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## Country of Birth Factfile - October 2013

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The latest census was held on Sunday 27 March 2011, with results released from July 2012 onwards. This briefing note outlines the key issues on country of birth.

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## 1. Summary

- Country of birth represents a stable definition of a migrant. **31,200** residents in Bolton were born outside the United Kingdom in 2011, making up **11%** of the population, compared to **13%** nationally.
- The largest non-UK country of birth in 2011 was **India**, followed by **Pakistan** and **Poland**. There were also significant numbers of people born in Kenya, Germany, Iran, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and China.
- The proportion of people born outside of the UK has substantially increased from **7%** of the population in 2001, to **11%** in 2011, an increase of around **12,700** people. Around **80%** of the population growth in the last decade in Bolton can be attributed to international migration.
- The largest total increase in Bolton in countries of birth outside of the UK came from either India or Pakistan. However the largest proportional increases came from **Somalia, Poland, Zimbabwe, Nigeria** and **China**.

## 2. Introduction

The census has collected information about the population every 10 years since 1801 (except in 1941). The latest census in England and Wales took place on **27 March 2011**.

Census statistics describe the characteristics of an area, such as how many men and women there are and their ages. The statistics are used to understand similarities and differences in population characteristics locally, regionally and nationally, and inform policy and planning.

Country of birth is the country in which a person was born, and thus cannot change over time (unlike nationality or perceptions of ethnicity). Consequently those born outside the UK represent a stable definition of a migrant. It is a measure of 'foreign-born' people, but includes some people who were UK citizens at birth even though they were born abroad. Additionally many usual residents of Bolton born outside the UK will have subsequently become UK citizens.

The country of birth question included six tick box responses - one for each of the four parts of the UK, one for the Republic of Ireland, and one for 'Elsewhere'. Where a person ticked 'Elsewhere', they were asked to write in the current name of the country in which they were born. Country of birth is distinct from both ethnicity and national identity (see sections 3 & 5), and often differs from information on legal citizenship and passports held.

