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**2001 CENSUS OF POPULATION:
FIRST RESULTS ON ETHNIC GROUPS AND IDENTITY**

Background

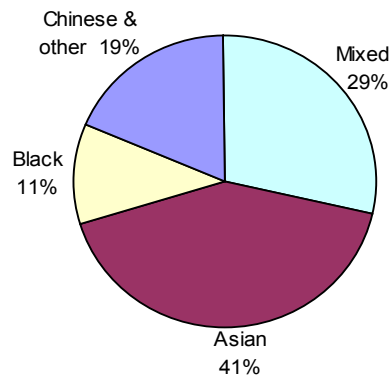
The census question asked: *What is your ethnic group?* - answered by ticking one of 16 boxes arranged in five sections, corresponding to the categories listed in table 1 attached. Accordingly, the Census results show the proportions of the resident population by five broad groups (White, Mixed, Asian, Black and Chinese or other), sub-divided into 11 more specific and 5 'other' ethnic groupings (see table 1 – *Note that in the 1991 Census there was no 'Mixed' category identified so comparisons of individual categories between the two censuses will be affected*).

The 2001 census form also allowed people to write-in 'Welsh' in order to identify themselves as such. From Spring 2001, the Labour Force Survey introduced a specific identity question – separate from an ethnicity question. Results of the Welsh Local Labour Force Survey 2001 (see below) provide a more reliable indication of the proportion - irrespective of their ethnic background - who regard themselves as Welsh.

Main results

- 2.1 per cent – or some 61,600 people – have non-White (including Mixed) ethnic (minority) backgrounds (table 1); the proportion in the 1991 census was 1.5 per cent
- the main concentrations of non-white ethnic minorities by local authority area are in the urban areas of south Wales:
 - Cardiff has the highest number and proportion in its population (25,700 and 8.4 per cent) followed by Newport (6,600 and 4.8 per cent)
 - In no other area do those with a non-white ethnic minority background account for more than 2.5 per cent of the population and only in Swansea (4,800 and 2.2 per cent), Rhondda Cynon Taff (2,700 and 1.2 per cent) and The Vale of Glamorgan (2,600 and 2.2 per cent) do they number more than 2,000 (see table 2).

Ethnic minorities as proportion of non-whites



- the non-white ethnic minority population is diverse but the groups that predominate are:
 - those of Asian background - almost 25,500 people or just over 40 per cent of the total non-white ethnic minority population, a third each being Indian or Pakistani, with an additional 5,000 having a mixed white and Asian background
 - those of Caribbean origin, including mixed white and black Caribbean, number some 8,600 people (14 per cent) with a further 6,100 (10 per cent) being of an African (including mixed white and black African) background
 - those who identified themselves as Chinese numbered 6,300 (just over 10 per cent). A further 10,100 people indicated other mixed or non-specific origin (in terms of the census categories), another 17,700 indicated Irish and 37,200 other white.

Data that will become available from the census later in the year should allow a more precise attribution of the 'Other' categories to their most closely associated ethnic groups

- Whilst 14 per cent of people in Wales identified themselves as Welsh on census forms (by writing-in 'Welsh' in reply to the ethnicity question – instead of or as well as ticking one of the ethnic categories), in the 2001 Welsh Local Labour Force Survey 69 per cent gave their national identity as Welsh when asked to specify between (in the following order): Welsh, English, Scottish, Irish, British or Other (or a combination of these) – see:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LLFS_2001_02_Summary/Section2.pdf

Source: Office for National Statistics 2001 Census Key Statistics table KS06 - see:

i. Tables of proportions:

<http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/>

ii Tables of the numbers underlying the proportions:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/explorer.asp?CTG=3&SL=4696&D=4697&DCT=32&DT=3#4697>

iii The report, including explanatory notes and tables of proportions only, in PDF form:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=10151>

Further Census information: More detailed results – by gender, age and local area as well as by the various socio-economic characteristics available from the Census – are scheduled to become available in Standard Tables and Census Area Statistics by June 2003;

see: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/op14.asp> for the output schedule and

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/op11.asp> for details of the outputs

Table 1 2001 Census of Population: Ethnic Group and Identification as Welsh

Residents of Wales	Thousands	Per cent
Total population	2,903.1	100.0
White		
British	2,786.6	96.0
Irish	17.7	0.6
White other	37.2	1.3
Total White	2,841.5	97.9
Mixed		
White and Black Caribbean	6.0	0.2
White and Black African	2.4	0.1
White and Asian	5.0	0.2
Mixed other	4.3	0.1
Total Mixed	17.7	0.6
Asian or Asian British		
Indian	8.3	0.3
Pakistani	8.3	0.3
Bangladeshi	5.4	0.2
Other Asian	3.5	0.1
Total Asian	25.4	0.9
Black or Black British		
Caribbean	2.6	0.1
African	3.7	0.1
Other Black	0.7	0.0
Total Black	7.1	0.2
Chinese or other ethnic group		
Chinese	6.3	0.2
Other ethnic group	5.1	0.2
Total Chinese & Other	11.4	0.4
Those who wrote-in 'Welsh'	417.8	14.4

Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics table 6 published 13 February 2003

Table 2 2001 Census of Population: Non-White ethnic population by local authority area of residence

	Non-White residents	
	Thousands	Per cent
Isle of Anglesey	0.5	0.7
Gwynedd	1.4	1.2
Conwy	1.2	1.1
Denbighshire	1.1	1.2
Flintshire	1.2	0.8
Wrexham	1.4	1.1
Powys	1.1	0.9
Ceredigion	1.0	1.4
Pembrokeshire	1.0	0.9
Carmarthenshire	1.6	0.9
Swansea	4.8	2.2
Neath Port Talbot	1.4	1.1
Bridgend	1.8	1.4
Vale of Glamorgan	2.6	2.2
Cardiff	25.7	8.4
Rhondda Cynon Taff	2.7	1.2
Merthyr Tydfil	0.6	1.0
Caerphilly	1.5	0.9
Blaenau Gwent	0.6	0.8
Torfaen	0.9	0.9
Monmouthshire	1.0	1.1
Newport	6.6	4.8
Wales	61.6	2.1
National Park		
Snowdonia	0.2	0.7
Brecon Beacons	0.5	1.4
Pembrokeshire Coast	0.2	0.7

Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics table 6 published 13 February 2003