

### 1.3.5 Ethnicity in the retirement age population (60 female/65 male years and over)

#### Outline

The ONS 2007 Population Estimates are broken down by the standard wide age groups. The population in the retired age groups requires specific health and social care services.

#### Key Issues

- As the current data is considered experimental by the Office of National Statistics it may not be an accurate picture of Northamptonshire. Comparison to schools data suggests that it may underestimate the proportion of the population that is not White British.
- There is a higher proportion of the population in white ethnic groups in the retirement age population, 97%, than in the total population, 92%.
- Given the higher proportions of non-white British ethnic groups in the working age population it is likely that the proportion of Black and minority ethnic groups in those of retirement age will increase over time.

#### Consequences

Some services should be targeted to meet higher levels of needs in some ethnic groups, for example diabetes services. Services should be sensitive to different cultural backgrounds and needs of different ethnic groups. A lack of accurate ethnicity data makes planning services for different ethnic groups.

#### Key Documents

Office of National Statistics. 2007. *Population Estimates by Ethnic Group (experimental)*. (Online). Available from: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=14238>

Office of National Statistics. 2009. *Focus on Ethnicity and Identity*. (Online). Available from: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/focuson/ethnicity/>

NHS Evidence. 2009. *Ethnicity and health* (Online). Available from: <http://www.library.nhs.uk/ethnicity/>

Locality	All Groups	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other
England	9,644.50	9,244.80	28.30	208.50	123.80	39.10
East Midlands	852.90	825.20	1.60	17.80	6.30	1.90
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>117.60</b>	<b>114.10</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>0.40</b>
Corby	9.70	9.60	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00
Daventry	13.80	13.60	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00
East Northamptonshire	15.40	15.20	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00
Kettering	16.30	16.00	0.00	0.20	0.10	0.00
Northampton	32.70	31.10	0.10	0.70	0.70	0.20
South Northamptonshire	15.60	15.40	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00
Wellingborough	14.10	13.30	0.10	0.40	0.30	0.00

**Table 1.3.5.1 Count of adults of retirement age (60/65 years and over), by ethnicity. Mid-year population estimate, 2007, ONS (experimental), (Figures in thousands)**

