Gypsy or Irish Traveller population residents in Sheffield: 358

Proportion of population who are Gypsy or Irish Traveller: 0.1%

Gypsy or Irish Traveller households in Sheffield: 131

Average Gypsy or Irish Traveller household size: 2.7

Where does the Gypsy or Irish Traveller population live?

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Poverty and Deprivation

Two fifths of the Gypsy or Irish Traveller community live in areas that are amongst the 10% most deprived in the country. This is above the citywide average of 23%.

Top 5 Gypsy or Irish Traveller ward populations*:

1. Burngreave - 67 (0.3%)
2. Park & Arbourthorne - 40 (0.2%)
3. Darnall - 40 (0.2%)
4. Shiregreen & Brightside - 30 (0.1%)
5. Manor Castle - 23 (0.1%)

Source: DCLG 2015

CULTURE AND RELIGION

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

Source: Census 2011

Religion

Christianity 64%

Other religion 19%

No Religion 2.0%

Islam 2.5%

Buddhism 1.4%

Religion not stated 11.7%

Source: Census 2011
Nationally, Sheffield’s Gypsy or Irish Traveller community ranks as the 37th largest, on a par with Bristol and Dudley. Sheffield has the 5th largest Core City Gypsy or Irish Traveller population.

**Gypsy or Irish Traveller Households**

- 2.4% of Sheffield’s households are Gypsy or Irish Travellers
- The average household size is higher than the citywide average of 2.4

**Demographics**

- **358** Gypsy or Irish Traveller residents living in Sheffield
- **0.1%** Proportion of all residents who are White Irish

**Proportion of all residents who are White Irish**

- 62% of all persons
- 18% of all persons
- 14% of all persons
- 6% of all persons
- 2% of all persons

Source: Census 2011

**Under 16s**

- 66% of all persons
- 16% of all persons
- 5% of all persons
- 42% of all persons
- 5% of all persons

Source: Census 2011

**Working age**

- 5% of all persons
- 33% of all persons
- 16% of all persons
- 2% of all persons
- 5% of all persons

Source: Census 2011

**65 and over**

- 10% of all persons
- 5% of all persons
- 47% of all persons
- 10% of all persons
- 2% of all persons

Source: Census 2011

**Proportion of all residents who are White Irish**

- 75% of Sheffield’s residents are White Irish
- 25% of Sheffield’s residents are not White Irish

Source: Census 2011

**Gypsy or Irish Traveller Households**

- 131 Gypsy or Irish Traveller households

Source: Census 2011
**LANGUAGE AND NATIONALITY**

**NATIONAL IDENTITY**

64%
Around two thirds of the Gypsy and Irish Traveller community in Sheffield were born in the UK.

Source: Census 2011

33%
Of the remaining 34%, the majority were born in EU accession counties, predominantly in Eastern Europe.

Source: Census 2011

57%
More than half of the Gypsy and Irish Traveller community identify themselves as British or English only.

Source: Census 2011

**HOUSING**

**TENURE**

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

- 21% Owned
- 48% Social Rented
- 31% Private Rented

All persons

- 59% Owned
- 25% Social Rented
- 19% Private Rented

**OVERCROWDING**

3% of Gypsy or Irish Traveller households have at least one fewer bedrooms than they require compared with 10% citywide. This is based on the Office of National Statistic’s occupancy rating.

Source: 2011 Census
**Economic Activity**

0.4% of economically active people in Sheffield, 117 in total, are White Irish

55% Economically Active

45% Economically Inactive

65% citywide

35% citywide

**Economically Inactive (45%)**

- 4% Retired
- 14% Full-time students
- 8% Looking after the home or family
- 16% Long-term sick or disabled
- 3% Other

**Economically Inactive (58%)**

- 5% Retired
- 7% Full-time students
- 24% Looking after the home or family
- 12% Long-term sick or disabled
- 11% Other

20% of Gypsy or Irish Traveller males are unemployed compared with 7% citywide

12% of 16-24 year old males are unemployed compared with 14% citywide

26% of Sheffield City Council’s workforce are Gypsy or Irish Traveller

**Industry**

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Source: Census 2011
The number of White Traveller of Irish Heritage pupils (years 0-14). This figure has grown by 59% in the last 8 years.

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**Gender Attainment Gap**

- **GCSE Attainment 2004/05 - 2014/15**
  - 2014/15: 0% (White Traveller of Irish Heritage pupils), 0% (All pupils)

**Fixed Term Exclusions (Secondary)**

- **35%** White Traveller of Irish Heritage pupils
- **5%** All pupils

**Change in the last 5 years:** +21%

**-4%** Change in the last 6 years, -1% citywide

Source: SCC Children's Services 2015
54%
The proportion of Gypsy or Irish Traveller adults with no formal qualifications, above the citywide average of 24%.

16%
The proportion of adults who are qualified at level 4 and above, (including Higher Education Certificates and professional diplomas) compared with a quarter in Sheffield as a whole.

General Health in the Gypsy or Irish Traveller Community

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<td>80%</td>
<td>74%</td>
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Unpaid Carers

11% of the Gypsy or Irish Traveller community provide unpaid care, compared with 10% citywide.

Life Expectancy

A 2004 report by Sheffield University concluded that the life expectancy of Gypsies and Travellers is between 10 and 12 years less than the settled population. A study conducted in 2005 by the Leeds Racial Equality Council found the gap to be around 28 years, and the Department of Health have reported a disparity of around 20 years.

General Health

The Sheffield report also identified a number of general health outcomes. The report the Gypsy and Traveller population have higher rates of:

- Long-term illness,
- Arthritis, asthma, chest pain, chronic coughs, bronchitis and diabetes
- Mobility problems

Gypsy Travellers who were living in a house were found to be in the poorest health.
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

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

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