

Barristers subject to complaints

In 2014 the Bar Standard Board received/opened complaints against **337** 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
Under 25	2	0.6%
25 - 34	68	20.2%
35 - 44	82	24.3%
45 - 54	69	20.5%
55 - 64	35	10.4%
65 +	8	2.4%
Prefer not to say	1	0.3%
No information	72	21.4%

Gender		
 What is your gender?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Male	233	69.1%
Female	104	30.9%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information	0	0.0%

Disability		
 Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	3	0.9%
No	74	22.0%
Prefer not to say	2	0.6%
No information	258	76.6%
 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	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes, limited a lot	0	0.0%
Yes, limited a little	1	0.3%
No	63	18.7%
Prefer not to say	2	0.6%
No information	271	80.4%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	4	1.2%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Indian	9	2.7%
Pakistani	12	3.6%
Any other Asian background	5	1.5%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	6	1.8%
Caribbean	8	2.4%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	1	0.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	0	0.0%
White and Black African	0	0.0%
White and Black Caribbean	2	0.6%
White and Chinese	1	0.3%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	3	0.9%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	235	69.7%
Irish	9	2.7%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	12	3.6%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	0	0.0%
Any other ethnic group	2	0.6%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information		
No information	28	8.3%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	12	3.6%
Buddhist	1	0.3%
Christian	36	10.7%
Hindu	0	0.0%
Jewish	7	2.1%
Muslim	3	0.9%
Sikh	0	0.0%
Any other religion	2	0.6%
Prefer not to say	4	1.2%
No information	268	79.5%

The following category was removed from our Equality & Diversity monitoring form during 2014

Agnostic	4	1.2%
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Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Bisexual	1	0.3%
Gay man	3	0.9%
Gay woman/lesbian	0	0.0%
Heterosexual/straight	61	18.1%
Other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	3	0.9%
No information	269	79.8%

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	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	33	9.8%
No	31	9.2%
Did not attend University	1	0.3%
Prefer not to say	2	0.6%
No Information	270	80.1%



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

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
UK State School	31	9.2%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	26	7.7%
Attended school outside the UK	4	1.2%
Prefer not to say	4	1.2%
No Information	272	80.7%

Caring responsibilities



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

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	19	5.6%
No	45	13.4%
Prefer not to say	1	0.3%
No Information	272	80.7%



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	Barristers	Percentage of total
No	56	16.6%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	6	1.8%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	1	0.3%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	3	0.9%
No Information	271	80.4%