

1.3.3 Northamptonshire School Census Ethnicity Information (January 2009)

Outline

School data on ethnicity provides an alternative picture to that given by the Office of National Statistics experimental statistics.

Data Description

There is an annual census of maintained schools in the county known as the Pupil Level Annual Schools Census. As part of this count the ethnicity of the pupils on the roll is recorded. This will not cover the whole county population as it will not count children who attend schools in the independent sector or schools outside the county. Nevertheless this data gives a reasonable guide to the ethnic mix of children and young people who are known to the local authority's education system.

Key Issues

- The school census data allows for a measure of local variations in population ethnicity and borough and district level. There are slight variations to the ONS mid year population estimates, with some areas exhibiting rises in the black and minority ethnic school aged population.
- The Asian or Asian British group in East Northamptonshire appears to have a smaller school aged population than estimated by the Office for National Statistics.
- Northampton and Wellingborough has significantly higher proportion of school aged population in Black and minority ethnic groups in than in the rest of the county.
- The school census data does not cover all pupils within the county.

Consequences

The differences between the two measures of ethnicity suggest that the figures from the Office for National Statistics underestimate the size of the black and minority ethnic population in the county. The services for children and young people need to be aware of this underestimate so that they can plan appropriately.

Key Documents

Northamptonshire County Council. 2009. *Northamptonshire Pupil Level Annual Schools Census 2009*. (Online) Available from:

http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/EducationandLearning/services/cypd_info/Pages/statistics.aspx

Locality	All Groups	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other
Corby	8189	7608	142	73	169	197
Daventry	11118	10423	293	160	91	151
East Northamptonshire	12315	11749	255	78	92	141
Kettering	14552	13130	370	426	175	451
Northampton	25709	19393	1519	1908	1794	1095
South Northamptonshire	17437	16311	474	306	123	223
Wellingborough	11340	9163	639	641	477	420
Special schools	1058	915	42	34	33	34
Total	101718	88692	3734	3626	2954	2712

Table 1.3.3.1 Ethnicity of pupils in maintained schools within Northamptonshire, raw numbers, obtained from the Pupil Level Annual Schools Census 2009, Northamptonshire County Council

Locality	All Groups	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other
Corby	100%	92.90%	1.70%	0.90%	2.10%	2.40%
Daventry	100%	93.70%	2.60%	1.40%	0.80%	1.40%
East Northamptonshire	100%	95.40%	2.10%	0.60%	0.70%	1.10%
Kettering	100%	90.20%	2.50%	2.90%	1.20%	3.10%
Northampton	100%	75.40%	5.90%	7.40%	7.00%	4.30%
South Northamptonshire	100%	93.50%	2.70%	1.80%	0.70%	1.30%
Wellingborough	100%	80.80%	5.60%	5.70%	4.20%	3.70%
Special schools	100%	86.50%	4.00%	3.20%	3.10%	3.20%
Total	100%	87.20%	3.70%	3.60%	2.90%	2.70%

Table 1.3.3.2 Ethnicity of pupils in maintained schools within Northamptonshire, percentage of local authority total, obtained from the Pupil Level Annual Schools Census 2009, Northamptonshire County Council