

# Equalities Profile

## Gypsies, Roma and Irish Travellers living in Bristol

### 1.0 Population in Bristol

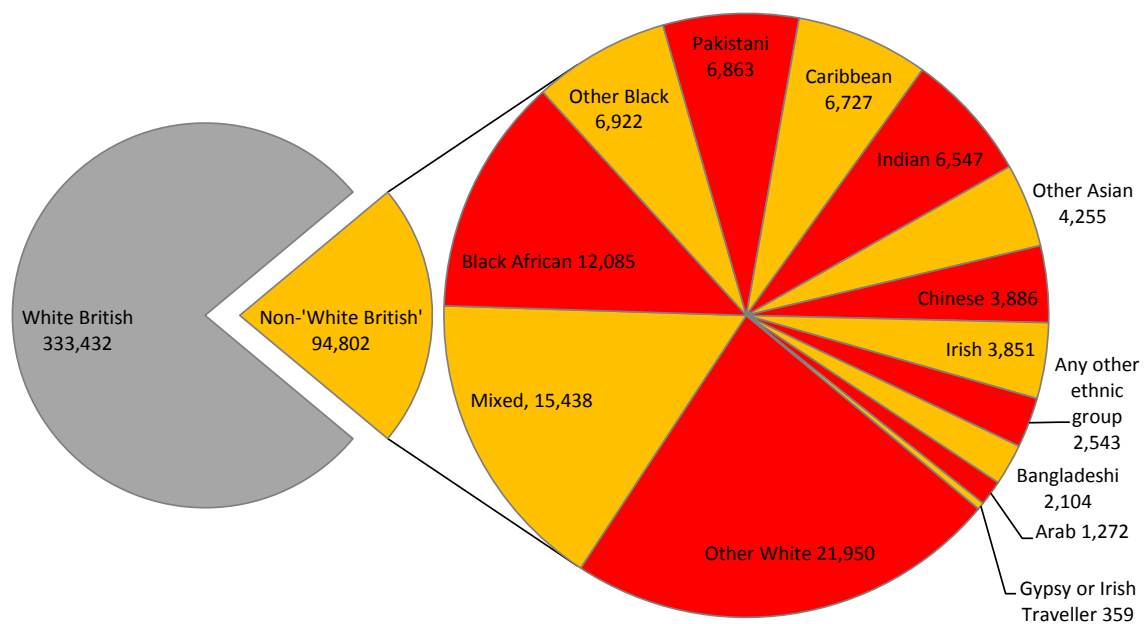
For the first time 'Gypsy or Irish Traveller' was included as a tick box on the 2011 Census ethnic group question. Results show that there were 359 people stating their ethnic group as Gypsy or Irish traveller usually resident in Bristol in 2011. Gypsy or Irish travellers account for 0.1% of the total population of Bristol, this is the same proportion as in the whole of England and Wales.

The Census can tell us where the Gypsy or Irish traveller population living in Bristol were born. The majority (69%) of Gypsy or Irish travellers were born in the UK, 4% were born in Ireland and 26% were born in other parts of Europe.

Persons included in the census results presented here are those people usually resident in the UK. This includes students and school boarders at their term time address and long-term migrants (i.e. coming to UK for more than a year).

**Figure 1: Population by ethnic group in Bristol**

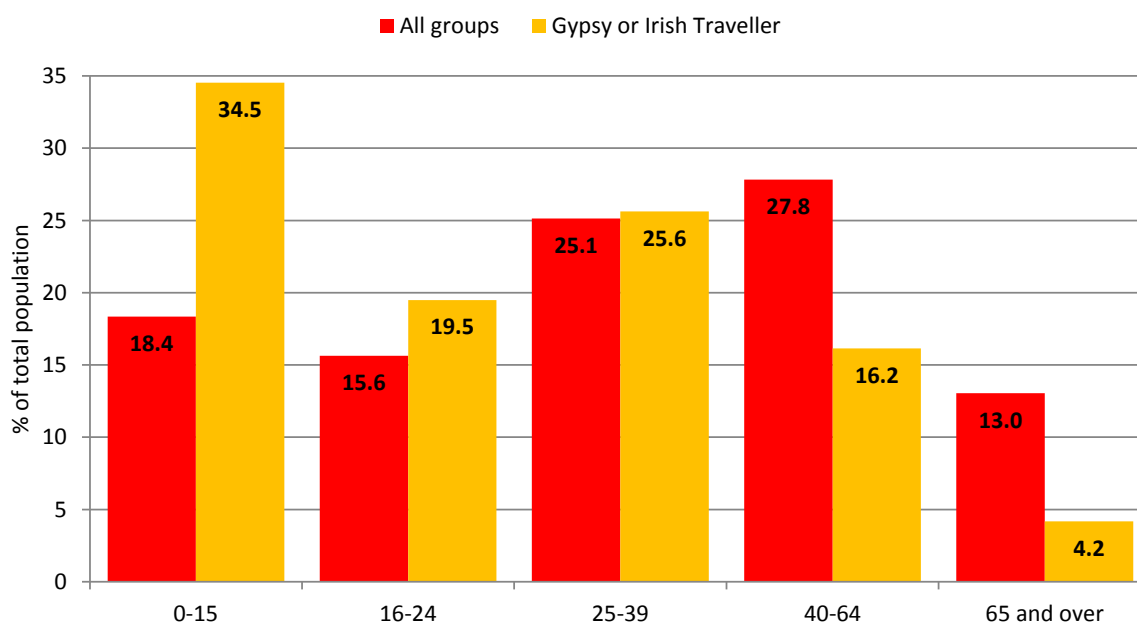
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## 2.0 Characteristics

