

A summary of ethnic groups in London

The 2001 Census breaks the population down into 16 ethnic groups. London's population is made up of a high proportion of ethnic groups compared with the national average.

- Around **46 per cent of all non-White ethnic groups in the country live in London**. Some ethnic groups are mainly based in London, such as Black African (79 per cent), Other Black (63 per cent), Black Caribbean (61 per cent), Bangladeshi (55 per cent), Other Asian (55 per cent) and Other ethnic group (51 per cent). London's population as a whole represents 14 per cent of the England and Wales total and every ethnic group other than White British is above average. However, the lowest of these is Pakistani, where a fifth live in the capital.
- Within London, among many groups there are higher concentrations in some Boroughs. For example, in Tower Hamlets a third of the population are **Bangladeshi** compared with the next highest borough, Newham, where the proportion is less than a tenth.
- Whilst the **White British** group represents the majority in London (60 per cent), the proportions in the boroughs of Havering (92 per cent), Bexley (88 per cent), Bromley (86 per cent) and Sutton (84 per cent) are particularly high. In contrast, some boroughs have relatively low percentages of White British such as Brent (29 per cent) and Newham (34 per cent), though **White British people represent less than half the population in nine out of the 33 Boroughs**.
- A quarter of the population in Kensington and Chelsea are **Other White**, although there are also high concentrations in Westminster (21 per cent), Camden, Haringey (16 per cent) and Hammersmith and Fulham (15 per cent).
- Just under 22 per cent of the population in Harrow are **Indian**, and Hounslow and Ealing both have high proportions (17 per cent). No borough has a population made up of more than eight per cent of **Pakistanis**, though Newham and Waltham Forest are top.
- Just over 16 per cent of people in Southwark are **Black Africans**, while in Newham the figure is also significant at 13 per cent. The Boroughs with the highest concentrations of **Black Caribbeans** are Lambeth and Lewisham where both have a population that contains 12 per cent from this group.
- People from the **Other Ethnic Group** are well represented in Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster. Both boroughs have four per cent in this group.

For more detail on ethnicity in London using Census data see DMAG briefings 2003/9, 2003/22, 2003/23, 2005/6 and 2005/12. For further information please contact a member of the Census team on 020 7983 4327 or <mailto:gareth.piggott@london.gov.uk>

Table 1 Ethnic groups by borough, numbers, 2001

	All people	White			Mixed			
		White British	White Irish	Other White	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Other Mixed
City of London	7,185	4,909	241	925	33	16	57	57
Barking & Dagenham	163,944	132,566	2,753	4,348	1,420	572	534	550
Barnet	314,564	188,301	10,545	34,022	1,670	1,590	3,218	3,030
Bexley	218,307	191,947	3,025	4,538	868	394	915	695
Brent	263,464	76,893	18,313	24,072	2,739	1,739	2,529	2,795
Bromley	295,532	255,618	4,652	10,396	1,887	577	1,716	1,336
Camden	198,020	104,390	9,149	31,357	1,654	1,224	1,983	2,568
Croydon	330,587	210,573	7,130	14,242	4,721	1,352	3,480	2,743
Ealing	300,948	135,139	14,285	27,317	3,022	1,353	3,629	2,876
Enfield	273,559	167,394	8,398	35,157	2,549	1,068	2,278	2,199
Greenwich	214,403	151,291	4,862	9,182	2,203	942	1,328	1,387
Hackney	202,824	89,490	6,117	24,861	3,075	1,599	1,576	2,251
Hammersmith & Fulham	165,242	95,909	7,983	24,710	2,008	1,033	1,609	1,650
Haringey	216,507	98,028	9,302	34,752	3,205	1,551	2,329	2,761
Harrow	206,814	103,207	9,057	9,279	1,371	633	2,018	1,818
Havering	224,248	206,365	3,390	3,666	827	226	705	540
Hillingdon	243,006	176,244	6,911	8,965	1,427	694	1,983	1,484
Hounslow	212,341	118,421	6,198	13,135	1,382	843	2,407	1,815
Islington	175,797	99,784	10,057	22,623	2,329	1,241	1,543	2,121
Kensington & Chelsea	158,919	79,594	5,183	40,147	1,290	1,057	1,863	2,295
Kingston upon Thames	147,273	111,810	3,201	9,381	591	392	1,398	976
Lambeth	266,169	131,939	8,689	25,430	5,322	2,159	2,100	3,273
Lewisham	248,922	141,814	6,990	15,294	4,760	1,599	1,565	2,475
Merton	187,908	120,378	5,464	15,041	1,630	734	1,918	1,587
Newham	243,891	82,390	3,231	10,509	2,986	1,657	1,652	1,953
Redbridge	238,635	137,097	5,559	8,931	1,884	742	1,853	1,352
Richmond upon Thames	172,335	135,655	4,805	16,325	670	443	1,530	1,154
Southwark	244,866	127,752	7,674	18,890	3,350	1,954	1,343	2,499
Sutton	179,768	150,515	3,664	6,172	1,205	358	1,274	888
Tower Hamlets	196,106	84,151	3,823	12,825	1,568	789	1,348	1,168
Waltham Forest	218,341	121,694	5,112	13,997	3,007	1,195	1,580	1,967
Wandsworth	260,380	168,665	8,151	26,162	2,893	1,252	2,247	2,336
Westminster	181,286	87,938	6,574	38,203	1,382	1,204	2,436	2,458
Inner London	2,766,114	1,396,753	93,164	326,688	35,855	18,335	23,651	29,865
Outer London	4,405,977	2,891,108	127,324	268,166	35,073	15,847	36,293	31,192
London	7,172,091	4,287,861	220,488	594,854	70,928	34,182	59,944	61,057
England & Wales	52,041,916	45,533,741	641,804	1,345,321	237,420	78,911	189,015	155,688

