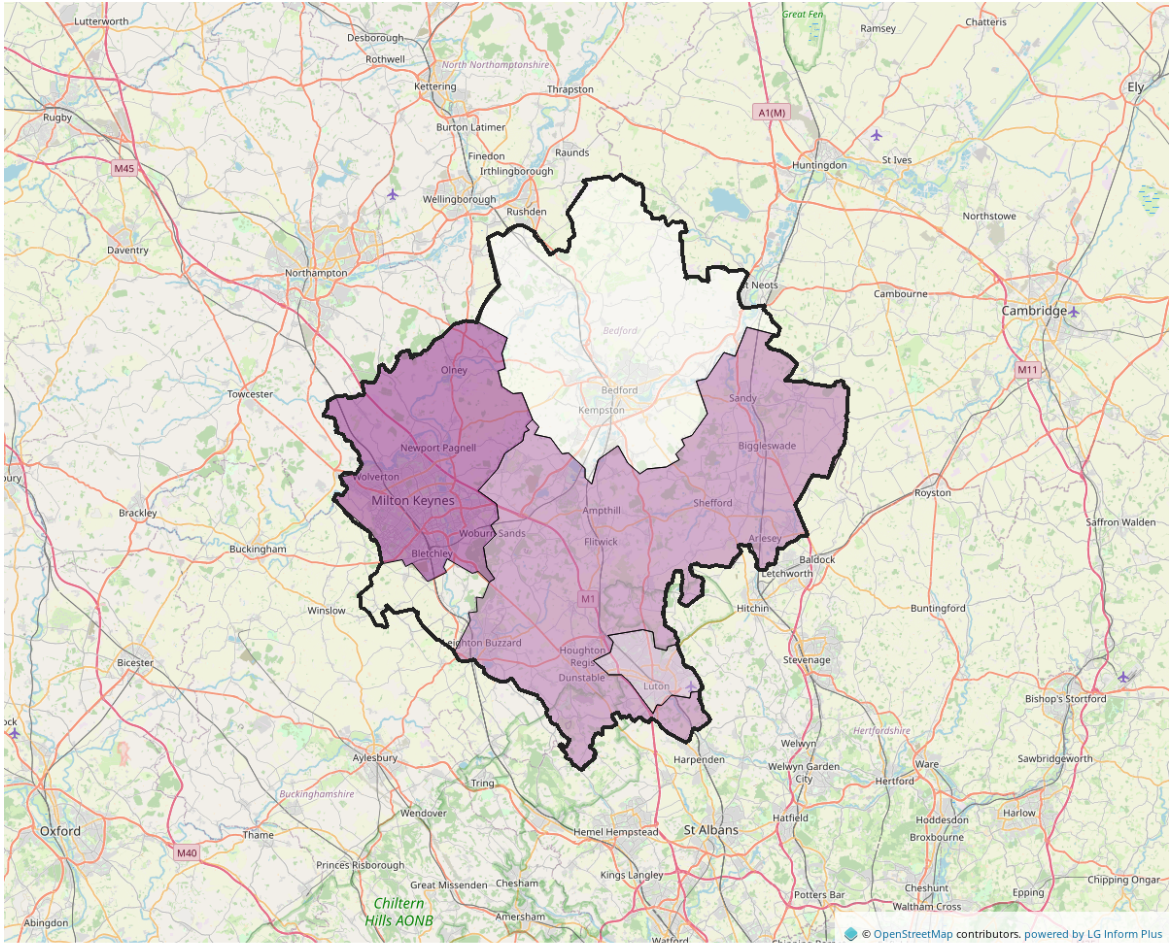
	Geographical area, land only measurements - hectares	Total population	Total female population	Total male population
	2021	2020	2020	2020
	Hectares	People	People	People
<b>Bedford Borough</b>	47,640.82	174,687	88,763	85,924
<b>Central Bedfordshire</b>	71,566.57	294,096	149,217	144,879
<b>Luton</b>	4,335.25	213,528	104,614	108,914
<b>Milton Keynes</b>	30,862.67	270,203	136,648	133,555

## Age

This table gives a broad age breakdown by unitary in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. Luton unitary has the highest proportion of the population who are in the 0-15 age group, which represents 27.75% of the total population within the unitary.

Bedford Borough unitary has the highest number of people aged 65 and over representing 28.62% of the total population of the Unitary.

