
Main Languages Spoken in Wolverhampton by Ward

Introduction

1. At the last Equalities Project Board (now the Equalities Advisory Group) in March, Councillors asked for a breakdown by ward of the languages spoken in Wolverhampton. The following tables use information from the 2011 census and include all the main languages that were reported as being spoken by more than 0.05% of people in each ward; all figures are rounded to one decimal point. There is also a table of all wards as a comparison.
2. We contacted the Refugee and Migrant Centre and the Equality and Diversity Forum to see if they were able to identify any languages which were not reflected in the census findings.
3. The Refugee and Migrant Centre reported that eastern Europeans represented half of the Centre's users and the main languages spoken last year were Kurdish, Persian, Pashto, Lithuanian, Polish, Shona, Mandarin, Cantonese, Latvian, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati.
4. The groups that the Equality and Diversity Forum are currently working with speak Russian, Polish, Czech, Slovakian, Lithuanian, French, Slovenian, Albanian and Persian.
5. Over 90% of the services provided by the Council's interpreting service were in Polish, Farsi, Lithuanian, Punjabi, Slovak, Serbian, Portuguese, Russian, Czech, Gujarati, Pashto, Kurdish, Urdu, Arabic and Chinese.
6. All of these languages are reflected in the census findings.

Summary of main findings

- St Peter's had the most languages spoken at 43 with Wednesfield North having the least at 8
- English was by far the most common main language in every ward ranging from 68.1% to 97.7%
- Panjabi (Punjabi) was the second most common in every ward ranging from 0.8% in Bushbury North to 21.6% in Blakenhall
- The only other main language in every ward was Polish with the largest percentage being in St Peter's (3.2%)
- A Chinese language was spoken in every ward apart from Wednesfield North, but in relatively small numbers
- French was spoken in 17 wards, 0.5% in Heath Town
- Shona was also spoken in 17 wards, 0.8% in Bushbury South and Low Hill
- Urdu was spoken in 16 wards, 3.1% in St Peter's
- Kurdish speakers were in 16 wards, the largest percentage was in St Peter's (4.9%)
- Hindi was spoken in 14 wards, 0.4% in St Peter's
- Gujarati was also spoken in 14 wards, 1.8% in Blakenhall
- Lithuanian speakers were in 13 wards with 1.5% in St Peter's
- Persian/Farsi was also spoken in 13 wards with 1.4% in St Peter's

- Russian was spoken in 13 wards, with 0.5% in both St Peter's and Heath Town
- Italian was also spoken in 13 wards, with 0.3% in Oxley
- BSL was evenly spread across 13 wards
- Arabic was also spoken in 13 with 0.7% in Heath Town
- Latvian was spoken in 12, with 0.8% in St Peter's
- Tamil was spoken in 12 with 0.5% in St Peter's
- German was evenly spread across 11 wards
- Tagalog/Filipino was spoken in 10 wards, 0.4% in Wednesfield South.
- Slovak was spoken in 9 wards, with 0.3% in St Peter's and Blakenhall
- Bengali and Sylheti were also spoken in 9 wards, but evenly spread
- Portuguese was spoken in 9 wards, with 0.3% in Heath Town
- Romanian was evenly spread across 7 wards
- Malayalam was spoken in 7 wards, 0.4% in St Peter's
- Czech was also spoken in 7 wards, with 0.4% in Graiseley
- Hungarian was evenly spread across 8 wards
- Pashto was spoken in 6 wards, 0.5% in St Peter's
- Telugu was spoken in 5 wards, 0.3% in St Peter's
- Nepalese was spoken in 4 wards, with 1.2% in Blakenhall
- Greek speakers were in 3 wards with 1.6% in St Peter's

Geographic origins of languages;

Akan/Twi – Ghana

Bengali – Bangladesh

Gujarati, Hindi – India

Igbo – South-east Nigeria

Kurdish – Kurdistan, which includes adjacent parts of Turkey, Syria, Iran, and Iraq. Also in Armenia, Georgia, Israel, Azerbaijan, Russia and Lebanon

