

Ethnicity profiles for Somerset

Introduction

The majority of Somerset residents are 'White British', that is, White: English, Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish.

At the time of the 2011 Census there were 28,414 Somerset residents whose ethnicity was not White British, equating to 5.4% of the county's overall population.

This document provides profiles for each of the main ethnic groups, as identified in the 2011 Census:

- White: Irish
- White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- White: Other White
- Asian / Asian British
- Mixed / multiple ethnic group
- Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

The profiles give a snapshot of Somerset's population as of Census Day, 28 March 2011.

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Ethnicity Profile

White: Irish

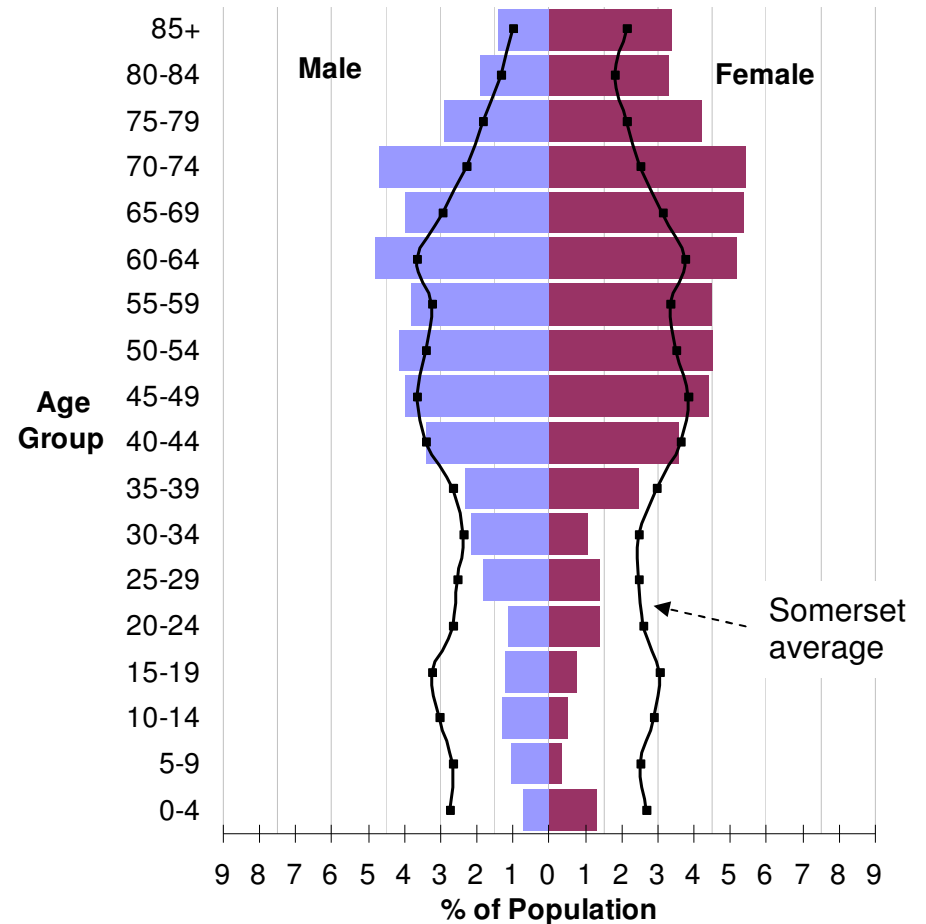
Summary

- There were 2,257 White Irish residents at the time of the 2011 Census, representing 0.4% of the population.
- Around 7 out of 10 were born outside the UK. The majority arrived as children or young adults.
- The population is well established, and is dispersed throughout the county, with a relatively high proportion in rural areas.
- The overall age profile is older in comparison to the county average, with relatively few people aged under 25.
- More than three-quarters (75.6%) are Christian.

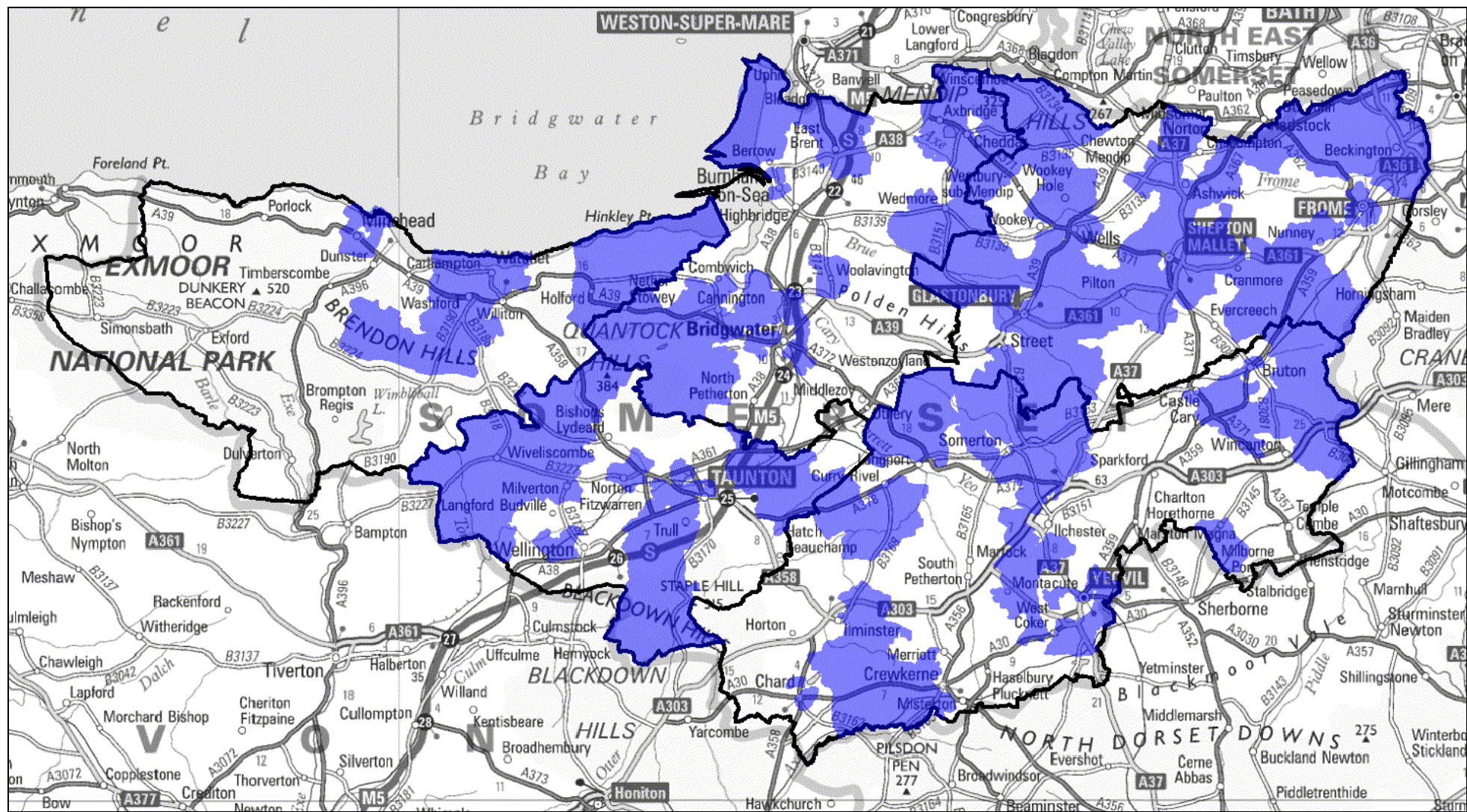
Areas with highest concentrations of people of White: Irish ethnicity

