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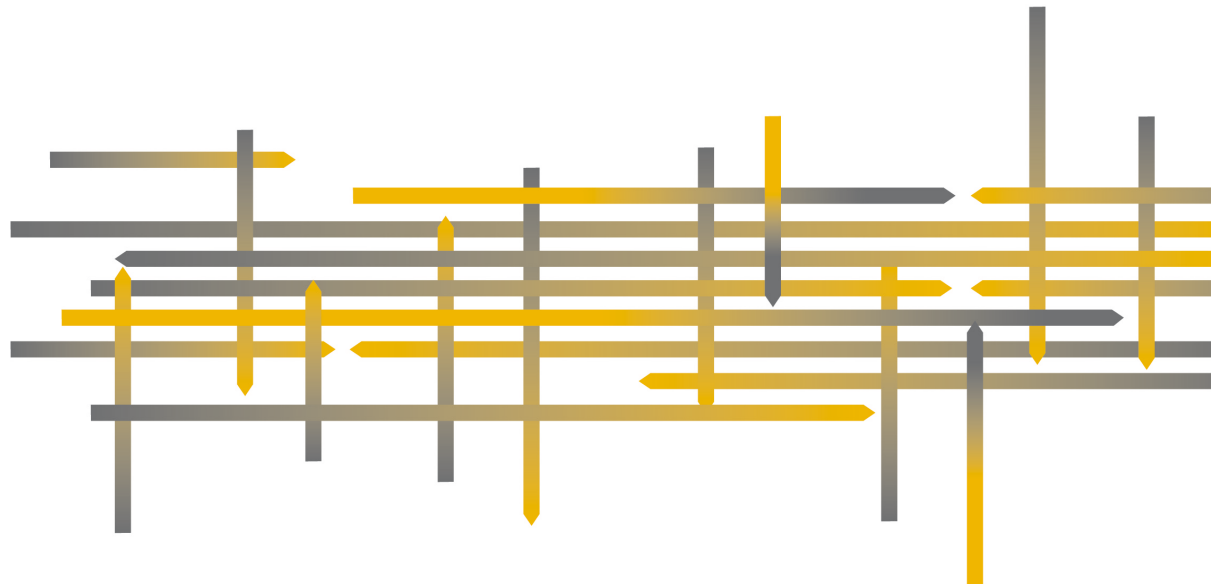
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## *Introduction*

This regional report for the North West forms part of a larger body of work including reports for England, London, East Midlands, West Midlands, North East, and Yorkshire and The Humber. A detailed Introduction and explanation of the project aims and methods can be found in the report for England. It is suggested that anyone interested in the overall project should refer to that introductory section of the England report. All reports are available in electronic format and can be obtained by contacting Irish in Britain, or the Social Policy Research Centre at Middlesex University.

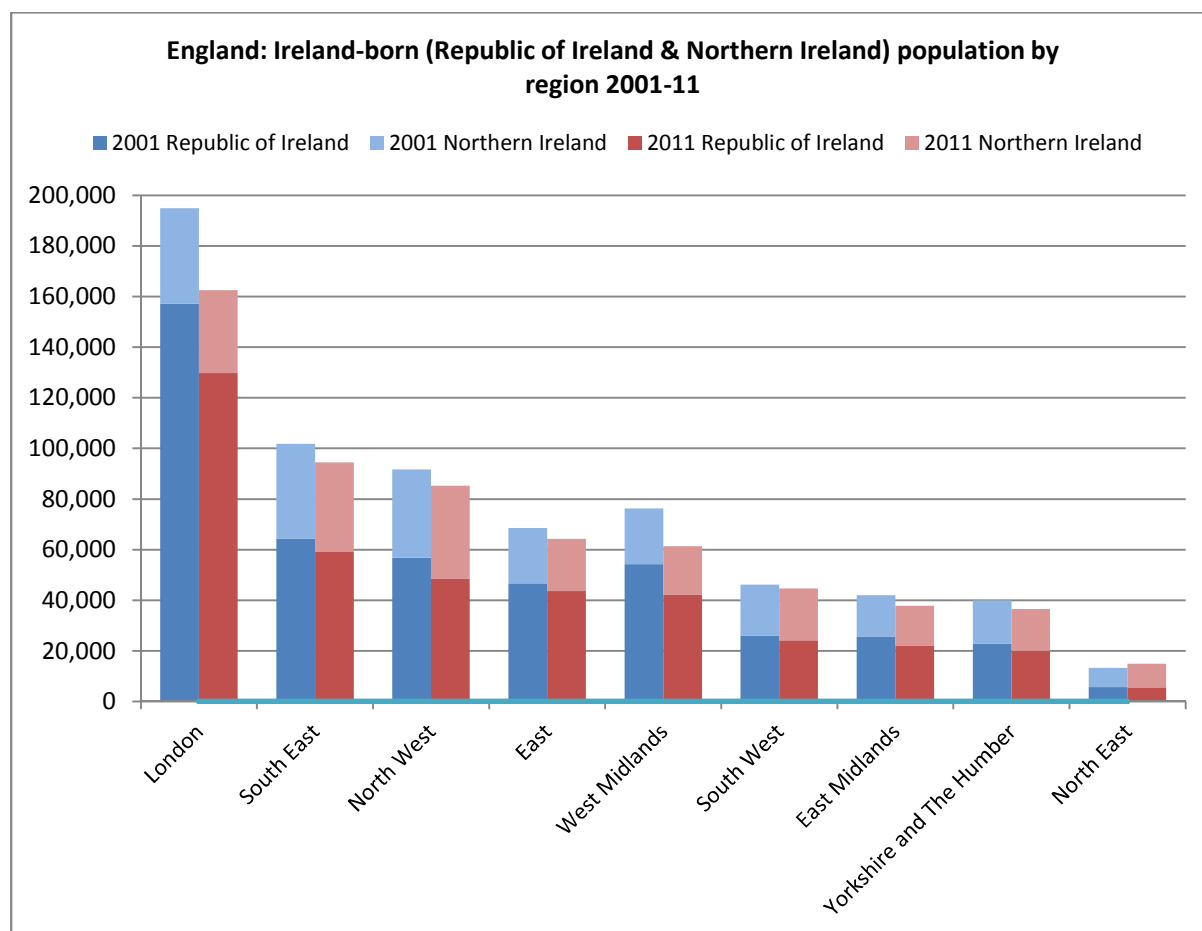
## *Population*

Table 1 shows the number of Republic of Ireland- and Northern Ireland-born residents for England as a whole and nine regions in 2001 and 2011, and Chart 1 provides a visual representation of these data. A decade ago, the number of both Republic of Ireland- and Northern Ireland-born residents was larger than in 2011. For example, in 2001, there were nearly 675,000 Ireland-born people in England compared to around 600,000 today. The change in population size was more pronounced for Republic of Ireland-born people, given the population is larger across England compared to Northern Ireland-born residents. Over the decade, London had the largest change in population size for Ireland-born residents, followed by the West Midlands. In general, today there are still sizeable numbers of more than 40,000 Republic of Ireland-born persons living in the West Midlands, East, North West and South East. In comparison, numbers of Northern Ireland-born people generally range between 20,000 to 30,000 in most regions across the country, for a total of just over 200,000 people in England.

