

## Chapter 3 DEVON – DEMOGRAPHY, DIVERSITY & CHANGE

### **Themes in this chapter**

- Rural distributions of Black and Minority Ethnic demography
- Key features of rural diversity
- Immigration
- Changes in diversity and demography
- Religious diversity

### **Introduction – a quick overview of the Multi-Ethnic Devon demographics presented in this chapter.**

This chapter contains 21 tables presenting data from Census analysis, schools data and the demography of the research sample. It is intended primarily as a statistical resource for the reader, and as evidence to set the background for discussion in the other chapters of this handbook.

The overall picture illustrates that the demography of Devon is a Multi-Ethnic reality, and one with distinctively rural characteristics. Almost no co-ethnic, geographic clusters exist that can be described as communities. The diversity of ethnic origin is immense, reflected in the great variety of places of birth and languages spoken. This diverse population is scattered over the rural landscape, with very few people having co-ethnic friends or family relations in the District they live in. 72% of Devon's Black and Minority Ethnic population live in the rural districts. Many live in remote rural areas and individuals and families are scattered over every single ward in rural Devon. This rural dispersal and diversity of identities means that people have little to draw them in common, and few opportunities of contact or means of seeking out co-ethnic peers. A key character of rural Minority Ethnic demography therefore, is isolation.

The rural Minority Ethnic population is one which is growing and diversifying: In the 10 year period since the 1991 Census, the population increased by 100%. The research also indicates that the number of Mixed Heritage families is also the fastest growing Minority Ethnic group. 80% of schools have Black and Minority Ethnic pupils.

With a growing population of isolated individuals and families, and taking account of the experiences of discrimination described in other chapters of this Handbook, the demography indicates that there is a need for service providers to look closely at both the quantitative and qualitative information in this Handbook, and consider the emerging issues and recommendations.

### **Important notes on the presentation of census statistics**

Original Census 2001 statistics in their original are available on the website of the Office of National Statistics. [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)

The ONS presents the Census statistics for Devon and its Districts as percentages of total population. In the data presentation we have constructed for this handbook, we have taken Census 2001 percentages and translated them into people numbers. The aim of this is to look at Devon's multi-ethnic demography in terms of people rather than as purely statistical concepts.

The population numbers we have calculated therefore, are a good guide to the real numbers (but will be fractionally affected by the fact that the Census percentages are rounded up by the ONS to two decimal places, and by the measures that ONS have taken to protect sensitive data).

We have also compared, as far as is possible, the data from the previous Census (1991) with the present data. The categories under which data about ethnicity is collected, was changed in 2001. So whilst it is possible to make comparisons of the change in total figures of the Black and visibly Minority Ethnic population for each District, it is not possible to make comparisons for any one ethnic category.

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**Table 3.1**

Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)		Devon County				
		%	No.	1991 No.	1991%	01/91 % increase
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	704493	646903	100.00	<b>9</b>
<b>White</b>	British	96.98	683217	643053	99.40	<b>6</b>
	Irish	0.48	3382			
	Other white	1.42	10004			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.12	845			
	White & Black African	0.05	352			
	White & Asian	0.17	1198			
	Other mixed	0.14	986			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.09	634	480	0.07	
	Pakistani	0.03	211	92	0.01	
	Bangladeshi	0.04	282	164	0.03	
	Other Asian	0.06	423	365	0.06	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.04	282	268	0.04	
	African	0.06	423	230	0.04	
	Other Black	0.02	141	341	0.05	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.19	1339	630	0.10	
	Other ethnic group	0.12	845	1280	0.20	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>3.03</b>	<b>21346</b>			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>1.13</b>	<b>7961</b>	<b>3850</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>107</b>

**Table 3.2**

Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)		Rural Districts Combined Total				
		%	No.	1991 No.	1991 %	01/91 % increase
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100.00	593417	548778	100	<b>8</b>
<b>White</b>	British	97.40	578000	546242	99.54	<b>6</b>
	Irish	0.46	2727			
	Other white	1.25	7416			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.11	636			
	White & Black African	0.04	242			
	White & Asian	0.14	852			
	Other mixed	0.11	676			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.06	372	268	0.05	
	Pakistani	0.02	108	55	0.01	
	Bangladeshi	0.03	151	84	0.02	
	Other Asian	0.03	196	216	0.04	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.04	224	217	0.04	
	African	0.04	257	154	0.03	
	Other Black	0.02	114	266	0.05	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.16	951	445	0.08	
	Other ethnic group	0.08	483	831	0.15	

<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>	2.60	15403			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>2536</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>107</b>

