

# ALTHAM WARD PROFILE



The majority of data in this ward profile is taken from the 2021 Census, reflecting the population in March 2021 and analysed in 2023.

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# BACKGROUND

## HYNDBURN OVERVIEW

Hyndburn is a local government district with borough status in Lancashire, England. Its council is based in Accrington and covers the outlying towns of Clayton-le-Moors, Great Harwood, Oswaldtwistle and Rishton. The borough was created in 1974 and takes its name from the River Hyndburn. It has a population of around 82,000. Elections to the council are held in three out of every four years, with one third of the 35 seats on the council being elected at each election. Both the Conservative and Labour parties have controlled the council at different times, as well as periods when no party has had a majority.

The district is located between the larger settlements of Blackburn and Burnley. It is linked to both areas by the M65 motorway and the East Lancashire railway line.

Hyndburn has 16 wards.

## ALTHAM LOCATION

The Altham ward is situated in the north east part of Hyndburn, occupying the east part of Clayton and Altham village adjacent to the Ribble Valley and Burnley boundaries covering large areas of rural countryside and the Altham and Moorfield Industrial Estates, with the Leeds to Liverpool canal and the M65 running parallel through the south side of the ward. The area covers 833 hectares with a population density of 6.5 persons per hectare, lower than the Hyndburn figure of 11.3.

Over the past ten years, population has grown by 0.2%, levelling off after large scale redevelopments have settled in the last 10 years.



## ALTHAM HISTORY

Altham history dates back to Saxon times. The picturesque parish church of St James is mainly 16th century with a 19th century tower. In the churchyard can be found the gravestone of James Hacking, and a memorial to over one hundred miners who were killed in November 1883 by an explosion at the nearby Moorfield Colliery.

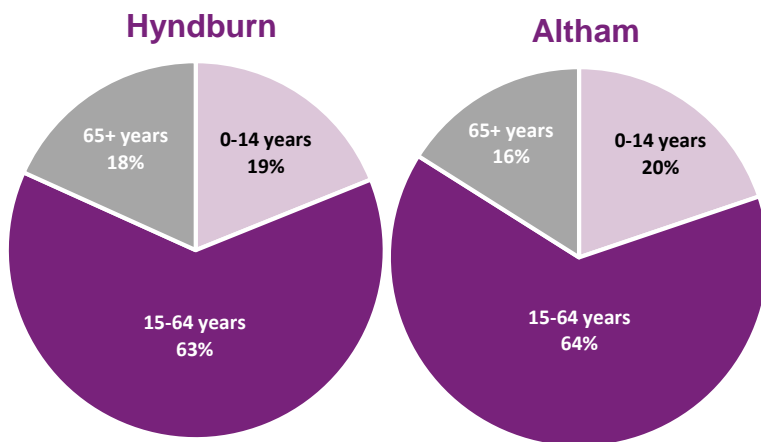
Coal mining was the major industry in Altham in the 19th and early 20th centuries. After the Leeds and Liverpool Canal was opened in the 1810s, pits were located near the canal, and supplied coal to the industries of East Lancashire. Later in the century, Altham Colliery (later renamed Moorfield Colliery) was opened. The colliery closed in 1949, and Moorfield Industrial Estate is now on the site.

# POPULATION

## USUAL RESIDENTS

- Altham had a usual resident population of 5,445 in the 2021 Census. In 2001, the number of people who lived in the ward was 5,437 (0.2% population rise over 10 years).
- Over the same period, Hyndburn's population has increased by 1.9% going from 80,734 people up to 82,235.
- There are 2,134 households in Altham, around the Hyndburn average of 2,174 households per ward.
- The female/male split in Altham is largely the same as the rest of Hyndburn with 2,799 (51.4%) females and 2,648 (48.6%) males.

## AGE

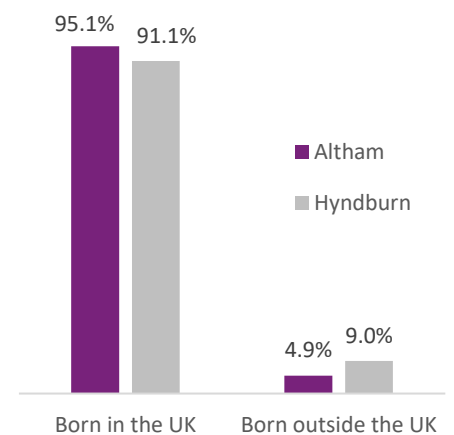


- Altham has a young population proportionately similar to Hyndburn.
- Altham's biggest sub-age group is 50-59 years old with 840 residents in that age bracket.
- The 80+ year group is the smallest in Altham with 193 residents.

