**Section 75**

Religious Belief

43.0% of residents in the borough on Census Day 2011 belong to or were brought up in the Catholic religion and 51.7% belong to or were brought up in a Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related) religion. A further 0.8% belonged to or had been brought up in other religions while 5% neither belonged to, nor had been brought up in a religion.

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| **Religion or Religion Brought Up In** | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** |
| **Catholic** | 85,770 | 43.0% |
| **Protestant and Other Christian** | 103,315 | 51.7% |
| **Other** | 1,590 | 0.8% |
| **None** | 9,018 | 4.5% |
| **Total** | 199,693 | 100.0% |

*Table 1: Religion or religion brought up in of residents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: Religion or Religion Brought Up In - KS212NI (administrative geographies), Census 2011, NISRA.*

Political Opinion

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council has 41 elected members. A breakdown of results of the Local Government Election in May 2019 for the borough are as follows:

* Democratic Unionist Party – 11
* Ulster Unionist Party – 10
* Sinn Fein – 10
* Social Democratic and Labour Party – 6
* Alliance – 3
* Independent – 1

A total of 79,309 votes were polled in the borough from an eligible electorate of 147,977 giving a turnout of 53.6%. This breakdown is taken as an approximate representation of the political opinion of people within the borough.

Racial Group

Results from the 2011 Census showed that 98.5% of the usually resident population of the borough were white and 1.5% were from minority ethnic groups. The main ethnic minorities were Mixed (605 individuals), Chinese (528 individuals) and Other Asian (463 individuals).

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| **Ethnicity** | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** |
| **White**  | 196,777 | 98.54% |
| **Chinese**  | 528 | 0.26% |
| **Irish Traveller** | 136 | 0.07% |
| **Indian** | 388 | 0.19% |
| **Pakistani** | 196 | 0.10% |
| **Bangladeshi** | 25 | 0.01% |
| **Other Asian** | 463 | 0.23% |
| **Black Caribbean** | 32 | 0.02% |
| **Black African** | 195 | 0.10% |
| **Black Other** | 108 | 0.05% |
| **Mixed** | 605 | 0.30% |
| **Other** | 240 | 0.12% |
| **Total** | 199,693 | 100.0% |

*Table 2: Ethnic group of residents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: Ethnic Group - KS201NI (administrative geographies), Census 2011, NISRA.*

Results from the 2011 Census show that 89.0% of residents in the borough were born in Northern Ireland. The borough had 5.4% of residents, or 10,846 individuals, who were born outside the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland.

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| **Country of Birth** | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** |
| **Northern Ireland** | 177,634 | 89.0% |
| **England** | 6,125 | 3.1% |
| **Scotland** | 1,312 | 0.7% |
| **Wales** | 269 | 0.1% |
| **Republic of Ireland** | 3,507 | 1.8% |
| **Other EU: Member countries prior to 2004 expansion** | 1,399 | 0.7% |
| **Other EU: Accession countries 2004 onwards** | 6,306 | 3.2% |
| **Other** | 3,141 | 1.6% |
| **Total** | 199,693 | 100.0% |

*Table 3: Country of birth of residents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: Country of Birth - KS204NI (administrative geographies), Census 2011, NISRA.*

Results from Census 2011 show that 4.1% of residents in the borough aged 3+ years (7,896 individuals) spoke a language other than English or Irish as their main language. Apart from English and Irish, the most other common main languages were Polish (2,919 residents aged 3+), Lithuanian (1,736 aged 3+) and Portuguese (834 aged 3+).

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| **Main Language** | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** |
| **English** | 182,380 | 95.72% |
| **Polish** | 2,919 | 1.53% |
| **Lithuanian** | 1,736 | 0.91% |
| **Irish (Gaelic)** | 250 | 0.13% |
| **Portuguese** | 834 | 0.44% |
| **Slovak** | 195 | 0.10% |
| **Chinese** | 130 | 0.07% |
| **Tagalog/Filipino** | 166 | 0.09% |
| **Latvian** | 343 | 0.18% |
| **Russian** | 170 | 0.09% |
| **Malayalam** | 92 | 0.05% |
| **Hungarian** | 100 | 0.05% |
| **Other** | 1,211 | 0.64% |
| **Total (Aged 3+)** | 190,526 | 100.0% |

*Table 4: Main language of residents aged 3+ in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: Main Language- KS207NI (administrative geographies), Census 2011, NISRA.*

Age

The population of the borough was estimated to be 214,090 at 30th June 2018, the profile of which is shown below.

