

### 3.0 Demography

**Table 3.1 Ethnic composition of the Eastern Region by sex**

Source: 2001 Census S101

	Males	%	Females	%
ALL PEOPLE	2,638,331	49.0%	2,749,805	51.0%
White British	2,413,599	49.0%	2,513,744	51.0%
White Irish	28,192	46.1%	33,016	53.9%
White Other	64,976	47.6%	71,476	52.4%
White and Black Caribbean	9,954	50.1%	9,928	49.9%
White and Black African	3,038	49.7%	3,069	50.3%
White and Asian	8,791	50.6%	8,594	49.4%
Other Mixed	7,108	48.7%	7,500	51.3%
Indian	25,647	50.3%	25,388	49.7%
Pakistani	19,835	51.1%	18,955	48.9%
Bangladeshi	9,715	52.5%	8,788	47.5%
Other Asian or Asian British	7,158	53.3%	6,266	46.7%
Black Caribbean	13,321	50.8%	12,878	49.2%
Black African	8,590	50.6%	8,376	49.4%
Other Black or Black British	2,829	53.4%	2,468	46.6%
Chinese	9,849	48.3%	10,536	51.7%
Other Ethnic Group	5,729	39.4%	8,823	60.6%

In the majority of BME groups, with the exception of the non-British White groups, the Mixed White and Black African group, the Other Mixed groups and the Other Ethnic Groups, the slight female gender bias evident in the population as a whole is reversed. This is most prominent in the Bangladeshi, Other Asian and Other Black groups, and may reflect different age structures or migration patterns.

The only group without roughly equal numbers of male and female members was the Other Ethnic Group, of which just over 60% was female. There is not an obvious explanation for this extreme bias.

As can be seen from Figure 3.1 below, the age structures of the different ethnic groups in the Eastern Region vary considerably. The White British group has a very 'flat' age structure, with fewer children (less than a fifth of residents are under 15) and a fair number of older people (17.1% were over the age of 65). The gender split is fairly even across all age groups, with the exception of the over-75 group in which there is a slightly higher proportion of women. This is typical, as women have greater longevity – nearly one fifth of women are aged over 65, compared to 15% of men.

The White Irish and Other White groups have a 'middle-aged' age structure, with very few children (only around 12% are under 15 years old) and numbers markedly increasing from 20 years onwards and then decreasing again towards old age (around 15% are over 65). This is likely to reflect migration patterns, with young adults arriving either as students or migrant workers and perhaps residing only temporarily. There is a considerably larger proportion of the remaining population being over 50 than under 20 years. There is an equal gender division at all ages.

The Mixed ethnic groups have a very young age structure. More than 50% of the members of these ethnic groups are under the age of 15, with a further 18.5% between the ages of 15 and 24. This may reflect a recent rise in Mixed ethnicity relationships, or it may reflect a willingness in younger generations to self-define as being part of this new ethnic category (it was included in the Census for the first time

in 2001). The gender split in this group is fairly even, although it may be slightly biased towards males in the younger age groups.

A young age structure, although to a lesser extent, can also be observed in the Asian or Asian British ethnic group, where just less than half of the population is under 25, with fairly even proportions of people at each age group until 34 when the numbers begin to decrease. At nearly every age there is a small gender bias towards males.

The Black or Black British ethnic group has a very prominent 'middle-aged' age structure, with more than half of all members falling between the ages of 25 and 55. However, there is also a larger proportion of children under 15 (19.1%) than of older adults over 65 (6.2%). Again a small bias towards males is evident at most ages.

There are two main themes in the age structure of the Chinese ethnic group. A large proportion of the group (nearly 20%) are between 15 and 24 years, likely reflecting a high number of students. Otherwise, there is a rather 'middle-aged' age structure, with less than 5% of adults over the age of 64 and a larger proportion of children under the age of 15. In the 15 to 24 age groups, particularly, there is a gender bias towards males, however, from the age of 30 upwards, there is a slight bias towards a larger proportion of females.

The Other Ethnic Groups are very biased in favour of young adults and the middle-aged, with very few adults (less than 6%) over the age of 55 and a slightly higher proportion of under 20's (around one fifth). This group is highly biased towards females, particularly within the 25 to 54 age groups.

