

# Census 2021

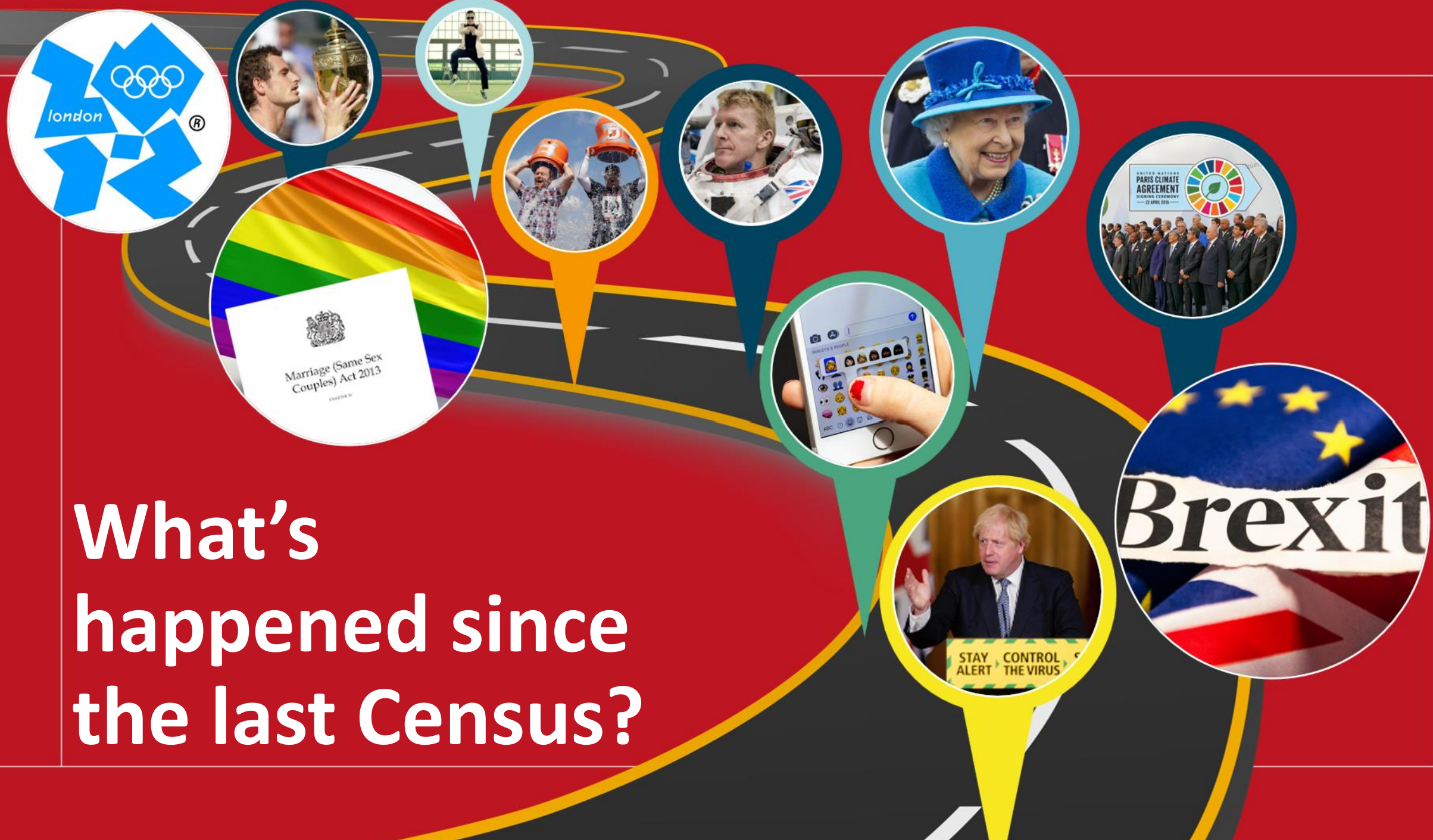
## What's changed across Hertfordshire

Census 2021 took place during a national lockdown. The government advice at the time was to stay at home.

Source: Census 2021



Data for those aged 0+ unless specified



What's happened since the last Census?





**In Hertfordshire,  
our total population  
has grown by 7.4%**

The population in England has  
grown by 6.6% to 56.5 million

In 2011  
the  
population  
was  
**1,116,062**

In 2021  
the  
population  
has grown to  
**1,198,799**

What impact have these changes had on parts of our community that are **more likely to experience inactivity?**