Asian				Black			Chinese / Other		
Indian	Pakistani	Bangla- deshi	Other Asian	Caribbean	African	Other Black	Chinese	Other Ethnic Group	
159	23	276	33	51	117	16	147	125	City of London
3,681	3,055	673	877	3,434	7,284	722	775	700	Barking & Dagenham
27,130	3,965	1,448	6,252	4,113	13,651	1,095	6,379	8,155	Barnet
5,548	334	386	1,111	1,762	4,085	405	1,555	739	Bexley
48,624	10,626	1,184	12,628	27,574	20,640	4,123	2,812	6,173	Brent
4,458	691	868	1,533	4,637	3,373	604	1,799	1,387	Bromley
4,574	1,250	12,569	2,158	3,635	11,795	944	3,470	5,300	Camden
21,246	7,429	1,765	6,940	26,065	14,627	3,384	2,212	2,678	Croydon
49,734	11,271	1,077	11,769	13,507	11,075	1,874	3,596	9,424	Ealing
10,887	1,717	3,524	5,121	14,590	11,884	2,117	2,011	2,665	Enfield
9,397	1,902	1,225	2,015	6,755	15,302	1,697	2,540	2,375	Greenwich
7,624	2,165	5,970	1,655	20,879	24,290	4,840	2,377	4,055	Hackney
2,733	1,711	1,011	1,878	8,534	8,072	1,791	1,303	3,307	Hammersmith & Fulham
6,171	2,046	2,961	3,348	20,570	19,879	2,928	2,444	4,232	Haringey
45,310	4,317	953	10,734	6,116	5,656	931	2,567	2,847	Harrow
2,756	457	216	659	1,554	1,377	208	886	416	Havering
23,234	3,816	1,459	4,539	3,275	4,227	504	1,883	2,361	Hillingdon
36,812	9,127	1,125	5,446	2,826	5,723	688	1,842	4,551	Hounslow
2,851	912	4,229	1,492	8,550	10,500	1,806	3,074	2,685	Islington
3,226	1,203	1,148	2,160	4,101	6,013	967	2,592	6,080	Kensington & Chelsea
5,322	1,916	384	3,844	772	1,406	131	2,026	3,723	Kingston upon Thames
5,316	2,634	2,169	2,045	32,139	30,836	5,579	3,362	3,177	Lambeth
3,487	1,090	1,229	3,644	30,543	22,571	5,146	3,431	3,284	Lewisham
8,043	4,504	1,702	6,558	6,976	6,438	1,212	2,485	3,238	Merton
29,597	20,644	21,458	7,603	17,931	31,982	2,740	2,349	5,209	Newham
33,304	14,888	4,224	7,207	9,126	7,827	1,159	1,962	1,520	Redbridge
4,232	664	622	1,151	643	829	142	1,299	2,171	Richmond upon Thames
3,655	1,118	3,642	1,536	19,555	39,349	4,512	4,492	3,545	Southwark
4,133	1,216	578	2,573	2,054	2,208	339	1,211	1,380	Sutton
3,001	1,486	65,553	1,767	5,225	6,596	921	3,573	2,312	Tower Hamlets
7,671	17,295	2,166	5,084	17,797	12,630	3,246	1,443	2,457	Waltham Forest
7,412	5,449	1,099	4,084	12,665	10,013	2,388	2,227	3,337	Wandsworth
5,665	1,828	5,000	3,614	5,613	6,678	1,190	4,077	7,426	Westminster
85,471	43,559	128,314	37,017	189,991	228,691	35,768	38,918	54,074	Inner London
351,522	99,190	25,579	96,041	153,576	150,242	24,581	41,283	58,960	Outer London
436,993	142,749	153,893	133,058	343,567	378,933	60,349	80,201	113,034	London
1,036,807	714,826	280,830	241,274	563,843	479,665	96,069	226,948	219,754	England & Wales

