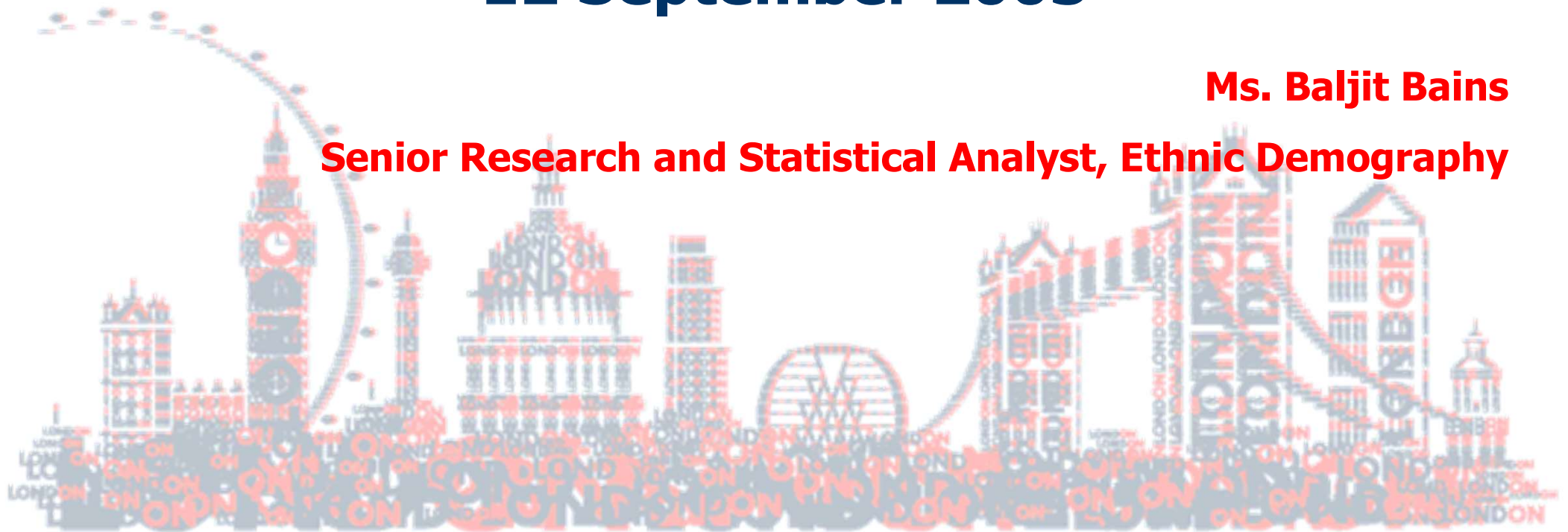


Comparing ethnic minority population data between the 1991 and 2001 Censuses

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Person 1

1 What is your name? (Person 1 in Table 1)

First name and surname

2 What is your sex?

Male Female

3 What is your date of birth?

Day Month Year

4 What is your marital status (on 29 April 2001)?

Single (never married)
 Married (first marriage)
 Re-married
 Separated (but still legally married)
 Divorced
 Widowed

5 Are you a schoolchild or student in full-time education?

Yes **▶ Go to 6**
 No **▶ Go to 7**

6 Do you live at the address shown on the front of this form during the school, college or university term?

◆ Only answer this question if you have answered 'Yes' to Question 5.

Yes, I live at this address during the school/college/university term

▶ Go to 7

No, I live elsewhere during the school/college/university term

▶ Go to 36

7 What is your country of birth?

England Wales
 Scotland
 Northern Ireland
 Republic of Ireland
 Elsewhere, *please write in the present name of the country*

8 What is your ethnic group?

◆ Choose ONE section from A to E, then ✓ the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.

A White

British Irish

Any other White background, *please write in*

B Mixed

White and Black Caribbean

White and Black African

White and Asian

Any other Mixed background, *please write in*

C Asian or Asian British

Indian Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Any other Asian background, *please write in*

D Black or Black British

Caribbean African

Any other Black background, *please write in*

E Chinese or other ethnic group

Chinese

Any other, *please write in*

9 This question is not applicable in England.

▶ Go to 10

10 What is your religion?

◆ This question is voluntary.

◆ ✓ one box only.

None

Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)

Buddhist

Hindu

Jewish

Muslim

Sikh

Any other religion, *please write in*

11 Over the last twelve months would you say your health has on the whole been:

Good?

Fairly good?

Not good?

12 Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of:

- long-term physical or mental ill-health or disability, or
- problems related to old age?

◆ Do not count anything you do as part of your paid employment.

◆ ✓ time spent in a typical week.

