

Wandsworth Housing and Regeneration Department
Equalities Information: Resident Profile 31st March 2019

Introduction

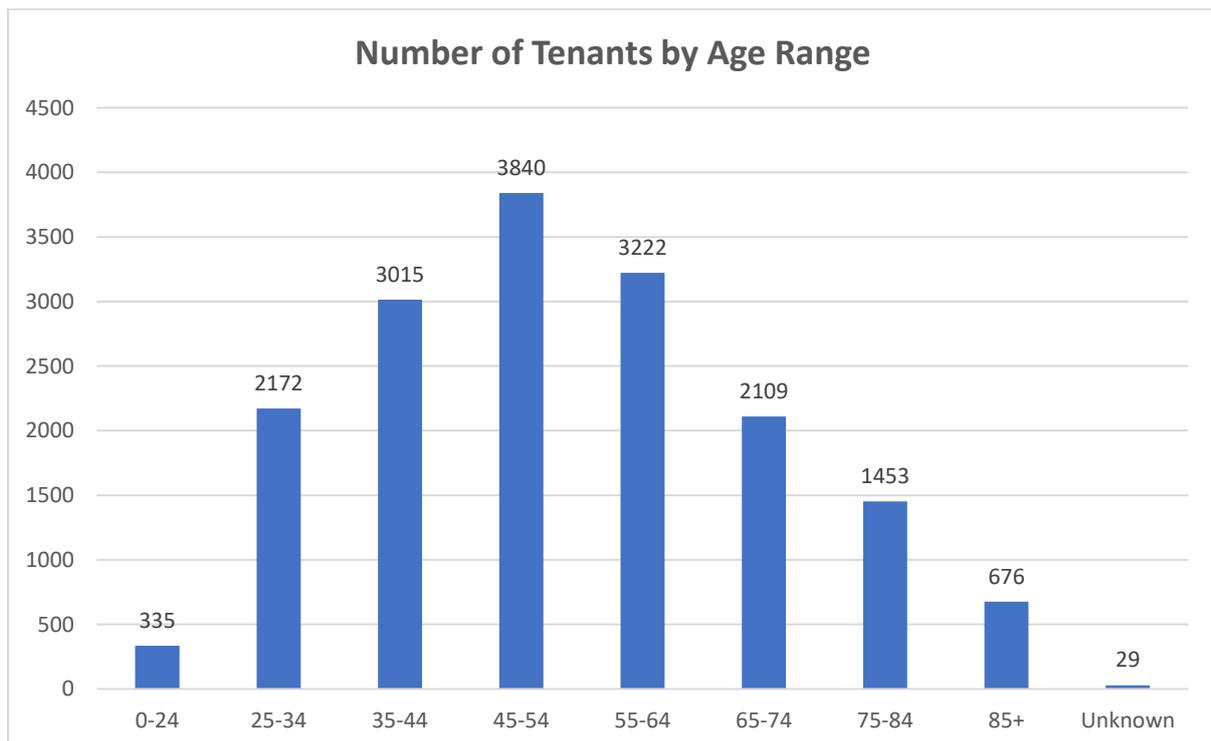
Wandsworth Council owns the freehold of and manages approximately 33,000 properties of which 17,000 are tenanted and 16,000 are leasehold properties. In addition, a number of properties have been sold freehold.

The Housing Service does not hold information for households who own or live in properties which the Council has sold freehold. Similarly, equalities related information for leasehold properties is not held by the Housing Service. The only situation where the department may hold equalities information for a leaseholder would be where the leaseholder was a tenant and bought the property via the Right to Buy initiative and the data was held prior to the sale.

Under the terms of their tenancy conditions, Council tenants are required to notify the Council in writing, within 28 days, of any long-term change in the people who are living in the property. However, this does not always happen, and the Housing Service can only update tenancy records as and when it is notified of or becomes aware of any changes in a household's composition. Furthermore, if a tenant advises that a joint tenant is no longer living in the property, the joint tenant's details cannot be removed from the system while they are still a tenant.

