

Ethnicity in Bradford

At a glance:

- Bradford has become more ethnically diverse. Although the White population has decreased by twelve percentage points since 2001, the largest proportion of the District's population identified themselves as White British (64%).
- Bradford District has the largest proportion of people of Pakistani ethnic origin (20%) in England – this is an increase of six percentage points since the 2001 census.
- The proportions of Black, Mixed, Bangladeshi and Other White groups also increased between 2001 and 2011

Introduction

The latest available data about ethnicity is taken from the 2011 Census and will be updated when the next Census takes place in 2021.

Main findings

The numbers and proportion of the White British population decreased between 2001 and 2011 as did the White Irish group. The 2011 Census also gave residents the opportunity to identify themselves as Gypsy or Irish Traveller and 0.1% of the District's population chose to do so – similar to regional and national percentages.

| | Bradford 2001 | | Bradford 2011 | | West Yorkshire | Yorkshire & Humber | England |
|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Number | % | Number | % | % | % | % |
| White | | | | | | | |
| White British | 355,684 | 76.1 | 333,628 | 63.9 | 78.4 | 85.8 | 79.8 |
| White Irish | 3,479 | 0.7 | 2,541 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| Gypsy or Irish Traveller | N/A | N/A | 433 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Other White | 6,878 | 1.5 | 15,715 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 4.6 |
| Total White | 366,041 | 78.3 | 352,317 | 67.5 | 81.8 | 88.9 | 85.5 |
| Mixed multiple ethnic groups | 6,937 | 1.5 | 12,979 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.2 |
| Asian/Asian British | | | | | | | |
| Indian | 12,504 | 2.7 | 13,555 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 2.6 |
| Pakistani | 67,994 | 14.5 | 106,614 | 20.4 | 8.5 | 4.3 | 2.1 |
| Bangladeshi | 4,967 | 1.1 | 9,863 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Other Asian ethnic group | 2,932 | 0.6 | 10,117 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| Total Asian/Asian British | 88,397 | 18.9 | 140,149 | 26.8 | 13.1 | 7.3 | 7.7 |
| Black/African/Caribbean/Black British | 4,333 | 0.9 | 9,267 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 3.4 |
| Other ethnic groups | 1,957 | 0.4 | 7,740 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 |

Source: ONS Census 2011 table QS201EW

Note: the ethnic group classifications for the above groups has changed since 2001 and so direct comparisons between the Asian/British Asian groups and the Other ethnic groups should be made with caution

White was the largest ethnic group in 2011 with a population of 352,317 (67.5%). White British had the largest proportion within this group with a population of 333,628 (63.9%).

The population rates for the Mixed multiple ethnic groups and for the Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi ethnic groups are higher for Bradford than for West Yorkshire and England.

The population rates for White Irish and Black/African/Caribbean/Black British groups were lower than those for West Yorkshire and England.

Since the last census in 2001, the White ethnic group has seen a decrease of more than 10 percentage points and the proportion of the total population which is of Indian ethnic origin is lower (2.5%), although the actual population has increased. The proportions of the following ethnic groups has increased: the Mixed multiple ethnic group has almost doubled to 2.5%, the Pakistani ethnic group has increased by 10 percentage points to 20.4% and the Bangladeshi group has almost doubled to 1.9%.

Country of birth

| | Bradford 2001 | | Bradford 2011 | | West Yorkshire | Yorkshire & Humber | England |
|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Number | % | Number | % | % | % | % |
| People born in the UK | 412,493 | 88.2 | 432,843 | 82.8 | 88.6 | 91.2 | 86.2 |
| People born in the Republic of Ireland | 2,586 | 0.6 | 2,123 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| People born in EU member countries as at March 2001 | 3,773 | 0.8 | 4,288 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.7 |
| People born in Germany | 1,349 | 0.3 | 1,402 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| People born in Italy | 1,002 | 0.2 | 1,149 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| People born in EU Accession countries April 2001 – March 2011 | 2,004 | 0.4 | 12,096 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| People born in Poland | 935 | 0.2 | 5,848 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| People born in Romania | 40 | 0.01 | 306 | 0.1 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.1 |
| People born in Africa | 3,128 | 0.7 | 7,081 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 2.4 |
| People born in South Asia | 36,583 | 7.8 | 51,540 | 9.9 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| People born in Bangladesh | 2,516 | 0.5 | 4,017 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| People born in India | 6,249 | 1.3 | 6,279 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| People born in Pakistan | 27,603 | 5.9 | 40,316 | 7.7 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 0.9 |
| People born in North America | 2,152 | 0.5 | 763 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| People born elsewhere | 4,946 | 1.1 | 11,718 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.5 |

Source: ONS Census 2011 table QS203EW

82.8% of the District's population was born in the UK and 17.2% was born elsewhere.

The number of people born in the EU Accession counties has increased by 10,000 since 2001. The number of people born in Poland has increased by nearly 5,000 since 2001.

The number of people born in South Asia has increased by nearly 15,000 since 2001 – this includes more than 12,500 people born in Pakistan. Excluding the inner and outer London boroughs, Bradford has the second highest proportion of people born in Pakistan, in England and Wales, second to Slough.

Data sources and further information

Source: ONS 2001 and 2011 Census

Link: www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2001

www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011

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