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| **Age Group** | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** |
| **0 – 15 years** | 48,166 | 22.5% |
| **16 – 24 years** | 21,883 | 10.2% |
| **25 – 49 years** | 71,975 | 33.6% |
| **50 – 64 years** | 39,255 | 18.3% |
| **65 and over** | 32,811 | 15.3% |
| **Total**  | 214,090 | 100.0% |

*Table 5: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough at 30th June 2018. Source: 2018 Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

The borough has a growing and ageing population. The population of the borough is projected to increase by 8%, or just over 18,000 people, over the next ten years to 2028. The largest percentage increase is projected in the 65 and over age group (30%). Within this age group those aged 85 and over are projected to increase by an extra 1,975 people (53%).

Marital Status

The 2011 Census provides information on the marital and civil partnership status of those aged 16 and over. Over half of residents aged 16+ in the borough were married (51.0%).

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| **Marital and Civil Partnership Status** | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** |
| **Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)** | 52,296 | 33.6% |
| **Married** | 79,220 | 51.0% |
| **In a registered same-sex civil partnership** | 110 | 0.1% |
| **Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)** | 5,639 | 3.6% |
| **Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved** | 8,087 | 5.2% |
| **Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership** | 10,135 | 6.5% |
| **Total (Aged 16+)** | 155,487 | 100.0% |

*Table 6: Marital and civil partnership status of residents aged 16+ in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: Marital and Civil Partnership Status – KS103NI (administrative geographies), Census 2011, NISRA.*

Sexual Orientation

The 2011 Census did not include a question on sexual identity.

The Continuous Household Survey provides results on the sexual identity of persons aged 16 and over. For the combined years of 2016/17 – 2018/19, in the borough 98% of respondents to the survey identified as Heterosexual/Straight, 1% as Bisexual and less than 0.5% for each of Gay/Lesbian and Other. Less than 0.5% also responded don’t know/refusal. (Note figures may not sum to 100% due to rounding).

Results from the 2018 Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey showed for adults ages 18 and over in Northern Ireland overall:

* I am ‘gay’ or ‘lesbian – 1%
* I am heterosexual or ‘straight’ – 94%
* I am bi-sexual – 1%
* Other answer – 1%
* I do not wish to answer this question – 3%

Men and Women Generally

The 2011 Census showed that in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 49.4% (98,713) of usual residents were male and 50.6% (100,980) were female.

Population estimates for 2018 show the borough is made up of 106,425 (49.7%) males and 107,665 (50.3%) females.

Disability

According to the 2011 Census, one fifth (20%) of people (39,861 individuals) in the borough had a long-term health problem or disability that limited their day-to-day activities.

The Family Resources Survey showed, using data for 2015/16 to 2017/18, 19% of individuals in the borough were disabled, similar to the level in Northern Ireland overall (21%).

Benefit statistics from the Department for Communities showed that as of November 2019 there were:

* 2,130 or 4.4% of under 16 population and 6,280 or 19.1% of 65 and over population claiming Disability Living Allowance.
* 5,670 or 17.3% of 65 and over population claiming Attendance Allowance.
* 14,700 Personal Independent Payment claims in payment (experimental statistics).

Dependants

The 2011 Census showed that 36% or 27,827 households in the borough contained dependent children.

Results from the 2011 Census also show that 12% of the borough’s population (or 23,101 individuals) provided unpaid care. Of those who provided unpaid support:

* 58% provided 1 – 19 hours per week
* 17% provided 20 – 49 hours per week
* 25% provided 50+ hours per week.

Benefit statistics from the Department for Communities show that at November 2019 there were 7,900 claimants, or 4.8% of 16 and over population, claiming Carer’s Allowance in the borough.