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Kilmersdon and Stratton-on-the-Fosse	23	1.5%
Wells North East	17	1.3%
Burnham Esplanade South	21	1.3%
Glastonbury West	18	1.2%
Aller and High Ham	19	1.2%
Williton South	18	1.2%
Taunton East Reach	18	1.1%

Age / Gender Profile



Map showing areas with above average concentrations of White Irish residents
(relative to the Somerset average)



- Areas coloured blue are Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in which more than 0.4% of the population are White Irish

Ethnicity Profile

White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller

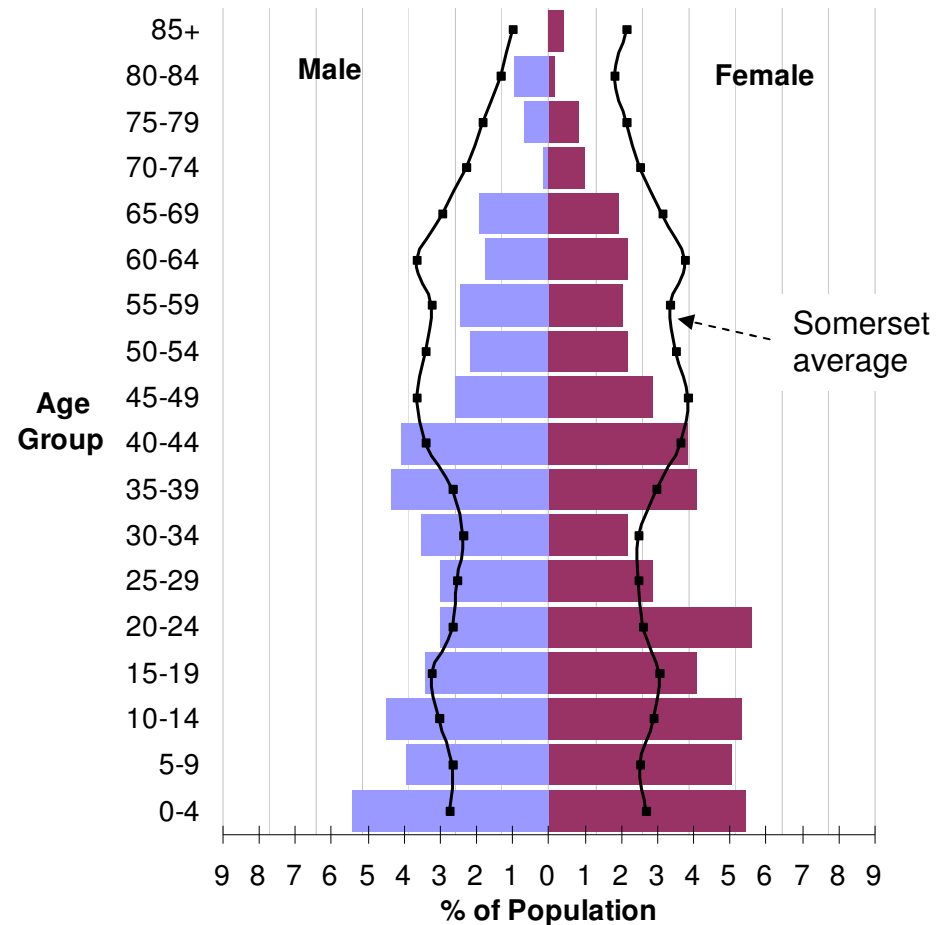
Summary

- The 2011 Census was the first to include 'Gypsy or Irish Traveller' as a distinct ethnic group.
- A total of 733 residents were recorded, equating to 0.1% of the overall Somerset population.
- The great majority (97%) were born within the UK.
- The age profile is younger than the county average, with comparatively few people aged over 45.
- The main population centres are areas with established Gypsy and Irish Traveller sites, e.g., Berkley (near Frome) and Tintinhull (near Ilminster).
- Frome town also has a notable local population.
- This is a snapshot in time: by their nature, some gypsy and Irish travellers live transient lifestyles.

