

## Lancashire's population by ethnicity, 2011 Census of Population

### Summary

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Together there were almost 67,000 BME people in Preston, Pendle, Burnley and Hyndburn. These 67,000 people were three-quarters of the Lancashire-12 area's BME population, whereas the total population of these districts makes-up a third of the total Lancashire-12 population.

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In contrast, in Blackpool the BME population was low at just under 5,000, accounting for just over 3% of the population.

Asian/Asian British was the largest minority ethnic group in both Lancashire-12 and Lancashire-14. In Lancashire-14, there were almost 115,000 Asian/Asian British people, and just over 71,000 in Lancashire-12. It should be noted that this group now includes Chinese people, whereas in 2001 they were in the "other" ethnic group.

The second largest minority ethnic group was mixed race. There were 16,300 mixed race people across Lancashire-14 and almost 13,000 mixed race people lived in Lancashire-12. The black/black British population numbered 5,377 in Lancashire-14, and just over 4,000 in Lancashire-12.

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## Introduction

The following article uses key statistics for local authorities from the second release first phase, of the 2011 Census of Population downloaded from the [Office for National Statistics](#) website. The dataset was published in November 2012. This report presents selected information from this dataset for the Lancashire authorities.

Demographic details of a local population are very important and are used by public and private sector organisations to allocate resources and plan services. The figures are also used as denominators in the calculation of rates, indicators and ratios, such as unemployment rates.

## Definitions

The main population base for outputs from the 2011 Census is the usual resident population as at census day 27 March 2011. A usual resident of the UK is anyone who, on census day, was in the UK and had stayed or intended to stay in the UK for a period of 12 months or more, or had a permanent UK address and was outside the UK and intended to be outside the UK for less than 12 months. Although the population base for enumeration included non-UK short-term residents, this population is analysed separately and is not included in the main outputs from the 2011 Census. All outputs, unless specified, are produced using only usual residents of the UK.

Ethnic group classifies people according to their own perceived ethnic group and cultural background. There have been some changes in the ethnic group question between the 2001 and 2011 Census. Arab was introduced as a category for the first time in 2011 as a sub-category of "other" ethnic group. Chinese was moved from "other" ethnic group to Asian/Asian British. Gypsy/Irish Traveller was also introduced for the first time and was part of the white group.

## The national and regional context

In the North West, the population in 2011 was 7.05 million and the main ethnic group (90%) was white. This compares to England and Wales where the white population accounted for 86% of the total. Almost 10% of the North West population was black minority ethnic (BME), lower than the England and Wales rate of 14%.

## The Lancashire perspective

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**Table 1 Population by ethnic group**

area	Usual residents	All black or minority ethnic		All white		Mixed/multiple ethnic group		Asian/Asian British		Black/ Black British		Other ethnic group	
	Numbers	Numbers	Rates	Numbers	Rates	Numbers	Rates	Numbers	Rates	Numbers	Rates	Numbers	Rates
Burnley	87,059	11,005	12.6	76,054	87.3	976	1.1	9,578	11.0	211	0.2	240	0.3
Chorley	107,155	3,322	3.1	103,833	96.9	1,016	1.0	1,710	1.6	401	0.4	195	0.2
Fylde	75,757	1,913	2.5	73,844	97.4	742	0.9	845	1.1	163	0.2	163	0.2
Hyndburn	80,734	9,956	12.3	70,778	87.6	696	0.8	9,007	11.2	106	0.1	147	0.2