## ETHNICITY & RELIGION

### Largest five ethnic groups

	Altham		Hyndburn	
	number	%	number	%
White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	49,20	90.3%	65,471	79.6%
Pakistani	183	3.4%	10,825	13.2%
Other White	99	1.8%	2,018	2.5%
White and Asian	37	0.7%	573	0.7%
Indian	31	0.6%	363	0.4%



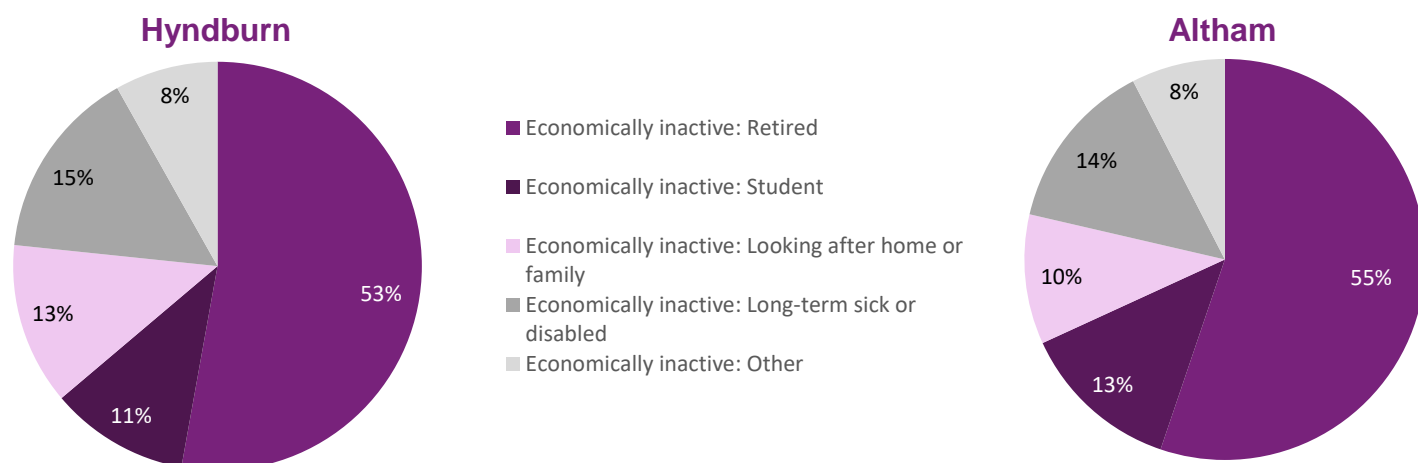
- Altham has a higher percentage of White residents than Hyndburn as whole.
- Residents of Pakistani heritage are the largest ethnic minority in Hyndburn (13.2%) and in Altham (3.4%).
- Only around 5% of residents in the ward were born outside the UK, around 50% less than the borough as a whole. These residents tended to be born in Europe.
- 58% of residents in the area are Christian, 31% have no religion and 5% are Muslim.

Hyndburn's top five Main Languages are English, Panjabi, Polish, Urdu and Bengali (with Sylheti and Chatgaya)

# LOCAL ECONOMY

## ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

- Altham has a higher rate of economic activity (employed or looking for a job) at 64.6% than Hyndburn as a whole (57.7%).
- 95.8% of those who are economically active in Altham are employed, of which 13.6% (362) are self employed
- Of those in Altham that are employed, 74.0% work full time, and 26.0% part time. This is compared to 71.9% full time and 28.1% part time in Hyndburn.
- As seen in the graphs below, Altham has a larger retired and student population who are economically inactive than Hyndburn as a whole.
- Altham's largest five industries of employment are:
  - Wholesale and retail trade- 18.1%
  - Human health and social work activities- 17.7%
  - Manufacturing- 12.9%
  - Education- 9.9%
  - Construction- 9.1%



## INDICIES OF DEPRIVATION

- The Indices of Deprivation (IoD) is based on 39 separate indicators, organised across seven distinct domains of deprivation, which are combined and weighted to calculate the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019.
- Across Hyndburn between 2010 and 2015, more domains deteriorated in rankings than improved.
- This is true for Altham, which has seen a drop in ranking since 2015.
- The IoD is published every 3-4 years.

	IMD	Income	Employment	Education	Health	Crime	Barriers to Housing	Living Environment	Most deprived neighbourhoods bottom 10%
Hyndburn	16	33	24	46	9	47	317	10	26.90%

Ward	LSOA	2015- 2019 change	2019	2015	2010	2007	2004
Hyndburn (326 districts- 1 being the most deprived)		-10	16	26	34	40	58
Altham (32,844 LSOAs- 1 being the most deprived)	E01025032	-1177	3,783	4,960	6,852	6,887	7,319
	E01025033	-1322	19,868	21,190	25,719	23,425	18,453
	E01025034	-2753	8,161	10,914	10,541	10,643	11,522

# EDUCATION

## STUDENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Of the 15,851 students in Hyndburn, 1,114 are in Altham (7% of Hyndburn students).
- This is above the 991 average of students per ward in Hyndburn, and fifth highest of all wards.
- A student is defined as a person aged 5 years and over was in full-time education on Census Day. This includes schoolchildren and adults in full-time education.
- Altham has more people with higher-level qualifications than Hyndburn as a whole.
- Altham has three primary schools within the ward these being **St James Church of England Primary School**, **St.Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School** and **Mount Pleasant Primary School**. Please search on the government's ['Get Information about Schools'](#) page for more information.

