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**7,398**

Chinese residents  
in Sheffield

**1.3%**

Proportion of  
population who are  
Chinese

**2,085**

Chinese households  
in Sheffield

**3.5**

Average Chinese  
household size

Source: Census 2011

## TIMELINE



Chinese settlement in England dates from the early 19th century, in port towns such as London and Liverpool

1800s



During the 1950s and 1960s in response to the rise in popularity of Chinese cuisine in the UK many Chinese immigrants came to the UK and Sheffield to work in the catering industry

1900s

2000s



The Chinese community in Sheffield has its origins in Hong Kong, rather than mainland China. The passing of control over Hong Kong to the Chinese government has made it more difficult to emigrate from that region



In recent years, the community has grown significantly due to the large numbers of Chinese overseas students moving to Sheffield to study at the city's two universities

Source: Runnymede 2012

**3,668**

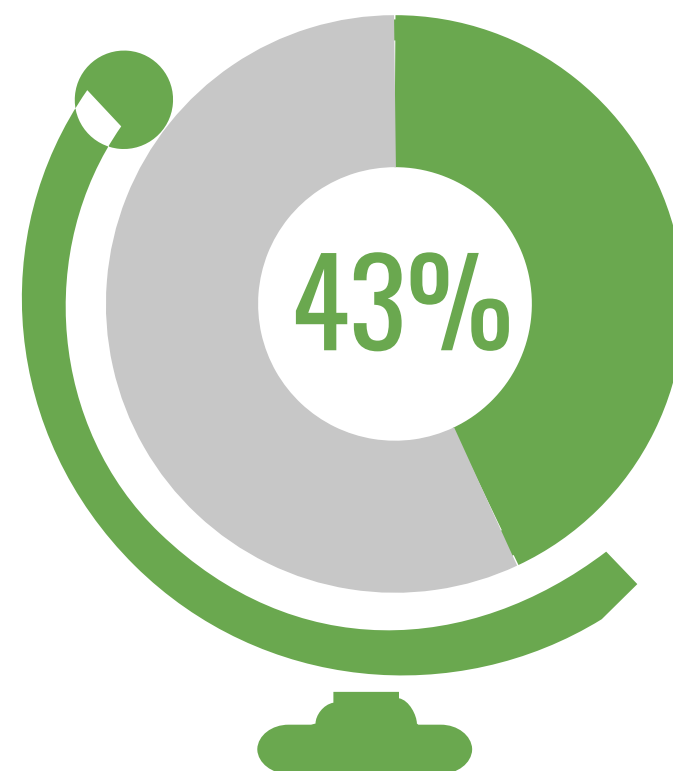
The number of Chinese students in Sheffield has increased by around 148% in the last five years

Source: HESA 2015

**£120m**

Oxford Economics calculate that overseas students make a significant net contribution to Sheffield's GDP

Source: Oxford Economics 2015



Nearly half of all overseas students in Sheffield are estimated to be of Chinese descent

Source: Oxford Economics 2015

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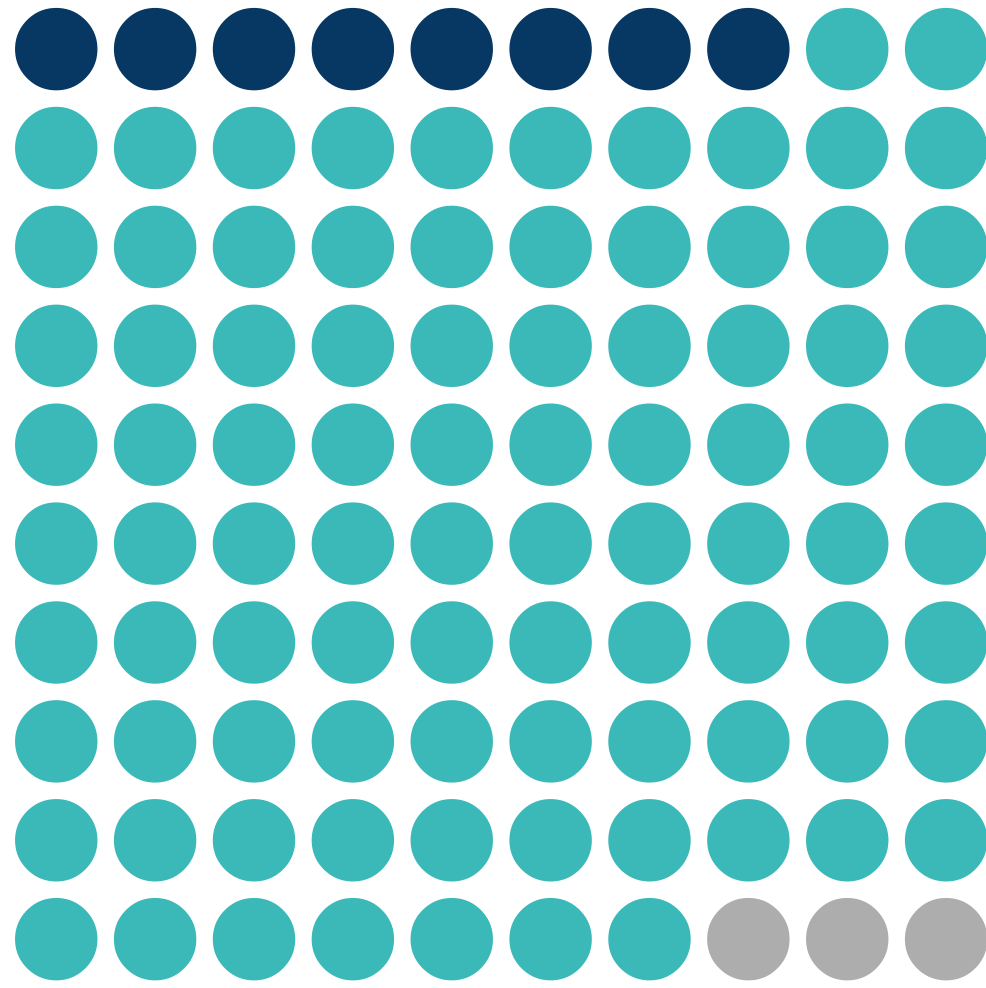
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# DEMOGRAPHICS

