

# Bracknell Forest Equalities Story – November 2016

## Introduction

1.1. Bracknell Forest lies 28 miles west of London, at the heart of the Thames Valley and within the county of Berkshire. The current population estimate is 118,982 (Mid-2015 estimates, based on Census 2011). Latest analysis shows the population in Bracknell Forest has:

- A median age of 38.5 years
- A mode quinary age group, (most populated age group), of 45 - 49
- A 49.5% male to 50.5% female split
- A total population increase of 957 people since last year
- An annual population growth rate of 0.81% compared to 0.83% in the South East and 0.86% in England.

## Deprivation

1.2. The 2011 Census measured four aspects of deprivation, (employment, education, health and disability).<sup>1</sup> The results showed 47% of households in Bracknell Forest were deprived in one or more of these dimensions, (compared with 52% for South East and 57% in England). There were 144 households (0.3%) deprived in all four dimensions, (compared with 0.4% for the South East and 0.5% for England as a whole).

1.3. There are areas of Bracknell Forest that have relatively high levels of deprivation in comparison with the rest of the borough. The 2011 Census showed parts of Wildridings and Central, Priestwood and Garth, and Bullbrook have higher levels of deprivation, although only two, Wildridings and Central (60%) and Priestwood and Garth, (58%) were slightly above the England average (57%).

1.4. Bracknell Forest has relatively low numbers of people living on low incomes and means-tested benefits, with 4.6% claiming key out-of-work benefits, (against 6.2% in the South East and 8.7% in England)<sup>2</sup>.

1.5. Figures for free school meals show a similar picture with Bracknell Forest having 8.1% eligible and claiming free school meals in nursery/primary schools, against an average of 10.2% in the South East and 14.5% nationally. In secondary schools the figures are 7.2% in Bracknell Forest, 8.6% in the South East and 13.2% nationally.<sup>3</sup>

1.6. Similarly, the proportion of children aged 0 – 15 living in families in receipt of out of work benefits shows Bracknell Forest had 7.7% of children living in poverty by this definition, compared to an average of 10.6% for the South East unitary authorities and 14.7% in England<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [Office for National Statistics, Neighbourhood Statistics](#), Table QS119EW

<sup>2</sup> [DWP benefit claimants - working age client group](#), May 2016

<sup>3</sup> [2015 School Census, Department for Education](#), (Tables 8a and 8b), January 2016

<sup>4</sup> [Department for Work and Pensions](#), May 2015

### Where are children in poverty living?

1.7. There are 1910 (7.7%) children aged 0-15, living in families in receipt of out of work benefits in Bracknell Forest as at May 2015. Children in households who are on out of work benefits are shown in the table below. The ward with the highest proportion of households, (May 2015), is Priestwood and Garth<sup>5</sup>

<b>Number of Children living in Out-of-work Benefit Claimant Households by Ward at May 2015</b>		
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of Children living in Out-of-work Benefit Claimant Households</b>	<b>Percentage of Children living in Out-of-work Benefit Claimant Households</b>
Great Hollands North	250	12.61%
Priestwood and Garth	225	13.69%
Harmans Water	215	10.92%
Hanworth	175	11.13%
Crown Wood	140	9.60%
Old Bracknell	140	11.84%
Bullbrook	125	9.96%
Great Hollands South	115	11.21%
Wildridings and Central	90	10.30%
Binfield with Warfield	65	3.87%
Warfield Harvest Ride	55	3.12%
Central Sandhurst	50	5.28%
College Town	50	4.65%
Crowthorne	50	5.42%
Owlsmoor	50	5.12%
Ascot	45	4.00%
Little Sandhurst and Wellington	35	3.03%
Winkfield and Cranbourne	30	4.53%

