

Reports Opened January - December 2020

Regulatory Operations Department & Legal and Enforcement Department

Date of report: 12/01/2021

Reporters

In 2020 the Bar Standards Board received reports about barristers from 1112 reporters.

The characteristics¹ of these reporters were:

Age



From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years:

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
16 - 24	4	0.4%
25 - 34	30	2.7%
35 - 44	46	4.1%
45 - 54	56	5.0%
55 - 64	38	3.4%
65 +	12	1.1%
Prefer not to say	5	0.4%
No information	921	82.8%

Gender



What is your gender?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Male	126	11.3%
Female	80	7.2%
Prefer not to say	3	0.3%
No information	903	81.2%

Gender Identity



Is your gender identity the same as the sex that you were assigned at birth?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	100	9.0%
No	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	8	0.7%
No information	1003	90.2%



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Disability



Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	24	2.2%
No	109	9.8%
Prefer not to say	12	1.1%
No information	967	87.0%



Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes, limited a lot	10	0.9%
Yes, limited a little	15	1.3%
No	79	7.1%
Prefer not to say	14	1.3%
No information	994	89.4%



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Ethnic Group



What is your ethnic group?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British	•	
Bangladeshi	2	0.2%
Chinese	2	0.2%
Indian	1	0.1%
Pakistani	12	1.1%
Any other Asian background	3	0.3%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	8	0.7%
Caribbean	5	0.4%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	1	0.1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	4	0.4%
White and Black African	0	0.0%
White and Black Caribbean	0	0.0%
White and Chinese	0	0.0%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	1	0.1%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	130	11.7%
Irish	3	0.3%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	12	1.1%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	1	0.1%
Any other ethnic group	6	0.5%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	3	0.3%
No information		
No information	918	82.6%

Religion or belief



What is your religion or belief?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	40	3.6%
Buddhist	3	0.3%
Christian	59	5.3%
Hindu	1	0.1%
Jewish	1	0.1%
Muslim	11	1.0%
Sikh	0	0.0%
Any other religion	5	0.4%
Prefer not to say	12	1.1%
No information	980	88.1%



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Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Bisexual	4	0.4%
Gay man	6	0.5%
Gay woman/lesbian	2	0.2%
Heterosexual/straight	109	9.8%
Other	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	5	0.4%
No information	985	88.6%

Socio-economic background



If you went to University (to study a BA, BSc course or higher), were you part of the first generation of your family to do so?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	54	4.9%
No	54	4.9%
Did not attend University	10	0.9%
Prefer not to say	12	1.1%
No Information	982	88.3%



Did you mainly attend a state or fee paying school between the ages 11-18?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
UK State School	79	7.1%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	31	2.8%
Attended school outside the UK	17	1.5%
Prefer not to say	11	1.0%
No Information	974	87.6%



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Caring responsibilities



Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	36	3.2%
No	97	8.7%
Prefer not to say	7	0.6%
No Information	972	87.4%



Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either:

- Long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability
- Problems related to old age?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No	98	8.8%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	18	1.6%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	6	0.5%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	3	0.3%
Prefer not to say	11	1.0%
No Information	976	87.8%