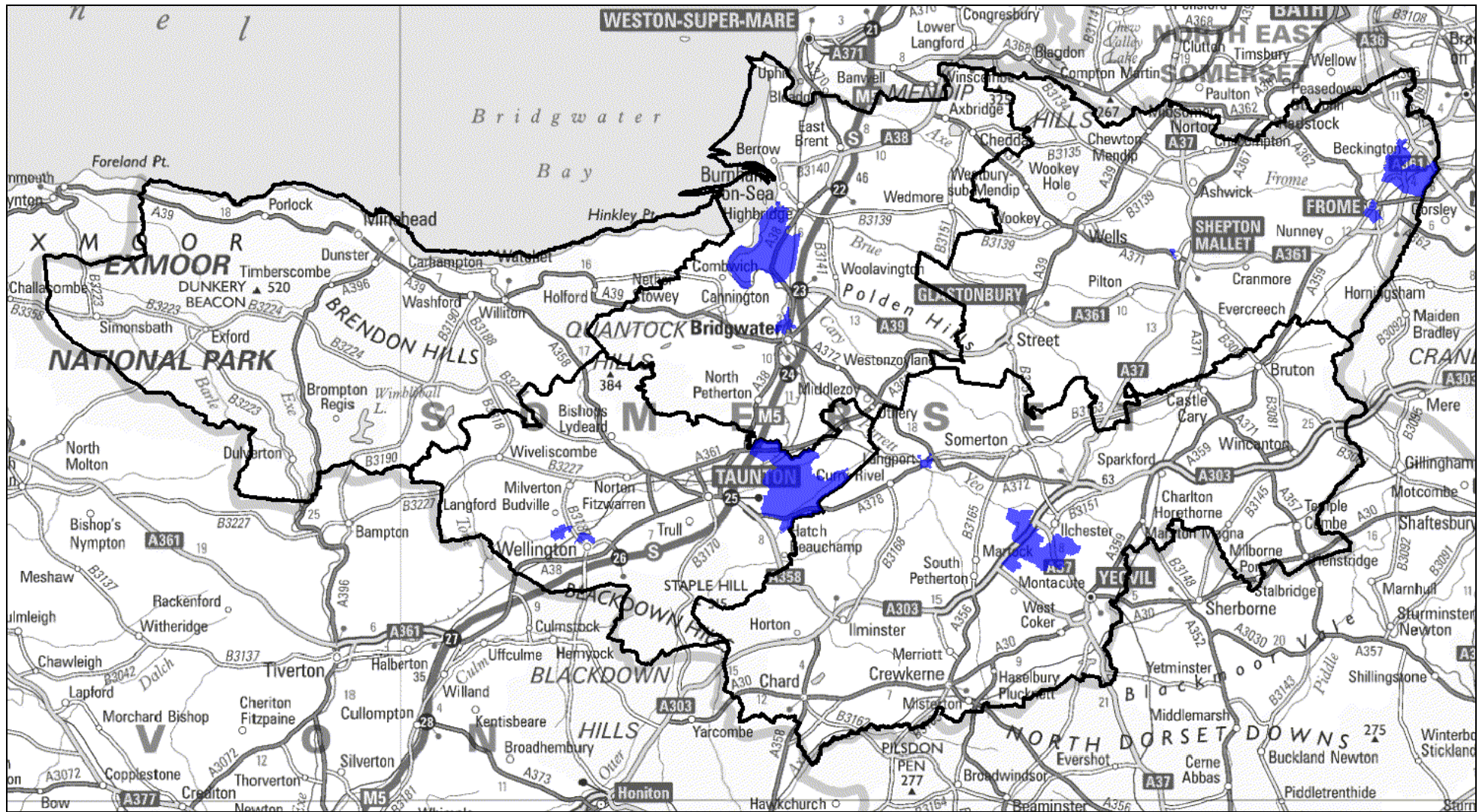
Areas with highest concentrations of people of White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller ethnicity

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Beckington and Berkley	29	2.4%
Tintinhull	14	1.2%
Frome Keyford North / Market South	16	1.0%
Frome The Butts and Lower Keyford	13	0.9%
Frome The Mount	13	0.9%
Shepton Mallet North	13	0.9%

Age / Gender Profile



Map showing areas with higher concentrations of White Gypsy or Irish Travellers



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- Areas coloured blue are LSOAs where more than 0.5% of the population are White Gypsy or Irish Travellers