7,398

Chinese residents living in Sheffield



8%  
18% all persons

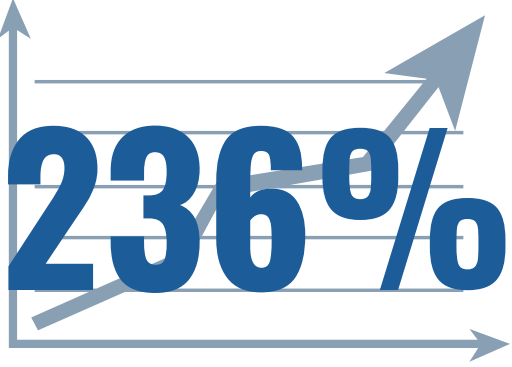
Under 16s

1.3%

Proportion of all residents who are Chinese

89%  
66% all persons

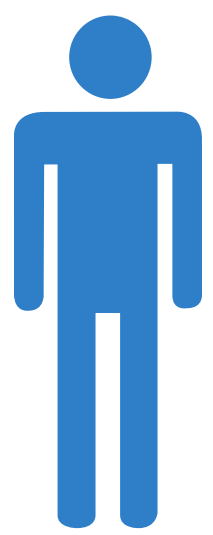
Working age



Growth since 2001, proportional growth by 1 percentage points

3%  
16% all persons

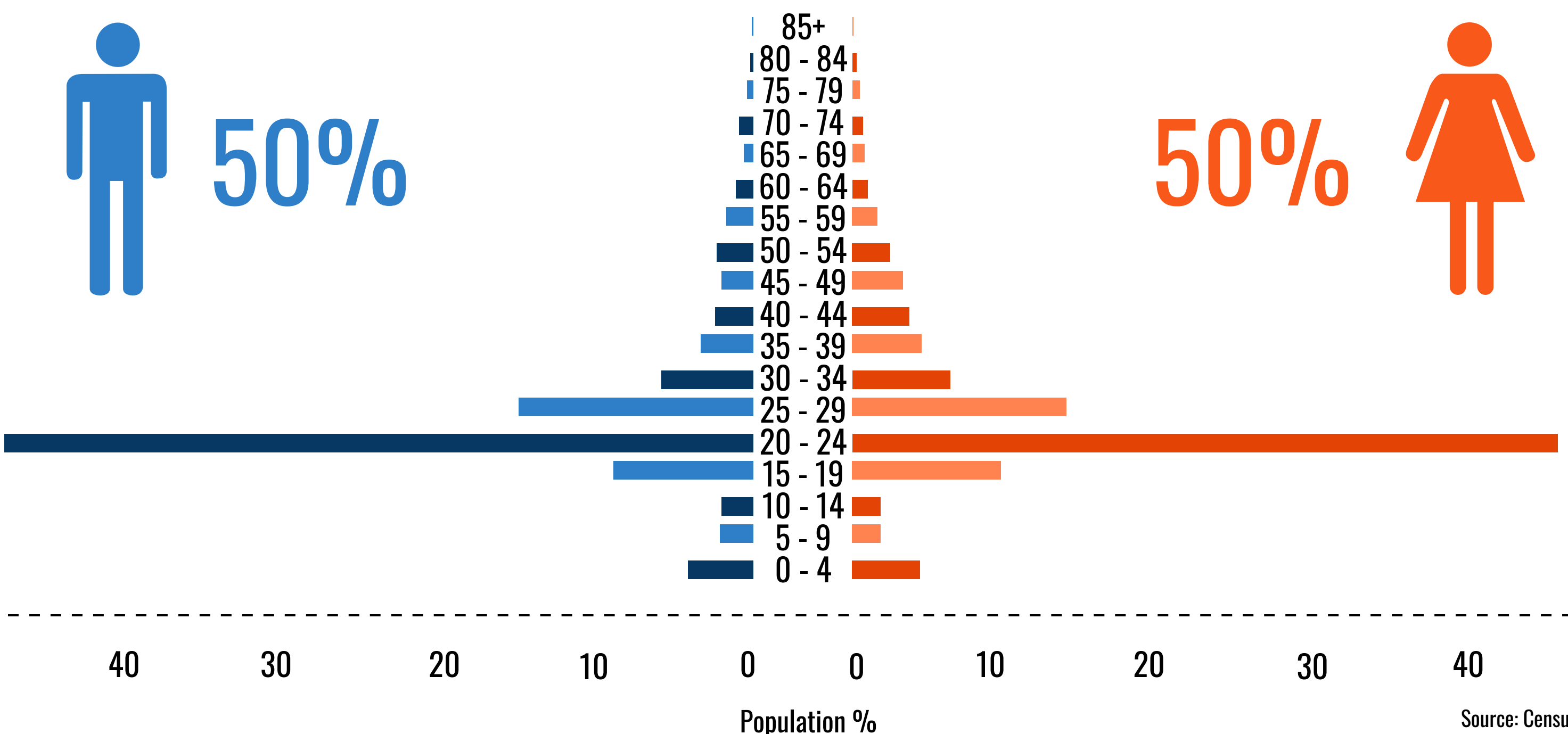
65 and over



50%

- 85+
- 80 - 84
- 75 - 79
- 70 - 74
- 65 - 69
- 60 - 64
- 55 - 59
- 50 - 54
- 45 - 49
- 40 - 44
- 35 - 39
- 30 - 34
- 25 - 29
- 20 - 24
- 15 - 19
- 10 - 14
- 5 - 9
- 0 - 4

50%



Population %

Source: Census 2011

Nationally, Sheffield's Chinese community ranks as the 7th largest, on par with Liverpool and Camden. Sheffield has the 4th largest Core City Chinese population.

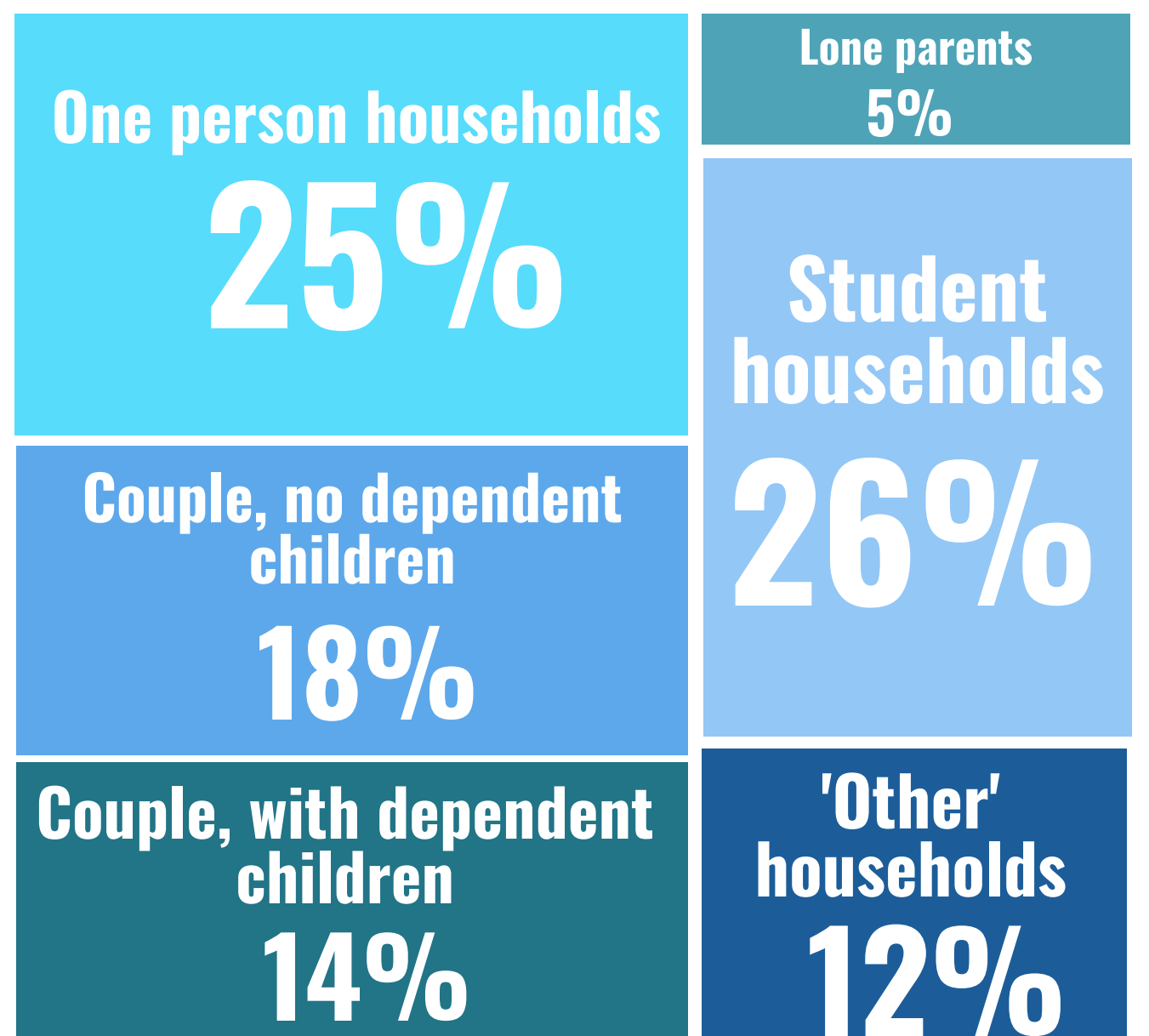
## CHINESE HOUSEHOLDS

2,085

2.4% of Sheffield's households are Chinese

3.5

The average household size is higher than the citywide average of 2.4



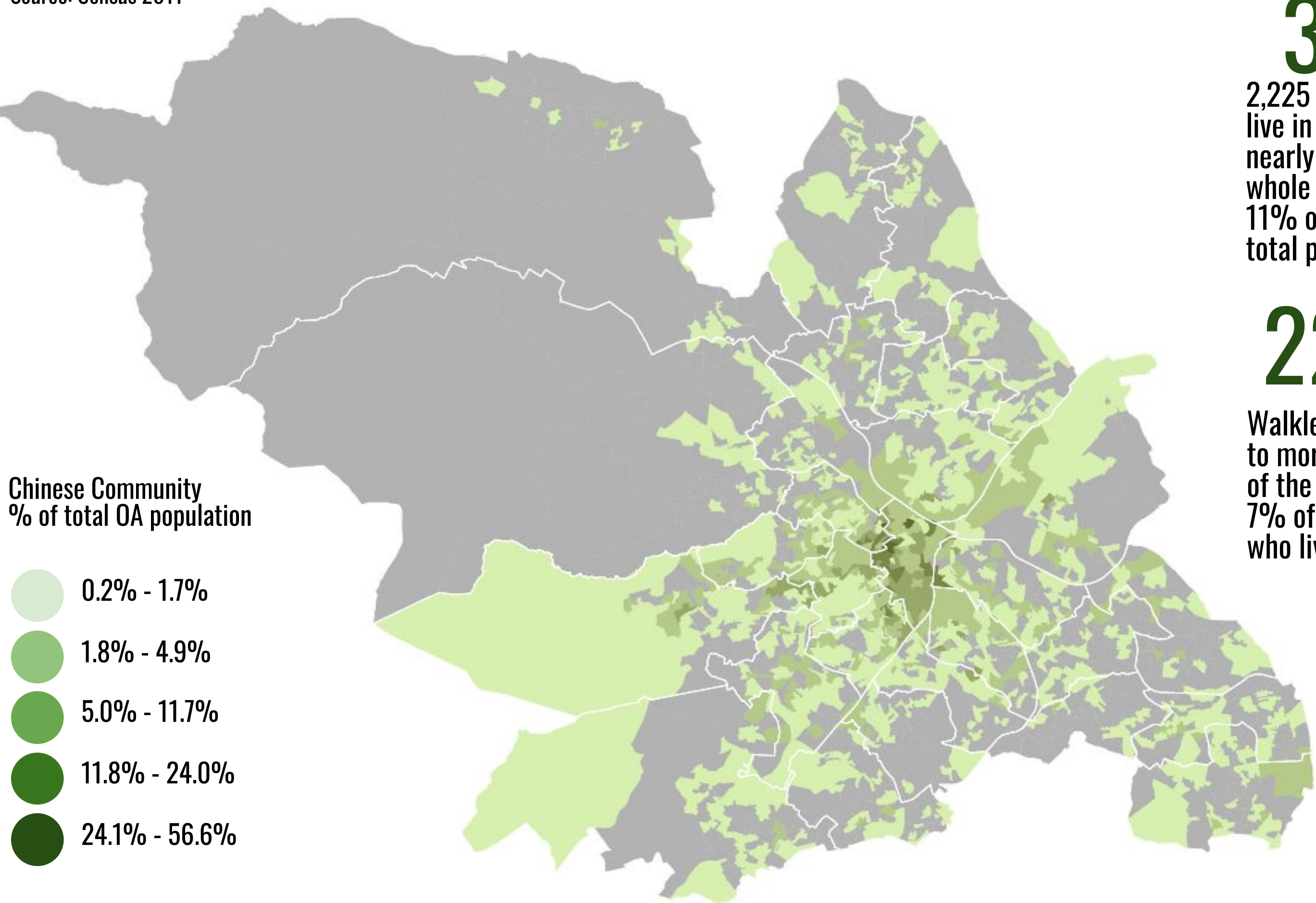
Source: Census 2011



# WHERE DOES THE COMMUNITY LIVE?

## Chinese Population in Sheffield

Source: Census 2011



### 30%

2,225 Chinese people live in the City Ward, nearly a third of the whole community and 11% of the ward's total population

### 22%

Walkley ward is home to more than a fifth of the community, 7% of all residents who live in that ward.