Malayalam – India (mainly in Kerala)

Mirpuri, Potwari – Pakistan

Panjabi (Punjabi) – Pakistan, India

Pashto – Pakistan

Persian/Farsi – Iran, Afghanistan

Shona – Zimbabwe and Zambia

Sinhala – Sri Lanka

Swahili/Kiswahili – East Africa

Sylheti – Bangladesh

Tagalog/Filipino – the Philippines

Tamil – South India and North-east Sri Lanka

Telugu – South India (mainly in state of Andhra Pradesh)

Tigrinya – Eritrea, Ethiopia

Yoruba – Nigeria

Wolverhampton (all)		Saint Peter's		Heath Town	
					%age
English	89.1	English	68.1	English	80.7
Panjabi	4.6	Panjabi	5.7	Panjabi	3.5
Polish	1.0	Kurdish	4.9	Polish	2.1
Kurdish	0.6	Polish	3.2	Kurdish	1.9
Chinese (all)	0.4	Urdu	3.1	Lithuanian	1.2
Gujarati	0.4	Chinese	1.6	Tagalog/Filipino	1.0
Urdu	0.4	Greek	1.6	Arabic	0.7
Lithuanian	0.3	Lithuanian	1.5	Persian/Farsi	0.7
Latvian	0.2	Persian/Farsi	1.4	Somali	0.7
Persian/Farsi	0.2	Latvian	0.8	Greek	0.6
Shona	0.2	Arabic	0.5	Chinese	0.5
Arabic	0.1	Pashto	0.5	French	0.5
Bengali + Sylheti	0.1	Russian	0.5	Russian	0.5
BSL	0.1	Tamil	0.5	Shona	0.5
Czech	0.1	Hindi	0.4	Urdu	0.4
French	0.1	Malayalam	0.4	Latvian	0.3
German	0.1	French	0.3	Pashto	0.3
Greek	0.1	Gujarati	0.3	Portuguese	0.3
Hindi	0.1	Pahari		Czech	0.2
Italian	0.1	(+Mirpuri/Potwari)	0.3	Hindi	0.2
Malayalam	0.1	Shona	0.3	Malayalam	0.2
Nepalese	0.1	Slovak	0.3	Turkish	0.2
Pashto	0.1	Telugu	0.3	Akan/Twi	0.1
Portuguese	0.1	Bengali + Sylheti	0.2	Albanian	0.1
Russian	0.1	Czech	0.2	Bengali + Sylheti	0.1
Slovak	0.1	Igbo	0.2	Dutch	0.1
Tagalog/Filipino	0.1	Italian	0.2	German	0.1
Tamil	0.1	Nepalese	0.2	Gujarati	0.1
		Turkish	0.2	Igbo	0.1
		Yoruba	0.2	Italian	0.1
		Akan/Twi	0.1	Pahari	
		BSL	0.1	(+Mirpuri/Potwari)	0.1
		Bulgarian	0.1	Romanian	0.1
		Dutch	0.1	Slovak	0.1
		German	0.1	Tamil	0.1
		Hungarian	0.1	Telugu	0.1
		Malay	0.1	Tigrinya	0.1
		Portuguese	0.1	Vietnamese	0.1
		Romanian	0.1		
		Serbian/Croatian/ Bosnian	0.1		
		Sinhala	0.1		
		Spanish	0.1		
		Swahili/Kiswahili	0.1		
		Tagalog/Filipino	0.1		