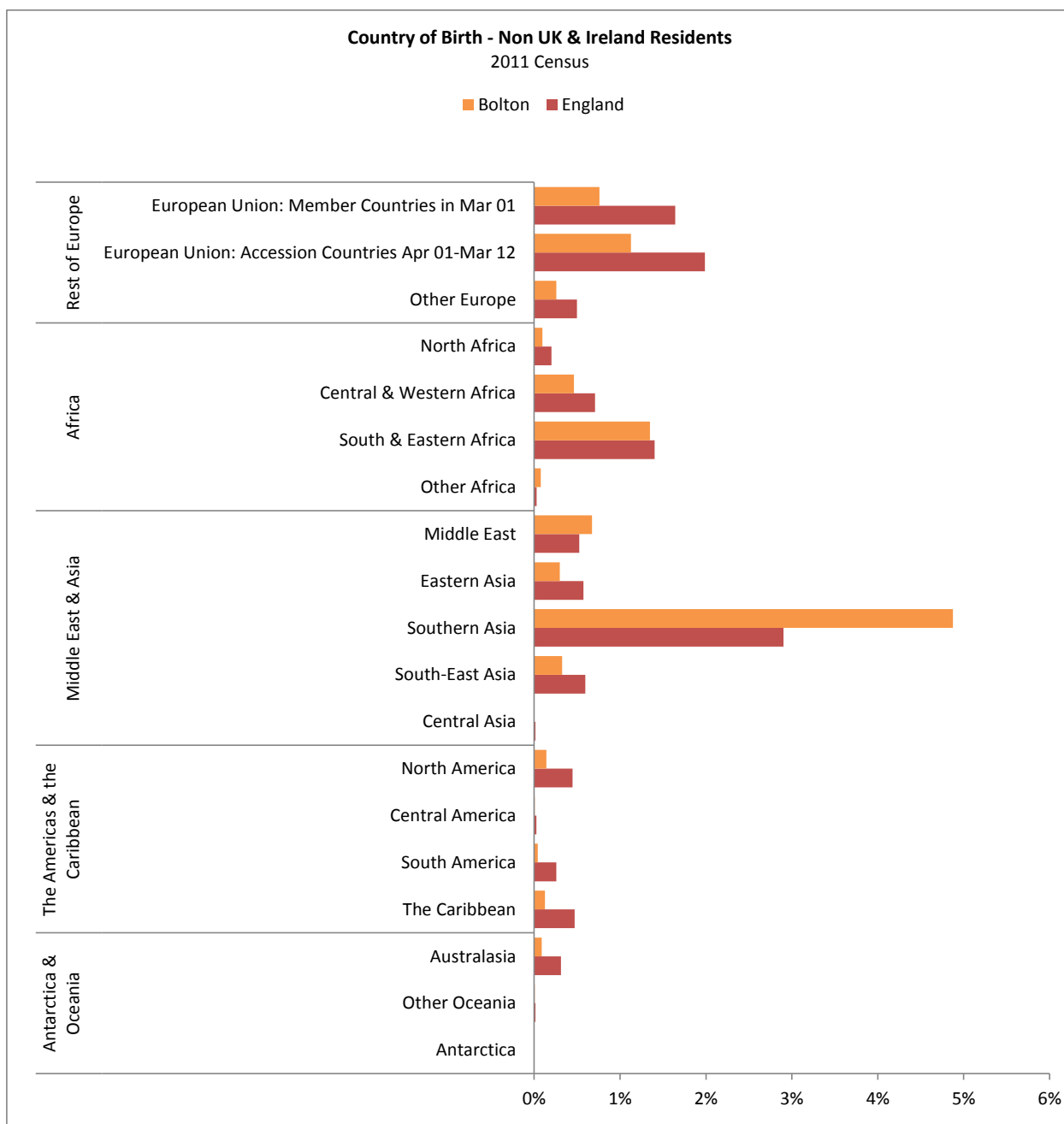
## 3. Country of Birth in Bolton

**31,200** residents in Bolton were born outside the United Kingdom in 2011, making up **11%** of the population, compared to **13%** nationally. This has substantially increased from 7% of the population in 2001.

The majority of non-UK born residents of Bolton were from **Southern Asia**, followed by **South & Eastern Africa**, the **EU** (in particular 01-12 Accession countries) and the **Middle East**. There were only very small numbers of people from the Americas, Caribbean, Antarctica and Oceania.

		<b>Bolton (number)</b>	<b>Bolton (%)</b>	<b>England and Wales (%)</b>
<b>UK &amp; Ireland</b>	United Kingdom	245,562	88.7	86.6
	Channel Islands & Isle of Man	109	0.0	0.0
	Ireland	1,467	0.5	0.7
<b>Rest of Europe</b>	European Union: Member Countries in Mar 01	2,102	0.8	1.6
	European Union: Accession Countries Apr 01-Mar 12	3,116	1.1	2.0
	Other Europe	713	0.3	0.5
<b>Africa</b>	North Africa	269	0.1	0.2
	Central & Western Africa	1,278	0.5	0.7
	South & Eastern Africa	3,733	1.3	1.4
	Other Africa	217	0.1	0.0
<b>Middle East &amp; Asia</b>	Middle East	1,861	0.7	0.5
	Eastern Asia	824	0.3	0.6
	Southern Asia	13,495	4.9	2.9
	South-East Asia	897	0.3	0.6
	Central Asia	7	0.0	0.0
<b>The Americas &amp; the Caribbean</b>	North America	392	0.1	0.4
	Central America	17	0.0	0.0
	South America	113	0.0	0.3
	The Caribbean	346	0.1	0.5
<b>Antarctica &amp; Oceania</b>	Australasia	246	0.1	0.3
	Other Oceania	19	0.0	0.0
	Antarctica	2	0.0	0.0
<b>Other</b>	-	1	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Non-UK 'Foreign-born' Residents</b>		<b>31,115</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>13.3</b>

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The following table shows the top countries non-UK born residents were from in 2011. It is important to note, that information on every single country has not been released at local authority level because this would mean releasing information with extremely small numbers for the majority of cells. (More comprehensive information on individual countries is available regionally and nationally).

There were approximately 196 independent states ('countries') at the time of the 2011 Census; however at local authority level we only have direct information on 35 individual countries (27 outside the UK & Ireland). Other countries are grouped according to their geographical positions. For instance within the subcontinent category 'South & Eastern Africa' we have information on Kenya, Somalia, South Africa, Zimbabwe & 'Other South & Eastern Africa', (which could potentially include

Botswana, Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia).

