

# Ethnic Group Population Summary

## Key Figures

### 2011 Census Summary

- The White British population stands at over 133,000, accounting for 52.3% of the total population. As a result, the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) population rate is 47.7%. (approximately 121,500 people)
- The largest BME population group are Black; accounting for 19.1% of the total population. Of this, 13.8% are of Black African origin
- This is followed by the Asian (9.8%), Other White (8.5%) and Mixed Ethnic Group (4.8%) populations

### 2001-2011 Comparison

- The BME population rate has increased from 29.5% in 2001 to 47.7% in 2011
- The Black African population saw the largest increase between the 2001 and 2011 Census. This population increased by almost 20,000 people, accounting for 49.5% of the total population growth over this period
- Of this, 9,097 people (45.8%) of the increase in the Black African population were born in Nigeria. Spatially, the biggest increases in the Nigerian population occurred in Thamesmead Moorings (2,274 people), Abbey Wood (1,382 people) and Glyndon (1,174 people) wards
- The Other White population increased by 135%. This ethnic group consists of the White population that are neither British, Irish or of Traveller heritage. This population growth accounted for approximately one-third (30.9%) of the total population increase. Larger clusters of Other White population are located across the northern wards of the Royal Borough, particularly in Woolwich Riverside, Peninsula and Greenwich West
- The Other Asian population increased from 2,000 to 12,800 between 2001 and 2011, and accounted for 26.7% of the total population increase (10,714 people). This category includes residents with cultural origins in Nepal
- The highest concentration of the Other South Asian population is located in Plumstead. Other clusters can also be seen in the northern wards of Woolwich Common, Glyndon, Charlton and Woolwich Riverside
- The White British population saw a decline of over 18,000 people, accounting for a 12% drop

Table 1: 2011 Census Ethnic Group Profile for Royal Borough of Greenwich and London

Ethnic Group		Royal Greenwich	London
White	British	52.3%	44.9%
	Irish	1.7%	2.2%
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.2%	0.1%
	Other White	8.3%	12.6%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>59.8%</b>
Mixed/Multiple	White and Black Caribbean	1.6%	1.5%
	White and Black African	1.1%	0.8%
	White and Asian	0.9%	1.2%
	Other Mixed	1.3%	1.5%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Asian	Indian	3.1%	6.6%
	Pakistani	1.0%	2.7%
	Bangladeshi	0.6%	2.7%
	Chinese	2.0%	1.5%
	Other Asian	5.0%	4.9%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>
Black	African	13.8%	7.0%
	Caribbean	3.2%	4.2%
	Other Black	2.1%	2.1%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
Other Ethnic Group	Other Ethnic Group; Arab	0.4%	1.3%
	Other Ethnic Group	1.4%	2.1%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

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The following table outlines the Royal Borough wards with the highest BME population and associated rank.

Table 2: 2011 Census Ranking of Royal Borough of Greenwich Wards by Proportion of BME Population

Ward	White British	BME	Rank
Thamesmead Moorings	33.3%	66.7%	1
Woolwich Common	34.4%	65.6%	2
Glyndon	35.8%	64.2%	3
Plumstead	36.8%	63.2%	4
Woolwich Riverside	39.3%	60.7%	5
Abbey Wood	46.8%	53.2%	6
Greenwich West	50.9%	49.1%	7
Charlton	52.4%	47.6%	8
Peninsula	53.5%	46.5%	9
Kidbrooke with Hornfair	55.8%	44.2%	10
Shooters Hill	58.2%	41.8%	11
Middle Park and Sutcliffe	65.0%	35.0%	12
Eltham West	65.8%	34.2%	13
Blackheath Westcombe	69.6%	30.4%	14
Coldharbour and New Eltham	74.0%	26.0%	15
Eltham South	75.0%	25.0%	16
Eltham North	80.8%	19.2%	17
<b>Royal Greenwich</b>	<b>52.3%</b>	<b>47.7%</b>	
<b>London</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>55.1%</b>	

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Table 3: Ethnic Group Comparison between 2001 and 2011 Census

Ethnic Group		Royal Greenwich			
		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001-11 Change	2001-11 % Change
White	British	151,291	133,130	-18,161	-12.0%
	Irish	4,871	4,291	-580	-11.9%
	Other White <sup>1</sup>	9,195	21,581	12,386	134.7%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>165,357</b>	<b>159,002</b>	<b>-6,355</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>
Mixed	White and Black Caribbean	2,175	4,011	1,836	84.4%
	White and Black African	933	2,699	1,766	189.3%
	White and Asian	1,353	2,361	1,008	74.5%
	Other Mixed	1,389	3,203	1,814	130.6%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5,850</b>	<b>12,274</b>	<b>6,424</b>	<b>109.8%</b>
Asian	Indian	9,389	7,836	-1,553	-16.5%
	Pakistani	1,909	2,594	685	35.9%
	Bangladeshi	1,236	1,645	409	33.1%
	Other Asian	2,044	12,758	10,714	524.2%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>14,578</b>	<b>24,833</b>	<b>10,255</b>	<b>70.3%</b>
Black	African	15,312	35,164	19,852	129.6%
	Caribbean	6,782	8,051	1,269	18.7%
	Other Black	1,693	5,440	3,747	221.3%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>23,787</b>	<b>48,655</b>	<b>24,868</b>	<b>104.5%</b>
Other	Chinese	2,540	5,061	2,521	99.3%
	Other Ethnic Group <sup>2</sup>	2,378	4,732	2,354	99.0%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>4,918</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>4,875</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>214,490</b>	<b>254,557</b>	<b>40,067</b>	<b>18.7%</b>

Source: ONS Census 2001 Table UV09 Ethnic Group and ONS Census 2011 Table QS201EW Ethnic Group

<sup>1</sup> 2011 Census figure includes Other White and White Gypsy or Irish Traveller

<sup>2</sup> 2011 Census figure includes Other Ethnic Group and Arab ethnic groups