PROFILES

EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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6,658 1,333 -22% 1,448

Sheffield residents born in EU accession countries

Source: Census 2011

National Insurance Registrations (NINo) from Eastern European applicants in 2015

Source: NINo registrations 2015

The fall in the Eastern **European NINo** registrations since peak levels in 2007

Source: NINo registrations 2015

The number of Eastern **European school pupils** in 2015

Source: SCC Children's Services 2015

TIMELINE

1900s

Eastern European migration to Sheffield has been occurring for many years. In 1939, Czech children came to Sheffield to escape Nazi-occupied Czechoślovakia



2000s

Other European citizens were encouraged to move to the UK to cover the labour shortage, and the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989 made travelling around Europe much easier



Further EU expansion in 2007 included Romania and Bulgaria, although some rules were in place as to what jobs migrants could take. These restrictions were lifted in January 2014



At the end of the Second World War, many Polish servicemen could not return home as Poland was occupied by the USSR. Many settled in the UK, including Sheffield, to work in coalmines and heavy industry



The biggest wave of Eastern European migration has occurred since the expansion of the EU in 2004, allowing citizens from countries such as Poland and Slovakia to move from these countries to live and work in other EU countries, including the UK

Source: Runnymede 2012

EU ACCESSION COUNTRIES

The 2011 Census does not report on residents who are from Eastern Europe. It can identify those who were born in countries that joined the EU from 2001 to 2011, the majority of which are in Eastern Europe. This includes nations such as Poland and Slovakia. This would not, however, include Eastern European countries that are outside the EU, such as the Ukraine and Albania, or those which have joined since 2011, such as Croatia.

Source: Census 2011



6,658 12,716

Sheffield residents born in EU accession countries Source: Census 2011

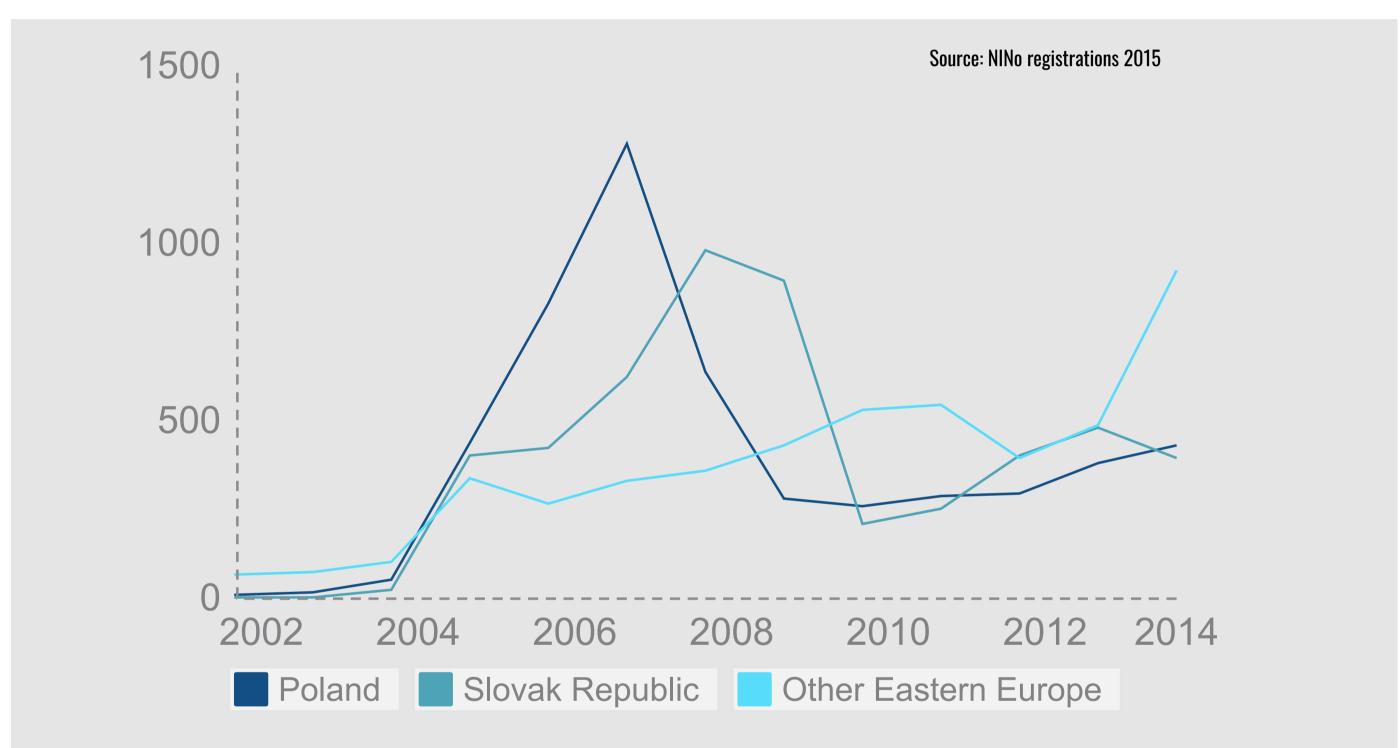
NINo registrations in Sheffield, from EU Accession Countries since 2004

