

Ethnicity in Oxford

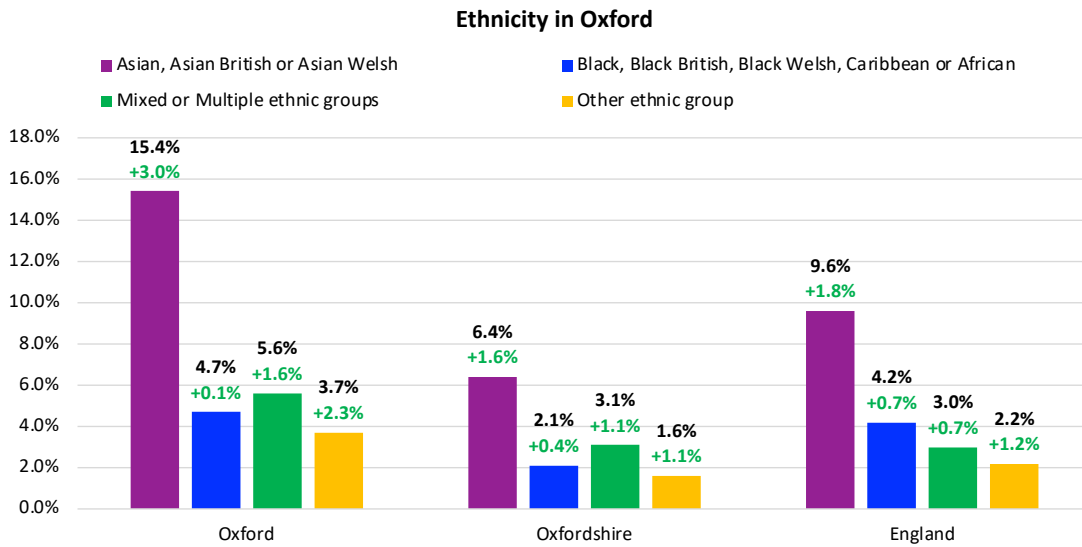
The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has released Census 2021 figures on ethnicity at Local Authority level. This summary report will compare ethnicity figures between Censuses 2021 and 2011. Oxford is a diverse city and is home to many different ethnic groups. The 2021 figures show that the city scores well above county and national averages for all ethnic minority groups as a percentage of the total resident population and is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in England. Please note these figures are only a snapshot of the statistics at the time of the Census which took place during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you would like to know more about this topic summary, please visit [Ethnic group, national identity, language, and religion](#).

Key findings:

- White group is still the largest ethnic group in Oxford making up 70.7% of the total population in the city. However, while this is high, the proportion of white residents has experienced a decrease of 7.0% compared to the previous census (77.7%).
- The biggest increase has been recorded in the *Asian/Asian British* group. This group has experienced a 3.0% increase in the proportion of the total resident population from 12.4% in 2011 to 15.4% in 2021. This is also the case for number increase with +6,164 more *Asian/Asian British* residents compared to the last Census.
- Within the Asian group, the largest ethnicity increase was the Pakistani population, from 3.2% in 2011 to 4.1% in 2021, an increase of 0.9%. The second largest increase in was registered in the Indian population (+0.8%), followed by Chinese (+0.5%). The 'Other Asian' group saw an increase of 0.8% since 2011.
- Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups now make up 5.6% of total residents. This represents a 1.6% increase compared to the previous census.
- *Black/African/Caribbean/Black British* groups have remained largely unchanged at 4.7% (+0.1%) with a slight increase in the African subgroup (+0.2%) and a slight decrease in Caribbean (-0.2%).
- 'Other ethnic groups' experienced a percentage increase of 2.3% with respect to the previous census. 'Any other ethnic group' subgroup saw the largest increase (+2.1%) from 0.7% in 2011 to 2.8% in 2021.
- In terms of multiple ethnic group households, the largest proportion of households are still those where all household members have the same ethnic group – 47.3% (26,105 residents). Compared to 2011, the biggest increase was experienced in households where *Ethnic groups differ within partnerships* (+2.7%). The largest decrease from the previous census was recorded in *One person households* (-4.0%).

Please note: Only minority ethnic groups have been included in the charts below.

Figure 1. Ethnicity in Oxford compared to Oxfordshire and England in 2021.



