



# COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILES

Understanding the health needs of the Chinese community: using the Chinese Community Health Profile

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## **Intro to Community Health Profiles**

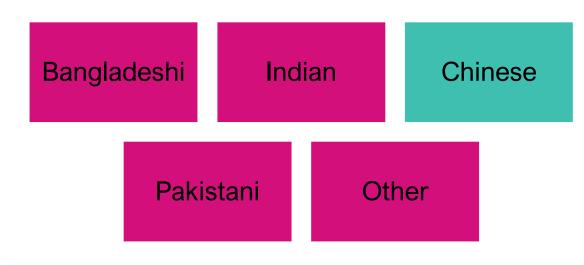
- Full reports and additional resources can be found on the <u>Community Health</u> <u>Profile Homepage</u>
- Further information on the research in this webinar can be found in the <u>Chinese</u> <u>Community Health Profile report</u>
- See also the <u>Infographic Summary</u>
- For more information on the background and research methodology of the profiles watch our 'Intro to Community Health Profiles' video



#### **Data Collection**

#### 2021 Census:

 Chinese ethnic group included in top 20 ethnic group categories within the 'Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh' subgroup:



#### **Other Considerations:**

- Data that are relevant to the experiences of Chinese people may include:
  - Country of Birth
  - Length of Residence in UK
  - English Proficiency



#### **Data Limitations**



Aggregated Ethnic Categories: People from Chinese ethnic group often categorised under 'Other Asian' or 'Other' ethnic group categories

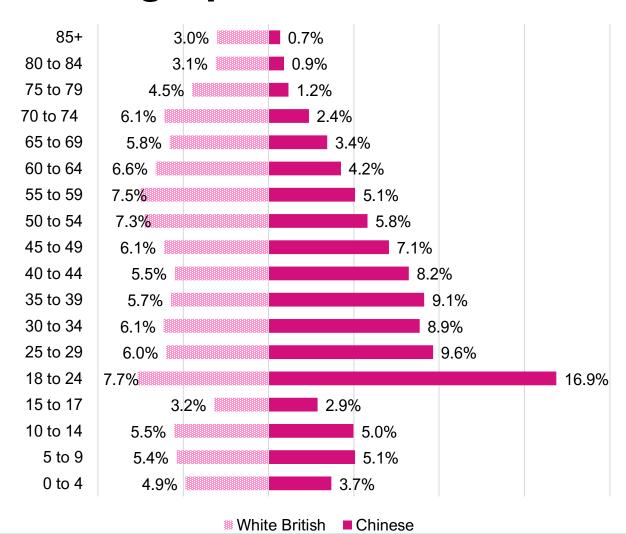


Inconsistent Results: Inconsistent use of ethnic group categories inhibits efficient analysis of health and wellbeing needs



Unadjusted Variables: data from GP patient survey (GPPS) and Health Survey for England (HSE) have not been adjusted

### **Demographic Overview**



- Population size: 12,487 (1.1% of total Birmingham population).<sup>[1]</sup>
- Religion: 64% identify as having 'no religion' (compared with 24% Birmingham average).<sup>[1]</sup>
- Age: Younger age profile; 52% aged under 35 (39% Birmingham average).<sup>[1]</sup>
- English Proficiency: 46% English as main language, 15% could not speak English well.<sup>[1]</sup>
- National Identity: 56% British only, 26% Chinese only.<sup>[1]\*</sup>

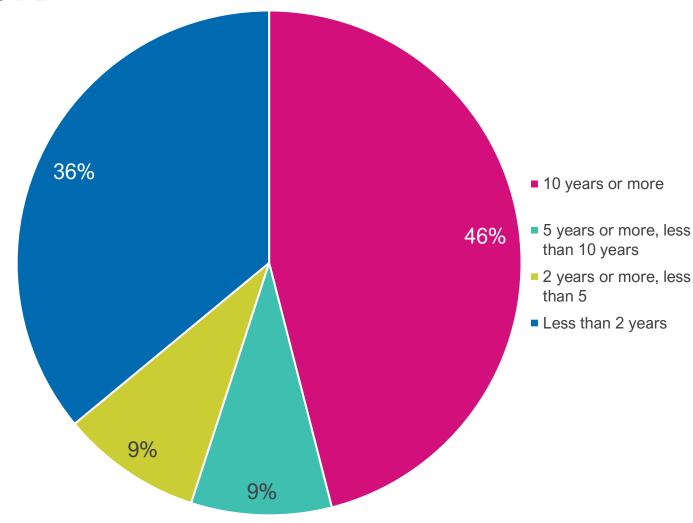
All demographic data relates to the Birmingham population only unless otherwise specified. National data may differ.