**Table 3.3**

<b>Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)</b>		<b>East Devon</b>				
		<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>1991 No.</b>	<b>1991 %</b>	<b>01/91 % increase</b>
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	125520	115873	100	<b>8</b>
<b>White</b>	British	97.49	122369	115429	99.62	<b>6</b>
	Irish	0.49	615			
	Other white	1.29	1619			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.1	126			
	White & Black African	0.04	50			
	White & Asian	0.12	151			
	Other mixed	0.1	126			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.05	63	30	0.03	
	Pakistani	0.01	13	11	0.01	
	Bangladeshi	0.01	13	3	0.00	
	Other Asian	0.02	25	31	0.03	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.03	38	40	0.03	
	African	0.02	25	35	0.03	
	Other Black	0.01	13	53	0.05	
<b>Chinese or other</b>	Chinese	0.13	163	99	0.09	

<b>ethnic group</b>	Other ethnic group	0.07	88	142	0.12	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		2.49	3125			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>0.71</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>101</b>

**Table 3.4**

Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)		Mid Devon				
		%	No.	1991 No.	1991 %	01/91 % increase
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	69774	64258	100	<b>9</b>
<b>White</b>	British	97.57	68078	63963	99.54	<b>6</b>
	Irish	0.4	279			
	Other white	1.24	865			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.07	49			
	White & Black African	0.02	14			
	White & Asian	0.17	119			
	Other mixed	0.1	70			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.06	42	25	0.04	
	Pakistani	0.01	7	3	0.00	
	Bangladeshi	0.03	21	0	0.00	
	Other Asian	0.04	28	19	0.03	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.02	14	21	0.03	
	African	0.03	21	13	0.02	
	Other Black	0.01	7	49	0.08	

<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.15	105	42	0.07	
	Other ethnic group	0.08	56	123	0.19	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		2.43	1696			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>0.79</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>87</b>

**Table 3.5**

Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)		North Devon				
		%	No.	1991 No.	1991 %	01/91 % increase
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	87508	84800	100	<b>3</b>
<b>White</b>	British	97.58	85390	84349	99.47	<b>1</b>
	Irish	0.43	376			
	Other white	1.04	910			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.13	114			
	White & Black African	0.04	35			
	White & Asian	0.14	123			
	Other mixed	0.1	88			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.11	96	92	0.11	
	Pakistani	0.03	26	3	0.00	
	Bangladeshi	0.07	61	35	0.04	
	Other Asian	0.03	26	32	0.04	
<b>Black or Black</b>	Caribbean	0.03	26	34	0.04	

<b>British</b>	African	0.04	35	17	0.02	
	Other Black	0.02	18	38	0.04	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.13	114	86	0.10	
	Other ethnic group	0.09	79	114	0.13	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		2.43	2126			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>0.96</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>86</b>

**Table 3.6**

<b>Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)</b>		<b>South Hams</b>				
		<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>1991 No.</b>	<b>1991 %</b>	<b>01/91 % increase</b>
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	81849	77565	100	<b>6</b>
<b>White</b>	British	97.04	79426	77217	99.55	<b>3</b>
	Irish	0.47	385			
	Other white	1.57	1285			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.1	82			
	White & Black African	0.05	41			
	White & Asian	0.16	131			
	Other mixed	0.18	147			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.06	49	22	0.03	
	Pakistani	0.02	16	4	0.01	
	Bangladeshi	0.02	16	6	0.01	
	Other Asian	0.03	25	37	0.05	

<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.05	41	29	0.04	
	African	0.04	33	11	0.01	
	Other Black	0.03	25	24	0.03	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.07	57	62	0.08	
	Other ethnic group	0.1	82	153	0.20	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		2.95	2415			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>0.91</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>114</b>

**Table 3.7**

<b>Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)</b>		<b>Teignbridge</b>				
		<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>1991 No.</b>	<b>1991 %</b>	<b>01/91 % increase</b>
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	120958	108258	100	<b>12</b>
<b>White</b>	British	97.25	117632	107666	99.45	<b>9</b>
	Irish	0.48	581			
	Other white	1.26	1524			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.13	157			
	White & Black African	0.03	36			
	White & Asian	0.16	194			
	Other mixed	0.1	121			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.06	73	50	0.05	
	Pakistani	0.02	24	26	0.02	

	Bangladeshi	0.02	24	32	0.03	
	Other Asian	0.05	60	60	0.06	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.04	48	47	0.04	
	African	0.05	60	47	0.04	
	Other Black	0.03	36	66	0.06	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.23	278	89	0.08	
	Other ethnic group	0.08	97	175	0.16	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		2.74	3314			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		1	1210	592	0.55	104

