




Barristers subject to reports

In 2021 the Bar Standards Board received reports about 1149 barristers.


The characteristics¹ of these barristers were:


Age		
 From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years:		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
16 - 24	8	0.7%
25 - 34	133	11.6%
35 - 44	261	22.7%
45 - 54	265	23.1%
55 - 64	193	16.8%
65 +	78	6.8%
Prefer not to say	4	0.3%
No information	207	18.0%

Gender		
 What is your gender?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Male	725	63.1%
Female	391	34.0%
I use a different term	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	7	0.6%
No information	25	2.2%

Gender Identity		
 Is your gender identity the same as the sex that you were assigned at birth?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	428	37.2%
No	5	0.4%
I use a different term	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	7	0.6%
No information	709	61.7%

Disability		
<p>“ Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	51	4.4%
No	563	49.0%
Prefer not to say	21	1.8%
No information	514	44.7%
<p>“ Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes, a lot	17	1.5%
Yes, a little	30	2.6%
Not at all	436	37.9%
Prefer not to say	19	1.7%
No information	647	56.3%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	17	1.5%
Chinese	7	0.6%
Indian	35	3.0%
Pakistani	45	3.9%
I use a different term to describe my Asian background	20	1.7%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	17	1.5%
Caribbean	21	1.8%
I use a different term to describe my Black background	4	0.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	10	0.9%
White and Black African	4	0.3%
White and Black Caribbean	3	0.3%
White and Chinese	0	0.0%
I use a different term to describe my Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	12	1.0%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	720	62.7%
Irish	39	3.4%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
I use a different term to describe my White background	52	4.5%
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"	17	1.5%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	15	1.3%
No information		
No information	109	9.5%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	181	15.8%
Buddhist	6	0.5%
Christian	266	23.2%
Hindu	11	1.0%
Jewish	24	2.1%
Muslim	48	4.2%
Sikh	5	0.4%
I have a different religion/belief	0	0.0%
I use a different term	8	0.7%
Prefer not to say	38	3.3%
No information	562	48.9%

Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Bisexual	12	1.0%
Gay or Lesbian	33	2.9%
Heterosexual	519	45.2%
I use a different term (for example, pansexual or asexual)	7	0.6%
Prefer not to say	37	3.2%
No information	541	47.1%

Socio-economic background



If you went to University (to study a BA, BSc course or higher), were you part of the first generation of your family to do so?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	318	27.7%
No	246	21.4%
Did not attend University	2	0.2%
I don't know	1	0.1%
Prefer not to say	22	1.9%
No Information	560	48.7%



Did you mainly attend a state or fee paying school between the ages 11-18?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
UK State School	356	31.0%
UK Fee-paying School	179	15.6%
Attended school outside the UK	59	5.1%
Prefer not to say	31	2.7%
No Information	524	45.6%

Caring responsibilities



Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	189	16.4%
No	418	36.4%
Prefer not to say	16	1.4%
No Information	526	45.8%



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?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No	473	41.2%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	86	7.5%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	9	0.8%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	5	0.4%
Prefer not to say	29	2.5%
No Information	547	47.6%