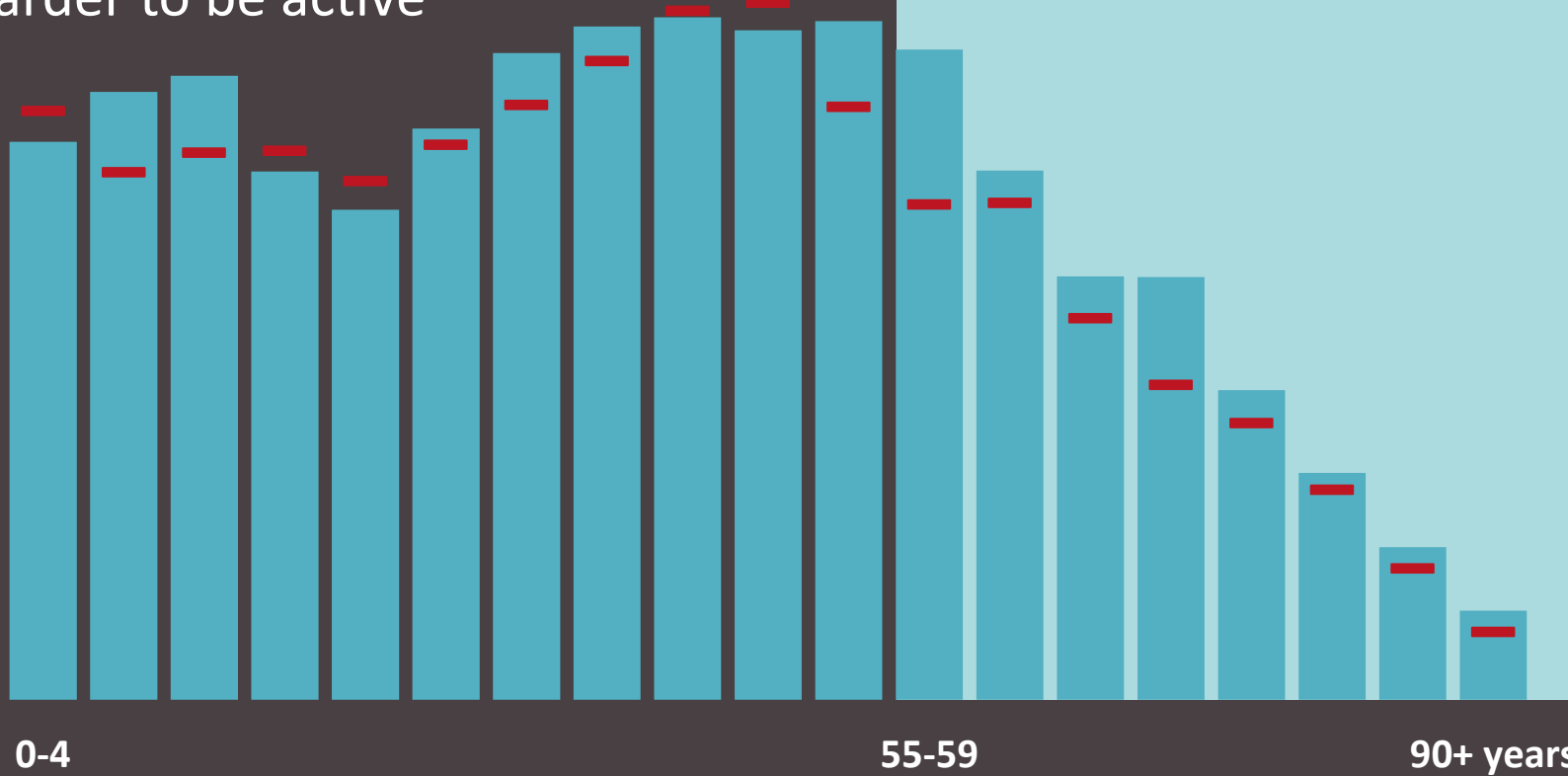
# Our population is ageing

As we age we find it harder to be active

The 55+ population has gone up by **18%**

That's an extra **53,800** people

