

Reporters

In 2025 the Bar Standards Board received reports about barristers from 1614 reporters.


The characteristics¹ of these reporters were:


Age		
<p>“ From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years:</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Under 25	3	0.2%
25 - 34	55	3.4%
35 - 44	73	4.5%
45 - 54	84	5.2%
55 - 64	72	4.5%
65 +	37	2.3%
Prefer not to say	12	0.7%
No information	1278	79.2%

Gender		
<p>“ Please enter your gender identity</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Male	203	12.6%
Female	126	7.8%
Non-binary	0	0.0%
I use a different term	2	0.1%
Prefer not to say	14	0.9%
No information	1269	78.6%

Gender Identity		
<p>“ Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	217	13.4%
No	7	0.4%
Prefer not to say	16	1.0%
No information	1374	85.1%

Disability		
<p>“ Do you consider yourself to have a disability or do you automatically meet the disability definition under the Equality Act 2010?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	74	4.6%
No	194	12.0%
Prefer not to say	21	1.3%
No information	1325	82.1%
<p>“ Is your ability to perform day-to-day activities limited because of a physical or mental disability, condition or illness, which has lasted or is expected to last for at least 12 months?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes, a lot	36	2.2%
Yes, a little	31	1.9%
Not at all	124	7.7%
Prefer not to say	29	1.8%
No information	1394	86.4%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	13	0.8%
Chinese	1	0.1%
Indian	15	0.9%
Pakistani	15	0.9%
I use a different term to describe my Asian background	11	0.7%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	15	0.9%
Caribbean	12	0.7%
I use a different term to describe my Black background	3	0.2%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	6	0.4%
White and Black African	1	0.1%
White and Black Caribbean	5	0.3%
White and Chinese	2	0.1%
I use a different term to describe my Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	9	0.6%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	184	11.4%
Irish	4	0.2%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Roma	0	0.0%
I use a different term to describe my White background	15	0.9%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	2	0.1%
I use a different term to describe my ethnicity, which does not fall under "White", "Asian", "Black" or "Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background"	6	0.4%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	23	1.4%
No information		
No information	1272	78.8%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No religion	87	5.4%
Buddhist	3	0.2%
Christian	104	6.4%
Hindu	5	0.3%
Jewish	9	0.6%
Muslim	29	1.8%
Sikh	4	0.2%
I have a different religion/belief	8	0.5%
Prefer not to say	25	1.5%
No information	1340	83.0%

Sexual orientation



Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Bisexual	6	0.4%
Gay or Lesbian	16	1.0%
Heterosexual	220	13.6%
I use a different term (for example, pansexual or asexual)	3	0.2%
Prefer not to say	29	1.8%
No information	1340	83.0%

Socio-economic background



Did either of your parents attend university and gain a degree (e.g. BA/BSc or equivalent) by the time you were 18?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	104	6.4%
No, neither of my parents attended university	109	6.8%
I don't know/not sure	3	0.2%
Prefer not to say	30	1.9%
No Information	1368	84.8%



Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	4	0.2%
Independent or fee-paying school	28	1.7%
UK fee-paying School (Old category)	10	0.6%
A state-run or state-funded school – selective (e.g., grammar school)	38	2.4%
A state-run or state funded school – non-selective (e.g., comprehensive school)	84	5.2%
UK State School (Old category)	27	1.7%
Attended school outside the UK	39	2.4%
Prefer not to say	22	1.4%
No information	1362	84.4%



What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were about aged 14?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Clerical and intermediate occupations	4	0.2%
Modern professional & traditional professional occupations	22	1.4%
Routine, semi-routine manual and service occupations	9	0.6%
Senior, middle or junior managers or administrators	7	0.4%
Small business owners	3	0.2%
Technical and craft occupations	3	0.2%
Long-term unemployed	2	0.1%
Other	9	0.6%
I prefer not to say	3	0.2%
No information	1552	96.2%

Caring responsibilities



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

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	66	4.1%
No	174	10.8%
Prefer not to say	19	1.2%
No Information	1355	84.0%



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?

(Do not count anything you do as part of paid employment)

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No	173	10.7%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	39	2.4%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	7	0.4%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	8	0.5%
Prefer not to say	32	2.0%
No Information	1355	84.0%