Data that covers groups of countries as opposed to individual states has been included in this particular table shown below. However it can be misleading to compare data that looks at one single country with information on groups of countries, for the reasons described above. Where data describes a group of countries rather than an individual one this has been highlighted.

Continent	Subcontinent	Country	Bolton (number)	Bolton (%)	England and Wales (%)
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	India	7,773	2.81	1.24
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	Pakistan	4,928	1.78	0.86
Rest of Europe	Accession Countries Apr 01-Mar 12	Poland	1,692	0.61	1.03
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	Other South and Eastern Africa	1,431	0.52	0.42
Middle East & Asia	Middle East	Other Middle East	1,237	0.45	0.38
Rest of Europe	Accession Countries Apr 01-Mar 12	Other EU accession countries	1,049	0.38	0.64
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	Kenya	936	0.34	0.25
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in March 2001	Germany	760	0.27	0.49
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in March 2001	Other member countries in March 2001	651	0.24	0.39
Middle East & Asia	Middle East	Iran	624	0.23	0.15
Africa	Central & Western Africa	Other Central and Western Africa	616	0.22	0.20
Africa	Central & Western Africa	Nigeria	598	0.22	0.34
Middle East & Asia	South-East Asia	Other South-East Asia	586	0.21	0.38
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	Zimbabwe	495	0.18	0.21
Middle East & Asia	Eastern Asia	China	487	0.18	0.27
Rest of Europe	Other Europe	Other Europe	476	0.17	0.34
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	Somalia	468	0.17	0.18
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	South Africa	403	0.15	0.34
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	Other Southern Asia	388	0.14	0.20
Rest of Europe	Accession Countries Apr 01-Mar 12	Lithuania	311	0.11	0.17
Middle East & Asia	South-East Asia	Philippines	311	0.11	0.22
Africa	North Africa	North Africa	269	0.10	0.20
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	Bangladesh	250	0.09	0.38
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in March 2001	Italy	243	0.09	0.24
Middle East & Asia	Eastern Asia	Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China)	241	0.09	0.18
Rest of Europe	Other Europe	Turkey	237	0.09	0.16
The Americas and the Caribbean	The Caribbean	Jamaica	222	0.08	0.29
Africa	Other Africa	Africa not otherwise specified	217	0.08	0.03
The Americas and the Caribbean	North America	United States	212	0.08	0.32
Antarctica and Oceania	Australasia	Australia	205	0.07	0.21
The Americas and the Caribbean	North America	Other North America	180	0.07	0.13
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in March 2001	Portugal	180	0.07	0.16
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	Sri Lanka	156	0.06	0.23
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in March 2001	France	139	0.05	0.23
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in March 2001	Spain (including Canary Islands)	129	0.05	0.14
The Americas and the Caribbean	The Caribbean	Other Caribbean	124	0.04	0.19
The Americas and the Caribbean	South America	South America	113	0.04	0.26
Middle East & Asia	Eastern Asia	Other Eastern Asia	96	0.03	0.12
Rest of Europe	Accession Countries Apr 01-Mar 12	Romania	64	0.02	0.14
Africa	Central & Western Africa	Ghana	64	0.02	0.17
Antarctica and Oceania	Australasia	Other Australasia	41	0.01	0.10
Antarctica and Oceania	Other Oceania	Other Oceania	19	0.01	0.02
The Americas and the Caribbean	Central America	Central America	17	0.01	0.03
Middle East & Asia	Central Asia	Central Asia	7	0.00	0.02
Antarctica and Oceania	Antarctica	Antarctica	2	0.00	0.00
Other	Other	Other	1	0.00	0.00

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The largest non-UK country of birth in 2011 was **India**, with around 7,700 residents. This was followed by **Pakistan** at 5,000 residents and **Poland** at 1,700. (In total EU accession countries made

up around 3,100 of the population in 2011). There were also significant numbers of people born in **Kenya, Germany, Iran, Nigeria, Zimbabwe** and **China** in Bolton in 2011.

Together the Indian & Pakistani-born population in Bolton made up more than double the national average for England & Wales, at around 4.5% of the total population. In terms of the rest of the Southern Asian geographical group there were very low numbers of Bangladeshi and Sri Lankan born people; around 90% all of the people born in Southern Asian countries in Bolton were from either India or Pakistan.

