

Annual State of Sandwell  
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## Demography and Liveability

Indicators	Sandwell Recent Performance	Trend since last year		
<b>Population Flows</b>	<p><b>Year Inflow/Outflow</b></p> <p>01/02 9,800/11,100</p> <p>02/03 10,200/11,000</p> <p>03/04 10,600/11,200</p> <p>04/05 10,400/11,400</p> <p><i>Source: Key Population and Vital Statistics (ONS) May 2007</i></p>	<p>▲ (Net outflow)</p>	<p>Legend: Inflow (green line with diamonds), Outflow (red line with diamonds)</p>	<p>The rate at which people are leaving Sandwell for other parts of the UK has remained around 4% in recent years. The inflow of people from other parts of the UK has always been at a slightly lower level. The latest figures (2004/05) show a net outflow to the rest of the country of 1000 people, a rise of 400 from the previous year. This has to be balanced against the fact that the mid-year estimates of population size have shown a year-on-year increase since 2001, with the latest figure (mid-2006) showing an increase of 1,300 people over the previous year. The other factors that are likely to account for this are international migration (with an increasing proportion from EU Accession States since 2004), and the positive balance between birth rate and mortality.</p>
<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<p><b>Year Turnout</b></p> <p>2001 N/A</p> <p>2002 29.3</p> <p>2003 27.7</p> <p>2004 37.8</p> <p>2005 N/A</p> <p>2006 36.6</p> <p>2007 36.0</p> <p><i>Source: Sandwell MBC</i></p>	<p>◀▶</p>		<p>Since 2000 the trend in turnout levels has mirrored the national trend, with Sandwell having turnout rates slightly below average. The turnout in 2007 fell slightly (0.5%).</p>
<b>Domestic Property Values</b>	<p><b>Month Ave HP (£)</b></p> <p>Apr-01 54,208</p> <p>Apr-02 63,073</p> <p>Apr-03 78,956</p> <p>Apr-04 92,521</p> <p>Apr-05 105,666</p> <p>Apr-06 107,250</p> <p>Apr-07 114,566</p>	<p>▲</p>	<p>Legend: Eng&amp;Wal (red line), West Mids (blue line), Sandwell (green line)</p>	<p>Compared to England &amp; Wales, the gap in house prices has been widening since 2004/5 (based on unadjusted mean house prices). The rise in Sandwell average house price, for all house types, between April 2006 and April 2007 was 7%; in England and Wales as a whole it was 8.7%. The rise in unadjusted average house price in Sandwell was 38.5% between 2003 and 2006, whilst average income rose by only 5.3% in the same period, making houses considerably less affordable in Sandwell. In the last year this effect has reached a plateau, with the average house now costing 4.5 times the average household income.</p>