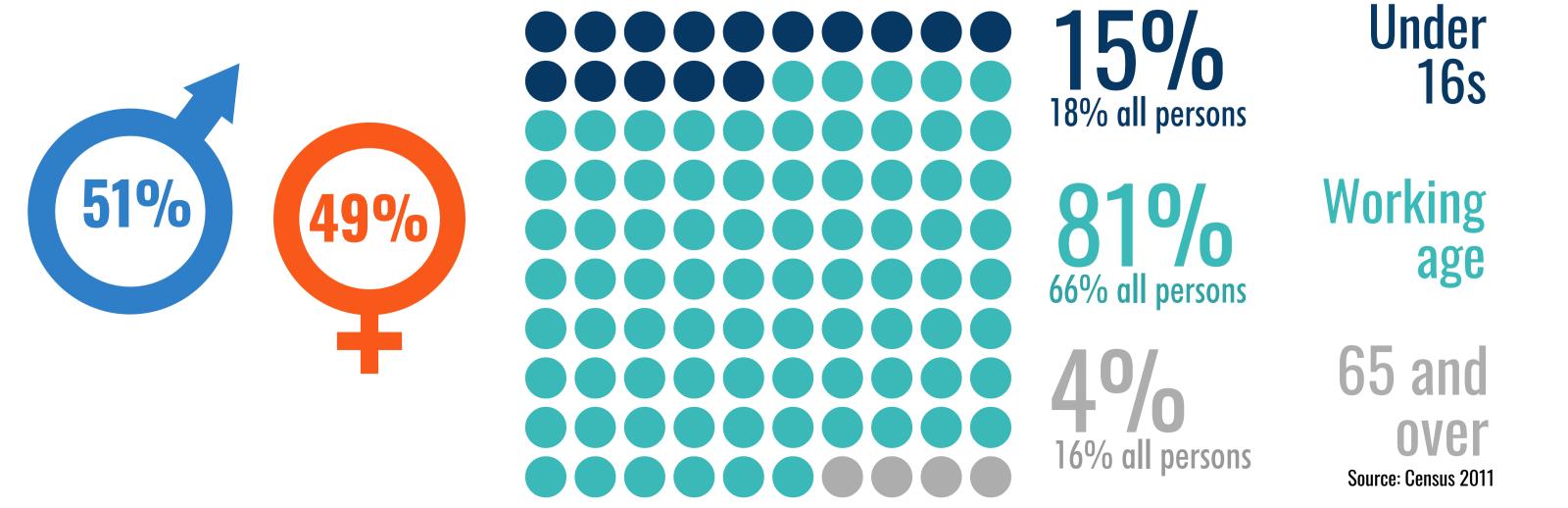
Source: NINo registrations 2015



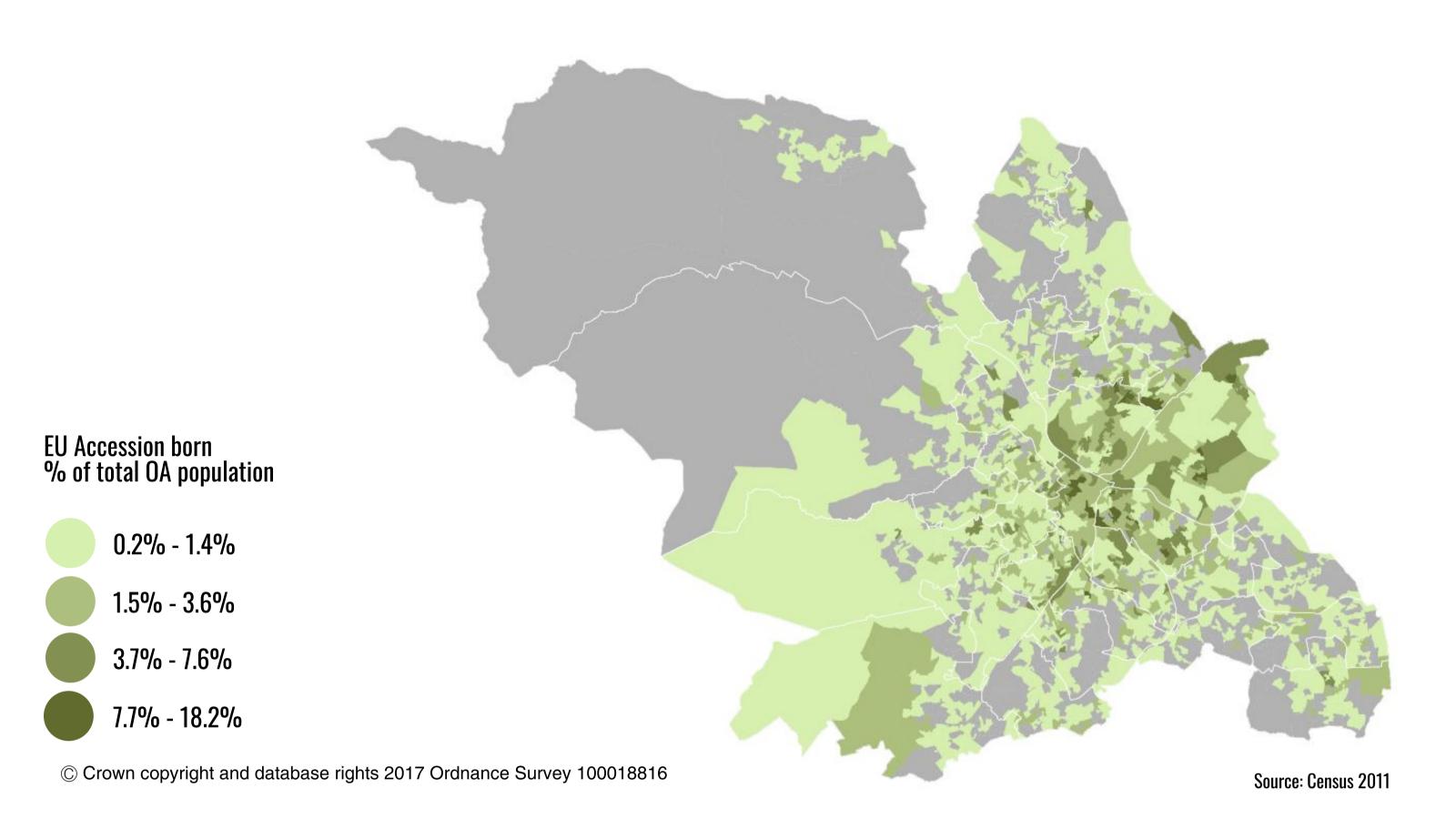
EU Accession country migration peaked in 2007 with more than two thousand NINo registrations, and fell by 