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Key Statistics from the 2001 Census were published on 13 February. They consist of 25 tables of univariate counts of a range of characteristics from the 2001 Census. This briefing contains some initial results from the data and will be followed by several more briefings based on the Key Statistics. The first topics for these briefings are listed on page 8. More detailed analysis will be produced on a wide range of topics with the publication of further 2001 Census data. The current timetable for the publication of further data by ONS is on page 7.

The data is available in several ways. If anyone needs advice on this please contact a member of the Census Team listed on page 11.

Did you know...?:

People

The population of London is 7,172,091.

Over 12.4 per cent of Londoners are aged 65 and over (compared with 14.4 in 1991), with almost 1.6 per cent aged 85 and over (compared with 1.4 per cent in 1991). Around 6.7 per cent are aged under 5 (6.9 in 1991).

More than 93,000 people live in communal establishments and there are more than 65,000 students from London households living away from home.

Households

There are 3.016 million households in London.

The average household size in London is 2.35 compared with 2.36 in England and Wales. Lone pensioners make up 12.7 per cent of all households, while almost 35 per cent of households contain only one person. In Inner London this rises to 40 per cent and in Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea 49 per cent of households contain only one person.

Newham has the largest proportion of lone parent households with dependent children in the country, at 11.9 per cent. Greenwich, Lewisham and Barking and Dagenham have the next largest percentages in London.

The seven local authority districts in England and Wales with the largest percentage of one person households are all in London - the City of London (60 per cent), Westminster (49 per cent), Kensington and Chelsea (49 per cent), Camden (46 per cent), Islington (44 per cent), Hackney and Hammersmith and Fulham (both 40 per cent).

The lowest proportions of married couple households in the country are in the City of London, Islington, Camden, Lambeth, Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham, Westminster, Hackney and Southwark, with proportions ranging from 14.9 to 19.9 per cent.

The largest average household size in England and Wales is in Newham at 2.64 persons per household. Slough is second (2.63), followed by Brent, Harrow, Luton and Redbridge.

Ethnic groups

There are now more than 2 million London residents who are in ethnic groups other than White (2,068,888). There are a further 220,488 people describing themselves as Irish in London.

The largest single group other than White, at 436,993, is Indian. The Black African group is now the second largest in London at 378,933. This represents a change from 1991 when Black Caribbean was the second largest group other than White.

In a 'diversity' ranking of English and Welsh local authority districts based on the proportion of (non-white) ethnic groups in the population, London occupies the top nine positions, and 16 of the top 20.

- 1= Newham 60.6 per cent
- 2= Brent 54.7 per cent
- 3= Tower Hamlets 48.6 per cent
- 4= Ealing 41.3 per cent
- 5= Harrow 41.2 per cent

Non-London authorities in the list are Slough (10th), Leicester (11th), Birmingham (17th) and Luton (18th)

12.1 per cent of Londoners are Asian - the highest boroughs are Tower Hamlets (36.6 per cent), Newham (32.5 per cent) and Harrow (29.7 per cent). Among all local authority districts, Harrow (21.9 per cent) has the second highest proportion of Indians (Leicester is top), and Tower Hamlets (33.4 per cent) by far the highest proportion of Bangladeshis (Newham and Camden are second and third nationally).

10.9 per cent of Londoners are Black, and there are now more Londoners classifying themselves in the African group than in the Caribbean group (5.3 per cent compared with 4.8 per cent). However, the Mixed ethnic group categories, new to the 2001 Census, means that direct comparison with 1991 figures will be complex. Six London boroughs have over 20 per cent Black populations, headed by Southwark at 25.9 per cent. Southwark also has the highest proportion of the African group (16.1 per cent), while the highest proportion of Caribbeans is in Lewisham (12.3 per cent). London supplies the entire top 10s of the national rankings both by proportion of Africans, and by proportion of Caribbeans.

In Westminster, 2.3 per cent of the population classified themselves as Chinese, and 4.1 per cent as 'Other'. In both categories, these are the highest figures for any local authority district in England and Wales. The 'Other' national top 10 consists entirely of London boroughs, and the 'Chinese' national top 10 comprises 8 London boroughs together with Oxford and Cambridge.

Religion

Almost 60 per cent of Londoners are Christian, with 8.5 per cent Muslim, 4.1 per cent Hindu, 2 per cent Jewish and 1 per cent Sikh. London has much a much lower percentage Christian than

England and Wales and higher percentages in most other religions. Nearly 16 per cent had no religion and just under 9 per cent did not answer this voluntary question.