Indicators	Sandwell Recent Performance	Trend since last year	Graphs	Comments												
<b>Perceptions of Sandwell</b>	<p>Satisfaction with neighbourhood/local area as a place to live</p> <p>2003 51.8 2006 60</p> <p>Source: 2003, Viewpoint; 2006, BVPI survey</p>	▲	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Satisfaction (%)</th></tr> <tr><td>2003</td><td>51.8</td></tr> <tr><td>2006</td><td>60</td></tr> </table>	Year	Satisfaction (%)	2003	51.8	2006	60	<p>No comparative measure exists for the baseline year of 2001. In the 2006 Local Government User Satisfaction survey, people were asked to rate their satisfaction with their local area as a place to live: 60% of respondents answered very or fairly satisfied. This question was not included in the 2003 version of the survey. However, a Citizen's Panel survey in that year (Viewpoint) asked a very similar question, referring to neighbourhood, rather than local area.</p>						
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<b>Perceptions of Street Cleanliness</b>	<p>'Clean Streets', as an aspect of a good place to live, needs improving in Sandwell.</p> <p>2003 50% 2006 41%</p> <p>Source: BVPI survey 2003, 2006</p>	▼	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Percentage (%)</th></tr> <tr><td>2003</td><td>50</td></tr> <tr><td>2006</td><td>41</td></tr> </table>	Year	Percentage (%)	2003	50	2006	41	<p>No comparative measure exists for the baseline year of 2001. In the Local Government User Satisfaction surveys in 2003 and 2006, residents were asked to indicate which aspects are most important to make a good place to live, and which aspects most need improving in Sandwell. In 2003, 'Clean Streets' was joint second most important, chosen by 37% of respondents; in 2006 it was second on its own, chosen by 50% of respondents. However, the number of people perceiving it as an area most in need of improvement fell from 50% in 2003 to 41% in 2006.</p>						
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<b>Decent Homes</b>	<p>BV184a - Proportion of LA homes which were below decent homes standard.</p> <p>2002/3 81% 2003/4 74% 2004/5 65% 2005/6 60% 2006/7 56.5%</p>	▼	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Proportion (%)</th></tr> <tr><td>2002/3</td><td>81</td></tr> <tr><td>2003/4</td><td>74</td></tr> <tr><td>2004/5</td><td>65</td></tr> <tr><td>2005/6</td><td>60</td></tr> <tr><td>2006/7</td><td>56.5</td></tr> </table>	Year	Proportion (%)	2002/3	81	2003/4	74	2004/5	65	2005/6	60	2006/7	56.5	<p>The proportion of LA homes which were below the 'decent homes standard' has been falling steadily since 2002/03 (which is the earliest year for which reporting of this performance indicator is available).</p>
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## Children and Young People


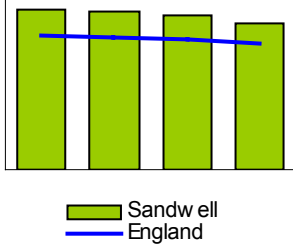

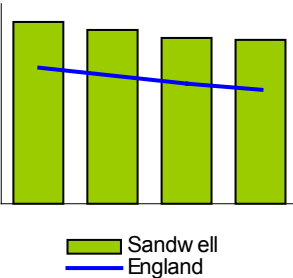
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<b>Literacy &amp; Numeracy</b>	2001: 60%/47%/64% 2006: 60%/47%/63% 2007: 62%/50%/68% (Reading/Writing/Maths level 2B+ at Key Stage 1)	▲	Reading 	The trend for Key Stage 1 attainment for reading, writing and maths had remained fairly static between 2001 and 2006, but has increased between 2006 and 2007. This recent progress has shifted Sandwell's relative position above the 2001 baseline in all three subjects. However, there still remains a gap relative to national levels of attainment.
	2007 results are provisional and subject to change. <i>Source; Data Intelligence Unit, Sandwell MBC /DCSF.</i>	▲	Writing 	
		▲	Maths 	
<b>GCSE Grades</b>	2001: 34% 2006: 47% 2007: 54.5% (provisional) (Percentage of students gaining five or more GCSE grades A*-C) <i>Source: Data Intelligence Unit, SMBC/ DCSF</i>	▲		Provisional attainment data for 2007 shows that Sandwell has again made significant improvement in the proportion of students gaining five GCSEs at grade A*-C, from 47% in 2006 to 54.5% in 2007. It appears that Sandwell is closing the gap relative to national attainment levels, as it is improving at a faster pace.
<b>Teenage Conceptions</b>	1998: 69.1 2004: 56.6 2005: 62.1 (Conception rate per 1,000 females aged 15-17) <i>Source: Teenage Pregnancy Unit/DCSF</i>	▲		In 2005, the teenage conception rate for Sandwell was 62.1 per 1,000 females aged 15-17 and is higher relative to the national average of 41.1. Although the rate had increased between 2004 and 2005, data from 1998 shows an overall declining trend.
<b>Infant Mortality</b>	<b>Sandwell / E&amp;W</b> 2001: 7.9 / 5.4 2002: 7.6 / 5.3 2003: 7.8 / 5.2 2004: 7.4 / 5.1  <i>Source: KPVS (ONS) May 2007(3 yr average)</i>	▼		The rate of death within the first year of life is high in Sandwell compared to England & Wales. The gap between Sandwell and the national average has continued to widen since the lowest point in 1995. The 2004 average (2003-2005 data) has shown a slight improvement, closing the gap by 0.3 with England and Wales.



