# CENSUS 2021 UPDATE DEAF AND HEARING LOSS COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILE

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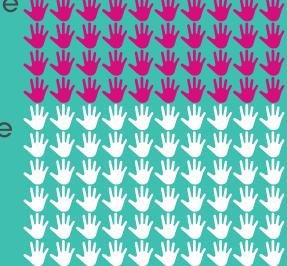
Residents in Birmingham with sign and supported languages as their main language www.

22,000

People in England and Wales with British
Sign Language (BSL) as their main language

40%

Increase in BSL main languages users in England and Wales since 2011



#### **POPULATION**

The census data does not provide data on the total number of d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. People who use sign and supported languages as their **main language** will be used as an approximate for the d/Deaf and HoH population.

#### **TOP 5 WARD POPULATIONS\*:**

\*As a % of the total sign population

- 1 Edgbaston (6.4%)
- 2 Aston (4.6%)
  - Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East (3.3%)
- 4 Sparkhill (3.1%)
- Handsworth (2.8%)



### -DISCLAIMERS AND CONTEXT

#### **POPULATION SIZE**

The census data is limited and <u>does not</u> give any information on d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing people who:

- O Have BSL or other sign language as an additional (second) language.
- Do not use BSL or sign language at all (e.g., people who exclusively lip read).



The census data therefore is not reflective of all d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities.

# BARRIERS TO COMPLETING THE CENSUS

Some of the potential barriers faced to completing the census by d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing people:



BSL as a first language, written English may not be understood well or at all



Complexity of written information, especially amongst individuals with complex needs

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## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

22% Birmingham avg.

**UNDER** 

**16S** 

**WORKING** 

65% Birmingham avg.

AGE

13% Birmingham avg.

**65 AND** 

**OVER** 

#### RELIGION

**39%** Islam

**30%** Christianity

19% No religion

**7%** Religion not stated

#### **NATIONAL IDENTITY**

British only national

Among sign and supported language users in Birmingham.

#### **COUNTRY OF BIRTH**

79% of sign and supported language users in Birmingham were born in England. 9% were born in the Middle East and Asia.

Nationally, 4% of sign users were born in Wales and 2% born in Pakistan.

#### **ETHNICITY**

38% of sign and supported language users in Birmingham were of White British ethnicity.



25% identified as Pakistani, 7% as Bangladeshi and 5%

as Black African.

# LIVING, WORKING AND LEARNING WELL

#### **ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**



Economically

Economically =



20% Economically

Economically 80% Inactive

Of sign and supported language users were economically inactive: long-term sick or disabled (5% Birmingham average).

#### HIGHEST LEVEL QUALIFICATION

**50%** NONE

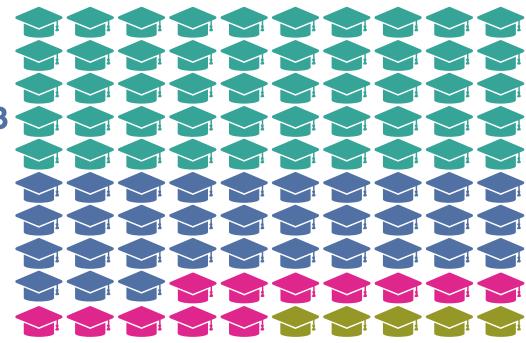
24% Birmingham avg.

LEVEL 1 TO 3

40% Birmingham avg.

30% Birmingham avg.

6% Birmingham avg.



Elementary occupations 13% Birmingham avg.

Associate professional and technical

11% Birmingham avg.

Caring, leisure and other occupations

10% Birmingham avg.

Administrative and secretarial occupations 9% Birmingham avg.

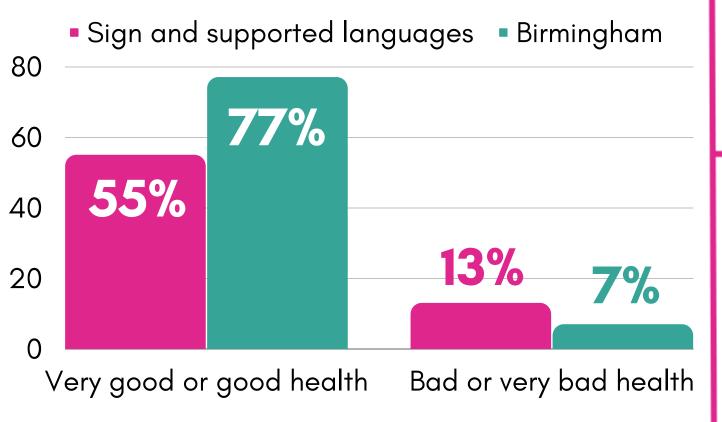


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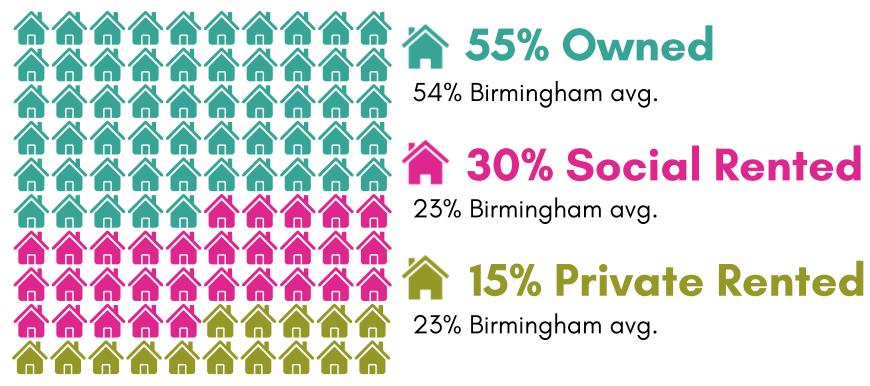
#### **DISABILITY**

Of those using sign and supported 64% languages were disabled under the Equality act (20% all persons).

#### **GENERAL HEALTH**



#### **TENURE**



#### **OVERCROWDING**

Household's accommodation having fewer bedrooms than required.

Of sign and supported language users lived in overcrowded households (9% Birmingham avg.).

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