

**Census 2021**

**Sexual Orientation and  
Gender Identity**

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# Census 2021 - Introduction

The ONS has recently released the Census 2021 results linked to gender identity and sexual orientation. This document provides some high-level analysis of this data, which was collected in Spring 2021 (the Census presents a snapshot in time and will not account for anything that has happened since). This analysis also looks at population levels and density, split by sex and age group, as well as household figures for the Liverpool City Region and its local authorities.

Where possible we have compared the data to regional and national averages, as well looking at changes from the Census 2011.

Going forward, the ONS plans to release further datasets with more detailed information from Census 2021 throughout the rest of this year, with plans for small area and multivariate data to be released into next year. As a result, the Analyst Team will provide analysis of Census 2021 results, as and when they are released.

More information on the release schedule and its future phases can be found on the ONS website:  
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/censustransformationprogramme/census2021outputs/releaseplans>

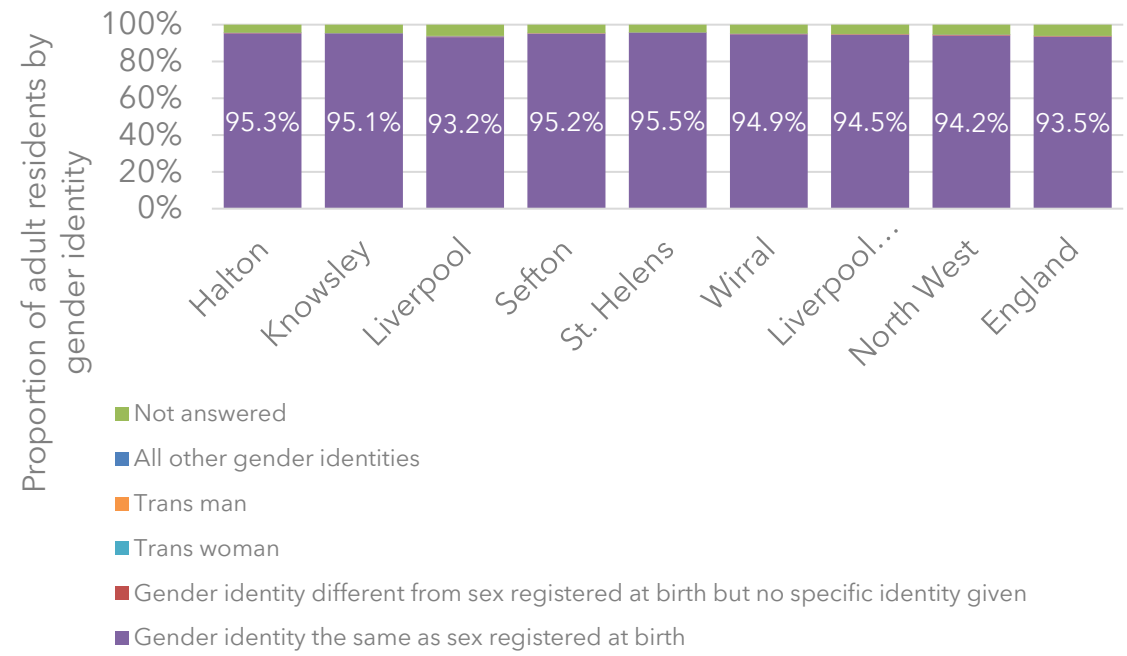
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# Gender identity across the City Region follows regional and national trends