Highest level of qualification	Altham	Hyndburn
No qualifications	18.3%	22.8%
Level 1 and entry level qualifications	10.1%	10.4%
Level 2 qualifications	15.4%	14.2%
Apprenticeship	7.5%	7.3%
Level 3 qualifications	20.4%	17.6%
Level 4 qualifications or above	26.6%	25.2%
Other qualifications	1.7%	2.6%

**Level 1:** One to four GCSE passed or equivalent qualifications

**Level 2:** Five or more GCSE passes or equivalent qualifications

**Level 3:** Two or more A Levels or equivalent qualifications

**Level 4 or above:** Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, Bachelor's degree, or post-grad.

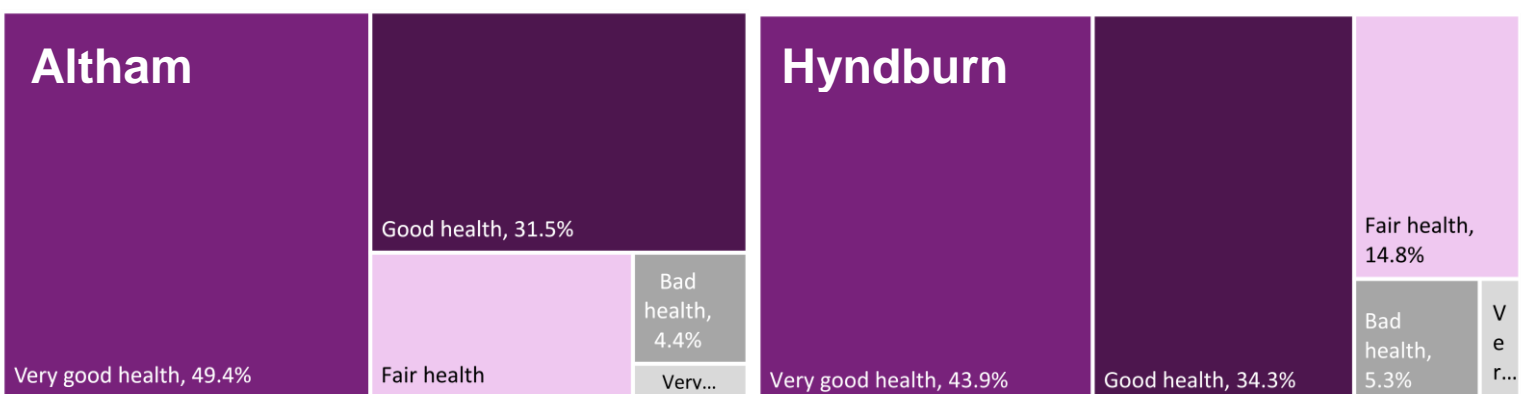
# HEALTH

## DISABILITY

- Overall, 26.1% people in Altham (1,424) have a long-term physical or mental health condition, compared to 26.8% (22,035) of people in Hyndburn.
- There is a further breakdown below.
- The Equality Act defines an individual as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

	Disabled under the Equality Act		Day-to-day activities limited a lot		Day-to-day activities limited a little		Not disabled under the Equality Act		Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited		No long term physical or mental health conditions	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Altham	1,056	19.4	450	8.3	606	11.1	4,389	80.6	368	6.8	4,021	73.8
Hyndburn	17,127	20.8	7,978	9.7	9,149	11.1	65,109	79.2	4,908	6.0	60,201	73.2

