

## Section 1: demographics

# Ethnicity



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## Executive summary

Ethnicity has been defined as: "the social group a person belongs to, and either identifies with or is identified with by others, as a result of a mix of cultural and other factors including language, diet, religion, ancestry and physical features traditionally associated with race"<sup>1</sup>.

Wiltshire is a largely white and rural area and people in minority groups are often not present in sufficient numbers to form recognisable groups. This can result in an unknown demand for services and hence unmet need<sup>2</sup>.

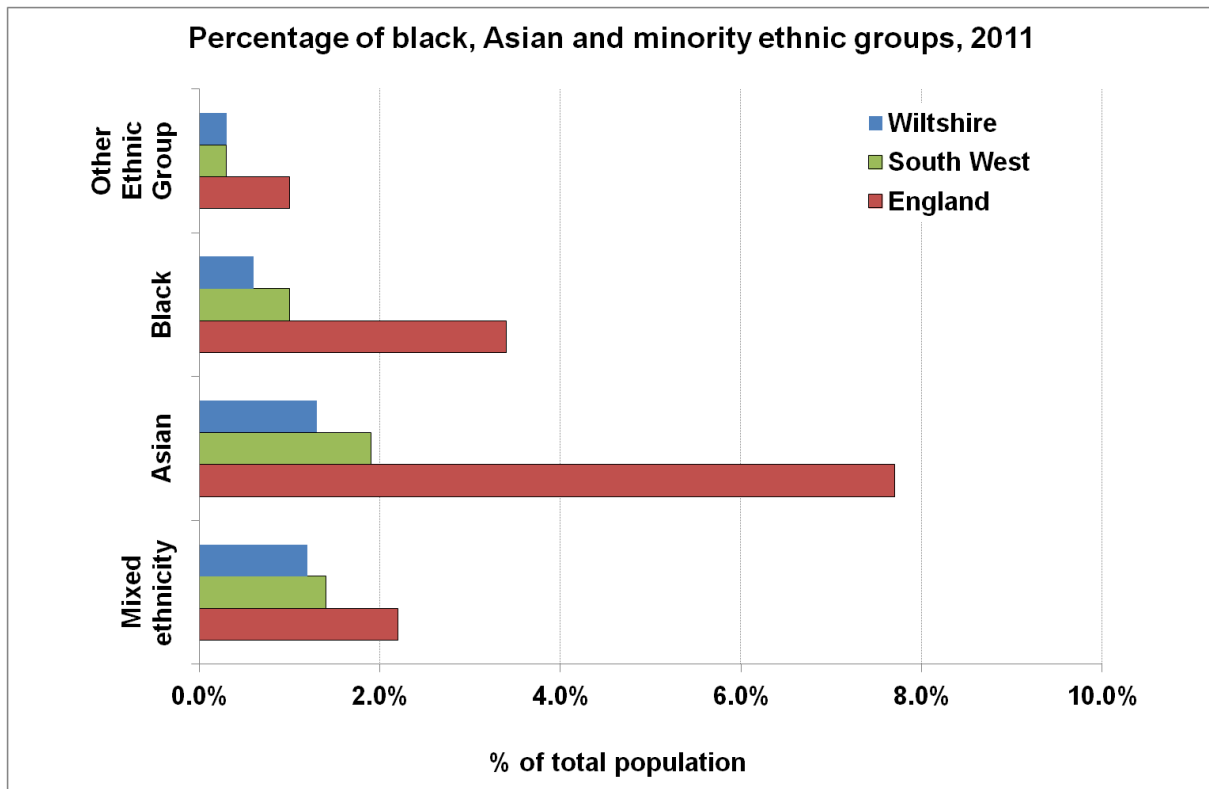
In addition to the potential difficulties posed by the nature of a county like Wiltshire, certain ethnic groups are at increased risk of particular health conditions, including: diabetes, heart disease, stroke, psychotic disorders and mental illness<sup>3 4</sup>.

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## Census 2011

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**Figure 1: Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups in Wiltshire and the South West**



Source: 2011 Census Table KS201EW, ONS

## Change in population (since 2001)

The ethnic group categories in the 2001 and 2011 censuses are not the same. However, ONS have made a number of assumptions to enable comparisons to be made<sup>1</sup>. The proportion of the population from ethnic minority groups in Wiltshire has increased by 129% between 2001 and 2011 compared to 114% in the South West and 74% in England. Table 1: presents the proportionate change in the ethnic minority groups in Wiltshire as compared to the South West and England.

**Table 1: Estimated population change by ethnic group, 2001 to 2011**

Area	Total population	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Other
<b>Wiltshire</b>	+9%	+7%	+96%	+180%	+181%	+32%
<b>South West</b>	+7%	+5%	+92%	+132%	+137%	+68%
<b>England</b>	+8%	+1%	+85%	+68%	+64%	+157%

Source: Key Statistics interface tool, ONS. url: [www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census/key-statistics-for-local-authorities-in-england-and-wales/index.html](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census/key-statistics-for-local-authorities-in-england-and-wales/index.html)

## Migrants

The precise number of people who have come to Wiltshire as economic migrants since 2001 is unknown. However, there has been a growth in people living in Wiltshire who are originally from Eastern Europe. Between January 2002 and December 2009 a total of 14,190 National Insurance Numbers were allocated to foreign nationals starting work in Wiltshire. The EU A8 Accession states<sup>7</sup> supplied the most workers (6,650) amounting to almost half of all registrations and 5,405 were from Poland. This trend reflects the regional/national picture.

Language barriers often make it difficult for these groups to access services. Further work is needed in collecting accurate information to be able to understand and effectively address the needs of economic migrants living in Wiltshire.

## Resources

### Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Although largely superseded by the 2011 Census data it is worth noting that the ONS publish "experimental" ethnic population statistics for local authorities in England. They are "experimental" because they do not meet the strict standards required of National Statistics. A summary of the most recent data for Wiltshire (mid-year 2009), including a time series between 2001 and 2009 can be downloaded from the Intelligence Network:

<http://www.intellancenetwork.org.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=49083&type=full&servicetype=Attachment>

<sup>1</sup> To compare 2011 Census with 2001 "White: Gypsy or Irish traveller" has been included with "White Other" and "Other: Arab" has been included with "Other: Other". In 2001 Chinese was classified under "Broad Other", however, to allow a comparison, it has been placed under "Broad Asian".

An interactive map of the census 2011 ethnicity results has been produced by ONS and can be found at <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/interactive/census-map-2-1---ethnicity/index.html>

### **Equality in Wiltshire: a statistical profile**

A statistical profile has been produced that provides sound evidence to support Wiltshire's Resilient Communities Partnership and others in looking at what creates inequality and disadvantage in the county and how it might be addressed.

<http://www.intelligenetwork.org.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=48377&type=full&servicetype=Attachment>

### **Challenges for consideration**

Obtaining accurate information on ethnicity between censuses.

Obtaining accurate information on economic migrants.

Providing services to the ethnic population in Wiltshire which is diverse in nature and dispersed in location.

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<sup>2</sup> Needs Analysis for Equalities in Wiltshire. Informing an Equalities Framework for Wiltshire and developing options for the future of equalities implementation in the county. (2009) REGENworks

<sup>3</sup> Health Development Agency (2001) Boys' and Young Men's Health

<sup>4</sup> Men's Health Forum website

<sup>5</sup> 2011 Census, Table KS201EW, Office for National Statistics, 2013

<sup>6</sup> 2011 Census, Table KS201EW, Office for National Statistics, 2013

<sup>7</sup> A8 nationals are people from: the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia.