

Summary of Kingston Equality Data

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames is home to many diverse communities. This section provides a background on the different groups of residents that live in the borough.

Gender and Age

According to the latest Mid Year Estimate (2013) from the Office of National Statistics (ONS), the population of Kingston is 166,793. 51% of residents in Kingston are female and 49% are male. Kingston has a slightly raised proportion of younger residents aged 0 to 24 (32.2%) when compared to both London (31.6%) and England (30.5%). 54.7% of residents in Kingston are aged between 25 and 64. The proportion of over 65s in Kingston (13.1%) is lower than in England (17.3%) but higher than in London (11.4%).

Ethnicity

In line with London and England, the majority of Kingston's residents are from a White ethnic background (74.5% as of 2011). However, Kingston's BAME population (25.4%) is 14.8 percentage points lower than across London, but 10.8 percentage points higher than in England. The only broad BAME group in Kingston that departs from this pattern is the Black/African/Caribbean/Black British group (2.5%), for which the proportion of residents is lower than in both London and England. The proportions of other broad BAME groups in Kingston are: Asian/Asian British (16.3%), Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups (3.9%), and other ethnic groups (2.7%). The three largest BAME subgroups in Kingston are Indian or British Indian (15.5%), Sri Lankan (9.8%) and Korean (8.3%).

Religion or Beliefs

According to the 2011 Census, the proportion of Kingston residents who have no religion (25.7%) is higher than across London (20.7%) and England (24.7%). The majority of Kingston's residents are Christian (52.9%), followed by Muslim (5.9%) and Hindu (4.7%). Other stated religions included Buddhist (1.1%), Sikh (0.8%) and Jewish (0.5%).

Marital/Civil Partnership

In line with national trends, a larger proportion of Kingston's residents (aged 16 and over) are married (46.0% as of 2011) than single (39.4%). However, this trend is reversed in London. 0.3% of Kingston's population are in registered same-sex civil partnerships. 14.4% are separated, divorced or formerly in a now legally dissolved same-sex civil partnership, or widowed or are surviving partners from a same-sex civil partnership.

Disability

Data from the 2011 Census shows that 12.4% of residents in Kingston are limited either "a little" or "a lot" in day-to-day activities due to a long term health condition or disability. This percentage is lower than those for both London (14.2%) and England (17.6%). As of November 2014, 4,416 (2.6%) residents in Kingston were claiming the Care Award of DLA (lower, middle or higher rates) or the

Daily Living Award of PIP (standard or enhanced). 4,098 (2.5%) residents were claiming the Mobility Award of DLA (lower or higher rates) or the Mobility Award of PIP (standard or enhanced).

Sexual Orientation

The Government is using the figure of 5-7% of the population which Stonewall feels is a reasonable estimate. However, there is no hard data on the number of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals in the UK as no national census has ever asked people to define their sexuality.

Pregnancy or Maternity

There were 2775 conceptions in the borough in 2013.

Data Sources: Gender and Age (ONS 2013, cited by GLA 2015), Ethnicity, Religion, Marital/Civil Partnership (Census 2011, cited by Nomis 2015), Disability (Census 2011, cited by Nomis 2015), (DWP 2014, cited by Nomis 2015), (DWP Stat-Xplore 2015), Stonewall.