

Complainants

In 2015 the Bar Standard Board received complaints about barristers from **241** complainants.

The characteristics¹ of these complainants were:

Age		
<p>“ From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years:</p>		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Under 25	2	0.8%
25 - 34	5	1.9%
35 - 44	9	3.5%
45 - 54	10	3.9%
55 - 64	16	6.2%
65 +	6	2.3%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information	193	74.8%

Gender		
<p>“ What is your gender?</p>		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Male	30	11.6%
Female	22	8.5%
Prefer not to say	2	0.8%
No information	187	72.5%

Disability		
<p>“ Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?</p>		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	5	1.9%
No	43	16.7%
Prefer not to say	4	1.6%
No information	189	73.3%
<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	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes, limited a lot	3	1.2%
Yes, limited a little	3	1.2%
No	29	11.2%
Prefer not to say	3	1.2%
No information	203	78.7%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	1	0.4%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Indian	2	0.8%
Pakistani	0	0.0%
Any other Asian background	1	0.4%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	1	0.4%
Caribbean	3	1.2%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	1	0.4%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	0	0.0%
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	0	0.0%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	36	14.0%
Irish	0	0.0%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	3	1.2%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	2	0.8%
Any other ethnic group	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	2	0.8%
No information		
No information	189	73.3%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	11	4.3%
Buddhist	1	0.4%
Christian	21	8.1%
Hindu	1	0.4%
Jewish	1	0.4%
Muslim	5	1.9%
Sikh	0	0.0%
Any other religion	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	6	2.3%
No information	194	75.2%

The following category was removed from our Equality & Diversity monitoring form during 2014		
Agnostic	1	0.4%

Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Bisexual	0	0.0%
Gay man	1	0.4%
Gay woman/lesbian	1	0.4%
Heterosexual/straight	36	14.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	6	2.3%
No information	197	76.4%

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	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	17	6.6%
No	10	3.9%
Did not attend University	6	2.3%
Prefer not to say	4	1.6%
No Information	204	79.1%



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

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
UK State School	21	8.1%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	6	2.3%
Attended school outside the UK	3	1.2%
Prefer not to say	6	2.3%
No Information	205	79.5%

Caring responsibilities



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

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	4	1.6%
No	29	11.2%
Prefer not to say	3	1.2%
No Information	205	79.5%



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	Complainants	Percentage of total
No	21	8.1%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	9	3.5%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	2	0.8%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	1	0.4%
Prefer not to say	3	1.2%
No Information	205	79.5%