Ethnicity Profile

White: Other White

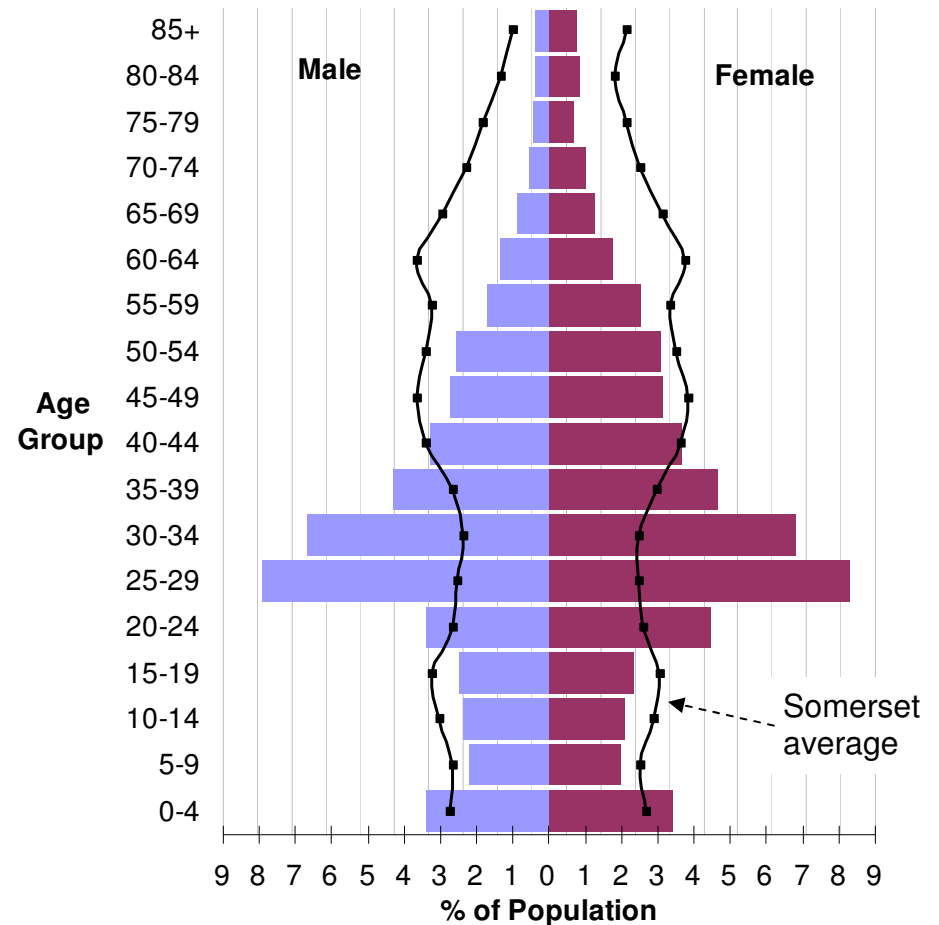
Summary

- 'White: Other' relates to people who are White and not 'British', 'Irish' or 'Gypsy or Irish Traveller'.
- It is the second largest ethnic group in Somerset, after 'White: British'
- There were 14,707 'White: Other' residents at the time of the 2011 Census, representing 2.8% of the population.
- Most were born in Europe, the majority in Eastern Europe.
- Poland is the major country of birth, equating to 5,287 of the 8,171 East European-born residents.
- Significant pockets exist in parts of Shepton Mallet, Yeovil, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead and Chard.
- The age profile is younger than the Somerset average, with a high proportion aged 25-34, linked to young migrant workers.

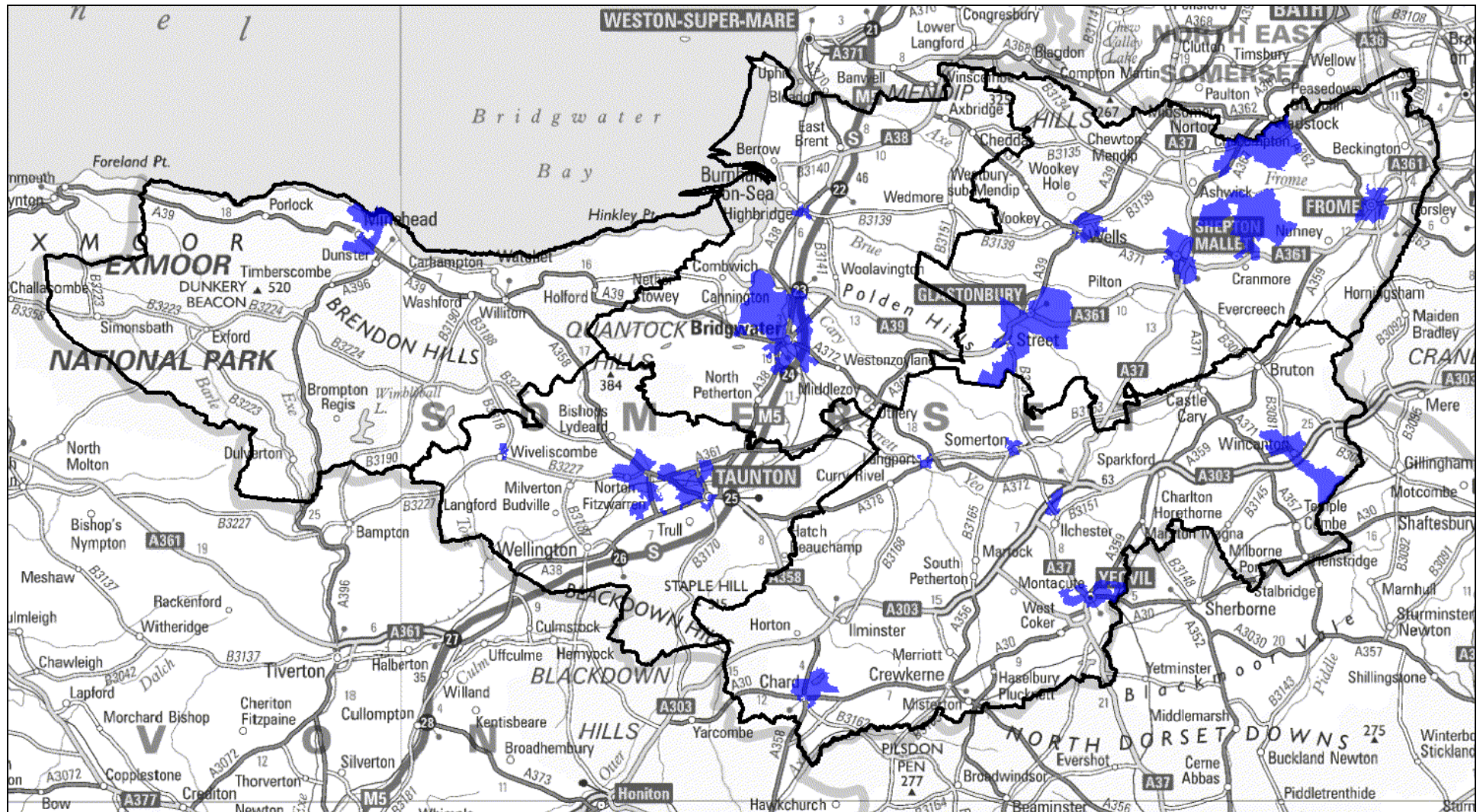
Areas with highest concentrations of 'White: Other' residents

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Shepton Mallet North	286	20.2%
Minehead Alcombe East	312	15.5%
Yeovil Town Centre	266	14.5%
Taunton Priory Bridge Road	298	12.7%
Bridgwater Eastover Central	176	11.1%
Yeovil Crofton Park	161	10.5%
Yeovil Sherborne Road	155	10.5%
Taunton East Reach	171	10.3%
Bridgwater Homberg Way	134	9.9%
Bridgwater Eastover South	146	9.0%