**Figure 3: Gypsy or Irish Traveller population by age group**

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	All groups		Gypsy or Irish Traveller	
		%		%
<b>Sex</b>				
Total population	428,234	100.0	359	100.0
Total males	213,071	49.8	195	54.3
Total females	215,163	50.2	164	45.7
<b>Age</b>				
Age 0-15	78,581	18.4	124	34.5
Age 16-24	67,004	15.6	70	19.5
Age 25-39	107,605	25.1	92	25.6
Age 40-64	119,172	27.8	58	16.2
Aged 65 and over	55,872	13.0	15	4.2
<b>Religion</b>				
All usual residents	428,234	100.0	359	100.0
Christian	200,254	46.8	199	55.4
Buddhist	2,549	0.6	5	1.4
Hindu	2,712	0.6	1	0.3
Jewish	777	0.2	8	2.2
Muslim	22,016	5.1	2	0.6
Sikh	2,133	0.5	1	0.3
Other religion	2,793	0.7	11	3.1
No religion	160,218	37.4	85	23.7
Religion not stated	34,782	8.1	47	13.1

The age profile of the Gypsy or Irish traveller population living in Bristol is younger than that of the population as a whole – 80% of the population are under 40 compared to 59% in the population as a whole. In particular there is a large proportion of children - more than a third (34.5%) of Gypsy or Irish travellers are children compared to the Bristol average (18.4%). Less than 5% of Gypsy or Irish travellers are aged 65 and over compared to 13% of the total population.

In terms of religion, more than half (55.4%) of Gypsy or Irish travellers are Christian and 23.7% stated that they have no religion.

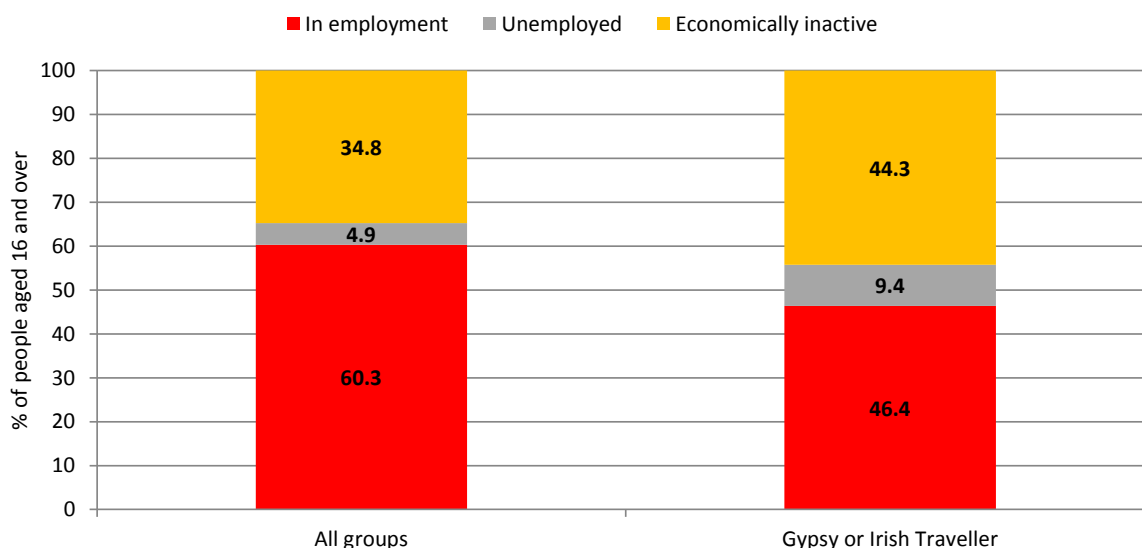
### 3.0 Work

#### Economic activity

Economic activity levels are much lower for the Gypsy or Irish traveller population than for the population as a whole. Just over half (56%) of Gypsy or Irish travellers aged 16 and over are economically active (ie either in employment or unemployed but looking for work) compared to the Bristol average of 65.2%. Consequently economic inactivity levels are much higher with 44% of Gypsy or Irish travellers economically inactive (Bristol average 34.8%). The economically inactive include higher than average proportions of people looking after the home or family (10.2%) and long-term sick or disabled (10.2%).