**Table 1: ENGLAND. Population by place of birth by region, 2001 and 2011**

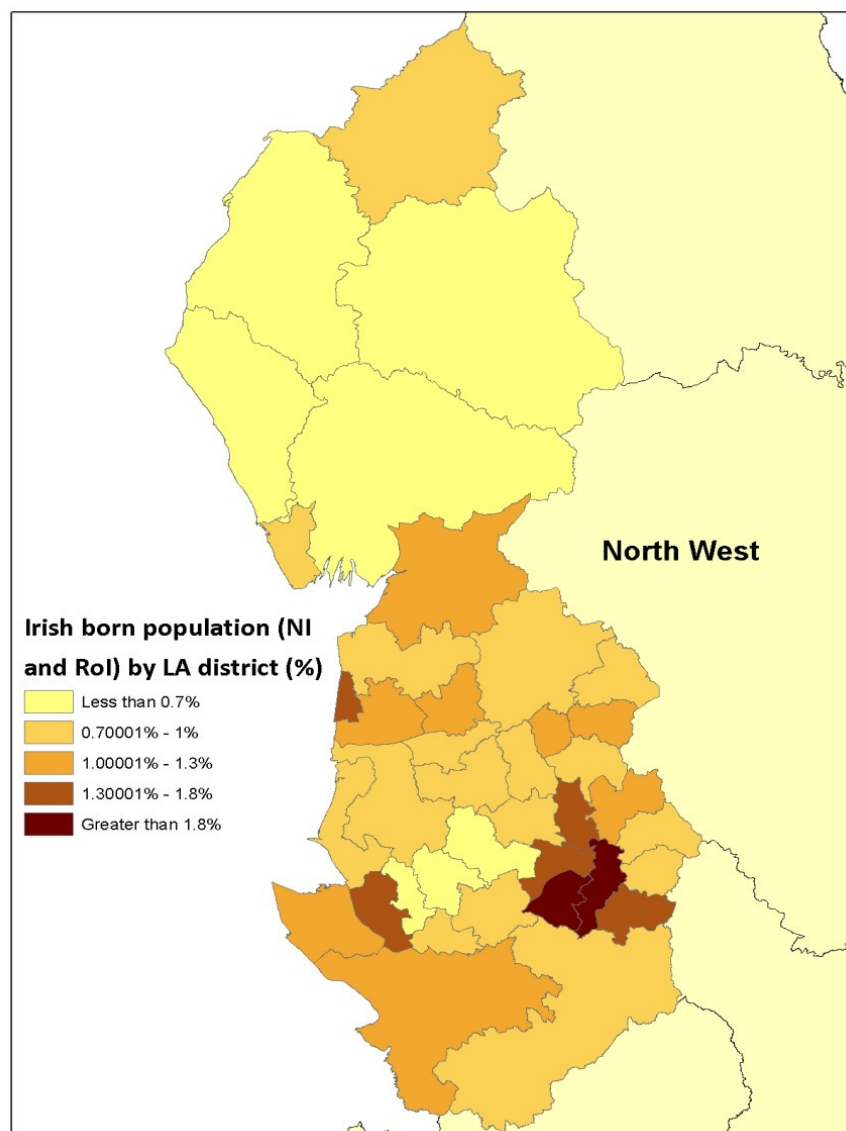
	2001				2011			
	Northern Ireland	Republic of Ireland	All Ireland	All Ireland %	Northern Ireland	Republic of Ireland	All Ireland	All Ireland %
London	37,574	157,285	194,859	2.7%	32,774	129,807	162,581	2.0%
South East	37,545	64,295	101,840	1.3%	35,344	59,125	94,469	1.1%
North West	34,879	56,816	91,695	1.4%	36,767	48,456	85,223	1.2%
East	21,811	46,743	68,554	1.3%	20,638	43,682	64,320	1.1%
West Midlands	21,957	54,298	76,255	1.4%	19,187	42,173	61,360	1.1%
South West	20,305	25,934	46,239	0.9%	20,467	24,165	44,632	0.8%
East Midlands	16,349	25,697	42,046	1.0%	15,619	22,202	37,821	0.8%
Yorkshire and The Humber	17,106	22,888	39,994	0.8%	16,608	19,986	36,594	0.7%
North East	7,598	5,706	13,304	0.5%	9,331	5,586	14,917	0.6%
ENGLAND	215,124	459,662	674,786	1.3%	206,735	395,182	601,917	1.1%

**Chart 1: ENGLAND. Ireland-born (Republic and Northern) population by region, 2001-11**



Map 1 illustrates the distribution of Ireland-born (Republic and Northern) population in the North West. The areas in yellow indicate low concentration of residents, while darker shades show where Ireland-born persons are more heavily concentrated. For example, there are fewer residents who live in the northern parts of the region, whereas there are greater concentrations living in the southern portions, as indicated by Table 2 which shows the top six local authority districts by number and proportion. Manchester and Trafford have the highest proportion of Republic of Ireland-born residents, 1.7% and 1.6%, or around 8,700 and 3,600 persons respectively. A similar pattern is also observed with Northern Ireland-born residents, being 0.9% and 0.6% of the population of Manchester and Trafford, respectively. The four other top local authorities—Salford, Bury, Stockport, and Rochdale—all have comparable proportions of Republic of Ireland- and Northern Ireland-born residents, with higher numbers and proportions of the former across these four districts.

**Map 1: NORTH WEST. Ireland-born (Republic and Northern) population by Local Authority, 2011 (%)**



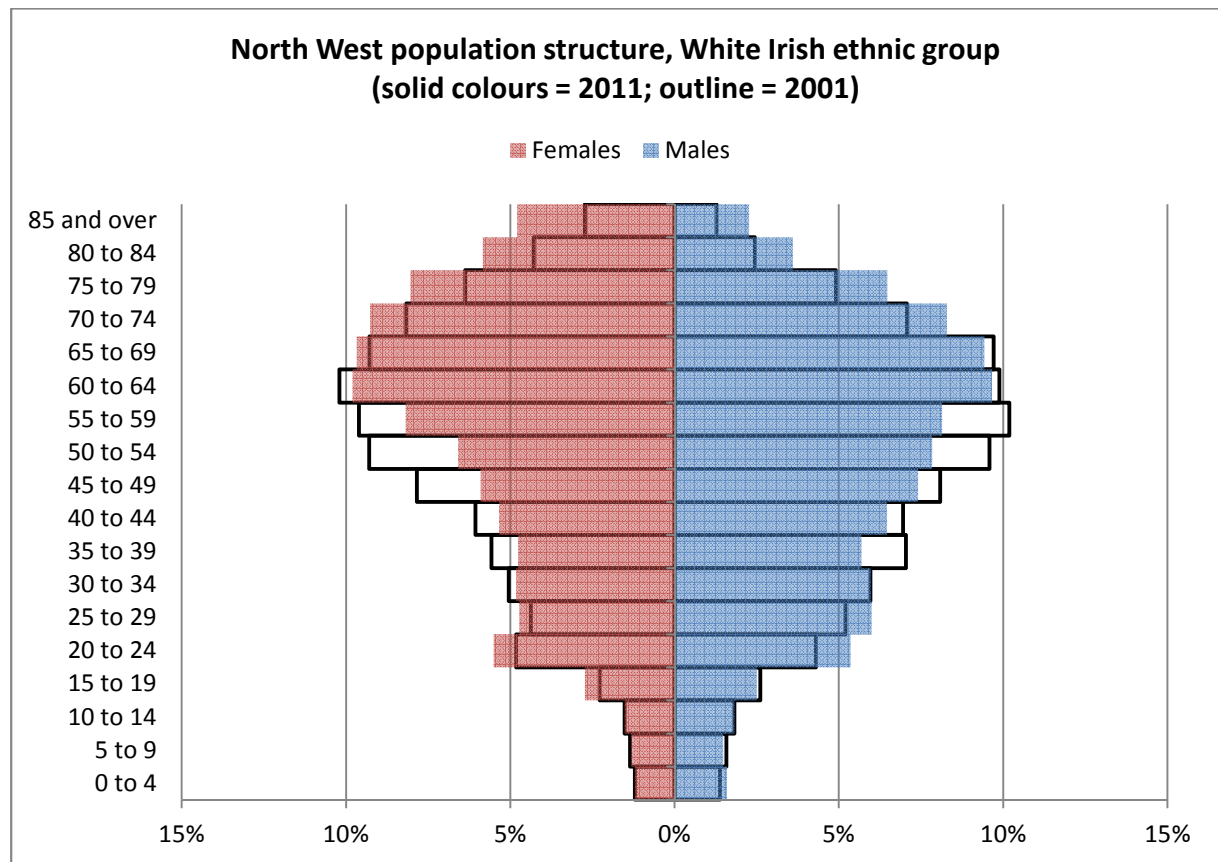


**Table 2: NORTH WEST. Top 6 Local Authority districts by proportion of Republic of Ireland-born residents, compared to Northern Ireland- and England-born**

Ranking by Rol-born %	Local Authority	Republic of Ireland-born		Northern Ireland-born		England-born	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
1	Manchester	8,737	1.7%	4,451	0.9%	360,441	71.6%
2	Trafford	3,620	1.6%	1,467	0.6%	194,404	85.8%
3	Salford	2,485	1.1%	1,280	0.5%	200,812	85.8%
4	Bury	1,801	1.0%	979	0.5%	164,590	88.9%
5	Stockport	2,747	1.0%	1,388	0.5%	256,170	90.4%
6	Rochdale	1,852	0.9%	886	0.4%	184,354	87.1%

The following charts illustrate the population structure by age and sex for the White Irish ethnic group in the North West. As we can see in Chart 2, a comparison is provided between 2001 and 2011 to show changes in the age of the Irish population in the North West. For example, in 2011 (solid colours), we can see there is now a larger proportion of Irish males (blue) and females (red) aged 70 and older compared to 2001 (outline). Conversely, today there are now fewer Irish males and females in younger groups, especially those aged 35 to 59, compared to a decade ago. Together, this shows that the Irish population has aged considerably, while proportions in younger age ranges, from birth to around 30, have remained small but relatively steady between males and females over the decade.

**Chart 2: NORTH WEST. Age and sex distribution for White Irish ethnic group, comparison of 2001 and 2011**



In Chart 3 we see a comparison between White Irish (solid colours) and White British (outline) ethnic groups for 2011, in terms of age and gender. Overall, an obvious pattern emerges when comparing both ethnic groups—there are higher proportions of both White Irish males and females older age groups (54+) compared to White British, which in some cases is nearly double for some age ranges (e. g. 65 to 69, 70 to 74, etc.). Secondly, as can be expected, the White British make up a larger proportion in younger age groups, especially birth to around 19 years of age. In other words, the age/gender population structures of both ethnic groups are inverted—the proportions of elderly White Irish men and women outnumber their White British counterparts, while the proportions of younger White British boys and girls outnumber their White Irish counterparts.