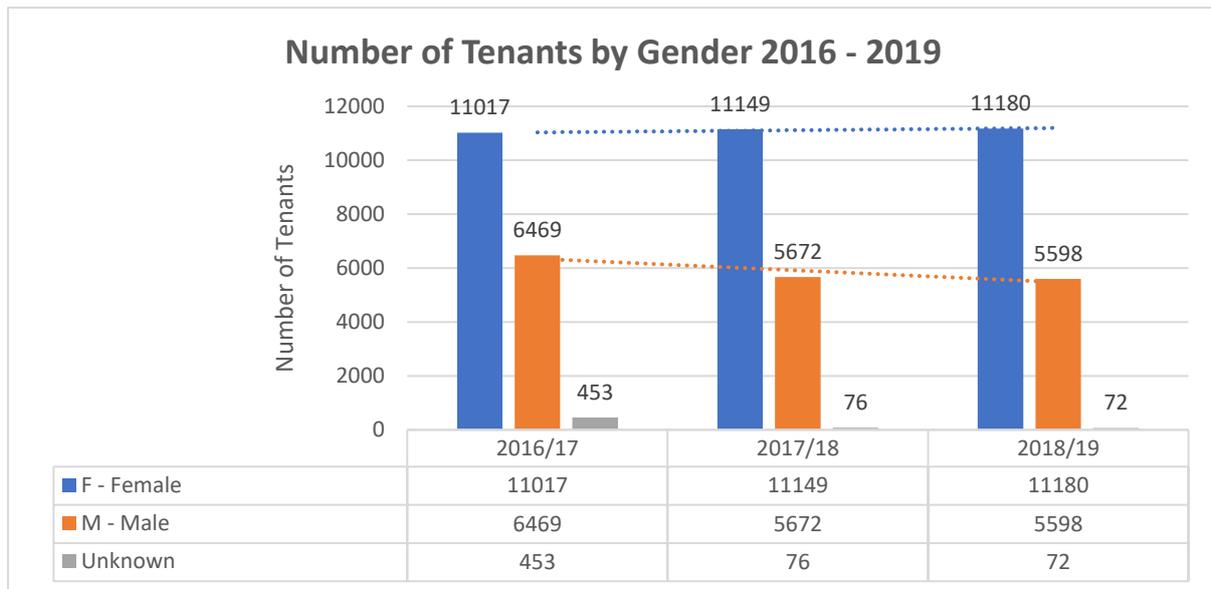
Date of birth and gender information for everyone registered as living at the property should be recorded. Ethnic origin information is held for the majority of Council tenants. Ethnic origin information is not routinely collected for household members. The main reason for the Council not holding information about a tenant's ethnic origin is because at the time the allocation was made the information was not requested or was requested in a different format.

Tenants by Age



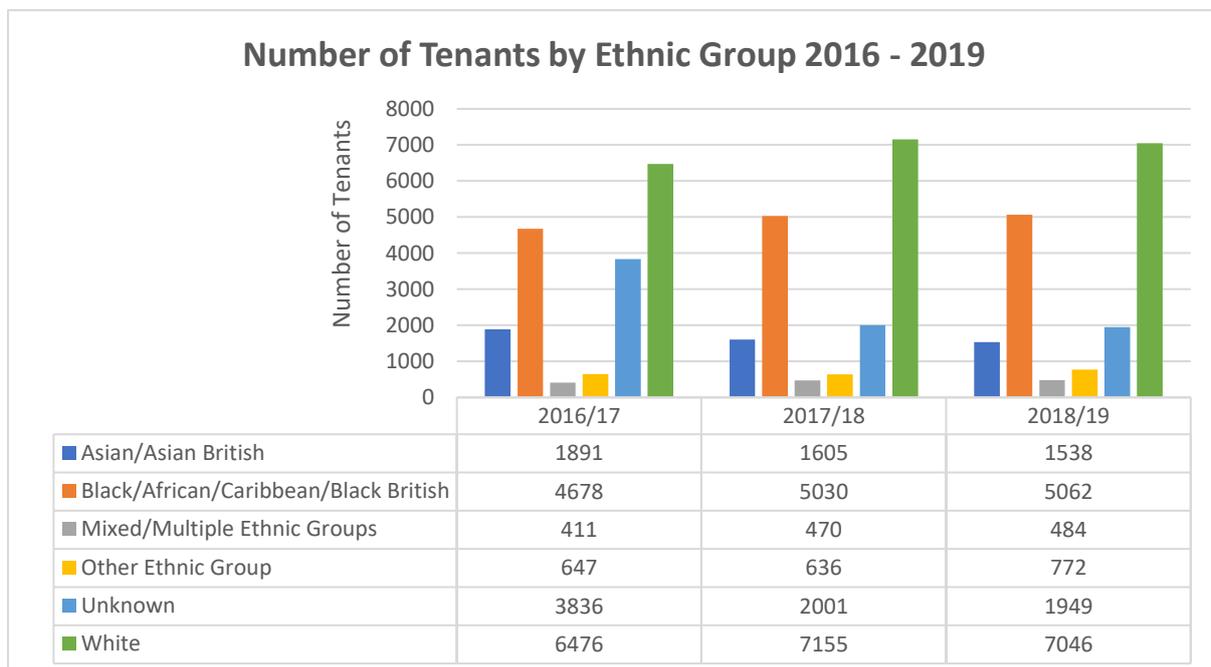
Of the 16,851 tenants where the council knows the age of the tenant, the largest number of tenants are in the 45-54 age range constituting 22.79% of all tenants. 44.31% of tenants are aged 55 and over. Both of these figures are comparable with 2017/18 figures which were respectively, 23% and 45%. The 7,467 tenants aged 55 and over is proportionately much higher than the borough demographic where the largest age group is aged between 30 and 44⁽¹⁾. This is partly due to sheltered housing tenants (there are approximately 1,000 council owned sheltered properties).

