

Victoria County History of Lancashire, 1901

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<http://www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk/>

Population figures for Bury: these are based on townships and parishes, many of which are areas pre-dating the 1600s, and so these figures can be hard to map directly onto modern local government boundaries. Every census year of the 19th century is recorded.

| | acreage | 1801 | 1811 | 1821 | 1831 | 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 | 1881 | 1891 | 1901 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bury township | 2330 | 7072 | 8762 | 10583 | 15086 | 20710 | 25484 | 30397 | 32611 | 39283 | 41038 | 41022 |
| Elton township | 2553 | 2080 | 2540 | 2897 | 4054 | 5202 | 6778 | 8172 | 9591 | 11947 | 12589 | 13269 |
| Heap township | 2938 | 4283 | 5148 | 6552 | 10429 | 14856 | 16048 | 17353 | 17252 | 17686 | 17276 | 18442 |
| Tottington higher township | 3545 | 1246 | 1556 | 1728 | 2572 | 3446 | 2958 | 3726 | 3595 | 3926 | 3850 | 3634 |
| Tottington lower township | 5271 | 4314 | 5917 | 7333 | 9280 | 9929 | 10691 | 11764 | 12531 | 16428 | 16837 | 16457 |
| Walmersley with Shuttleworth | 5065 | 2166 | 2619 | 3290 | 3456 | 4880 | 4802 | 5298 | 5558 | 5519 | 5799 | 5473 |
| Part of Bury township near Haslingden | 3213 | 1139 | 1375 | 1952 | 2750 | 3102 | 3382 | 3848 | 4768 | 4705 | 4714 | 4390 |