



JSNA Newsletter May 2025

Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to the first issue of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) newsletter for Central Bedfordshire.

This quarterly newsletter will keep you informed about the key additions and updates to the [JSNA website](#), as well providing hints on how to use its functions and tools.

We hope you find this initial newsletter useful and please share it with colleagues and contacts who may be interested. They can sign up for future editions [here](#).

The JSNA team is also available to provide short presentations to teams about the JSNA, what is available on the JSNA website and how to use its key features. If you would like to us meet with your team, please contact us at: jsnafeedback@bedford.gov.uk

Population Forecasts for Central Bedfordshire

Forecasts predict the Central Bedfordshire population to top 400,000 by 2043 – an increase of 16% from 2023 to 2033 and 31% from 2023 to 2043.

- Use these forecasts to more accurately project service demand – specifically developed forecasts based on local housing plans aiming to better reflect anticipated population growth
- Detailed analysis by sex, age and ethnicity
- Dedicated PowerBI tool to interrogate the data and find information you are looking for

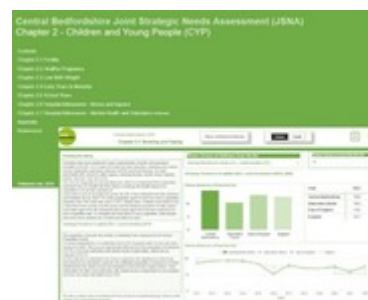


Local population forecasts 2023-2043

Interactive Data Dashboards

Find data on the most important health and well-being indicators for each life course stage using the Data Dashboards

- Data and explanatory narrative for each indicator
- The Children and Young People dashboard was updated in November 2024
- The Demographics and Ageing Well dashboards were updated in April 2025
- Data Dashboards available for:



Demographics

Learning disabilities

Ageing well

Children and young people

Living and working well

JSNA for Children and Young People Vulnerabilities and Inequalities

- More than 500 children living in households across Bedfordshire experienced domestic abuse
- The proportion of children and young people in Central Bedfordshire in need of help and protection has steadily increased over the past five years but remains lower than national and regional levels
- The most common primary needs for children and young people needing help and protection are those relating to abuse or neglect
- In Central Bedfordshire over the past few years there has been a stable trend of children being placed in care
- In June 2024 there were 710 registered young carers in Central Bedfordshire, half due to parental/household illness or disability, 49% because of sibling illness or disability and 1% because both a parent and sibling had needs
- There were fewer children seeking asylum and looked after in Central Bedfordshire than in the nearest comparable local authorities
- Priorities for action are identified for each of the areas mentioned above

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Use Local Insight Tool to show public health and other indicators on maps

The Local Insight tool enables you to find, explore, use and share a wide range of facts and figures at different geographical levels.

- Under data – full sets of nationally available data on health, demographics and wider determinants of health including housing, jobs, education, environmental and crime
- Under custom areas – LA, wards, towns, parishes, Fuller neighbourhoods and LSOAs
- Under reports – pre-built reports for all the custom areas.
- Build your own reports



[Local Insight](#)

Also available on the Central Bedfordshire JSNA website:

Health Needs Assessments

Census 2021 Highlights

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments

Director of Public Health Reports

Custom Made Maps

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