

Ethnic groups (People)

According to the [Office for National Statistics](#), based on the [2011 Census](#) estimates, 59.8 per cent of the 8,173,941 inhabitants of London were [White](#), with 44.9 per cent [White British](#), 2.2 per cent [White Irish](#), 0.1 per cent [gypsy/Irish traveller](#) and 12.1 per cent classified as [Other White](#).

20.9 per cent of Londoners are of [Asian](#) and mixed-Asian descent. 19.7 per cent of Londoners are of full Asian descent, with those of mixed-Asian heritage comprising 1.2 of the population. [Indians](#) account for 6.6 per cent of the population, followed by [Pakistanis](#) and [Bangladeshis](#) at 2.7 per cent each. [Chinese](#) peoples account for 1.5 per cent of the population, with [Arabs](#) comprising 1.3 per cent. A further 4.9 per cent of Londoners are classified as "Other Asian".

15.6 per cent of London's population are of [Black](#) and mixed-Black descent. 13.3 per cent of Londoners are of full Black descent, with those of mixed-Black heritage comprising 2.3 per cent of the population. [Black Africans](#) account for 7.0 per cent of London's population, with 4.2 per cent as [Black Caribbean](#) and 2.1 per cent as "Other Black".

5.0 per cent of Londoners are of [mixed race](#).

Across London, [Black](#) and [Asian](#) children outnumber [White British](#) children by about six to four in state schools.^[146] However, White children represent 62 per cent of London's 1,498,700 population aged 0 to 15 as of 2009 estimates from the Office for National Statistics, with 55.7 per cent of the population aged 0 to 15 being [White British](#), 0.7 per cent being [White Irish](#) and 5.6 per cent being from other EU White backgrounds.^[147] In January 2005, a survey of London's ethnic and religious diversity claimed that there were more than 300 languages spoken and more than 50 non-indigenous communities which have a population of more than 10,000 in London.^[148] Figures from the [Office for National Statistics](#) show that, as of 2010, London's foreign-born population is 2,650,000 (33 per cent), up from 1,630,000 in 1997.

The 2011 census showed that 36.7 per cent of [Greater London's](#) population were born outside the UK.^[149] The table to the right shows the 20 most common foreign countries of birth of London residents in 2011, the date of the last published [UK Census](#).^[138] A portion of the German-born population are likely to be British nationals born to parents serving in the [British Armed Forces](#) in Germany.^[150] Estimates produced by the [Office for National Statistics](#) indicate that the five largest foreign-born groups living in London in the period July 2009 to June 2010 were those born in [India](#), [Poland](#), the Republic of Ireland, [Bangladesh](#) and [Nigeria](#).^[151]