

2011 Census Outputs

First Release, Phase 3: Detailed characteristics

Summary

- Generally, the younger the cohort in Barnet, the more diverse it will be. The Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) population among those that are 0 to 4 years old is growing. **58% of under 5s in Barnet are White**, 6% lower than the total population. **80% of people over the age of 65 are White**.
- Women in Barnet are more likely to be economically inactive¹. 62% (59,800 people) of all economically inactive people in Barnet are female, 14,400 of those were looking after the home or family which represents 93% of all people that listed this as their reason for economic inactivity.
- More than **1,100 people in Barnet work full-time** while providing more than 50 hours unpaid care, though the majority (two-thirds) of people providing this level of care are economically inactivity.

Introduction

This release of the census data is the first release of multivariate data i.e. data that cross-tabulates one census question with another. Such an approach allows a deeper picture of Barnet's residents and the information in this, and subsequent releases, will be crucial in developing more targeted and tailored public services for Barnet. The information in this release includes demographic data combining ethnicity, religion, age and gender and has additional information on the themes of economic activity, and carers and health. Some notable statistics are included below, though access to all of the data is available through the [Population, Facts and Figures](#) page on the Barnet intranet.

Population characteristics

- 58% of 0 to 4 year-olds in Barnet are white, which is 6% below that for the entire population. Among 0 to 4 year olds 12% are of mixed ethnicity, 16% are Asian and 10% are black.
- There is less diversity among the older age groups. 76% of 65 to 70 year olds are white. This increases to 89% of all people over 80.
- The largest proportions of Asian people are in the 20 to 44 age group which 44% of people fall within. For black people the highest proportion is among the younger age groups. **Nearly a quarter of the black population are under the age of 15** while only 7% of the black population are over 60.
- The Muslim and Jewish populations in Barnet are the youngest of all religious groups in the Borough. 38% of Barnet's 37,000 strong Muslim population and 30% of the Jewish population are aged under 20. **Nearly one in five children under the age of ten in Barnet is Jewish**.
- 61% of Barnet's residents were born in the UK. The rate is highest among White and mixed ethnic groups within which 73% and 71% respectively were born in the UK. The lowest ratios are among Asian (32%) and Other (36%) ethnic groups.
- Of those born outside the vast majority of people (85%) moved to the UK before the age of 35.

¹ Economically inactive people are people that do not have a job nor have sought to get a job at any time in the two weeks leading up to the census.

- Three quarters of people in Barnet over the age of 16 identify their main language as English. There are 71,500 people for whom their main language is not English. Of those, 10,700 people say that they cannot speak English very well and 1,550 do not speak English at all.

Economic characteristics

- At the time of the census there were 186,000 people who were economically active (66% of the over 16 population). **53% of economically active people were male.** The proportion of females that are economically inactive is much higher. 62% of people that are economically inactive are female and 41% of females over the age of 16 are economically inactive.
- Of the 14,400 people that were economically inactive because they were looking after the home or family, 93% were female and 61% of all retired people in the borough are female.
- The table below compares Barnet to its statistical neighbours, all of which are also other Outer London local authorities. Barnet is average compared to statistical neighbours when comparing the unemployment rate and the proportions of the population that are economically active and inactive. Barnet has a higher proportion of self-employed people than other local authorities, perhaps indicative of the high number of business births in the borough.

Table 1: Economic activity among Barnet and statistical neighbours

		Barnet	Ealing	Enfield	Hounslow	Kingston-Upon-Thames	Merton
	All categories: Economic activity	282,152	269,572	242,465	202,424	129,790	160,840
Economically active	Total	66.0%	67.4%	63.6%	68.4%	67.7%	70.0%
	In employment: Total	61.1%	61.5%	57.1%	63.0%	63.5%	65.5%
	In employment: Employee: Total	44.2%	47.1%	44.1%	49.8%	48.9%	51.4%
	In employment: Employee: Part-time	11.0%	9.7%	12.1%	10.3%	10.6%	10.4%
	In employment: Employee: Full-time	33.2%	37.4%	32.0%	39.5%	38.3%	41.1%
	In employment: Self-employed: Total	14.6%	11.7%	10.5%	10.2%	10.9%	11.6%
	In employment: Self-employed: Part-time	5.0%	3.8%	3.5%	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%
	In employment: Self-employed: Full-time	9.6%	7.9%	7.0%	7.0%	7.4%	8.0%
	In employment: Full-time students	2.4%	2.7%	2.5%	3.1%	3.7%	2.4%
	Unemployed: Total	4.9%	5.9%	6.5%	5.4%	4.2%	4.5%
	Unemployed (excl. full-time students)	4.1%	4.9%	5.4%	4.4%	3.0%	3.8%
Unemployed: Full-time students	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.2%	0.7%	
Economically inactive	Total	34.0%	32.6%	36.4%	31.6%	32.3%	30.0%
	Retired	15.4%	13.1%	16.0%	13.2%	15.7%	14.3%
	Student (including full-time students)	7.5%	7.0%	7.1%	6.3%	8.0%	5.7%
	Looking after home or family	5.1%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	4.4%	5.0%
	Long-term sick or disabled	3.0%	3.6%	4.0%	3.4%	2.2%	2.4%
	Other	3.0%	3.5%	3.8%	3.1%	2.1%	2.6%

- **Nearly half of all people aged 16 to 24 are economically inactive** (19,000 of 40,000 people), though 87% of those economically inactive people were full-time students. 4,129 (people aged 16 to 24 were unemployed).

Health characteristics

- **58% of people in Barnet providing unpaid care in Barnet are female**, though of the 6,200 people in the borough providing unpaid care for more than 50 hours, the proportion of females providing that level of care grows to 66%.
- The ages of those providing care increases as the number of hours of care provided per week increases. One in ten people providing care for one to 19 hours each week are under 24 years of age while 15% are over 65. For those providing more than more than **50 hours of care each week, 4% are under 20 years old and 30% of people are over 65.**
- 84% of people in Barnet report themselves to have good or very good health. Good or very good health is reported by 86% of males and 83% of females. As Barnet residents age, their self-reported health becomes progressively worse. Under the age of 15, 97% of residents report their age to be good or very good (only 0.7% report bad or very bad health), though this number progressively drops over time so that **by the age of 65 and over only 50% of the population reports good health** and 15% say that they have bad or very bad health.
- Mixed and Black ethnic groups report their general health to be better than the average Barnet resident, while White and Other ethnic groups report theirs to be worse than the average. Nearly **90% of Black and Mixed ethnicities report their health to be good or very good** and only 3% report their health to be very bad. Conversely, only 83% of residents from the Other ethnic groups report their health to be good, while over 6% report their health as bad or very bad.
- **There are more than 1,100 people in Barnet that provide more than 50 hours of care a week while working in a full time job.** Nearly two-thirds of all people providing more than 50 hours care per week are economically inactive, with nearly half of those people retired. For those carers providing less than 20 hours of care a week, 70% are employed.

Conclusions

- Barnet is getting more diverse, driven by both more births among BAME communities and an increase of migrants, particularly those arriving between the ages of 20 and 35. This is creating a diverse young population.
- There are more than 13,000 carers in Barnet who are Unemployed or Economically Inactive who will need assistance getting back into work for the benefit of their own health and well-being.
- Good or very good self-reported health is higher among Asian and Black ethnic groups. This might be due to larger numbers of young people, who tend to have the highest levels of self-reported health.