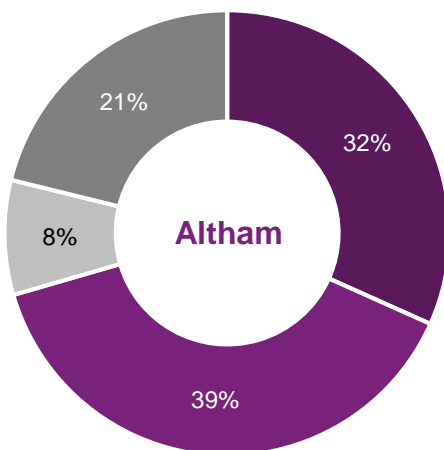
## STATE OF GENERAL HEALTH



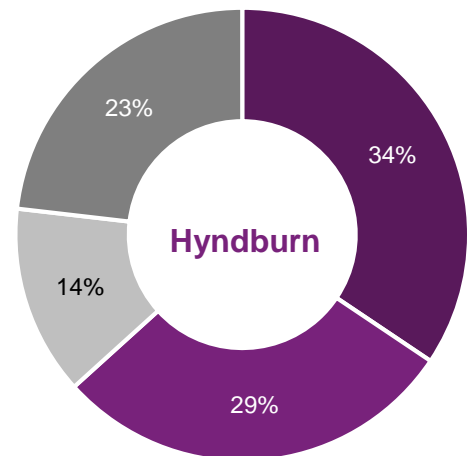
# HOUSING

## TENURE & HOUSEHOLDS

- While Altham has a proportionately lower number of people who own their home outright (32% compared to 34% across the borough), it has a much larger proportion of people who own their home with a mortgage, higher than even the national figure (37.5%).
- Of the 2,135 households in Altham, 354 (16.6%) are older people households compared to 22% across Hyndburn.
- Altham has 306 (14.3%) lone parent families compared to 13.0% across Hyndburn.
- Altham has 722 (33.8%) married or civil partnership family households, and 305 (14.3%) cohabitating couple family households. These are both higher than the borough figures of 27.4% and 12.6% respectively.



- Owns outright
- Owns with a mortgage or loan
- Social rented
- Private rented



# CRIME

## LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY FIGURES

- Below is a breakdown of crime figures in Hyndburn policing areas (as defined by the Lancashire Constabulary) over the last 12 months.
- Anti-social behaviour and Violence and sexual offences are the highest types of recorded crime committed in Hyndburn.
- The current priorities for Hyndburn's neighbourhood policing team are:
  - Anti-social behaviour
  - Burglaries
  - Taking a proactive approach to tackle nuisance crime

	Accrington Town Centre		Altham & CLM		Baxenden		Central & Springhill		Church with Milnshaw		Huncoat		Oswaldtwistle & Knuzden		Peel, Barnfield & Woodnook		Rishton		Netherton & Overton	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Anti-social behaviour	279	29.8%	280	25.5%	51	25.20%	583	31.8%	420	27.4%	112	25.9%	112	25.9%	446	26.8%	209	27.9%	273	26.3%
Bicycle theft			5	0.5%	1	0.50%	10	0.5%	7	0.5%	2	0.5%	2	0.5%	7	0.4%	3	0.4%	3	0.3%
Burglary	33	3.5%	73	6.6%	36	17.80%	48	2.6%	104	6.8%	26	6.0%	26	6.0%	71	4.3%	24	3.2%	47	4.5%
Criminal damage and arson	57	6.1%	98	8.9%	9	4.50%	140	7.6%	127	8.3%	37	8.5%	37	8.5%	159	9.6%	61	8.1%	72	6.9%
Drugs	23	2.5%	10	0.9%	2	0.01	43	2.3%	22	1.4%	5	1.2%	5	1.2%	27	1.6%	12	1.6%	23	2.2%
Other crime	6	0.6%	24	2.2%	4	2%	30	1.6%	28	1.8%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	27	1.6%	13	1.7%	16	1.5%
Other theft	40	4.3%	46	4.2%	15	7.40%	85	4.6%	62	4.0%	18	4.2%	18	4.2%	89	5.4%	37	4.9%	72	6.9%
Possession of weapons	11	1.2%	8	0.7%	2	0.01	9	0.5%	5	0.3%	2	0.5%	2	0.5%	15	0.9%	3	0.4%	16	1.5%
Public order	70	7.5%	41	3.7%	4	2.00%	92	5.0%	63	4.1%	39	9.0%	39	9.0%	84	5.1%	25	3.3%	44	4.2%
Robbery	8	0.9%	5	0.5%	1	0.005	11	0.6%	7	0.5%	160	37.0%	160	37.0%	4	0.2%	6	0.8%	3	0.3%
Shoplifting	110	11.8%	33	3.0%	17	0.084	90	4.9%	118	7.7%	11	2.5%	11	2.5%	146	8.8%	17	2.3%	37	3.6%
Theft from the person	9	1.0%	1	0.1%	60	30%	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	20	4.6%	20	4.6%	8	0.5%	2	0.3%	2	0.2%
Vehicle crime	11	1.2%	87	7.9%	56	7.50%	48	2.6%	59	3.9%			59	3.9%	59	3.5%	56	7.5%	68	6.5%
Violence and sexual offences	278	29.7%	389	35.4%	282	37.60%	645	35.1%	509	33.2%			509	33.2%	521	31.3%	282	37.6%	364	35.0%

Crime statistics from Apr 23 to Mar 24. Blank boxes have no recorded figures. Police.uk hold most up to date figures