**Figure 4: Economic activity**

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	All groups	%	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	%
<b>Economic activity</b>				
All people aged 16 and over	349,653	100.0	235	100.0
Economically active aged 16 and over	228,078	65.2	131	55.7
In employment: Total	210,925	60.3	109	46.4
In employment: Part-time	43,368	12.4	24	10.2
In employment: Full-time	128,128	36.6	44	18.7
In employment: Self-employed	27,341	7.8	30	12.8
In employment: Full-time students	12,088	3.5	11	4.7
Unemployed	17,153	4.9	22	9.4
Economically inactive: Total	121,575	34.8	104	44.3
Retired	57,436	16.4	10	4.3
Student (including full-time students)	28,990	8.3	22	9.4
Looking after home or family	12,612	3.6	24	10.2
Long-term sick or disabled	14,505	4.1	24	10.2
Other	8,032	2.3	24	10.2

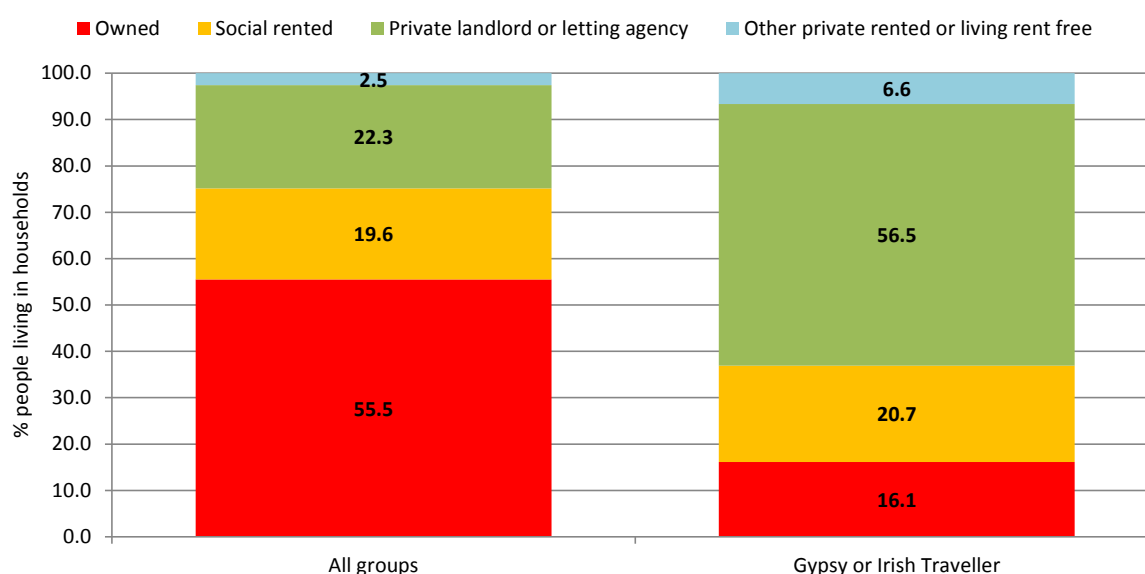
## 4.0 Housing

Like the population as a whole, the majority of Gypsy or Irish travellers (64.8%) live in houses rather than flats or temporary accommodation. However the proportion living in flats or temporary accommodation (35.2%) is much higher than in the population as a whole (25.8%).

Most Gypsy or Irish travellers (56.5%) rent privately from a private landlord or letting agency, a much higher proportion than in the population as a whole (22.3%). Just 16.1% own their own home which is much lower than the city average of 55.5%.

**Figure 5: Tenure**

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	All groups	%	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	%
<b>Accommodation type</b>				
All usual residents in households	418,814	100.0	347	100.0
House	310,564	74.2	225	64.8
Flat, maisonette or apartment, or mobile/temporary accommodation	108,250	25.8	122	35.2
<b>Tenure</b>				
All Tenures	418,814	100.0	347	100.0
Owned	232,470	55.5	56	16.1
Social rented	82,201	19.6	72	20.7
Private landlord or letting agency	93,466	22.3	196	56.5
Other private rented or living rent free	10,677	2.5	23	6.6
<b>Car availability</b>				
All usual residents in households	418,814	100.0	347	100.0
No cars or vans in household	93,059	22.2	137	39.5
1 car or van in household	179,782	42.9	144	41.5
2 or more cars or vans in household	145,973	34.9	66	19.0
<b>Overcrowding</b>				
All usual residents	418,814	100.0	347	100.0
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of +2 or more	103,450	24.7	36	10.4
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of +1	134,295	32.1	58	16.7
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of 0	141,387	33.8	126	36.3
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of -1 or less	39,682	9.5	127	36.6

Occupancy ratings provide a measure of whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded or under occupied. An occupancy rating of -1 implies that a household has one fewer bedrooms than required, whereas +1 implies that they have one more room/bedroom than the standard requirement. Overcrowding is an issue for the Gypsy or Irish traveller population with more than a third (36.6%) of Gypsy or Irish travellers living in households with fewer bedrooms than required compared to the Bristol average of 9.5% of people.

Car ownership levels are much lower than the city average with 39.5% of households not having access to a car.

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