**Chart 3: NORTH WEST. Age and sex distribution for White Irish ethnic group, compared to White British for 2011**

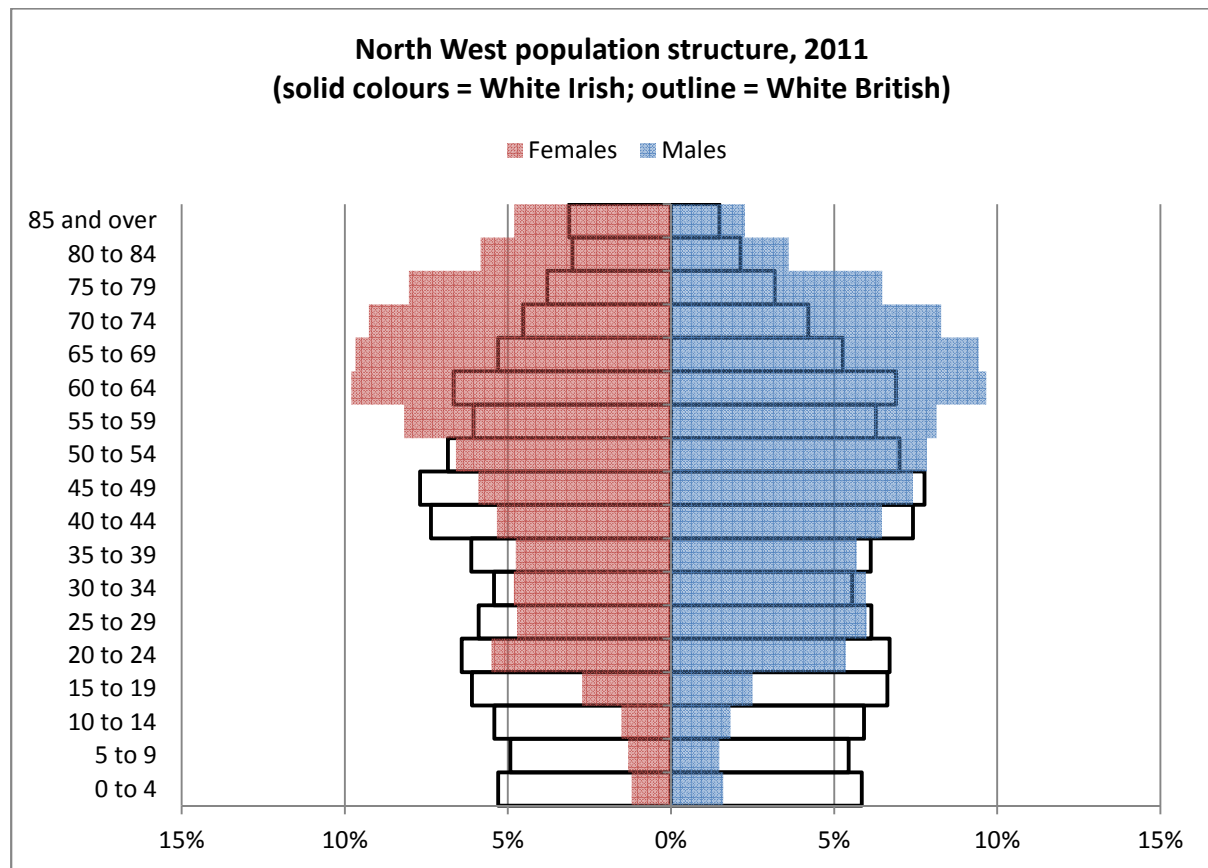


Table 3 shows a detailed ranking of the number and proportion of White Irish compared to 18 ethnic groups in the North West. As can be seen, White Irish rank as fifth most common ethnic group, with nearly 65,000 persons living in the region, making up 0.9% of the overall population. The three main ethnic groups are British Pakistani (2.7%), White Other (2.1%) and British Indian (1.5%), all having populations of 100,000 or more persons.

**Table 3: NORTH WEST. Number and proportion of persons in region, by detailed ethnic group (ranked)**

	#	% (ranked)
<b>All persons</b>	<b>7,052,177</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	6,141,069	87.1%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	189,436	2.7%
White: Other White	151,570	2.1%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	107,353	1.5%
<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>64,930</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	59,278	0.8%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	48,049	0.7%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	46,750	0.7%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	45,897	0.7%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups: White and Black Caribbean	39,204	0.6%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups: White and Asian	30,529	0.4%
Other ethnic group: Arab	24,528	0.3%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	23,131	0.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups: Other Mixed	22,766	0.3%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	19,688	0.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups: White and Black African	18,392	0.3%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	15,460	0.2%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	4,147	0.1%

Table 4 provides a detailed breakdown of age and sex by main ethnic groups for the North West. Similar to the patterns observed in the previous discussion on Charts 2 and 3, compared to all other main ethnic groups, the White Irish males and females are underrepresented in younger age ranges, from birth and up to around 49 years. Then, the pattern begins to reverse from age 50 onwards, and becomes particularly striking for all four older age ranges (50 to 64, 65 to 74, 75 to 84, and 85+), where the White Irish are significantly overrepresented compared to all other main ethnic groups living in the North West region.

Table 4: NORTH WEST. Age and sex, by main ethnic groups

	<i>White British</i>		<i>White Irish</i>		<i>White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller</i>		<i>White Other</i>		<i>Mixed</i>		<i>Asian</i>		<i>Black</i>		<i>Other</i>	
	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
Aged 0 to 15	18.5%	16.8%	5.2%	4.4%	29.6%	30.0%	16.8%	15.4%	44.1%	42.8%	29.2%	28.8%	26.8%	27.5%	22.7%	31.9%
Aged 16 to 24	12.1%	11.4%	7.5%	7.9%	15.4%	16.2%	13.4%	14.3%	18.6%	18.6%	16.8%	16.5%	13.5%	13.9%	15.2%	14.8%
Aged 25 to 34	11.7%	11.3%	12.0%	9.5%	16.5%	15.8%	32.0%	31.2%	13.8%	14.4%	20.0%	20.6%	19.0%	19.5%	27.7%	22.9%
Aged 35 to 49	21.3%	21.2%	19.6%	16.0%	19.7%	20.6%	21.9%	21.2%	14.4%	15.2%	20.1%	19.7%	26.0%	24.9%	22.2%	19.9%
Aged 50 to 64	20.2%	19.6%	25.6%	24.6%	12.9%	11.6%	10.2%	10.4%	6.2%	6.1%	9.5%	9.9%	9.2%	8.7%	9.3%	7.2%
Aged 65 to 74	9.5%	9.8%	17.7%	18.9%	4.0%	3.7%	3.0%	3.2%	1.7%	1.6%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	3.3%	1.8%	1.8%
Aged 75 to 84	5.3%	6.8%	10.1%	13.9%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	3.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.4%	1.4%	2.1%	1.9%	0.8%	1.1%
Aged 85+	1.5%	3.1%	2.3%	4.8%	0.3%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%

In Table 5 we see how people define their ethnicity according to place of birth. For those persons born in the Republic of Ireland, the majority (80.6%) or around 39,000 people define their ethnic group as White Irish, compared to 13.8% (6,700 people) White British. For people born in Northern Ireland, 80.7% or nearly 30,000 persons define themselves as White British. However, it should be noted that in the census form the category 'White British' included Northern Irish (and thus this wider category cannot be disaggregate). 17.4% or around 6,400 people born in Northern Ireland define themselves as White Irish. Also, there were around 17,300 persons born in England who identified as White Irish and may be second generation of Ireland-born persons who migrated several decades ago, as discussed later in Table 7.

**Table 5: NORTH WEST. Main ethnic groups, by place of birth**

	Republic of Ireland-born		Northern Ireland-born		England-born	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<i>Total</i>	48,456	100.0%	36,767	100.0%	6,272,929	100.0%
White: British*	6,700	13.8%	29,663	80.7%	5,875,885	93.7%
White: Irish	39,068	80.6%	6,412	17.4%	17,284	0.3%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	260	0.5%	75	0.2%	3,188	0.1%
White: Other	756	1.6%	50	0.1%	21,277	0.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group	384	0.8%	188	0.5%	94,860	1.5%
Asian/Asian British	634	1.3%	254	0.7%	211,310	3.4%
Black/Black British	427	0.9%	66	0.2%	37,589	0.6%
Other ethnic group	227	0.5%	59	0.2%	11,536	0.2%

\* Aggregated category which also includes those who identify as White Scottish, Northern Irish, Welsh and English. [This appeared as a one tick-box in the Census questionnaire and so disaggregation is not possible]

We can see in Table 6 how people define their national identity by their place of birth. Here, there are similar patterns to those observed in the previous table on ethnicity. For example, the majority of people born in the Republic of Ireland (64.0%) or around 31,000 persons defined themselves as 'Irish only,' whereas 21.8% or nearly 10,600 people reported 'British only' as their national identity. For people born in Northern Ireland, the majority—50%—or around 18,000 people reported 'Northern Irish' as their only identity, whereas 23.9% said 'British only' and 8.2% 'English only;' 7.7% also stated their identity as 'Irish only.' For people born in England, there were nearly 8,000 persons who stated 'Irish only' or 'Irish and another UK identity,' whereas in the previous Table 5, there were around 17,300 England-born residents who stated their ethnicity as White Irish. This suggests that people are using these particular census categories to define different aspects of their identities.