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# 13%

## Poverty and Deprivation

Just over one in ten Chinese people in Sheffield live in areas that are amongst the 10% most deprived in the country. This is below the citywide average of 21%.

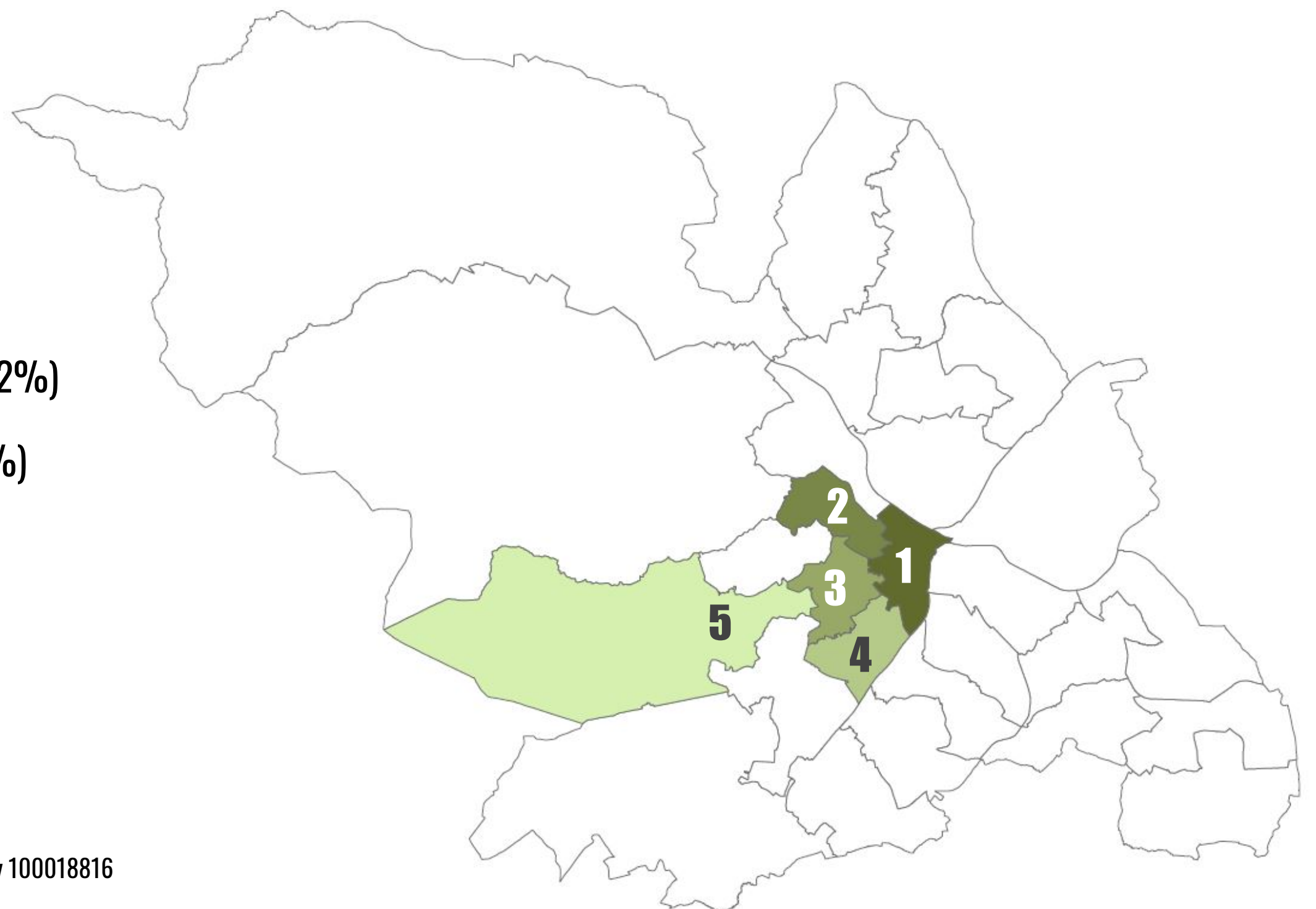
Source: DCLG 2015

### Top 5 Chinese ward populations\*:

- 1 City: 2,225 (11%)
- 2 Walkley: 1,656 (7%)
- 3 Broomhill & Sharrow Vale: 511 (2%)
- 4 Nether Edge & Sharrow: 463 (2%)
- 5 Fulwood: 339 (2%)

Source: Census 2011

\* percentage represents community population as a proportion of the total ward population



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# LANGUAGE AND NATIONALITY

## LANGUAGE

In Sheffield, there are 609 people who speak Mandarin as a main language. There are a further 503 who speak Cantonese and 4,439 who speak what the Census categorises as “all other Chinese languages”

Mandarin was the 9th most requested language for interpretation and 10th for translations, from Sheffield City Council in 2013/14, with 244 and 11 requests, respectively. Cantonese was the 34th most requested interpretation (24 requests) and the 20th most requested translation (5 requests)

## NATIONAL IDENTITY

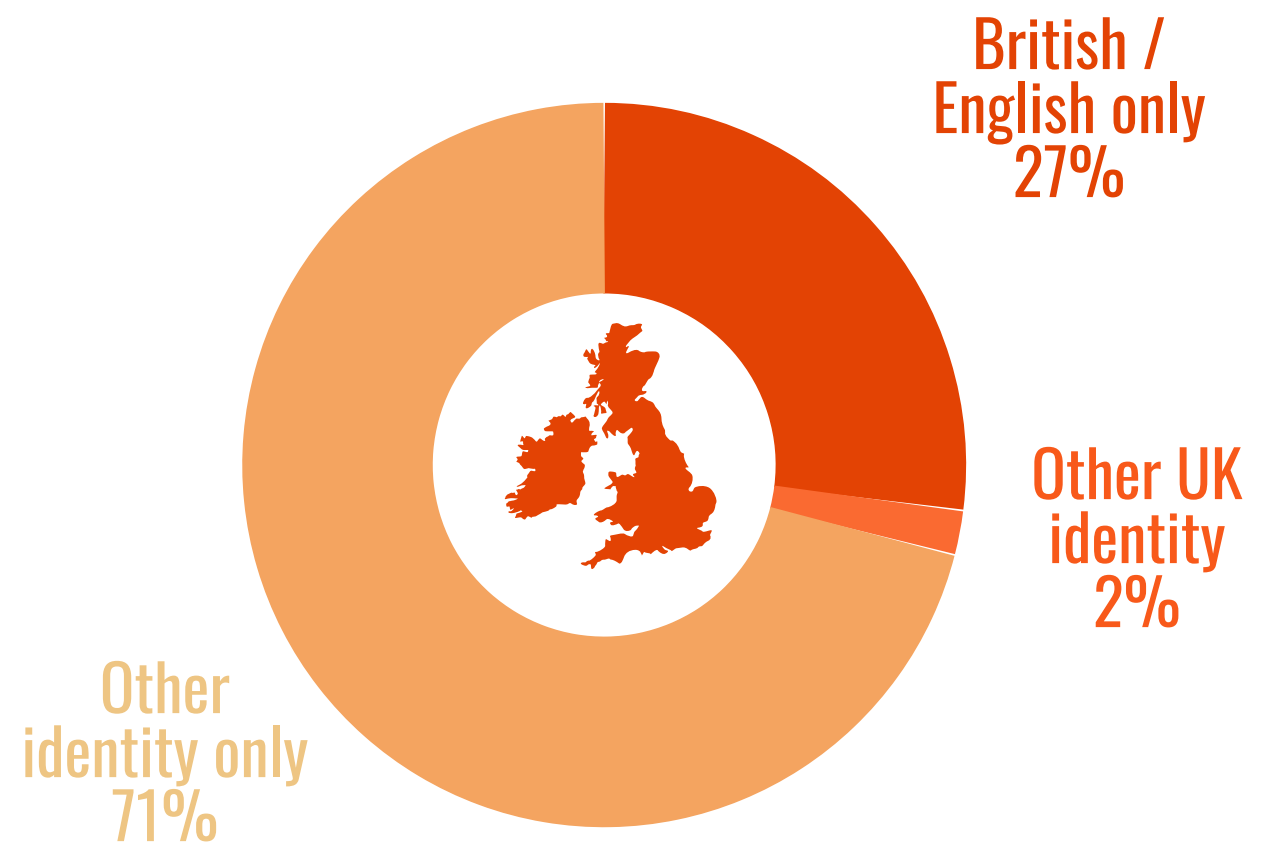
27%

Less than a fifth of the Chinese community in Sheffield identify themselves as British or English only