London boroughs figure high in the England and Wales local authority district top tens - Tower Hamlets tops the Muslim list (36.4 per cent, with Newham second at 24.3 per cent) and is also the local authority with the lowest proportion of Christians (38.6 per cent) in England and Wales. In ten boroughs more than one in ten residents is Muslim.

Slough has the largest proportion of Sikhs in the country, with 9.1 per cent. Hounslow and Ealing come second and third in England and Wales with 8.6 and 8.5 per cent. Redbridge has the third largest proportion in London with 5.5 per cent Sikhs.

Harrow has the largest proportion of Hindus in England and Wales with almost 20 per cent, while Brent has the second largest at 17.2 per cent. These are followed in the national rankings by Leicester (14.7 per cent), Redbridge and Ealing (both 7.8 per cent).

The largest Jewish populations in England and Wales are in Barnet (14.8 per cent), Hertsmere (11.3 per cent), Harrow (6.3 per cent), Redbridge (6.2 per cent), and Camden (5.6 per cent).

Country of Birth

27 per cent of London's population in 2001 was born outside the United Kingdom, compared to 22 per cent in 1991. 2 per cent were born in the Republic of Ireland, 3 per cent in other EU countries and 22 per cent elsewhere.

In Inner London 34 per cent of the population was born outside the UK, compared to 28 per cent in 1991. 4 per cent in the Republic of Ireland, 6 per cent in other EU countries and 24 per cent elsewhere. In 1991, 28 per cent of the Inner London population was born outside the UK.

We will be able to produce a more detailed breakdown following subsequent releases of Census data.

Economic activity

There are 3.31 million Londoners aged 16-74 in employment.

The 20 local authority districts with the lowest proportions working part-time consist of 18 London Boroughs, with less than 5 per cent working part-time in the City to less than 9 per cent in Richmond.

Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets have the largest percentages unemployed in England and Wales with between 6.9 and 6.6 unemployed.

These three boroughs along with Southwark also have the largest proportions of long-term unemployed in London with between 2.3 and 2.1 per cent out of work since 1999.

Newham and Tower Hamlets have the largest proportions of residents economically inactive looking after the home/family (over 10 per cent of all people aged 16 to 74), with Barking and

Dagenham third at just under 10 per cent.

Both Richmond and the City of London feature in the top 5 local authority districts on the proportion of residents in all three top managerial and professional socio-economic classes.

Travel to work

There are 3.31 million Londoners aged 16-74 in employment. More than one third (36 per cent) of these travel to work by car (a reduction of nearly 6 percentage points since 1991), almost 19 per cent travel by underground (including DLR and tram), 12 per cent by train and 11 per cent by bus or coach. The decrease in car travel is mostly balanced by increases in working at home (up 4 percentage points) and travel by underground (up 3.4 percentage points).

Car ownership

London households own 2.6 million cars compared with 2.2 million in 1991.

In London 37.5 per cent of households had no car.

Housing

There are 77,845 vacant household spaces in London and a further 15,815 are second homes or holiday accommodation. More than 11,400 of these are in Westminster.

Westminster is ranked fourth in England and Wales on the number of vacant household spaces (6.5 per cent). The second highest ranked London Borough is Kensington and Chelsea with 4.5 per cent and ranked 44.

The tenure distribution in London is 56 per cent of households are owner occupiers, 17 per cent are council tenants, 9 per cent are tenants of housing associations or registered social landlords, 14 per cent rent privately and 3 per cent live in other tenures.

Tower Hamlets (29 per cent), Southwark (31 per cent), Hackney (32 per cent), Islington (32 per cent), Camden (35 per cent), Westminster (35 per cent) and Lambeth (37 per cent) have the lowest proportions of owner occupiers in England and Wales.

The highest incidence in England and Wales of sharing basic amenities is in Camden and Kensington and Chelsea, both with just under 3 per cent of households sharing a bath/shower and toilet.

The top 22 local authority districts on the Census overcrowding indicator are 19 London boroughs plus Slough. They range from 34 per cent of households overcrowded in the City of London to 14 per cent in Greenwich.

30 per cent of households in London live above ground floor level, while 2.5 per cent live on the fifth floor or above.