2011  
2021



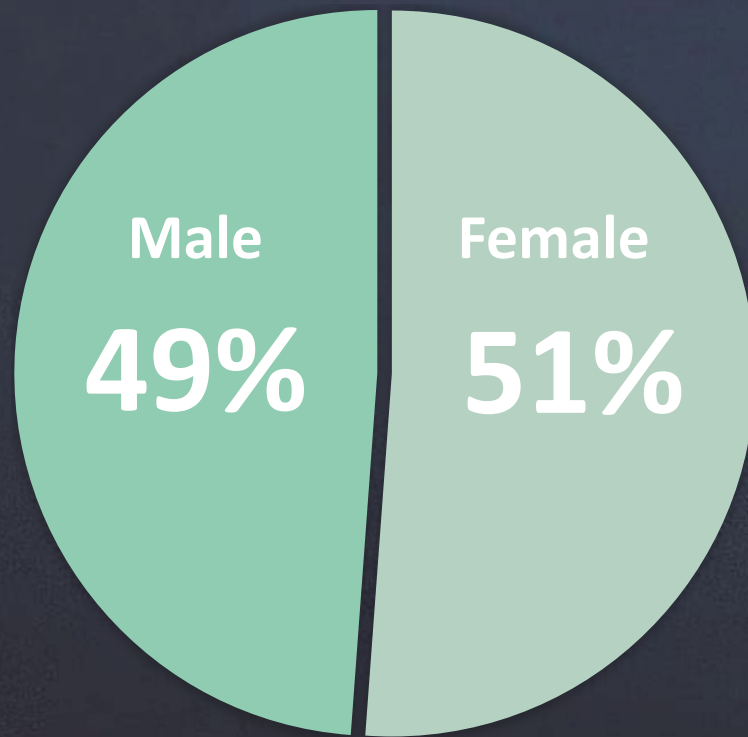
Population by 5 year age bands



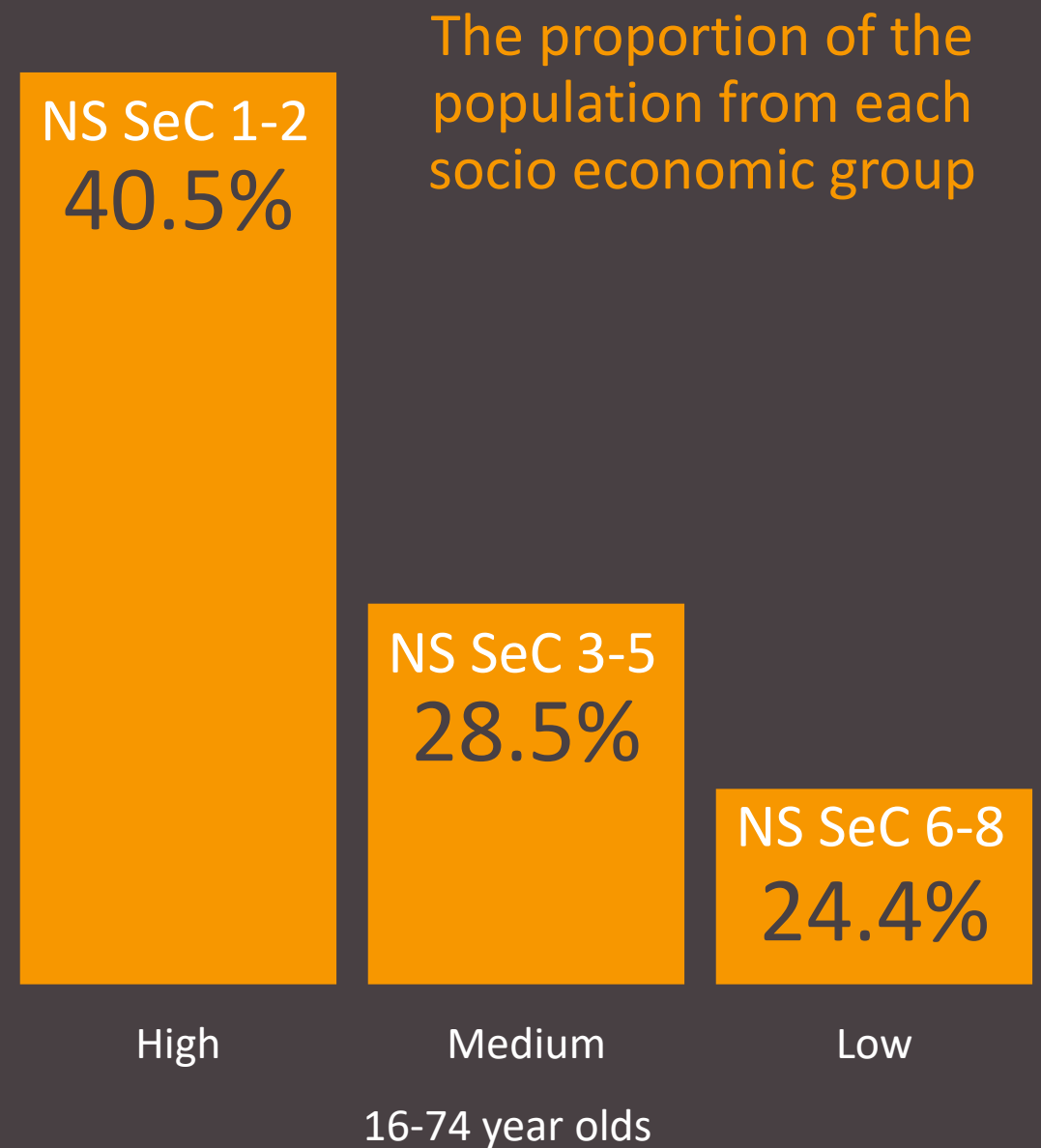
# Enough to fill 670 London double decker buses



