

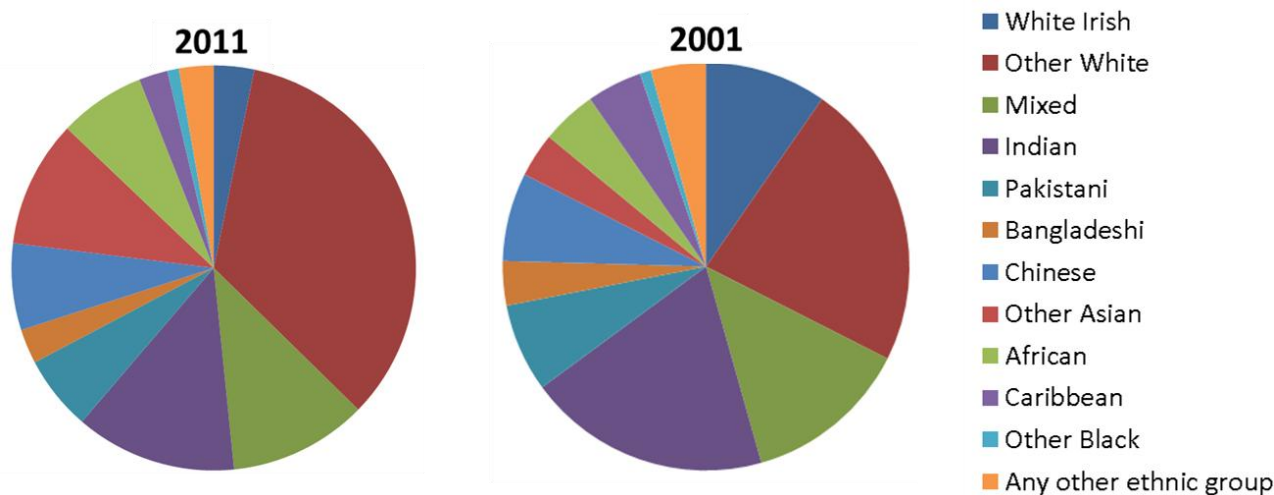
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Welcome to the January Public Health Information Briefing.
 The purpose of our monthly Briefings is to provide healthcare commissioners and planners with intelligence about population health in the City.

New data about diversity in Southampton...

The Equality Act 2010¹ sets a duty for public sector organisations to eliminate inequalities across eight protected characteristics which include ethnicity and religion. The recently released 2011 Census data gives the first opportunity, since the last census in 2001, to look at the ethnicity of residents in detail. The white British population of Southampton has fallen from 192,970 (88.74%) in 2001 to 183,980 (77.7%) in 2011. The 'other white' population, which includes migrants from Europe, has increased in the last ten years by over 212% from 5,519 to 17,461 (or 7.4% of the population). The Indian population is 2.8% and the Asian or British Asians form 8.4% of the whole population.



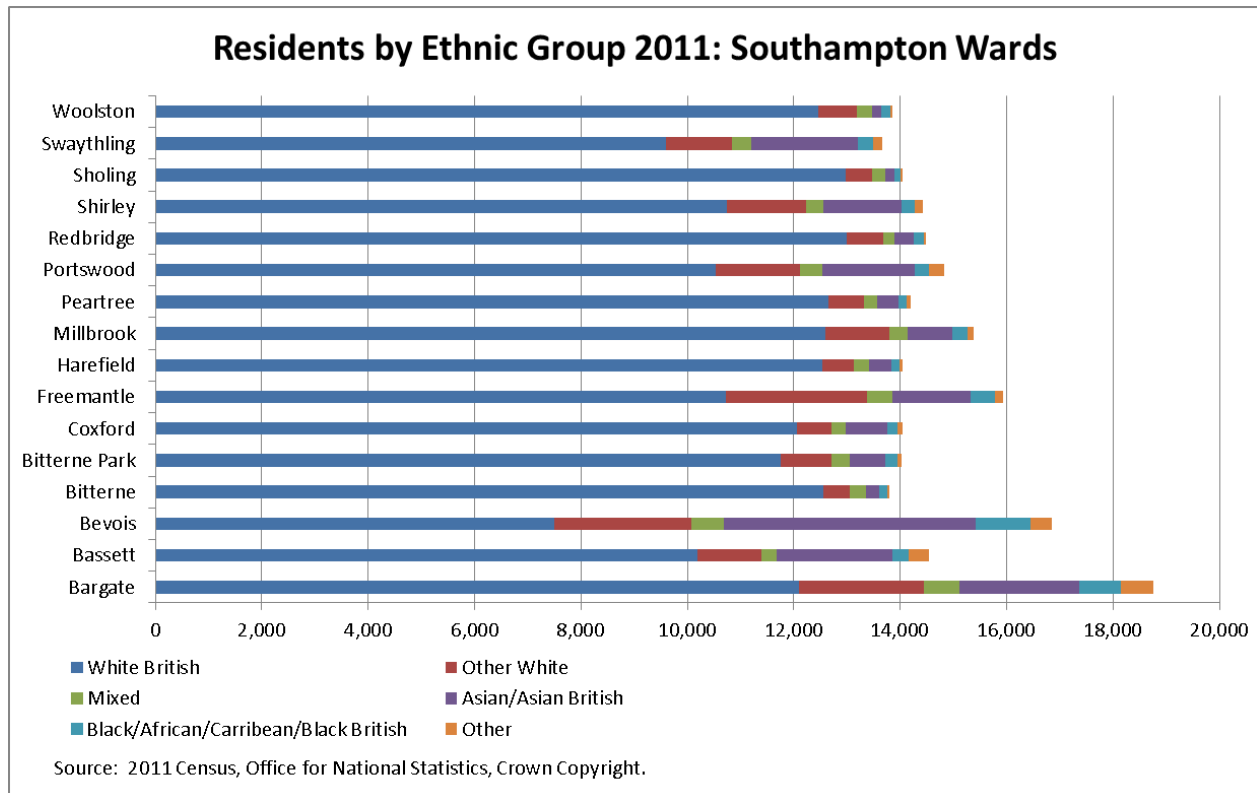
For the first time the Census includes Gypsy or Irish travellers (0.1%) and Arabs (0.6% or 1,312 people) in the ethnicity tables. The overall Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) population of Southampton is 14.2% and 22.4% of the population are not white British (the pie charts show the breakdown of the non white British population).