## Health and Older People

Indicators	Sandwell Recent Performance	Trend since last year	Graphs	Comments
<b>SMR (Standardised Mortality Ratio)</b>	<p><b>Sandwell / E&amp;W</b>            2001: 116 / 99            2002: 111 / 98            2003: 117 / 99            2004: 113 / 98            2005: 113 / 98</p> <p><i>Source: Key Population and Vital Statistics (ONS) May 2007 (single year figures)</i></p>	↔	<p>Legend: Sandwell (Green bars), England &amp; Wales (Blue line)</p>	<p>The age standardised mortality ratio (SMR) is a way of comparing the death rate in Sandwell with other areas, taking account of any variation which might be the result of different age profiles. In this case the rate for the UK is 100 and, in 2005, the rate in Sandwell remained the same as 2004 at 113.</p> <p>Although there has been some improvement in Sandwell's relative position since the late 1990s, it remains to be seen whether this can be consolidated.</p>
<b>Life Expectancy</b>	<p><b>Male Sandwell/England</b>            2001: 73.7 / 76.0            2002: 73.7 / 76.2            2003: 74.1 / 76.6            2004: 74.4 / 76.9</p> <p><i>Source: ODPM Floor Target Interactive, January 2007 (3 year averages)</i></p>	▲	<p>Legend: Sandwell (Green bars), England (Blue line)</p>	<p>In 2004 Sandwell saw a steady rise in male life expectancy of 0.3 years from 2003 (almost 4 months of life gained on average). Sandwell's latest figure for 2004 (2003-2005) is 74.4 years, an increase in life expectancy of 0.7 years since 2002. Since the baseline (1996), Sandwell has had an overall increase in male life expectancy of 1.9 years.</p> <p>The overall gap between Sandwell and the England average has fluctuated from between 2.3 to 2.5 years. Since 2002 there has been a gap of 2.5 years and this has not changed.</p>
	<p><b>Female Sandwell/England</b>            2001: 78.8 / 80.7            2002: 78.9 / 80.7            2003: 79.2 / 80.9            2004: 79.4 / 81.1</p> <p><i>Source: ODPM Floor Target Interactive, January 2007 (3 year averages)</i></p>	▲	<p>Legend: Sandwell (Green bars), England (Blue line)</p>	<p>In 2004 Sandwell saw a steady rise in female life expectancy of 0.2 years (almost 3 months of life gained on average) since 2003.</p> <p>Overall, since 1996, Sandwell has had a rise in female life expectancy of 0.9 years (approx. 11 months), equating to a rise in life expectancy of just over a month a year.</p> <p>The overall gap between Sandwell and the England average has fluctuated from between 1.2 to 1.9 years. Since 2003 there has been a gap of 1.7 years and this has not changed.</p>



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<p><b>Cancer Mortality</b></p>	<p><b>Sandwell/England</b>            2001: 151.1/126.5            2002: 149.4/124.0            2003: 144.5/121.6            2004: 137.4/119.0</p> <p><i>Source: ODPM Floor Target Interactive, January 2007 (3 year averages)</i></p>			<p>Sandwell has seen a sharp reduction in Cancer Mortality of 7.1 deaths per 100,000 population aged under 75 years from 2003 to 2004. Overall, the Cancer mortality rate has fallen by 24.4 deaths since 1996 which is an average of 2.7 deaths per year amongst those aged under 75 years.</p> <p>The gap between England and Sandwell has narrowed by 28% (7 deaths per year since 2002).</p>
<p><b>Circulatory Diseases Mortality (CVD)</b></p>	<p><b>Sandwell/England</b>            2001: 146.0/108.2            2002: 138.7/102.8            2003: 132.8 / 96.7            2004: 131.4 / 90.5</p> <p><i>Source: ODPM Floor Target Interactive, January 2007 (3 year averages)</i></p>			<p>Based on the actual data from 1996 to 2004, Sandwell has seen a sharp rate of decline from 193.8 deaths per 100,000 under 75 years to the current figure of 131.4. From 1997 until 2002 the gap between Sandwell and the England average had continued a downward trend.</p> <p>Sandwell's performance for 2004, whilst it has improved since 2003, the rate of decline has slowed considerably, with an improvement on average of only 1.4 deaths per 100,000 population aged under 75 (this compares with an improvement of 7.3 deaths per 100,000 of the under 75 age group from 2001 to 2002 and 5.9 deaths 2002 to 2003).</p>