*Source: Department for Work and Pensions*

### Age

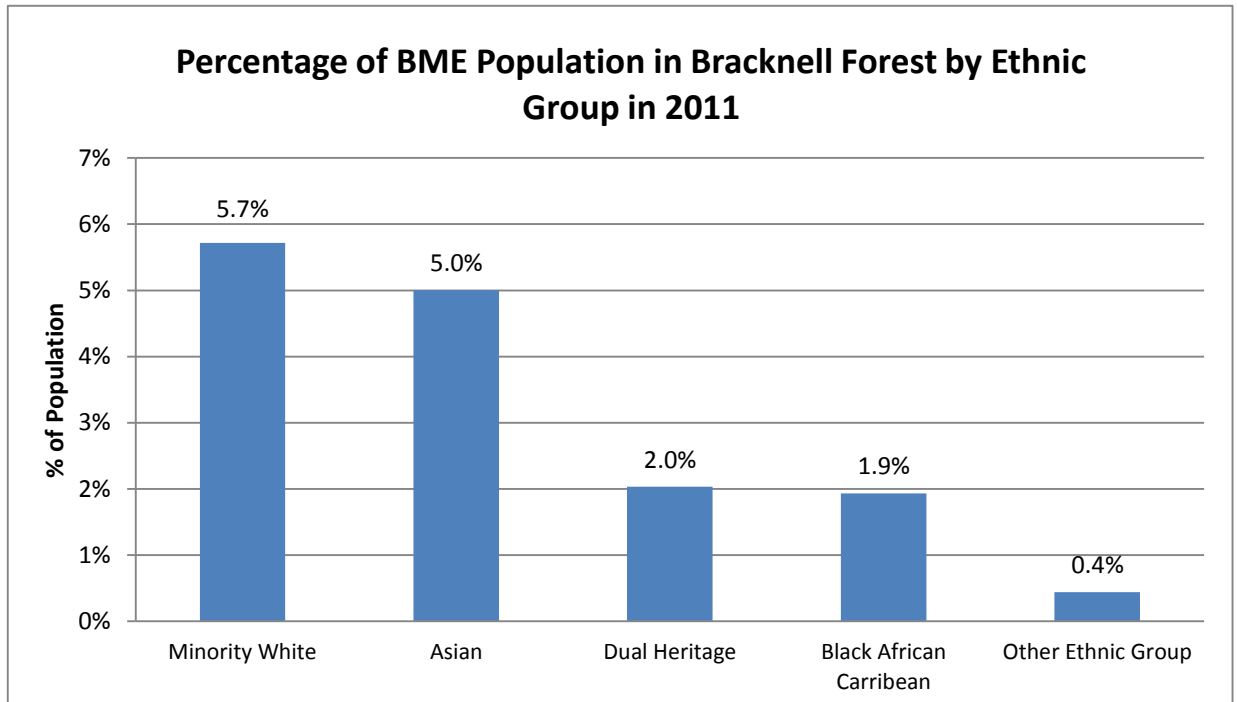
1.8. The population is relatively young (median age 38.5 years compared to South East 41.3 and England 39.8 years). Only 13.7% of the population are aged 65 or over, compared with 18.8% for the South East and 17.7% nationally, although this is expected to grow<sup>6</sup>

### Ethnicity

1.9. The 2011 Census showed that 15% of the population belong to a minority ethnic group. The Breakdown is show in the graph below.

<sup>5</sup> [Department for Work and Pensions, Children in out-of-work benefits households](#), May 2015

<sup>6</sup> [Population Estimates for UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - Office for National Statistics](#), June 2016



*Graph 1: Shows the percentage of BME population in the borough broken down by ethnic group in 2011.*

- 1.10. Data from Bracknell Forest School Census shows that the proportion of minority ethnic groups in schools is increasing. The percentage of pupils from minority ethnic groups has gone up from 16.1% in 2011 to 20.6% in 2016, an increase of 4.5 percentage points.<sup>7</sup>
- 1.11. The table below shows the Census 2011 data on ethnicity, which can be used to assess equality in service delivery and used in Equality Impact Assessments. The second table shows trends in ethnicity data from Bracknell Forest schools over time and is based on data collected each year in the School Census.

