General Population
216,350 people live in the borough. Source: ONS Mid-Year Estimates (MYE) 2016

Age
According to the 2016 MYE Rochdale borough’s population is younger than that of other Greater Manchester areas, 43,423 children who are aged 0-15 years live within the Borough, and this comprises 20.1% of the total population.

However the population of the UK and the borough is getting older, and will become more so in years to come. According on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), the largest growth is predicted to be that of the over 65s, with numbers expected to soar from 34,800 to 41,400, an increase of 19% by 2036.

Disability
The number of Rochdale Borough residents reporting a long-term health condition or disability is 44,359 (21%). Source: 2011 Census

Gender Reassignment
No specific figures available.

Gender Identity Research and Education Society estimates that 1 in 4,000 of the UK population seeks support to change their gender. If we use this estimation for the borough’s population the number equates to an estimated 53 people who might identify themselves as transgender.

Marriage and Civil Partnerships
The 2011 census showed almost 73,323, (44.2%) of residents as being married and 293 (0.2%) in civil partnerships in Rochdale borough.

Pregnancy and Maternity
In 2016 2,980 babies were born to local residents (from 2,911 the previous year). Birth rates are higher among our local ethnic minority groups and in areas of deprivation. Source: Rochdale Borough Locality Plan EIA + 2016 MYE (Components of population change)

Race
The 2011 Census revealed that in Rochdale Borough 166,481 people identify as White British which makes up 78.6% of the local population. The largest ethnic minority group is Pakistani which makes up 10.5% of the local population (22,265), and the second largest is Bangladeshi with 2.1% of the population (4,342). Source: 2011 Census

Religion and Belief
Christians form the main religious group in the Rochdale Borough with 128,186 (60.6% of the total population) people. The next largest religious group is Muslim with 29,426 (13.9%) people in the Borough. The number of residents which stated that they had no religion is 40,014 which is 18.9% of residents in the Borough. Source: 2011 Census

Sex
According to the 2016 Mid-Year Estimates there are slightly more women than men in the Rochdale borough; with approximately 109,812 people identifying as female compared with 106,353 of the local population identifying as male.
Sexual Orientation
There are no accurate statistics available regarding the profile of the lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) population either in the Rochdale borough or the UK as a whole. Sexuality is not incorporated into the census or other official statistics. It's acknowledged that approximately 6-10% of any given population will be LGB. In Rochdale borough this would be between 12,970 and 21,617. Source: MYE 2016 and Stonewall

Armed Force and Ex Armed Forces Personnel Source: NHS Wirral, 2012 estimates
There are around 14,623 armed forces veterans in Rochdale representing approximately 8.7% of the over 16 population. This is around the Greater Manchester average.

Caring Responsibilities
Within the Borough of Rochdale 23,260 people identified themselves as a carer in the 2011 Census.
According to the 2011 census there are 6,105 people within the Rochdale Borough (2.9% of the total local population) providing 50 or more hours of unpaid care per week. This is above regional and national comparators.