**Table 3.8**

Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)		Torrige				
		%	No.	1991 No.	1991 %	01/91 % increase
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	58965	52129	100	13
<b>White</b>	British	97.65	57579	51922	99.60	11
	Irish	0.41	242			
	Other white	0.98	578			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.11	65			
	White & Black African	0.07	41			
	White & Asian	0.13	77			
	Other mixed	0.12	71			

<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.05	29	35	0.07	
	Pakistani	0.02	12	2	0.00	
	Bangladeshi	0.01	6	0	0.00	
	Other Asian	0.02	12	22	0.04	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.03	18	18	0.03	
	African	0.05	29	14	0.03	
	Other Black	0.01	6	14	0.03	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.28	165	38	0.07	
	Other ethnic group	0.09	53	64	0.12	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>2.38</b>	<b>1403</b>			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>0.99</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>182</b>

**Table 3.9**

<b>Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)</b>		<b>West Devon</b>				
		<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>1991 No.</b>	<b>1991 %</b>	<b>01/91 % increase</b>
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	48843	45895	100	<b>6</b>
<b>White</b>	British	97.3	47524	45696	99.57	<b>4</b>
	Irish	0.51	249			
	Other white	1.3	635			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.09	44			
	White & Black African	0.05	24			

	White & Asian	0.12	59			
	Other mixed	0.11	54			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.04	20	14	0.03	
	Pakistani	0.02	10	6	0.01	
	Bangladeshi	0.02	10	8	0.02	
	Other Asian	0.04	20	15	0.03	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.08	39	28	0.06	
	African	0.11	54	17	0.04	
	Other Black	0.02	10	22	0.05	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.14	68	29	0.06	
	Other ethnic group	0.06	29	60	0.13	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		2.71	1324			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>0.9</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>121</b>

**Table 3.10**

Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)		Exeter				
		%	No.	1991 No.	1991 %	01/91 % increase
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	111076	98125	100	<b>13</b>
<b>White</b>	British	94.74	105233	96811	87.16	<b>9</b>
	Irish	0.6	666			
	Other white	2.3	2555			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.16	178			

	White & Black African	0.1	111			
	White & Asian	0.32	355			
	Other mixed	0.26	289			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.26	289	212	0.19	
	Pakistani	0.06	67	37	0.03	
	Bangladeshi	0.13	144	80	0.07	
	Other Asian	0.21	233	149	0.13	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.06	67	51	0.05	
	African	0.13	144	76	0.07	
	Other Black	0.02	22	75	0.07	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.34	378	185	0.17	
	Other ethnic group	0.33	367	449	0.40	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		5.28	5865			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>2.38</b>	<b>2644</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>101</b>

**Table 3.11**

<b>Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)</b>		<b>2001 National Park Area breakdowns</b>			
		<b>Dartmoor</b>		<b>Exmoor</b>	
		<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	33552	100	10875
<b>White</b>	British	96.75	32462	97.57	10611
	Irish	0.56	188	0.41	45
	Other white	1.74	584	1.5	163

<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.13	44	0.05	5
	White & Black African	0.07	23	0.03	3
	White & Asian	0.23	77	0.14	15
	Other mixed	0.12	40	0.06	7
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.04	13	0.07	8
	Pakistani	0.01	3	0	0
	Bangladeshi	0.01	3	0	0
	Other Asian	0.04	13	0.03	3
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.08	27	0	0
	African	0.05	17	0.03	3
	Other Black	0.02	7	0.03	3
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.07	23	0.03	3
	Other ethnic group	0.07	23	0.06	7
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		3.24	1087	2.44	265
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>0.94</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>58</b>

**Table 3.12**

Census 2001 figures for Devon Area and Local Authorities, relating to ethnicity (and comparisons with Census 1991 data, and analysis)		Torbay Unitary Authority				
		No.	%	1991 No.	1991%	01/91 % increase
<b>Total populations</b>	All people	100	129706	119674	100	<b>8</b>
<b>White</b>	British	96.84	125607	118818	99.28	<b>6</b>

	Irish	0.6	778			
	Other white	1.33	1725			
<b>Mixed</b>	White & Black Caribbean	0.15	195			
	White & Black African	0.06	78			
	White & Asian	0.19	246			
	Other mixed	0.17	221			
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	Indian	0.12	156	97	0.08	
	Pakistani	0.06	78	28	0.02	
	Bangladeshi	0.02	26	31	0.03	
	Other Asian	0.07	91	95	0.08	
<b>Black or Black British</b>	Caribbean	0.05	65	49	0.04	
	African	0.04	52	50	0.04	
	Other Black	0.02	26	105	0.09	
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>	Chinese	0.18	233	149	0.12	
	Other ethnic group	0.12	156	252	0.21	
<b>Sub-totals: BME incl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>3.18</b>	<b>4125</b>			
<b>Sub-totals: BME excl. Irish &amp; 'other white'.</b>		<b>1.25</b>	<b>1621</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>89</b>

