




Barristers subject to reports

In 2025 the Bar Standards Board received reports about 1524 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	0.1%
25 - 34	246	16.1%
35 - 44	316	20.7%
45 - 54	339	22.2%
55 - 64	303	19.9%
65 +	110	7.2%
Prefer not to say	2	0.1%
No information	206	13.5%

Gender		
 Please enter your gender identity		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Male	932	61.2%
Female	484	31.8%
Non-binary	0	0.0%
I use a different term	11	0.7%
Prefer not to say	22	1.4%
No information	75	4.9%

Gender Identity		
 Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	731	48.0%
No	9	0.6%
Prefer not to say	24	1.6%
No information	760	49.9%

Disability		
<div>“ Do you consider yourself to have a disability or do you automatically meet the disability definition under the Equality Act 2010?</div>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	153	10.0%
No	775	50.9%
Prefer not to say	40	2.6%
No information	556	36.5%
<div>“ 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?</div>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes, a lot	37	2.4%
Yes, a little	70	4.6%
Not at all	525	34.4%
Prefer not to say	43	2.8%
No information	849	55.7%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	39	2.6%
Chinese	5	0.3%
Indian	65	4.3%
Pakistani	71	4.7%
I use a different term to describe my Asian background	24	1.6%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	45	3.0%
Caribbean	33	2.2%
I use a different term to describe my Black background	4	0.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	27	1.8%
White and Black African	8	0.5%
White and Black Caribbean	12	0.8%
White and Chinese	3	0.2%
I use a different term to describe my Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	25	1.6%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	889	58.3%
Irish	24	1.6%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Roma	0	0.0%
I use a different term to describe my White background	51	3.3%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	4	0.3%
I use a different term to describe my ethnicity, which does not fall under "White", "Asian", "Black" or "Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background"	27	1.8%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	28	1.8%
No information		
No information	140	9.2%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No religion	323	21.2%
Buddhist	9	0.6%
Christian	338	22.2%
Hindu	16	1.0%
Jewish	37	2.4%
Muslim	89	5.8%
Sikh	14	0.9%
I have a different religion/belief	13	0.9%
Prefer not to say	66	4.3%
No information	619	40.6%

Sexual orientation



Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Bisexual	19	1.2%
Gay or Lesbian	49	3.2%
Heterosexual	791	51.9%
I use a different term (for example, pansexual or asexual)	8	0.5%
Prefer not to say	67	4.4%
No information	590	38.7%

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	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	409	26.8%
No, neither of my parents attended university	401	26.3%
I don't know/not sure	3	0.2%
Prefer not to say	43	2.8%
No Information	668	43.8%



Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	17	1.1%
Independent or fee-paying school	140	9.2%
UK fee-paying School (Old category)	109	7.2%
A state-run or state-funded school – selective (e.g., grammar school)	81	5.3%
A state-run or state funded school – non-selective (e.g., comprehensive school)	247	16.2%
UK State School (Old category)	187	12.3%
Attended school outside the UK	74	4.9%
Prefer not to say	50	3.3%
No information	619	40.6%



What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were about aged 14?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Clerical and intermediate occupations	13	0.9%
Modern professional & traditional professional occupations	161	10.6%
Routine, semi-routine manual and service occupations	40	2.6%
Senior, middle or junior managers or administrators	50	3.3%
Small business owners	42	2.8%
Technical and craft occupations	29	1.9%
Long-term unemployed	10	0.7%
Other	32	2.1%
I prefer not to say	26	1.7%
No information	1121	73.6%

Caring responsibilities		
<div>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</div>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	279	18.3%
No	615	40.4%
Prefer not to say	19	1.2%
No Information	611	40.1%
<div>“ 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)</div>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No	684	44.9%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	133	8.7%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	19	1.2%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	9	0.6%
Prefer not to say	31	2.0%
No Information	648	42.5%