As discussed previously there were also relatively high numbers of people born in the Middle East and Iran. Bolton had just over 600 Iranian born people resident in 2011; at 0.23 per cent this was around one and a half times the national average for England & Wales. There were also around 1,200 people born in 'Other Middle East'.

In terms of African born populations, these tended to originate from South & Eastern Africa. Bolton had very high numbers of people born in Kenya, as well as reasonable sized populations born in Somalia, Zimbabwe and 'Other South & Eastern Africa' countries. There were also very low numbers born in North Africa, and with the exception of a fairly high population of people in Nigeria, low numbers overall of people born in Central & Western Africa.

Although Poland and other EU accession countries made up large numbers overall in Bolton these were still quite small sized compared to other areas of the country. There were just over 3,100 people born in EU 01-12 accession countries in Bolton in 2011 (around 1,600 of these were from Poland). In total these made up 1.1% of the total population, whereas 2% of the population nationally were from an EU accession country. In terms of the rest of the EU and Europe there was a fairly large sized German-born population with 760 people, with quite small numbers of other European countries in general. (However the German born population was still around half the size of the national average, at just 0.27 per cent of the population).

As stated previously there were extremely small numbers of people born in Australasia and Oceania, as well as very low numbers for the Americas (North, South and Central America) and the Caribbean.

## 4. Changing Country of Birth

Country of Birth was been included in the UK Census in both 2001 and 2011 and the question has remained the same, however there are comparability issues in that the ONS has chosen to alter the groupings of countries in the tables that are available for download.

In 2011 the total population of Bolton was 276,800, an increase of 15,800 people. The non-UK born population of Bolton in 2011 was 31,200, an increase of 12,700 people. This means that around **80% of the population growth in the last decade in Bolton can be attributed to international migration.**

Continent	Subcontinent	Country	Bolton 2001	Bolton 2011	Bolton (no. change)	Bolton (% change)	England (% change)
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	Pakistan	2,809	4,928	2,119	75	56
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	India	5,915	7,773	1,858	31	51
Rest of Europe	Accession Countries Apr 01-Mar 12	Poland	239	1,692	1,453	608	890
Africa	Central & Western Africa	Nigeria	123	598	475	386	118
Middle East & Asia	Middle East	Iran	182	624	442	243	99
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	Somalia	54	468	414	767	134
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	Zimbabwe	94	495	401	427	150
Middle East & Asia	Eastern Asia	China	108	487	379	351	210
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	Kenya	765	936	171	22	8
Rest of Europe	Other Europe	Turkey	72	237	165	229	71
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in Mar 01	Portugal	57	180	123	216	143
Africa	South & Eastern Africa	South Africa	280	403	123	44	44
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	Sri Lanka	53	156	103	194	90
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in Mar 01	Germany	657	760	103	16	12
Middle East & Asia	Southern Asia	Bangladesh	148	250	102	69	38
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in Mar 01	Spain	57	129	72	126	54
Middle East & Asia	Eastern Asia	Hong Kong	169	241	72	43	16
The Americas and the Caribbean	North America	United States	167	212	45	27	23
Rest of Europe	Accession Countries Apr 01-Mar 12	Romania	22	64	42	191	1005
Antarctica and Oceania	Australasia	Australia	163	205	42	26	18
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in Mar 01	Italy	204	243	39	19	33
Rest of Europe	Member Countries in Mar 01	France	109	139	30	28	46
The Americas and the Caribbean	The Caribbean	Jamaica	309	222	-87	-28	10

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The largest overall increase in Bolton in countries of birth outside of the UK still came from either **Pakistan** or **India**. The Pakistani born population in Bolton grew from 2,800 to 4,900 and the Indian born population from 5,900 to 7,800 in 2001-11.

However the largest proportional increases came from **Somalia, Poland, Zimbabwe, Nigeria** and **China**. There were also extremely significant increases in the number of people from **Iran, Turkey, Portugal** and **Sri Lanka**.

People born in Somalia increased almost 800% from 2001-11, taking the population from just over 50 people to around 450. This was significantly above the national level of increase which was around 130%. (This fast growing Somali population is reflected in the increase in 'Black African' and 'Black Other' ethnic categories in Bolton; see the 'Ethnicity' factfile for more details).