<b>Table 3.13 Religion by Ethnicity in Devon from Census 2001</b>	<b>All People</b>	<b>Christian</b>	<b>Buddhist</b>	<b>Hindu</b>	<b>Jewish</b>	<b>Muslim</b>	<b>Sikh</b>	<b>Any other religion</b>	<b>No religion</b>	<b>Not stated</b>
ALL PEOPLE	704486	527209	1693	335	650	1496	173	2808	114498	55624
White	696587	523988	1324	62	631	472	48	2732	112540	54790
British	683236	515041	1229	54	544	236	45	2571	109995	53521
Irish	3383	2659	25	-	3	9	3	33	358	293
Other White	9968	6288	70	8	84	227	-	128	2187	976
Mixed	3350	1758	33	10	13	193	6	32	883	422
White & Black Caribbean	818	496	-	3	3	5	-	7	202	102
White & Black African	359	204	4	-	-	29	-	3	86	33
White & Asian	1206	611	16	7	4	75	6	12	331	144
Other Mixed	967	447	13	-	6	84	-	10	264	143
Asian	1548	278	32	255	-	619	116	19	124	105
Indian	655	131	6	232	-	51	116	10	64	45
Pakistani	176	47	-	-	-	110	-	-	3	16
Bangladeshi	281	13	-	-	-	247	-	-	9	12
Other Asian	436	87	26	23	-	211	-	9	48	32
Black or Black British	824	549	6	4	3	65	-	7	76	114
Black Caribbean	285	187	3	4	-	12	-	4	39	36
Black African	398	292	-	-	3	42	-	-	20	41
Other Black	141	70	3	-	-	11	-	3	17	37

Chinese	1328	291	146	-	-	-	-	7	753	131
Other Ethnic Group	849	345	152	4	3	147	3	11	122	62

Table 3.14 (% data from Census 2001)	East Devon		Mid Devon		North Devon		South Hams		Teignbridge		Torridge		West Devon	
	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Country of birth														
Republic of Ireland	0.43	540	0.32	223	0.37	324	0.42	344	0.41	496	0.33	195	0.38	186
Other EU countries	1.04	1305	0.87	607	0.99	866	1.21	990	1	1210	0.82	484	0.92	449
Elsewhere	<b>2.53</b>	<b>3176</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>1584</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>2.84</b>	<b>2325</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3024</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>2.73</b>	<b>1333</b>
Cf. Sub-total BME excl. Irish & European	0.71	891	0.79	551	0.96	840	0.91	745	1	1210	0.99	584	0.9	440
<b>Total born outside UK</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5021</b>	<b>3.46</b>	<b>2414</b>	<b>3.28</b>	<b>2870</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>3659</b>	<b>3.91</b>	<b>4729</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>1887</b>	<b>4.03</b>	<b>1968</b>
Cf. Sub-total BME inc. Irish & European	2.49	3125	2.43	1696	2.43	2126	2.95	2415	2.74	3314	2.38	1403	2.71	1324
<b>Religion</b>														
Christian	77.85	97717	75.4	52610	75.11	65727	74.68	61125	75.56	91396	75.54	44542	76.42	37326
Buddhist	0.18	226	0.19	133	0.17	149	0.39	319	0.23	278	0.21	124	0.19	93
Hindu	0.03	38	0.04	28	0.05	44	0.05	41	0.03	36	0.03	18	0.02	10
Jewish	0.1	126	0.07	49	0.06	53	0.11	90	0.07	85	0.05	29	0.12	59
Muslim	0.1	126	0.07	49	0.18	158	0.07	57	0.11	133	0.06	35	0.14	68

Sikh	0.01	13	0	0	0.04	35	0.01	8	0.02	24	0.01	6	0.01	5
Other religions	0.37	464	0.37	258	0.33	289	0.47	385	0.43	520	0.4	236	0.34	166
No religion	13.89	17435	15.98	11150	15.95	13958	16.53	13530	15.68	18966	15.62	9210	15.41	7527
Religion not stated	7.47	9376	7.87	5491	8.11	7097	7.68	6286	7.87	9519	8.08	4764	7.34	3585

