

## ONS Population Estimates by Ethnic Group, 2001 to 2003

On 26 January, ONS published annual population estimates by ethnic group for mid-2001 to mid-2003. These data are experimental statistics (ie they do not yet meet the quality criteria to be National Statistics) and are the first ever resident population estimates by ethnic group to be released by ONS. These data are available for England (by five-year age groups and sex) and for constituent administrative areas (Government Office Regions, counties, local authority districts and strategic health authorities), by broad age groups and sex. Components of population change are also available for England only. These estimates are constrained to the previously available ONS mid-year population estimates.

This *Update* analyses the estimates for London and the London boroughs and compares them with national statistics. Data are available for the full 16 ethnic group classification used in the 2001 Census.

**Table 1:** Ethnic Group Estimates, London and England, 2001 Census, mid-2001, mid-2002 and mid-2003 (thousands and percentage)

	2001 Census		2001		2002		2003	
	Population	%	Population	%	Population	%	Population	%
<b>LONDON</b>								
All Groups	7,172.1		7,322.4		7,371.2		7,387.9	
White: British	4,287.9	<b>59.8</b>	4,386.1	<b>59.9</b>	4,388.4	<b>59.5</b>	4,383.5	<b>59.3</b>
White: Irish	220.5	<b>3.1</b>	222.5	<b>3.0</b>	214.7	<b>2.9</b>	207.1	<b>2.8</b>
White: Other White	594.9	<b>8.3</b>	608.8	<b>8.3</b>	618.7	<b>8.4</b>	614.2	<b>8.3</b>
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	70.9	<b>1.0</b>	71.7	<b>1.0</b>	72.4	<b>1.0</b>	73.1	<b>1.0</b>
Mixed: White and Black African	34.2	<b>0.5</b>	34.7	<b>0.5</b>	36.1	<b>0.5</b>	37.3	<b>0.5</b>
Mixed: White and Asian	59.9	<b>0.8</b>	61.1	<b>0.8</b>	63.7	<b>0.9</b>	65.8	<b>0.9</b>
Mixed: Other Mixed	61.1	<b>0.9</b>	62.1	<b>0.8</b>	64.1	<b>0.9</b>	65.8	<b>0.9</b>
Asian or Asian British: Indian	437.0	<b>6.1</b>	445.1	<b>6.1</b>	448.8	<b>6.1</b>	454.2	<b>6.1</b>
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	142.7	<b>2.0</b>	147.2	<b>2.0</b>	149.9	<b>2.0</b>	153.9	<b>2.1</b>
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	153.9	<b>2.1</b>	157.3	<b>2.1</b>	159.2	<b>2.2</b>	161.0	<b>2.2</b>
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	133.1	<b>1.9</b>	135.3	<b>1.8</b>	140.4	<b>1.9</b>	143.2	<b>1.9</b>
Black or Black British: Black Caribbean	343.6	<b>4.8</b>	348.0	<b>4.8</b>	342.4	<b>4.6</b>	337.2	<b>4.6</b>
Black or Black British: Black African	378.9	<b>5.3</b>	382.7	<b>5.2</b>	392.2	<b>5.3</b>	401.3	<b>5.4</b>
Black or Black British: Other Black	60.3	<b>0.8</b>	61.3	<b>0.8</b>	61.4	<b>0.8</b>	61.4	<b>0.8</b>
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Chinese	80.2	<b>1.1</b>	82.6	<b>1.1</b>	91.4	<b>1.2</b>	96.7	<b>1.3</b>
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other	113.0	<b>1.6</b>	115.8	<b>1.6</b>	127.6	<b>1.7</b>	132.0	<b>1.8</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>								
All Groups	49,138.8		49,449.7		49,646.9		49,855.7	
White: British	42,747.1	<b>87.0</b>	42,885.5	<b>86.7</b>	42,826.4	<b>86.3</b>	42,785.2	<b>85.8</b>
White: Irish	624.1	<b>1.3</b>	632.0	<b>1.3</b>	622.3	<b>1.3</b>	613.1	<b>1.2</b>
White: Other White	1,308.1	<b>2.7</b>	1,348.4	<b>2.7</b>	1,398.1	<b>2.8</b>	1,437.9	<b>2.9</b>
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	231.4	<b>0.5</b>	235.4	<b>0.5</b>	243.2	<b>0.5</b>	251.3	<b>0.5</b>
Mixed: White and Black African	76.5	<b>0.2</b>	78.8	<b>0.2</b>	84.2	<b>0.2</b>	90.3	<b>0.2</b>
Mixed: White and Asian	184.0	<b>0.4</b>	187.8	<b>0.4</b>	198.5	<b>0.4</b>	209.3	<b>0.4</b>
Mixed: Other Mixed	151.4	<b>0.3</b>	155.1	<b>0.3</b>	163.3	<b>0.3</b>	172.1	<b>0.3</b>
Asian or Asian British: Indian	1,028.5	<b>2.1</b>	1,051.8	<b>2.1</b>	1,079.1	<b>2.2</b>	1,112.6	<b>2.2</b>
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	706.5	<b>1.4</b>	722.8	<b>1.5</b>	741.7	<b>1.5</b>	765.2	<b>1.5</b>
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	275.4	<b>0.6</b>	283.3	<b>0.6</b>	292.2	<b>0.6</b>	301.6	<b>0.6</b>
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	237.8	<b>0.5</b>	246.3	<b>0.5</b>	264.2	<b>0.5</b>	279.8	<b>0.6</b>
Black or Black British: Black Caribbean	561.2	<b>1.1</b>	575.5	<b>1.2</b>	579.2	<b>1.2</b>	584.0	<b>1.2</b>
Black or Black British: Black African	475.9	<b>1.0</b>	497.2	<b>1.0</b>	538.9	<b>1.1</b>	587.3	<b>1.2</b>
Black or Black British: Other Black	95.3	<b>0.2</b>	98.3	<b>0.2</b>	100.9	<b>0.2</b>	103.8	<b>0.2</b>
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Chinese	220.7	<b>0.4</b>	227.5	<b>0.5</b>	258.6	<b>0.5</b>	284.6	<b>0.6</b>
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other	214.6	<b>0.4</b>	223.9	<b>0.5</b>	256.1	<b>0.5</b>	277.7	<b>0.6</b>

