

## Briefing - Population Estimates by Ethnic Group – Mid-2009

### Cumbria & Districts

#### **Aim**

To present the latest population estimates by ethnic group for Cumbria and districts; the mid-2009 estimates, produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). To place into context by highlighting equivalent national figures.

#### **Background**

The ONS produces annual population estimates by ethnic group for each local authority area. These estimates are consistent with the mid-year population estimates; also published by the ONS. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 the ONS published the mid-2009 population estimates by ethnic group. This briefing contains analysis of trends based on the above estimates.

#### **Caveats**

It should be noted that the ONS classify population estimates by ethnic group as 'experimental statistics'; this means that they have not yet been shown to meet the quality criteria for National Statistics. Furthermore, to ensure that disclosure protocols are adhered to, the ONS publish population estimates by ethnic group rounded to the nearest 100 and broken down into 16 different ethnic groups.

Due to small numbers of residents from some ethnic groups, large percentage changes can reflect very small numerical change. Cumbria County Council defines residents from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups as including residents from all ethnic groups other than White British. For the purpose of this report, data has been grouped into the following categories: All persons, White British persons, and persons from BME groups. By grouping the data in this way, most of the problems associated with very small numerical change can be avoided. However, these issues must still be taken into consideration and caution must be used when using or replicating the statistics contained within this report.

For more information about the methodology used by the ONS to produce population estimates by ethnic group, please visit the following webpage:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/taxonomy/index.html?nscl=Population+Estimates+by+Ethnic+Group>

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### All Persons

Figure 1 compares the mid-2001 and mid-2009 population estimates for all persons, in relation to England, Cumbria and districts.

Figure 1: Mid-2001 and Mid-2009 Population Estimates, All Persons:

	2001	2009	2001-2009	
	No. Persons	No. Persons	No. Change	% Change
England	49,449,700	51,809,700	2,360,000	4.8
<b>Cumbria</b>	<b>487,800</b>	<b>495,000</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Allerdale	93,500	94,300	800	0.9
Barrow-in-Furness	72,000	70,900	-1,100	-1.5
Carlisle	100,800	104,700	3,900	3.9
Copeland	69,300	69,700	400	0.6
Eden	49,900	51,800	1,900	3.8
South Lakeland	102,400	103,800	1,400	1.4

Source: Office for National Statistics, Mid-Year Estimates by Ethnic Group

The population of Cumbria was estimated to be 495,000 in mid-2009, having increased by 1.5% since mid-2001. In comparison, the population of England was estimated to be 51.8 million in mid-2009 (+4.8% since mid-2001).

In line with the county and national trends, the populations of all but one of Cumbria's districts were estimated to have increased between mid-2001 and mid-2009; the exception being Barrow-in-Furness, where the population decreased by 1.5%. The greatest proportional increases were seen in Carlisle and Eden (+3.9% and +3.8% respectively).

### White British Persons

Figure 2 compares the mid-2001 and mid-2009 population estimates for White British persons, in relation to England, Cumbria and districts.

Figure 2: Mid-2001 and Mid-2009 Population Estimates, White British Persons:

	2001		2009		2001-2009	
	No. Persons	% Persons	No. Persons	% Persons	No. Change	% Change
England	42,925,800	86.8	42,893,300	82.8	-32,500	-0.1
<b>Cumbria</b>	<b>478,000</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>470,900</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>-7,100</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
Allerdale	92,000	98.4	90,200	95.7	-1,800	-2.0
Barrow-in-Furness	70,500	97.9	68,000	95.9	-2,500	-3.5
Carlisle	98,600	97.8	98,800	94.4	200	0.2
Copeland	68,100	98.3	67,100	96.3	-1,000	-1.5
Eden	49,100	98.4	49,300	95.2	200	0.4
South Lakeland	99,800	97.5	97,300	93.7	-2,500	-2.5

Source: Office for National Statistics, Mid-Year Estimates by Ethnic Group

In mid-2001, 98% of Cumbria’s population was White British; a much greater proportion than the national average (England: 86.8%). All six of the county’s districts had higher proportions of White British residents than England; with Allerdale and Eden having the greatest proportions (both 98.4%).

Between mid-2001 and mid-2009, the number of White British residents decreased in Cumbria by 1.5%; this is a slightly larger decrease than seen nationally (England: -0.1%). Four of Cumbria’s districts followed the county trend in experiencing a decrease in the number of White British residents within the above time frames; with Barrow-in-Furness experiencing the greatest proportional decrease (-3.5%). The two exceptions were Eden and Carlisle, where numbers of White British residents rose by 0.4% and 0.2% respectively.

By mid-2009, the proportion of Cumbria’s population that was White British had fallen to 95.1%; still higher than the national average (England: 82.8%). The proportions of White British residents fell across all of Cumbria’s districts; with South Lakeland having the smallest proportion (93.7%). Inversely, Copeland had the greatest proportion of White British residents (96.3%).

### Persons from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Groups

Figure 3 compares the mid-2001 and mid-2009 population estimates for persons from BME groups, in relation to England, Cumbria and districts.

