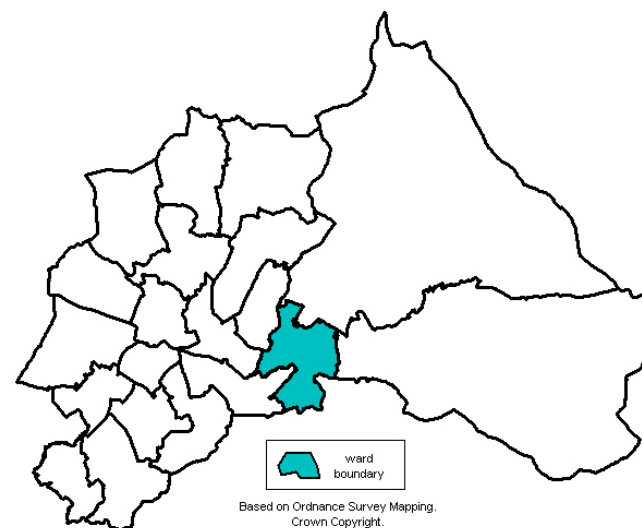


# Saddleworth West and Lees

**Ward profile**  
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# Key statistics

## 1 Population and families

- Saddleworth West and Lees has a relatively low proportion of young people. With less than a fifth (18.7%) of the ward's population aged under 16, this is the second lowest of all wards in Oldham and a lower proportion than Oldham-wide (23%) or nationally (20.2%). In contrast, the ward has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest proportion (21.7%) of people aged 60 and over. <sup>1</sup>
- Of the 20 wards in Oldham, Saddleworth West and Lees has the lowest proportion (1.4%) of residents belonging to black and minority ethnic groups (non-white). This compares with 13.8% across Oldham and 9.1% nationally. <sup>11</sup>
- Less than three in ten (28%) households are one-person households, as is the case across Oldham (29.5%). <sup>1</sup>
- In Saddleworth West and Lees 14.9% of households are one-person pensioner households, close to Oldham average (14.7%). <sup>1</sup>
- Saddleworth West and Lees has the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest proportion of lone parent households with dependent children (5.5%), compared with 8.3% across Oldham. <sup>1</sup>
- For families claiming Child Benefit, Saddleworth West and Lees has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest proportion of families claiming for three or more dependent children (10.9%), compared with 19.4% across Oldham and the average for England of 16.8%. <sup>2</sup>

## 2 Low incomes

- Around 14% of households in Saddleworth West and Lees receive Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Benefit. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest proportion and compares with 27% across Oldham. <sup>3</sup>
- Saddleworth West and Lees also has the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest proportion of households receiving Income Support (9.2%). This compares with Oldham average of 19%. <sup>3</sup>
- In Saddleworth West and Lees, around one in eleven people (8.7%) live in 'income deprived' households and this compares with nearly one quarter (23.1%) across Oldham. <sup>4</sup>
- Around one in six (15.3%) older people live in 'income deprived' households, below the Oldham average (23.7%) and the national average (18.3%). <sup>4</sup>
- In Saddleworth West and Lees around one in ten (10.9%) children under 16 live in 'income deprived' households and this compares with around three in ten (31.6%) children across Oldham and 22.4% across England. <sup>4</sup>
- In Saddleworth West and Lees 5.8% of children are eligible for free school meals compared with 21.9% across Oldham. <sup>5</sup>
- The Incapacity Benefit / Severe Disablement Allowance claim rate (5.6%) is the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in Oldham (10.1%). <sup>6</sup>

### 3 Economic activity and qualifications

- Saddleworth West and Lees has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest economic inactivity rate (28.0%) in Oldham, considerably lower than Oldham average of 35.1%.<sup>1</sup>
- The claimant count unemployment rate (2.2%) is around half the Oldham average (4.5%).<sup>7</sup>
- Saddleworth West and Lees has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest proportion (17.7%) of 16 to 74 year olds with level 4/5 (degree and higher degree level) qualifications in Oldham (average 12.9%) – but less than the average for England (19.9%).<sup>1</sup>
- More than a quarter (27%) of 16 to 74 year olds have no qualifications - less than the average (28.9%) for England.<sup>1</sup>
- Nearly three quarters (72%) of Oldham school pupils living in Saddleworth West and Lees achieved five or more A\* to C grade GCSEs in 2007, above Oldham average (57.3%). Saddleworth West and Lees had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest proportion (58.1%) of pupils in Oldham (average 38%) to achieve five or more A\* to C grade GCSEs including English and Maths.<sup>8</sup>

### 4 Health and care

- Nearly one in five (18.5%) of all people and 8.0% of all working-age people have a limiting long-term illness or disability (LLTI) – compared with 20.3% and 10.1% of people, respectively, across Oldham.<sup>1</sup>
- Saddleworth West and Lees has the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest percentage of people (9.4%) who describe their general health as 'not good' and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest percentage (69.2%) who describe their health as 'good'. Oldham-wide, 11.2% of residents describe their health as 'not good', while 65.7% describe it as 'good'.<sup>1</sup>

- Claim rates for Attendance Allowance (AA) are lower in Saddleworth West and Lees (16.8%) than for Oldham (19.6%) but close to the average for England (17.1%).<sup>6</sup>
- At 4%, the claimant rate for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in Oldham (6.1%) but close to the average for England (4.7%).<sup>6</sup>
- Around one in nine (11.1%) people in Saddleworth West and Lees provide unpaid care. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> highest and compares to Oldham and national averages of 10.8% and 9.9% respectively.<sup>1</sup>
- Life expectancy at birth for men of 76.8 years and 80.5 years for women is higher than the Oldham average for both men and women (73.9 and 78.8 years respectively).<sup>9</sup>

### 5 Housing and amenities, and recorded crime

- Saddleworth West and Lees has the highest proportion of owner occupier households (84.3%) compared with the Oldham average of 68.4%.<sup>1</sup>
- Saddleworth West and Lees has the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest proportion of flat, maisonette or apartment housing (6.9%) compared with the Oldham-wide figure of 13.0%.<sup>1</sup>
- A relatively small proportion (3.3%) households in Saddleworth West and Lees are 'overcrowded', the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest rate and well below the Oldham average (7.3%). The ward has the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest proportion of households without central heating (4.5%), also below the Oldham average (7.2%).<sup>1</sup>
- In Saddleworth West and Lees 4.7% of properties are vacant compared with the Oldham average of 5.6%.<sup>3</sup>
- The recorded crime (BCS comparator) rate in Saddleworth West and Lees is the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest in Oldham; with rates of 57.5 per 1,000 population compared to 67.8 in Oldham.<sup>10</sup>

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## Re-apportioned data

Census (2001) and other data in this profile aggregated from small areas are 'best fit' estimates. Where these areas cross the 2004 ward boundaries, data have been re-apportioned by households (or in some cases, households in receipt of benefit) within each ward. Office for National Statistics (ONS) LSOA level population figures have been used in denominators: based on related 2005 ONS figures for (4), ONS Mid Year Estimates 2007 for (6), and ONS 2001 Census Key Statistics figures for (1) and (7).

## Sources

- 1 2001 Census (all Census figures used in this report are produced with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office and are Crown Copyright).
- 2 Child Benefit Families, HM Revenue & Customs, August 2007.
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- 11 Ward figures are from the 2001 Census (see note 1 above). The latest available experimental Mid Year Estimates (2006) published by the Office for National Statistics in 2008 show BME groups make up 16.1% of Oldham's population with people of Pakistani and Bangladeshi heritage comprising 6.8% and 5.0% respectively.