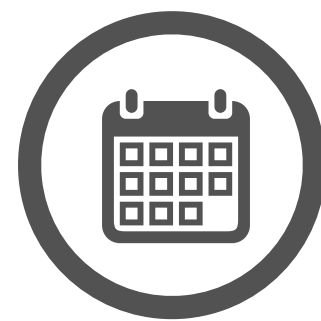
16%

Less than a fifth of the Chinese community in Sheffield were born in the UK

Source: Census 2011



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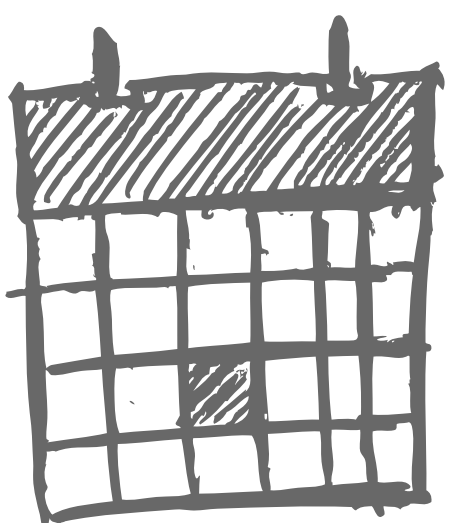


