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Ethnicity Update

Executive Summary

This briefing has been produced to explain and compare the various sources of information about the ethnicity of Enfield's residents. This is a complex area and care must be taken when choosing a source to fulfil an immediate information requirement. The Council's own estimates will meet most people's requirement. Some analysis of trends is also included. They show that:

- The highest numeric increases are likely to have been in the Black African and Turkish groups
- By rate of increase the fastest growing is 'Other' (which includes a diverse range of worldwide origins, notably for Enfield including Kurdish)
- The White set of groups is likely to have decreased by about 5% since 2001, although this masks the increase in Turkish
- The White set is projected to continue to decrease whilst a diverse range of groups could have the highest growth rates
- Whilst the level of inflow from abroad is low in the context of London, the rate of increase since 2004 has been high
- Poland and other eastern European countries are prominent amongst the countries leading the fastest increases and producing the largest flows to Enfield

Introduction

This Briefing has been produced for a wide audience – all who wish to understand one or more of the various sources of information about the ethnicity of Enfield's residents and about those who come to the Borough from outside the UK. The various sources generally measure either of these, so users of the information need to be quite clear about the ways in which they

intend to use it, to avoid presenting misleading evidence. If in doubt please email Observatory@enfield.gov.uk.

Estimates and projections for the resident population

Enfield Council estimates

The most current set of estimates with the widest coverage for the whole population, in terms of ethnic groups, are those produced by Enfield Council. This set of ethnic groups also aligns fairly well with the Council's equalities monitoring framework which has inevitably had to adapt quickly to an increasingly diverse population. Unfortunately, good data tends to lag behind changes in such practices and there is an insufficient amount of data to make good estimates of the smaller groups now included in the framework.

The Council's estimates, also known as the 'ethnicity baseline', are heavily driven by the trends given by the School Census (on which see more below). A description of the methodology is given in an appendix to the [New Communities 1st Report](#). Please note that there are estimates for further groups in that report. The Council estimates use the standard 16 fold group classification used by the Office for National Statistics since the 2001 Census, supplemented with six groups that data suggests are locally prominent:

- Greek
- Greek Cypriot
- Kurdish
- Somali
- Turkish
- Turkish Cypriot

The estimates are for the whole resident population, broken down into 22 ethnic groups by five year age bands. This coverage and detail means that they probably meet most people's requirement. The latest estimates at the time of writing are for mid-2009 and are presented with other estimates used for equalities monitoring purposes, in: [Equalities baselines for 2009](#)

Estimated ethnic group totals for the 21 Enfield wards are [here](#). They are also given in each Enfield Observatory Ward Profile – for which see an [Index Sheet](#).

These estimates are only produced for Enfield and are not comparable with any other estimates as covered below.

ONS (Office for National Statistics) estimates

Whilst these are consistent with the longer standing mid-year estimates (of the total population) their main limitation is that they only cover the standard

16 groups as first used in the 2001 Census. They are also often less current than the Council estimates, being produced subsequent to the mid-year estimates which themselves are produced about a year after the time to which they relate. Also, there are only three age groups though there is a gender split.

The methodology makes heavy use of 2001 Census data to allow for ethnic group differences in fertility and migration. No more recent local ethnicity data is used.

The latest estimates are available from the ONS website [here](#).

GLA projections

The Greater London Authority (GLA) has produced ethnic group projections for a number of years. However, only results for 10 ethnic groups are given – those used for the 1991 Census. This is because the GLA consider that 2001 Census data for the smallest groups is overly affected by steps taken to reduce the risk of disclosure of personal data, such that it cannot produce a robust projection for them. The detail available is by five year age band and gender.

This is the only source of projections, i.e. giving results into the future (to 2031). Like the ONS estimates the methodology is dependent on 2001 Census data.

The latest projections at the time of writing are available from the London Datastore [website] [here](#). The GLA's summary document is [here](#).