No

Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week

Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week

Yes, 50+ hours a week

The Ethnic Question in the Census

The nature of the question and its historical context

Changes in the structure of the question between 1991 and 2001:

- 1991 – 10 distinct categories with write-in answers for Black Other and Other
- 2001 – 5 broad categories with sub-sections within each category

'British'

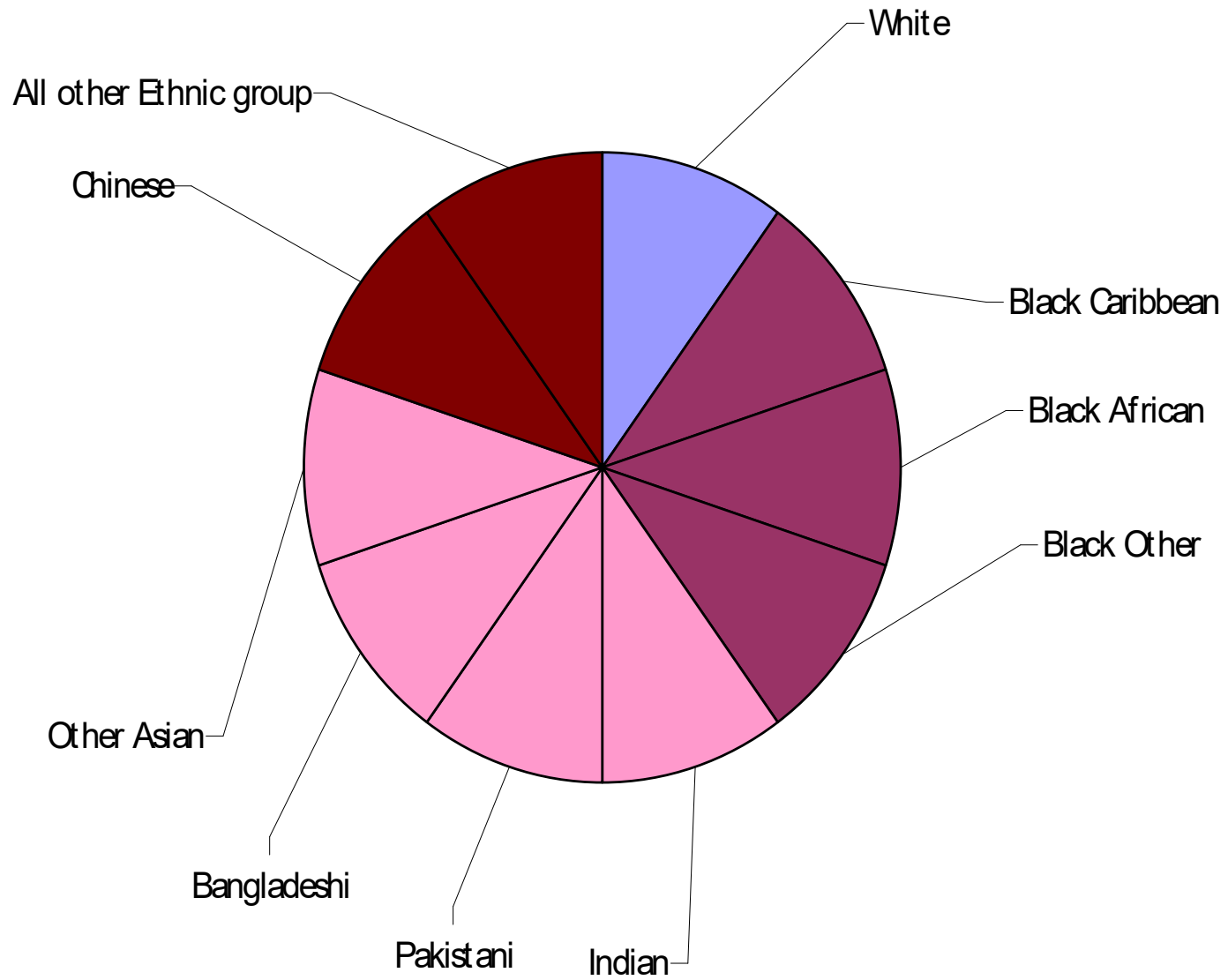
- Changes in its application in 1991 and 2001

1991 Census categories
White
Black - Caribbean
Black - African
Black - Other
Indian
Pakistani
Bangladeshi
Chinese
Other Asian
All Other Ethnic Group