**Table 6: NORTH WEST. National identity, by place of birth**

	Republic of Ireland-born		Northern Ireland-born		England-born	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<i>Total</i>	48,456	100.0%	36,767	100.0%	6,272,929	100.0%
Irish only identity	30,999	64.0%	2,831	7.7%	5,074	0.1%
Irish and at least one UK identity	1,039	2.1%	292	0.8%	2,745	0.0%
Northern Irish only identity	642	1.3%	18,369	50.0%	1,142	0.0%
British only identity	10,566	21.8%	8,795	23.9%	953,550	15.2%
English only identity	3,997	8.2%	3,031	8.2%	4,571,493	72.9%
English and British only identity	331	0.7%	346	0.9%	687,161	11.0%
Other identity only	735	1.5%	76	0.2%	21,801	0.3%
Other identity and at least one UK identity	147	0.3%	3,027	8.2%	29,963	0.5%

## Patterns of migration

Table 7 shows when persons born in the Republic of Ireland, and now resident in the North West region, arrived to the UK. Chart 4 provides a visualisation of these data. As noted beneath both Tables 7 and 8, data reported here only refer to persons both outside of the UK and thus do not apply for those born in Northern Ireland. As can be seen, of around 48,500 Republic of Ireland-born persons across the region, the majority—43.8%—or about 21,200 arrived before 1961. This should be no surprise, given the very high numbers of older Irish people living in the North West, as discussed earlier and shown in Tables 4 and Charts 2 and 3. Similarly, a large proportion (20.7%) also arrived between 1961 and 1970. After this period, there was a decline in the number of Republic of Ireland-born persons arriving until the 2000s. Then, the pattern reversed, with 12.4% or around 6,000 people reporting to have arrived between 2001 and 2011, although the table shows a more detailed breakdown of years within this period. Of course, the figures include only those who have remained in the region and, thus, do not capture the numbers who may have moved on elsewhere or returned to Ireland. Thus, it is somewhat misleading to compare these numbers as an indication of total migration to the region over time.

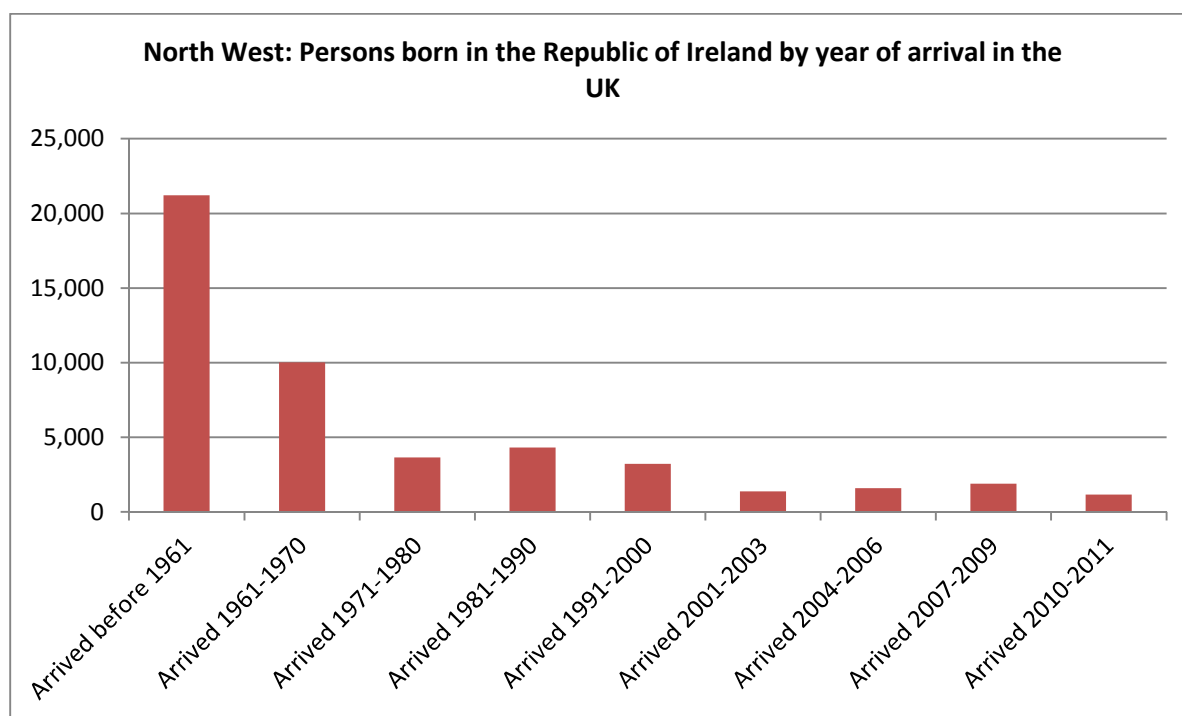
**Table 7: NORTH WEST. Year of arrival in the UK for persons born in Republic of Ireland**

	Republic of Ireland-born	
	#	%
<i>Total</i>	48,456	100.0%
Arrived before 1961	21,222	43.8%
Arrived 1961-1970	10,027	20.7%
Arrived 1971-1980	3,659	7.6%
Arrived 1981-1990	4,309	8.9%
Arrived 1991-2000	3,220	6.6%
Arrived 2001-2003	1,377	2.8%
Arrived 2004-2006	1,590	3.3%
Arrived 2007-2009	1,889	3.9%
Arrived 2010-2011	1,163	2.4%

*\* Data refer to persons born outside of the UK and so do not apply for those born in Northern Ireland*



**Chart 4: NORTH WEST. Persons born in the Republic of Ireland by year of arrival in the UK**



The age of arrival in the UK to the North West, for persons born in the Republic of Ireland is shown in Table 8. As we can see, 35.8% or around 17,300 people arrived before the age of 15 and 44.1% or about 21,400 between the ages of 16 and 24, which was the main age range. Combined together, this means that the majority of Republic of Ireland-born persons—79.9%—or nearly 39,000 who now reside in the North West, were 24 years or younger at the time of their arrival in the UK. Also worth noting, 13.9% reported arriving between 25 and 34 years of age, and numbers then gradually declined for all older ages.

**Table 8: NORTH WEST. Age at arrival in the UK for persons born in Republic of Ireland**

	Republic of Ireland-born	
	#	%
<i>Total</i>	48,456	100.0%
0 to 15	17,334	35.8%
16 to 24	21,384	44.1%
25 to 34	6,734	13.9%
35 to 49	2,161	4.5%
50 to 64	568	1.2%
65 and over	275	0.6%

*\* Data refer to persons born outside of the UK and so do not apply for those born in Northern Ireland*

## *Education and employment*

Table 9 shows highest level of qualification held by main ethnic groups in the North West. In keeping with the early period of arrival (1950s-60s) and the young age of arrival discussed above, it is not surprising that some 20,800 (one third) White Irish people had no formal qualifications. This is even more pronounced in the case of ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers’ where over half have no qualifications. It is noteworthy too that people of White Irish ethnicity are also over represented at the other end of the table, amongst the most educated with almost a third (30.4%) holding a degree, compared to all other ethnic groups. It is interesting to observe here that the ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers’ are one of the least represented (less than 10%) among graduates. It should be noted, of course, that this particular category also includes English Gypsies and so statistics relating to this group need to be interpreted with some caution.

**Table 9: NORTH WEST. Highest level of qualification by main ethnic group**

	<i>White: British</i>	<i>White: Irish</i>	<i>White: Gypsy or Irish Trav.</i>	<i>White: Other</i>	<i>Mixed</i>	<i>Asian</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Other</i>
<i>Total (aged 16+)</i>	5,058,533	61,810	2,912	127,214	62,704	310,593	71,331	32,532
No qualifications	25.2%	33.7%	58.0%	14.7%	19.4%	23.6%	16.0%	18.5%
Foundation and 1-4 GCSEs	13.9%	7.2%	8.3%	6.5%	14.7%	12.4%	12.7%	9.8%
5+ GCSEs and certificates	16.4%	9.2%	8.2%	8.4%	18.3%	10.9%	15.4%	8.7%
Apprenticeship	4.3%	2.7%	2.2%	1.4%	2.0%	0.7%	1.3%	0.5%
A/AS Levels	13.2%	10.4%	8.9%	8.7%	16.5%	10.4%	12.4%	9.6%
BA/BSc or higher	23.8%	30.4%	9.8%	30.7%	24.2%	28.1%	32.9%	33.4%
Other qualifications	3.1%	6.5%	4.7%	29.6%	5.0%	13.9%	9.3%	19.5%

Table 10 shows people with no qualifications by the 18 ethnic groups. There are around 21,800 White Irish people with no qualifications and they rank second compared to all other groups. ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller’ is ranked first, with the majority, or more than half (58.0%) with no formal qualifications. These groups are well above the proportions for all detailed ethnic groups combined, including White British.