40% until 2013. This figure rose again in 2014 due to an increase in Romanian and Bulgarian NINo registrations

Source: NINo registrations 2015





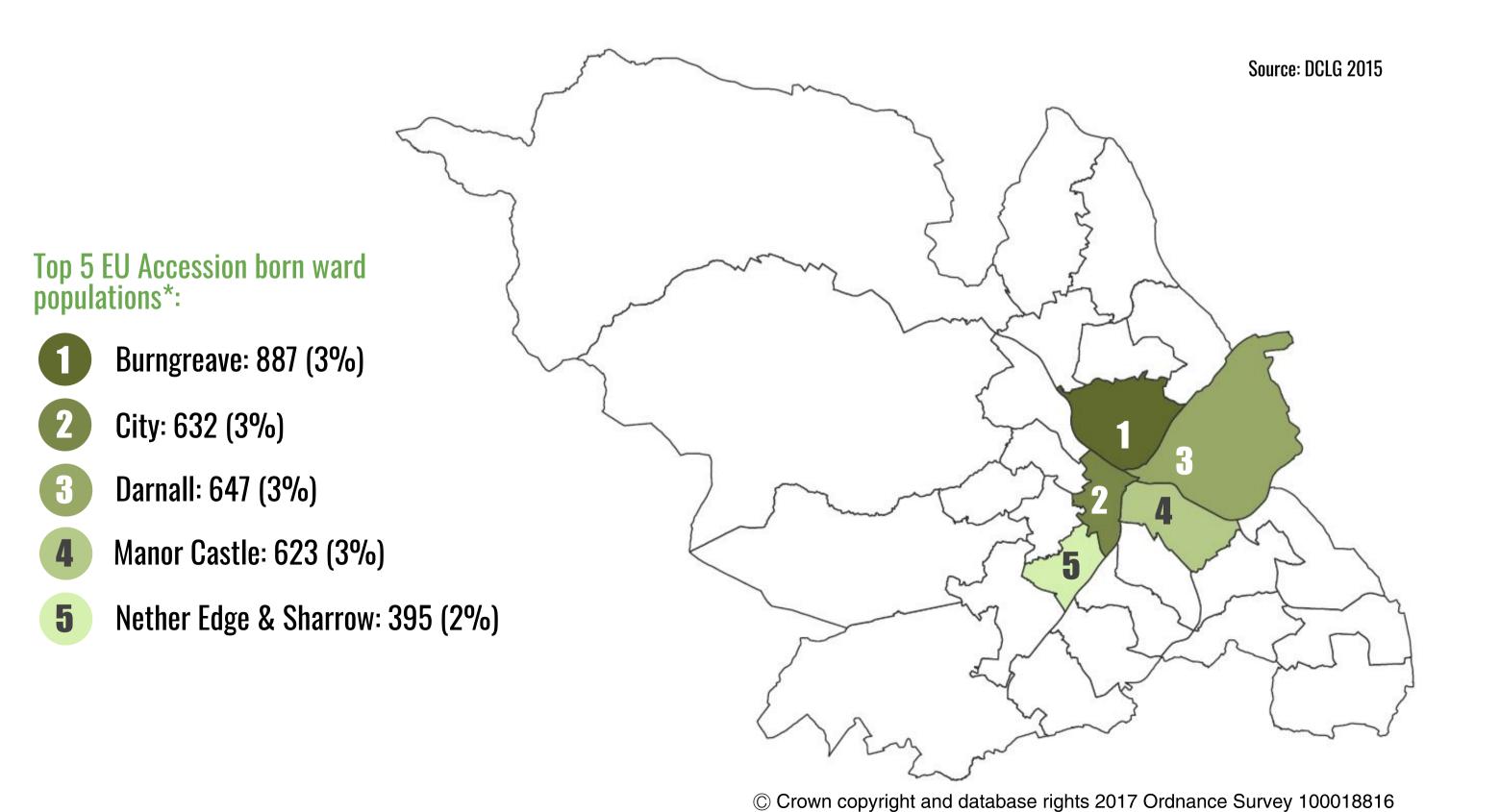
WHERE DOES THE COMMUNITY LIVE?