Figures 3.2 to 3.11 show this same age and sex breakdown by broad ethnic group for the counties and unitary authorities throughout the Eastern Region. Overall there are very few salient differences between the picture for the Region and for the different areas. Full data is given in Appendix 1.

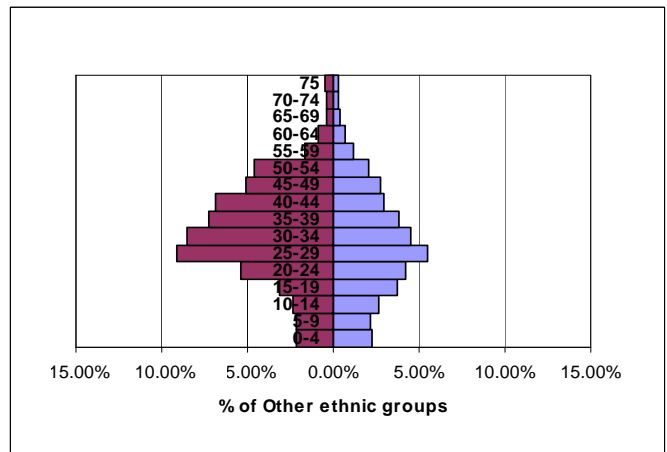
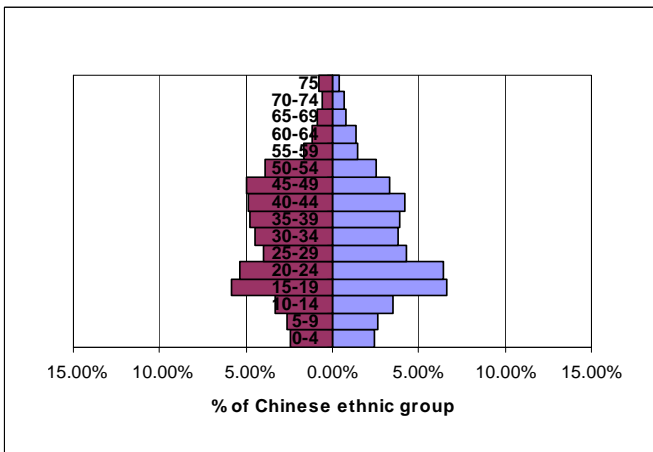
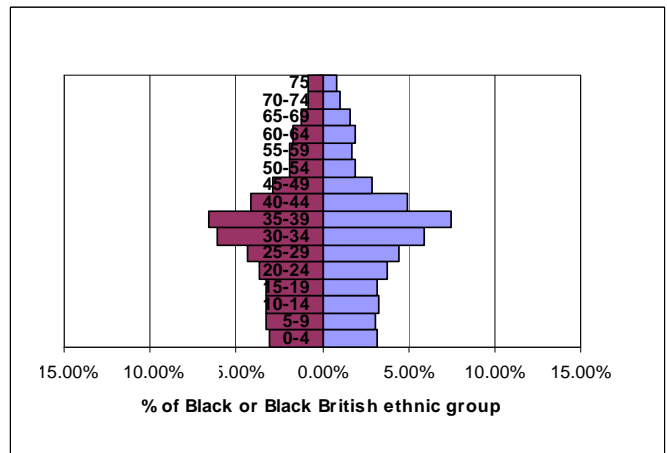
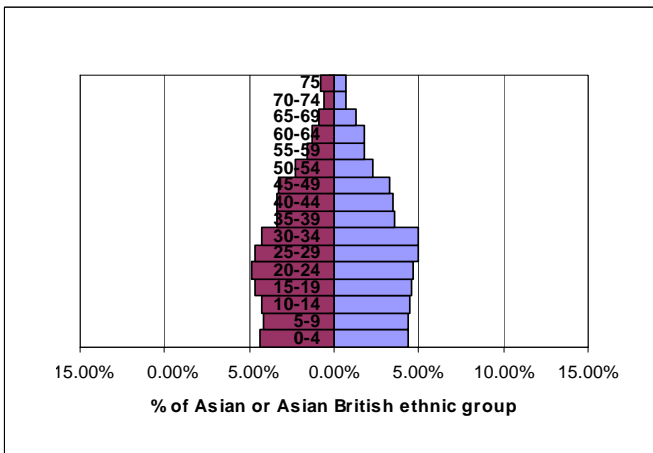
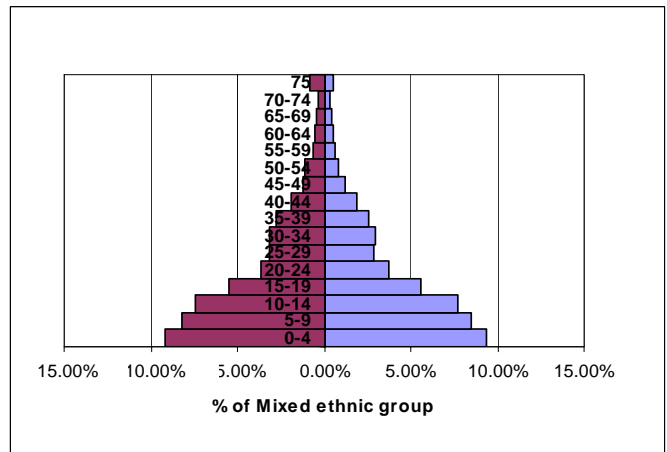
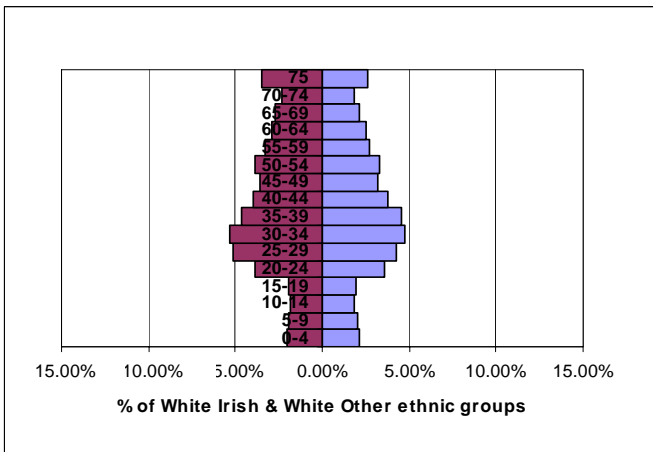
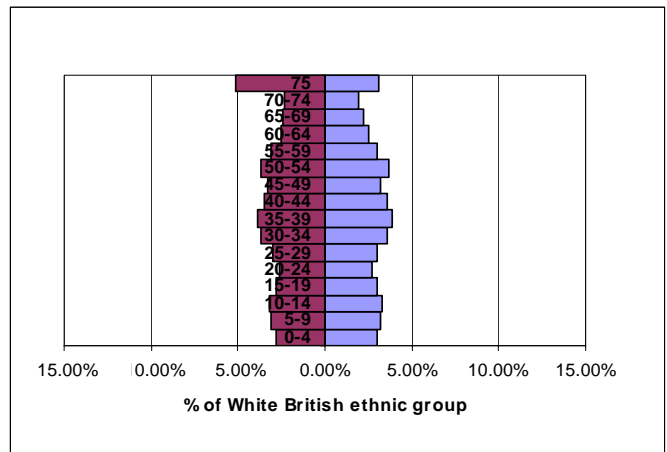
## Eastern Region