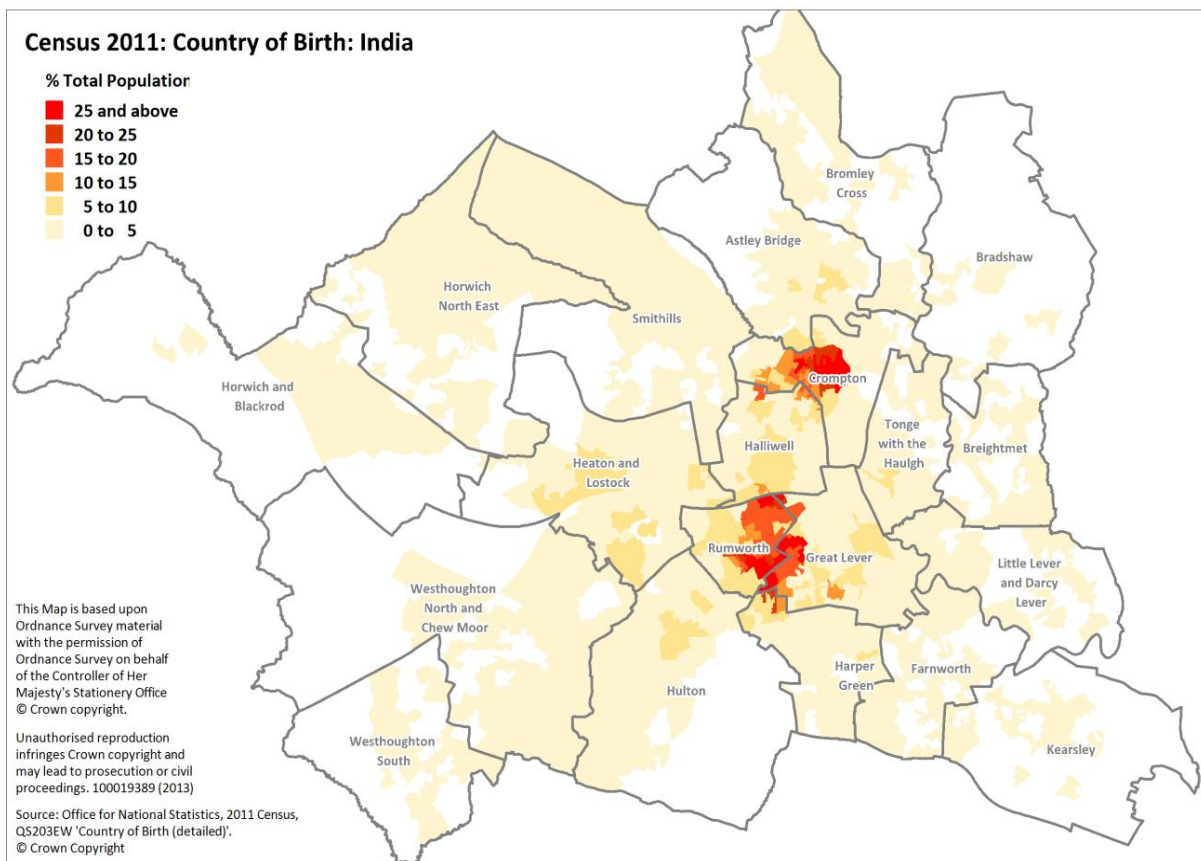


People born in Poland recorded a 600% increase from 2001-11, taking the population from just 200 to nearly 1,700. Although this was a very steep increase it was still below the level of England's increase as a whole, which was around 900%. (Romania is the only other EU Accession country that we have comparable 2001 data for – the number of people born in Romania in Bolton has also increased but not as significantly as those born in Poland).