36%

Poverty and Deprivation

Over a third of people in Sheffield who were born in EU Ascension countries live in areas that are amongst the 10% most deprived in the country. This is above the citywide average of 21%



LANGUAGE

The 2011 Census shows that 5,741 residents in Sheffield speak an Eastern European dialect as their main language. Polish was the most common, with 2,611 speakers, followed by Slovak (1,244) and Czech (318) Source: Census 2011

Slovak was the most requested language from Sheffield Council's Translation and Interpretation service in 2012/13, with 1,732 face-to-face and telephone requests. This is nearly three times as many as the 2nd most requested language, Arabic. Czech (6th) and Hungarian (10th) were also in the top ten most requested languages in 2012/13. These figures do not correspond with the census figures, as one person can make multiple requests for interpretations from the council, whereas the census data relates to an individual speaking a language.

Source: SCC Customer Services 2015

Slovak is also the main language of 1,769 pupils in Sheffield schools, the 4th most common main language, other than English, Additionally, Polish was the 7th most common (502 speakers).

SCC Children's Services 2015

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

The number of Sheffield residents born in EU accession countries

Most people were aged between 16 and 24 when they 40% arrived in the UK

The majority have lived in the UK since 2004

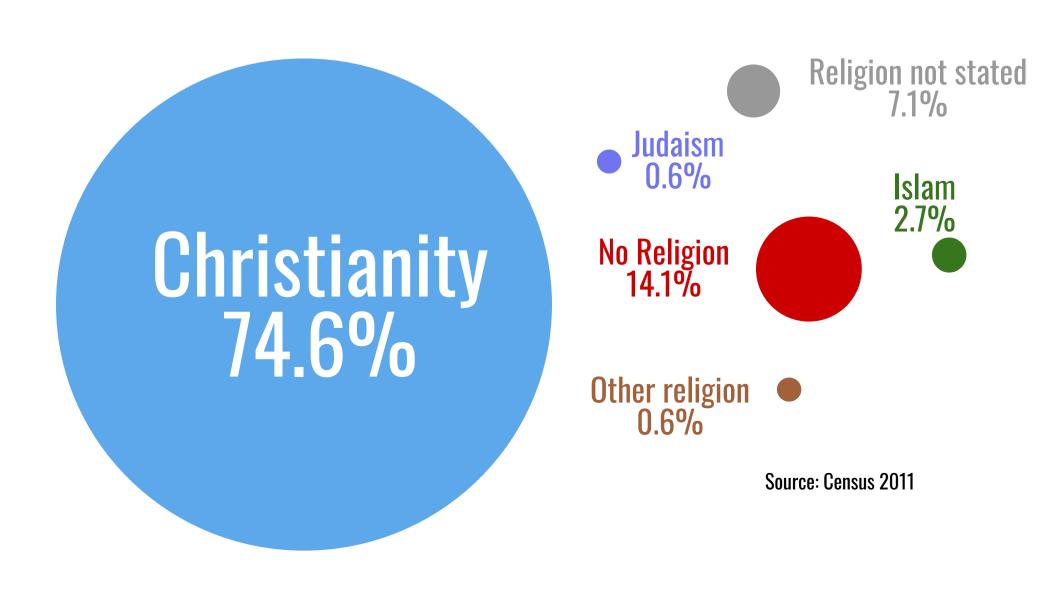
Source: Census 2011

CULTURE AND RELIGION

RELIGION

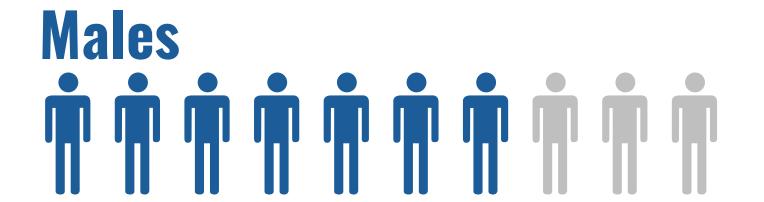
A list of equality awareness events are available on the Sheffield City Council website:

http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/home/your-city-council/equality-events.html





ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



73% Economically Active

Economically 100 Inactive 270

65% citywide

35% citywide

Economically Inactive (33%)

Active

Economically

Economically

Inactive

35% citywide

● 4% Retired

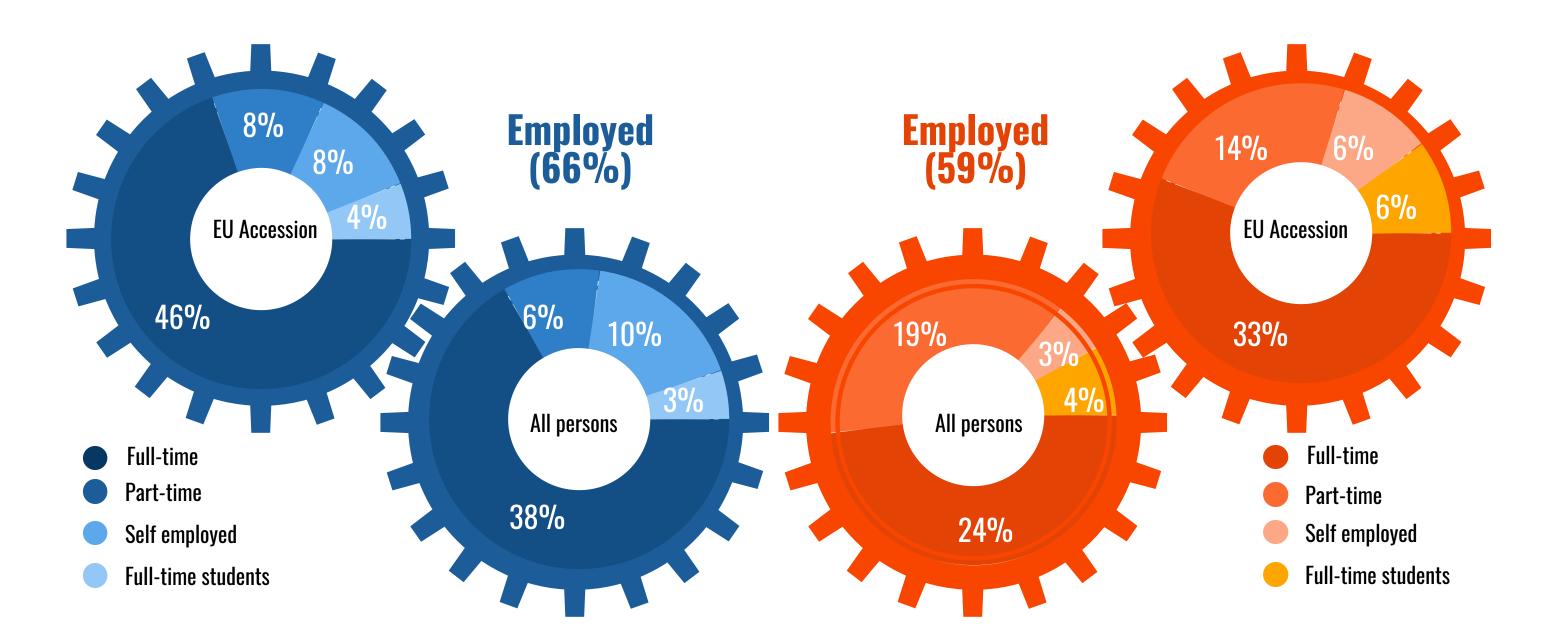
65% citywide

Females

- 14% Full-time students
- 10% Looking after the home or family
- 1% Long-term sick or disabled
- 4% Other