Age / Gender Profile



Map showing areas with above average concentrations of 'White: Other' residents
(relative to the Somerset average)



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Ethnicity Profile

Asian / Asian British

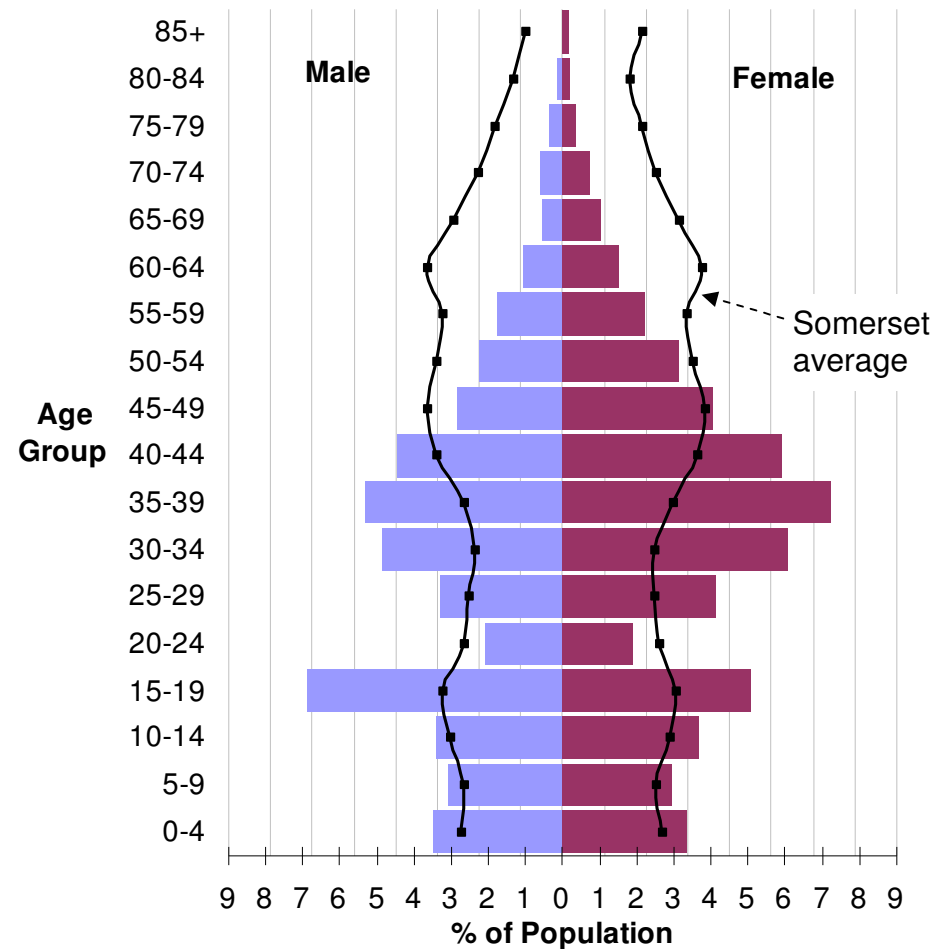
Summary

- There were 4,873 residents at the time of the 2011 Census, representing 0.9% of the population.
- Around 8 out of 10 were born outside the UK. Half arrived in the UK as children or young adults (aged under 25).
- Asian ethnicity comprises Indian, Pakistani, Bangladesh, Chinese and 'Other Asian'.
- 'Other Asian' is the largest sub-group (39%), followed by Chinese (26%) and Indian (22%). People born in the Philippines form a key part of the 'Other Asian' category.
- The population is concentrated in urban communities, most notably in areas of Taunton and Yeovil.
- People of student age and working age (particularly 25-44) form the main demographic, with relatively few over 65s.
- Christian is the most common religion (40%), followed by Muslim (15%) and Buddhist (10%).

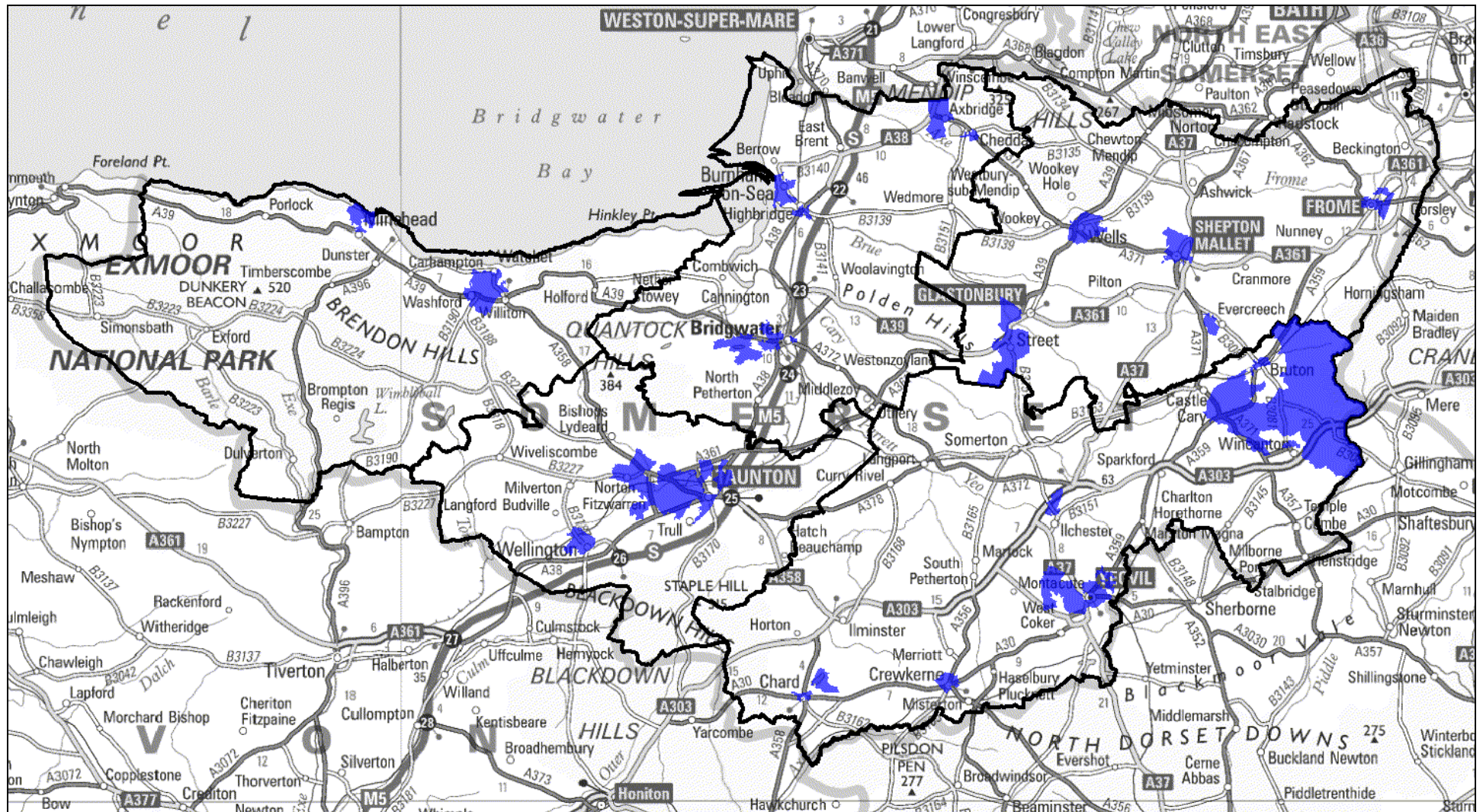
Areas with highest concentrations of Asian residents