	Population aged 0-15	Population aged 16-64	Population aged 65 and over (count)
	2020	2020	2020
	People	People	People
<b>Bedford Borough</b>	36,912	106,353	31,422
<b>Central Bedfordshire</b>	58,799	182,665	52,632
<b>Luton</b>	52,731	133,825	26,972
<b>Milton Keynes</b>	62,759	168,427	39,017



**Dependent children: All ages (2011)**

- $\geq 33,331 \leq 34,475$
- $\geq 29,902 < 33,331$
- $\geq 25,173 < 29,902$
- $\geq 20,128 < 25,173$

This map shows numbers of households with dependent children for all Unitaries in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes is the unitary with the highest number of households ([34,475](#)) with dependent children in the integrated care system and Bedford Borough is the unitary with the lowest number of households with dependent children ([20,128](#)).

**Ethnicity**

This table shows the ethnic mix of each unitary in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. Luton unitary has the highest number of Asian / Asian British residents in the unitary.

Luton unitary has the highest number of Black / African / Caribbean /Black British residents in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

	<b>Residents who are White</b>	<b>Residents who are Mixed/multiple ethnic groups</b>	<b>Residents who are Asian/Asian British</b>	<b>Residents who are Black/African/Caribbean/Black British</b>	<b>Residents who are Other ethnic group</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>People</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>People</b>
<b>Bedford Borough</b>	126,846	5,386	17,932	6,202	1,113
<b>Central Bedfordshire</b>	238,722	4,789	6,402	3,614	854
<b>Luton</b>	111,079	8,281	60,952	19,909	2,980
<b>Milton Keynes</b>	199,094	8,235	22,782	17,131	1,579

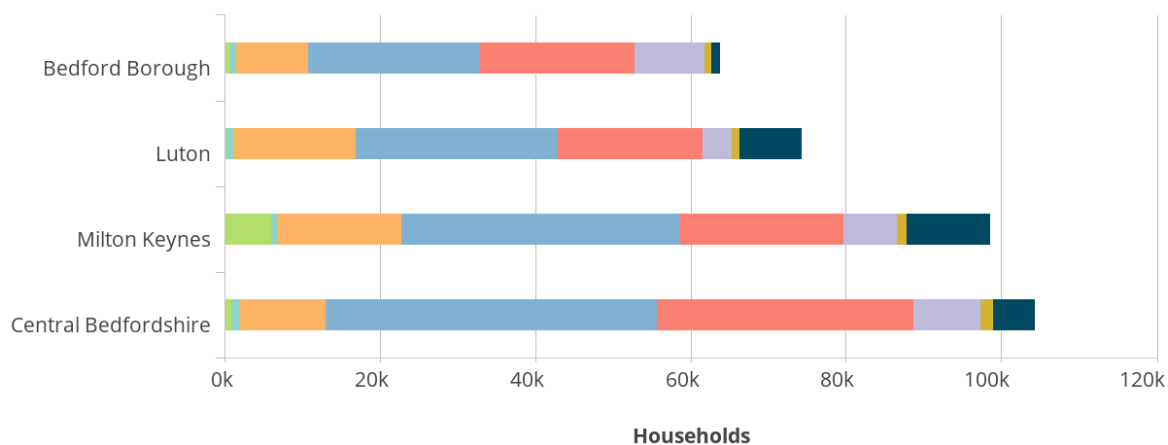
## Housing

In 2011 there were [387,700](#) households in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes and this chart shows the households of each unitary in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes broken down by tenure. Milton Keynes unitary has [10,801](#) households rented from the council, which is the highest number for any unitary in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

Bedford Borough unitary has [9,097](#) households of other types of social renting, which is the highest number for any unitary in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

NOTE: If the integrated care system you are reporting on has more than 30 unitaries the chart will show the 30 with the highest total number of households.