# CULTURE AND RELIGION

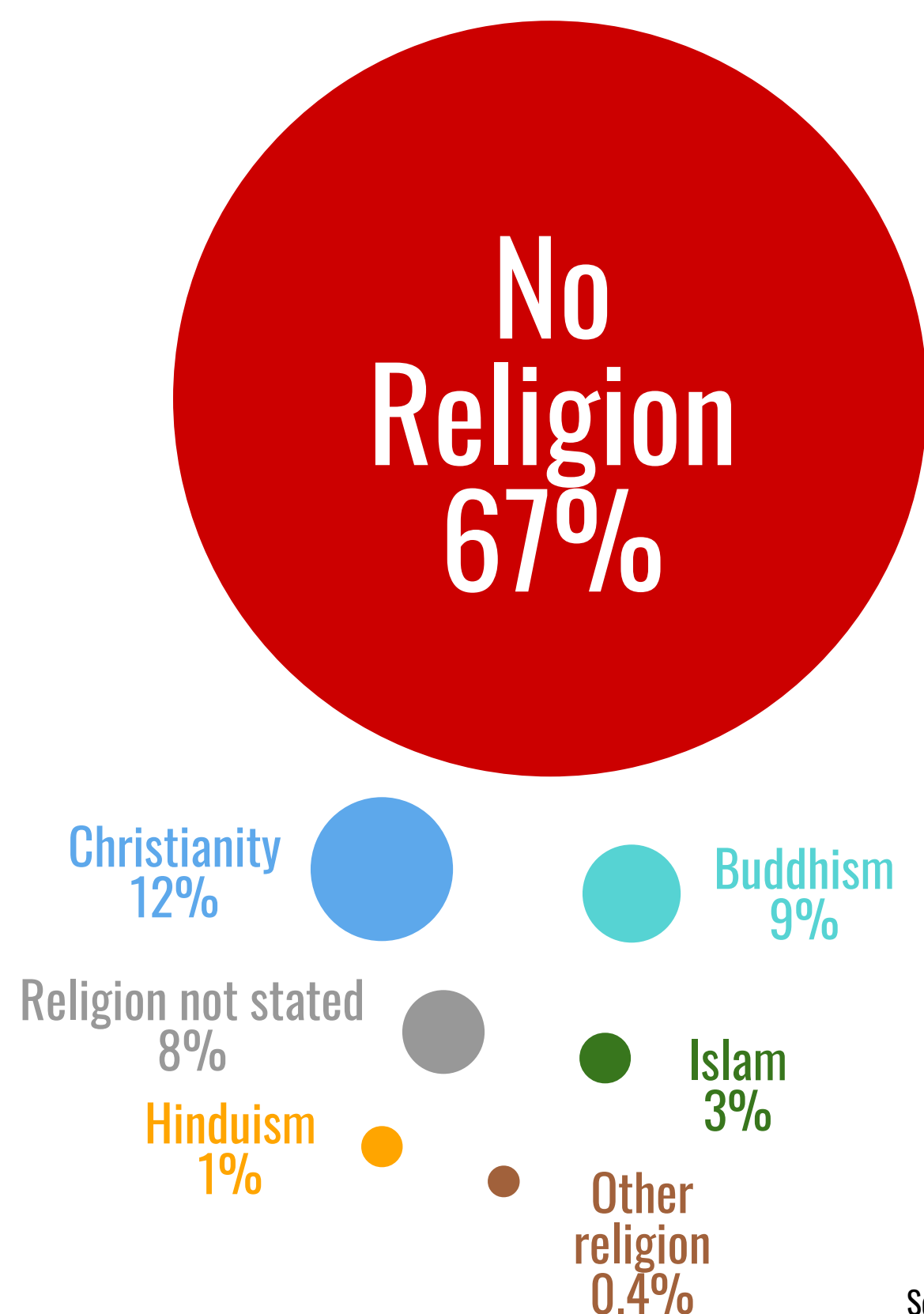
## CALENDAR

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

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



## RELIGION



Source: Census 2011

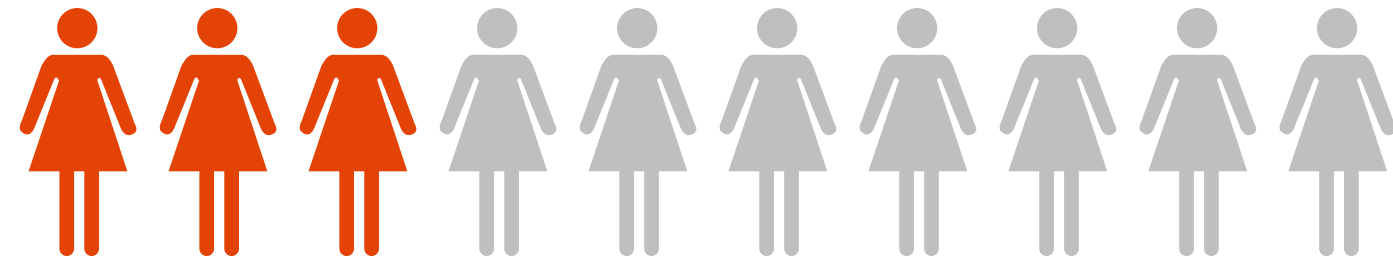




# LABOUR MARKET

## ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

0.4% of economically active people in Sheffield, 2,027 in total, are Chinese



**29%** Economically Active  
65% citywide  
**71%** Economically Inactive  
35% citywide

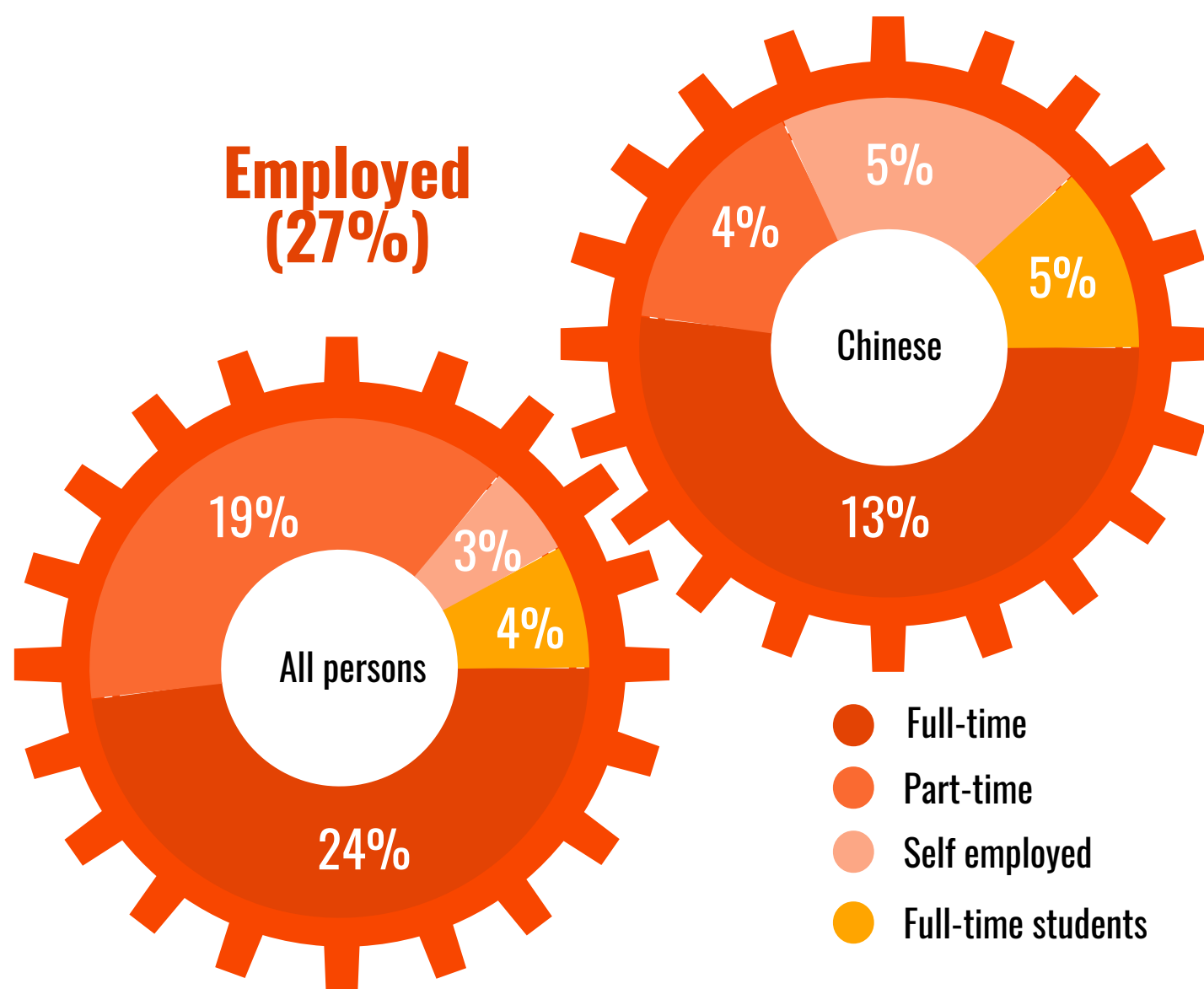
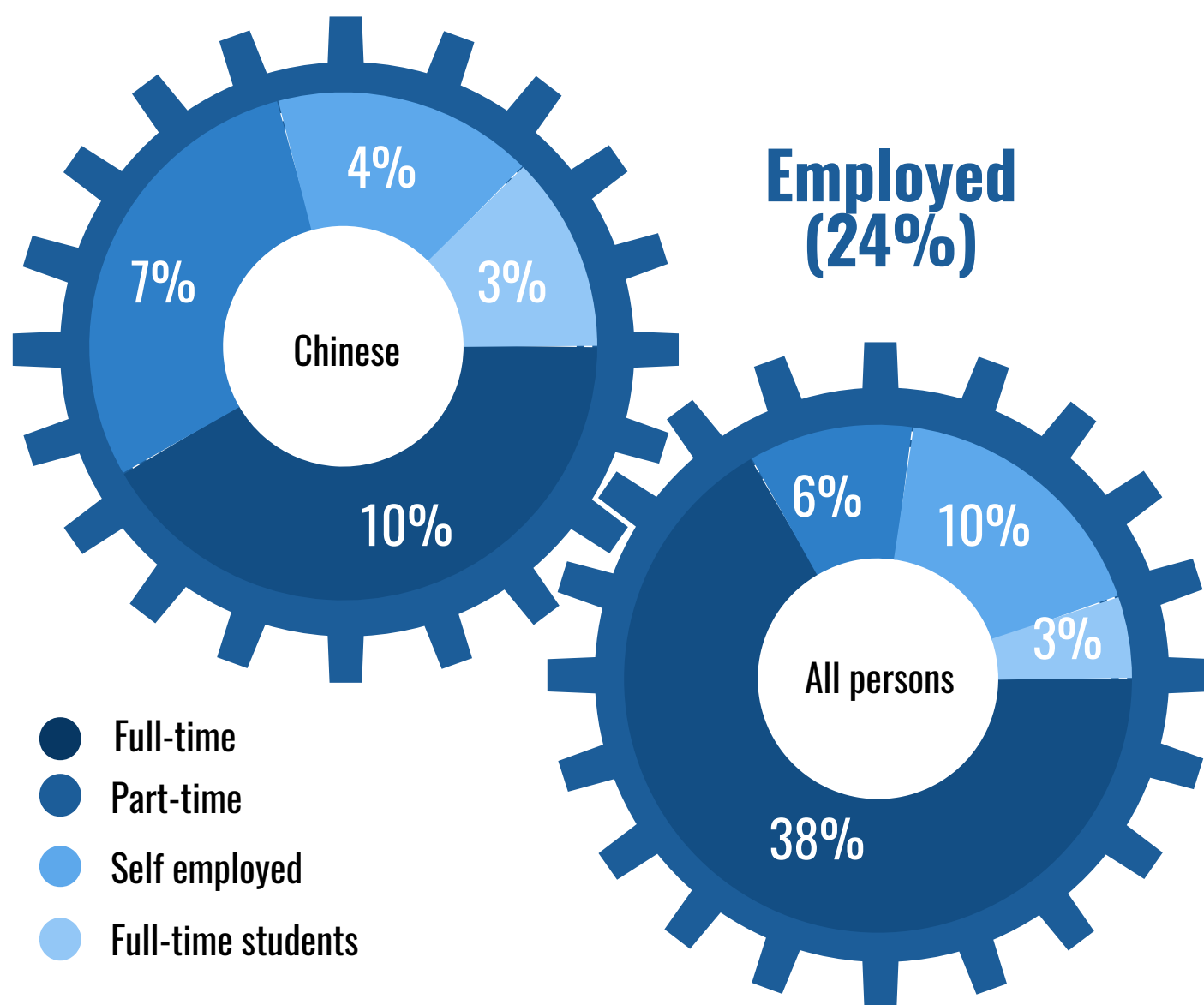
**31%** Economically Active  
65% citywide  
**69%** Economically Inactive  
35% citywide

### Economically Inactive (71%)

- 3% Retired
- 60% Full-time students
- 4% Looking after the home or family
- 1% Long-term sick or disabled
- 2% Other

### Economically Inactive (69%)

- 3% Retired
- 64% Full-time students
- 0% Looking after the home or family
- 0% Long-term sick or disabled
- 2% Other



5% of Chinese males are unemployed compared with 7% citywide

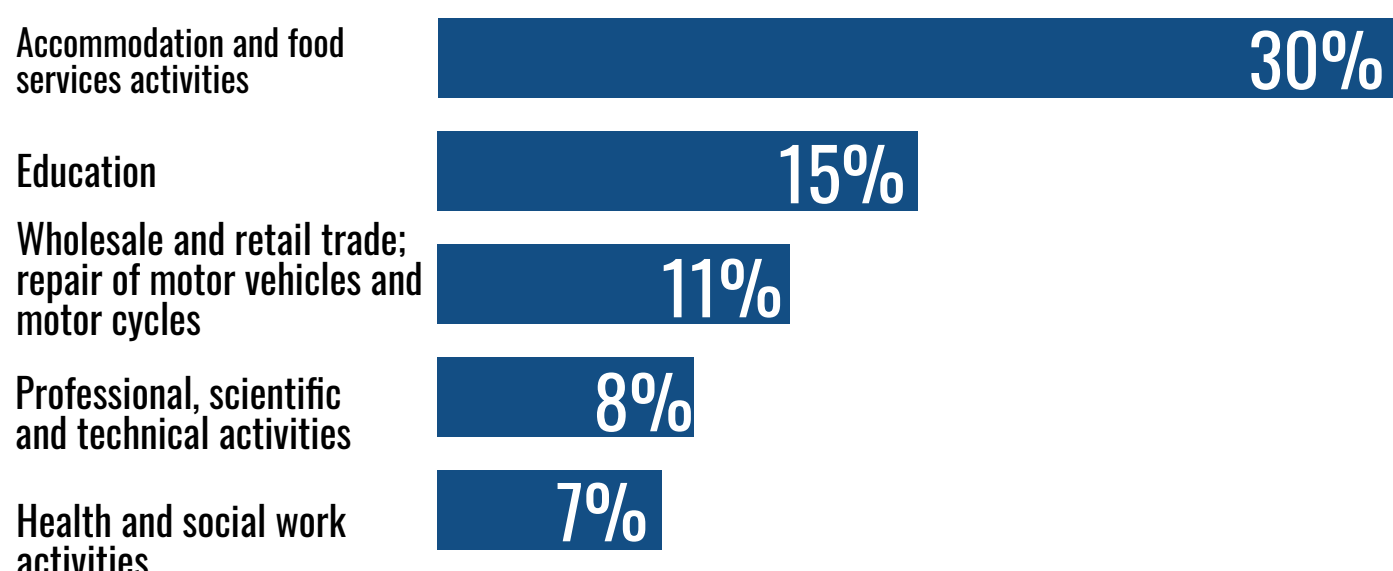
5% of 16-24 year old males are unemployed compared with 14% citywide

4% of Chinese females are unemployed, compared with 4% citywide

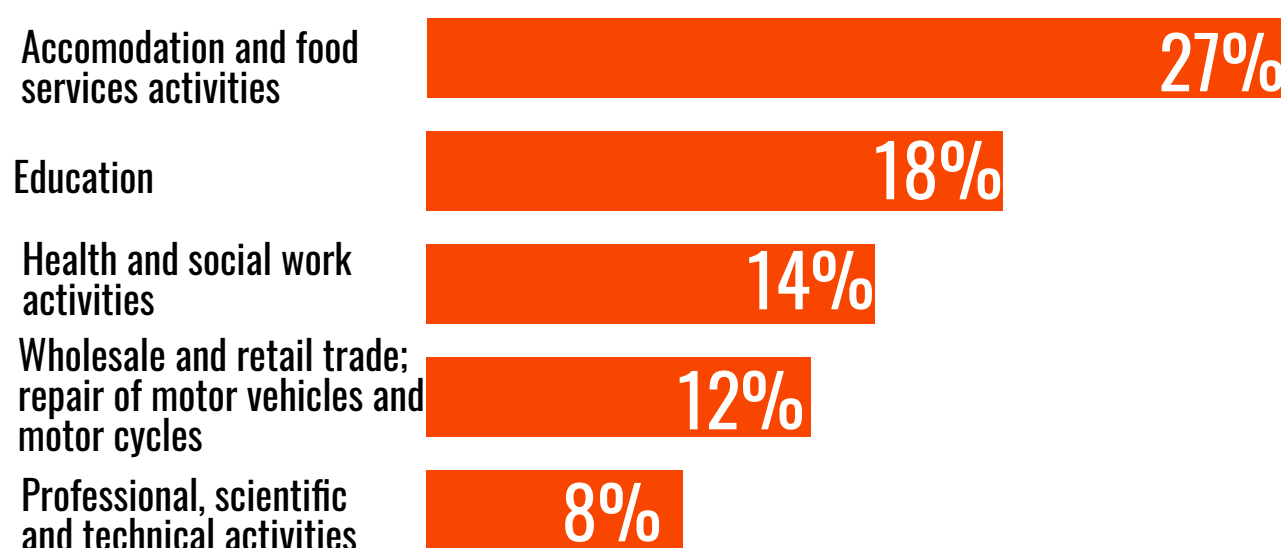
5% of 16-24 year old females are unemployed compared with 11% citywide

