2011 Census: Birmingham Population and Migration Topic Report

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Table 1: Indicators of comparability by question	
Household family and Family relationships	Fully comparable
Household Continuation Sheet - Household and Family relationships	Fully comparable
Sex	Fully comparable
Marital and civil partnership status	Broadly comparable
Accommodation type	Fully comparable
Self-contained accommodation	Fully comparable
Number of rooms	Fully comparable
Number of bedrooms	New question in 2011

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The 2011 Census estimates

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Population - Age Structure

Birmingham has a relatively young age structure compared with the region and England, with on average more children and fewer pensioners.

Table2: 2011 Census Age Structure – Birmingham

		Under 16		16-64		65 and over	
		number	percent	number	percent	number	percent
Birmingham	1,073,045	244,682	22.8	690,150	64.3	138,213	12.9
West Midlands	5,601,847	1,094,442	19.5	3,561,430	63.6	945,975	16.9
England	53,012,456	10,022,836	18.9	34,329,091	64.8	8,660,529	16.3

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Figure 1: Birmingham resident population – 2011 Census day

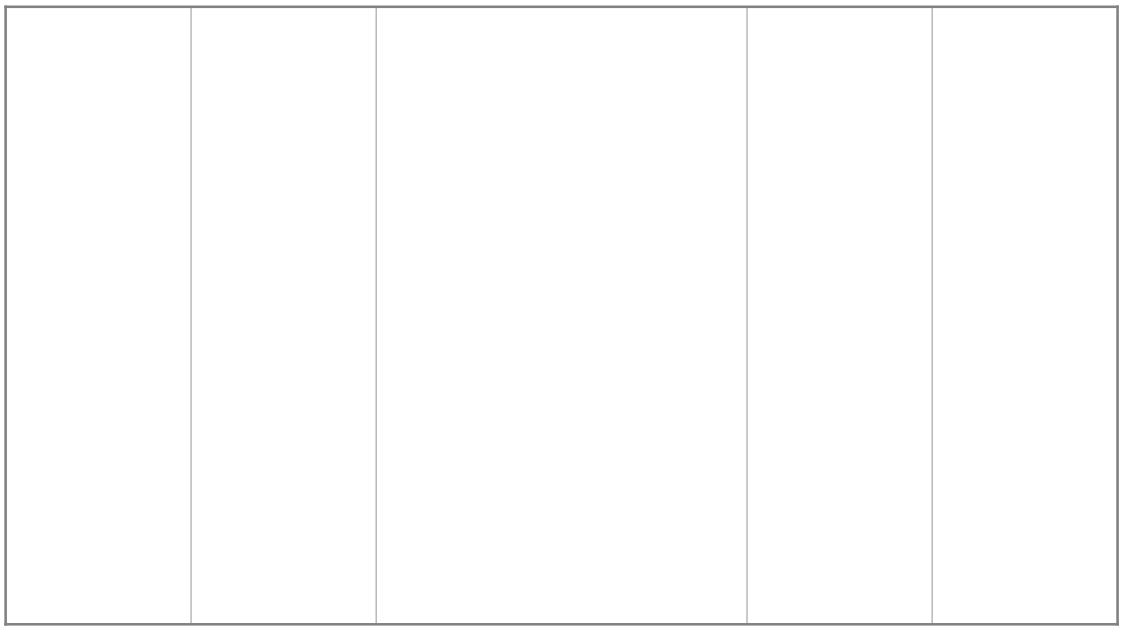

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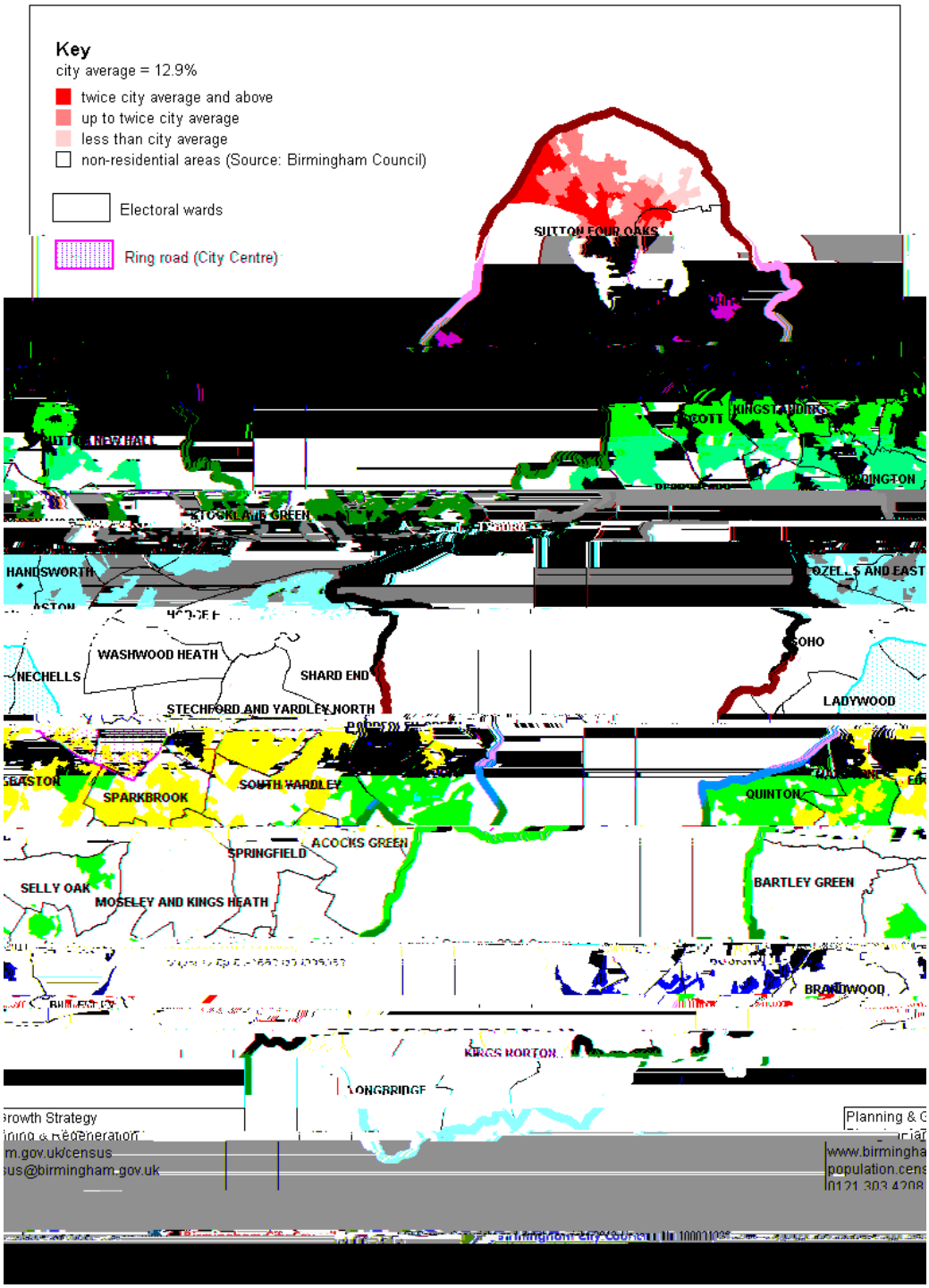
Figure 3: Percentage of the population who were aged 16-64 years (working age)

Birmingham (64.3%) has a higher proportion of people of working age than the region (63.6%), but is

Figure 4: Percentage of Birmingham population who were aged 65 years or more



The proportion of pensioners in Birmingham (12.9%) is significantly lower than the region (16.9%) and England (16.3%). However, 13.8% of pensioners in Birmingham were over 85 years, this was above the region (13%) and slightly above England (13.6%). Wards in Sutton Coldfield ranked 1 to 4 for the proportion of population that were pensioners - 1 in 5 people living in Sutton Coldfield were pensioners. In contrast, LSOAs in Nechells, Ladywood and Selly Oak recorded less than 2% of their population as pensioners.

