

Reporters

In 2024 the Bar Standards Board received reports about barristers from 1183 reporters.


The characteristics¹ of these reporters were:


Age		
<p>“ From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years:</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Under 25	7	0.6%
25 - 34	43	3.6%
35 - 44	77	6.5%
45 - 54	68	5.7%
55 - 64	56	4.7%
65 +	20	1.7%
Prefer not to say	4	0.3%
No information	908	76.8%

Gender		
<p>“ Please enter your gender identity</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Male	181	15.3%
Female	105	8.9%
Non-binary	0	0.0%
I use a different term	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	8	0.7%
No information	888	75.1%

Gender Identity		
<p>“ Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	167	14.1%
No	3	0.3%
Prefer not to say	9	0.8%
No information	1004	84.9%

Disability		
<p>“ Do you consider yourself to have a disability or do you automatically meet the disability definition under the Equality Act 2010?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	52	4.4%
No	170	14.4%
Prefer not to say	14	1.2%
No information	947	80.1%
<p>“ Is your ability to perform day-to-day activities limited because of a physical or mental disability, condition or illness, which has lasted or is expected to last for at least 12 months?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes, a lot	27	2.3%
Yes, a little	26	2.2%
Not at all	102	8.6%
Prefer not to say	17	1.4%
No information	1011	85.5%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	6	0.5%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Indian	13	1.1%
Pakistani	8	0.7%
I use a different term to describe my Asian background	3	0.3%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	13	1.1%
Caribbean	10	0.8%
I use a different term to describe my Black background	2	0.2%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	4	0.3%
White and Black African	2	0.2%
White and Black Caribbean	2	0.2%
White and Chinese	1	0.1%
I use a different term to describe my Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	4	0.3%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	185	15.6%
Irish	3	0.3%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Roma	1	0.1%
I use a different term to describe my White background	13	1.1%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	2	0.2%
I use a different term to describe my ethnicity, which does not fall under "White", "Asian", "Black" or "Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background"	4	0.3%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	11	0.9%
No information		
No information	896	75.7%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No religion	69	5.8%
Buddhist	2	0.2%
Christian	84	7.1%
Hindu	7	0.6%
Jewish	10	0.8%
Muslim	19	1.6%
Sikh	2	0.2%
I have a different religion/belief	4	0.3%
Prefer not to say	15	1.3%
No information	971	82.1%

Sexual orientation		
<p>“ Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Bisexual	13	1.1%
Gay or Lesbian	12	1.0%
Heterosexual	175	14.8%
I use a different term (for example, pansexual or asexual)	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	18	1.5%
No information	964	81.5%

Socio-economic background		
<p>“ Did either of your parents attend university and gain a degree (e.g. BA/BSc or equivalent) by the time you were 18?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	83	7.0%
No, neither of my parents attended university	98	8.3%
I don't know/not sure	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	16	1.4%
No Information	985	83.3%
<p>“ Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	5	0.4%
Independent or fee-paying school	23	1.9%
UK fee-paying School (Old category)	26	2.2%
A state-run or state-funded school – selective (e.g., grammar school)	20	1.7%
A state-run or state funded school – non-selective (e.g., comprehensive school)	53	4.5%
UK State School (Old category)	36	3.0%
Attended school outside the UK	23	1.9%
Prefer not to say	19	1.6%
No information	978	82.7%

Caring responsibilities		
<p>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
Yes	59	5.0%
No	142	12.0%
Prefer not to say	12	1.0%
No Information	970	82.0%
<p>“ Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: — Long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability — Problems related to old age? (Do not count anything you do as part of paid employment)</p>		
Response	Reporters	Percentage of total
No	152	12.8%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	26	2.2%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	6	0.5%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	4	0.3%
Prefer not to say	21	1.8%
No Information	974	82.3%