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.1

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



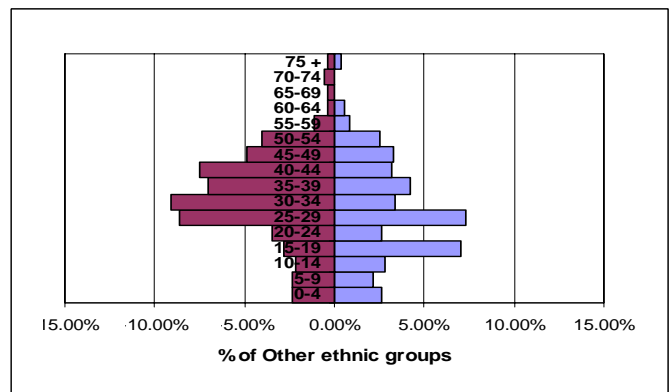
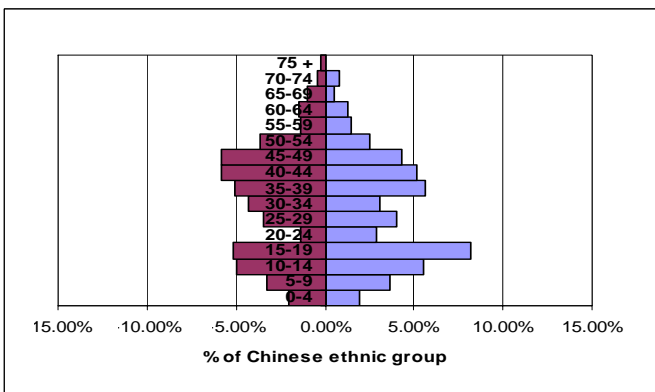
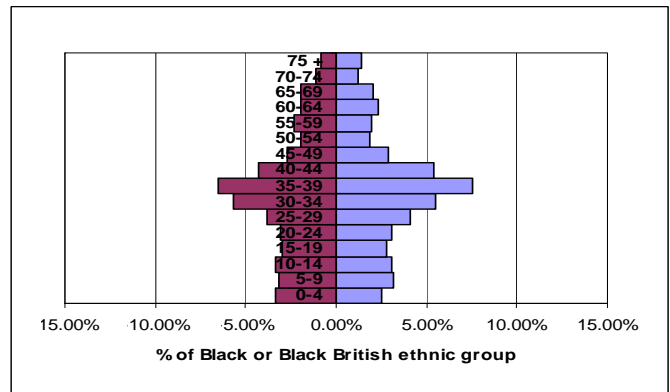
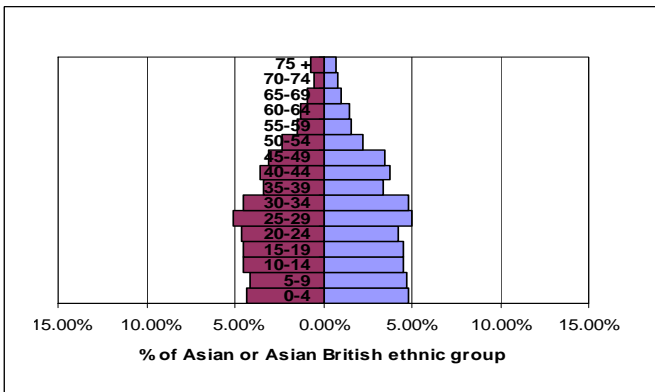
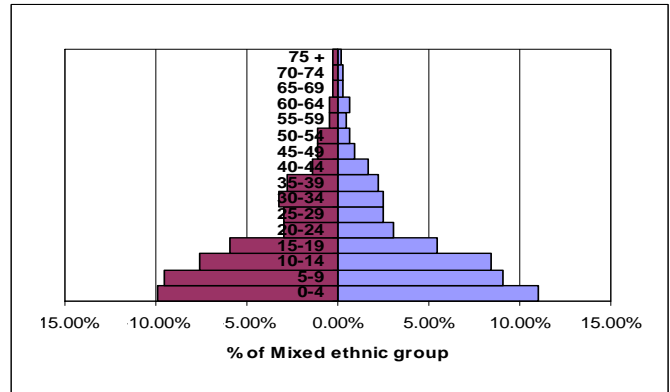
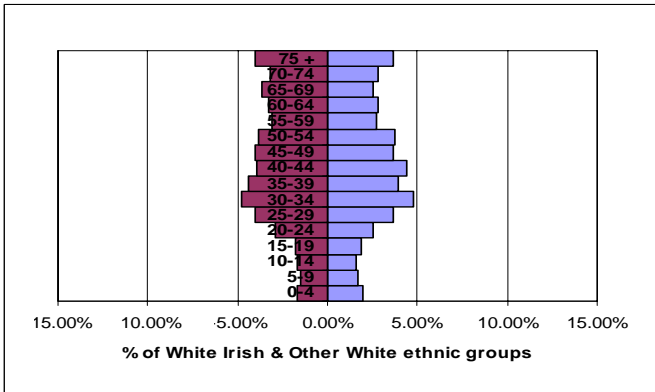
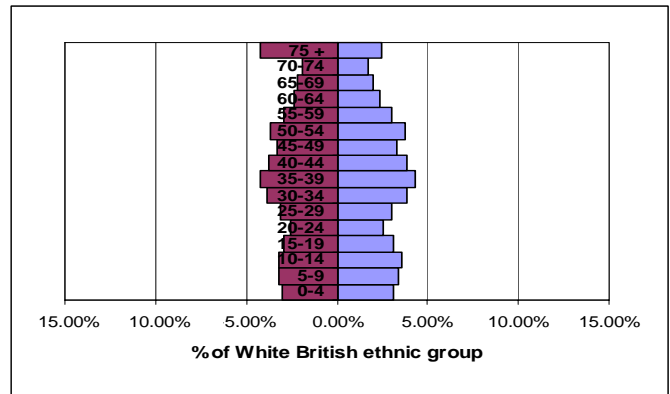
## Bedfordshire