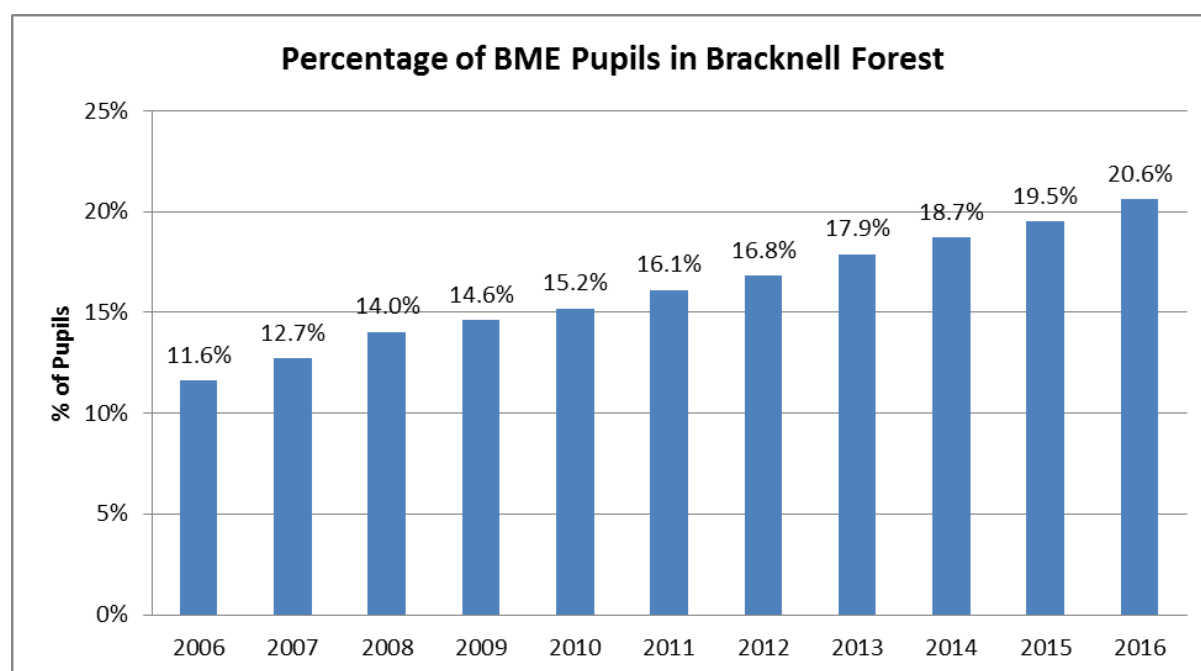
<sup>7</sup> [School pupils and their characteristics - Search - GOV.UK](#), January 2016

## Bracknell Forest Ethnic Group by Age

<b>Census 2011 (Table: LC2101EW) - Ethnic group by age</b>						
<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>All ages</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Age 0 to 24</b>	<b>Age 25 to 49</b>	<b>Age 50 to 64</b>	<b>Age 65 and over</b>
<b>White: Total</b>	102,554	<b>90.6%</b>	31,033	38,723	19,027	13,771
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/N. Irish/British	96,080	84.9%	29,527	35,157	18,166	13,230
White: Irish	984	0.9%	112	362	242	268
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	118	0.1%	51	36	22	9
White: Other White	5,372	4.7%	1,343	3,168	597	264
<b>Total Minority White</b>	6,474	<b>5.7%</b>	1,506	3,566	861	541
<b>Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Total</b>	2,303	<b>2.0%</b>	1,436	676	138	53
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	656	0.6%	424	190	27	15
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	297	0.3%	189	85	21	2
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	808	0.7%	512	225	50	21
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	542	0.5%	311	176	40	15
<b>Asian/Asian British: Total</b>	5,664	<b>5.0%</b>	2,018	2,798	594	254
Asian/Asian British: Indian	1,989	1.8%	622	1,066	206	95
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	518	0.5%	227	223	45	23
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	134	0.1%	64	56	11	3
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	556	0.5%	164	247	100	45
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	2,467	2.2%	941	1,206	232	88
<b>Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Total</b>	2,189	<b>1.9%</b>	802	1,080	262	45
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	1,586	1.4%	630	791	152	13
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	402	0.4%	73	208	89	32
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	201	0.2%	99	81	21	0
<b>Other ethnic group: Total</b>	495	<b>0.4%</b>	145	256	70	24
Other ethnic group: Arab	201	0.2%	73	88	26	14
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	294	0.3%	72	168	44	10
All categories	113,205	100.0%	35,434	43,533	20,091	14,147
<i>Source: Office for National Statistics</i>						

## Ethnicity of pupils in Bracknell Forest Schools<sup>8</sup>

<b>CHANGES IN NUMBERS OF MINORITY ETHNIC PUPILS IN BRACKNELL FOREST SCHOOLS BETWEEN 2006 AND 2016</b>											
	<b>Percentages (of pupils where ethnicity is given)</b>										
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
White - Irish	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Traveller - Irish Heritage	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0.1	0
Any other White background	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.7	5.0	5.7
Gypsy/ Roma	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Total Minority White</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Total Dual Heritage</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>Total Asian</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Total Black African Caribbean</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Any other Ethnic Group</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>TOTAL MINORITY ETHNIC</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>20.6</b>
<i>Source: School Census January 2015</i>											
Data excludes subsidiary pupils											
Numbers may not total due to rounding											



Graph 2: Shows the total percentage of BME students in Bracknell Forest schools from 2006 to 2016.

