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## Protected Characteristics in Torbay - Children

### Age – 2021 Census

There are 25,254 under 18 year olds in Torbay's population, a 1.9% increase since the 2011 Census, England has seen a 3.9% increase. Under 18s make up 18% of Torbay's total population.

Age group	Number	% of under 18s	Age group	Number	% of under 18s
0 to 4	6,059	24.0%	10 to 15	8,921	35.3%
5 to 9	7,312	29.0%	16 to 17	2,962	11.7%

### Disability – 2021 Census

4.3% of Torbay's under 18 year olds reported that their day to day activities are limited a lot by long term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses (England- 2.7%) and 5.7% are limited a little (England- 4.1%). They are defined as disabled under the Equality Act 2010. There were some changes to the wording of the question compared to the 2011 Census which may slightly affect comparisons with then.

Status	Number aged under 18	% of under 18s
Day to day activities limited a lot	1,081	4.3%
Day to day activities limited a little	1,434	5.7%
Day to day activities not limited	22,739	90.0%

### Gender Reassignment – 2021 Census

2021 was the first time this was reported in the Census, asked of those aged 16+. 1.1% of Torbay's 16 to 24 year olds recorded their gender identity as not the same as the sex registered at birth (England- 1.0%), 5.6% did not answer this question.

Status	Number aged 16 to 24	% of 16 to 24s
Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth	10,747	93.3%
Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given	27	0.2%
Trans woman	15	0.1%
Trans man	29	0.3%
All other gender identities	54	0.5%
Not answered	645	5.6%

### Marriage and Civil Partnership – 2021 census

All Torbay 16 and 17 year olds stated they had not been married or in a civil partnership. In 2011, 15 in this age group reported being married or in a civil partnership, separated, divorced or the partnership dissolved.

Status	Number aged 16 to 17	% of 16 to 17s
Never married and never registered a civil partnership	2,962	100%
Married or in a registered civil partnership	0	0%
Separated, but still legally married or still legally in a civil partnership	0	0%
Divorced or civil partnership dissolved	0	0%
Widowed or surviving civil partnership partner	0	0%

## Pregnancy and Maternity – Office for National Statistics (ONS) Live Births Data 2022

In 2022 there were 8 live births to Torbay mothers aged under 18. The number has been on a generally decreasing trend. Ten years earlier in 2012 the number was 38, followed by 22 in 2013.

## Race – 2021 Census

90.5% of Torbay's under 18 year olds identify as White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British (93.7% in 2011). England in 2021 is 66.8%. Other ethnicities apart from this are identified by 2,411 of Torbay's under 18 population in 2021 (1,566 in 2011), an increase of 845 under 18s.

Status	Number aged under 18	% of under 18s
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	441	1.7%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	55	0.2%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	983	3.9%
White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	22,843	90.5%
White: Irish, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Roma or Other	815	3.2%
Other ethnic group	117	0.5%

## Religion – 2021 Census

There is a large increase in the number of Torbay's under 18 year olds reporting they do not have a religion compared to 2011, as in the total population. Most under 18s with a religion stated Christian (7,888).

Status	Number aged under 18	% of under 18s
Have a religion	8,288	32.8%
Do not have a religion	15,303	60.6%
Not answered	1,663	6.6%

## Sex – 2021 Census

Since the 2011 Census the number of males aged under 18 has increased by 1.2% and females by 2.5%.

Status	Number aged under 18	% of under 18s
Female	12,335	48.8%
Male	12,919	51.2%

## Sexual orientation – 2021 Census

2021 is the first time this has been reported in the Census, asked of those aged 16+. Of Torbay's 16 to 24 year olds, 7.5% gave a sexual orientation other than straight or heterosexual (England- 6.9%), 8.7% did not answer the question.

Status	Number aged 16 to 24	% of 16 to 24s
Bisexual	481	4.2%
Gay or Lesbian	285	2.5%
Straight or Heterosexual	9,644	83.7%
All other sexual orientations	102	0.9%
Not answered	1,006	8.7%