The composition of the ethnic populations of London and England changed little when comparing 2001 Census figures with mid-2001 estimates, however there was a small decline in the relative proportion of the White British population in England but a small increase in London.

Over the period mid-2001 to mid-2003, the resident ethnic population composition of London changed only slightly. There were proportional declines in the size of the White British, White Irish and Black Caribbean populations. The largest declines were estimated for the White Irish (15 thousand) and Black Caribbeans (11 thousand). All other ethnic groups showed a proportional increase or no change. The only groups to increase representation by as much as 0.2 percentage points were the Black African, Chinese and Other groups. These three groups were each estimated to have increased by between 14 and 19 thousand persons over the two years with the numbers of Chinese and Other groups each increasing by more than 10 per cent.

Over the same period, there was proportional decline in only the White British and White Irish populations of England.

**Table 2:** Change in Population, mid-2001 to mid-2003, London (thousands and percentage)

	Mid-2001	Mid-2003	Change 01-03	% Change 01-03
All Groups	7,322.4	7,387.9	65.5	0.9
White: British	4,386.1	4,383.5	-2.6	-0.1
White: Irish	222.5	207.1	-15.4	-6.9
White: Other White	608.8	614.2	5.4	0.9
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	71.7	73.1	1.4	2.0
Mixed: White and Black African	34.7	37.3	2.6	7.5
Mixed: White and Asian	61.1	65.8	4.7	7.7
Mixed: Other Mixed	62.1	65.8	3.7	6.0
Asian or Asian British: Indian	445.1	454.2	9.1	2.0
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	147.2	153.9	6.7	4.6
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	157.3	161.0	3.7	2.4
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	135.3	143.2	7.9	5.8
Black or Black British: Black Caribbean	348.0	337.2	-10.8	-3.1
Black or Black British: Black African	382.7	401.3	18.6	4.9
Black or Black British: Other Black	61.3	61.4	0.1	0.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Chinese	82.6	96.7	14.1	17.1
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other	115.8	132.0	16.2	14.0

The methodology used to produce these estimates is, as far as possible, consistent with the ONS methodology for mid-year estimates. However there are some caveats with this methodology, for example, any errors in the mid-year estimates will be replicated in the ethnic group estimates. Also assumed mortality rates are considered to be the same for each ethnic group within a particular sex, age, local authority district group. Fertility is modelled by creating a ratio of those women in an ethnic and age group who are mothers compared with all women in that age and ethnic group and assigning fertility rates and births to these women in accordance with the ratio.