Economically Inactive (27%)

- 6% Retired
- 18% Full-time students
- 1% Looking after the home or family
- 1% Long-term sick or disabled
- 2% Other



7% of EU Accession born males are unemployed compared with 7% citywide

9% of 16-24 year old males are unemployed compared with 14% citywide

8% of EU Accession born females are unemployed, compared with 4% citywide

10% of 16-24 year old females are unemployed compared with 14% citywide

Source: Census 2011

INDUSTRY

Top 5 Industries of Employment

Distribution, hotels and restaurants

Financial, Real Estate, Professional and Administrative activities

Manufacturing

Public administration, education and health

Construction

27%

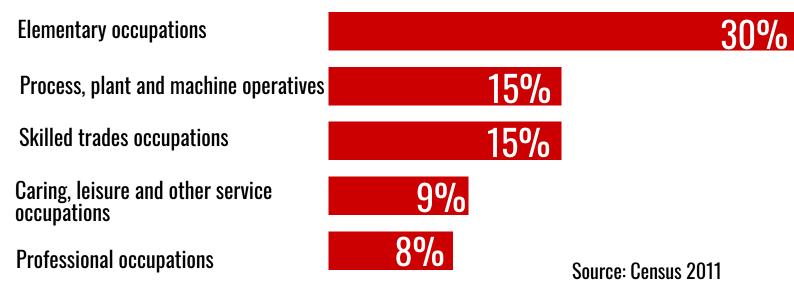
18%

15%

14%

10%

Top 5 Occupations of Employment



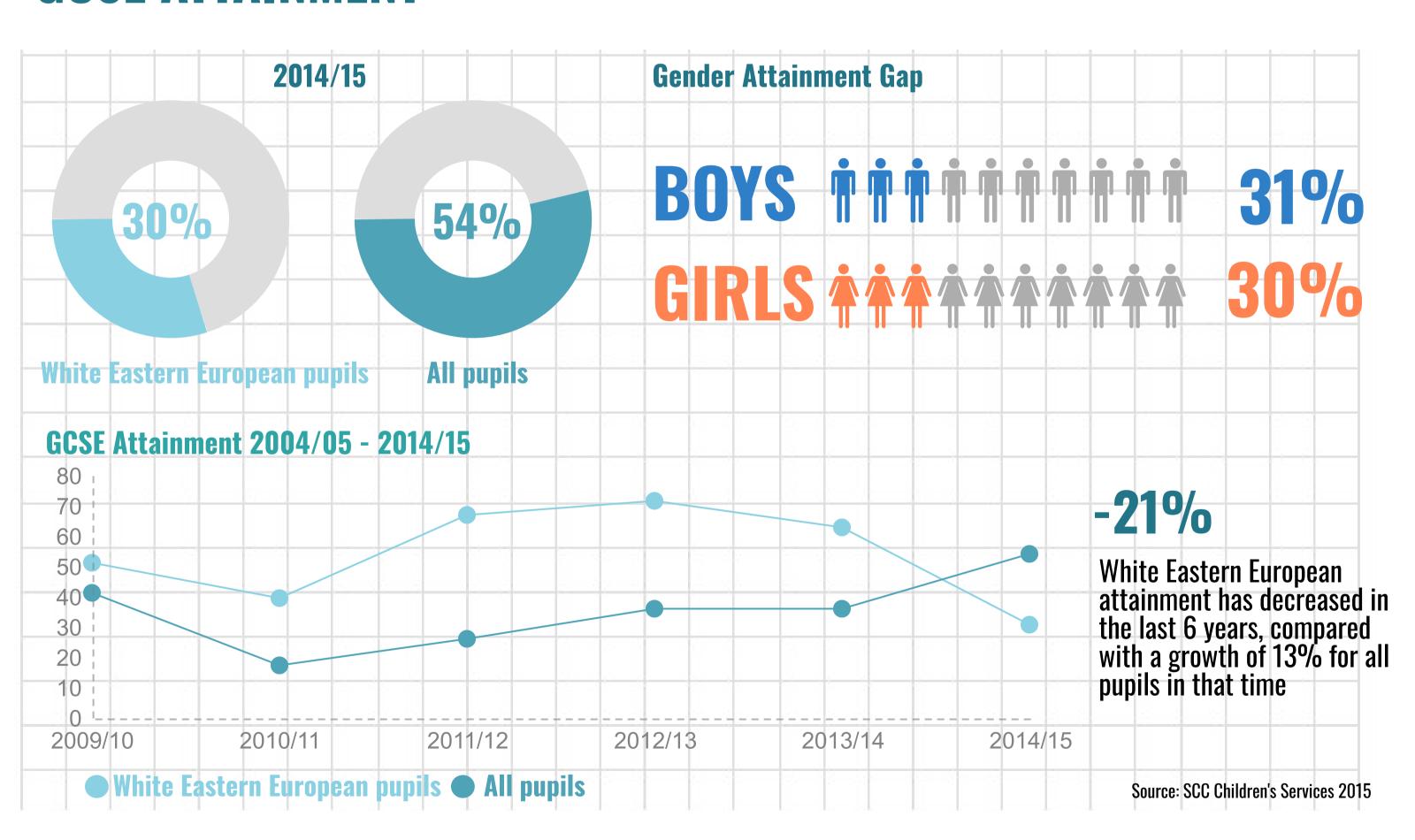