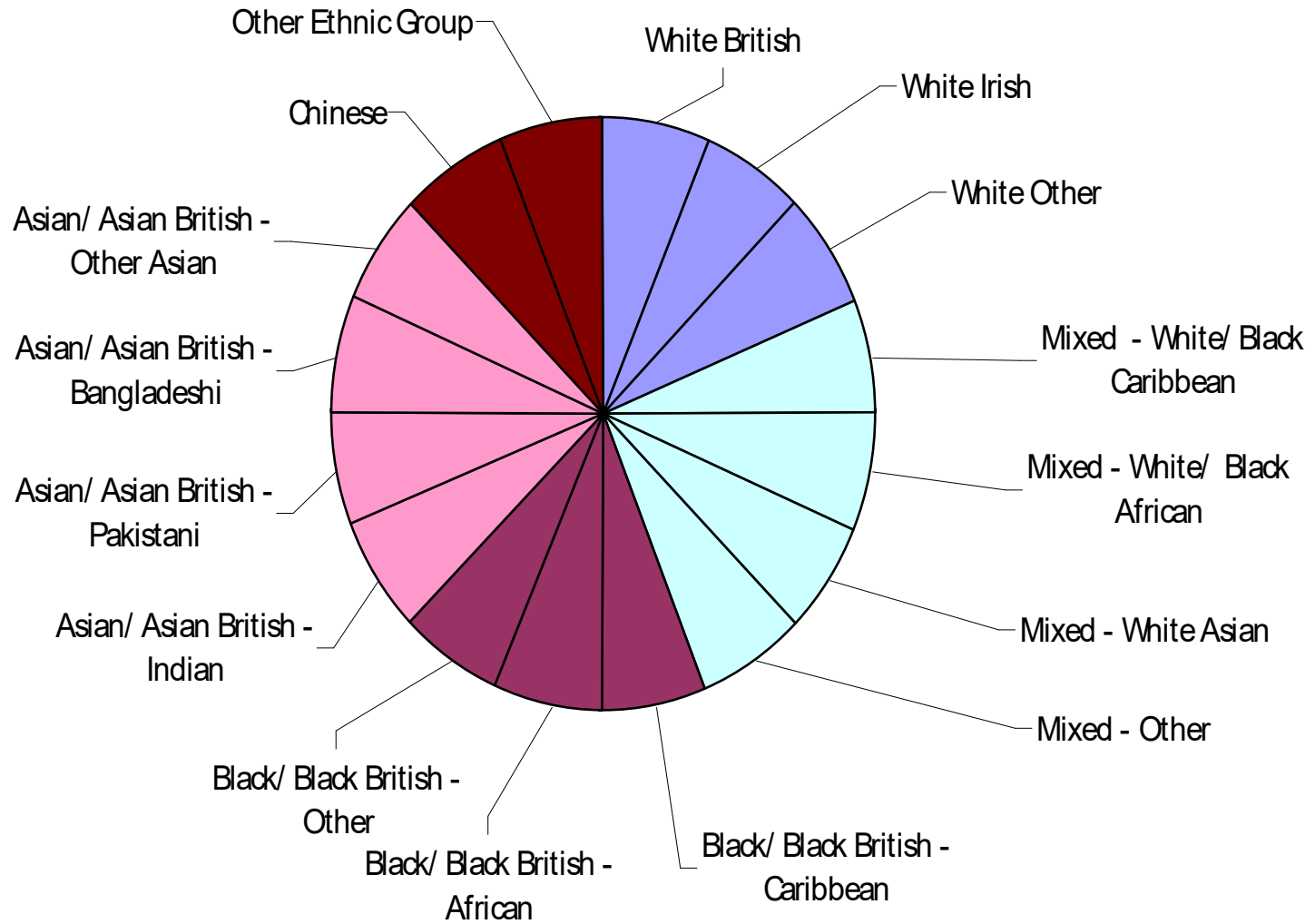


2001 Census categories
White - British
White - Irish
White - Other
Mixed - White/Black Caribbean
Mixed - White/Black African
Mixed - White/Asian
Mixed - Other
Black/Black British - Caribbean
Black/Black British - African
Black/Black British - Other
Asian/Asian British - Indian
Asian/Asian British - Pakistani
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi
Chinese
Asian/Asian British - Other Asian
Other Ethnic Group

1991 Ethnic Group Categories



2001 Ethnic Group Categories



What influences the way the ethnic question is answered?

Individual

Structure of question

Both are susceptible to change over time

Both are inter-related

Ultimately the census results reflect the way in which
a QUESTION was ANSWERED!

The Patel Family

Mr Patel
Ugandan Born
Family origins: Gujarat, India
Religion: Hinduism

Mrs Patel
British Born
Family Origins: Gujarat, India
Religion: Hinduism

Age: 22
British Born

Age: 19
British Born

Age: 17
British Born

What data we need and what data we have

Ideally, Individual level information on respondents and their answers for both 1991 and 2001

In reality what do we have:

Coding frames from 1991 and 2001

Census Commissioned tables

SARs

Longitudinal Survey

What end product would we like?

Moving from 1991 to 2001 - possibly backwards too

Matrix of 2001 categories and how they are apportioned to 1991

Formulae

Grossing factors

Usability and ease

To conclude

Exciting time for ethnic demographers

More data

- Expanded ethnic categories
- Religion

Working together – Ethnic Data Users Group

Guidance/collaboration with ONS

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