

2011 Census Release 3.2b

Key Facts on health for ethnic groups and NS-SeC

Friday 12th July 2013 saw the first release of detailed cross-tabulations from 2011 Census at geographies below local authority, specifically for merged wards and middle layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs).

Four tables were also released for the regions of England and for Wales covering health and disability by age and sex for ethnic groups and for National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC). Headlines for London are:

Health and disability in London

- 405 thousand London residents reported their health was Bad or Very bad at Census 2011 and 915 thousand reported Fair health
- Two-thirds of those reporting Bad or Very bad health were aged 50 or over as were three-fifths of those reporting Fair health
- 552 thousand residents said they had a Long-term health problem or disability that affected their day-to-day activities a lot

Health by ethnic group and age

- Overall 5 per cent of London residents reported Bad or Very bad health
- 15 per cent of Gypsy and Irish Travellers and 9 per cent of White Irish reported Bad or Very bad health
- Gypsy and Irish Travellers had the highest rates of poor health for all age groups. For residents aged 50 to 64, 45 per cent Gypsy and Irish Travellers reported Bad or Very bad health. The next highest rates were Bangladeshis (29 per cent) and Arabs (22 per cent)
- 17 per cent of London residents aged 65 and over reported Bad or Very bad health. The highest rates were for Gypsy and Irish Travellers (48 per cent), Bangladeshis (40 per cent), Pakistanis (29 per cent) and Arabs (28 per cent)
- Females had higher rates of poor health than males for all age groups except those aged 0 to 24

Disability by ethnic group and age

- 7 per cent of London residents reported that a Long term health problem or disability limited their day-to-day activities a lot and over 7 per cent were limited a little
- 15 per cent of Gypsy and Irish Travellers and 12 per cent of White Irish were limited a lot, while 11 per cent of White Irish and 9 per cent of Gypsy and Irish Travellers were limited a little

- For residents aged 50 to 64, 41 per cent of Gypsy and Irish Travellers reported day-to-day activities limited a lot, as did 26 per cent of Bangladeshis and 22 per cent of Arabs
- Over half (57 per cent) of Gypsy and Irish Travellers aged over 64 reported their day-to-day activities limited a lot while only 20 per cent of Chinese did

NS-SeC

- 298 thousand London residents aged 16 and over reported their health was Bad and 96 thousand said it was Very bad at Census 2011
- Less than 2 per cent of residents aged 16 to 34 reported Bad or Very bad health while 17 per cent of those over 64 years old did
- 18 per cent of London residents who had never worked said their health was Bad or Very bad
- Amongst occupational groups, Routine occupations had the highest rate of Bad or Very bad health, 11 per cent. For Higher managerial and administrative occupations it was 2 per cent
- There were 527 thousand Londoners aged 16 and over who reported a Long term health problem or disability that limited their day-to-day activities a lot
- 25 per cent of those that had never worked said their day-to-day activities were limited a lot. The lowest rate amongst occupational groups was 3 per cent for Higher managerial and administrative occupations, while the highest rate was for Routine occupations at 15 per cent

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