These estimates, together with notes on methodology, are available in full through the ONS website:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=14238>

London level data will be made available on the GLA Extranet:

<https://extranet.london.gov.uk/>

\*Data represented in Table 3 are available for all London Boroughs

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**Table 3: Mid-2001, Mid-2002 and Mid-2003 estimates for London, age and gender (thousands)\***

	Mid-2001 estimates					
	Males			Females		
	0-15	16-64	65+	0-15	16-64	60+
All Groups	740.5	2,480.3	376.3	710.2	2,348.2	666.9
White: British	393.1	1,486.7	285.1	373.7	1,336.6	510.8
White: Irish	7.6	80.0	18.5	7.3	73.2	36.0
White: Other White	41.5	232.5	17.9	39.2	242.5	35.3
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	19.8	13.9	0.9	19.8	15.9	1.4
Mixed: White and Black African	7.7	9.0	0.3	7.4	9.9	0.5
Mixed: White and Asian	12.7	17.2	1.3	12.0	15.9	2.0
Mixed: Other Mixed	12.9	16.3	0.9	12.4	17.9	1.7
Asian or Asian British: Indian	47.4	161.1	16.4	45.2	150.0	25.1
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	21.9	51.8	3.6	20.9	45.0	3.9
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	29.6	47.0	3.4	29.2	44.8	3.3
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	15.8	55.2	3.5	15.0	40.6	5.3
Black or Black British: Black Caribbean	38.1	102.7	16.2	37.8	126.4	26.7
Black or Black British: Black African	60.7	120.6	3.9	60.3	130.5	6.8
Black or Black British: Other Black	13.1	15.2	0.7	12.5	18.7	1.1
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Chinese	6.8	30.7	2.1	6.6	32.9	3.5
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other	11.8	40.5	1.6	11.0	47.4	3.6

	Mid-2002 estimates					
	Males			Females		
	0-15	16-64	65+	0-15	16-64	60+
All Groups	739.1	2,515.8	378.3	708.8	2,368.6	660.6
White: British	392.9	1,493.3	282.6	373.9	1,345.0	500.8
White: Irish	7.2	76.2	18.9	7.1	69.1	36.2
White: Other White	43.0	237.2	18.6	40.6	243.5	35.8
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	19.5	14.5	1.0	19.6	16.4	1.4
Mixed: White and Black African	7.8	9.7	0.3	7.5	10.2	0.5
Mixed: White and Asian	12.9	18.5	1.3	12.3	16.7	2.0
Mixed: Other Mixed	13.1	17.4	1.0	12.7	18.4	1.7
Asian or Asian British: Indian	46.1	163.6	17.1	43.7	152.4	25.8
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	21.6	53.2	3.9	20.7	46.4	4.1
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	29.1	48.0	3.8	28.8	46.0	3.4
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	16.0	57.9	3.7	15.1	42.2	5.5
Black or Black British: Black Caribbean	36.8	101.1	17.0	36.4	123.7	27.5
Black or Black British: Black African	60.7	127.7	4.2	60.0	132.3	7.3
Black or Black British: Other Black	12.9	15.4	0.8	12.4	18.7	1.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Chinese	7.2	35.1	2.3	6.8	36.4	3.6
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other	12.3	47.0	1.8	11.3	51.3	3.9

	Mid-2003 estimates					
	Males			Females		
	0-15	16-64	65+	0-15	16-64	60+
All Groups	737.6	2,531.0	379.5	706.8	2,376.8	656.2
White: British	393.6	1,495.2	280.2	374.7	1,347.0	492.9
White: Irish	7.1	72.5	19.3	6.9	65.0	36.4
White: Other White	43.0	234.7	19.1	40.9	240.4	36.2
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	19.3	15.1	1.0	19.4	17.0	1.4
Mixed: White and Black African	8.0	10.2	0.4	7.7	10.5	0.6
Mixed: White and Asian	13.3	19.2	1.3	12.7	17.3	2.0
Mixed: Other Mixed	13.4	18.1	1.0	12.9	18.8	1.7
Asian or Asian British: Indian	45.0	166.6	17.8	42.6	155.8	26.5
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	21.6	55.0	4.2	20.6	48.2	4.3
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	28.7	49.1	4.0	28.4	47.3	3.6
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	16.0	58.9	3.9	15.1	43.6	5.6
Black or Black British: Black Caribbean	35.7	99.5	17.5	35.0	121.5	28.1
Black or Black British: Black African	60.6	134.0	4.6	59.5	134.7	7.8
Black or Black British: Other Black	12.8	15.7	0.8	12.2	18.7	1.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Chinese	7.5	37.7	2.4	7.0	38.4	3.7
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other	12.1	49.7	1.9	11.2	52.9	4.2