## Economy and Skills

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<b>NVQ3+</b>	2001: 25.1% 2002: 25.4% 2003: 26.6% 2004: N/A 2005: 28.8% 2006: 26.8% (% of working age popn) <i>Source: LFS/APS (NOMIS) Crown Copyright</i>	▼		<p>The drop between 2005 and 2006 was against the long-term trend which had shown a steady increase. However the figures are taken from a sample survey so are subject to error. (No data available for 2004)</p>																								
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<b>Number of Jobs in Sandwell's Economy</b>	2001: 124,800 2002: 129,230 2003: 124,483 2004: 122,100 2005: 122,700  <i>Source: ABI, NOMIS, Crown Copyright</i>	▲	<table border="1"> <caption>Number of Jobs in Sandwell's Economy</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Jobs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2001</td> <td>124,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2002</td> <td>129,230</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2003</td> <td>124,483</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004</td> <td>122,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>122,700</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Jobs	2001	124,800	2002	129,230	2003	124,483	2004	122,100	2005	122,700	<p>The number of jobs decreased in Sandwell between 2001 and 2005 by 1.7%, while in the Region and nationally the number of jobs increased. Between 2004 and 2005 there was a slight increase in the number of jobs in Sandwell of 0.5%, however, the gap between Sandwell and England and Wales is still widening.</p>			
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<b>Net VAT Registrations</b>	2001: 50 2002: 95 2003: 55 2004: 120 2005: 160 (Registrations minus De-registrations)  <i>Source: BERR</i>	▲	<table border="1"> <caption>Net VAT Registrations</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Registrations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2001</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2002</td> <td>95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2003</td> <td>55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004</td> <td>120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>160</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Registrations	2001	50	2002	95	2003	55	2004	120	2005	160	<p>The trend in net VAT registrations is positive. Registrations were relatively high in Sandwell in 2004 and 2005 compared with 2001-2003, in contrast to the national figures which showed a fall in 04/05. However rates in Sandwell remain below those nationally.</p>			
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<p><b>Retail Property Values</b></p>	<p>West Bromwich            2001: 700            2002: 700            2003: 800            2004: 750            2005: 800            2006: 1000            2007: 800            (£ per sq. metre pa.)  <i>Source: Valuation Office</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">▼</p>		<p>Overall, the retail property market has been fairly static in West Bromwich, with low rental values and high commercial yields. Values peaked in 2006 but fell again in 2007.</p>
<p><b>Commercial Property Values</b></p>	<p>West Bromwich            2001: 55            2002: 75            2003: 75            2004: 90            2005: 90            2006: 90            2007: 115            (£ per sq. metre pa.)  <i>Source: Valuation Office</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">▲</p>		<p>Office rental values in West Bromwich have doubled since 2001, overtaking Wolverhampton in 2007. The last year has seen the greatest increase. However, they are still very low compared with Birmingham and Merry Hill.</p>



Community Safety																		
Indicators	Sandwell Recent Performance	Trend since last year	Graphs	Comments														
<b>Total police recorded crime</b>	Sandwell crimes per 1000 population 2001/2 146.2 2002/3 140.9 2003/4 135.1 2004/5 103.2 2005/6 100.1 2006/7 97.6 <i>Source: Home Office and West Midlands Police</i>	▼		<p>The very significant drop in crime rates in Sandwell in 2003/4 has been followed by a more steady decline in the following two years. Owing to changes in national reporting, this indicator now compares locally collected figures with the Home Office published national rate (the dotted line represents the use of local figures).</p>														
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