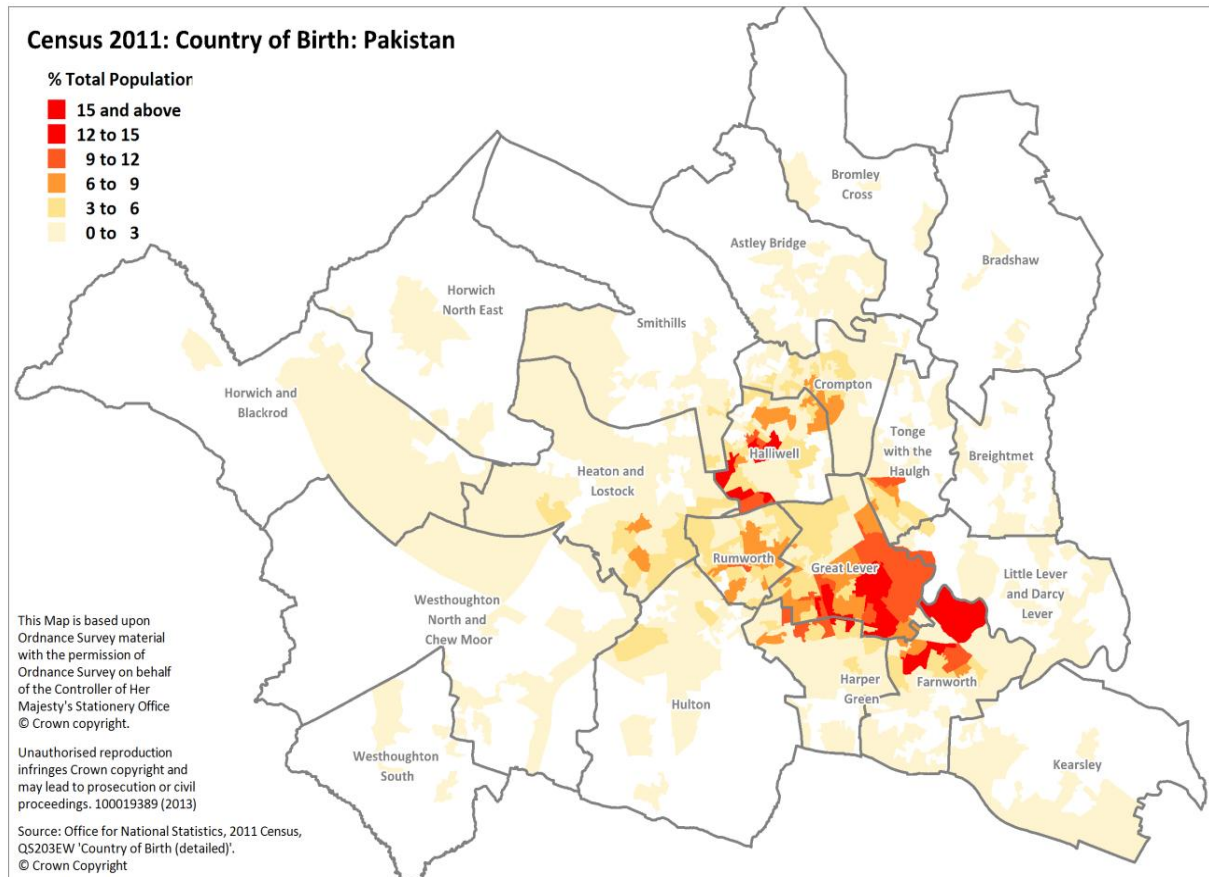
People born in Zimbabwe and Nigeria had increases of around 400% since 2001, although these were still small numbers overall at around 500 and 600 people respectively. The China-born population also increased significantly, although again this remained relatively small numbers in total with around 500 people. The Iranian-born population increased by almost 450 people collectively, which was roughly three times the level in 2001. Again this is reflected in the significant number of people who stated their ethnicity as 'Arab' or 'Other' in 2011. Turkey, Portugal and Sri Lanka born populations have also seen significant growth in Bolton over the previous decade.

