

Barristers subject to reports

In 2022 the Bar Standards Board received reports about 979 barristers.

The characteristics¹ of these barristers were:

| Age | | |
|---|------------|---------------------|
|  From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years: | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| 16 - 24 | 6 | 0.6% |
| 25 - 34 | 119 | 12.2% |
| 35 - 44 | 205 | 20.9% |
| 45 - 54 | 242 | 24.7% |
| 55 - 64 | 184 | 18.8% |
| 65 + | 65 | 6.6% |
| Prefer not to say | 1 | 0.1% |
| No information | 157 | 16.0% |

| Gender | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|
|  What is your gender? | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| Male | 621 | 63.4% |
| Female | 296 | 30.2% |
| I use a different term | 4 | 0.4% |
| Prefer not to say | 15 | 1.5% |
| No information | 43 | 4.4% |

| Gender Identity | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|
|  Is your gender identity the same as the sex that you were assigned at birth? | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| Yes | 396 | 40.4% |
| No | 4 | 0.4% |
| I use a different term | 0 | 0.0% |
| Prefer not to say | 15 | 1.5% |
| No information | 564 | 57.6% |

| Disability | | |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| <p>“ Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?</p> | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| Yes | 56 | 5.7% |
| No | 480 | 49.0% |
| Prefer not to say | 25 | 2.6% |
| No information | 418 | 42.7% |
| <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 | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| Yes, a lot | 13 | 1.3% |
| Yes, a little | 33 | 3.4% |
| Not at all | 348 | 35.5% |
| Prefer not to say | 25 | 2.6% |
| No information | 560 | 57.2% |

| Ethnic Group | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|
|  What is your ethnic group? | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| Asian/Asian British | | |
| Bangladeshi | 15 | 1.5% |
| Chinese | 5 | 0.5% |
| Indian | 41 | 4.2% |
| Pakistani | 36 | 3.7% |
| I use a different term to describe my Asian background | 18 | 1.8% |
| Black/African/Caribbean/Black British | | |
| African | 23 | 2.3% |
| Caribbean | 22 | 2.2% |
| I use a different term to describe my Black background | 0 | 0.0% |
| Mixed/multiple ethnic groups | | |
| White and Asian | 12 | 1.2% |
| White and Black African | 3 | 0.3% |
| White and Black Caribbean | 1 | 0.1% |
| White and Chinese | 0 | 0.0% |
| I use a different term to describe my Mixed/Multiple ethnic background | 15 | 1.5% |
| White | | |
| British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish | 573 | 58.5% |
| Irish | 20 | 2.0% |
| Gypsy or Irish Traveller | 0 | 0.0% |
| I use a different term to describe my White background | 57 | 5.8% |
| Other ethnic group | | |
| Arab | 0 | 0.0% |
| I use a different term to describe my ethnicity, which does not fall under "White", "Asian", "Black" or "Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background" | 14 | 1.4% |
| Prefer not to say | | |
| Prefer not to say | 21 | 2.1% |
| No information | | |
| No information | 103 | 10.5% |

| Religion or belief | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|
|  What is your religion or belief? | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| No religion or belief | 151 | 15.4% |
| Buddhist | 5 | 0.5% |
| Christian | 223 | 22.8% |
| Hindu | 13 | 1.3% |
| Jewish | 23 | 2.3% |
| Muslim | 33 | 3.4% |
| Sikh | 6 | 0.6% |
| I have a different religion/belief | 9 | 0.9% |
| I use a different term | 0 | 0.0% |
| Prefer not to say | 51 | 5.2% |
| No information | 465 | 47.5% |

| Sexual orientation | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|
| <p>“ What is your sexual orientation?</p> | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| Bisexual | 13 | 1.3% |
| Gay or Lesbian | 23 | 2.3% |
| Heterosexual | 452 | 46.2% |
| I use a different term (for example, pansexual or asexual) | 5 | 0.5% |
| Prefer not to say | 41 | 4.2% |
| No information | 445 | 45.5% |

| Socio-economic background | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|
| <p>“ 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?</p> | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| Yes | 290 | 29.6% |
| No | 193 | 19.7% |
| Did not attend University | 1 | 0.1% |
| I don't know | 0 | 0.0% |
| Prefer not to say | 26 | 2.7% |
| No Information | 469 | 47.9% |
| <p>“ Did you mainly attend a state or fee paying school between the ages 11-18?</p> | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| UK State School | 70 | 7.2% |
| UK Fee-paying School | 37 | 3.8% |
| Attended school outside the UK | 51 | 5.2% |
| Prefer not to say | 38 | 3.9% |
| No Information | 783 | 80.0% |

| Caring responsibilities | | |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| <p>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</p> | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| Yes | 160 | 16.3% |
| No | 361 | 36.9% |
| Prefer not to say | 20 | 2.0% |
| No Information | 438 | 44.7% |
| <p>“ 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?</p> | | |
| Response | Barristers | Percentage of total |
| No | 396 | 40.4% |
| Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week | 90 | 9.2% |
| Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week | 8 | 0.8% |
| Yes, 50 or more hours a week | 2 | 0.2% |
| Prefer not to say | 32 | 3.3% |
| No Information | 451 | 46.1% |