# Gender remains fairly evenly split



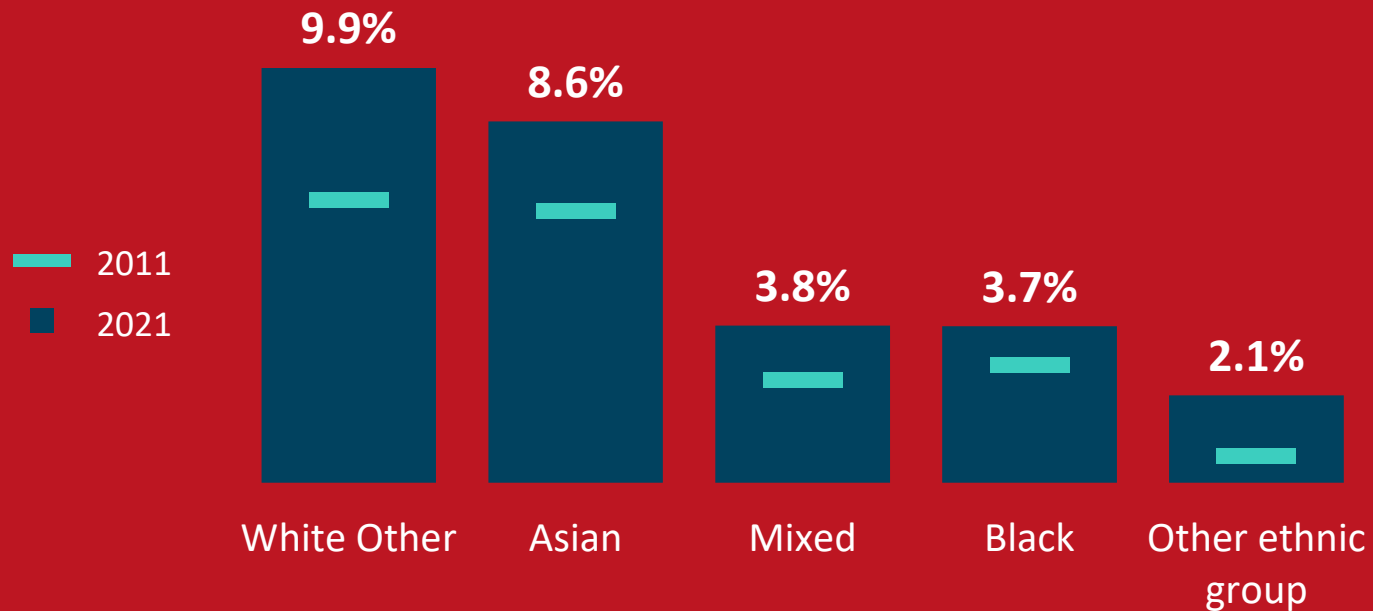
**Around 1/4  
of our population  
are in lower socio  
economic groups  
(NS SeC 6-8)**





# Our population is now more ethnically diverse

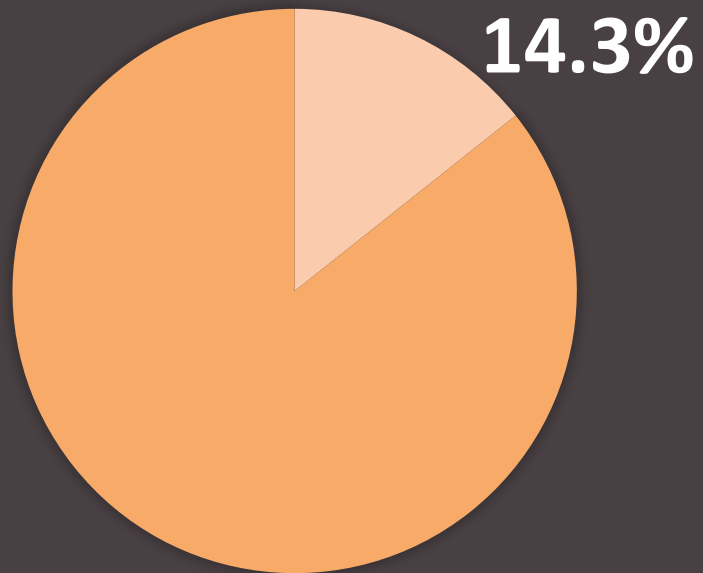
The populations of these ethnic groups have all risen



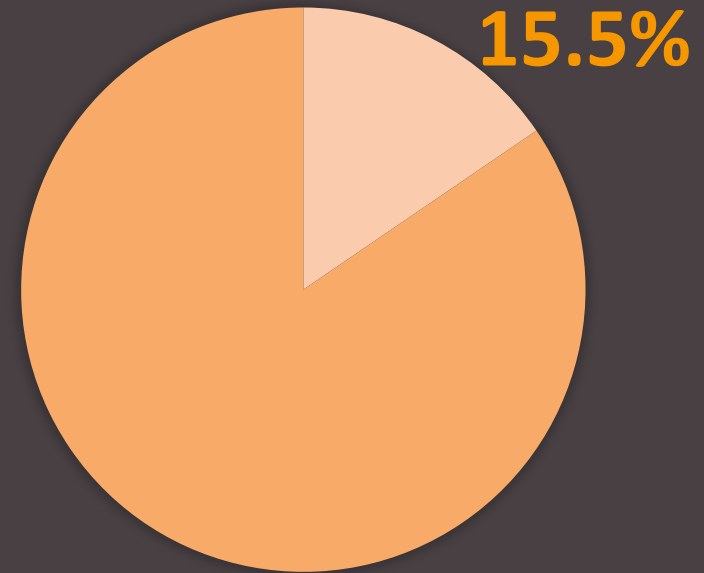
The proportion of White British people now makes up 71.8% of the population. A reduction of 9% since 2011



# More of us are experiencing a physical or mental health condition or illness



2011



2021

# More people reported attaining a higher level of qualification (level 2 or above)



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Percentage of people aged 16+ with  
a level 2 or higher qualification

