

2011 Census Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion

Peterborough Unitary Authority

Headlines

Ethnic Group

- Peterborough's White British population at 70.9% is lower than East of England and England.
- The proportion of Peterborough's population from a White British ethnic group has fallen from 85.7% in 2001.
- The biggest increases have been in the White Other White and Asian or Asian British Pakistani proportions - up to 10.6% and 6.6% respectively in 2011.

[\(See table: KS201EW - Ethnic Group\)](#)

National identity

- The proportion of Peterborough's population at least one of English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish or British identities is 84.4%.

[\(See table: KS202EW - National Identity\)](#)

Country of Birth

- Almost 80% of Peterborough's population were born in the United Kingdom, around 10% in other EU countries and 10% in other countries.
- The proportion born in the United Kingdom has fallen from 90.2% in 2001.

[\(See table: KS024EW - Country of Birth\)](#)

Passports held

- The proportion of the population with a UK passport is 67%. 19.3% have no passport and 10.2% have passports from other EU countries.

[\(See table: KS205EW - Passport held\)](#)

Household Language

- In 83.7% of households, all people aged over 16 have English as a main language. In 10.0% of households no one has English as a main language.

[\(See table: KS206EW - Household-language\)](#)

Religion

- Christians make up 56.7% of Peterborough's population, down from 68.3% in 2001.
- The biggest increases have been in the Muslim population, up to 9.4% from 5.7% in 2001 and those with no religion, who now make up almost a quarter of Peterborough's population.

[\(See table: KS209EW - Religion\)](#)

Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion: Ethnic Group (KS201EW)

Table population: All usual residents	2011				2001			
	Peterborough		East	England	Peterborough		East of England	England
Ethnic Group	No.	%age	%age	%age	No.	%age	%age	%age
White British	130,232	70.9	85.3	79.8	133751	85.7	91.45	87.0
White Irish	1,257	0.7	1.0	1.0	1697	1.1	1.14	1.3
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	560	0.3	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-
White Other White	19,495	10.6	4.5	4.6	4555	2.9	2.53	2.7
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	1,542	0.8	0.6	0.8	950	0.6	0.37	0.5
Mixed White and Black African	827	0.5	0.3	0.3	208	0.1	0.11	0.2
Mixed White and Asian	1,384	0.8	0.6	0.6	687	0.4	0.32	0.4
Mixed Other Mixed	1,195	0.7	0.5	0.5	444	0.3	0.27	0.3
Asian or Asian British Indian	4,636	2.5	1.5	2.6	2876	1.8	0.95	2.1
Asian or Asian British Pakistani	12,078	6.6	1.1	2.1	6980	4.5	0.72	1.4
Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi	229	0.1	0.6	0.8	113	0.1	0.34	0.6
Asian/Asian British: Chinese ¹	872	0.5	0.6	0.7	534	0.3	0.38	0.5
Asian or Asian British Other Asian	3,677	2.0	1.0	1.5	897	0.6	0.25	0.5
Black or Black British Black African	2,480	1.4	1.2	1.8	551	0.4	0.31	1.0
Black or Black British Black Caribbean	1,174	0.6	0.6	1.1	1118	0.7	0.49	1.1
Black or Black British Other Black	510	0.3	0.2	0.5	259	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other ethnic group: Arab	428	0.2	0.2	0.4	-	-	-	-
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group ²	1,055	0.6	0.3	0.6	441	0.3	0.27	0.4

Data for 2001 Census for Peterborough from 'Ethnic Group' (KS06Nupdated) and for East of England and England from KS06P_14_1367

¹2001 Ethnic group : Chinese (Chinese or other ethnic group)

²2001 Ethnic group : Other Ethnic Group (Chinese or other ethnic group)

Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion: National Identity (KS202EW)

Table population: All usual residents	2011			
	Peterborough		East of England	England
National Identity	No.	%age	%age	%age
English only identity	101,618	55.3	64.8	60.4
English and British only identity	14,248	7.8	9.4	9.1
Other English combined background identity	1,157	0.6	0.6	0.7
No English identity	66,608	36.3	25.2	29.9
Welsh only identity	763	0.4	0.4	0.6
Welsh and British only identity	157	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Welsh combined background identity	154	0.1	0.1	0.1
No Welsh identity	182,557	99.4	99.4	99.2
Scottish only identity	1,919	1.0	0.8	0.8
Scottish and British only identity	334	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Scottish combined background identity	143	0.1	0.1	0.1
No Scottish identity	181,235	98.7	98.9	99.0
Northern Irish only identity	428	0.2	0.2	0.2
Northern Irish and British only identity	50	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Northern Irish combined background identity	44	0.0	0.0	0.0
No Northern Irish identity	183,109	99.7	99.8	99.7
British only identity	35,196	19.2	16.2	19.2
British and any other identity	15,970	8.7	10.3	10.1
No British identity	132,465	72.1	73.5	70.7
Cornish only identity	5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Cornish and British only identity	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cornish and at least one of English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish identities (with or without British)	4	0.0	0.0	0.0
No Cornish identity	183,621	100	100	100
Irish only identity	807	0.4	0.6	0.6
Irish and British only identity	34	0.0	0.0	0.0
Irish and Northern Irish only identity	4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Irish, Northern Irish and British only identity	5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Irish and at least one of English/Welsh/Scottish identities (with or without British)	57	0.0	0.0	0.0
Irish, Northern Irish and at least one of English/Welsh/Scottish identities (with or without British)	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
No Irish identity	182,723	99.5	99.3	99.3
Other identities only	26,881	14.6	6.9	8.3
Other identities and at least one of English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British only	1,726	0.9	0.8	0.9
At least one of English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British identities only	155,024	84.4	92.3	90.7