1,413 The number of White Eastern European pupils (years 0-14). This figure has increased by 244% in the last 8 years.

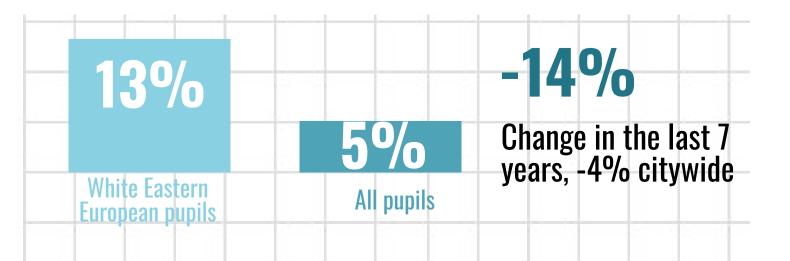


GCSE ATTAINMENT

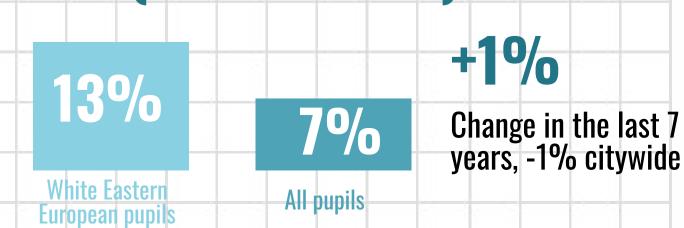
Proportion of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A* - C including Maths and English



PERSISTENT ABSENSES



FIXED TERM EXCLUSIONS (SECONDARY)



Source: SCC Children's Services 2015



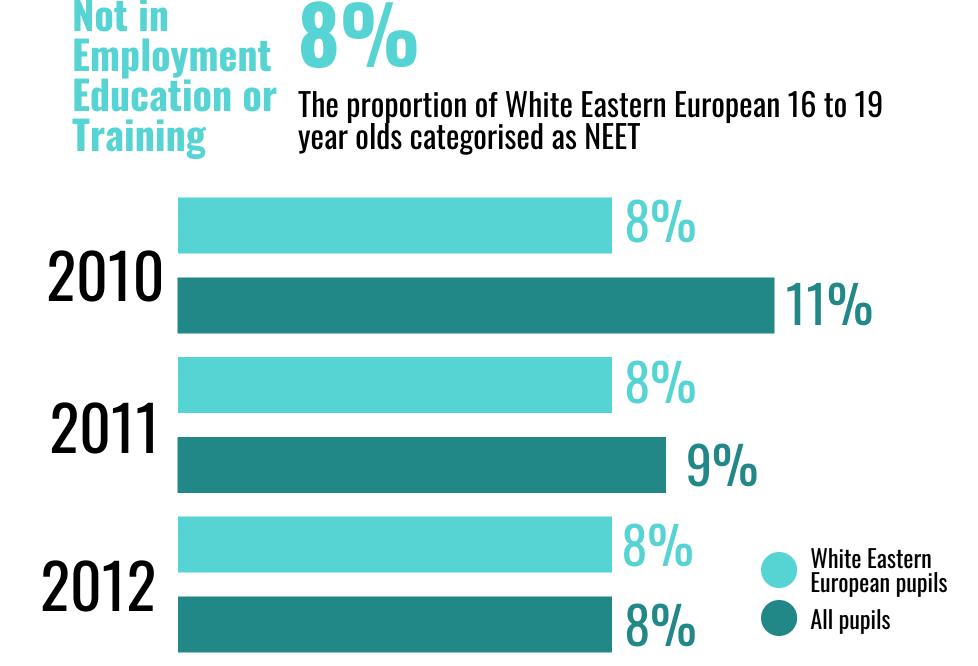
16%

The proportion of adults born in EU Accession Countries with no formal qualifications is below the citywide average of 24%

26%

More than a quarter of those born in EU Accession Countries are qualified at level 4 and above, (including Higher Education Certificates and professional diplomas), the same as the citywide average