## 5. Distribution of Country of Birth

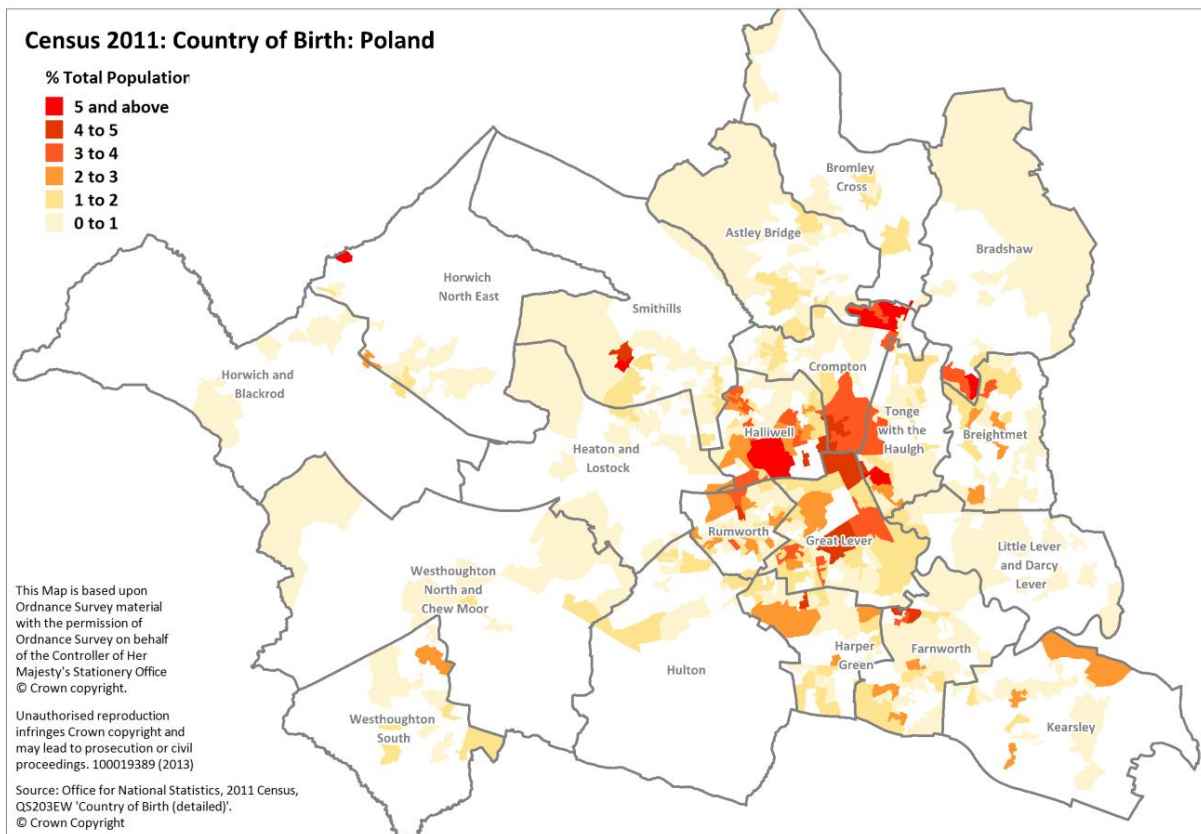
As stated previously, India is Bolton's largest non UK & Ireland country of birth with around 7,700 people in 2011, making up 2.8% of the population (approximately double the national average of 1.4%). Although the 'Indian' ethnicity map showed high numbers of people across various parts of the borough (see p10 of the 'Ethnicity' factfile), in contrast the map below shows the makeup of first-generation Indian migrants to be highly concentrated in two main areas, **Crompton** and the **Rumworth/Great Lever border**. This is because there are greater numbers of the 'Indian' ethnic group than there are 'India - country of birth'; (due to the long history of Indian migration to Bolton migrants who settled here several decades ago, these will have had children who have then moved to different areas but still think of themselves as part of the Indian ethnic group).



Pakistan is the second largest non-UK country of birth in Bolton, with almost 5,000 residents of Bolton born in Pakistan in 2001 (1.8% of the population; again more than double the national average of 0.9%). Much like the Indian-born population the Pakistani-born are also concentrated into particular areas, in this instance the **Great Lever/Farnworth border** and parts of **Halliwell**, whereas second, third or fourth generation Pakistanis can also be found in Rumworth, Hulton, Heaton & Lostock and Harper Green.



Poland is Bolton's third largest non-UK country of birth with around 1,700 Bolton residents born in Poland at the time of the 2011 Census. It is also the second fast growing (after Somalia) with around a 600% increase in population numbers since 2001. The current Polish-born population appears to be mainly clustered around the town centre areas of **Crompton, Halliwell** and **Great Lever**, although there are also small but significant clusters in parts of Smithills, Bradshaw, Horwich and Farnworth.



Although the Somali population in Bolton is relatively small at just 470 people, it was Bolton's fastest growing population in 2001-11 with a nearly 800% increase. The Somalia-born population appears to be extremely concentrated in just a few small areas in **Halliwell, Rumworth, Great Lever** and a small part of **Astley Bridge and Harper Green**. There are almost no Somalis in any other parts of the borough. (It should be noted however that these percentages are based on very small numbers, meaning any slight changes in numbers would result in larger changes in the distribution of the population).