**Table 10: NORTH WEST. People with no qualifications, by detailed ethnic group (ranked)**

	<i>All people</i>	<i>No qualifications</i>	
	<i>#</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>% (ranked)</i>
<b>All categories: Ethnic group</b>	<b>5,727,629</b>	<b>1,419,620</b>	<b>24.8%</b>
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	2,912	1,688	58.0%
<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>61,810</b>	<b>20,834</b>	<b>33.7%</b>
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	28,367	9,421	33.2%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	125,791	33,245	26.4%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	5,058,533	1,275,358	25.2%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	20,124	4,713	23.4%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	23,480	5,442	23.2%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	15,575	3,457	22.2%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	40,841	8,796	21.5%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	80,554	15,557	19.3%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	9,679	1,829	18.9%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	10,084	1,878	18.6%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	35,040	6,420	18.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	13,381	2,360	17.6%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	15,759	2,461	15.6%
Other ethnic group: Arab	16,957	2,549	15.0%
White: Other White	127,214	18,746	14.7%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	41,528	4,866	11.7%

*\* Data not disseminated by age or sex for detailed ethnic groups*

Economic activity by main ethnic group is shown in Table 11. Both the White Irish and the ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller’ categories are over represented in the economically inactive group for different reasons, with 49.8% and 53.5% respectively. Nonetheless, nearly half of around 62,000 White Irish people in the North West are employed, whereas only a small proportion (3.4%) is unemployed compared to other ethnic groups. In the group of the nearly half of White Irish people who are economically inactive, over a third of these individuals are retired, which is several times higher in comparison to other ethnic groups. Given the age profile of the Irish it is hardly surprising that such a high proportion is economically inactive because they are retired. By contrast among ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers’ economic inactivity is mainly explained through long-term sick/disability (14.5%) and looking after children (13.3%); this information is presented in further detail in Table 12 for all 18 ethnic categories.

Chart 5 provides a breakdown of this data by sex, and shows that there are a larger proportion of retired White Irish females than males, which in some cases is several times more than for other ethnic groups. However, as noted the specific age profile of the Irish population needs to be taken into account when looking at that table.

**Table 11: NORTH WEST. Economic activity by main ethnic group**

		<b>White: British</b>	<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller</b>	<b>White: Other</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Total (aged 16+)</b>		5,058,533	61,810	2,912	127,214	62,704	310,593	71,331	32,532
<b>In employment</b>		56.9%	46.8%	37.5%	69.8%	54.7%	50.7%	54.4%	44.4%
<b>Unemployed</b>		4.7%	3.4%	9.0%	5.2%	10.7%	7.1%	13.0%	10.0%
<b>Economically inactive:</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>1,940,417</b>	<b>30,780</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>31,825</b>	<b>21,663</b>	<b>131,061</b>	<b>23,261</b>	<b>14,856</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>49.8%</b>	<b>53.5%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>42.2%</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	<b>45.7%</b>
<b>Economically inactive</b>	Retired	23.9%	35.5%	7.9%	8.1%	5.3%	6.5%	6.9%	4.1%
	Student	4.2%	4.2%	6.9%	7.8%	14.1%	13.9%	12.1%	22.0%
	Looking after home/family	3.0%	2.0%	13.3%	4.5%	4.3%	11.8%	4.3%	9.1%
	Long-term sick/disabled	5.4%	6.0%	14.5%	1.9%	6.8%	4.4%	4.0%	4.1%
	Economically inactive: other	1.9%	2.1%	10.8%	2.7%	4.0%	5.6%	5.3%	6.3%

**Chart 5: NORTH WEST. Economic inactivity by reason for inactivity, by main ethnic group and sex**

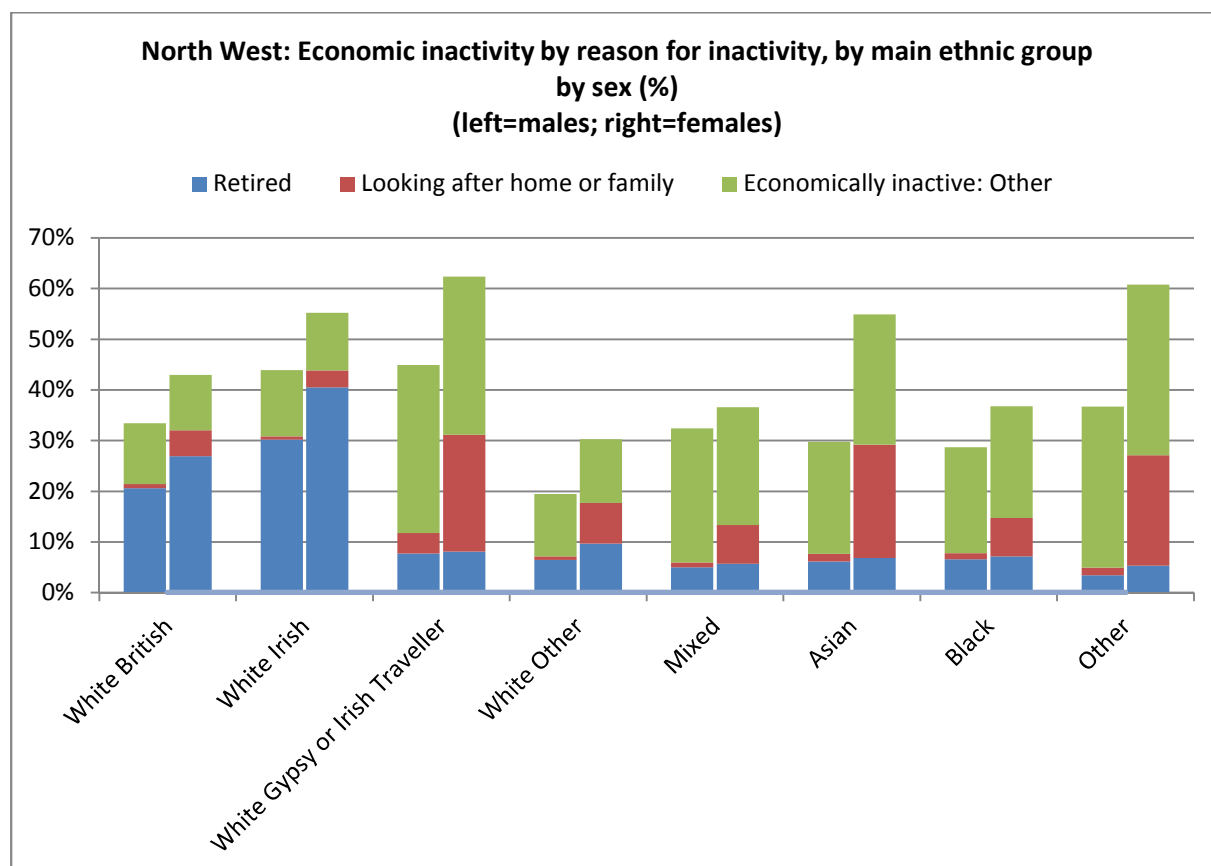


Table 12 shows people in the economically inactive group who are retired, for detailed ethnic groups by sex. White Irish rank first, with around 22,000 people retired, compared to all other groups in the economically inactive category. Specifically, there are more retired White Irish women (40.5%) than men (30.2%), and this is well above the proportion for men and women in all ethnic groups combined, 19.1% and 25.1% respectively. ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers’ rank eighth, with less than one in ten (7.9%) people retired, amongst those people who are economically inactive.

**Table 12: NORTH WEST. Economically inactive: Retired, by detailed ethnic group (ranked), by sex**

	<i>All people (aged 16+)</i>			<i>Economically inactive: Retired %</i>		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Total (ranked)</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
<b>All categories: Ethnic group</b>	<b>5,727,629</b>	<b>2,786,111</b>	<b>2,941,518</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>25.1%</b>
<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>61,810</b>	<b>29,813</b>	<b>31,997</b>	<b>35.5%</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	5,058,533	2,447,990	2,610,543	23.9%	20.6%	26.9%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	20,124	10,199	9,925	17.4%	17.0%	17.7%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	80,554	41,314	39,240	8.4%	7.9%	9.0%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	40,841	19,840	21,001	8.2%	7.4%	8.9%
White: Other White	127,214	61,719	65,495	8.1%	6.5%	9.7%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	2,912	1,487	1,425	7.9%	7.7%	8.1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	23,480	11,757	11,723	6.0%	5.6%	6.4%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	13,381	6,313	7,068	5.8%	5.4%	6.1%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	125,791	64,077	61,714	5.7%	5.6%	5.8%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	28,367	14,637	13,730	5.2%	5.0%	5.5%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	15,575	9,720	5,855	4.8%	3.5%	7.1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	10,084	4,915	5,169	4.8%	4.5%	5.0%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	9,679	5,058	4,621	4.5%	4.2%	4.8%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	15,759	8,018	7,741	4.4%	4.1%	4.7%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	35,040	17,144	17,896	4.2%	3.8%	4.6%
Other ethnic group: Arab	16,957	10,707	6,250	3.5%	3.3%	3.7%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	41,528	21,403	20,125	2.3%	2.2%	2.4%

Table 13 shows levels of socio-economic status by main ethnic group. People of White Irish ethnicity are highly represented (9.9%) in the top occupational category (which includes higher and medium level managerial, administrative and professional occupations), and also highly represented in category 2 (lower management/professional) at 22.3% compared to other ethnic groups (this information is presented in more detail for all 18 ethnic groups below in Table 14). Also, in comparison to Table 11 on economic activity, which showed low levels of unemployment amongst the White Irish, here in Table 13 we also see that the White Irish have low proportions (5.3%) of people who have never worked/long-term unemployed, compared to other ethnic groups.