Tenants by Gender



For the financial year 2018/19 the proportion of female tenants was 66.35% compared to 33.22% male with the remainder being unknown. Over the last three years there has been a steady decrease in the number of male tenants with the total falling from 6,469 in 2017 to 5,598 in 2019.

Tenants by Ethnic Group

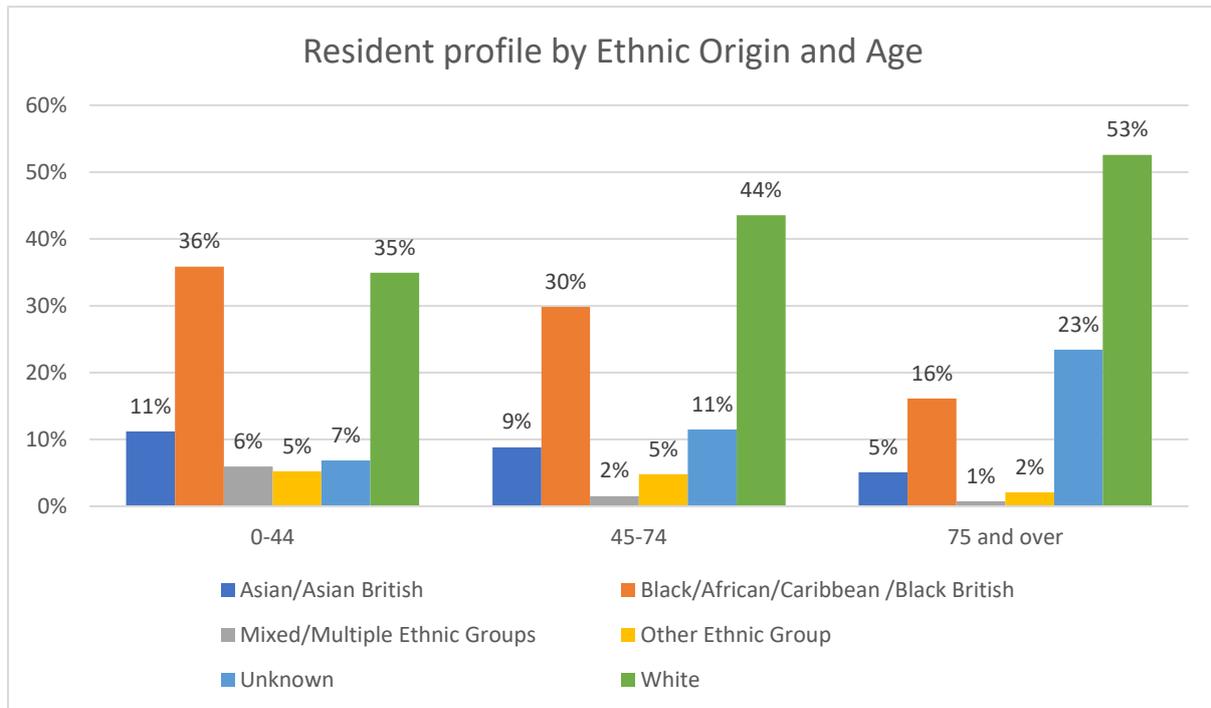


The two largest ethnic groups are the white ethnic group who make up 41.81% of the council’s tenants and the black ethnic group who equate to 30.04%. Ethnic group breakdowns have remained largely similar for the last three years. However, the number of tenants from the black ethnic group is higher than the borough demographic⁽²⁾ which equates to 10.9%. The borough demographic for the white ethnic group is 71.4% which is greater than the number recorded for household tenants.

