

Reporters

In 2023 the Bar Standards Board received reports about barristers from 1180 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	0.3%
25 - 34	47	4.0%
35 - 44	64	5.4%
45 - 54	68	5.8%
55 - 64	50	4.2%
65 +	33	2.8%
Prefer not to say	5	0.4%
No information	910	77.1%

Gender		
<p>“ Please enter your gender identity</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Male	172	14.6%
Female	103	8.7%
Non-binary	0	0.0%
I use a different term	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	7	0.6%
No information	898	76.1%

Gender Identity		
<p>“ Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	165	14.0%
No	2	0.2%
Prefer not to say	9	0.8%
No information	1004	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	41	3.5%
No	161	13.6%
Prefer not to say	15	1.3%
No information	963	81.6%
<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	23	1.9%
Yes, a little	16	1.4%
Not at all	117	9.9%
Prefer not to say	16	1.4%
No information	1008	85.4%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	3	0.3%
Chinese	6	0.5%
Indian	10	0.8%
Pakistani	12	1.0%
I use a different term to describe my Asian background	3	0.3%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	13	1.1%
Caribbean	4	0.3%
I use a different term to describe my Black background	4	0.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	4	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	5	0.4%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	168	14.2%
Irish	8	0.7%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1	0.1%
I use a different term to describe my White background	18	1.5%
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"	2	0.2%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	10	0.8%
No information		
No information	907	76.9%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No religion	47	4.0%
Buddhist	2	0.2%
Christian	92	7.8%
Hindu	4	0.3%
Jewish	10	0.8%
Muslim	16	1.4%
Sikh	2	0.2%
I have a different religion/belief	7	0.6%
Prefer not to say	19	1.6%
No information	981	83.1%

Sexual orientation



Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Bisexual	7	0.6%
Gay or Lesbian	20	1.7%
Heterosexual	158	13.4%
I use a different term (for example, pansexual or asexual)	4	0.3%
Prefer not to say	20	1.7%
No information	971	82.3%

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	82	6.9%
No, neither of my parents attended university	84	7.1%
I don't know/not sure	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	26	2.2%
No Information	987	83.6%



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	0.3%
Independent or fee-paying school	22	1.9%
UK fee-paying School (Old category)	22	1.9%
A state-run or state-funded school – selective (e.g., grammar school)	18	1.5%
A state-run or state funded school – non-selective (e.g., comprehensive school)	49	4.2%
UK State School (Old category)	39	3.3%
Attended school outside the UK	25	2.1%
Prefer not to say	24	2.0%
No information	977	82.8%

Caring responsibilities		
<p>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	47	4.0%
No	148	12.5%
Prefer not to say	11	0.9%
No Information	974	82.5%
<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? (Do not count anything you do as part of paid employment)</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No	146	12.4%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	26	2.2%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	5	0.4%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	4	0.3%
Prefer not to say	22	1.9%
No Information	977	82.8%