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Taunton Comeytrowe East	129	9.4%
Yeovil Crofton Park	112	7.3%
Yeovil Goldcroft	107	6.8%
Taunton Staplegrove East	87	5.3%
Taunton Town Centre	85	5.0%
Taunton Parkfield	77	4.5%
Taunton Priory Road	102	4.3%
Yeovil Milford Road West	57	4.1%
Yeovil Town Centre	71	3.9%
Taunton Comeytrowe South	52	3.7%

Age / Gender Profile



Map showing areas with above average concentrations of Asian residents
(relative to the Somerset average)



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Ethnicity Profile

Mixed / multiple ethnic group

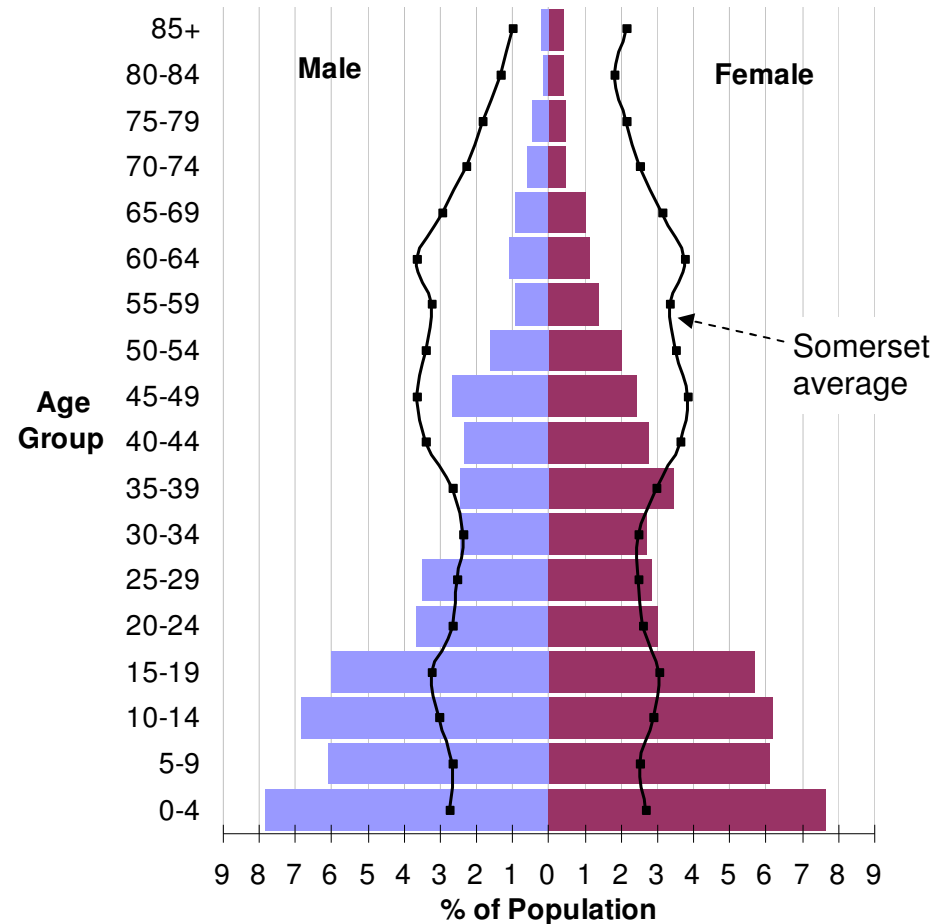
Summary

- Mixed ethnicity comprises 'White and Black Caribbean', 'White and Black African', 'White and Asian' and 'Other'
- There were 4,241 residents at the time of the 2011 Census, representing 0.8% of the population.
- The largest sub-group is 'White and Black Asian' (33%), followed by White and Black Caribbean (28%).
- The age profile is young compared to the Somerset average, with more than half of people aged under 20.
- Frome, Glastonbury and Taunton are some of the main population centres, although the populace is widely dispersed.
- The highest individual concentrations are in two areas noted for large communal establishments: 40 Commando at Norton Fitzwarren and Milfield School in Street.