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Lancaster	138,375	6,033	4.4	132,342	95.6	1,356	0.9	3,732	2.7	628	0.5	317	0.2
Pendle	89,452	18,015	20.1	71,437	79.8	946	1.2	16,807	18.8	126	0.1	136	0.2
Preston	140,202	27,787	19.8	112,415	80.2	3,326	2.4	21,732	15.5	1,676	1.2	1,053	0.8
Ribble Valley	57,132	1,228	2.1	55,904	97.8	360	0.7	729	1.3	92	0.2	47	0.1
Rossendale	67,982	4,204	6.2	63,778	93.9	602	0.9	3,396	5.0	123	0.2	83	0.1
South Ribble	109,057	3,210	2.9	105,847	97.1	1,174	1.2	1,612	1.5	268	0.2	156	0.1
West Lancashire	110,685	2,082	1.9	108,603	98.1	866	0.7	913	0.8	174	0.2	129	0.1
Wyre	107,749	1,897	1.8	105,852	98.3	664	0.6	993	0.9	130	0.1	110	0.1
<b>Lancashire-12</b>	<b>1,171,339</b>	<b>90,652</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>1,080,687</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>12,724</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>71,054</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>4,098</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Blackburn with Darwen	147,489	45,480	30.8	102,009	69.1	1,823	1.2	41,494	28.1	933	0.6	1,230	0.8
Blackpool	142,065	4,726	3.3	137,339	96.6	1,753	1.2	2,282	1.6	346	0.2	345	0.2
<b>Lancashire-14</b>	<b>1,460,893</b>	<b>140,858</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>1,320,035</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>114,830</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>5,377</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4,351</b>	<b>0.3</b>
North West	7,052,177	690,461	9.8	6,361,716	90.2	110,891	1.6	437,485	6.2	97,869	1.4	44,216	0.6
England and Wales	56,075,912	7,866,517	14.0	48,209,395	85.9	1,224,400	2.2	4,213,531	7.5	1,864,890	3.3	563,696	1.0

Source Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census

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## Minority ethnic groups

As can be seen in Table 1 above, Asian/Asian British was the largest minority ethnic group in both Lancashire-14 and Lancashire-12 areas. In Lancashire-14, there were almost 115,000 Asian/Asian British people. Within Lancashire-12, there were just over 71,000. It should be noted that this group now includes Chinese people, whereas in 2001 they were in the "other" ethnic group.

By far the greatest numbers of Asian/Asian British people were resident in Blackburn with Darwen (almost 41,500 people). More than one in four people are in this ethnic group. The groups was relatively equally in size in terms of Indian (almost 20,000) and Pakistani (almost 18,000) people.

In the districts within Lancashire-12, Preston and Pendle respectively had populations of almost 22,000 and almost 17,000 Asian/Asian British people. In Pendle this was almost one in five people. Both Burnley and Hyndburn had Asian/Asian British populations of 9,000; just over one in ten local people in each.

In Preston, the Asian/Asian British group was predominantly Indian people (almost 14,500). There were almost 4,500 Pakistani people. Conversely, in Pendle the Asian/Asian British group was overwhelmingly Pakistani (15,320) people.

In Hyndburn the main ethnicity within the Asian/Asian British group was Pakistani (over 7,500 people). This was also true in Burnley where there were almost 6,000 Pakistani people. In Burnley there were also almost 2,500 Bangladeshi people.

Part of the Asian/Asian British group, the Chinese population across Lancashire-14 numbered just over 6,000 people and 4,811 within Lancashire-12. The greatest numbers of Chinese people were in Lancaster and Preston (1,231 and 1,235 respectively).

The second largest minority ethnic group was mixed race. There were 16,300 mixed race people across Lancashire-14. Almost 13,000 mixed race people lived in Lancashire-12. The largest groups within mixed race were white and Asian/Asian British people and white and black Caribbean people. The mixed white and black Caribbean population in Lancashire-14 (5,578 people) was larger than the black Caribbean population alone (2,102 people).

The mixed race population, and in particular the white and black Caribbean population, predominantly live in Preston. There were also groups in Lancaster, South Ribble, Chorley, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.

The black/black British population numbers 5,377 in Lancashire-14, just over 4,000 of whom were in Lancashire-12. There were slightly more people in Lancashire-14 who were black African (2,688) than people who were black Caribbean (2,102). In Lancashire-12, the split between black African and black Caribbean was almost equal (1,891 and 1,789 people respectively).

Within local authority areas notable populations were black Africans in Preston (661), Blackburn with Darwen (614) and Lancaster (472); and black Caribbean in Preston (865).

