

# Knowing our Community

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The following publication shows some of the information which the Council continues to gather and analyse on a regular basis to ensure that the Council knows and understands the constantly changing community. It is also used when implementing and making decisions on new policies and procedures across the Council's functions.

## 2 Hertfordshire Local Information System

- 2.1 The Hertfordshire Local Information System - HertsLIS - website, formerly known as the Hertfordshire Observatory, enables access to a wide range of data, information and intelligence relating to the county of Hertfordshire. Content includes economic development, community safety strategies, community and corporate plans, area profiles, socio-economic data, demographic data, crime and policing statistics and much more.

## 3 Community Profiles

- 3.1 The purpose of the [Community Profiles](#) is to develop a deeper understanding of the community and their needs by conducting ward and district profiling using detailed information. The snapshot has helped to improve our customer focus and awareness of and involvement in access to services, giving a better basis for which to design services and add value through working in partnership. The community profiles also help to keep the Council and its key partners well informed based upon up-to-date knowledge about the Borough.

## 3 Summary Information of the Protected Characteristics

### 3.1 Race / Ethnicity

75.75% of the population are white British (2011)

2.13% of population are white Irish (2011)

7.02% of population are white other (2009)

3.9% of population are Afro Caribbean (2011)

2.62% of population are mixed race (2011)

7.39% of population are Asian (2011)

1.02% of population are Chinese/other (2011)

- The White British population of Hertsmere has declined from 81,383 persons in 2001 to 75,750 persons in 2011. Its proportion of the total population has decreased from 86.2% in 2001 to 75.75% in 2011.
- The White Irish population of Hertsmere has slightly increased from 2,070 persons in 2001 to 2,130 person in 2011. Its proportion of the total population has increased slightly from 2.2% in 2001 to 2.13% in 2011.

- The White Other population of Hertsmere has increased from 3,924 persons in 2001 to 7,029 persons in 2011. Its proportion of the total population has increased from 4.2% in 2001 to 7.03 in 2011.
- The Asian population of Hertsmere more than doubled in size between 2001 and 2009, rising from 3,136 persons to 7393 persons in 2011. Its proportion of the total population has increased from 3.3% in 2001 to 7.4% in 2011.
- The Afro Caribbean population of Hertsmere has also more than doubled in size between 2001 and 2011, rising from 1,325 persons to 3,927 persons. Its proportion of the total population has increased from 1.4% to 3.9%

| <b>Numbers and percentages of ethnic groups in Hertsmere, 2011 and 2001</b> |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                                             | <b>2011</b> | <b>2001</b> |
| Total Population                                                            | 100,031     | 94,450      |
| White British – number of people                                            | 75,750      | 81,383      |
| White British – percentage of total population                              | 75.75%      | 86.2%       |
| White Irish – number of people                                              | 2,130       | 2,070       |
| White Irish – percentage of total population                                | 2.13%       | 2.2%        |
| White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller                                             | 154         | /           |
| White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller                                             | 0.15%       | /           |
| White other – number of people                                              | 7,029       | 3,924       |
| White Other – percentage of total population                                | 7.02%       | 4.2%        |
| Mixed Race – number of people                                               | 2,619       | 1,465       |
| Mixed Race – percentage of total population                                 | 2.62%       | 1.6%        |
| Asian - number of people                                                    | 7,393       | 3,136       |
| Asian – percentage of total population                                      | 7.39%       | 3.3%        |
| Afro-Caribbean - number of people                                           | 3,927       | 1,325       |
| Afro-Caribbean - percentage of total population                             | 3.9%        | 1.4%        |
| Chinese/Other - number of people                                            | 1,029       | 1,147       |
| Chinese/Other – percentage of total population                              | 1.02%       | 1.2%        |

### 3.2 Age

| All ages    | Census 2011 |               | Mid Year 2012 Estimates |               |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|             | Hertsmere   | Hertfordshire | Hertsmere               | Hertfordshire |
| 0-4         | 6,707       | 74,066        | 6,900                   | 76,600        |
| 5-9         | 5,969       | 66,356        | 6,200                   | 68,800        |
| 10-14       | 6,212       | 68,824        | 6,100                   | 67,770        |
| 15-19       | 6,117       | 69,061        | 6,200                   | 69,100        |
| 20-24       | 5,869       | 65,230        | 5,800                   | 64,200        |
| 25-29       | 6,099       | 69,805        | 6,100                   | 69,800        |
| 30-34       | 6,309       | 74,806        | 6,300                   | 77,000        |
| 35-39       | 6,908       | 80,330        | 6,600                   | 78,600        |
| 40-44       | 7,466       | 86,627        | 7,400                   | 86,100        |
| 45-49       | 7,899       | 87,689        | 7,800                   | 88,600        |
| 50-54       | 6,690       | 74,558        | 6,900                   | 77,600        |
| 55-59       | 5,680       | 62,307        | 5,800                   | 64,300        |
| 60-64       | 5,778       | 62,479        | 5,400                   | 58,900        |
| 65-69       | 4,475       | 47,985        | 5,100                   | 54,300        |
| 70-74       | 3,523       | 39,605        | 3,500                   | 38,900        |
| 75-79       | 3,096       | 34,818        | 3,100                   | 35,200        |
| 80-84       | 2,578       | 26,430        | 2,600                   | 27,400        |
| 85-89       | 1,748       | 16,520        | 1,700                   | 16,700        |
| 90 and over | 908         | 8,557         | 1,000                   | 9,400         |