**Households broken down by tenure (count) (Count) (2011) for Local authorities of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Sustainability and Transformation Partnership**  
source: Census



- Households rented from council or equivalent, 2011
  - Households rented from other private owners (inc from relative or employer), 2011
  - Households rented from other social landlords, 2011
  - Households owned outright, 2011
  - Households owned with a mortgage or loan, 2011
  - Households rented from private landlord or letting agency, 2011
  - Households where occupiers living rent free, 2011
  - Households in shared ownership, 2011
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## Employment

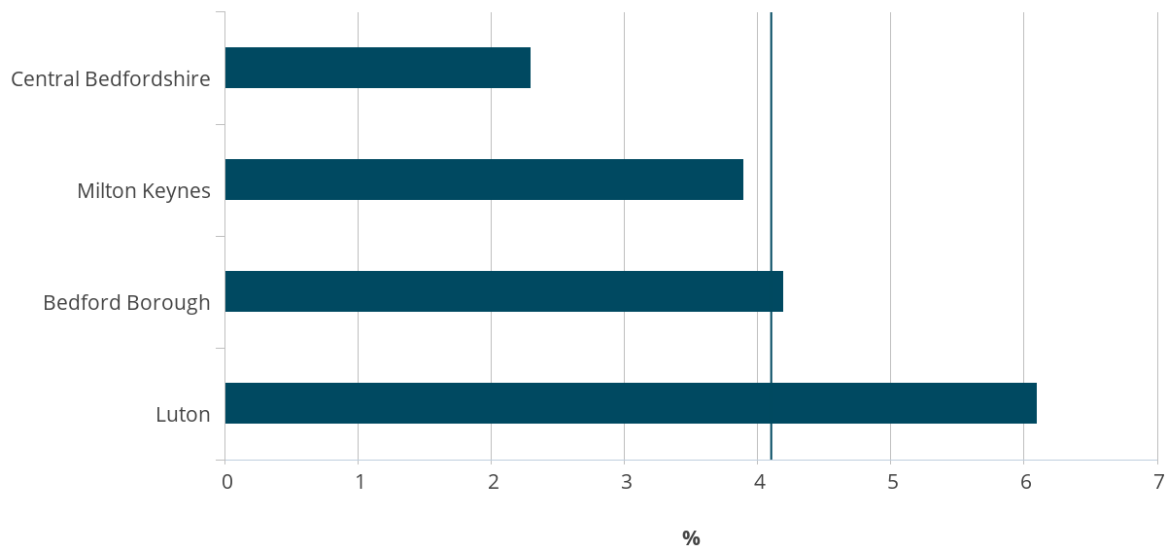
The Overall employment rate (aged 16-64) in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes was no value in no value compared to [75.1%](#) in England and no value in United Kingdom.

Luton unitary has the highest percentage of residents in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes who are claiming unemployment benefit. .

The bar chart below shows the percentage claiming unemployment benefit for each unitary in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes against the average for the integrated care system.

NOTE: If the integrated care system contains more than 30 unitaries the report will show the 30 with the highest percentage of claimants aged 16+.

**Proportion of residents aged 16+ claiming unemployment related benefits (%) (Jun 2022) for Local authorities of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Sustainability and Transformation Partnership**  
source: Claimant count by sex and age



Claimant count aged 16+ (% of population aged 16-64), Jun 2022

Claimant count aged 16+ (% of population aged 16-64), Mean for Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Local authorities, Jun 2022

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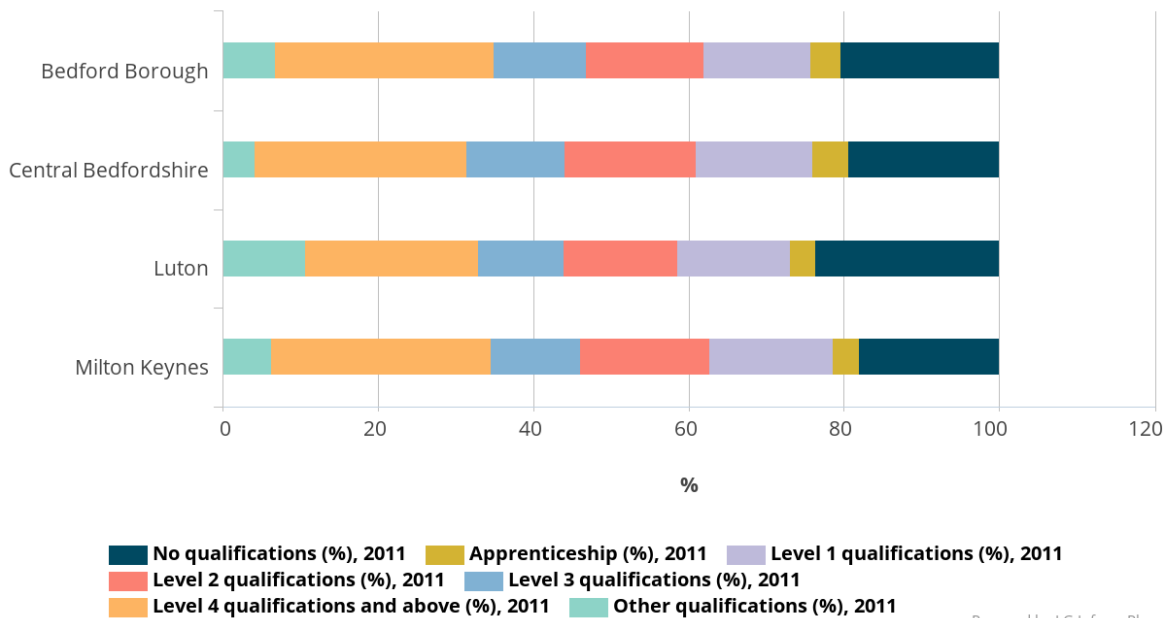
## Education

The 2011 Census recorded the educational achievement of residents; this chart shows the proportion of residents split by each unitary reporting to have no qualifications.

Luton unitary has the highest percentage of residents in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes who have no qualifications ([23.62%](#)) compared to [20.15%](#) for Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes as a whole.

NOTE: If the integrated care system in your report has more than 30 unitaries the chart will show the first 30 in alphabetical order of name.

**Residents broken down by educational qualifications (%) (Percentage of ONS population count) (2011)  
for Local authorities of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Sustainability and Transformation Partnership**

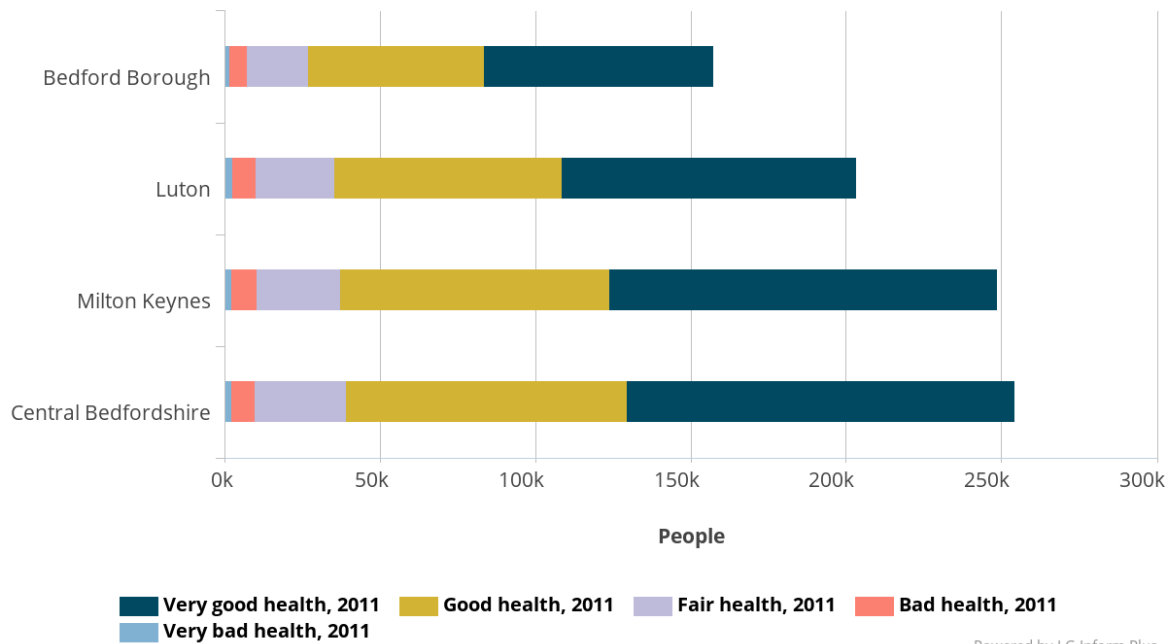