Mosaic Origins

This is a set of estimates of the ancestral country of origin of all adults (aged 18+), produced by Experian Ltd., based on people's names. The estimates given are totals only – there is no age or gender breakdown. Some of the totals by origin are reasonably close to the Council's estimates for the matching ethnic group. The advantages of *Origins* are the number of 'types' – the precise countries or parts thereof (226) for every full postcode in Enfield (6022 in the 2008 dataset). However, that level of detail can only be released to Council officers and members, as the estimates are supplied under licence to the Council. Some totals are given in the [New Communities 1st Report](#).

How the various estimates compare for Enfield

A comparison of the absolute numeric totals for comparable groups shows some similarity. This particularly applies when comparing the sum of all the White groups – the Council, ONS and GLA numbers all sum to around 202,000 to 203,000.

The Council's estimates for Black Caribbeans and Black Africans are close to the ONS estimates for those groups.

Comparison of Council estimates for the 18+ population with MOSAIC Origins estimates shows the closest figures being for Bangladeshis and Somalis. For the sizeable Greek/Greek Cypriot and Turkish/Turkish Cypriot combinations the Council estimates of the absolute numbers are about 9% and 16% higher, respectively.

The School Census

Enfield Council collates the returns made from Enfield maintained (state) schools. The Census covers pupils who attend those schools, regardless of where they live. A subset of Enfield residents can be extracted. Extracts from the national database can be requested from DCSF in order to profile all residents attending state schools, regardless of where they go to school. However, the ethnic group classification in these is limited to 18 groups – the standard 16 plus Gypsy / Romany and Traveller Of Irish Heritage. The locally collated data for January 2009 contains 97 ethnic groups although it is usual practice to suppress counts of less than 10 – this affects 14 groups. Counts can be produced for any small area as the data is at individual record level, geographically referenced to full postcode.

The Council's latest report on the Census is:

[School Census: January Collection 2009 - A Statistical Summary](#)

Inflows to the Borough from outside the UK

National Insurance numbers issued to foreign nationals

Often referred to, in short, as NINOs, these are required for employment and benefits/tax credits. The usual basis of counting is by date of registration which can be some time after arrival in the UK. It is clear that many 'short term migrants' are counted by this system – those intending to be resident in the country for less than a year. This is a significant difference to the (usually) resident population data sources above. The classification is by country of nationality – this covers 204 countries. Geographically, the counts are for local authority districts (such as Enfield) – there is no smaller area breakdown.

The latest dataset covering London boroughs is [here](#).

Worker Registration Scheme

This scheme only covers workers from some EU accession countries (new member states). The Borders Agency has only given permission for its data to be used by local authorities. The counts are of approved applications and are at local authority level and higher.

NHS 'Flag 4s'

These are records from GPs showing first registrations in this country by those coming from outside the UK. ONS releases totals by year (mid-year to

mid-year) by local authority. Locally, a special data extract was obtained for some analysis used in the [New Communities 1st Report](#).

The latest annual totals released by ONS are [here](#).

Short term migrants

The ONS has produced estimates for those people who intend to stay in the UK for more than a month but less than a year (a 'short term migrant'). These are 'initial estimates' and only cover the year to mid-2007. A more reliable set of estimates is due to be released covering the next year. The total for Enfield was 7,570, equivalent to about 3% of the usually resident population. This was about the average rate for England but half the rate for London as a whole. The only breakdown is into workers and non-workers.

Analysis of trends

Changes in the total population by ethnic group since 2001

As far as they can be compared, the three sources given above that relate to the whole population show some common trends:

- The highest percentage increase in population is in the residual 'Other' group
- The highest numeric increase is in the Black African group
- The White set of groups shows a loss of 5%

Note: the 'Other' group includes a diverse range of worldwide origins, notably for Enfield including Kurdish (a separate group only in the Council estimates).

As the Council estimates cover more distinct groups the results are sharper with Somali, Kurdish and Turkish also showing up as having the highest percentage increases. The highest numeric increase is for Turkish.

