

Ethnic group

Ethnic group categories 2001

For the region/country analysis, ethnic group has 13 categories to cope with the differences in Scotland, where Mixed is a single category. White Scottish is an additional White sub-category and is added to 'White Other British' to compare with the White British of England and Wales. We have labelled this category 'White Britons' to avoid all connotation of nationality, which is not asked in the Census. In the analysis we tend not to interpret either the residual categories (Other White, Other Black, Other Asian, and Other) or the Mixed categories, because their composition is in each case unknown. Usually their labour market situation is mid-way between other groups. Their data are presented both for completeness and for others to interpret for particular purposes.

For neighbourhoods, Scotland census data only include five broad categories, which we have used in the website: White, Black, Indian, Pakistani and other South Asian, and Other. For this reason we have not been able to include Scotland in the diversity analysis. A more fine classification is only available for electoral wards with a threshold of non-White population, which leaves neighbourhoods incomplete and is therefore not used here.

In the neighbourhood profiles and the diversity analyses, all categories published are included, sixteen including four mixed categories in England and Wales, and five in Scotland. Neighbourhood profiles cannot combine neighbourhoods from Scotland with England or Wales.

Ethnic group comparison 1991-2001

The 2001 Census includes mixed categories, and subdivided White categories, which were not included in the 1991 census. We have employed the following seven categories when comparing 1991 and 2001 labour market indicators, following research with the Longitudinal Study which shows them to be the most compatible. The residual 'Other' category comprises varied backgrounds of different natures in 1991 and 2001, and is therefore not comparable over the decade and is not shown in tables of this report. It is however included within the values for the whole population.

Compatible category	1991 categories	2001 categories
White	White	White – all three sub-categories (four in Scotland)
Black Caribbean	Black – Caribbean	Black or Black British – Black Caribbean
Black African	Black – African	Black or Black British – Black African
Indian	Indian	Asian or Asian British – Indian
Pakistani	Pakistani	Asian or Asian British – Pakistani
Bangladeshi	Bangladeshi	Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi
Chinese	Chinese	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group – Chinese
Other (not comparable over time)	Black – Other Other – Asian Other – Other	Mixed – all four sub-categories (one in Scotland) Black or Black British – Other Black Asian or Asian British – Other Asian Chinese or Other Ethnic Group – Other Ethnic Group