## Health

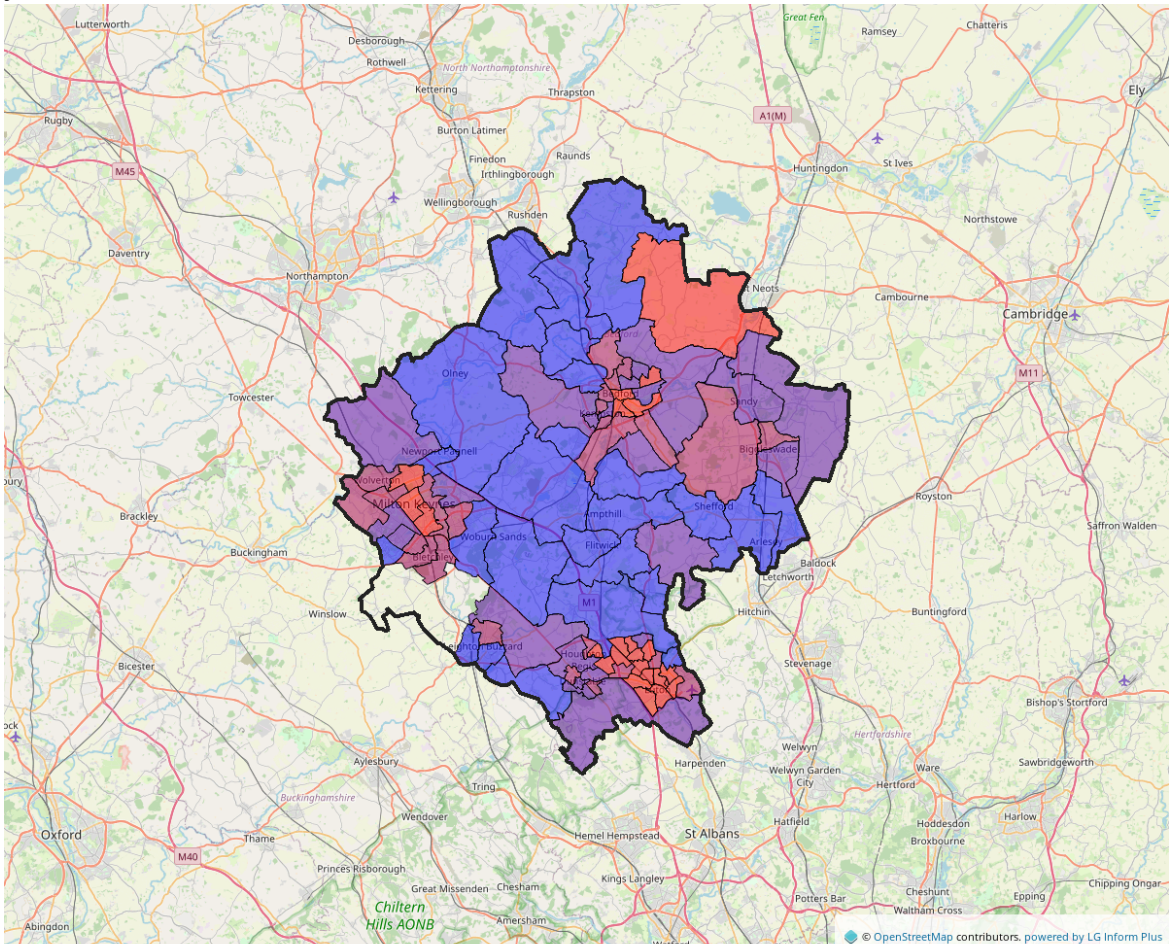
This chart shows the general health of residents by each unitary in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes, as self-reported in the last Census. Luton unitary has the highest percentage of residents in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes who report they are in very bad health ([1.2%](#)).

NOTE: If the integrated care system of your report contains more than 30 unitaries the chart will show the 30 with the largest overall population.

**Local authorities of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Sustainability and Transformation Partnership**  
source: Census



The map shows the % of measured children in year 6 classified as obese for each MSOA in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care System for the 2017/18-19/20 (academic) year.