Source: 2001 Census, Key Statistics Table KS06

Table 2 Ethnic groups by borough, percent, 2001

	All people	White			Mixed			
		White British	White Irish	Other White	White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Other Mixed
City of London	100	68.3	3.4	12.9	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.8
Barking & Dagenham	100	80.9	1.7	2.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Barnet	100	59.9	3.4	10.8	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0
Bexley	100	87.9	1.4	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Brent	100	29.2	7.0	9.1	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.1
Bromley	100	86.5	1.6	3.5	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.5
Camden	100	52.7	4.6	15.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.3
Croydon	100	63.7	2.2	4.3	1.4	0.4	1.1	0.8
Ealing	100	44.9	4.7	9.1	1.0	0.4	1.2	1.0
Enfield	100	61.2	3.1	12.9	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.8
Greenwich	100	70.6	2.3	4.3	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.6
Hackney	100	44.1	3.0	12.3	1.5	0.8	0.8	1.1
Hammersmith & Fulham	100	58.0	4.8	15.0	1.2	0.6	1.0	1.0
Haringey	100	45.3	4.3	16.1	1.5	0.7	1.1	1.3
Harrow	100	49.9	4.4	4.5	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.9
Havering	100	92.0	1.5	1.6	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2
Hillingdon	100	72.5	2.8	3.7	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.6
Hounslow	100	55.8	2.9	6.2	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.9
Islington	100	56.8	5.7	12.9	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.2
Kensington & Chelsea	100	50.1	3.3	25.3	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.4
Kingston upon Thames	100	75.9	2.2	6.4	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.7
Lambeth	100	49.6	3.3	9.6	2.0	0.8	0.8	1.2
Lewisham	100	57.0	2.8	6.1	1.9	0.6	0.6	1.0
Merton	100	64.1	2.9	8.0	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.8
Newham	100	33.8	1.3	4.3	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.8
Redbridge	100	57.5	2.3	3.7	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.6
Richmond upon Thames	100	78.7	2.8	9.5	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.7
Southwark	100	52.2	3.1	7.7	1.4	0.8	0.5	1.0
Sutton	100	83.7	2.0	3.4	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.5
Tower Hamlets	100	42.9	1.9	6.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.6
Waltham Forest	100	55.7	2.3	6.4	1.4	0.5	0.7	0.9
Wandsworth	100	64.8	3.1	10.0	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.9
Westminster	100	48.5	3.6	21.1	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.4
Inner London	100	50.5	3.4	11.8	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.1
Outer London	100	65.6	2.9	6.1	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.7
London	100	59.8	3.1	8.3	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.9
England & Wales	100	87.5	1.2	2.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3