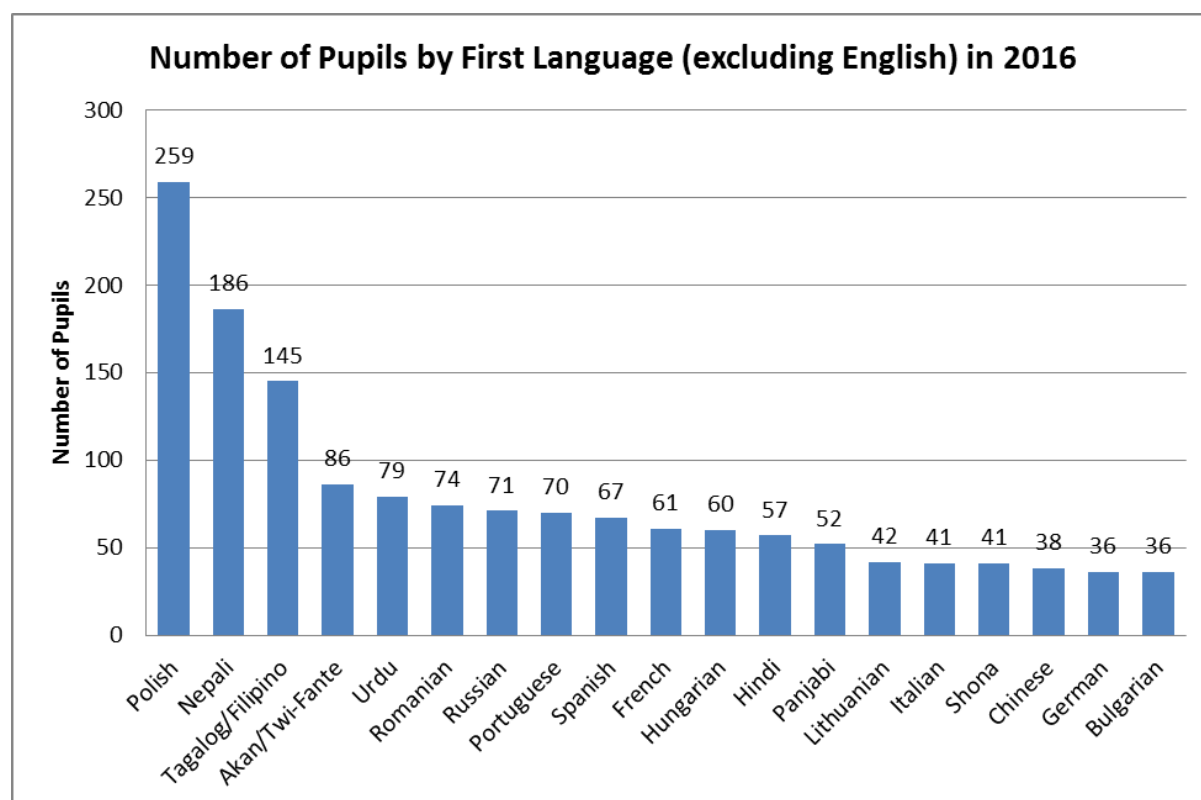
<sup>8</sup> Bracknell Forest Council, School Census data

## Languages spoken in schools

1.12. Data from the latest School Census, January 2016, shows that 88.04% of pupils speak English as their 1st language. The next most common languages are Polish and Nepali. The table below shows the top 10 languages spoken in schools:

<b>Top Ten Languages Spoken as a First Language</b> (There are 86 known first languages spoken <i><b>other than English</b></i> )	
English	88.04%
Polish	1.49%
Nepali	1.07%
Tagalog/Filipino	0.83%
Akan/Twi-Fante	0.49%
Urdu	0.45%
Romanian	0.43%
Russian	0.41%
Portuguese	0.40%
Spanish	0.39%

86 languages are spoken across the borough's schools. This is up from 53 in 2012. English is the first language of 15,301 pupils (88%) in Bracknell Forest schools.