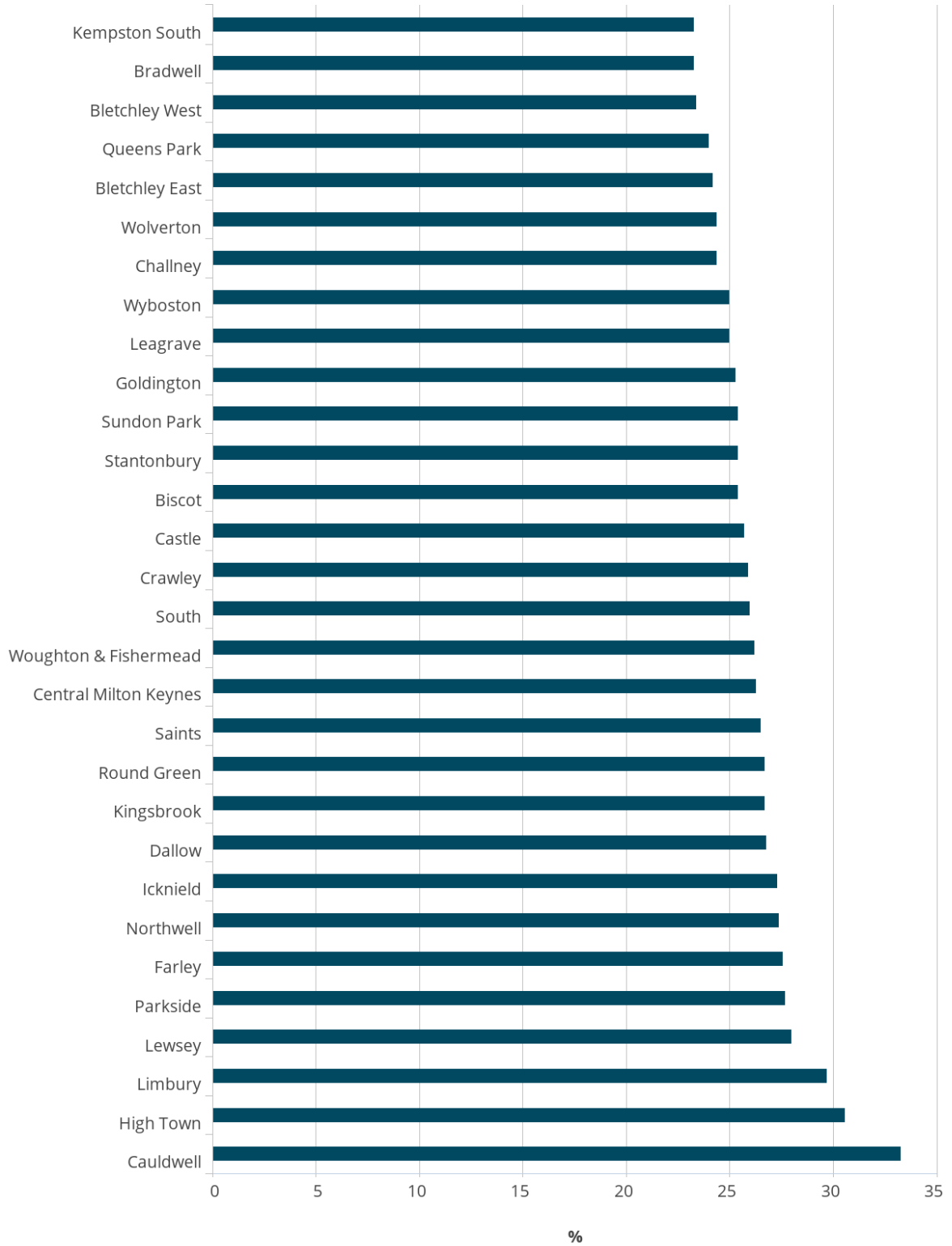


**Obese children in year 6 (%) (2017/18-19/20 (academic))**

- ≥ 8.8 ≤ 14.8 %
- > 14.8 ≤ 19.8 %
- > 19.8 ≤ 24.4 %
- > 24.4 ≤ 33.3 %



**% of measured children in year 6 classified as obese (%) (2017/18-19/20 (academic)) for Wards of Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Sustainability and Transformation Partnership**  
 source: Child obesity and excess weight: small area level data



■ Obese children in year 6 (%), 2017/18-19/20 (academic)

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NOTE: If the integrated care system contains more than 30 unitaries the report will show the 30 with the highest percentage obese children in year 6

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[Office for Health Improvement and Disparities \(OHID\); Child obesity and excess weight: small area level data](#)

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[Office for National Statistics; Mid-year estimates](#)

[Office for National Statistics; Population projections: 2014-based projections](#)

[Office for National Statistics; UK Standard Area Measurements \(SAM\)](#)