Within Southampton there is much variation in ethnic diversity; the chart below shows the breakdown by electoral ward. In Bevois ward 55.4% of residents are from a non-white British ethnicity; this includes 1,103 Polish, 1,639 Indian and 1,352 Pakistani people. The proportion of Polish residents is also high in Freemantle ward (8.1% or 1,298 people).

¹ <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/equality-act/>

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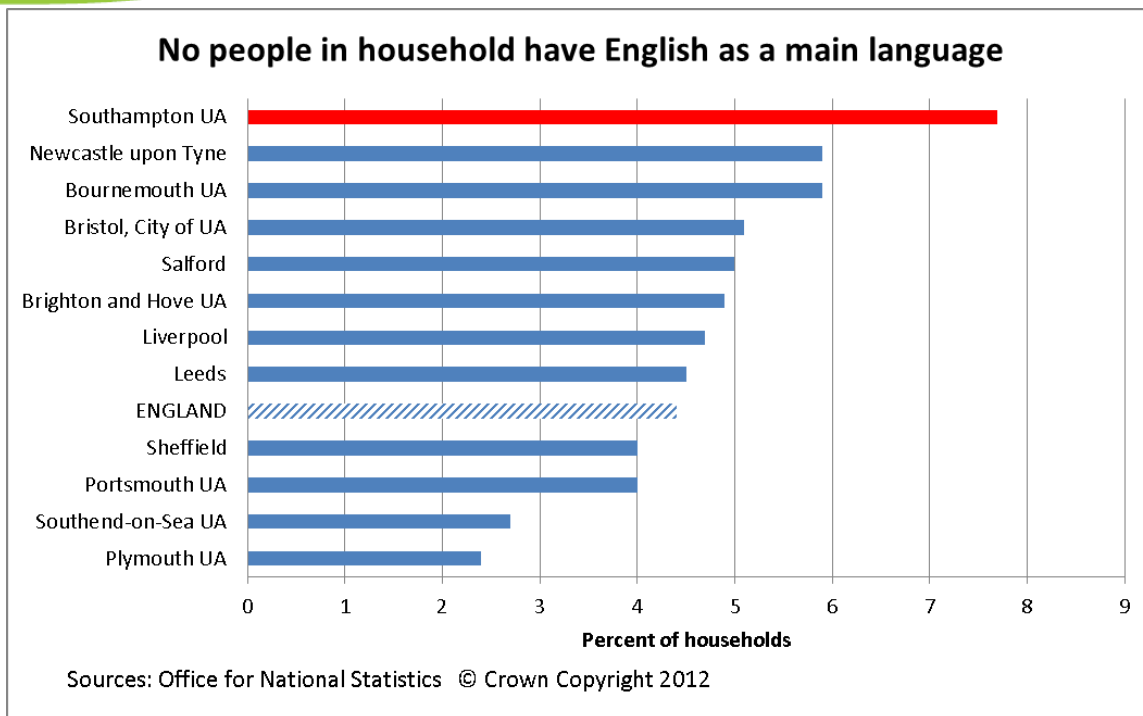
In Southampton 17.6% of residents were born outside of the UK; this is a higher proportion than in any of our most similar² authorities. Nearly 16,000 Southampton residents were born in other EU countries with the majority (11,370) coming from EU Accession countries; of these 8,391 come from Poland (3.5% of total city residents). The Census recorded 5,533 people who were born in Africa, 14,665 born in the Middle East or Asia, just over 2,100 people from the Americas and 360 born in Australia.

The 2011 Census also asked people for the first time about the main language that they speak. In Southampton 7.7% of residents live in households where no one has English as their main language. This does not mean that they do not speak English and so the extent to which this presents a problem for these people is difficult to determine. However, it is still important to note that Southampton has a higher proportion of people for whom language may be a barrier than any of its comparator authorities (see chart below). After English the most common main languages were Polish (8,262 residents), Chinese (2,317) and Panjabi (1,340).

² According to the Office for National Statistics 2001 Area Classification

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The new Census data also provides information on the religion of people in the City, this is another of the protected characteristics in the public sector Equality Duty. In 2011 just over half (51.5%) of residents gave their religion as Christian with a third (33.5%) saying they had no religion. Since 2001 the proportion of Christians has decreased (from 65.6%) whilst the number of people giving their religion as Muslim has risen from 4,185 (1.9%) to 9,903 (4.2%) in 2011.

We will continue to analyse the results of the 2011 Census as they are released and we are working in partnership with City Council colleagues to disseminate the key messages through our website <http://www.southamptonhealth.nhs.uk/aboutus/publichealth/hi/> and the SCC website <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/living/statsresearch/2011census/default.aspx>

All the data is also freely available to download direct from the Office for National Statistics website <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/index.html>

We are very happy to help with specific analyses so please contact us to discuss using the details below.

We hope you have found this resource interesting and welcome your feedback and comments.

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