## INDUSTRY

### Top 5 Industries of Employment



### Top 5 Industries of Employment



Source: Census 2011

Sheffield City Council employs less than 10 Chinese people

0.1% of the total workforce

Source: SCC 2015

# EDUCATION

**366** The number of Chinese pupils (years 0-14). This figure has grown by 33% in the last 8 years.

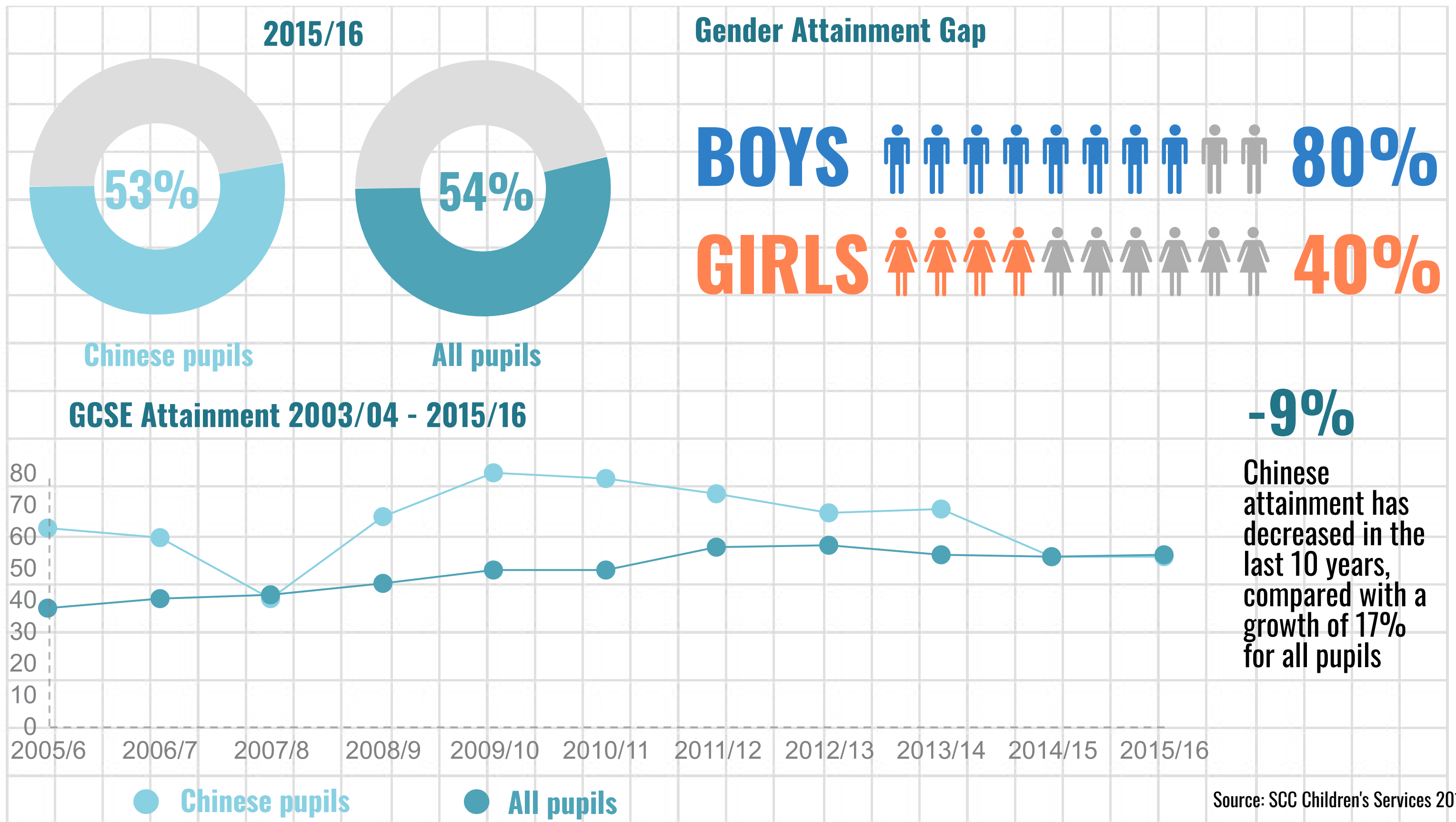
## NUMBER OF PUPILS



Source: SGC 2015

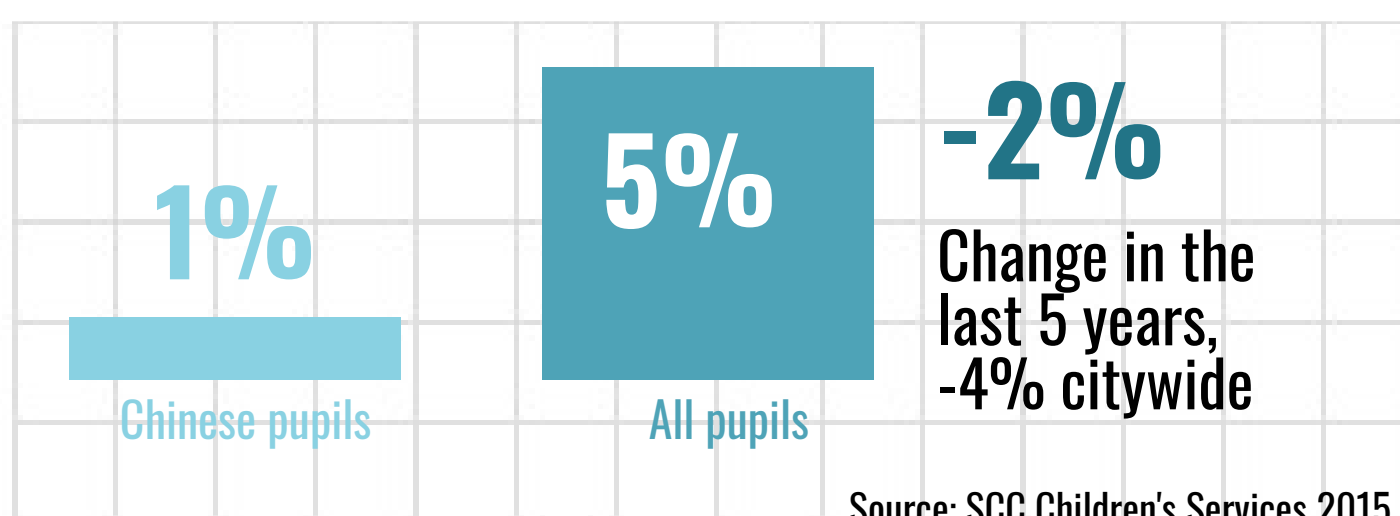
## GCSE ATTAINMENT

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



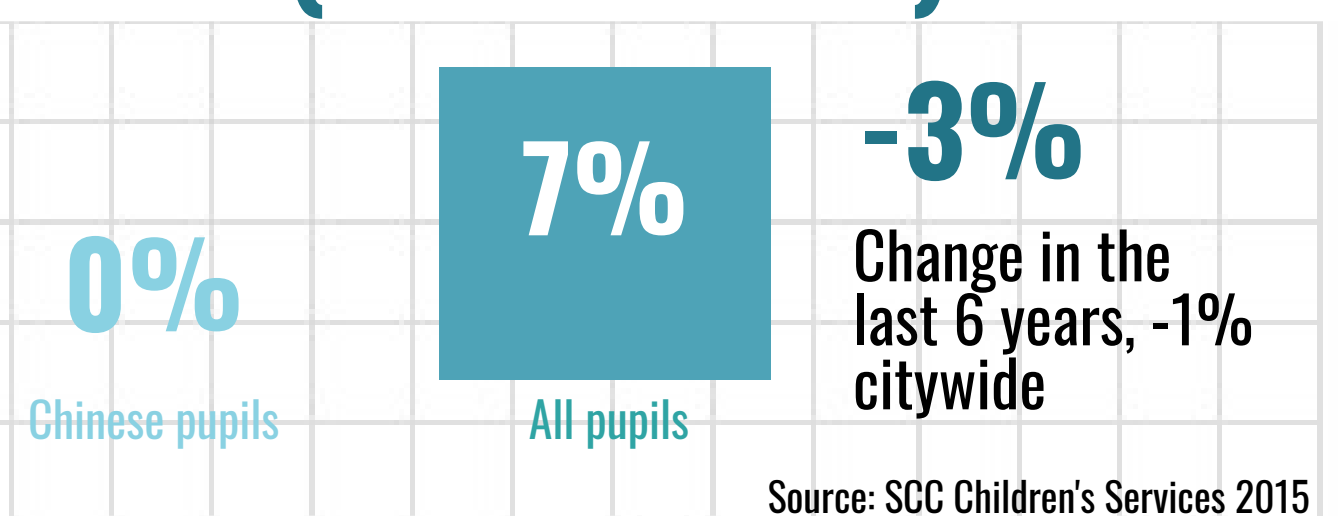
Source: SCC Children's Services 2015

## PERSISTENT ABSENSES



Source: SCC Children's Services 2015

## FIXED TERM EXCLUSIONS (SECONDARY)



Source: SCC Children's Services 2015



# POST-16 EDUCATION

## 10%

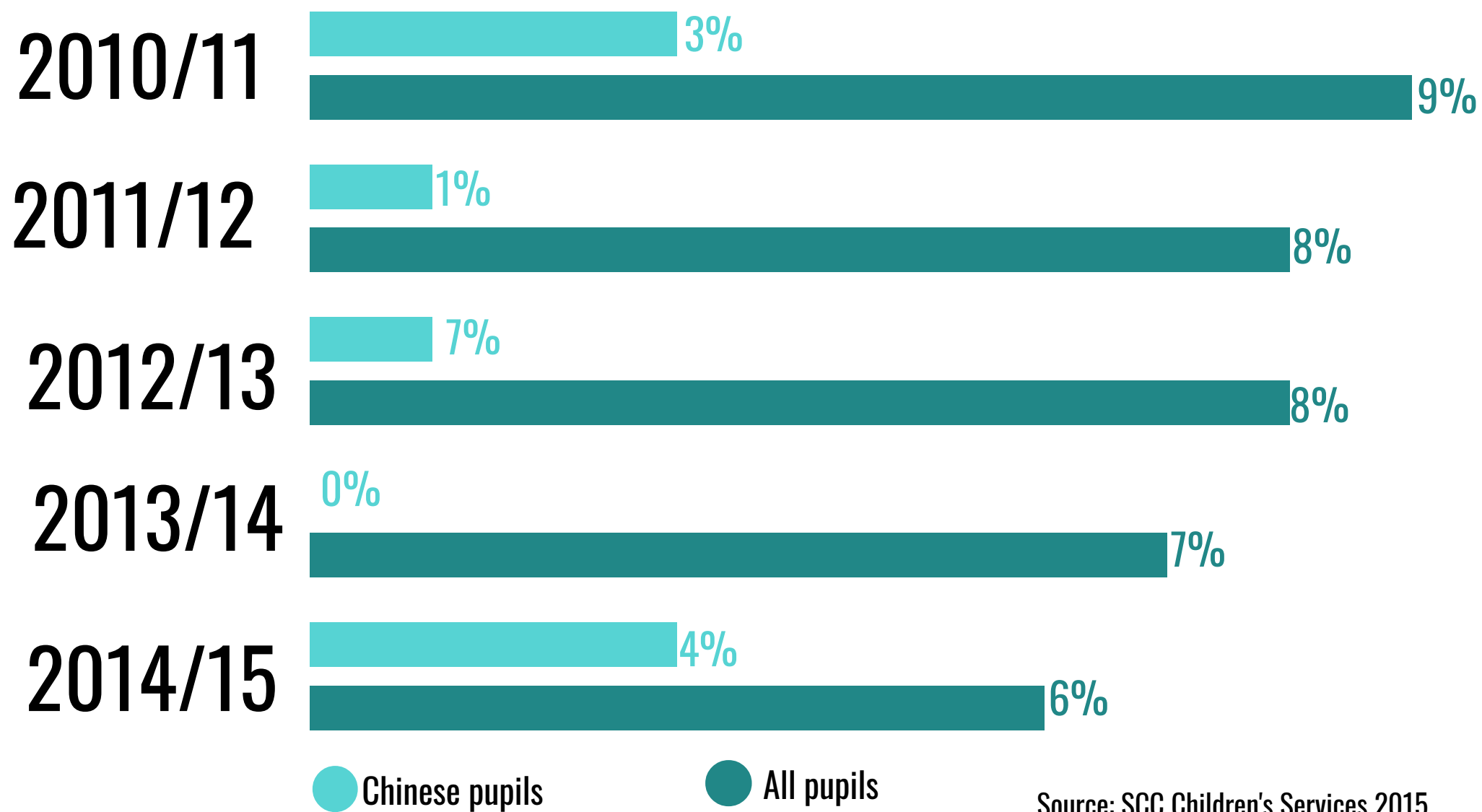
The proportion of Chinese adults with no formal qualifications is below the citywide average of 24%

## 40%

The proportion of Chinese adults qualified at level 4 and above, (including Higher Education Certificates and professional diplomas) compared with a quarter in Sheffield as a whole