**Table 13: NORTH WEST. Socio-economic status by main ethnic group**

	<i>White: British</i>	<i>White: Irish</i>	<i>White: Gypsy or Irish Trav.</i>	<i>White: Other</i>	<i>Mixed</i>	<i>Asian</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Other</i>
<i>Total (aged 16+)</i>	5,058,533	61,810	2,912	127,214	62,704	310,593	71,331	32,532
1. Higher mgr., admin., and prof. occupations	8.6%	9.9%	2.5%	9.5%	6.8%	8.5%	6.3%	10.3%
2. Lower mgr., admin., and prof. occupations	19.9%	22.3%	8.5%	14.6%	15.3%	10.9%	15.4%	10.2%
3. Intermediate occupations	13.9%	10.1%	4.5%	8.2%	10.4%	8.1%	9.4%	5.3%
4. Small employers and own account workers	8.5%	8.2%	14.7%	7.2%	5.9%	10.6%	4.7%	8.7%
5. Lower supervisory / technical occupations	7.9%	6.8%	4.5%	8.2%	5.4%	4.7%	4.3%	4.9%
6. Semi-routine occupations	15.6%	13.8%	10.6%	15.5%	13.4%	11.4%	15.0%	9.4%
7. Routine occupations	13.1%	16.9%	12.2%	20.3%	10.5%	8.7%	10.3%	6.9%
8. Never worked and long-term unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	33.4%	5.0%	11.1%	18.3%	13.8%	19.1%
Not classified	7.0%	6.7%	9.0%	11.4%	21.2%	18.7%	20.7%	25.2%

Table 14 shows socio-economic status (defined by occupation) for people who hold higher/lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations, by sex, for 18 ethnic groups. White Irish rank first, with around 19,900 people (32.2%) or one in three, in such occupations, with slightly more Irish women (32.9%) than men (31.5%). White Irish people (both men and women) also tend to be more represented in these occupations when compared to all detailed ethnic groups combined (27.8%). On the other hand, 'White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller' ranked eighteenth, with one in ten people holding these types of jobs.

**Table 14: NORTH WEST. Socio-economic status: Higher/lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations, by detailed ethnic group (ranked) by sex**

	<i>All persons (aged 16+)</i>			<i>Higher/lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations %</i>		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Total (ranked)</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
<b>All categories: Ethnic group</b>	<b>5,727,629</b>	<b>2,786,111</b>	<b>2,941,518</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>26.4%</b>
<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>61,810</b>	<b>29,813</b>	<b>31,997</b>	<b>32.2%</b>	<b>31.5%</b>	<b>32.9%</b>
Asian/Asian British: Indian	80,554	41,314	39,240	29.7%	33.0%	26.1%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/ Northern Irish/British	5,058,533	2,447,990	2,610,543	28.5%	30.1%	27.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	13,381	6,313	7,068	25.9%	25.0%	26.7%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	15,759	8,018	7,741	25.3%	24.9%	25.7%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	20,124	10,199	9,925	25.0%	21.0%	29.0%
White: Other White	127,214	61,719	65,495	24.2%	23.4%	24.9%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	10,084	4,915	5,169	21.8%	21.2%	22.4%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	9,679	5,058	4,621	21.8%	21.2%	22.5%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	15,575	9,720	5,855	21.5%	21.0%	22.3%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	35,040	17,144	17,896	20.9%	20.4%	21.4%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	41,528	21,403	20,125	20.2%	20.9%	19.4%
Other ethnic group: Arab	16,957	10,707	6,250	19.7%	21.9%	16.0%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	40,841	19,840	21,001	18.4%	19.0%	17.7%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	23,480	11,757	11,723	17.9%	17.0%	18.9%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	125,791	64,077	61,714	14.6%	16.9%	12.2%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	28,367	14,637	13,730	11.1%	12.9%	9.3%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	2,912	1,487	1,425	11.0%	11.7%	10.3%

## Health and welfare

Table 15 shows reports of limiting long-term health problems or disability (LLTI), by main ethnic group and age. Given the particular age profile of the White Irish in the North West, it is hardly surprising that people in that ethnic group report the highest levels of LLTI. The White Irish are significantly more likely to report such health problems (31.6%) than any other of the main ethnic groups and, as shown below, White Irish come ahead of all other ethnic groups with 'White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers' second (26.5%). Of this proportion, when the figures are broken down by age, we can see a reverse pattern where White Irish then come second to 'White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers' in all age groups. Proportions of LLTI reported by White Irish aged 50 and above are comparable or lower than other ethnic groups, however three in four 'White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers' aged 65 and over experience LLTI which is higher than all other groups.

**Table 15: NORTH WEST. Limiting long term health problem or disability (LLTI): Daily activities limited 'a little' or 'a lot,' by main ethnic group and age**

	<i>White: British</i>	<i>White: Irish</i>	<i>White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller</i>	<i>White: Other</i>	<i>Mixed</i>	<i>Asian</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Other</i>
<i>Total</i>	6,141,069	64,930	4,147	151,570	110,891	437,485	97,869	44,216
<i>Daily activities Not limited</i>	78.7%	68.4%	73.5%	90.3%	88.1%	87.4%	88.8%	88.7%
<b>All LLTI: #</b>	<b>1,306,151</b>	<b>20,532</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>14,737</b>	<b>13,220</b>	<b>55,124</b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>4,983</b>
<b>All LLTI: %</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
Age 0 to 15	4.0%	4.7%	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%
Age 16 to 24	5.8%	4.1%	13.3%	3.0%	6.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Age 25 to 34	8.4%	6.8%	20.6%	3.3%	11.8%	6.6%	6.2%	7.9%
Age 35 to 49	14.7%	15.3%	38.0%	8.4%	21.7%	13.9%	11.8%	15.6%
Age 50 to 64	27.6%	31.6%	59.5%	21.1%	36.1%	38.8%	24.1%	29.1%
Age 65 and over	57.0%	58.0%	74.3%	58.1%	61.2%	67.3%	60.4%	61.3%

When considering this by gender as shown in Chart 6, the proportion of White Irish females suffering from LLTI is greater than White Irish males and several times higher compared to females in other groups.



**Chart 6: NORTH WEST: Limiting long term health problem or disability (LLTI): Daily activities limited 'a little' or 'a lot,' by main ethnic group and sex**