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.2

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



In Bedfordshire (see Figure 3.2), the Other Ethnic Groups have the same middle-aged structure for the females, but a much flatter structure for the males with the exception of the 15 to 19 years age group and the 25 to 29 group, which is over-represented. There are no males belonging to Other Ethnic Groups between the ages of 65 and 74. The Chinese group is slightly different in that there are greater numbers of children and fewer young adults between 20 and 24 years. There are no Chinese men over the age of 75.

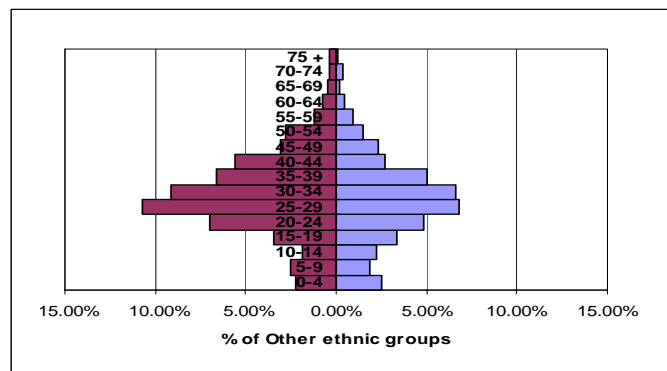
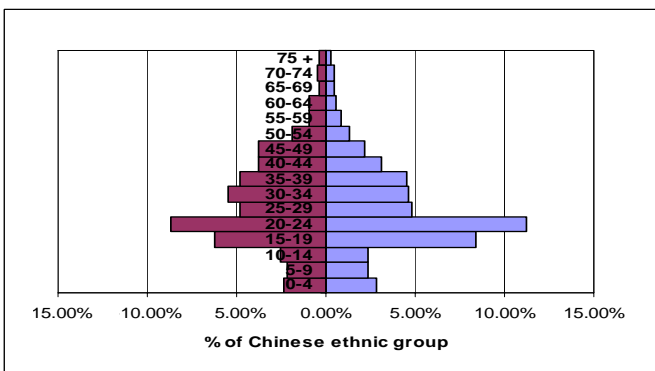
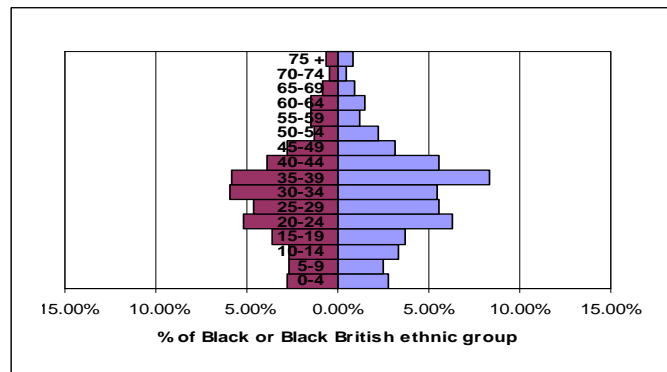
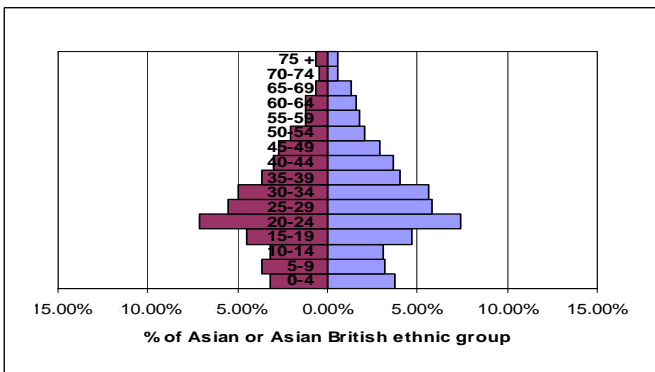
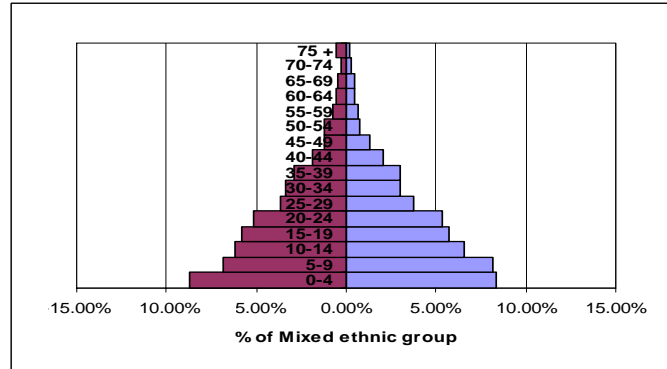
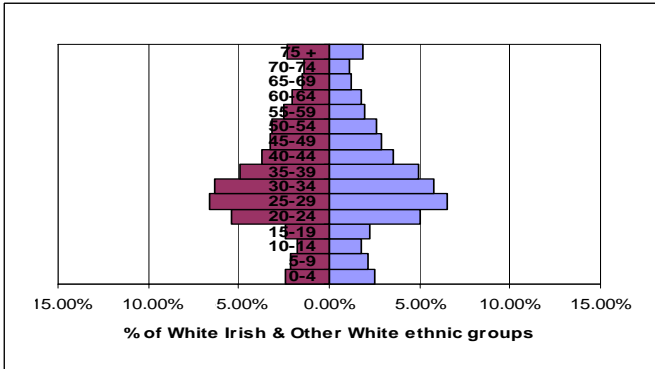