Source: 2011 Census

The proportion of Chinese 16 to 18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET)



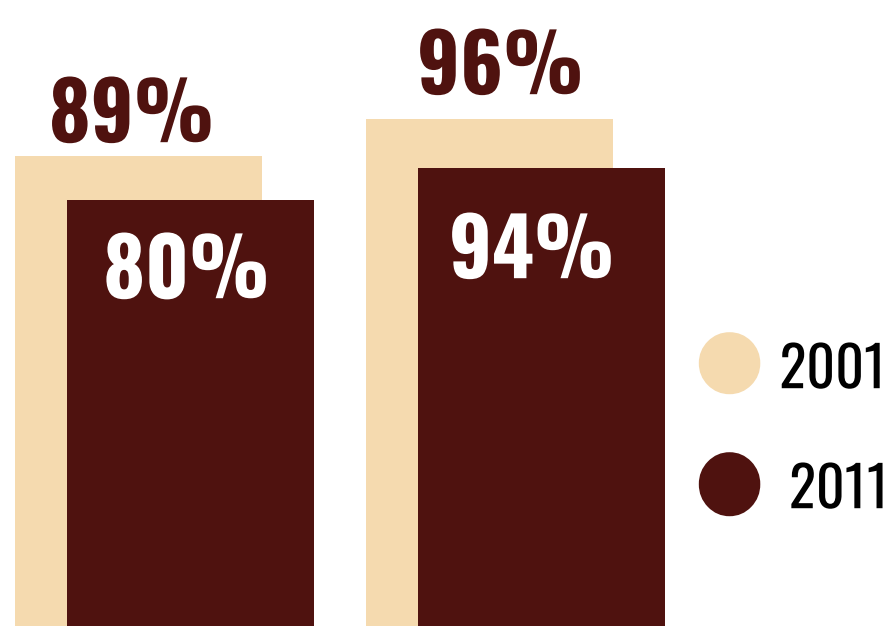
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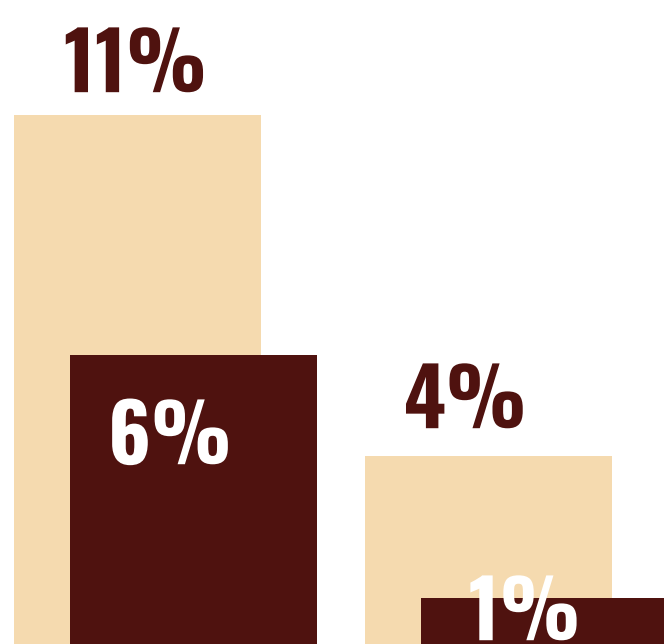
# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

## General Health in the Chinese Community

### Very good, good or fairly good health

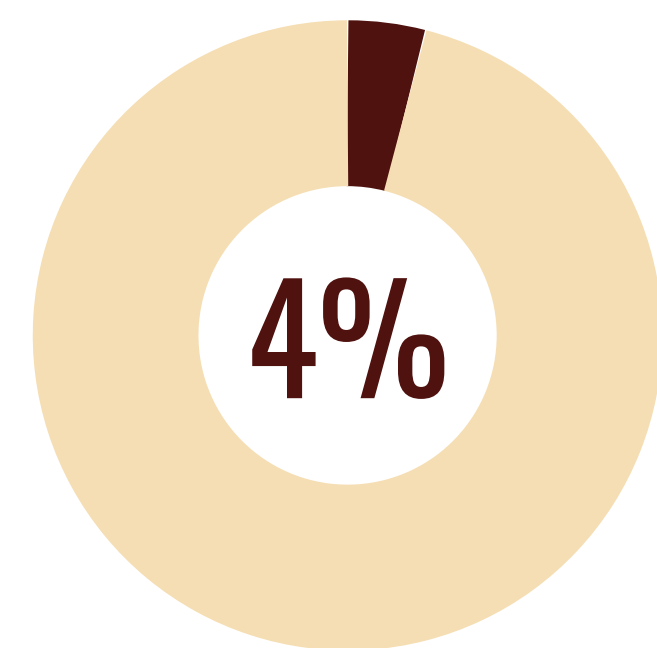


### Bad or very bad health



Source: 2011 Census

## Unpaid Carers



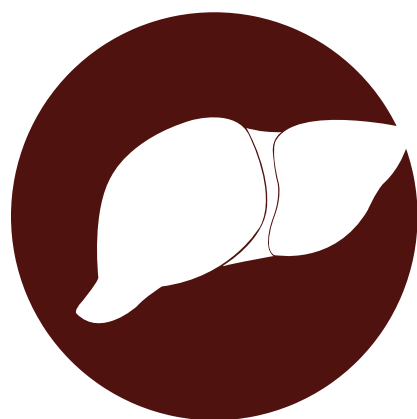
Chinese people providing unpaid care, compared with 10% citywide.

Source: 2011 Census



### ARTHRITIS

As the first generations of Chinese immigrants approach old age, long working hours in the catering industry appear to be taking their toll, particularly in the knee joints.



### HEPATITIS B

Highly prevalent in China, Hong Kong and Malaysia, where up to 50% have been exposed to the virus.