Park		Graiseley		Ettingshall	
					%age
English	82.4	English	81.6	English	82.2
Panjabi	5.1	Panjabi	7.7	Panjabi	9.3
Polish	2.6	Polish	1.7	Polish	1.5
Kurdish	1.4	Urdu	1.2	Gujarati	1.3
Lithuanian	1.2	Gujerati	1.0	Kurdish	0.5
Urdu	1.1	Kurdish	0.7	Lithuanian	0.5
Persian/Farsi	0.7	Chinese	0.6	Chinese	0.4
Arabic	0.4	Lithuanian	0.6	Latvian	0.4
Chinese	0.4	Czech	0.4	Nepalese	0.4
Gujarati	0.4	Persian/Farsi	0.4	Shona	0.4
Latvian	0.4	Tagalog/Filipino	0.3	Tamil	0.4
Italian	0.3	Bengali + Sylheti	0.2	Persian/Farsi	0.3
Russian	0.3	French	0.2	Urdu	0.3
Tamil	0.3	Hindi	0.2	Arabic	0.2
French	0.2	Latvian	0.2	Hindi	0.2
German	0.2	Pashto	0.2	Pashto	0.2
Hindi	0.2	Russian	0.2	Russian	0.2
Pashto	0.2	Shona	0.2	Albanian	0.1
Portuguese	0.2	Slovak	0.2	BSL	0.1
Shona	0.2	Tamil	0.2	Czech	0.1
Bengali + Sylheti	0.1	Akan/Twi	0.1	Dutch	0.1
BSL	0.1	Albanian	0.1	French	0.1
Bulgarian	0.1	Arabic	0.1	German	0.1
Czech	0.1	BSL	0.1	Malayalam	0.1
Dutch	0.1	Dutch	0.1	Portuguese	0.1
Greek	0.1	German	0.1	Slovak	0.1
Hungarian	0.1	Hungarian	0.1	Telugu	0.1
Malayalam	0.1	Italian	0.1		
Pahari		Malayalam	0.1		
(+Mirpuri/Potwari)	0.1	Romanian	0.1		
Romanian	0.1	Sinhala	0.1		
Sinhala	0.1	Telugu	0.1		
Spanish	0.1	Yoruba	0.1		
Tagalog/Filipino	0.1				
Telugu	0.1				
Thai	0.1				
Ukrainian	0.1				

Blakenhall		East Park		Bushbury S. & Low Hill	
English	68.9	English	93.0	English	90.8
Panjabi	21.6	Panjabi	3.0	Panjabi	2.9
Gujarati	1.8	Polish	0.7	Polish	1.9
Polish	1.3	Shona	0.4	Shona	0.8
Nepalese	1.2	French	0.3	Lithuanian	0.4
Kurdish	0.7	Kurdish	0.3	Chinese	0.2
Chinese	0.6	Chinese	0.2	French	0.2
Urdu	0.4	Gujarati	0.2	Latvian	0.2
Hindi	0.3	Latvian	0.2	Portuguese	0.2
Malayalam	0.3	Urdu	0.2	Russian	0.2
Persian/Farsi	0.3	Albanian	0.1	Urdu	0.2
Shona	0.3	Arabic	0.1	Arabic	0.1
Slovak	0.3	Bengali + Sylheti	0.1	Bengali + Sylheti	0.1
Lithuanian	0.2	BSL	0.1	BSL	0.1
Russian	0.2	German	0.1	Hindi	0.1
Tamil	0.2	Hungarian	0.1	Italian	0.1
Bengali & Sylheti	0.1	Lithuanian	0.1	Kurdish	0.1
Czech	0.1	Malayalam	0.1	Persian/Farsi	0.1
French	0.1	Nepalese	0.1	Romanian	0.1
German	0.1	Persian/Farsi	0.1	Slovak	0.1
Hungarian	0.1	Russian	0.1	Tagalog/Filipino	0.1
Italian	0.1	Slovak	0.1		
Latvian	0.1	Tamil	0.1		
Portuguese	0.1				
Romanian	0.1				
Tagalog/Filipino	0.1				
Oxley		Tettenhall Regis		Tettenhall Wrightwick	
English	94.1	English	94.8	English	95.5
Panjabi	2.2	Panjabi	2.7	Panjabi	1.7
Polish	0.9	Urdu	0.3	Polish	0.3
Chinese	0.5	Polish	0.2	Urdu	0.3
Italian	0.3	Arabic	0.1	Arabic	0.2
Kurdish	0.2	BSL	0.1	Chinese	0.2
Urdu	0.2	Chinese	0.1	Kurdish	0.2
Albanian	0.1	French	0.1	BSL	0.1
Bengali + Sylheti	0.1	Gujarati	0.1	French	0.1
BSL	0.1	Hindi	0.1	German	0.1
French	0.1	Hungarian	0.1	Gujarati	0.1
German	0.1	Italian	0.1	Hindi	0.1
Gujarati	0.1	Latvian	0.1	Italian	0.1
Hindi	0.1	Pashto	0.1	Persian/Farsi	0.1
Hungarian	0.1	Persian/Farsi	0.1	Tamil	0.1
Latvian	0.1	Shona	0.1	Thai	0.1
Lithuanian	0.1	Ukrainian	0.1	Vietnamese	0.1
Russian	0.1				
Shona	0.1				
Swahili/Kiswahili	0.1				