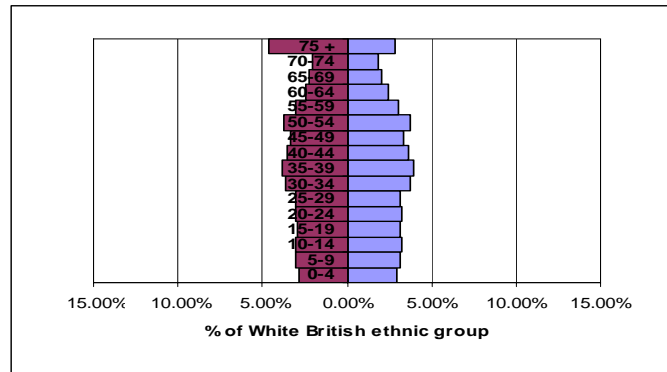
# Cambridgeshire

## Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.3

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



Cambridgeshire (Figure 3.3) follows a very similar pattern to the East of England overall, although the age structures of the White Irish and White Other groups are somewhat younger, concentrated between the years of 20 and 39, while the Asian groups are more 'middle-aged'. A very large proportion of the Chinese group (nearly 35%) are between 15 and 24, and these ages are highly biased towards males. This is likely accounted for by a large number of students and young migrants. Conversely, the young age structure of the Mixed groups is less pronounced, although still very much in evidence. Among the Black groups, there is a stronger bias towards greater numbers of males at nearly all ages.