\*Data only available for England and Wales

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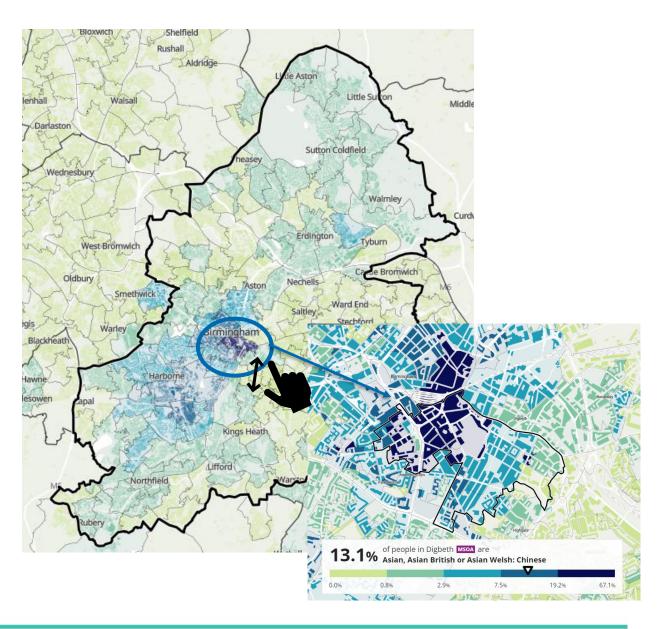
Length of Residence in UK

- 25% of population (3,071) were born in England.<sup>[1]</sup>
- Of those who weren't born in the UK, almost half (46%, 4,237) have been in the UK for more than 10 years. [1]
- However, 36% (3,360) have been in the UK less than 2 years. [1]



## **Geography Overview**

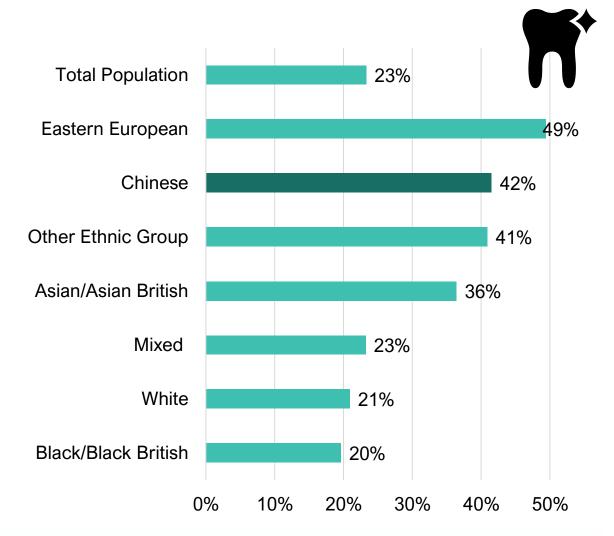
- Census mapping tool: ethnic group available to output area (OA) level
- OA density of Chinese ethnic group ranges from <0.1% to 67.1%.<sup>[2]</sup>
- Chinese identity ranges from <0.1% to 13.1% of MSOAs.<sup>[2]</sup>
- MSOAs by population density:
  - 1. Digbeth (13.1%)
  - 2. Central (7.4%)
  - 3. Selly Oak (6.0%)



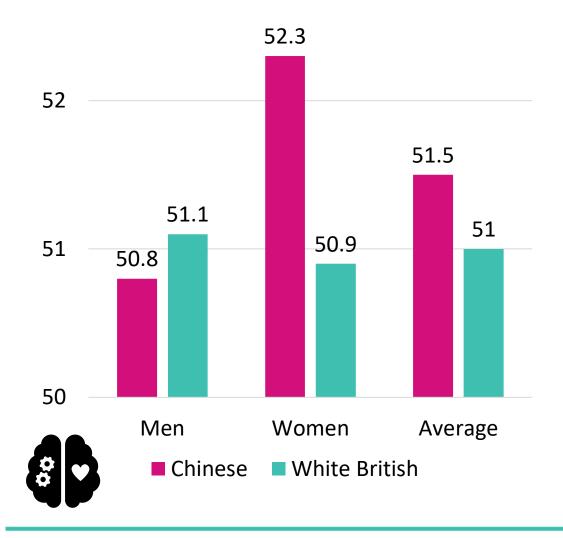
## **Getting the Best Start in Life**

## Oral Health Survey of 5-year-old Children Report (2017)<sup>[3]</sup>

- Examines the prevalence of experience of dental decay across England.
- Overall, 23% of children aged 5 had experience of dental decay.
- Chinese children aged 5 had second highest experience of dental decay (42%).