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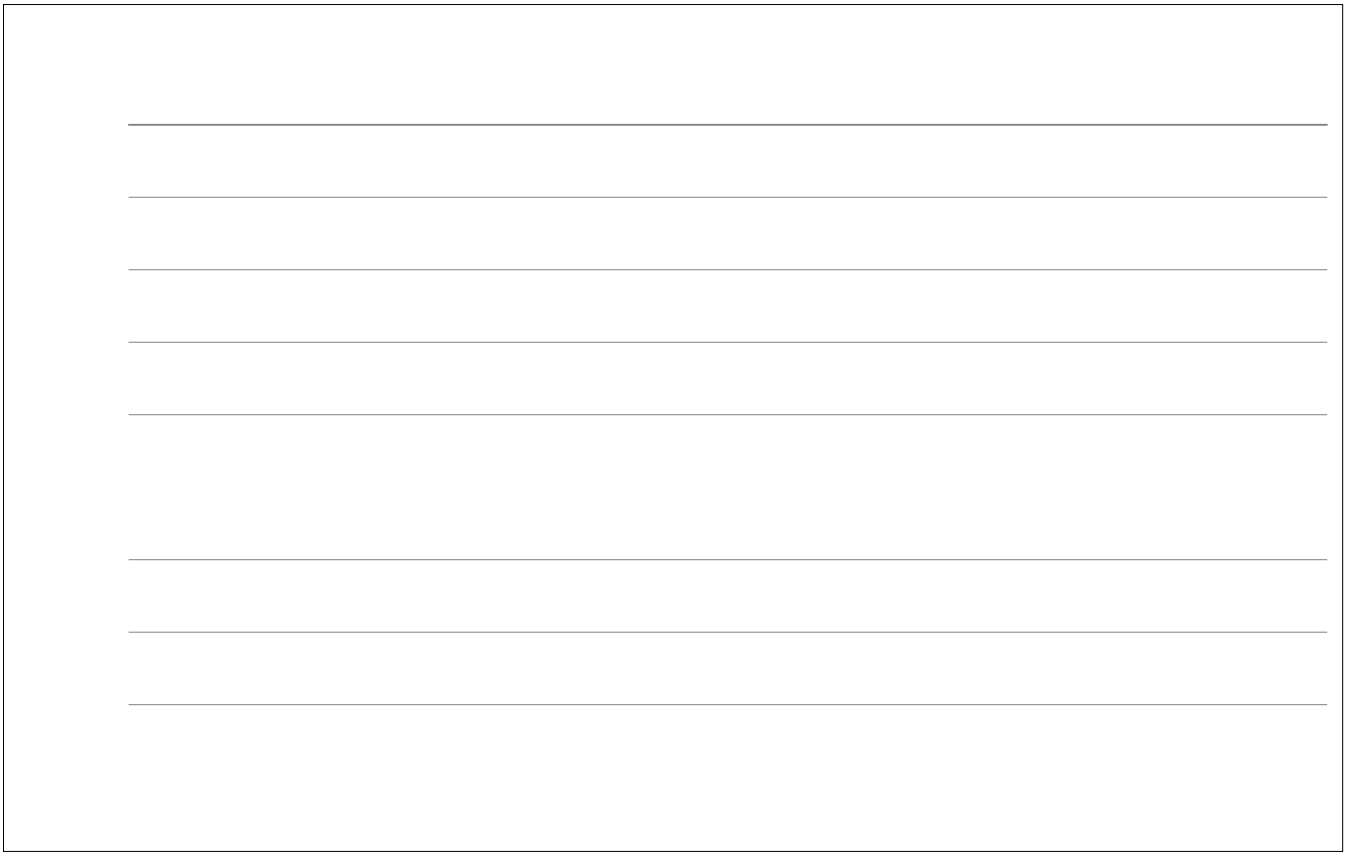

Language

There were 47,000 people who said they did not speak English well or at all, this represents 2.4% of the population aged three years or more. This is more than twice the regional and national averages.

Almost 40% of Bordesley Green (38.3%), Sparkbrook (38.1%) and Washwood Heath (36%) ward residents reported a main language other than English. This compares with the Birmingham average of 15%. Ten wards were home to over three quarters of Urdu speakers in Birmingham. Four of these wards contained over 3,000 Urdu speakers:

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Religion

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Contact and Useful Links:

Birmingham Council Census and Population pages:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/census

Office for National Statistics – Census homepage:
http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/index.html

Office for National Statistics Census User Guide:
http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-user-guide/index.htmlGlossary

Office for National Statistics Geography Guide
http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/geography/beginner-s-guide/index.html

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