City of London Resident Population, CENSUS 2011, Ethnicity and Nationality sets out the key statistics for passport holders; ethnicity, nationality and English proficiency of the residential population of the City of London from the 2011 Census of Population.

Introduction

The Office for National Statistics has published a series of Key Statistics for analysis. The City of London Corporation is producing a series of reports based upon a range of topic themes. The following report analyses data relating to passports, ethnicity, nationality and language.

The current edition of this report published October 2013 analyses data for the City of London and how it compares on a regional and national level. This does not include those who have a second home within the Authority. The report focuses upon analysis of the 7,400 residents of the City of London. Detailed counts are set out in Appendix 1.

Graph 1 shows the percentage breakdown of passports held by City of London residents. Unsurprisingly the single largest type is the UK passport with 68% of the total; this is then followed by passports from countries outside of Europe on 14%. Only 3% of City of London residents do not hold a passport of any type.

Due to some residents holding dual nationality, there are 7,800 passports in the City of London, compared to 7,400 residents.
Graph 2: Ethnic Groups 2011 City of London, Greater London, England and Wales

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Graph 3: Ethnic Groups 2011 by Census Residential Zones.
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Graph 2 sets out the Ethnic Profile in the City of London, Greater London, and England and Wales. The City has a higher percentage of ‘White’ residents (78.6%) than Greater London (59.8%), but a lower percentage than England and Wales (86%).

Graph 3 shows that there is a great variance in the Ethnic Profile in the Census Residential Zones of the City of London. In Mansell Street Estate 47% of the residents are Asian whereas in Temples 89% are White and only 7% Asian.

Graph 4 analyses the City of London Ethnic Profile in detail. Of the ‘White’ category of 78.6%, White British’ comprise 57.5% of total residents, followed by ‘White – Other’ who make up 19% of all the usual residents in the City of London. The second largest ethnic group is ‘Asian’ which totals 12.7% of all usual residents. This group is fairly evenly divided between ‘Asian – Indian’ 2.9%, ‘Asian – Bangladeshi’ 3.1%, ‘Asian – Chinese’ 3.6% and ‘Asian -Other’ 2.9%. The City of London has the highest percentage of Chinese people in London and the second highest percentage in England and Wales. The City of London has a relatively small ‘Black’ population comprising 2.6% of residents. This is considerably lower than the Greater London wide percentage of 13.3% and also smaller than the percentage for England and Wales of 3.3%.
The percentage point change in the ethnicity of the City of London’s residents from 2001 to 2011 is set out in Graph 5. This compares the City of London with Greater London and England and Wales to provide a regional and national context.

The City of London has generally reflected regional and national trends, with the percentage of ‘White’ residents reducing and gains in all other Ethnic groups, although in the City of London these changes are at a smaller rate than those across Greater London. Whereas in Greater London the ‘White’ ethnic group has decreased by 11.4 percentage points, it only decreased 6 percentage points in the City of London.

The only ethnic group to not follow regional or national patterns was ‘Black’ residents. Greater London saw a gain of 2.4 percentage points and England and Wales saw a smaller increase of 1.1 percentage points but there was no change in the City of London.
As well as recording Ethnicity, the Census of Population also asked residents for their Country of Birth. Graph 6 shows the percentage results for the City of London compared with Greater London and England Wales in 2011.

The same percentage of residents in the City of London (63%) were born in UK as in Greater London, these percentages were both lower than that of England and Wales (87%).

Those born in other European Union Member countries (those countries in the European Union before 2001) made up 8.8% of all City of London residents with an addition of 1.9% born in Other European Union (EU): Accession which are countries joining the European Union after 2001.

Residents born in Other Countries (non-European Union) make up also a quarter (24.4%) of City of London residents. Whilst slightly lower than Greater London (26.9%) it is well above the national percentage of (9.2%).

Graph 6: Country of Birth 2011 City of London, Greater London, England and Wales

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Graph 7 sets out the Change in the country of birth profile 2001 to 2011 for City of London with Greater London and England and Wales.

The change in the profile for countries of birth of City of London residents has generally correlated with regional and national trends. The greatest changes have seen the share of UK born residents falling as more people born either in the Other European Union member states or Other Countries (non-European Union countries) increased.

UK born residents fell by 9.4% points, slightly lower than the Greater London profile of 9.6% points, while residents born in Other Countries’ grew by 6.8% points, again slightly lower than Greater London which grew by 9.1% points.

Note: Graph 4 included Other EU: Accession which obtained European Union status after 2001. As this data was not collected in the 2001 Census of Population for Graph 5. ‘The change in Country of Birth 2001 – 2011’ this category is included in the ‘Other Countries’ as there is not a comparable figure between 2001 and 2011.
Graph 8: Proficiency in English as the main language in City of London, Greater London, England and Wales
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Graph 8 sets out the proficiency in English as the main language in the City of London, Greater London, and England and Wales. Nationally 92% of the population consider English their main language and 2% responded that they cannot speak English well. In Greater London 78% use English as their main language and 4% cannot speak English well. In general, English is predominately spoken by City of London residents – 83% of all residents use English as their main language, only 1% responded that they cannot speak English well. So while residents who consider English as a main language is proportionally lower in the City than nationally – there is a lower percentage who cannot speak the language well than nationally.

Graph 9: Proficiency in English as the main language in City of London Census Residential Zones
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Graph 9 sets out the proficiency in English as the main language in the City of London Census Residential Zones. Although English proficiency throughout the City residents is generally high, there are certain Zones where the number of non-English speakers is considerably higher. Mansell Street and Minories have the highest proportion of non-English speakers with 11% and 6% respectively; they also had the lowest proportion of people who responded that English is their main language (66% and 68%).

There are also areas with relatively low percentages of residents who consider English as their main language but where residents can speak it well; in both Bishopsgate and Little Britain less than 75% of residents responded that English is their main language, however only 1% in Bishopsgate answered they cannot speak English well and 0% in Little Britain.
### Table 1: Ethnic Group 2001 and 2011

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### Table 2: 2011 Country of Birth

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