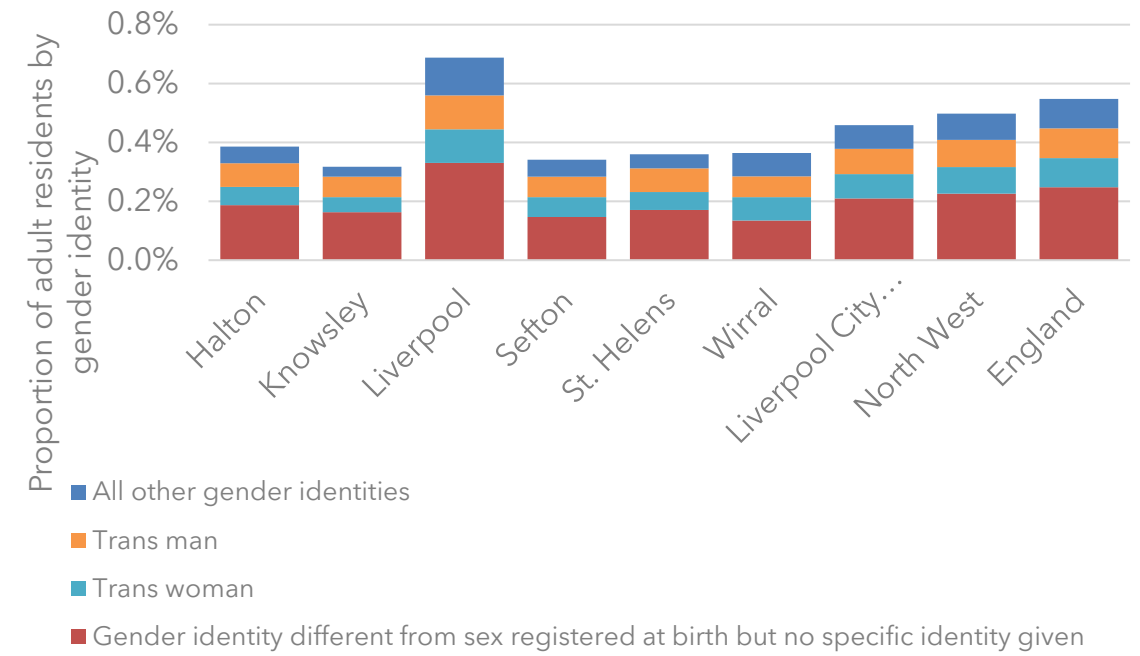
Almost 95% of the Liverpool City Region population stated that their gender identity was the same as their sex registered at birth. This was slightly higher than national averages. Around 0.5% of residents aged 16 or above reported that their gender identity was different from their sex at birth, which is similar to regional and national averages. Around 4.5% of the Liverpool City Region population did not provide an answer to this question.

Out of LCR’s local authorities, Liverpool had the lowest share of residents reporting that their gender identity was the same as their sex registered at birth, at 93%.

Proportion of adult residents by gender identity



Proportion of adult residents by gender identity (excl. straight or heterosexual and not answered)



Source: Census, 2021, ONS, 2023

Note: Data only covers residents aged 16 or above.

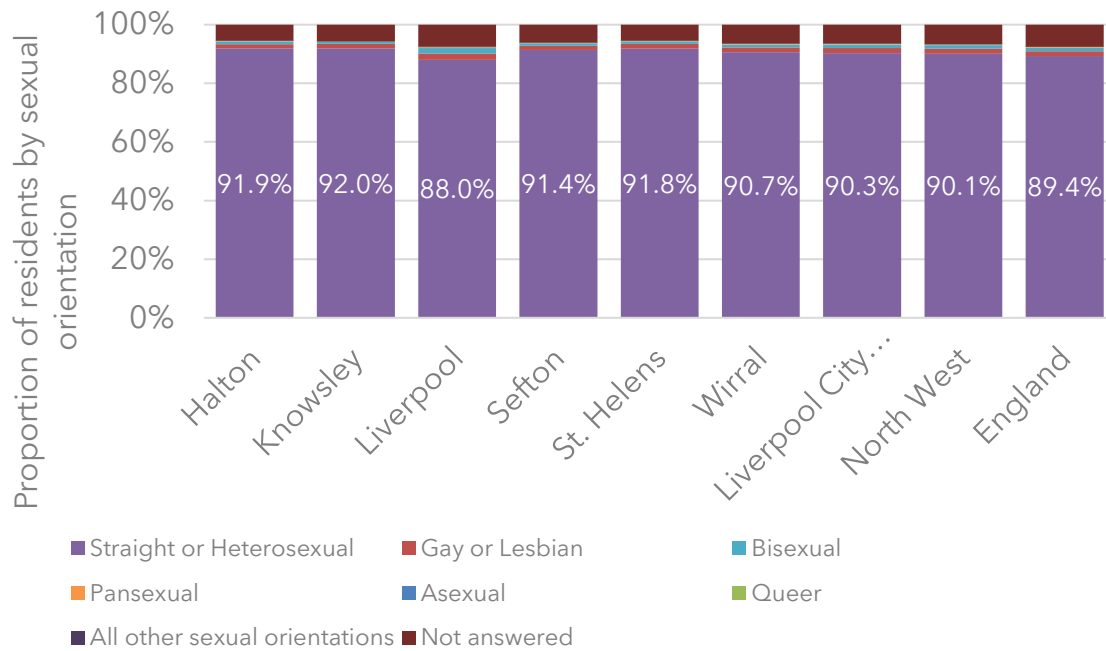
# Sexual orientation across the City Region follows regional and national trends