Bilston North		Merry Hill		Spring Vale	
					%age
English	92.9	English	96.0	English	93.4
Panjabi	4.3	Panjabi	2.3	Panjabi	4.5
Gujarati	0.8	Chinese	0.1	Polish	0.3
Latvian	0.2	French	0.1	Shona	0.2
Polish	0.2	German	0.1	Tamil	0.2
Russian	0.2	Gujarati	0.1	Arabic	0.1
Shona	0.2	Hindi	0.1	BSL	0.1
Arabic	0.1	Italian	0.1	Chinese	0.1
BSL	0.1	Kurdish	0.1	German	0.1
Chinese	0.1	Lithuanian	0.1	Gujarati	0.1
French	0.1	Persian/Farsi	0.1	Hindi	0.1
Hindi	0.1	Polish	0.1	Persian/Farsi	0.1
Kurdish	0.1	Russian	0.1	Slovak	0.1
Lithuanian	0.1	Serbian/Croatian/		Tagalog/Filipino	0.1
Tamil	0.1	Bosnian	0.1	Urdu	0.1
Urdu	0.1	Urdu	0.1		

Penn		Bilston East		Fallings Park	
English	91.9	English	93.8	English	96.1
Panjabi	5.1	Panjabi	2.7	Panjabi	1.4
Gujarati	0.7	Polish	0.8	Polish	0.7
Chinese	0.3	Gujarati	0.6	Lithuanian	0.3
Bengali + Sylheti	0.2	Chinese	0.3	Chinese	0.2
Hindi	0.2	Lithuanian	0.3	Shona	0.2
Polish	0.2	Latvian	0.2	French	0.1
Urdu	0.2	Shona	0.2	Italian	0.1
Arabic	0.1	French	0.1	Portuguese	0.1
Hungarian	0.1	Kurdish	0.1	Romanian	0.1
Kurdish	0.1	Portuguese	0.1	Tagalog/Filipino	0.1
Shona	0.1	Russian	0.1		
Tagalog/Filipino	0.1	Tamil	0.1		
Tamil	0.1				

Wednesfield South		Bushbury North		Wednesfield North	
English	93.1	English	97.7	English	97.7
Panjabi	4.4	Panjabi	0.8	Panjabi	1.4
Polish	0.8	Italian	0.2	Arabic	0.1
Tagalog/Filipino	0.4	Kurdish	0.2	BSL	0.1
Chinese	0.3	Polish	0.2	Italian	0.1
French	0.2	Chinese	0.1	Polish	0.1
BSL	0.1	Czech	0.1	Shona	0.1
Kurdish	0.1	French	0.1	Slovak	0.1
Persian/Farsi	0.1	Shona	0.1		
Portuguese	0.1	Urdu	0.1		
Russian	0.1				