Qualifications

Ten of the top eleven most highly qualified (degree level or higher) districts are in London. The highest is the City of London with 60 per cent, down to Haringey (which came 11th with 38 per cent). The only non London Borough is Cambridge with 41 per cent. Barking and Dagenham had the lowest proportion in London (with just 10 per cent) and ranked 359 out of 376 districts in England and Wales.

Almost 31 per cent of Londoners are qualified to degree level or higher, while almost 24 per cent have no qualifications.

Health and long-term illness

Former mining areas tend to have the highest levels of long-term illness, but the largest proportion in London is in Barking and Dagenham (20 per cent). It also has the largest proportion in London of people not in good general health.

Among London Boroughs only Havering has an above average proportion of carers compared with England and Wales (10.4 per cent). London Boroughs occupied the bottom 6 positions in the national ranking of provision of care, but even in these boroughs more than 6 per cent of people give unpaid care and support to someone with a long-term health problem or disability or with problems relating to age.

ONS timetable for further 2001 Census output

The timetable for output has been published on the ONS website. Some of the key dates are as follows:

Standard Tables for local authorities - April 2003

Key Statistics for wards - April 2003

Key Statistics for output areas - April 2003

Standard Tables for wards - April/May 2003

Census Area Statistics for output areas and parishes - May 2003

Key Statistics for health authorities - May/June 2003

Standard Tables and Census Area Statistics for health authorities - May/June 2003

UK Parliamentary Constituency Report (containing Profiles, Key Statistics and Census Area Statistics) - June 2003

Postcode sector report (including Profiles, Key Statistics and Census Area Statistics)

Special workplace statistics - target date September 2003

Special migration statistics - target date September 2003

Commissioned tables - target date mid 2003

There are gaps in this timetable as it is intended to indicate the timescale rather than give exact dates for anything except the Key Statistics. Further details will be included in later Census Information Notes.

Technical notes

Population figures differ from those published in September 2002. In most cases the differences are small but in Hillingdon and Harrow the differences are around 500 people.

Commissioned tables

The service for commissioning tables should be available from sometime later this year. A wide range of cross-tabulations will be commissioned.

DMAG Briefings

The following Census related briefings have been published recently:

DMAG Briefing 2002-5 2001 Census: First results and implications for the London Plan
DMAG Briefing 2002-6 2001 Census: First population statistics
DMAG Briefing 2002-8 2001 Census: First population statistics - *London Plan Sub Regions*
DMAG Briefing 2002-9 Census Information Note 2002-1
DMAG Briefing 2002-12 Census Information Note 2002-2, 2001 Census: response rates
DMAG Briefing 2003-5 Census Information Note 2003-1
DMAG Briefing 2003-7 2001 Census Key Statistics: Initial summary of results

Forthcoming

2001 Census: copyright and licensing
2001 Census Key Statistics: households
2001 Census Key Statistics: housing and household spaces
2001 Census Key Statistics: labour market data
2001 Census Key Statistics: birthplace, ethnic group and religion

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The full list of DMAG Briefings is:

DMAG 2002-1	ILO Unemployment	Lorna Spence	February 2002
DMAG 2002-2	Education in London - Key Facts 1997-2001	Karen Osborne/ Iryna Pylypchuk	May 2002
DMAG 2002-3	Greater London Demographic Review: 2000	John Hollis/Baljit Bains	July 2002
DMAG 2002-4	GLA 2001 Round Ethnic Group Population Projections	John Hollis/Baljit Bains	August 2002
DMAG 2002-5	2001 Census: First Results and Implications for the draft London Plan	John Hollis	September 2002
DMAG 2002-6	2001 Census: First population statistics	Eileen Howes	October 2002
DMAG 2002-7	Mid-year Estimates	John Hollis/Baljit Bains	October 2002
DMAG 2002-8	2001 Census: First population statistics - <i>London Plan Sub Regions</i>	Eileen Howes	October 2002
DMAG 2002-9	Census Information Note 2002-1	Eileen Howes	October 2002
DMAG 2002-10	Ordnance Survey Data - Boundary-Line	Hywel Davies	November 2002
DMAG 2002-11	Ordnance Survey Data - Land-line plus	Hywel Davies	November 2002
DMAG 2002-12	Census Information Note 2002-1 2001 Census response in London	Rachel Leeser	December 2002
DMAG 2003-1	Disabled people and the labour market	Lorna Spence	January 2003
DMAG 2003-2	Borough profiles	Baljit Bains/ Iryna Pylypchuk	January 2003
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