Table 3.15 % data from Census 2001 Country of birth	Devon		Combined 7 rural Districts		DNP		ENP		Exeter		Torbay	
	%	No.	No.	%	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Republic of Ireland	0.4	2818	2340	0.39	0.45	151	0.35	38	0.43	478	0.53	687
Other EU countries	1.12	7890	5913	1.00	1.23	413	0.86	94	1.78	1977	1.08	1401
<b>Elsewhere</b>	<b>2.64</b>	<b>18599</b>	<b>14344</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>4254</b>	<b>2.24</b>	<b>2905</b>
Cf. Sub-total BME excl. Irish & European	1.13	7961	5260	0.89	0.94	315	0.53	58	2.38	2644	1.25	1621
<b>Total born outside UK</b>	<b>4.16</b>	<b>29307</b>	<b>22598</b>	<b>3.81</b>	<b>4.68</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>3.88</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>6709</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>4994</b>
Cf. Sub-total BME inc. Irish & European	3.03	21346	15403	2.60	3.24	1087	2.44	265	5.28	5865	3.18	4125
<b>Religion</b>												
Christian	74.84	527243	450467	75.91	72.19	24221	77.43	8421	69.12	76776	76.19	98823
Buddhist	0.24	1691	1313	0.22	0.39	131	0.3	33	0.34	378	0.15	195
Hindu	0.05	352	230	0.04	0.01	3	0.06	7	0.11	122	0.05	65

Jewish	0.09	634	479	0.08	0.12	40	0.11	12	0.14	156	0.12	156
Muslim	0.21	1479	624	0.11	0.13	44	0.03	3	0.77	855	0.26	337
Sikh	0.02	141	63	0.01	0.02	7	0	0	0.07	78	0.04	52
Other religions	0.4	2818	2340	0.39	0.57	191	0.49	53	0.43	478	0.37	480
No religion	16.25	114480	91765	15.46	17.73	5949	13.65	1484	20.45	22715	14.91	19339
Religion not stated	7.9	55655	46136	7.77	8.84	2966	7.93	862	8.57	9519	7.9	10247

**Table 3.16**

School Children among the BME population	Tot. BME pupils inc White ME.	total White non-British			total Mixed Heritage			total Asian			total Black			total Chinese			total other		
		sch	pop	% Sch /pop	sch	pop	% Sch /pop	sch	pop	% Sch /pop	sch	pop	% Sch /pop	sch	pop	% Sch /pop	sch	pop	% Sch /pop
East Devon	409	198	2234	9	120	452	27	23	113	20	16	75	21	32	163	20	20	88	23
Mid Devon	238	113	1144	10	72	251	29	16	98	16	12	42	29	18	105	17	7	56	13
North Devon	251	116	1286	9	62	359	17	36	210	17	11	79	14	9	114	8	17	79	22
South Hams	337	184	1670	11	109	401	27	12	106	11	9	98	9	11	57	19	12	82	15
Teignbridge	301	122	2105	6	121	508	24	10	181	6	11	145	8	18	278	6	19	97	20
Torridge	180	77	820	9	77	254	30	2	59	3	9	53	17	7	165	4	8	53	15
West Devon	138	66	884	7	56	181	31	5	59	8	3	103	3	1	68	1	7	29	24
<b>Rural Tot.</b>	<b>1854</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>10143</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>2405</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>19</b>

<b>Rural District av.</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Exeter</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>3221</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>31</b>

Sch = number of school children according to School Ethnicity Monitoring data held at Devon County Council for 2003.

Pop = population figures from 2001 Census.

% Sch/ pop = school numbers as a percentage of population figures

The figures in the table above are constructed from population data from Census 2001 and school pupil data from 2003. Whilst the two sources are not from the same time snapshot, they are close enough to make an indicative comparison of the proportion of Black and Minority Ethnic school age children to Black and Minority Ethnic population.

With a total number of Black and Minority Ethnic people in the 7 rural Districts (including Irish and European) of 15403, and a total number of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) school children in those Districts of 1854, the overall ratio of BME school pupils to BME adults can be estimated as 1 pupil : 7.3 adults. The ratio of White British school Children to White British adults is a similar balance of 1 pupil : 7.6 adults.

The number of school age children is likely to be an underestimate of population. Table 3.17 below indicates that difficulty was experienced in all Districts in encouraging returns of ethnicity monitoring data. Apart from in Torridge, data was not collected for between 1% and 11% of the school population and was a particular problem in North Devon and South Hams.

**Table 3.17**

<b>District</b>	<b>Pupil Ethnicity data refused</b>	<b>Pupil Ethnicity data not obtained</b>	<b>Total school population</b>	<b>% of total school pop'n ethnicity not known</b>
East Devon	274	124	16725	2
Mid Devon	593	5	9479	6
North Devon	1029	393	12423	11
South Hams	688	279	10959	9
Teignbridge	471	38	16418	3
Torridge	28	1	8112	0
West Devon	118	9	6805	2
Exeter	119	22	12997	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3320</b>	<b>871</b>		

The schools data shows that 125 out of Devon's 373 schools had no Black or Minority Ethnic children. In other words, 67% of Devon schools, the majority *do* have BME children.