Graph 3: Shows the top 20 first languages, other than English, spoken by pupils in Bracknell Forest.

1.13. Although the school census data doesn't sample the entire borough population, it gives a good indication of the trends for the borough as a whole.

## Gender

1.14. The latest figures, (mid-2015)<sup>9</sup>, show the population of Bracknell Forest is 49.5% male and 50.5% female.

## Sexual Orientation

1.15. According to the Annual Population Survey in 2015<sup>10</sup>, 1.8% of the population defined themselves as being lesbian, gay or bisexual, (LGB). More younger people defined themselves as LGB with 3.3% of 16 to 24 year olds. This dropped to 0.6% for people aged over 65.

<b>Bracknell Forest - Sexual Identity Estimates 2015</b> (Experimental Statistics)		
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Population</b> (Mid-2015 estimates)	<b>Estimated LGB population</b> (based on APS 2015)
16-24	12,010	396
25-34	16,296	440
35-49	27,348	465
50-64	22,199	311
65+	16,278	98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,131</b>	<b>1,710</b>
<i>Source: Office for National Statistics (Annual Population Survey and Mid-Year Population Estimates)</i>		

The table above can be used to assess equality in service delivery and Equality Impact Assessments.

## Disability in Bracknell Forest

1.16. The 2011 national census showed 13,897 people, (12%), living in Bracknell Forest, (all ages), categorized themselves as having a limiting long term illness.

<b>Limiting Long Term Illness - Census 2011</b> Number of people by age (Table:LC3205EW)			
<b>Age</b>	<b>Day-to-day activities limited a lot</b>	<b>Day-to-day activities limited a little</b>	<b>Day-to-day activities not limited</b>
Age 0 to 15	297	456	22,709
Age 16 to 49	1,234	2,075	52,196
Age 50 to 64	1,186	1,981	16,924
Age 65 and over	3,184	3,484	7,479
All categories: Age	5,901	7,996	99,308
<i>Source: Office for National Statistics (Nomis database)</i>			

<sup>9</sup> [Population Estimates for UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - Office for National Statistics](#), June 2016

<sup>10</sup> ONS Annual Population Survey 2015

- 1.17. The figures below are estimated from national research and are therefore no better or worse than other areas of the country.
- 1.18. There are estimated to be around 5,806 people living in Bracknell Forest aged 18 to 64 who have a moderate physical disability and 1,704 who have a serious physical disability, 7,510 people in total.<sup>11</sup> This is 10% of the population in that age range. There are variations across the age groups with just 5% of 18 to 24 year olds having a moderate or serious physical disability increasing to almost 21% of those aged 55 to 64. Some also have other disabilities/health problems, such as learning disabilities and mental health problems.
- 1.19. An estimated 2,158 people, (1.8%), have learning disabilities, 109 of whom have severe disability<sup>12</sup>. 12,913 people (17.3%) aged 18 - 64 are estimated to have mental health problems<sup>13</sup>.
- 1.20. There are also an estimated 1106 people, (6.8%), aged 65+ estimated to have dementia and 1,421 (8.7%) estimated to have depression, with 451 being categorized as severe depression<sup>14</sup>.

### Carers

- 1.21. In the last national census (2011), 9,674 people in Bracknell Forest said they were unpaid carers, 458 of whom said they were in bad or very bad health. There were a slightly higher proportion of female carers, 58% female and 42% male.

### Faith/Belief

- 1.22. In 2011, Christianity was the largest majority religious group, making up 64.8% of the population followed by no religion which made up 30.4% of the population. Hinduism was the largest minority religion making up 1.7% of the population.