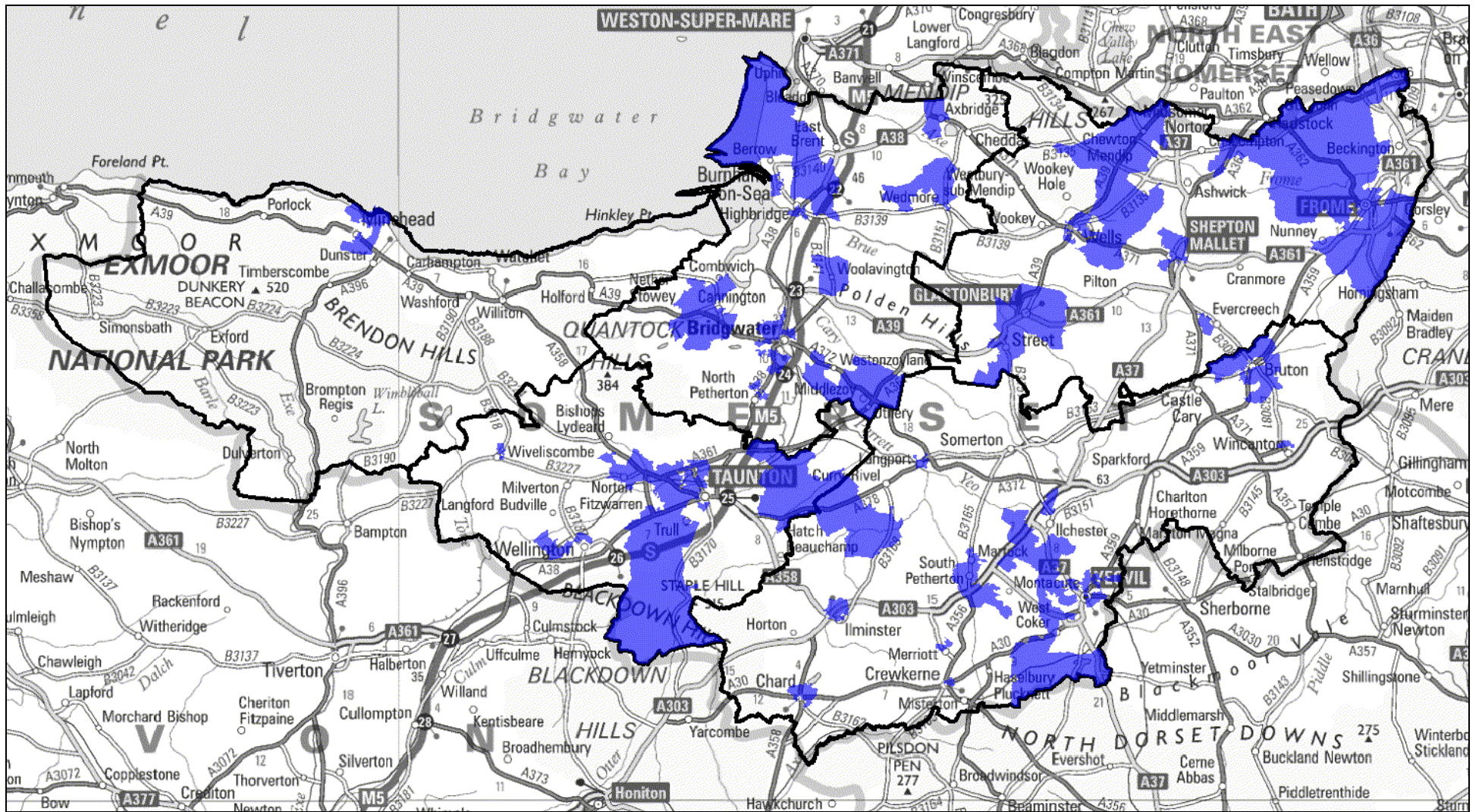
Areas with highest concentrations of Mixed residents

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Norton Fitzwarren West	50	2.7%
Street South East	46	2.2%
Frome Trinity, Cork Street and Nunney Road	29	1.9%
Glastonbury North	39	1.8%
Wyke and Redlynch	26	1.7%
Taunton Priory Bridge Road	40	1.7%
Frome The Butts and Lower Keyford	23	1.7%

Age / Gender Profile



**Map showing areas with above average concentrations of Mixed residents
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Ethnicity Profile

Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

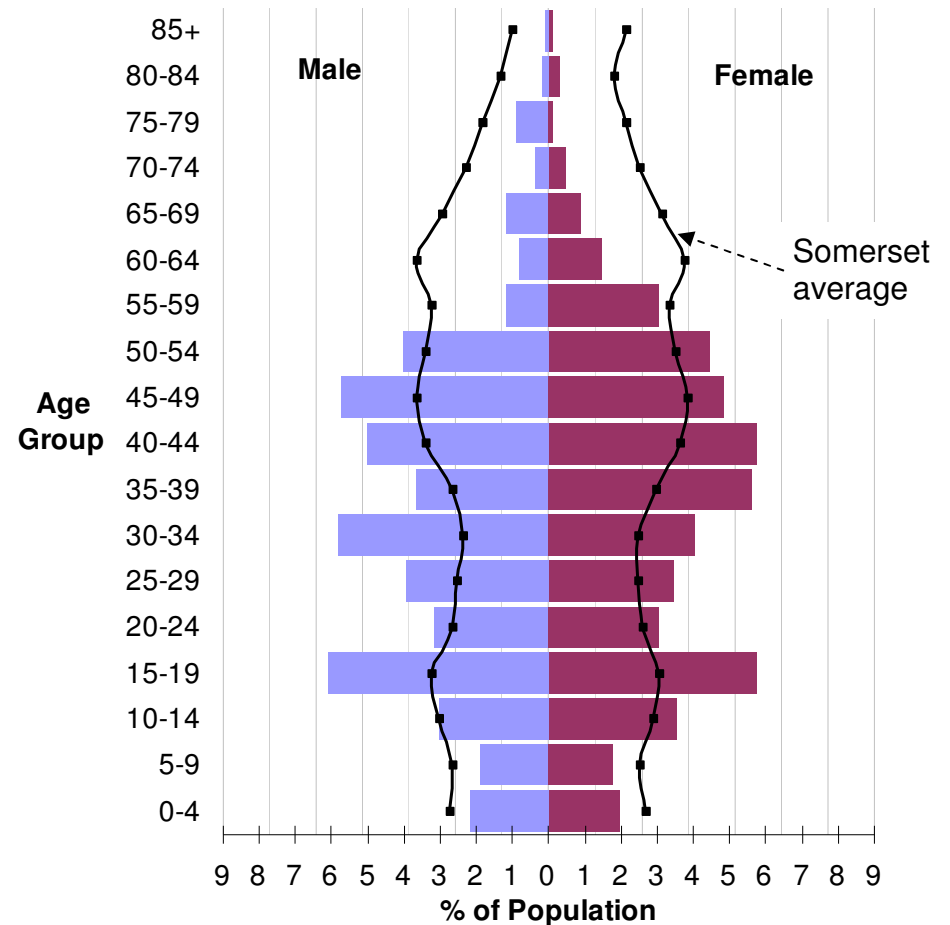
Summary

- There were 1,013 residents at the time of the 2011 Census, representing 0.2% of the population.
- Around 7 out of 10 were born outside the UK. Half arrived as children or young adults.
- The majority (60%) are Black Caribbean. 29% are Black African.
- The population is widely dispersed, although predominately in and around town centres.
- People of student and working age form the main population demographic.
- There are relatively few people aged over 65.
- More than three-quarters (77%) are Christian, with Muslim the next most common religion (5%).

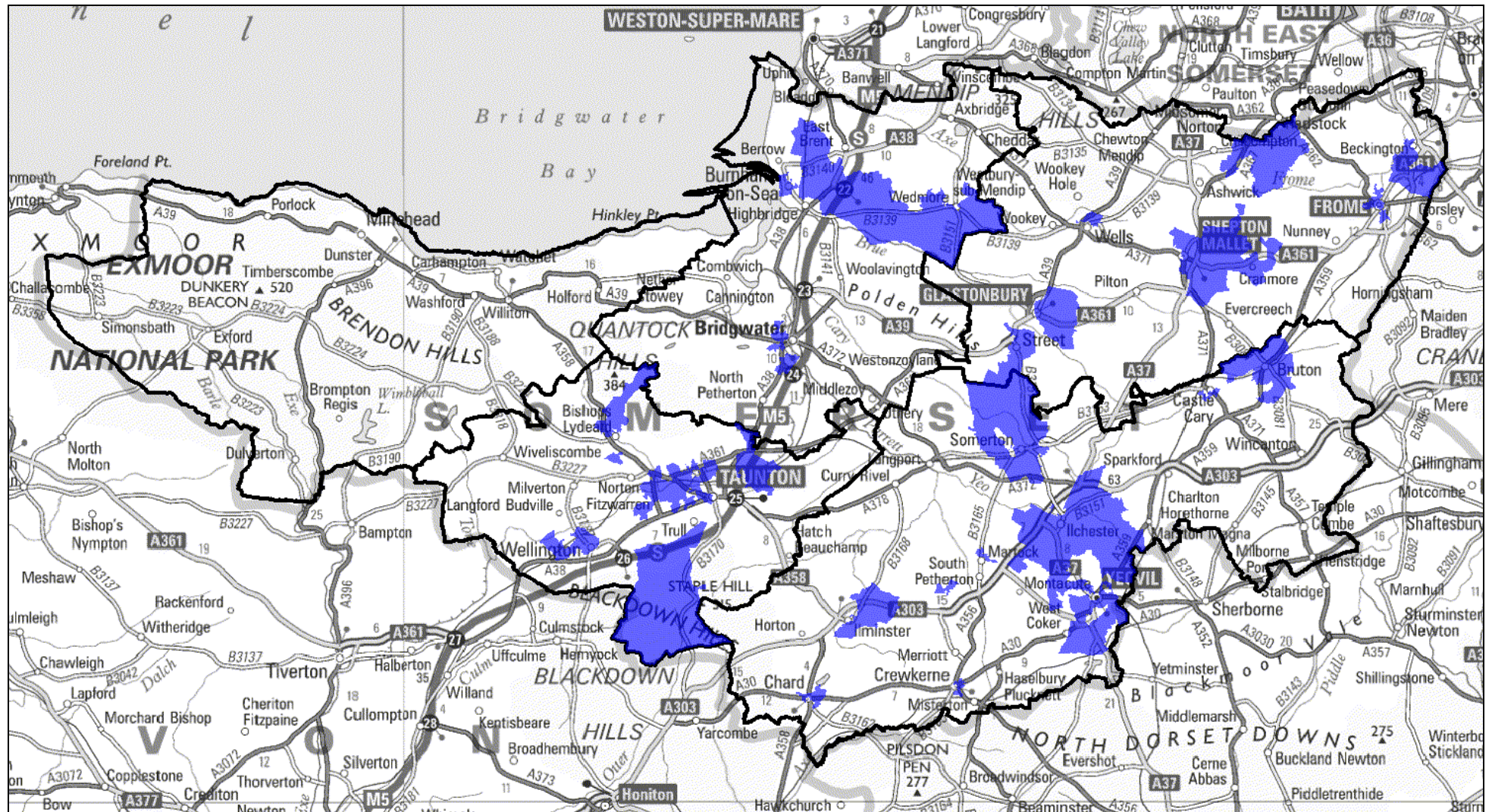
Areas with highest concentrations of Black residents

LSOA description	Number of residents	% of local population
Taunton Staplegrove East	23	1.4%
Street South East	21	1.0%
Frome Keyford North/Market South	16	1.0%
Taunton East Reach	13	0.8%
Yeovil Crofton Park	10	0.7%
Taunton Parkfield	12	0.7%
Yeovil Town Centre	13	0.7%
Street Hindhayes/Leigh Road	9	0.7%
Wyke and Redlynch	11	0.7%

Age / Gender Profile



Map showing areas with above average concentrations of Black residents
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