Similarly, when widening the definition of Minority Ethnic to include children whose ethnicities were described as other than White British, the

data shows that 80% of Devon schools have children of Black and Minority Ethnic origin including European, Irish and Traveller children. There were no Academic Councils that did not include Black and Minority Ethnic Children.

In chapter 4, analysis of the research sample shows that the proportion of Mixed Heritage families is greater than the number of Mixed Heritage participants in the sample (i.e. 38% were members of Mixed Heritage families vs. 8% Mixed Heritage participants). From this we can deduce that the percentage of the Mixed Heritage population is likely to increase with the next generation. This deduction is confirmed by Table 3.16 above, which shows that the Mixed Heritage total and school populations are the largest of the Minority Ethnic categories (second to White Non-British) and that the Mixed Heritage child population is the fastest growing of all the ethnic groups, with the Mixed Heritage school child to Mixed Heritage adult ratio being 1:4 in the rural Districts.

### **Key issues arising from the research in relationship and contrast to Census Small Area Statistics**

#### **Diversity in every ward in rural Devon**

The small area statistics from the 2001 Census provide more detail about the demography of the Black and Minority Ethnic population in Devon. This data is provided at electoral ward level. It shows that when Irish and European people are included, there are no wards in the county of Devon that do not have a Black and Minority Ethnic population. When Irish and European people are not included in the count, the data indicates that only 3 wards have no Black and Minority Ethnic members. However, it should be noted that the data presented by the Census probably represents an undercount: In some areas known well to this research, the presence of specific ethnic groups is estimated to be significantly higher than indicated by the Census output. This might be accounted for by the amount of people who were not picked up by the Census and by the methods that were used in Census data statistical processing to deal with the undercount. In 2001, many efforts were made to improve the outreach and accessibility of the Census to people with English as an Additional Language, but based on the learning from the 1991 Census undercount it is still possible that many Black and Minority Ethnic people could be unaccounted for.

The fact that Black and Minority Ethnic people are part of almost every community in Devon demonstrates that diversity is not just an urban quality. Even when we compare urban with rural within Devon, we see that the 5 wards with the largest Black and Minority Ethnic population (including Irish and European people) ranging from 410 – 304 are in Exeter. But these wards are followed with a ward in Teignbridge rural District with a Black and Minority Ethnic population of 285. (Excluding European and Irish people, the figures show that the Black and Minority Ethnic population is highest in eight Exeter wards followed by 127 people in a ward in Torridge.)

### **Black and Minority Ethnic ‘communities’ ?**

The Census shows that diversity is a rural reality, but in particular it demonstrates that rural Black and Minority Ethnic demography has some distinctive features. The primary feature of rural diversity in Devon, is the absence of large co-ethnic, geographically localised communities, such as found more typically in major urban areas where key points in history and politics have provided a centrifugal force around a number of locations in the UK. This research indicates that by contrast to this particular characteristic of urban demography, individuals are attracted to Devon for individual as opposed to communal reasons. This pattern and motivation for the growth of the Black and Minority Ethnic population gives rise to a diverse range of ethnic identities in the population, scattered throughout the rural landscape. The Black and Minority Ethnic population in any one area in the rural districts is typified by diversity of ethnicity rather than single co-ethnic gatherings.

This diversity is illuminated with a cluster analysis:

Out of the 183 rural District wards, only 23% have clusters of any one ethnic group of a size greater than 10 people. This would typically represent two families or a small Minority Ethnic business with tied accommodation. When does a cluster constitute a community? It's difficult to enumerate this and complex to analyse. For example, a handful of families of the same ethnicity living in a large market or seaside town would not have the characteristics of community unless they happened to live in a similar neighbourhood and/or were related, had developed friendships or social networks. In those 48 wards that included co-ethnic clusters of more than 10 people, the average cluster size was 20. The majority of these wards are larger seaside and market towns, where it is usual to find at least a couple of Black and Minority Ethnic restaurants

-serving the community. Interestingly, there were neither clusters greater than 10 of Asian/ Asian British Pakistani people nor of people described under the Census category Asian/ Asian British ‘Other’, in any of the rural wards.

There were however notable clusters in 3 wards in Teignbridge district, with numbers of the Chinese population being higher than 40. There is also a cluster in a Torridge ward of a Chinese population of more than 70 people.

The cluster analysis of the 48 wards is shown below in Table 3.21.