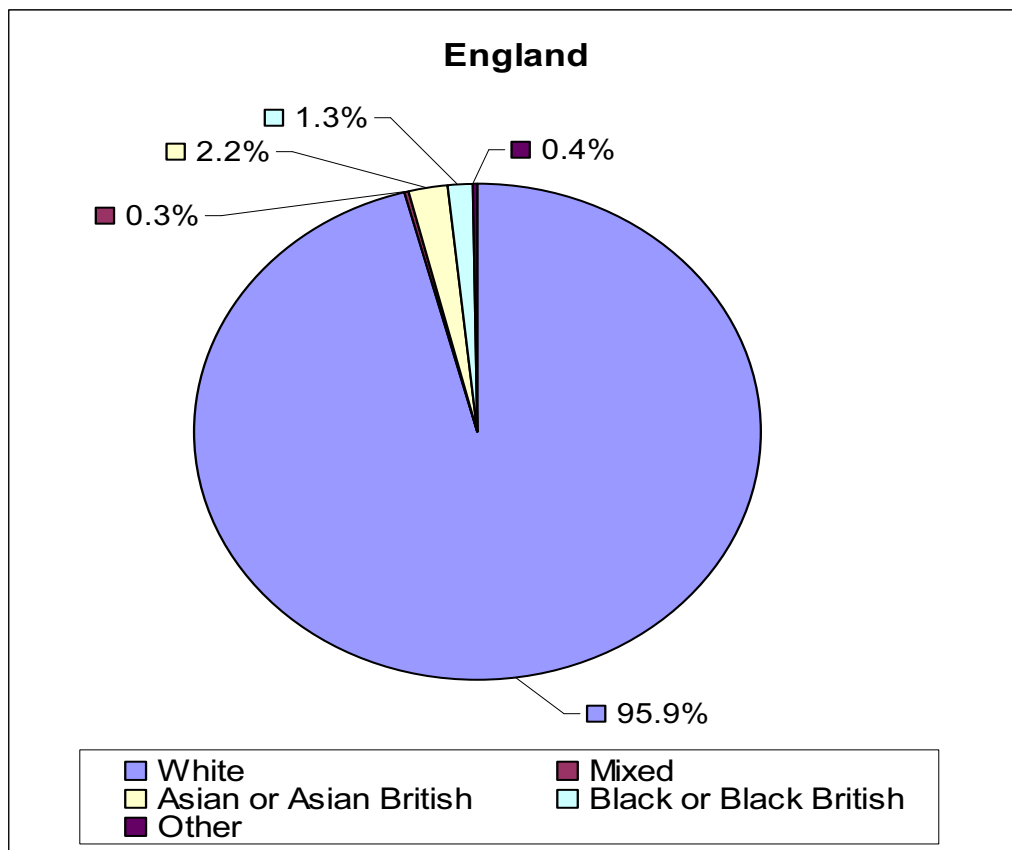


Figure 1.3.5.1 Retirement age people (60/64 years and over) by ethnicity in England. Mid-year population estimate 2007 (experimental), ONS

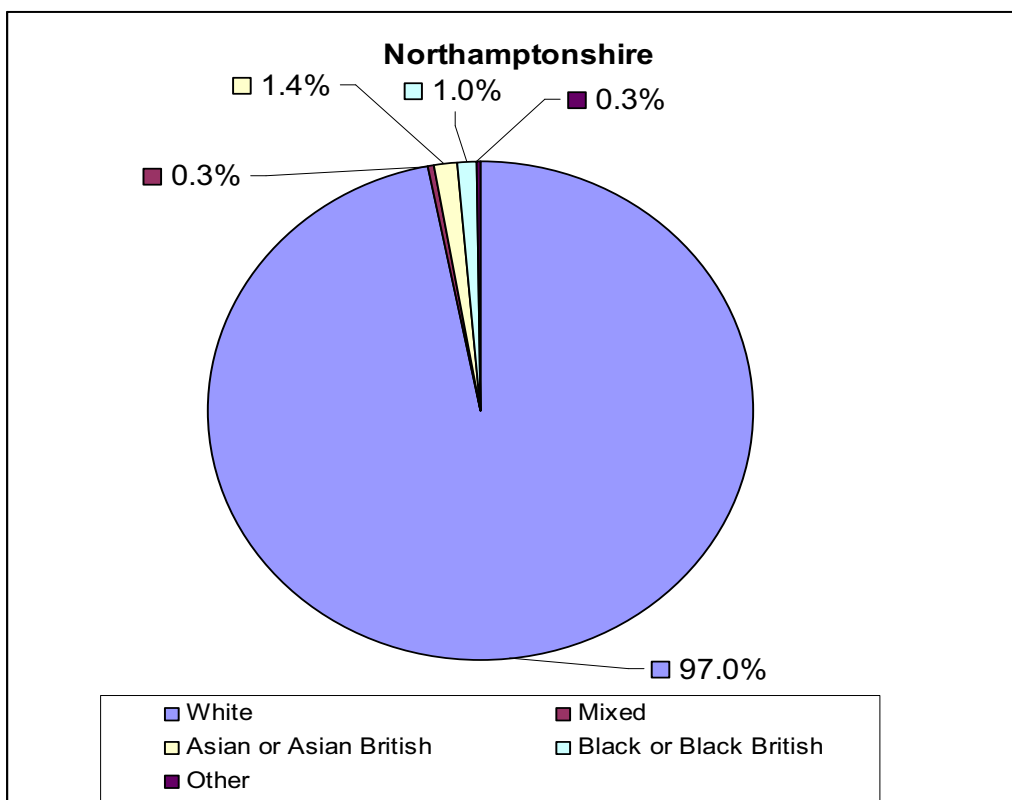


Figure 1.3.5.2 Retirement age people (60/64 years and over) by ethnicity in Northamptonshire. Mid-year population estimate 2007 (experimental), ONS