Ethnic Origin by Age

Ethnic Origin by Age										
	0 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 - 84	85+	Not Known	Total
Asian/Asian British	20	198	400	408	269	134	80	28	1	1538
Black/African/Caribbean /Black British	94	780	1105	1386	976	374	265	78	4	5062
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups	36	165	127	92	34	14	12	4	0	484
Other Ethnic Group	24	105	159	202	164	73	27	17	1	772
Unknown	34	161	185	303	371	379	328	171	17	1949
White	127	763	1039	1449	1408	1135	741	378	6	7046

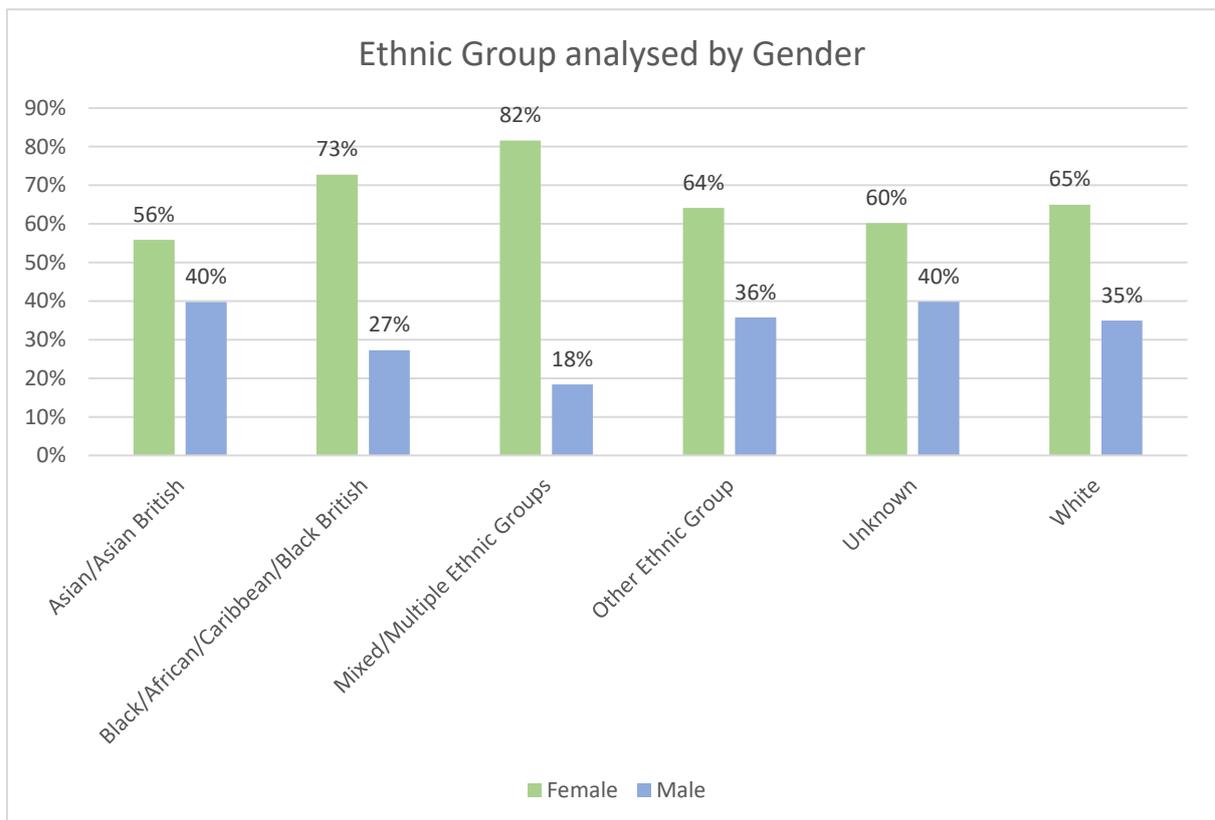
Within the age range of 0 – 44 the two largest ethnic groups are drawn from the white and black communities who make up 35% and 36% of residents. This pattern is repeated within the age range of 45 – 74 although the number of white residents is higher at 44% compared to the black ethnic group at 30%.