The concept of ‘community’ is often also referred to in Devon in relation to discussion about the Black and Minority Ethnic population as a whole. In this sense community may be a simple way for people to talk about the Black and Minority Ethnic population, but it does not reflect an analysis of whether the links that form the basis of a community, are active among this population. Chapters 5 and 9 look in detail at the degree to which some people have created informal networks of co-ethnic, co-lingual and co-religious interest. However, the analysis of the research in chapter 5 also indicates that the majority of people have neither co-ethnic friends or family relations in the District. It also describes the rural factors that inhibit inter-ethnic networking. When we look at the disparate dispersion of the Black and Minority Ethnic population over 183 rural wards, with many people living as individuals or nuclear families in remote areas, there is not much to link people in common or even to catalyse networking among them.

### **Devon’s own appeal in shaping the nature of the Black and Minority Ethnic demography.**

A key factor which shapes this diversity and hence the limitation on the formation of ‘communities’, is the basis on which people are drawn to Devon.

Table 3.18 below illustrates the individual reasoning behind people’s choices to relocate in Devon, indicating the life-choice forces that are shaping the profile and diversely individualistic nature of the Black and Minority Ethnic population in Devon.

### **Table 3.18**

<b>Reason for coming to present location in Devon 'n' = 137</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Reason for coming to present location in Devon</b>	<b>%</b>
Business /job opportunities (To see the range of jobs in which the participants were employed, see chapter 7)	18	Escape from abuse (racist and domestic)	4
Study	18	To live rurally / escape city life	4
To be near family	12	To join White female partner	3
To join White male partner	9	Adopted/fostered into White family in Devon	3
Asylum (escape from war and political persecution)	7	Residents in housing for Chinese elderly(inc. people from rural Devon)	2
Quality of life (often observed during holidays in Devon)	6	With Armed forces	1
To join BME male partner	5	Born in Devon	1
Good place to bring up children	5	Other: Prisoner; Traveller base site; Cheaper cost of living	2

Most people described multiple reasons for choosing to live in Devon. The main factor given was used in the calculations above.

Hence we can see that the majority of our participants were young or middle aged immigrants to the UK, who had come to Devon primarily through job relocation; to set up businesses; to join partners based in Devon; for study or as refugees.

When asked what was the best thing about life in Devon, 44 participants described the great pleasure they derive from the countryside and seaside, and many noted it as an ancillary factor in their decision to move to Devon.

- ☞ *We were really prepared to be attacked in London - we had everything under the bed - a baseball bat and an axe and towels at the windows. People down here don't understand the effect it had on us.*
- ☞ *After 1 year had enough of the city and wanted to go somewhere quieter. I had lived mostly in rural areas - I'm not a city person. I came to Devon.*

The peace and quiet of Devon may well play an increasing part in people’s decisions to move away from urban centers where the cost of living is also relatively high and where the impact of current turbulence in world affairs has a rapid impact on community relations. As the Black and Minority Ethnic population grows, more friends and family will come to the area and observe its attractions. Our sample shows that many will come to join family members already living in the county. A characteristic of the contemporary national workforce is mobility; and as the professional employment profile of the Black and Minority Ethnic diversifies among the younger generations, and more people are attracted from overseas in this global economy, more people are likely to be attracted to Devon in connection with their work.

**Black and Minority Ethnic population growth in Devon**

The Office for National Statistics’ comparisons between the 1991 and 2001 Census demonstrated that the national Black and Minority Ethnic population increased from 6 – 9 % of the total population in England. By contrast, comparison of the 1991 and 2001 Census statistics for the 7 rural Districts of Devon shows that the rural Black and Minority Ethnic population doubled, namely increased by 100% over the last 10 years.

The analysis of the research sample also showed that 53% of our participants had come to Devon after the 1991 Census, which correlates with the 2001 Census indication of 100% growth.

The average number of years that participants in the research had lived in Devon was 8 years (‘n’ = 135)

**Table 3.19**

No. of years (2002)	< 1	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	45 to 50
% of people (‘n’= 135)	20	36	15	13	6	4	1	2	2	0	1

The significant increase in the sample in the last 5 years indicates that a much greater increase of the Black and Minority Ethnic population can be expected by the next Census in 2011, if the trend of attraction to Devon continues.