The table below shows the data from the 2011 census:

<b>Number of Residents - Bracknell Forest (Census 2011)</b>									
Total number of Residents	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
<b>113,205</b>	<b>68,524</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>32,184</b>	<b>7,451</b>
<i>% (excluding 'not stated')</i>	64.8%	0.8%	1.7%	0.2%	1.2%	0.4%	0.5%	30.4%	
<i>Source: Office for National Statistics. Crown copyright</i>									

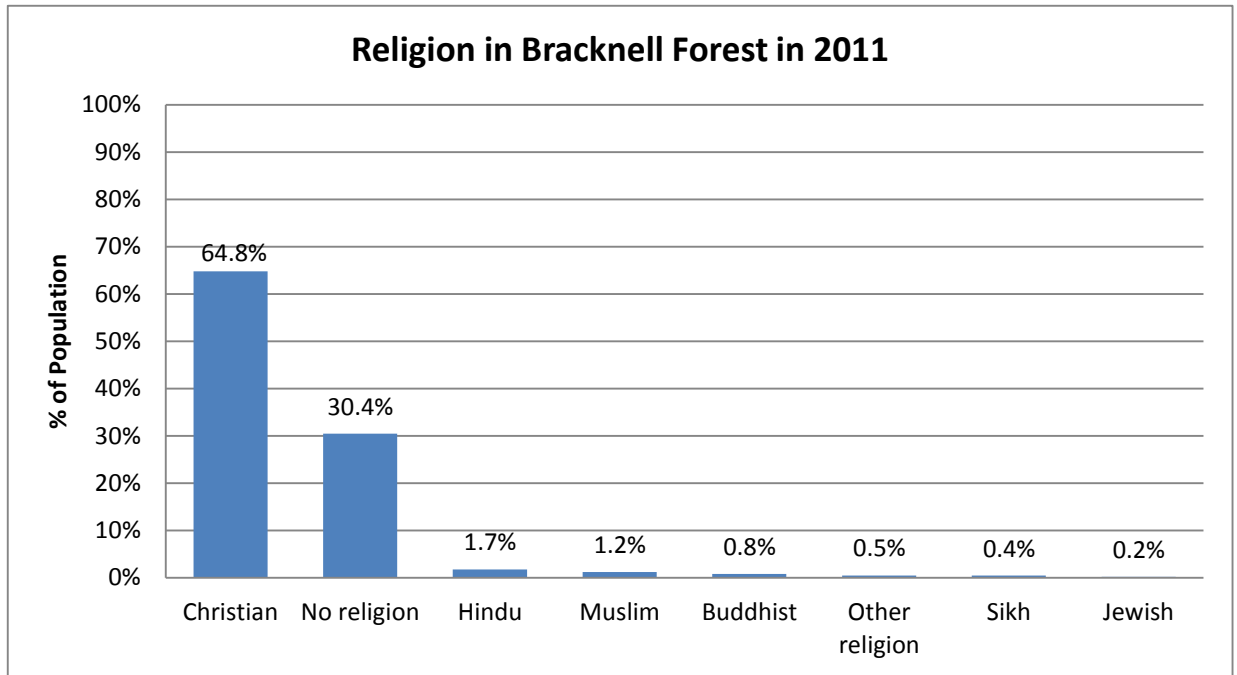
<sup>11</sup> Institute for Public Care PANSI database – 2015 data

<sup>12</sup> Institute for Public Care, PANSI database – 2015 data

<sup>13</sup> Institute for Public Care, PANSI database – 2015 data

<sup>14</sup> Institute for Public Care, POPPI database – 2015 data





Graph 4: Shows the percentage of each religious group in Bracknell Forest in 2011.

- 1.23. Bracknell Forest would seem to be less diverse in terms of major declared faiths. The main difference with 2011 national patterns was in the relatively small size of the Borough's Muslim population – 1.2% compared with 5.2% nationally.
- 1.24. But size is not the most distinctive feature of the Borough's minority faith communities, which would seem to be much more diverse in ethnic terms compared with the national picture. For instance, nearly 14% of Muslims were White compared with 8% nationally.
- 1.25. The table below shows the latest data on religion or belief from Bracknell Forest schools.

<b>Total Pupils in Bracknell Forest Schools By Religion/Belief</b> <i>(as at 12/05/15)</i>		
	Number	%
Anglican	47	0.3%
Baptist	4	0.0%
Buddhist	115	0.7%
Christian	8,746	50.9%
Hindu	387	2.3%
Jewish	19	0.1%
Jehovah Witness	33	0.2%
Methodist	11	0.1%
Muslim	295	1.7%
No Religion	5,313	30.9%
Other	304	1.8%
Refused	376	2.2%
Roman Catholic	698	4.1%
Sikh	95	0.6%
Blank	747	4.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17,190</b>	
<i>Source: Bracknell Forest schools' ONE system</i>		