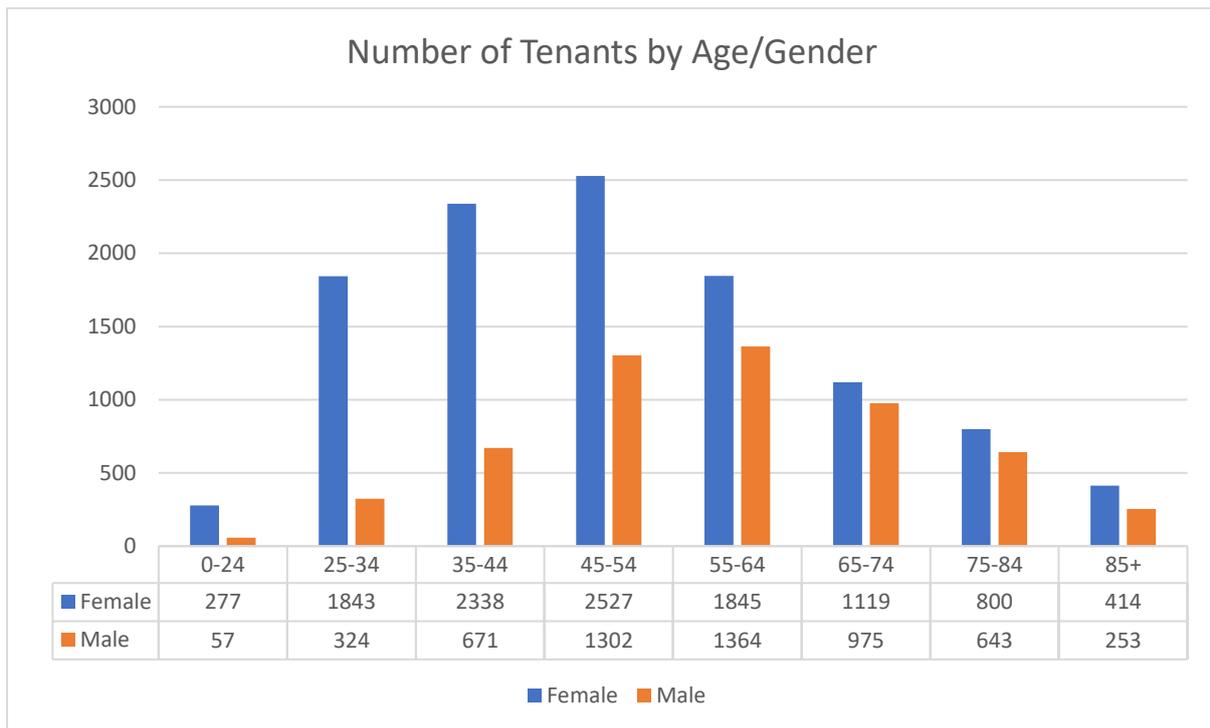
Ethnic Group by Gender

Ethnic Group and Gender	Female	Male	Unknown	Grand Total
Asian/Asian British	898	639	70	1607
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	3681	1380	1	5062
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups	395	89		484
Other Ethnic Group	495	276	1	772
Unknown	1131	749		1880
White	4580	2465	1	7046
Grand Total	11180	5598	73	16851

The biggest difference between male and female residents within an individual ethnic group is found amongst members of Mixed/Multiple ethnicity with 82% recorded as female and 18% recorded as male. A similar statistic can also be identified within the Black Ethnic group where 73% of residents are female and 27% are male. These figures are higher than the age profiles when analysed as a whole where 66% of residents are recorded as female and 33% male.



Number of Tenants by Age/Gender



The largest group when analysed by age and gender are female residents aged 35 and 54 and who make up 44% of all female tenants. The largest difference between female and male tenants is found within the 25-34 age range where 85% of this group are female and the remainder male. The older age groups have a more even distribution with the age group 65-74 have a 53%/47% split between male and female and the age group 75-84 having a 55%/45% split.

- 1) [Wandsworth Statistics and census information](#)