Source: Census 2011 and

<http://atlas.herts.gov.uk/IAS/profiles/profile?profileId=319&geoType=15&geoids=26UE>

- 3.3 The breakdown by ward of resident population shows that Potters Bar Parkfield has the highest number of residents in the age range 60-90+ at 2,527. Borehamwood Hillside has the highest number of residents in the age range 0-59 at 8,135.

| Age composition of Ethnic Groups, 2009 |                |                 |               |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                                        | 0-15 years old | 16-64 years old | 65+ years old |
| Total population - numbers             | 20,000         | 60,100          | 18,800        |
| Total population – percentage          | 20.2%          | 60.8%           | 19.0%         |
| White British – numbers                | 15,400         | 45,200          | 16,300        |
| White British – percentage             | 20.0%          | 58.8%           | 21.2%         |
| White Irish – numbers                  | 100            | 1,100           | 700           |

|                             |       |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| White Irish – percentage    | 5.3%  | 57.9% | 36.8% |
| White Other - numbers       | 800   | 4,000 | 700   |
| White Other – percentage    | 14.6% | 72.7% | 12.7% |
| Mixed Race - numbers        | 1,200 | 1,200 | 100   |
| Mixed Race - percentage     | 48.0% | 48.0% | 4.0%  |
| Asian - numbers             | 1,300 | 4,900 | 600   |
| Asian - percentage          | 19.1% | 72.1% | 8.8%  |
| Afro-Caribbean – numbers    | 800   | 2,400 | 200   |
| Afro-Caribbean - percentage | 23.5% | 70.5% | 5.9%  |
| Chinese/Other - numbers     | 300   | 1,400 | 200   |
| Chinese/Other - percentage  | 15.8% | 73.7% | 10.5% |

This will be updated once the Census 2011 information is published.

### 3.4 Disability

Information from Department of Work and Pensions shows of those who are in the working age client group and live in Hertsmere 530 people are claiming disability allowance and 2,760 people are claiming incapacity benefits. Click [here](#) for more information.

### 3.5 Gender – 2011 Census

48.28% of the population are male - 48,290 males  
51.72% of the population are female - 51,741 females

### 3.6 Religion or belief

| Religion  | 2011 Census | 2001 Census |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Christian | 51.71%      | 63.04%      |
| Jewish    | 14.29%      | 11.34%      |
| Hindu     | 3.17%       | 2.00%       |
| Muslim    | 2.40%       | 1.34%       |

The 2011 Census states that:

- 63.04 of the Hertsmere population state their religion as Christian
- 11.34% of the Hertsmere population state their religion as Jewish
- 2.00% of the Hertsmere population state their religion as Hindu
- 1.34% of the Hertsmere population state their religion as Muslim

3.7 Hertsmere works closely with the Forum of Faiths which is made up of representatives from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu faiths. Hertsmere supports an annual Forum of Faiths event to heighten understanding and bring different religious groups together. This event is open to staff, Councillors and local community groups.

3.8 Hertsmere Borough Council Planning Department undertook a Faith community audit it 73 Faith Communities were identified. See [Case Study](#) for more information.

## **4 Sexual Orientation**

4.1 Hertfordshire County Council commissioned a [survey](#) to gather information on the views, experiences and needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender<sup>1</sup>

## **5 General Information**

### **5.1 Indices of Multiple Deprivation**

5.2 The [Indices of Multiple Deprivation](#) are compiled by the Office for National Statistics. The indices for 2010 were published in March 2011.

5.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation are designed to identify small area deprivation and so assist in the development of more targeted policies and more informed funding allocation. Indices of Multiple Deprivation are assessed and published every three years.

## **6 Health Profiles**

6.1 This [profile](#) gives a picture of health in this area. It is designed to help local government and health services understand their community's needs, so that they can work to improve people's health and reduce health inequalities.

6.2 The [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#) also provides valuable information on Health and wellbeing and the wider Community.

6.3 Hertsmere Leisure also provides a useful insight into service users using the leisure facilities helping to design services for local residents.

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<sup>1</sup> Transgender refers to a diverse and inclusive community of people ranging from part time cross dressers to transsexual people who undergo gender reassignment surgery. It is an umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or gender expression are those not traditionally associated with their birth sex.

#### **6.4 Citizen Advice Bureau**

- 6.5 The [Client Profiles](#) collected by the Citizen Advice Bureau are particularly useful in understanding who is seeking advice on various issues including debt, housing and employment. These are collected quarterly by the CAB in Hertsmere and shared with Hertsmere Borough Council at monitoring meetings helping to shape services and understand the changing community.