75% of the sample ('n' = 148) were born outside the UK (14% within the EU and 61% elsewhere). Further detail on Place of Birth within the sample can be seen chapter 4. We found that many people within the sample had moved directly to Devon from overseas, but slightly more people had relocated from other parts of the UK:

**Table 3.20a**

Location last lived in before present location	Overseas	Elsewhere in UK	Elsewhere in Devon
% of participants. ('n' =130)	37%	43%	20%

The sample immigration pattern should be contextualised against Census 2001 data relating to immigration and ethnicity in Devon. The Census data shows that the Black and Minority Ethnic population in Devon derives equally from people born in the UK and from people who have migrated to the UK. Moreover, it should also be noted that White people with British nationality who were born overseas, are the largest group in Devon immigrating to the UK from their place of birth outside the UK, followed by people from Europe and the Irish Republic. The Black and Minority Ethnic immigrant population forms only 13.6% of the immigrant population in Devon or 0.56% of the population as a whole. (Of the population in Devon who have immigrated to the UK, 52.1% are of White British ethnic origin, 34.3% are European and Irish and 13.6% are Black and Minority Ethnic.)


**Table 3.20 b** (derived from Census 2001)

% of total pop'n in Devon who were born in ⇨ & and have ↓ethnic origin	UK	Republic of Ireland or Europe	Elsewhere
<b>White British</b>	95.85	0.85	1.30
<b>Irish /European</b>	0.47	0.97	0.45
<b>Black / Minority Ethnic</b>	0.55	0.02	0.54

Information about the skills that the Black and Minority Ethnic population bring to Devon and their contribution to the local economy can be found in chapter 7.

A final note:

A sobering comment from one of the participants makes the point that maintaining within the County all the benefits that a richly diverse population brings, includes sustaining the attraction for Black and Minority Ethnic residents in the county by keeping racism out of Devon:

 *This incident really soured things for me. I really like living here in a small place but this ruins it.*

More information on experiences of racism can be found in chapters 6,7,8 and 9.


This handbook and supporting tools  can be accessed at [www.DevonREC.org](http://www.DevonREC.org)

Table 3.21 Ward level Co-ethnic cluster analysis (clusters greater than 10) based on Census 2001 data	Mixed				Asian or Asian British		Black or Black British							
	White & Black Caribbean	White & Black African	White & Asian	Other Mixed	Indian	Bangladeshi	Black Caribbean	Black African	Other Black	Chinese	Other Ethnic Group	Total BME Excl. Irish & European	Tot BME inc. Irish & European	Max no. of any one group
East Devon														
Broadclyst	>10			>10						>10		56	56	16
Exmouth Brixington										>10		52	52	>10
Exmouth Littleham										>10		64	64	>10
Exmouth Town			>10							>10		85	85	18
Exmouth Withy- combe Raleigh										>10		37	37	>10
Honiton St Michael's	>10											67	67	>10

Honiton St Paul's	>10								>10		44	44	12
Ottery St Mary Town			>10								48	48	>10
Seaton			>10								48	48	>10
Sidmouth Sidford	>10										28	28	>10
Sidmouth Town								>20	>10		52	52	>20
Mid Devon													
Castle									>10		41	41	>10
Cranmore									>10		42	42	>10
Cullompton South									>10		31	31	>10
Lawrence			>10						>10		45	45	12
Upper Culm	>10										23	23	>10
Westexe			>10						>10		42	42	>10
North Devon													
Bickington and Roundswell			>10		>10				>10		60	60	16
Braunton West			>10								27	27	>10
Central Town					>10						64	64	>10

Forches and Whiddon Valley	>10										42	42	>10	
Fremington									>10		31	31	>10	
Landkey Swimbridge and Taw					>10						34	34	>10	
Pilton					>10						59	59	>10	
Yeo Valley	>10					>20					63	63	>20	
<b>South Hams</b>														
Bickleigh and Shaugh	>10			>10	>10						>10	91	91	20
Erme Valley				>10								44	44	>10
Totnes Town				>10	>10						>10	78	78	17
<b>Teignbridge</b>														
Ashburton and Buckfast-leigh	>10	>10	>10	>10							>10	73	73	15
Bradley											>30	68	68	>30
Buckland and Milber	>20											60	60	>20
Bushell											>40	85	85	>40

College	>10		>10					>10		>10	83	83	18
Dawlish Central and North East	>30		>10					>10			85	85	>30
Dawlish South West			>10								39	39	>10
Kenn Valley				>10	>10						68	68	17
Kingsteign- ton West								>30			63	63	>30
Teign Valley			>10								27	27	>10
Teignmouth Central								>40			77	77	>40
Teignmouth East								>10			40	40	>10
Teignmouth West			>10								51	51	>10
Torrige													
Bideford East			>10								44	44	>10
Bideford North								>60			121	121	>60
Bideford South	>10							>30			82	82	>30

Shebbear and Langtree										>30		36	36	>30
Torrington			>10									45	45	>10
West Devon														
Lydford	>10						>10					58	58	20
Tavistock South			>10				>30		>10			99	99	>30