In total, 90% (1.2 million) of all adult residents across the City Region, identified as straight or heterosexual, slightly higher than the national average (89%). The proportion of population who identified as Gay or Lesbian was 2% (21,800) residents and 1% identified as bisexual, in line with national reporting.

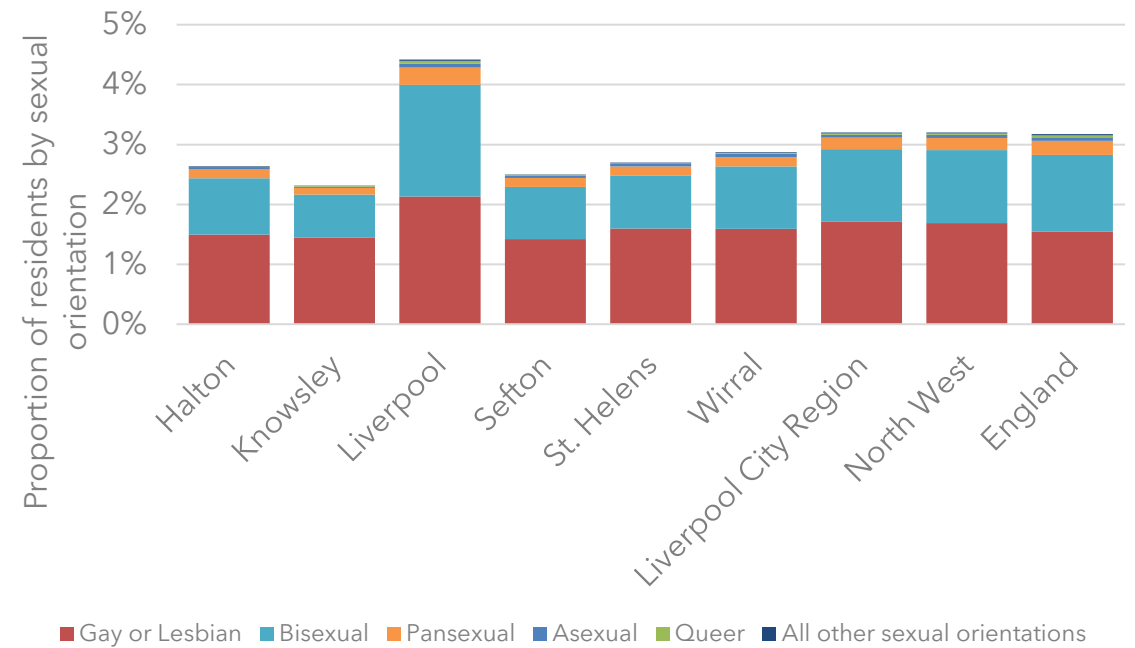
Those identifying as LGB+, was slightly higher in Liverpool than other LCR local authority areas.

82,500 residents or 6% of the LCR population did not answer the sexual orientation question in the 2021 census.

Proportion of adult residents by sexual orientation



Proportion of adult residents by sexual orientation (excl. straight or heterosexual and not answered)



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