

United Kingdom

Ethnicity in United Kingdom

Group selection

The groups are selected according to ⁴⁶⁴⁶'s list, and are as follows: **English** 81.5 percent, **Scots** 9.5 percent, **Asians** 2.8 percent, **Afro-Caribbeans** 2 percent, **Welsh** 1.9 percent, **Catholics in Northern Ireland** 1.2 percent, and **Protestants in Northern Ireland** 1 percent.

⁴⁶⁴⁶ [Fearon Laitin, 2003]

Power relations

According to the ⁴⁶⁴⁷, there are no laws limiting the participation of minorities in the political process

⁴⁶⁴⁷ [United States State Department, 2016]

English: The majority of the executive government officials are English. The group is therefore coded as senior partner.

Scots and Welsh: In the devolved government of the United Kingdom, with the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales, both ethnic groups are constitutionally represented. In September 2014, a referendum on the status of Scotland took place and a majority of the Scots expressed their willingness to remain within the United Kingdom and voted against Scottish independence. There are still Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales. This ensures constitutionally the ethnic representation of the two groups. Hence, Scots and Welsh are coded as juniors partners.

Asians and Afro-Caribbeans: Neither Asians nor Afro-Caribbeans play a role in the executive government. It seems questionable if the Asian and Afro-Caribbean communities in the UK fulfill the conditions for being included into the data set as politically relevant ethnic groups (they were included into Fearon's list ⁴⁶⁴⁸ as a result of their size only). Some political organizations claim to represent the interests of the communities (see list in ⁴⁶⁴⁹) and gained some political significance as of the 70s and 80s mobilizing against racism and discrimination, for example in instances like the Black People's Day of Action in 1981, where 20'000 black people took the streets of London. Although it seems that the political relevance of such organizations has declined in recent years, there is still a sub organization of the Labour Party called "Black Sections" which claims to represent the interests of Asians, and Afro-Caribbeans. Therefore the communities are coded as being relevant. As of 2017, there is no evidence for a continued existence of "Black Sections" within the Labour Party, representing the interests of Asians, and Afro-

⁴⁶⁴⁸ [Fearon Laitin, 2003]

⁴⁶⁴⁹ [Barberis et al., 2000]

Caribbeans. However, affiliated to the Labour Party is a membership organisation called BAME Labour (BAME stands for Black Asian Minority Ethnic) that seeks to empower ethnic minority members within the Labour Party and that "campaigns for greater representation of ethnic minority communities in public life" (⁴⁶⁵⁰). As a consequence and in line with the previous coding decisions, Afro-Caribbeans and Asians remain within the dataset and are coded as a powerless minority groups.

⁴⁶⁵⁰ [BAME Labour, 2017]

Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland: The Belfast Agreement was ratified by a referendum in May 1998 and subsequently gave legal force to the Northern Ireland Act, which led to the creation of a series of interrelated bodies, in particular the Northern Ireland Assembly, which has both legislative and executive authority for all matters that fall under the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Government Departments. Both groups are therefore coded as having regional autonomy. As of 2017, the Catholics and Protestants continue to have regional autonomy on matters that fall under the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Government Departments. Both groups are also represented in the Northern Ireland Assembly. Although there is a Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (James Brokenshire MP) in the UK executive, no minister is representing Catholics or Protestants in Northern Ireland. Therefore, the Catholics in Northern Ireland and Protestants in Northern Ireland are coded as Powerless (Note that due to the January 1st rule, the June 2017 coalition government agreement between the Conservative Party (UK) and the Democratic Unionist Party, representing mainly Protestants in Northern Ireland, is not yet reflected in that assessment (⁴⁶⁵¹).

⁴⁶⁵¹ [BBC, 2017]

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Political status of ethnic groups in United Kingdom

From 1946 until 1963

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
English	0.815	SENIOR PARTNER
Scots	0.095	JUNIOR PARTNER
Asians	0.028	IRRELEVANT
Afro-Caribbeans	0.02	IRRELEVANT
Welsh	0.019	IRRELEVANT
Catholics In N. Ireland	0.012	DISCRIMINATED
Protestants In N. Ireland	0.01	POWERLESS

From 1964 until 1971

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
English	0.815	SENIOR PARTNER
Scots	0.095	JUNIOR PARTNER
Asians	0.028	IRRELEVANT
Afro-Caribbeans	0.02	IRRELEVANT
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From 1972 until 1998

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
English	0.815	SENIOR PARTNER
Scots	0.095	JUNIOR PARTNER
Asians	0.028	POWERLESS
Afro-Caribbeans	0.02	POWERLESS
Welsh	0.019	JUNIOR PARTNER
Catholics In N. Ireland	0.012	POWERLESS
Protestants In N. Ireland	0.01	POWERLESS



Figure 966: Political status of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1946-1963.



Figure 967: Political status of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1964-1971.



Figure 968: Political status of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1972-1998.

From 1999 until 2017

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
English	0.815	SENIOR PARTNER
Scots	0.095	JUNIOR PARTNER
Asians	0.028	POWERLESS
Afro-Caribbeans	0.02	POWERLESS
Welsh	0.019	JUNIOR PARTNER
Catholics In N. Ireland	0.012	POWERLESS
Protestants In N. Ireland	0.01	POWERLESS

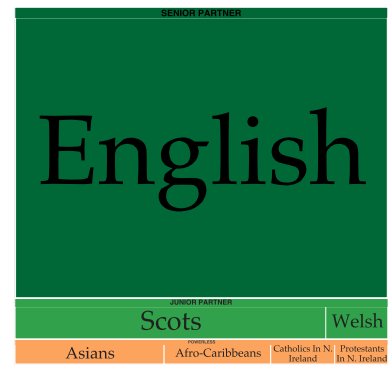


Figure 969: Political status of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1999-2017.

Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in United Kingdom

From 1946 until 1963

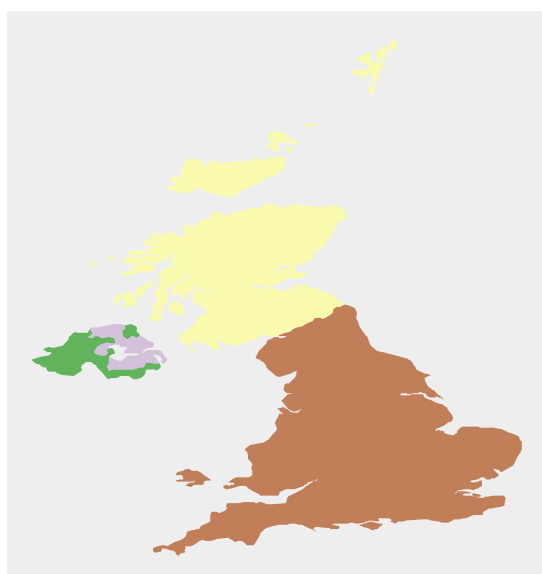


Figure 970: Map of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1946-1963.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
English	140 202	Regional & urban
Scots	67 731	Regional & urban
Catholics In N. Ireland	8323	Regional & urban
Protestants In N. Ireland	5230	Regional & urban

Table 326: List of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1946-1963.

From 1964 until 1971

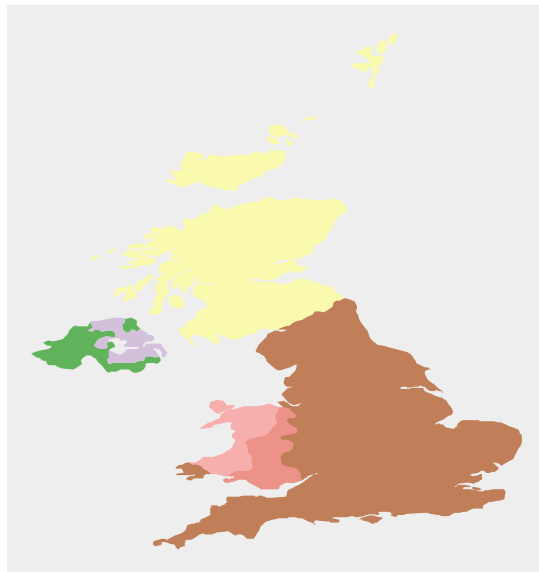


Figure 971: Map of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1964-1971.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
English	140 202	Regional & urban
Scots	67 731	Regional & urban
Welsh	20 020	Regional & urban
Catholics In N. Ireland	8 323	Regional & urban
Protestants In N. Ireland	5 230	Regional & urban

Table 327: List of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1964-1971.

From 1972 until 2017

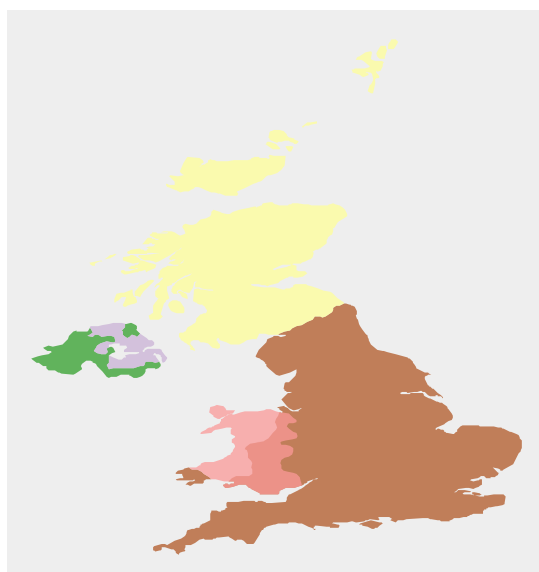


Figure 972: Map of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1972-2017.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
English	140 202	Regional & urban
Scots	67 731	Regional & urban
Welsh	20 020	Regional & urban
Catholics In N. Ireland	8323	Regional & urban
Protestants In N. Ireland	5230	Regional & urban
Afro-Caribbeans		Urban
Asians		Urban

Table 328: List of ethnic groups in United Kingdom during 1972-2017.

Conflicts in United Kingdom

Starting on 1946-10-21

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Albania	Government of United Kingdom		1946-10-21			

Starting on 1951-10-17

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Egypt	Government of United Kingdom		1951-10-17			

Starting on 1956-10-30

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Egypt	Government of France		1956-10-30			
Government of Egypt	Government of Israel		1956-10-30			
Government of Egypt	Government of United Kingdom		1956-10-30			

Starting on 1970-08-10

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of United Kingdom	PIRA	Catholics In N. Ireland	1970-08-10	Explicit	Yes	Yes
Government of United Kingdom	RIRA	Catholics In N. Ireland	1998-08-14	Explicit	Yes	No

Starting on 1982-04-01

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Argentina	Government of United Kingdom		1982-04-01			

Starting on 2001-10-06

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Afghanistan	Government of United Kingdom		2001-10-06			
Government of Afghanistan	Government of United States of America		2001-10-06			

Starting on 2003-03-19

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Australia, Government of United Kingdom, Government of United States of America	Government of Iraq		2003-03-19			