66.5%

2011

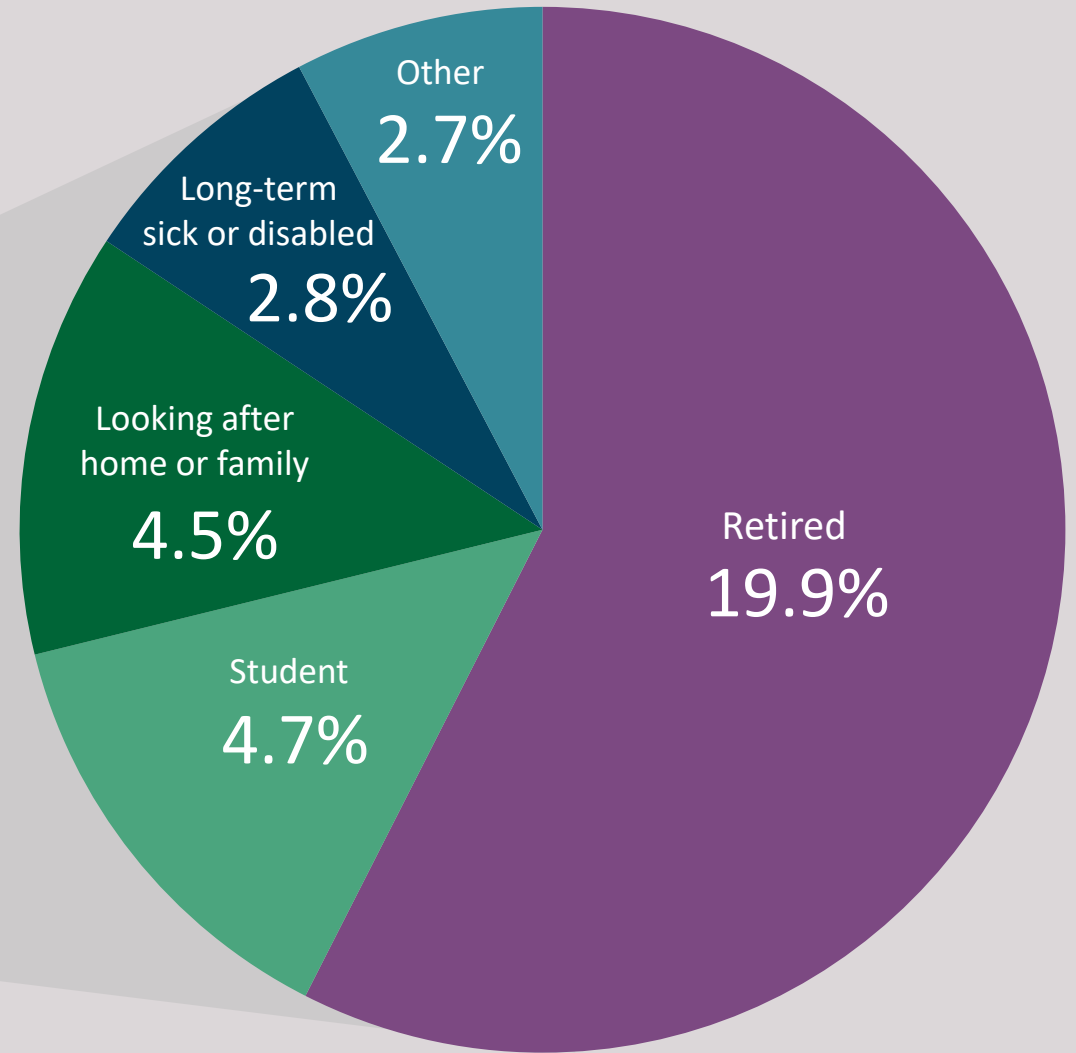
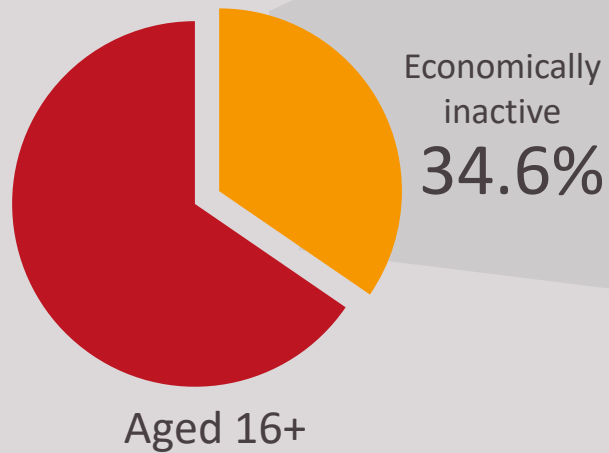
75.8%