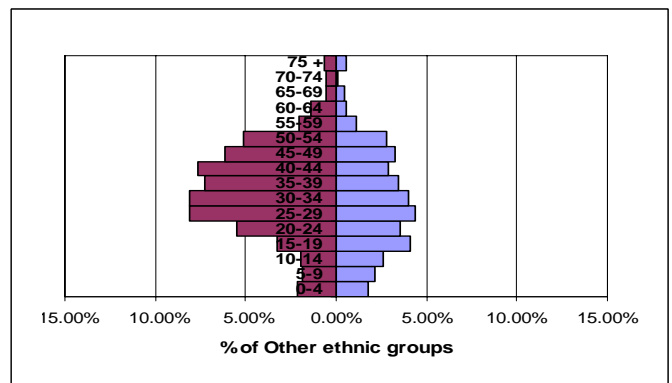
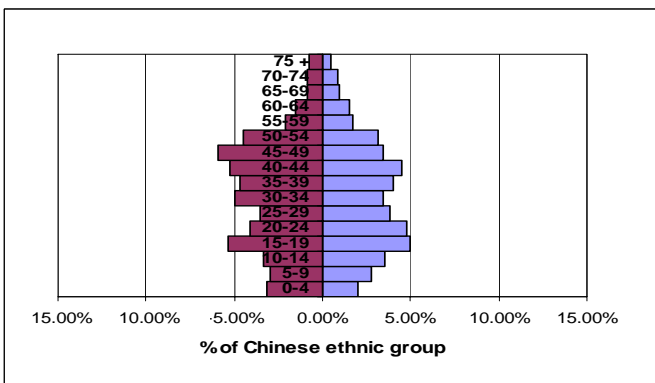
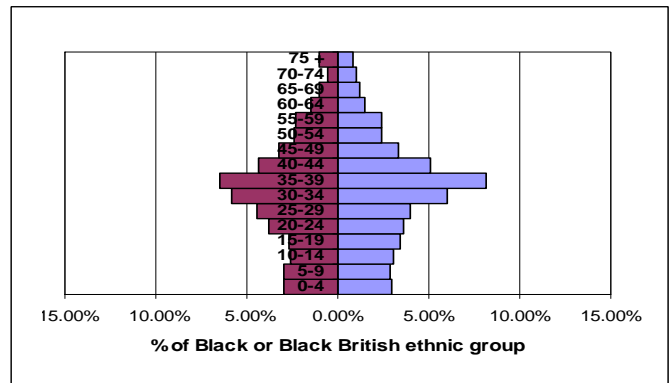
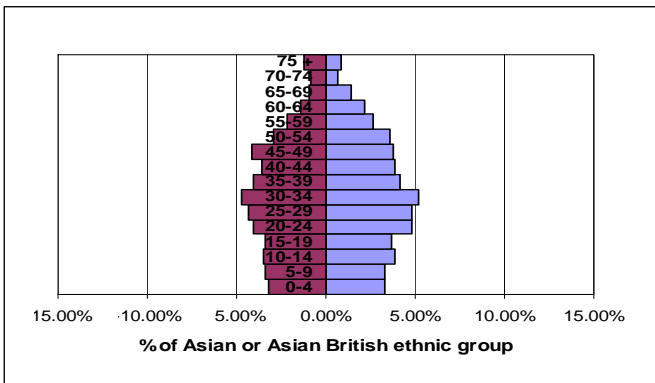
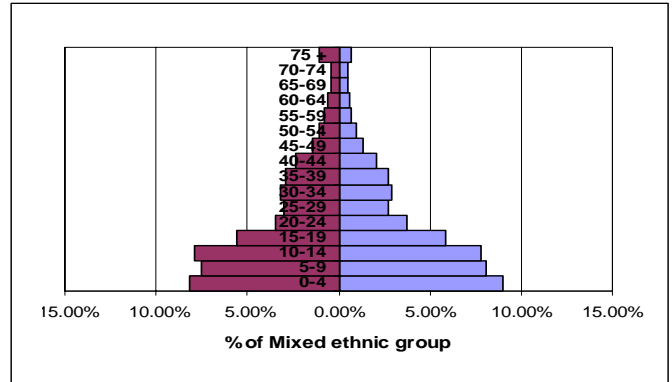
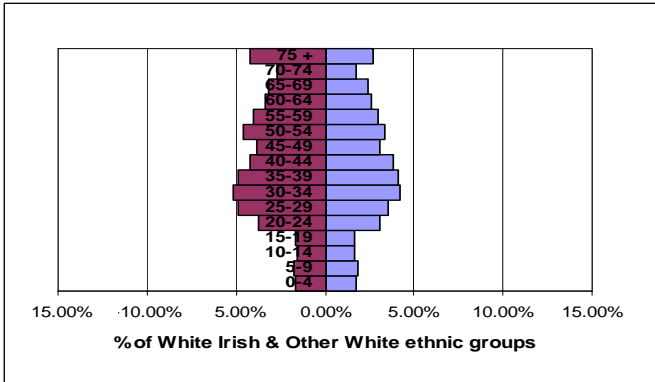
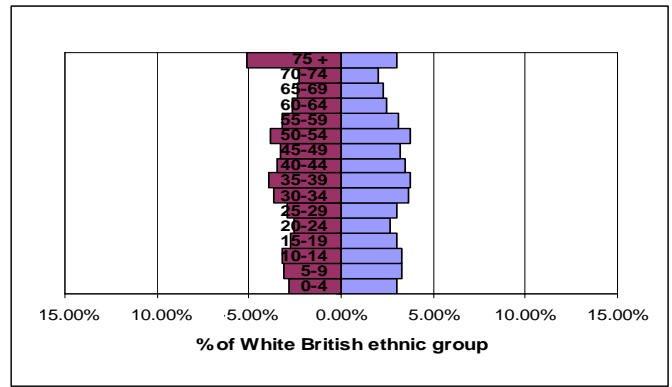
## Essex County

