

Reporters

In 2021 the Bar Standards Board received reports about barristers from 1461 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	9	0.6%
25 - 34	54	3.7%
35 - 44	81	5.5%
45 - 54	79	5.4%
55 - 64	56	3.8%
65 +	17	1.2%
Prefer not to say	2	0.1%
No information	1163	79.6%

Gender		
 What is your gender?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Male	199	13.6%
Female	111	7.6%
I use a different term	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	9	0.6%
No information	1141	78.1%

Gender Identity		
 Is your gender identity the same as the sex that you were assigned at birth?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	176	12.0%
No	3	0.2%
I use a different term	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	11	0.8%
No information	1271	87.0%

Disability		
<p>“ Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	38	2.6%
No	195	13.3%
Prefer not to say	17	1.2%
No information	1211	82.9%
<p>“ 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?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes, a lot	17	1.2%
Yes, a little	25	1.7%
Not at all	138	9.4%
Prefer not to say	19	1.3%
No information	1262	86.4%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	10	0.7%
Chinese	1	0.1%
Indian	12	0.8%
Pakistani	10	0.7%
I use a different term to describe my Asian background	3	0.2%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	4	0.3%
Caribbean	10	0.7%
I use a different term to describe my Black background	2	0.1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	5	0.3%
White and Black African	0	0.0%
White and Black Caribbean	1	0.1%
White and Chinese	1	0.1%
I use a different term to describe my Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	3	0.2%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	192	13.1%
Irish	11	0.8%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
I use a different term to describe my White background	22	1.5%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	3	0.2%
I use a different term to describe my ethnicity, which does not fall under "White", "Asian", "Black" or "Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background"	10	0.7%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	13	0.9%
No information		
No information	1148	78.6%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	85	5.8%
Buddhist	1	0.1%
Christian	85	5.8%
Hindu	3	0.2%
Jewish	10	0.7%
Muslim	20	1.4%
Sikh	3	0.2%
I have a different religion/belief	4	0.3%
I use a different term	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	24	1.6%
No information	1225	83.8%

Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Bisexual	5	0.3%
Gay or Lesbian	17	1.2%
Heterosexual	182	12.5%
I use a different term (for example, pansexual or asexual)	3	0.2%
Prefer not to say	30	2.1%
No information	1224	83.8%

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	94	6.4%
No	97	6.6%
Did not attend University	14	1.0%
I don't know	3	0.2%
Prefer not to say	20	1.4%
No Information	1233	84.4%



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

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
UK State School	124	8.5%
UK Fee-paying School	60	4.1%
Attended school outside the UK	33	2.3%
Prefer not to say	25	1.7%
No Information	1219	83.4%

Caring responsibilities



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

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	56	3.8%
No	174	11.9%
Prefer not to say	14	1.0%
No Information	1217	83.3%



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	170	11.6%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	32	2.2%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	5	0.3%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	6	0.4%
Prefer not to say	25	1.7%
No Information	1223	83.7%