2021



# There are 41,100 more people\* classed as economically inactive

And within this, most are retired



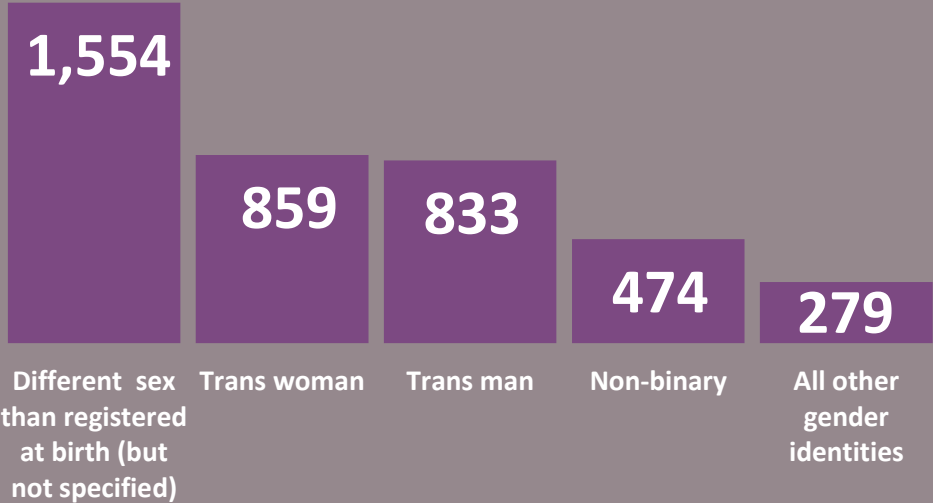
\*Compared to 2011

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# This year people were given the option of answering new questions about...

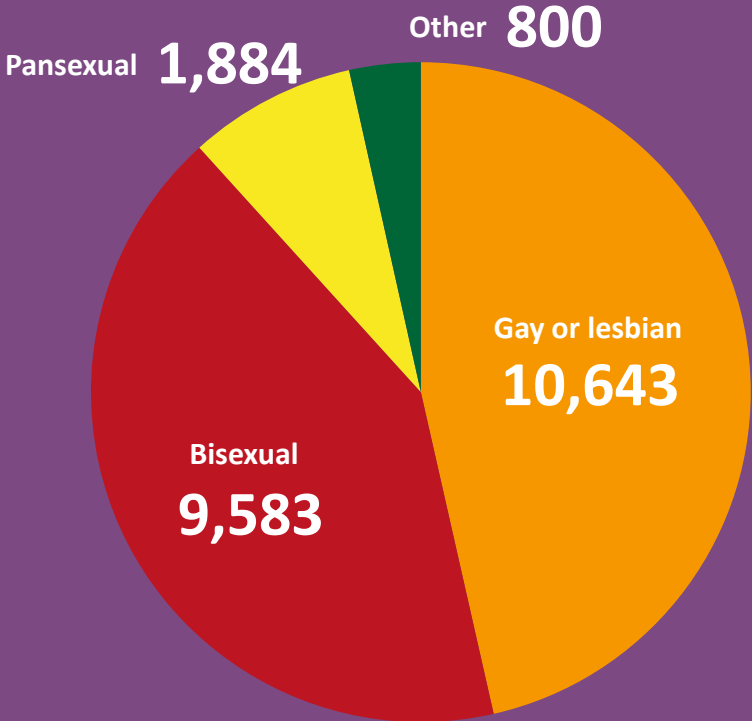
## Gender identity

Around 903,000 selected 'same sex as registered at birth' and 52,000 did not answer. The remaining were made up of the following:



## Sexual orientation

Around 870,000 people selected 'straight or heterosexual' and 66,000 did not answer. The remaining questions were answered as:



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**How we live has  
changed**