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## Gypsies/Irish travellers

**Table 2 Gypsy/Irish Traveller population**

Area	Usual residents	Gypsy/Irish Traveller	
	Number	Number	National Rank (1)
Burnley	87,059	10	335
Chorley	107,155	57	253
Fylde	75,757	15	321
Hyndburn	80,734	97	107
Lancaster	138,375	331	29
Pendle	89,452	26	306

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	Number	Number	National Rank (1)
Preston	140,202	111	189
Ribble Valley	57,132	6	338
Rosendale	67,982	47	218
South Ribble	109,057	17	329
West Lancashire	110,685	8	341
Wyre	107,749	96	170
<b>Lancashire-12</b>	<b>1,171,339</b>	<b>821</b>	-
Blackburn with Darwen	147,489	161	125
Blackpool	142,065	237	62
<b>Lancashire-(14</b>	<b>1,460,893</b>	<b>1,219</b>	-
North West	7,052,177	4,147	-
England and Wales	56,075,912	57,680	-

(1) Rank is based on the percentage of the population.  
There are 348 local authorities ranked in England and Wales.

For the first time in the 2011 Census Gypsy/Irish Traveller was included as a tick-box option in the ethnicity question.

Across the Lancashire-14 area 1,219 people were Gypsy/Irish Traveller. 821 of these people were in the Lancashire-12 area. By local authority area numbers were highest in Lancaster (331) and Blackpool (237).

Local authority areas are ranked according to the percentage of the population in this ethnic group. Lancaster was ranked 29 of all local authorities in England and Wales and Blackpool was ranked 62. However in all areas of Lancashire the percentage of the population who were Gypsy/Irish Traveller was no higher than 0.2%.

### Traveller Caravan Count

Twice a year, the government publishes the 'Traveller caravan count' of the number of caravans on both authorised and unauthorised sites across England. Figures are available down to the local authority level and numbers are available for the past few counts. These reveal some variations in the local authority level results.

### Ethnic group by ward

At the time of the 2011 Census, there were 302 wards across Lancashire-14. Table 3 shows the 21 wards where the BME population made up more than a third of the total population. The wards are spread across the five local authority areas of Blackburn with Darwen (eight wards), Pendle (six wards), Preston (five wards), Burnley and Pendle (one ward in each).

**Table 3 Wards where black minority ethnic population is a third or more of total population**

Local authority	Ward	All usual residents	Black minority ethnic	
			Number	% of population
Blackburn with Darwen	Bastwell	7,699	6,968	90.5%
Blackburn with Darwen	Shear Brow	7,908	6,595	83.4%
Burnley	Daneshouse with Stoneyholme	5,955	4,906	82.4%

Local authority	Ward	All usual residents	Black minority ethnic	
Pendle	Whitefield	3,854	2,867	74.4%
Blackburn with Darwen	Audley	9,183	6,721	73.2%
Blackburn with Darwen	Corporation Park	7,353	4,991	67.9%
Hyndburn	Central	5,807	3,818	65.7%
Preston	Deepdale	6,103	3,820	62.6%
Blackburn with Darwen	Queen's Park	6,798	3,891	57.2%
Blackburn with Darwen	Little Harwood	6,752	3,816	56.5%
Pendle	Walverden	3,848	2,031	52.8%
Pendle	Bradley	6,489	3,333	51.4%
Blackburn with Darwen	Wensley Fold	7,378	3,412	46.2%
Pendle	Brierfield	4,862	2,070	42.6%
Preston	Town Centre	8,628	3,618	41.9%
Preston	St George's	7,029	2,636	37.5%
Pendle	Reedley	5,291	1,980	37.4%
Blackburn with Darwen	Beardwood with Lammack	5,997	2,240	37.4%
Preston	Fishwick	5,784	2,091	36.2%
Preston	St Matthew's	8,187	2,902	35.4%
Pendle	Southfield	6,074	2,060	33.9%

Source Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census

Conversely, there were 19 wards where there was very little diversity, with less than 1% of the local population being BME. These were spread across the five districts of Ribble Valley (six wards), Wyre (five wards), Lancaster (four wards), Fylde (three wards) and Burnley (one ward).

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