Figure 3: Mid-2001 and Mid-2009 Population Estimates, Persons from BME Groups:

	2001		2009		2001-2009	
	No. Persons	% Persons	No. Persons	% Persons	No. Change	% Change
England	6,523,900	13.2	8,916,400	17.2	2,392,500	36.7
<b>Cumbria</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>24,100</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>145.9</b>
Allerdale	1,500	1.6	4,100	4.3	2,600	173.3
Barrow-in-Furness	1,500	2.1	2,900	4.1	1,400	93.3
Carlisle	2,200	2.2	5,900	5.6	3,700	168.2
Copeland	1,200	1.7	2,600	3.7	1,400	116.7
Eden	800	1.6	2,500	4.8	1,700	212.5
South Lakeland	2,600	2.5	6,500	6.3	3,900	150.0

Source: Office for National Statistics, Mid-Year Estimates by Ethnic Group

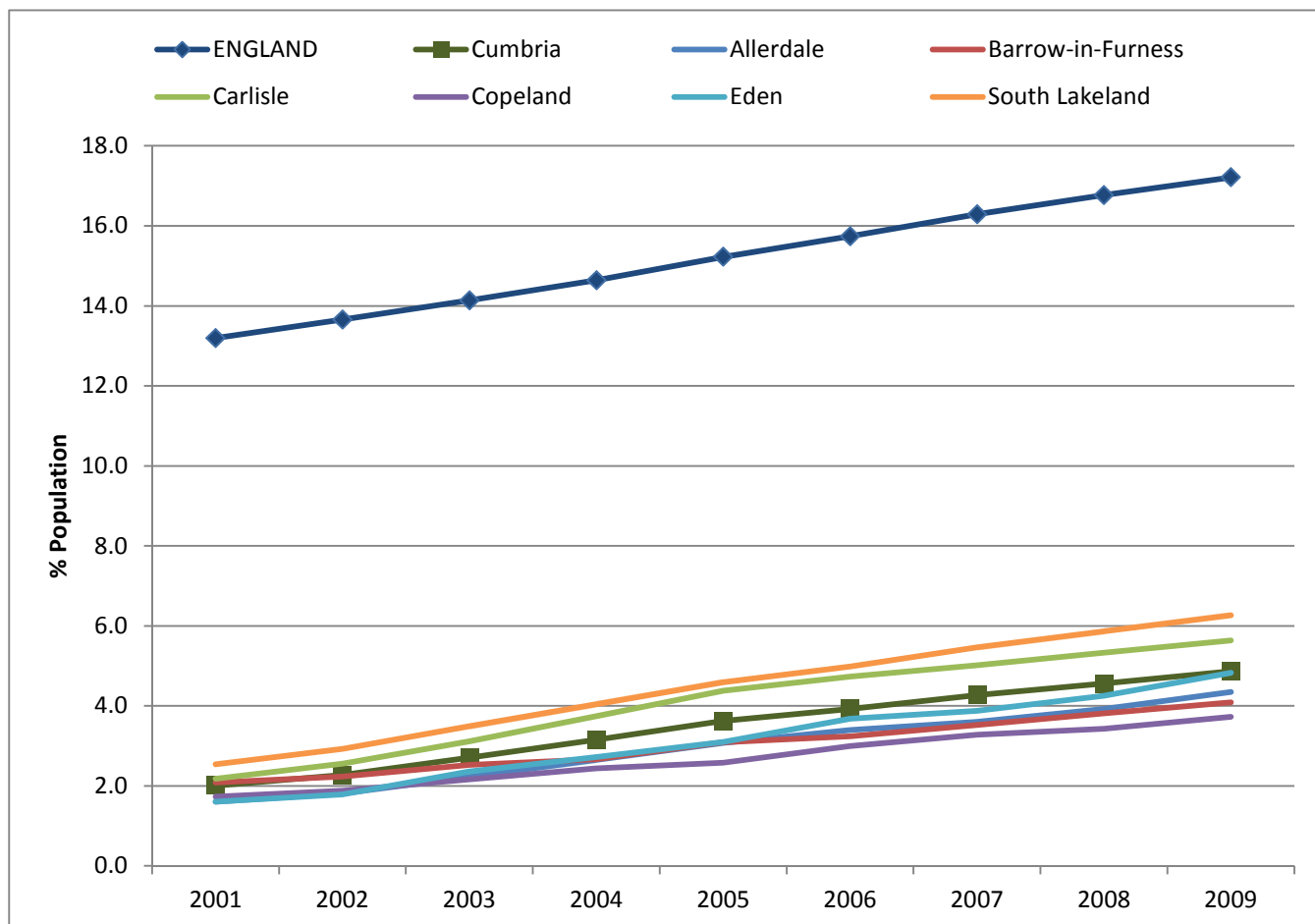
In mid-2001, 2% of Cumbria’s residents were from BME groups; a much lower proportion than the national average (England: 13.2%). Of Cumbria’s six districts, South Lakeland had the highest proportion of residents from BME groups (2.5%).

Between mid-2001 and mid-2009, the number residents from BME groups increased rapidly in Cumbria; a proportional increase of 145.9%, a much greater increase than seen nationally (England: +36.7%). All of Cumbria’s districts followed the county trend in experiencing large proportional increases in numbers of residents from BME groups; with Eden experiencing the greatest proportional increase (+212.5%).

By mid-2009 the portion of residents from BME groups had risen to 4.9% in Cumbria. However, this proportion was still substantially lower than the national average (17.2%). The proportions of residents from BME groups rose across all of Cumbria's districts, with South Lakeland continuing to have the greatest proportion of residents from BME groups (6.3%).

As an extension to figure 3, figure 4 plots the proportion of the population from BME groups in relation to England, Cumbria and districts, each year from 2001 to 2009.

Figure 4: Proportion of Population from BME Groups, 2001 to 2009:



Source: Office for National Statistics, Mid-Year Estimates by Ethnic Group

Figures 3 and 4 demonstrate that while the proportions of residents from BME groups are much lower across Cumbria than they are nationally, in recent years these proportions have been increasing more rapidly across Cumbria than nationally, so that, over time, the ethnic profile of Cumbria is changing to become more representative of the rest of country.

### Further Information

For further briefings and summaries regarding Cumbria's recent population trends and future population projections please visit the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory website: <http://www.cumbriaobservatory.org.uk/>

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