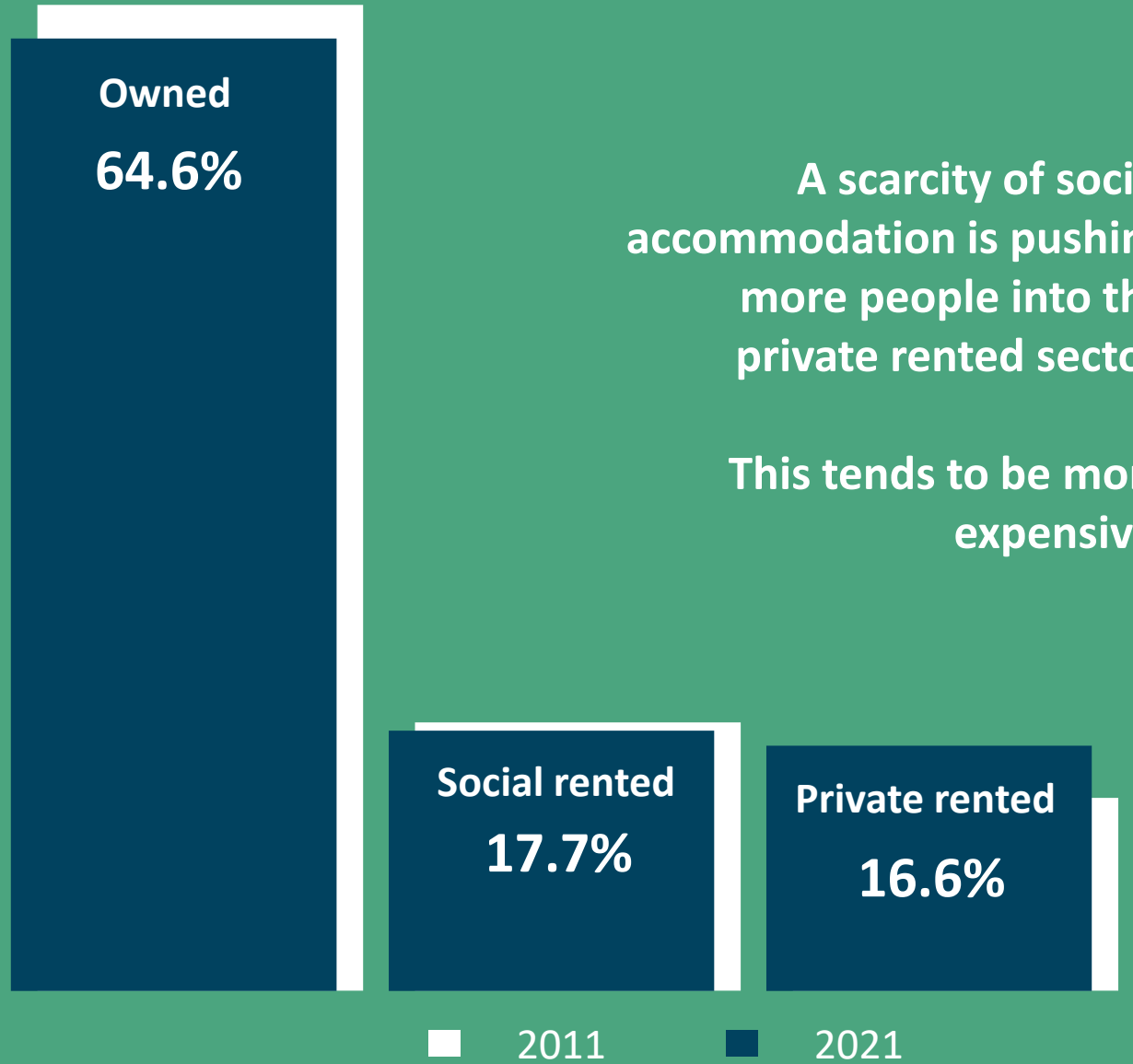






**Less of us are owning  
our own homes.  
More of us are  
renting than ever.**

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# More of us are **living alone**

**Older adults**\* living alone  
now account for around  
**1 in 8** households (12.2%)



This was 11.9% in 2011

**6.5%**

of all households are  
**lone parents** living with  
dependent children

# Not all of our households have the things they need



**75,500**

households don't have  
access to a vehicle

This can limit access  
to services



**19,600**

households are  
overcrowded

There are not enough  
bedrooms for the number of  
people living under one roof



**5,200**

households have no  
central heating

This can be linked to  
poor health



# There has been a change in how some of us work...

**4 in 10** people are now  
working from home  
(39.4%)

## ...and get to work

**13,500** are no longer walking or  
cycling to work

It is important to remember  
that Census 2021 took place  
during a national lockdown

The government advice at the  
time was for people to work  
from home (if they could) and  
avoid public transport

Since 2021 working patterns  
continue to evolve, with  
hybrid work spaces becoming  
more commonplace



An aerial photograph of a dense residential neighborhood, likely in the UK, featuring rows of terraced houses with dark roofs and brick facades. A central street runs through the middle of the image, with several cars parked along the sides. The houses are closely packed, and the overall scene is a typical urban residential area. The word "Summary" is overlaid in a large, bold, orange font in the center of the image.

# Summary



## Population summary

- Our total population has grown by 7.4% and is now almost 1,198,799 people. The national increase was 6.6%.
- The 55+ population has gone up by 18.0%. That's an extra 54,000 people. The national increase was 17.8%

## Demographic summary

- Gender remains fairly evenly split, 49% male and 51% female. This is the same nationally
- Around 1/4 of our population (24.4%) are in lower socio economic groups (NS SeC 6-8), compared to 31.8% nationally
- Our population is now more ethnically diverse. Black, Mixed and White Other ethnic groups have seen the biggest growth locally. This reflects the national ethnic change
- 34.6% of our population are classed as economically inactive (compared to 39.1% nationally). The majority of these are retired (19.9%). This is lower than national (21.5%) and has grown at a slower rate (0.1% increase locally, 0.3% nationally)
- 1 in 8 of our older adults (65+) are living alone, reflecting the national average
- 6.5% of all our households are lone parents living with dependent children, compared to 7.1% nationally
- 4 in 10 people (39.4%) are now working from home, compared to 3 in 10 (31.5%) nationally



# APPENDIX

## ONS Data tables



# Hertfordshire

	2011	2021	Change
<b>Population</b>	1,116,062	1,198,799	7.4%
<b>Households</b>	453,817	482,892	6.4%
<b>Female</b>	51.0%	51.2%	0.2%
<b>Male</b>	49.0%	48.8%	-0.2%
<b>Aged 0-15 Years</b>	2.8%	2.7%	-0.1%
<b>Aged 16-34 Years</b>	3.3%	3.1%	-0.2%
<b>Aged 35-54 Years</b>	49.2%	46.3%	-3.0%
<b>Aged 55-74 Years</b>	31.8%	34.7%	2.9%
<b>Aged 75+</b>	12.9%	13.3%	0.4%
<b>Limiting illness</b>	14.3%	15.5%	1.1%
<b>No limiting illness</b>	85.7%	84.5%	-1.1%
<b>Asian</b>	6.5%	8.6%	2.1%
<b>Black</b>	2.8%	3.7%	0.9%
<b>Mixed</b>	2.5%	3.8%	1.3%
<b>White British</b>	80.8%	71.8%	-9.0%
<b>White Other</b>	6.8%	9.9%	3.2%
<b>Other ethnic group</b>	0.6%	2.1%	1.5%