Data are not available for 2001

Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion: Country of Birth (KS204EW)

Table population: All usual residents	2011				2001			
	Peterborough		East of England	England	Peterborough		East of England	England
Country of birth	No.	%age	%age	%age	No.	%age	%age	%age
England	140,541	76.5	86.6	83.5	134,618	86.3	89.9	87.4
Northern Ireland	869	0.5	0.4	0.4	996	0.6	0.4	0.4
Scotland	3,011	1.6	1.3	1.3	3,603	2.3	1.6	1.6
Wales	1,298	0.7	0.7	1.0	1,576	1.0	1.0	1.2
United Kingdom not otherwise specified	20	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Ireland	1,064	0.6	0.7	0.7	1,241	0.8	0.9	0.9
Other EU: Member countries in March 2001	4,448	2.4	1.6	1.7	3,121	2.0	1.4	1.4
Other EU: Accession countries April 2001 to March 2011	14,134	7.7	2.1	2.0				
Other countries	18,246	9.9	6.6	9.4	10,906	7.0	4.8	6.9
All categories: Country of birth	183,631	100.0	100.0	100.0	156,061	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data for 2001 Census from 'Country of Birth' (KS005).

Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion: Passport held (KS205EW)

Table population: All usual residents	2011			
	Peterborough		East of England	England
Passports held	No.	%age	%age	%age
No passport	35,514	19.3	16.7	16.5
United Kingdom	123,074	67.0	76.6	75.8
Republic of Ireland	832	0.5	0.7	0.8
Other Europe: EU countries	18,808	10.2	3.3	3.6
Other Europe: Non EU countries	284	0.2	0.2	0.3
Africa	1,588	0.9	0.8	1.0
Middle East and Asia	3,849	2.1	1.4	2.1
North America and the Caribbean	866	0.5	0.8	0.6
Central America	14	0.0	0.0	0.0
South America	161	0.1	0.1	0.1
Antarctica and Oceania	264	0.1	0.3	0.4
British Overseas Territories	5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	185,259	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data are not available for 2001

Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion: Household Language (KS206EW)

Table population: All usual residents	2011			
	Peterborough		East of England	England
Household Language	No.	%age	%age	%age
All categories: English as a household language	74,023	100.0	100.0	100.0
All people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	61,982	83.7	93.6	90.9
At least one but not all people aged 16 and over in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	3,701	5.0	2.9	3.9
No people aged 16 and over in household but at least one person aged 3 to 15 has English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	902	1.2	0.5	0.8
No people in household have English as a main language (English or Welsh in Wales)	7,438	10.0	3.0	4.4

Data are not available for 2001

Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion: Religion (KS209EW)

Table population: All usual residents	2011				2001			
	Peterborough		East of England	England	Peterborough		East of England	England
All usual residents	No.	%age	%age	%age	No.	%age	%age	%age
Christian	104,202	56.7	59.7	59.4	106,621	68.3	72.1	71.7
Buddhist	463	0.3	0.4	0.5	254	0.2	0.2	0.3
Hindu	2,320	1.3	0.9	1.5	1,383	0.9	0.6	1.1
Jewish	144	0.1	0.6	0.5	147	0.1	0.6	0.5
Muslim	17,251	9.4	2.5	5	8,963	5.7	1.5	3.1
Sikh	1,184	0.6	0.3	0.8	833	0.5	0.3	0.7
Other religions	591	0.3	0.4	0.4	348	0.2	0.3	0.3
No religion	45,183	24.6	27.9	24.7	24,388	15.6	16.7	14.6
Religion not stated	12,293	6.7	7.3	7.2	13,124	8.4	7.8	7.7
Total	183,631	100.0	100.0	100.0	156,061	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data for 2001 Census for Peterborough from 'Religion' (KS07Nupdated) and for East of England and England from KS07P_14_513