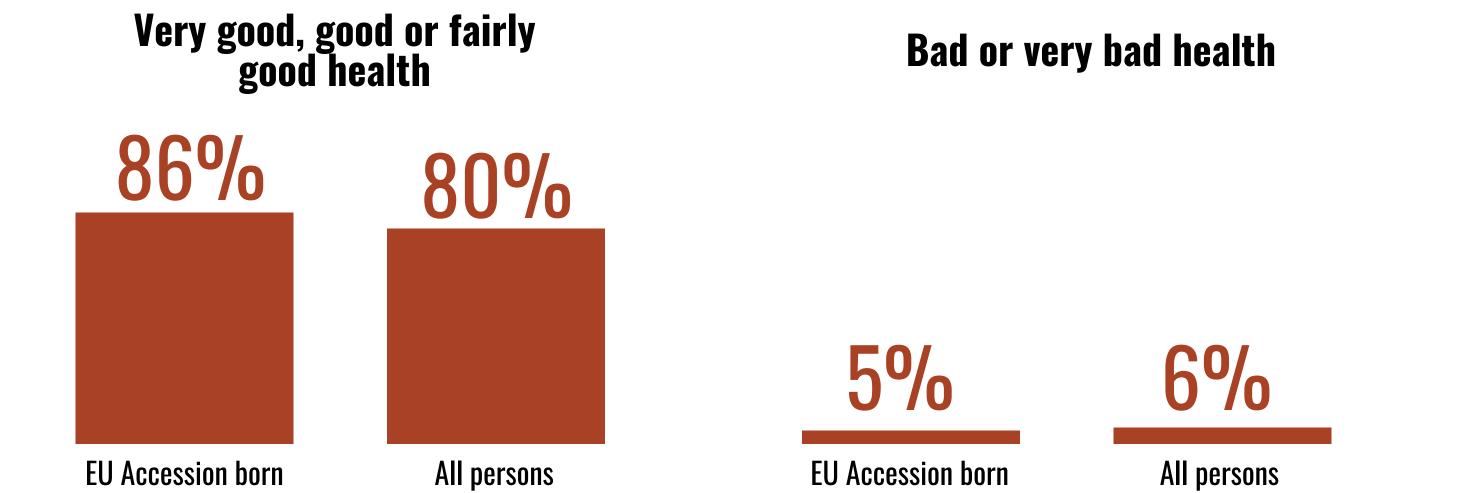
Source: 2011 Census



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GENERAL HEALTH



ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

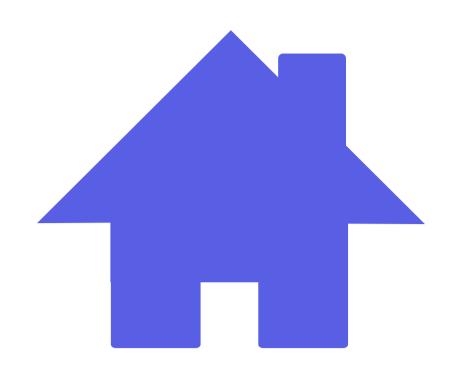


A 2007 study by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that only a third of Eastern Europeans who were surveyed knew how to register with a GP and less than a fifth knew how the UK health system worked. The majority of those who did have this knowledge received it from friends and family, rather than from their employers. The study reported that this lack of knowledge can result in migrants not using a GP service and resulting in unnecessary and inappropriate use of hospitals and accident and emergency facilities.

Source: 2011 Census



PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR



Whilst there are no official figures that regularly identify housing trends amongst migrants. It is understood that the majority of new migrants, including those from Eastern Europe, are more likely to use the Private Rented Sector (PRS) than any other form of housing. The Labour Force Survey (ONS), for example, suggests around three quarters of all new migrants are in the PRS. Other one-off studies suggest figures ranging from 76% to 92%.

This can also put a strain on the PRS, when coupled with the fact that currently fewer people nationwide are able to afford a mortgage and to buy a house. There are also issues around the quality of living conditions that migrants are experiencing, particularly in a sector that is more difficult to regulate.

Sources: Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 2012

OVERCROWDING

A study by the Migration Impacts Forum in 2008 found that 90% of Eastern European migrants who had arrived in the UK in the last two years, and were living in the Private Rented Sector (PRS), accepted poor and overcrowded conditions. More recently, a 2012 report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation stated that many migrants thought this issue was less important than their choices around work and income, particularly if they were single migrants who viewed their stay in the UK, and the PRS, as temporary.

Sources: Migration Impacts Forum 2008; Joseph Rowntree Foundation 2012

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

A list of organisations, including contact details, is available from the Sheffield Directory website ww.sheffielddirectory.org.uk

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