# England

	2011	2021	Change
<b>Population</b>	53,012,456	56,490,048	6.6%
<b>Households</b>	22,063,368	23,436,082	6.2%
<b>Female</b>	50.8%	51.0%	0.2%
<b>Male</b>	49.2%	49.0%	-0.2%
<b>Aged 0-15 Years</b>	18.9%	18.6%	-0.3%
<b>Aged 16-34 Years</b>	25.4%	24.2%	-1.2%
<b>Aged 35-54 Years</b>	27.8%	26.4%	-1.4%
<b>Aged 55-74 Years</b>	20.2%	22.4%	2.1%
<b>Aged 75+</b>	7.7%	8.6%	0.8%
<b>Limiting illness</b>	17.6%	17.3%	-0.3%
<b>No limiting illness</b>	82.4%	82.7%	0.3%
<b>Asian</b>	7.8%	9.6%	1.8%
<b>Black</b>	3.5%	4.2%	0.7%
<b>Mixed</b>	2.3%	3.0%	0.7%
<b>White British</b>	79.8%	73.5%	-6.2%
<b>White Other</b>	5.7%	7.5%	1.8%
<b>Other ethnic group</b>	1.0%	2.2%	1.1%

# Hertfordshire

	2011	2021	Change
2011 NS Sec 1-2	38.5%		
2011 NS Sec 3-5	30.2%		
2011 NS Sec 6-8	23.2%		
2011 NS Sec 9	8.1%		
2021 NS Sec 1-2		40.5%	
2021 NS Sec 3-5		28.5%	
2021 NS Sec 6-8		24.4%	
2021 NS Sec 9		6.6%	

**Not comparable.** This variable is derived from the occupation variable. 2021 cannot be compared with 2011 because the classifications in the occupation variable have changed.

2 or above qual	66.5%	75.8%	9.3%
Level 1 or no qual	33.5%	24.2%	-9.3%

Economically active	67.5%	65.4%	-2.0%
In employment	63.7%	62.4%	-1.3%
Unemployed	3.7%	3.1%	-0.7%
Economically inactive	32.5%	34.6%	2.0%
Retired	19.8%	19.9%	0.1%
Student	4.6%	4.7%	0.1%
Looking after home	4.1%	4.5%	0.4%
Long-term sick	2.4%	2.8%	0.4%
Other	1.7%	2.7%	1.0%

# England

	2011	2021	Change
	31.3%		
	29.1%		
	30.6%		
	9.0%		
		33.2%	
		27.4%	
		31.8%	
		7.7%	

	64.2%	72.2%	8.0%
	35.8%	27.8%	-8.0%

	63.6%	60.9%	-2.7%
	58.9%	57.4%	-1.5%
	4.7%	3.5%	-1.2%
	36.4%	39.1%	2.7%
	21.2%	21.5%	0.3%
	5.3%	5.6%	0.4%
	4.0%	4.8%	0.8%
	3.8%	4.1%	0.3%
	2.2%	3.1%	1.0%

# Hertfordshire

## Gender identity

2021

The same as sex registered at birth	94.2%
Different from birth but not specified	0.2%
Trans woman	0.1%
Trans man	0.1%
Non-binary	0.0%
All other gender identities	0.0%
Not answered	5.4%

## Sexual orientation

Straight or Heterosexual	90.7%
Gay or Lesbian	1.1%
Bisexual	1.0%
Pansexual	0.2%
Other	0.1%
Not answered	6.9%

# England

2021

93.5%
0.2%
0.1%
0.1%
0.1%
0.0%
6.0%

89.4%
1.5%
1.3%
0.2%
0.1%
7.5%

# Hertfordshire

Tenure	2011	2021	Change
Owned	66.8%	64.6%	-2.2%
Shared ownership	0.9%	1.1%	0.2%
Social rented	18.2%	17.7%	-0.5%
Private rented	13.1%	16.6%	3.6%

## Household composition

One-person household Aged 65+	11.9%	12.2%	0.3%
Lone parent with dependent children	6.4%	6.5%	0.1%

## Deprivation

No cars or vans in household	16.9%	15.6%	-1.3%
Not enough bedrooms	3.9%	4.1%	0.2%
No central heating	1.6%	1.1%	-0.5%

## Method of travel

Work mainly at or from home	6.2%	39.4%	33.2%
Driving a car or van	60.0%	41.4%	-18.6%
Bicycle	1.7%	1.2%	-0.4%
On foot	9.3%	6.9%	-2.4%

# England

2011	2021	Change
63.3%	61.3%	-2.0%
0.8%	1.0%	0.2%
17.7%	17.1%	-0.6%
16.8%	20.5%	3.6%

12.4%	12.8%	0.5%
7.1%	6.9%	-0.2%

25.8%	23.5%	-2.3%
4.6%	4.4%	-0.3%
2.7%	1.5%	-1.2%

5.4%	31.5%	26.2%
57.0%	44.5%	-12.5%
3.0%	2.1%	-0.9%
10.7%	7.6%	-3.1%



