



2011 Census Digest: Ethnicity

About this 2011 Census Digest

The 2011 Census tables on ethnicity are broadly comparable with the 2001 Census. For the 2011 Census, Office for National Statistics (ONS) made some additions and amendments to the categories given on the Census questionnaire. Two new tick boxes were added to the questionnaire: Gypsy or Irish Traveller (in the White broad ethnic group) and Arab (in Other ethnic group). ONS also moved the Chinese tick box from its 2001 broad ethnic group category (Chinese or other ethnic group) to the Asian/Asian British category and made some changes to the question's instructions and labelling of some of the categories and tick boxes.

For further information regarding the potential impact the changes to the question may have on comparing the 2011 Census to the 2001 Census, please view the following ONS webpage:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-user-guide/comparability-over-time/index.html>

Ethnic Groups

- The largest ethnic group in Shropshire was White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British, with 95.4% of residents. This percentage was considerably higher than regionally and nationally.
- Looking at 2011's new categories, the percentage of Shropshire residents who were White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller was the same as regionally and nationally (0.1%). The percentage of residents who selected the Arab ethnic group category in Shropshire was lower than regionally and nationally.
- Apart from the ethnic groups referred to above, all ethnic groups in Shropshire had a smaller percentage of resident population when compared to regional and national figures.

2011 Census: Number and Percentage of Persons by Ethnic Group in Shropshire, regionally and nationally

	Shropshire Unitary Authority		Telford and Wrekin Unitary Authority		West Midlands Region		England		England and Wales	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
All categories	306,129	-	166,641	-	5,601,847	-	53,012,456	-	56,075,912	-
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/ Northern Irish/British	292,047	95.4	149,096	89.5	4,434,333	79.2	42,279,236	79.8	45,134,686	80.5
White: Irish	1,410	0.5	729	0.4	55,216	1.0	517,001	1.0	531,087	0.9
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	312	0.1	166	0.1	4,734	0.1	54,895	0.1	57,680	0.1
White: Other White	6,105	2.0	4,424	2.7	139,386	2.5	2,430,010	4.6	2,485,942	4.4
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	765	0.2	1,423	0.9	68,533	1.2	415,616	0.8	426,715	0.8
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	231	0.1	278	0.2	9,232	0.2	161,550	0.3	165,974	0.3
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	669	0.2	799	0.5	32,561	0.6	332,708	0.6	341,727	0.6
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	503	0.2	483	0.3	21,388	0.4	283,005	0.5	289,984	0.5
Asian/Asian British: Indian	752	0.2	3,076	1.8	218,439	3.9	1,395,702	2.6	1,412,958	2.5
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	216	0.1	2,243	1.3	227,248	4.1	1,112,282	2.1	1,124,511	2.0
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	208	0.1	162	0.1	52,477	0.9	436,514	0.8	447,201	0.8
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	1,020	0.3	647	0.4	31,274	0.6	379,503	0.7	393,141	0.7
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	893	0.3	863	0.5	74,997	1.3	819,402	1.5	835,720	1.5
Black/African/Caribbean/ Black British: African	302	0.1	1,023	0.6	64,253	1.1	977,741	1.8	989,628	1.8
Black/African/Caribbean/ Black British: Caribbean	164	0.1	607	0.4	86,794	1.5	591,016	1.1	594,825	1.1
Black/African/Caribbean/ Black British: Other Black	114	0.0	149	0.1	31,078	0.6	277,857	0.5	280,437	0.5
Other ethnic group: Arab	179	0.1	86	0.1	18,079	0.3	220,985	0.4	230,600	0.4
Other ethnic group: Other	239	0.1	387	0.2	31,825	0.6	327,433	0.6	333,096	0.6

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Additional Ethnic Group Information

In addition to the Key Statistics table, Office for National Statistics produced Quick Statistics and supplementary 2011 Census tables, providing additional insight into the ethnic diversity of Local Authority populations in England and Wales. The Quick Statistics table QS211EW retains the standard ethnic group categories of the Key Statistics table but expands the categories further:

- In Shropshire, there were four ethnic groups (apart from White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British) with more than 1,000 people. They were White: Polish (1,620 or 0.5% of all usual residents), White: Irish (1,410 or 0.5%), Asian/Asian British: Chinese (1,020 or 0.3%) and White: Other Western European (1,013 or 0.3%).

The supplementary table CT0010EW also expands the categories of the Key Statistics table, however it displays the write-in responses as standalone categories and does not link them to any of the five broad categories.

2011 Census: Largest Ethnic Groups in Shropshire

	Shropshire Unitary Authority	
	No.	% All Usual Residents
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	292,119	95.4
Polish	1,625	0.5
Irish	1,415	0.5
Chinese	1,032	0.3
Other Western European	1,029	0.3
Other Eastern European	805	0.3
White and Black Caribbean	765	0.2
Indian or British Indian	758	0.2
European Mixed	748	0.2
White and Asian	679	0.2
Other White	540	0.2
African	490	0.2

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Household Information

2011 Census: Number and Percentage of Households with Multiple Ethnic Groups in Shropshire, regionally and nationally

	Shropshire Unitary Authority		Telford and Wrekin Unitary Authority		West Midlands Region		England		England and Wales	
	No. Households	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
All categories:										
Multiple ethnic groups	129,674	-	66,608	-	2,294,909	-	22,063,368	-	23,366,044	-
One person household	37,540	28.9	16,793	25.2	678,248	29.6	6,666,493	30.2	7,067,261	30.2
All household members have the same ethnic group	87,293	67.3	45,795	68.8	1,446,936	63.0	13,426,712	60.9	14,274,034	61.1
Different ethnic groups between the generations only	867	0.7	1,177	1.8	56,813	2.5	500,690	2.3	513,116	2.2
Different ethnic groups within partnerships (whether or not different ethnic groups between generations)	3,278	2.5	2,192	3.3	81,969	3.6	1,021,588	4.6	1,052,420	4.5
Any other combination of multiple ethnic groups	696	0.5	651	1.0	30,943	1.3	447,885	2.0	459,213	2.0

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- In Shropshire, in 67.3% of households, all of the members of the household had the same ethnic group. This was a higher percentage than regionally and nationally.
- There were lower percentages in Shropshire of households with different ethnic groups between generations and within partnerships, as well as a lower percentage of households with any other combination of multiple ethnic groups.

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