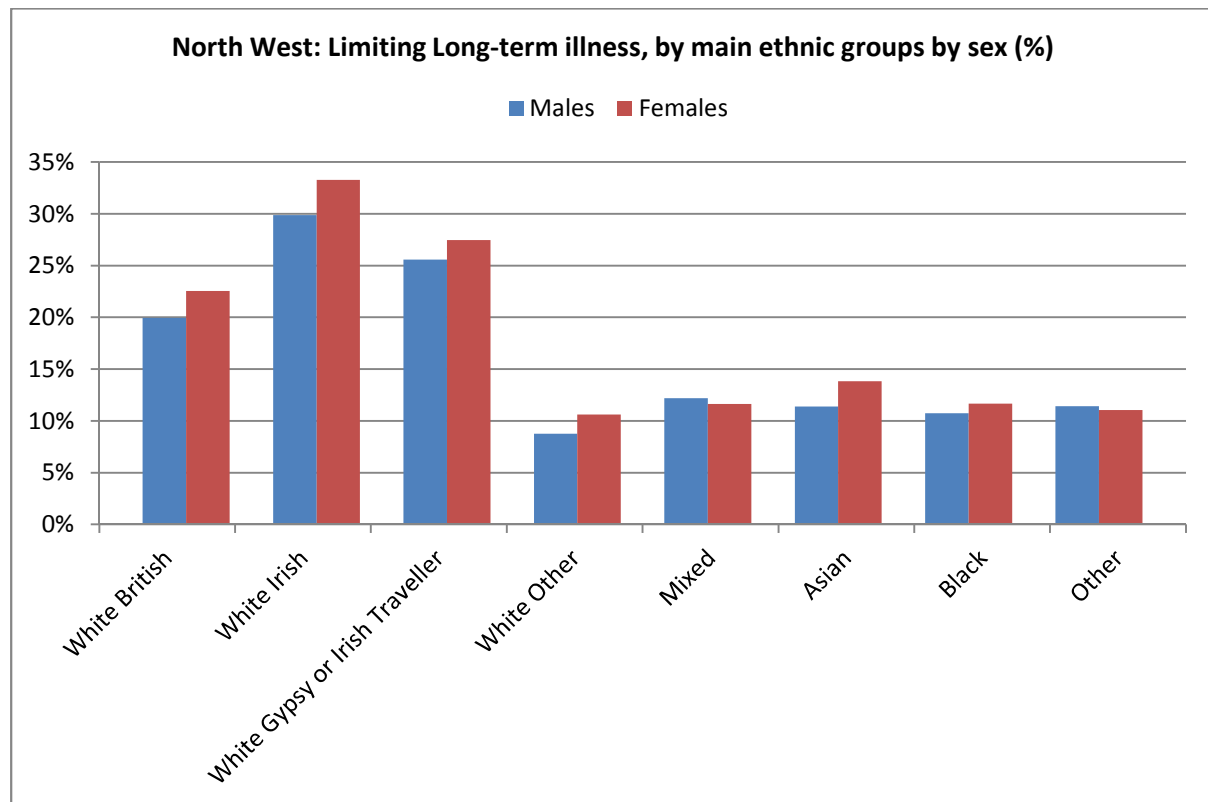


Table 16 shows the proportions of people over aged 50 and over, by sex, reporting limiting long-term illness (LLTI) for limitations to daily activities (both 'a lot' and 'a little') by detailed ethnic group. Here, White Irish people are ranked fifth, with around 18,000 people or nearly half (46.8%) reporting limitations to their daily activities caused by long-term health problems, with slightly more Irish women (47.9%) than men (45.5%). The group ranked first is 'White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller' (64.3%) with two in three people reporting LLTI, especially for women in this group, which is considerably higher than all other groups. These proportions are also higher when compared to the combined total across all detailed ethnic groups (41.8%).

**Table 16: NORTH WEST. Limiting Long-term Illness (LLTI): Daily activities limited ‘a lot’ or ‘a little,’ persons aged 50 and over, by detailed ethnic group by sex**

	<i>All persons, aged 50+</i>			<i>LLTI %, aged 50+</i>		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Total (ranked)</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
<b>All categories: Ethnic group</b>	<b>2,485,567</b>	<b>1,171,261</b>	<b>1,314,306</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>44.2%</b>
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	754	399	355	64.3%	62.2%	66.8%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	4,183	2,037	2,146	60.7%	53.7%	67.3%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	23,868	12,158	11,710	56.5%	48.3%	65.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	3,858	1,975	1,883	47.9%	46.4%	49.4%
<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>38,336</b>	<b>17,526</b>	<b>20,810</b>	<b>46.8%</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>47.9%</b>
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	2,264	1,061	1,203	45.5%	43.7%	47.1%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	19,789	10,073	9,716	45.4%	39.5%	51.5%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	7,760	3,981	3,779	43.3%	41.5%	45.2%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	1,538	761	777	42.4%	39.4%	45.3%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	2,329,676	1,095,043	1,234,633	41.6%	39.0%	43.9%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	1,821	905	916	40.3%	38.6%	42.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	2,071	1,059	1,012	39.0%	38.6%	39.4%
Other ethnic group: Arab	2,389	1,629	760	38.0%	33.5%	47.8%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	2,669	1,562	1,107	36.9%	31.2%	45.0%
White: Other White	25,682	11,762	13,920	35.7%	31.8%	38.9%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	5,737	2,664	3,073	35.6%	34.1%	36.9%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	8,307	4,033	4,274	29.6%	27.4%	31.8%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	4,865	2,633	2,232	27.9%	24.0%	32.6%

In Tables 17 and 18 we present data on general health. Again, we see a similar pattern with the White Irish and ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers’ reporting poorer health which is double or more in proportion (11.8% and 14.9% respectively) compared to other main ethnic groups. Similarly to the previous Table 15, the relevance of age here is also significant. For example in the younger age groups White Irish people are no more likely to report bad health than other ethnic groups, and in fact are among the most healthiest until around 24 years of age. With age White Irish people are more likely to report bad health, in line with several other ethnic groups. Thus, it may be the overall disproportionate number of White Irish people in the older age groups—in contrast to other ethnic groups—which skews the overall health data on the Irish. However, it should be noted that ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers’ report bad health at relatively young ages, especially from age 16 onwards. For example, one in five of those in the age group 35-49 report bad or very bad health, and

nearly one in two from age 50 onwards, which is significantly higher compared to other groups.

**Table 17: NORTH WEST. General health, by main ethnic group and age**

	<i>White: British</i>	<i>White: Irish</i>	<i>White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller</i>	<i>White: Other</i>	<i>Mixed</i>	<i>Asian</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Other</i>	
<i>Total</i>	6,141,069	64,930	4,147	151,570	110,891	437,485	97,869	44,216	
<i>Very good, good or fair health</i>	92.9%	88.2%	85.1%	96.4%	95.8%	95.2%	96.0%	95.5%	
<b>Bad or very bad health:</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>433,186</b>	<b>7,653</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>5,507</b>	<b>4,712</b>	<b>21,111</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>1,997</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
Age 0 to 15	0.6%	0.6%	2.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	1.4%	
Age 16 to 24	1.2%	0.9%	6.9%	0.9%	1.5%	1.1%	0.9%	1.4%	
Age 25 to 34	2.4%	2.4%	9.4%	1.0%	3.5%	2.1%	1.9%	2.7%	
Age 35 to 49	5.5%	6.1%	21.5%	3.3%	9.0%	5.2%	4.1%	6.3%	
Age 50 to 64	11.0%	14.1%	40.5%	8.8%	17.5%	16.5%	9.8%	13.4%	
Age 65 and over	17.6%	20.0%	40.4%	22.0%	24.4%	29.1%	24.1%	24.8%	

Focusing on those people aged 50 and over, Table 18 shows the proportions reporting ‘bad’ or ‘very bad’ health, by sex, for the 18 ethnic groups. White Irish is ranked ninth, with around 6,700 people or 17.5% aged 50 and over reporting poor health, which is generally comparable for both males and females and is higher than all ethnic groups combined (14.4%). Also, the White Irish are above White Other (sixteenth with 14.0%) and White British (fifteenth with 14.1%). The group ranked first is ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller,’ having nearly one in two people (40.5%) reporting poor health, especially for women.

**Table 18: NORTH WEST. General health: ‘Bad’ or ‘very bad,’ persons aged 50+, by detailed ethnic group by sex**

	<i>All persons, aged 50+</i>			<i>General health: ‘bad’ or ‘very bad’, aged 50+ %</i>		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Total (ranked)</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
<b>All categories: Ethnic group</b>	<b>2,485,567</b>	<b>1,171,261</b>	<b>1,314,306</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	754	399	355	40.5%	36.8%	44.5%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	4,183	2,037	2,146	30.7%	26.9%	34.3%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	23,868	12,158	11,710	25.9%	21.0%	31.1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	3,858	1,975	1,883	21.4%	21.6%	21.1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	2,264	1,061	1,203	20.8%	20.8%	20.9%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	1,821	905	916	18.0%	19.4%	16.6%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	7,760	3,981	3,779	17.9%	16.7%	19.2%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	1,538	761	777	17.8%	17.0%	18.5%
<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>38,336</b>	<b>17,526</b>	<b>20,810</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>
Asian/Asian British: Indian	19,789	10,073	9,716	17.3%	14.0%	20.8%
Other ethnic group: Arab	2,389	1,629	760	17.2%	16.0%	19.7%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	2,071	1,059	1,012	16.7%	17.4%	16.0%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	2,669	1,562	1,107	15.5%	13.6%	18.2%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	5,737	2,664	3,073	15.2%	14.9%	15.4%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	2,329,676	1,095,043	1,234,633	14.1%	14.0%	14.3%
White: Other White	25,682	11,762	13,920	14.0%	12.8%	14.9%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	8,307	4,033	4,274	10.7%	10.1%	11.2%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	4,865	2,633	2,232	10.3%	8.8%	11.9%

Table 19 shows the amount of unpaid care provided by main ethnic groups. Here, we can see that White Irish people are more likely to be providing unpaid care (11.9%) than any other ethnic group, followed by White British (11.6%). This may be related to the age profile of the White Irish as there are large proportions of older people who may be requiring care from relatives. Of this proportion who provide care, the majority—55.5%—provide between 1 and 19 hours per week.

**Table 19: NORTH WEST. Provision of unpaid care by main ethnic group**

		<b>White: British</b>	<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>White: Gypsy or Irish Trav</b>	<b>White: Other</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>Total</i>		6,141,069	64,930	4,147	151,570	110,891	437,485	97,869	44,216
<i>Provides no unpaid care</i>		88.4%	88.1%	89.8%	94.2%	93.3%	91.5%	93.3%	94.1%
<b>Provides unpaid care:</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>711,198</b>	<b>7,695</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>8,771</b>	<b>7,419</b>	<b>37,317</b>	<b>6,545</b>	<b>2,602</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
1-19 hours per week		60.4%	55.5%	40.9%	56.9%	62.5%	54.4%	58.0%	53.3%
20-49 hours per week		14.0%	13.6%	15.5%	18.5%	17.2%	20.7%	20.5%	20.5%
50+ hours per week		25.6%	30.8%	43.5%	24.6%	20.3%	24.8%	21.5%	26.2%

Focusing on those who provide 50 or more hours of unpaid care per week, Table 20 shows the proportions of people by detailed ethnic group. White Irish people are ranked second, with around 2,400 people providing this level of care. The group ranked as first is ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller.’ The proportions for both groups are also higher when compared to the overall total for all 18 ethnic groups.

