The Irish community is one of the longest most established migrant communities in Britain.

- **1800s**: The 19th Century saw increased Irish immigration to Sheffield, drawn by its industrialisation and world wide reputation for steel production.
- **1900s**: There was also a need and desire to escape famine, poverty and persecution in Ireland. Records suggest many Irish immigrants walked to Sheffield from Liverpool at this time.
- **2000s**: Irish migration has, however steadily continued as people move to Sheffield to live and study.

It has been estimated that there could be around 10,000 Irish born and second generation Irish people living in Sheffield.
Nationally, Sheffield’s White Irish community ranks as the 42nd largest, on a par with Northampton and Salford. Sheffield has the 6th largest Core City White Irish population.

**WHITE IRISH HOUSEHOLDS**

- 1,582 White Irish households
- 0.7% of Sheffield’s households are White Irish
- The average household size is smaller than the citywide average of 2.4

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- 2,891 residents living in Sheffield
- 0.5% of residents are White Irish
- 13% of the population is under 16 years old
- 51% of the population is working age
- 49% of the population is 65 and over
- 6% of the population is 85 years old or older

The community has shrunk since 2001, although proportionally only by 0.1 percentage points.

**Source:** Census 2011
WHERE DOES THE COMMUNITY LIVE?

White Irish Population in Sheffield

Source: Census 2011

Poverty and Deprivation

More than one in six White Irish people live in areas that are amongst the 10% most deprived in the country. This is below the citywide average of 23%.

Source: DCLG 2015

Top 5 White Irish ward populations*:

1. Crookes & Crosspool: 195 (1.1%)
2. Nether Edge & Sharrow: 237 (1.1%)
3. Ecclesall: 207 (1.0%)
4. Broomhill & Sharrow Vale: 224 (1.0%)
5. Fulwood: 154 (0.8%)

Source: Census 2011

* percentage represents community population as a proportion of the total ward population.
NATIONAL IDENTITY

48%

Nearly half of the White Irish community in Sheffield were born in the UK. A further 48% of Sheffield’s White Irish community were born in Ireland.

Of the 52% of White Irish people born outside the UK, 26% arrived when they were aged between 16 and 24, whilst 15% moved to the UK when they were under the age of 16.

39%

of the White Irish community identify themselves as British or English only

Source: Census 2011

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

RELIGION

Christianity 72.8%

Other religion 19%

No Religion 0.8%

Islam 0.4%

Religion not stated 6.5%

Source: Census 2011
Economically Active (57%)
- 65% citywide

Economically Inactive (43%)
- 35% citywide

5% of White Irish males are unemployed compared with 7% citywide
15% of 16-24 year old males are unemployed compared with 14% citywide

Employed (52%)
- White Irish: 35%
- All persons: 38%

Top 5 Industries of Employment:
- Education: 16%
- Construction: 14%
- Health and social work activities: 13%
- Professional, scientific and technical activities: 9%
- Manufacturing: 8%

Economically Active (54%)
- 65% citywide

Economically Inactive (46%)
- 35% citywide

3% of White Irish females are unemployed, compared with 4% citywide
6% of 16-24 year old females are unemployed, compared with 11% citywide

Employed (51%)
- White Irish: 28%
- All persons: 24%

Top 5 Industries of Employment:
- Health and social work activities: 34%
- Education: 23%
- Wholesale and retail trade: repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles: 9%
- Public admin and defense/ compulsory social security: 6%
- Professional, scientific and technical activities: 5%

Source: Census 2011
Source: SCC 2015

0.6% of economically active people in Sheffield, 1,511 in total, are White Irish
0.6% of Sheffield City Council’s workforce are White Irish
The number of White Irish pupils (years 0-14). This figure has fallen by 25% in the last 8 years.

### NUMBER OF PUPILS

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### GCSE ATTAINMENT

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

- **2014/15**
  - **White Irish pupils**: 73%
  - **All pupils**: 54%

  **Gender Attainment Gap**
  - **Boys**: 75%
  - **Girls**: 71%

**GCSE Attainment 2004/05 - 2014/15**

- White Irish attainment has improved in the last 10 years, compared with a growth of 16% for all pupils.

### PERSISTENT ABSENCES

- **White Irish pupils**: 4%
- **All pupils**: 5%

- Change in the last 5 years, -5%, -4% citywide.

### FIXED TERM EXCLUSIONS (SECONDARY)

- **White Irish pupils**: 3%
- **All pupils**: 7%

- Change in the last 6 years, +2%, -1% citywide.
A quarter of White Irish adults have no formal qualifications, slightly above the citywide average of 24%.

The proportion of White Irish 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

Very good, good or fairly good health

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Bad or very bad health

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 Disability

Nationally, 26% of the White Irish community have a limiting long-term health problem or disability compared with 18% of the population as a whole. This is linked, however, to the older age profile of the community. When comparing health problems and disability in different age groups, the proportions are broadly similar between the White Irish community and the population as a whole.

Source: 2011 Census

The Irish Community have a higher rate of contact with mental health services than white British and the ‘white other’ population. Sections of the Irish community in Sheffield are socially excluded and in need of support, including pensioners, the homeless and those with mental health and alcohol and drug dependency issues.

Source: CRESR 2008

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

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Source: 2011 Census

342 White Irish people (12%) provide unpaid care, compared with 10% citywide.

Source: 2011 Census
OVERCROWDING

3% of White Irish households have at least one fewer bedrooms than they require compared with 10% 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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