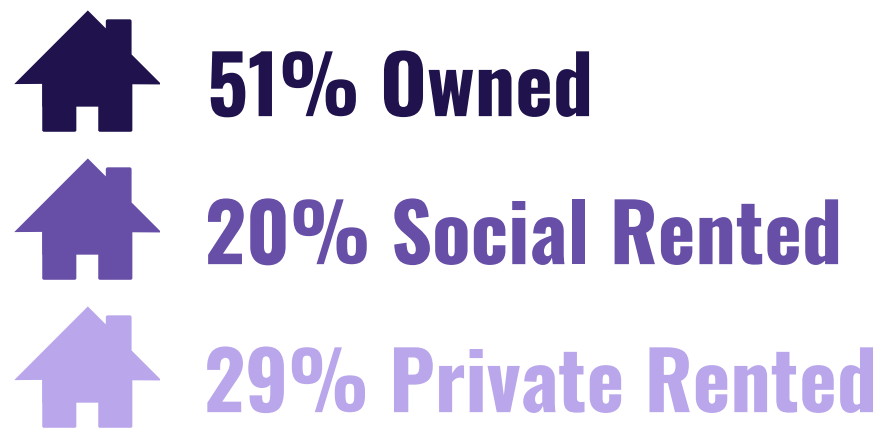
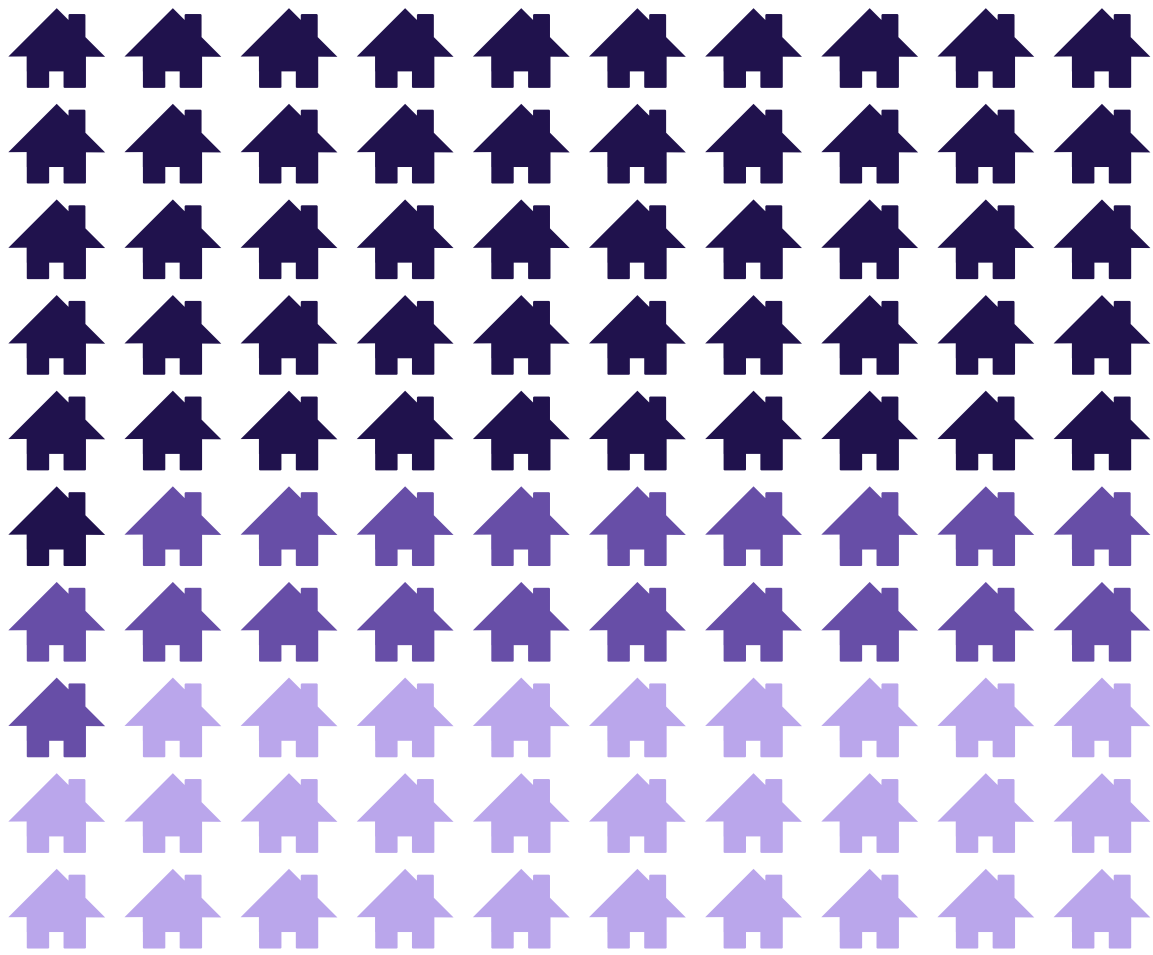
### MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Illness – There is a stigma around mental health in the UK Chinese community. Mental illness poses greater difficulties for those who have language barriers, cultural differences, and differing concepts of mental illness.

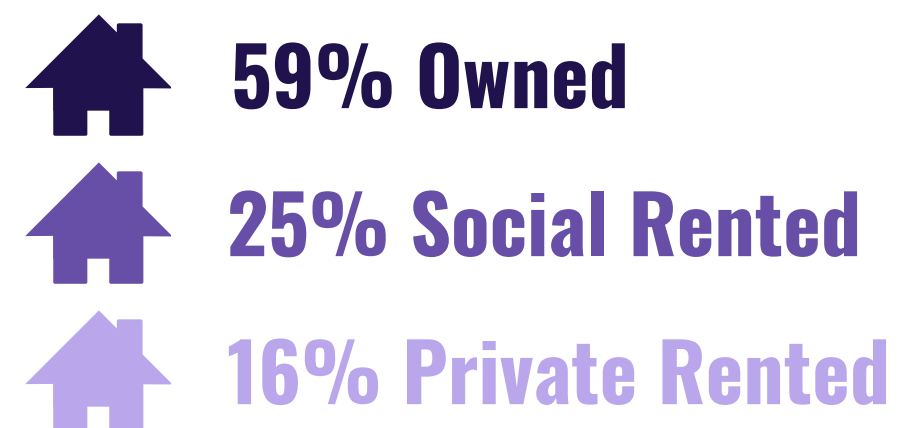
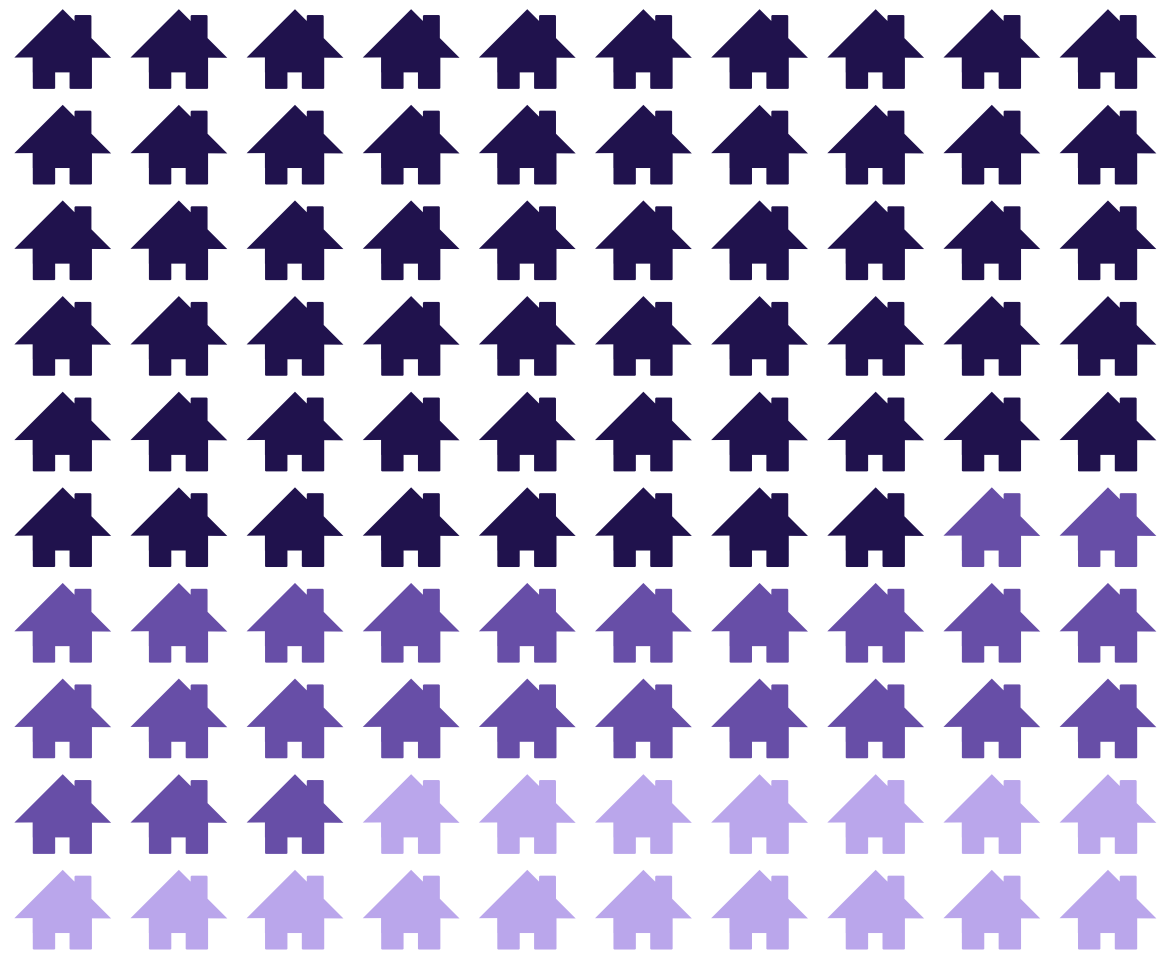
Source: NHS 2004

## TENURE

### Chinese



### All persons



## OVERCROWDING

14% of Chinese households have at least one less bedroom than they require compared with 5% citywide. This is based on the Office of National Statistics' [occupancy rating](#).

Source: 2011 Census

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

A list of organisations, including contact details, is available from the [Sheffield Directory](#) website.

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