Group	2001	2009	change
White British	149284	131914	-12%
White Irish	8521	8596	1%
Greek	3085	2717	-12%
Greek Cypriot	17498	16172	-8%
Turkish	6748	14961	122%
Turkish Cypriot	9717	9251	-5%
Kurdish	1047	3053	192%
White Other	19021	19488	2%
White & Black Caribbean	2574	3642	41%
White and Black African	1083	1479	36%
White and Asian	2308	3196	38%
Other mixed	2229	3023	36%
Indian	11044	11375	3%

Pakistani	1747	1987	14%
Bangladeshi	3580	4908	37%
Other Asian	5197	7187	38%
Black Caribbean	14815	15862	7%
Other Black African	10525	15794	50%
Somali	1202	4521	276%
Black Other	2148	1540	-28%
Chinese	2044	1810	-11%
Other	1850	5692	208%

The divergent trends found are:

- The growth in 'White Other' groups in the Council's estimates, compared to the loss shown in the ONS estimates – though only due to large growth in Turkish and the actual residual White Other group.
- Much lower growth in the Indian and Pakistani groups in the Council estimates which also show a loss of Chinese in contrast to substantial increases shown by the other two sources

Future trends

As noted above, only the GLA projections provide results giving future trends. Also beware that they simply project forward the dynamics pertaining around 2001 and so will not allow for any factors that have emerged since, e.g. Eastern European migration. The ethnic groups showing the largest percentage increases in number from 2010 to 2020, in order, are:

Other	29%
Bangladeshi	23%
Black Other	22%
Chinese	19%
Black Caribbean	17%

The White group shows a loss of 4%.

As most minority groups are 'young' in their age profile some of the sharpest increases will be in their oldest age bands.

National Insurance numbers issued to foreign nationals

Within London, Enfield ranked 5th out of the 32 London boroughs for the rate of change in registrations between 2004/05 and 2008/09, after Newham, Barking & Dagenham, Harrow and Greenwich. That change was an increase of 83.4%. The England increase was 56.6%. The total number of registrations from all foreign nationals in the same period was 29,920. Enfield has unexceptional numbers of overall registrations in the context of London. The 2008/09 total was equivalent to about 4.3% of Enfield's working age population.

The most populous nationalities having high increases in Enfield in the same period were Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Germany and Lithuania. The

nationalities represented in Enfield with the highest number of registrations (over 1000) in the same period were:

Poland	6,890
Turkey	2,230
Romania	1,270
Bulgaria	1,190
Nigeria	1,190
Ghana	1,130

By nationality, in 2008/09 Enfield had the 4th highest numbers of the 32 London boroughs for those from Poland and Bulgaria.

NHS 'Flag 4s'

Within London, Enfield ranked 4th out of the 32 London boroughs for the rate of change in registrations between mid-2004 – mid-2005 and mid-2007 – mid-2008, after Waltham Forest, Redbridge and Sutton. That change was an increase of 22.6%. The England increase was 12.9%.

Mapping

The most detailed geographic mapping that can be done is by use of the School Census data. In doing so it should be borne in mind that the school age population has a higher proportion of Black and minority ethnic groups than in the population as a whole. Again, this is to remind that care must be taken in choosing a source that is suited to the requirement in hand. As an example of mapping the School Census, the Appendix shows the distribution of non White British pupils resident in Enfield and attending Enfield schools.

A guide to the distribution of a number of ethnic groups in London can be obtained from the [London Profiler](#) website – upon opening the site, choose the top right hand button labelled 'Multicultural Atlas of London' and allow time for the graphics to load. Then choose one of the ethnic groups offered in the selection box below the key. Note that the data used is from the electoral registers from 2001-2006 and so only relates to the adult population eligible (and registered) to vote.

How to find out more

The associated websites for each data source should be the first port of call. The Council estimates are published on the [Enfield Observatory](#). Relevant material can be found on the General theme page and within the General folder in Facts & Stats. The Observatory is maintained by Council staff who can advise on what is possible and who to go to for custom analysis – please email Observatory@enfield.gov.uk

Those outside the Council who are interested in obtaining the Mosaic Origins estimates should contact [Experian](#).

National Insurance numbers issued to foreign nationals can be obtained from the [DWP Tab Tool](#).

APPENDIX – MAP OF NON WHITE BRITISH SCHOOL PUPILS, JANUARY 2009

