

Ward profile – Central

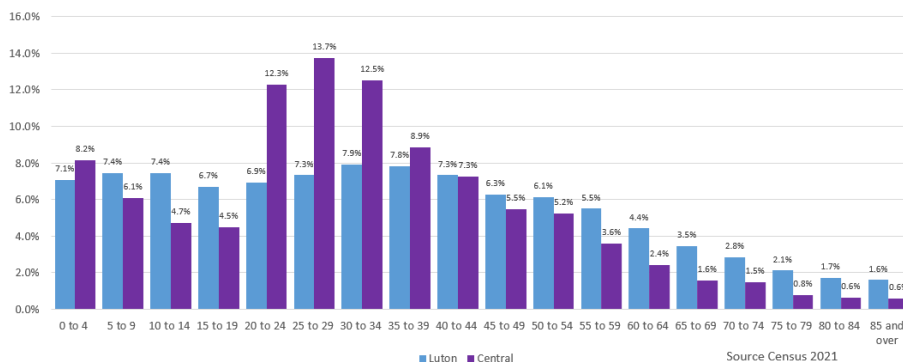
Population, housing, crime, health, employment and education

Population by age

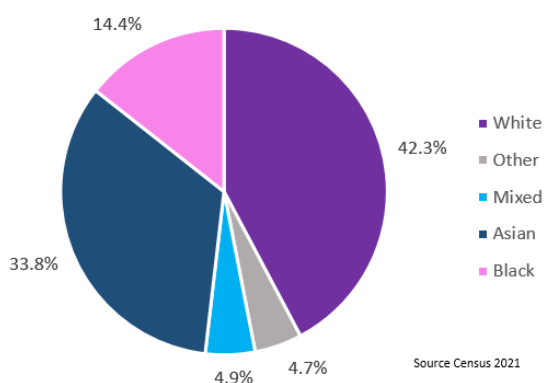
Table 1 - Population in ward, Luton and England average (Source: ONS, Census 2021)

	Total population	Age 0 to 14	Age 15 to 64	Age 65+	Dependency ratio
Central	9343 (#15)	1775 (19%)	7091 (75.9%)	476 (5.1%)	0.32
Luton	225,280	52,558 (23.33%)	146,348 (64.96%)	26,374 (11.71%)	0.54
England	56,490,045	10,483,094 (18.56%)	35,605,651 (63.03%)	10,401,300 (18.41%)	0.57

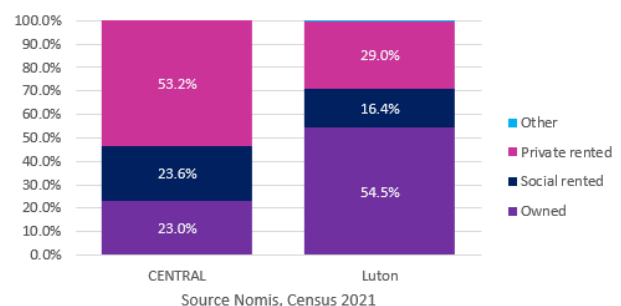
Central Ward - Age Breakdown



Central Ward - Ethnicity Breakdown



CENTRAL Ward - Tenure Breakdown



Population by ethnicity

Population of White ethnicity in Central ward accounts for **42.3%** of the population, compared to **45.2%** in Luton.

The second largest ethnic group is Asian at **33.8%**, followed by Black ethnicity at **14.4%**.

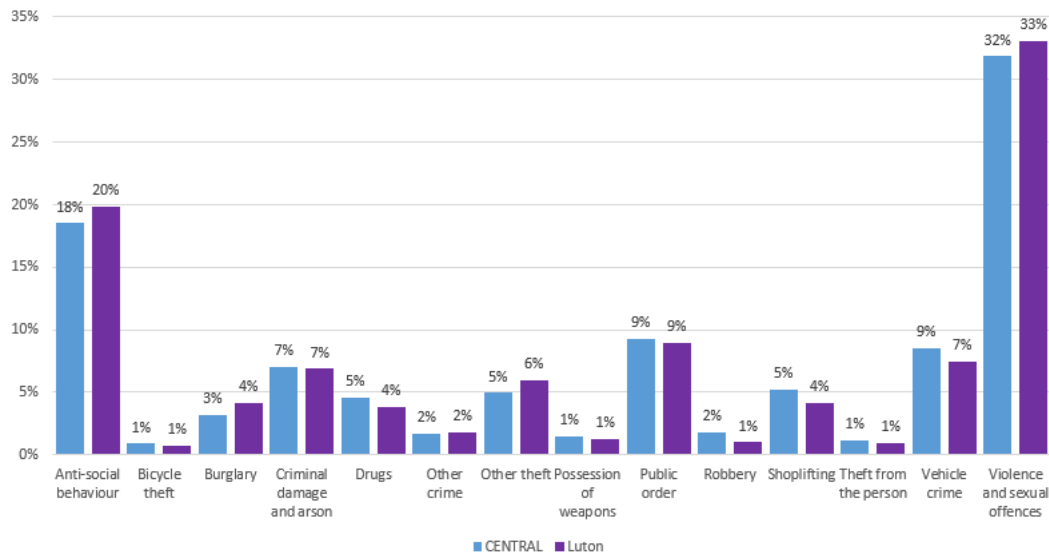
Tenure

The most common type of tenure (home ownership or rental, for example) in Central is Private Rented at **53.2%**, compared to **29.0%** at Luton average.

The second most commonplace tenure is Social rented at **23.6%**, comparing to Luton average at **16.4%**.

Crime breakdown

CENTRAL ward - crime breakdown FY2021-22



Central data: overview

The data below shows the figures for Central, with figures for Luton as a whole in brackets ().

Life expectancy

- Female life expectancy at birth: **82.9 years** (82.7)
- Male life expectancy at birth: **76.5 years** (78.5)
- Overweight or obese children in reception year: **21.7%** (22.6%)
- Overweight or obese children in year 6: **42.7%** (41.8%)

Benefits

- Unemployment benefit - JSA and Universal Credit, Jan 2023: **9.4%** (5.6%)
- Youth unemployment – 18 to 24 receiving JSA or Universal Credit, Jan 2023: **5.5%** (6.3%)

Employment (Census 2021 data)

- Elementary occupations: **28.1%** (16.9%)
- Process, plant and machine operatives: **11.2%** (11.6%)
- Sales and customer service occupations: **8.4%** (8.0%)
- Caring, leisure and other service occupations: **11.7%** (10.7%)
- Skilled trades occupations: **7.5%** (9.8%)
- Administrative and secretarial occupations: **7.0%** (8.5%)
- Associate professional and technical occupations: **8.6%** (10.1%)
- Professional occupations: **12.6%** (15.8%)
- Managers, directors and senior officials: **4.9%** (8.7%)

Education (Census 2021 data)

- People with no qualifications: **22.3%** (22.9%)
- Highest level of qualification: level 4/5 degree or higher qualifications: **35.1%** (29.8%)