**Table 20: NORTH WEST: Provision of unpaid care: 50+ hours per week, by detailed ethnic group**

	<i>All people</i>	<i>People providing unpaid care</i>		
		<i>All providing unpaid care*</i>	<i>50+ hours per week</i>	<i>50+ hours per week % (ranked)</i>
<b>All categories: Ethnic group</b>	<b>7,052,177</b>	<b>781,972</b>	<b>199,476</b>	<b>25.5%</b>
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	4,147	425	185	43.5%
<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>64,930</b>	<b>7,695</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>30.8%</b>
Other ethnic group: Arab	24,528	1,379	400	29.0%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	45,897	3,712	1,015	27.3%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	189,436	17,598	4,564	25.9%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	6,141,069	711,198	181,902	25.6%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	46,750	3,163	799	25.3%
White: Other White	151,570	8,771	2,158	24.6%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	107,353	9,950	2,320	23.3%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	19,688	1,223	282	23.1%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	59,278	3,075	681	22.1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	39,204	2,812	616	21.9%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	15,460	1,093	238	21.8%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	18,392	1,114	234	21.0%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	23,131	2,377	490	20.6%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	22,766	1,668	338	20.3%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	48,049	2,894	562	19.4%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	30,529	1,825	319	17.5%

*\*provides at least one hour of unpaid care per week*

*\*\*Data not disseminated for detailed ethnic groups by sex*

## *Housing and amenities*

In Table 21 on housing tenure by main ethnic group, White Irish people are most likely to own their house outright (35.5%) compared to all other groups. This may be because these are older people who have paid off their mortgages, as the White Irish are also one of the main ethnic groups (26.0%), who also own their houses with a mortgage, compared to White British (34.7%) and Asian (36.1%). Accordingly, White Irish are under-represented in groups in private rented accommodation/living rent-free.

**Table 21: NORTH WEST. Housing tenure by main ethnic group of household reference person (HRP)\***

	<b>White: British</b>	<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller</b>	<b>White: Other</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>All Household Reference Persons</i>	2,698,915	37,950	1,551	61,353	29,510	122,792	40,210	17,268
Owned outright	32.3%	35.5%	23.4%	14.9%	10.5%	24.9%	7.7%	10.2%
Owned with mortgage	34.7%	26.0%	13.7%	20.4%	26.6%	36.1%	20.6%	18.1%
Social rented	18.0%	21.8%	33.7%	14.9%	33.6%	12.6%	42.8%	26.9%
Private rented or living rent-free	15.0%	16.7%	29.1%	49.8%	29.3%	26.4%	28.9%	44.8%

\* Previously known as 'Head of household'

Table 22 provides the proportions of residents in types of communal establishments by main ethnic group. Here, we can see that White Irish people are generally over represented in communal establishments (3.0%), second to 'White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers' (3.9%). However, the most remarkable figure in is for 'White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers' where over two thirds of those in communal establishments are in prison or other secure facilities, which is significantly higher than other groups. It should be noted that the overall numbers are small. White Irish people in communal establishments are also more represented in medical and care facilities (34.9%), second to White British. However, in terms of residents not in communal establishments, the proportions for White Irish (97.0%) are relatively comparable to other ethnic groups.

**Table 22: NORTH WEST. Proportion of residents in communal establishments by type of establishment, by main ethnic groups**

		<b>White: British</b>	<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller</b>	<b>White: Other</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>All persons</i>		6,141,069	64,930	4,147	151,570	110,891	437,485	97,869	44,216
<i>Not resident in communal establishments</i>		98.5%	97.0%	96.1%	97.2%	97.9%	97.2%	97.3%	97.9%
<b>Resident in communal establishments:</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>90,370</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>4,193</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>12,278</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>910</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Medical and care establishments		52.9%	34.9%	9.3%	11.8%	13.2%	3.2%	13.3%	8.0%
Prisons and secure facilities		8.6%	5.3%	67.7%	3.8%	18.8%	4.9%	13.5%	4.8%
Educational establishments		33.0%	48.3%	16.8%	78.5%	60.5%	88.5%	62.9%	76.9%
Other establishments		5.6%	11.5%	6.2%	5.9%	7.4%	3.3%	10.3%	10.2%

In Table 23 data is presented on occupancy ratings of bedrooms by main ethnic group. As we can see, the White Irish are the most likely group to live in under-occupied housing (38.2%). This is likely to be a result of the ‘empty nest syndrome’ where children have all grown up and left the family house leaving older people living alone; this is further evidenced in Table 24 which shows the very significant proportion of older Irish people who are living alone. By contrast in Table 23 we see that ‘White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers’ are the most likely to be living in over-crowded conditions (29.8%) than all other groups.

**Table 23: NORTH WEST. Proportion of residents by occupancy rating (bedrooms) categories, by main ethnic group**

	<b>White: British</b>	<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>White: Gypsy or Irish Trav</b>	<b>White: Other</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>All residents</i>	6,042,444	62,847	3,980	146,778	108,483	424,882	95,142	43,264
Under-occupied (2 or more spare bedrooms)	30.4%	38.2%	10.0%	18.0%	15.7%	13.7%	11.5%	12.8%
Under-occupied (1 spare bedroom)	37.4%	34.7%	21.5%	30.3%	33.1%	25.5%	27.1%	27.0%
Standard (occupancy matched to bedroom standard)	27.1%	22.9%	38.7%	38.3%	39.4%	34.9%	41.9%	41.4%
Overcrowded (1 or more bedrooms too few)	5.1%	4.2%	29.8%	13.4%	11.9%	26.0%	19.5%	18.8%



Table 24 shows household composition by main ethnic group, where we can see that White Irish people aged 65 and above are over-represented in one-person households (21.5%), compared to all other groups. A similar pattern is also observed amongst those aged 65 plus who live in one-family households (9.9%). It is also noteworthy that 'White: Gypsy or Irish Travellers' are most likely to be single parent households (22.6%).

**Table 24: NORTH WEST. Household composition by main ethnic group**

		<i>White: British</i>	<i>White: Irish</i>	<i>White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller</i>	<i>White: Other</i>	<i>Mixed</i>	<i>Asian</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Other</i>
<i>Total (households)</i>		<i>2,698,915</i>	<i>37,950</i>	<i>1,551</i>	<i>61,353</i>	<i>29,510</i>	<i>122,792</i>	<i>40,210</i>	<i>17,268</i>
<i>One person households</i>	<i>Aged 65 +</i>	13.6%	21.5%	7.4%	5.6%	4.2%	2.5%	5.4%	2.3%
	<i>Other</i>	19.0%	20.5%	27.7%	21.8%	34.2%	15.4%	30.0%	37.8%
<i>One family only</i>	<i>All aged 65+</i>	8.4%	9.9%	1.7%	2.6%	1.5%	1.7%	1.4%	0.8%
	<i>Married couple</i>	31.2%	24.4%	22.7%	30.3%	17.7%	49.4%	22.8%	36.5%
	<i>Cohabiting couple</i>	10.1%	7.0%	8.1%	13.7%	11.8%	3.4%	7.5%	4.0%
	<i>Lone parent</i>	12.0%	9.7%	22.6%	8.3%	20.0%	9.2%	20.2%	7.5%
<i>Other household types</i>		5.6%	7.0%	9.9%	17.7%	10.5%	18.3%	12.6%	11.2%

Table 25 shows household compositions for people aged 65 and older who live in one-person households, by detailed ethnic group. The White Irish rank first, with around 8,100 elderly people or around one in five (21.5%) living alone. This is higher compared to White British (13.6%) as second, including all groups combined (12.8%).

In conclusion, therefore, it is apparent that the large proportions of older Irish people living alone, as well as the numbers in poor health, have clear consequences for service providers in this region.

**Table 25: NORTH WEST. Household composition: one-person households, aged 65+, by detailed ethnic group**

	<i>Household composition</i>		
	<i>All households</i>	<i>One-person households, aged 65+</i>	
	<i>#</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>% (ranked)</i>
<b>All categories: Ethnic group</b>	<b>3,009,549</b>	<b>386,650</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>White: Irish</b>	<b>37,950</b>	<b>8,155</b>	<b>21.5%</b>
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	2,698,915	367,991	13.6%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	12,928	1,651	12.8%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1,551	115	7.4%
White: Other White	61,353	3,442	5.6%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	11,177	539	4.8%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	6,409	304	4.7%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	16,847	725	4.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	5,326	186	3.5%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	5,098	174	3.4%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	6,598	221	3.3%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	33,041	1,054	3.2%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	8,524	235	2.8%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	15,583	314	2.0%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	47,293	905	1.9%
Other ethnic group: Arab	8,744	157	1.8%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	22,184	360	1.6%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	10,028	122	1.2%

\* Data not disseminated for detailed ethnic groups by sex