Asian				Black			Chinese / Other		
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2.2	0.3	3.8	0.5	0.7	1.6	0.2	2.0	1.7	City of London
2.2	1.9	0.4	0.5	2.1	4.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	Barking & Dagenham
8.6	1.3	0.5	2.0	1.3	4.3	0.3	2.0	2.6	Barnet
2.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.9	0.2	0.7	0.3	Bexley
18.5	4.0	0.4	4.8	10.5	7.8	1.6	1.1	2.3	Brent
1.5	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.6	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.5	Bromley
2.3	0.6	6.3	1.1	1.8	6.0	0.5	1.8	2.7	Camden
6.4	2.2	0.5	2.1	7.9	4.4	1.0	0.7	0.8	Croydon
16.5	3.7	0.4	3.9	4.5	3.7	0.6	1.2	3.1	Ealing
4.0	0.6	1.3	1.9	5.3	4.3	0.8	0.7	1.0	Enfield
4.4	0.9	0.6	0.9	3.2	7.1	0.8	1.2	1.1	Greenwich
3.8	1.1	2.9	0.8	10.3	12.0	2.4	1.2	2.0	Hackney
1.7	1.0	0.6	1.1	5.2	4.9	1.1	0.8	2.0	Hammersmith & Fulham
2.9	0.9	1.4	1.5	9.5	9.2	1.4	1.1	2.0	Haringey
21.9	2.1	0.5	5.2	3.0	2.7	0.5	1.2	1.4	Harrow
1.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.2	Havering
9.6	1.6	0.6	1.9	1.3	1.7	0.2	0.8	1.0	Hillingdon
17.3	4.3	0.5	2.6	1.3	2.7	0.3	0.9	2.1	Hounslow
1.6	0.5	2.4	0.8	4.9	6.0	1.0	1.7	1.5	Islington
2.0	0.8	0.7	1.4	2.6	3.8	0.6	1.6	3.8	Kensington & Chelsea
3.6	1.3	0.3	2.6	0.5	1.0	0.1	1.4	2.5	Kingston upon Thames
2.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	12.1	11.6	2.1	1.3	1.2	Lambeth
1.4	0.4	0.5	1.5	12.3	9.1	2.1	1.4	1.3	Lewisham
4.3	2.4	0.9	3.5	3.7	3.4	0.6	1.3	1.7	Merton
12.1	8.5	8.8	3.1	7.4	13.1	1.1	1.0	2.1	Newham
14.0	6.2	1.8	3.0	3.8	3.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	Redbridge
2.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	1.3	Richmond upon Thames
1.5	0.5	1.5	0.6	8.0	16.1	1.8	1.8	1.4	Southwark
2.3	0.7	0.3	1.4	1.1	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.8	Sutton
1.5	0.8	33.4	0.9	2.7	3.4	0.5	1.8	1.2	Tower Hamlets
3.5	7.9	1.0	2.3	8.2	5.8	1.5	0.7	1.1	Waltham Forest
2.8	2.1	0.4	1.6	4.9	3.8	0.9	0.9	1.3	Wandsworth
3.1	1.0	2.8	2.0	3.1	3.7	0.7	2.2	4.1	Westminster
3.1	1.6	4.6	1.3	6.9	8.3	1.3	1.4	2.0	Inner London
8.0	2.3	0.6	2.2	3.5	3.4	0.6	0.9	1.3	Outer London
6.1	2.0	2.1	1.9	4.8	5.3	0.8	1.1	1.6	London
2.0	1.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.4	England & Wales

Source: 2001 Census, Key Statistics Table KS06

Other ethnicity briefings by the DMAG Census team

DMAG 2003/9 by Eileen Howes

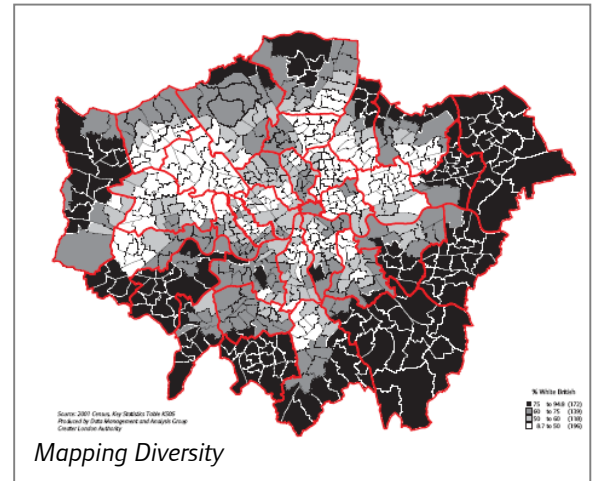
Ethnicity, religion and country of Birth

This is a preliminary briefing based mainly on the 2001 Census Key Statistics published in February 2003 for boroughs and in June 2003 for wards. It uses data from the 2001 Census questions on ethnic group and country of birth to give a first brief analysis of London's culturally diverse population.

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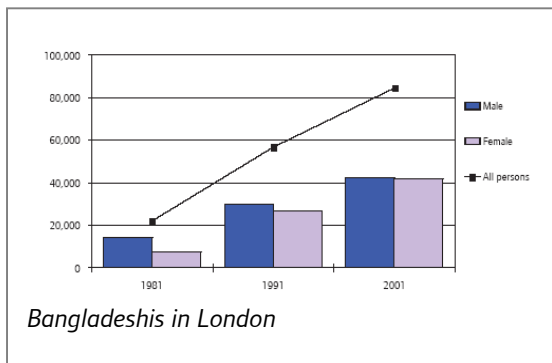
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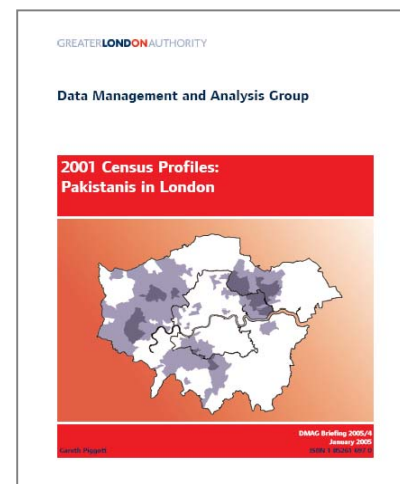
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Over two per cent of the London population are in the Bangladeshi ethnic group. This Briefing gives a detailed statistical profile of Bangladeshis living in London using Census data.

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