#### **Mental Wellness and Balance**



#### Health Survey for England (HSE) 2019<sup>[4]</sup>

- Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS) can be used to get a broader understanding of mental wellbeing.
- Scores range from 14 to 70
- Chinese men scored lowest across all ethnic (50.8), also much lower than Chinese women (52.3)

## **Healthy and Affordable Food**

## Health Survey for England (2011 to 2019)<sup>[4]</sup>

- BMI is a measure which uses weight (kg) divided by squared height (m²) to estimate weight status.
- A BMI of 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> is considered overweight.
- The average BMI for Chinese adults was cited as 24.2 for men and 22.9 for women.

BMI has limitations such as no consideration for ethnicity, age, sex or stage of development

Suggested that for Chinese adults, BMI threshold for overweight should be set to 23 kg/m<sup>2</sup> due to the increased risk of diabetes at lower BMIs than people from White ethnic groups.<sup>[5]</sup>



## **Active at Every Age and Ability**

## Active Lives Survey (2020 to 2021)<sup>[6]</sup>

- Physically active: 150 minutes (or more) or moderate physical activity per week
- 51% of the Chinese population in the West Midlands were physically active, compared with 60% of the White British population

## Popular Fitness Activities<sup>[7]</sup>



## Living, Working and Learning Well

#### Employment (2021 census)<sup>[1]</sup>

- 50% were economically inactive (45% White British population)
- Most common occupations:

Food preparation and hospitality trades (9%)

Teaching and other educational professionals (5%)

Sales assistants and retail cashiers (5%)

Medical Practitioners (5%) Finance
Professionals
(5%)

#### Barriers to Employment<sup>[8,9]</sup>

- Older Chinese migrants typically face additional barriers to employment
- One study identified mainland
   Chinese populations on average had a pay of 21% less per hour than White
   British counterparts in same industries
- Chinese migrants typically had worse predicted pay than British born Chinese

#### **Protect and Detect**

#### Hepatitis B (HBV): [10-14]

- No national datasets, findings corroborated from several journal articles.
- UK prevalence: approx. 0.1% to 0.5%.<sup>[10]</sup>
- Approximately 9% of Chinese adults were identified as having Hepatitis B (studies from 2012 and 2013).[11,12]
- Qualitative findings on lack of knowledge surrounding causes and transmissions of HBV.<sup>[13,14]</sup>

Prevalence by place of birth\*[11] Vietnam (17%) **Mainland China** (11%)Hong Kong (7.8%) UK (6.7%)

\*Data collected on HBsAg positivity among people from Chinese ethnic group

## Contributing to a Green and Sustainable Future

#### Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (2020)<sup>[15]</sup>

- Mapped pollutant data with geography data from 2021 census
- Approximately 27% of the Chinese community live in the 15 most polluted MSOAs in Birmingham (5.4% of the White British population).
- Air pollution is a major public health risk, estimated that 6.2% of total mortalities in Birmingham (2021) were attributed to particulate air pollution.

- Nitrogen Oxide
- Benzene
- Sulphur Dioxide
- Particulate matter

Pollutants Included



### Other Key Inequality Data and Conclusions

#### **Other Key Inequality Data**

Preschool development low among girls

Low engagement with mental health services

High risk of loneliness and social isolation

High TB rates among Chinese migrants

#### **Conclusions:**

- CHP provide an evidence summary to start building co-produced solutions.
   Important to note that the CHP is **not** a fully inclusive document that will accurately map the experience of all Chinese people. Should use as a **starting point**.
- Important to consider other aspects of individuals identity to enable delivery of appropriate care and support decision making for services and resources.

## **Opportunities for Engagement: Profile Review**

#### **Potential Feedback Areas:**



Appropriate language used throughout



Community area of importance not included



Missing dataset or relevant report



General comments and feedback

- Encouraged to read full report/area of interest in report
- Feedback may be added to future versions of profile
- Organisation details may be added
- Feedback can be submitted to <u>CommunitiesTeam@Birmingham.gov.uk</u>

### Opportunities for Engagement: Dissemination of Findings

- ✓ Team members
- ✓ Wider organisation
- ✓ Partner organisation(s)
- ✓ Community organisations working with Chinese people

Have you shared the profile with?



- Referencing the profile in a new project
- ✓ Including findings in project/service proposal
- ✓ Influencing discussions with relevant stakeholders
- Making your daily practice more inclusive

Have you used the profile by?



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