Note: The figures in colour in the chart above show the percentage change between 2011 and 2021.

Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Figure 2. Ethnicity subgroups in Oxford in 2021 compared to 2011.

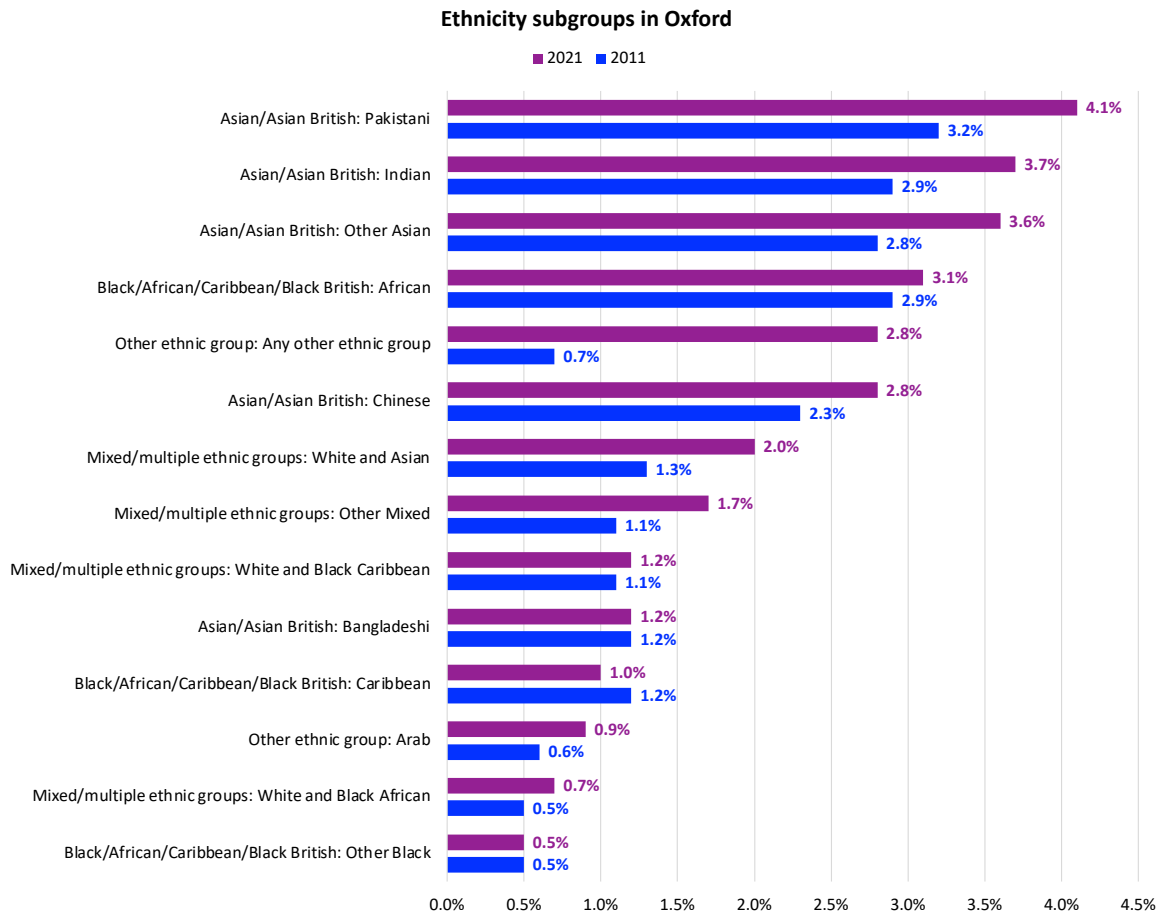


Figure 3. Multiple ethnic group households in Oxford in 2021 compared to 2011.

Multiple Ethnic Group	Oxford 2011	Oxford 2021
All categories: Multiple ethnic groups	55,375	55,238
One person household	18,316	16,096
All household members have the same ethnic group	26,319	26,105
Different ethnic groups between the generations only	1,951	1,654
Different ethnic groups within partnerships (whether or not different ethnic groups between generations)	4,698	6,173
Any other combination of multiple ethnic groups	4,091	5,210

Source: Census 2021 and 2011 - ONS, 2022

Sources:

[Ethnic group, national identity, language, and religion: Census 2021, ONS, 2022](#)

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