

2011 Census User Information Days

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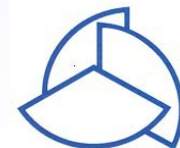
Topic and Question Content

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Ethnicity

- New question in 2001
- Showed that
 - Majority of population are White (99.15%)
 - 14,279 people (< 1%) are in ethnic minority groups
 - Largest ethnic minority group was Chinese (0.25%)

10 To which of these ethnic groups do you consider you belong?

✓ one box only.

White

Chinese

Irish Traveller

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Black Caribbean

Black African

Black Other

Mixed ethnic group, *write in*

Any other ethnic group, *write in*

Identity – Country of Birth

- **Country of birth question**
 - In Census since 1971
- **In 2001, showed that**
 - Majority of people in N Ireland were born in N Ireland (91.0%)
 - 1,615,657 people (95.9%) were born in UK
 - 2.3% of people were born in the ROI
 - 1.8% were born elsewhere

9 What is your country of birth?

- Northern Ireland
- England Wales
- Scotland Republic of Ireland
- Elsewhere, *please write in the present name of the country*

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Religion

- Included in Irish Censuses since 1861
- Format changed in 2001
 - Filter question
 - Tick box options
 - Captured both current Religion and Religion Brought up in
 - Combined information was used to derive Community Background

8 Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?

Yes **▶ Go to 8a**

No **▶ Go to 8b**

8a What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?

Roman Catholic

Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Church of Ireland

Methodist Church in Ireland

Other, *please write in*

▶ Go to 9

8b What religion, religious denomination or body were you brought up in?

Roman Catholic

Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Church of Ireland

Methodist Church in Ireland

Other, *please write in*

None

Religion

- **86.1% - Belong to a particular religion**
 - Catholic 40.3%
 - Presbyterian Church in Ireland 20.7%
 - Church of Ireland 15.3%
 - Methodist Church in Ireland 3.5%
 - Other Christian (including Christian related) 6.1%
 - Other religions and philosophies 0.3%
- **13.9% - No religion or religion not stated**

Community Background

Community Background	Percentage
Catholic	43.8
Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)	53.1
Other religions and philosophies	0.4
None	2.7



Language

- **Irish Language question**
 - In both 1991 and 2001 Censuses
 - Slightly modified in 2001
- **In 2001, showed that**
 - 89.6% No knowledge of Irish
 - 10.4% Some Knowledge of Irish

7 Can you understand, speak, read or write Irish?

♦ ✓ all the boxes that apply.

- Understand spoken Irish
- Speak Irish
- Read Irish
- Write Irish
- None of the above

Initial User Consultation

- **Ethnicity**
 - More detail – on white and mixed ethnic categories
- **Identity**
 - More information on recent migrants
 - Identification of Eastern Europeans
 - In 2001, high proportion self-classified at 'white'
- **Religion**
 - Separating the none / not stated category



Initial User Consultation

- **Language**
 - Irish - frequency of use and whether the main language in the home
 - A more general question - Covering Ulster Scots and Sign Language
- **Sexual Orientation**
 - Information needed for equality monitoring purposes

Initial Thoughts

Ethnicity / Identity

- 2001 Ethnicity and Country of Birth questions worked well
 - Envisage similar questions in 2011
 - Possibility of expanded ethnic categories
 - Key driver for change - UK Harmonisation/ outputs

Initial Thoughts

Ethnicity / Identity

- Recognise need for better information on Eastern Europeans
- National Identity question is an option
 - But what level of detail is required?
 - Similar to E&W and Scotland?



Initial Thoughts

Scotland (2006 Test)

19 What do you consider your national identity to be?

◆ ✓ the boxes you identify with most.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish	<input type="checkbox"/>	British
<input type="checkbox"/>	English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern Irish
<input type="checkbox"/>	Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please write in		

ROI (2006 Census)

6 What is your Nationality?
If you have more than one nationality, please declare all of them.

1 Irish

2 Other NATIONALITY, write in

3 No nationality

Initial Thoughts

Religion

- 2001 questions worked well
 - Envisage similar questions in 2011
- Should filter question be dropped?
 - Ask both questions of everyone
 - People switching denominations – is it needed?
 - Consistent with Scottish approach and possibly approach in E&W
 - Continuity with 2001 – how important is it?



Initial Thoughts

Language

- Considering matrix question
- No ability in English is of importance
- Needs to be tested
- Alternative formats possible - require much more space

7 What languages can you understand, speak, read or write?

◆ ✓ all boxes that apply

	Understand	Speak	Read	Write	No ability
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ulster Scots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other main languages, (including sign language)					
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Language

Matrix version

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Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ulster Scots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other main languages, (including sign language)

Other language, please write in

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Which languages can you understand, speak, read or write?

◆ please ✓ all boxes that apply

English

- Understand spoken English
- Speak English
- Read English
- Write English

Welsh

- Understand spoken Welsh
- Speak Welsh
- Read Welsh
- Write Welsh

British Sign Language (BSL)

- Understand signed BSL
- Sign BSL

Other language, please write in

- Understand spoken other language
- Speak other language
- Read other language
- Write other language

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- Read other language
- Write other language

Non-Matrix version

Initial Thoughts

Language – Other options being considered

ROI

Frequency of Use

12 Can you speak Irish?
Answer if aged 3 years or over.

1 Yes

2 No

IF 'Yes', do you speak Irish?
✓ the boxes that apply.

1 Daily, within the education system

2 Daily, outside the education system

3 Weekly

4 Less often

5 Never

E&W

Conversation about everyday things

In which language(s) could you have a conversation about a lot of everyday things?

◆ ✓ all boxes that apply
◆ Remember to ✓ 'English' if you can have a conversation in English

English

Welsh

British Sign Language

Other languages, such as Cornish, Urdu, Hindi, please write in below

OR

None (e.g. too young to talk)

Initial Thoughts

Sexual Orientation

- Users have indicated a need for information on sexual orientation
- Key application - equality monitoring
- Debateable whether such a question is suitable for the

Census

- Privacy
- Acceptability
- Definitions
- Quality of data
- Impact on response

Initial Thoughts

- In England & Wales, ONS have recognised the need for information on sexual orientation, but do not currently plan to collect it in the 2011 Census.
- ONS has initiated a program of work at the UK level to consider how the user need can be met.
- NISRA plan to track this work.