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.4

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



In Essex County (Figure 3.4) there are very few departures from the age and gender pattern evident throughout the East of England. There is a very slightly older age structure in the mixed ethnic groups (slightly less than 50% are under 15) and the high numbers of Chinese between the ages of 15 and 24 is somewhat diminished in this county. The bias towards a greater number of females from Other Ethnic Groups, particularly in the middle-aged groups, is more pronounced and there are no men in this ethnic category in the 70 to 74 age group.

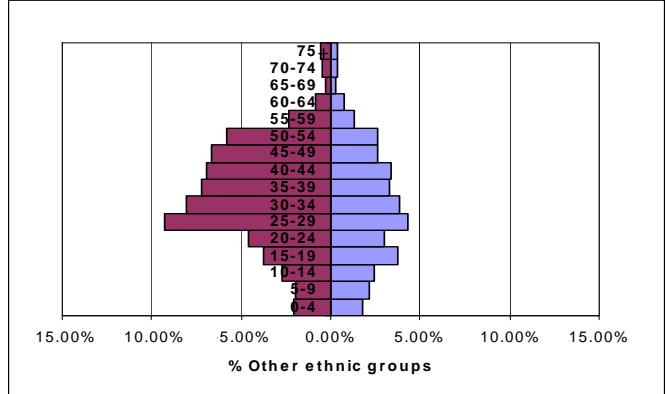
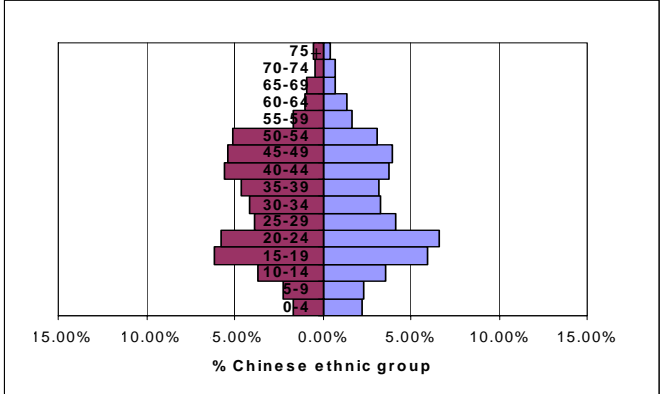
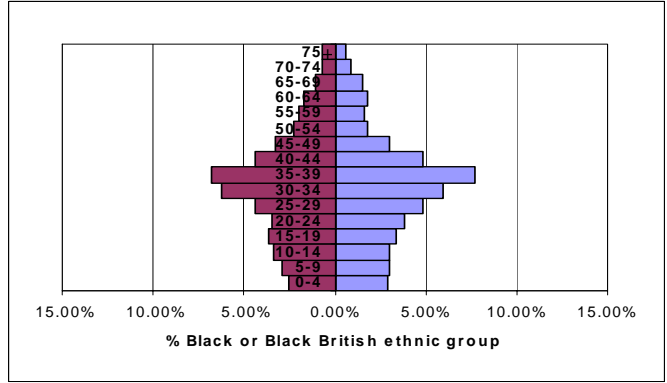
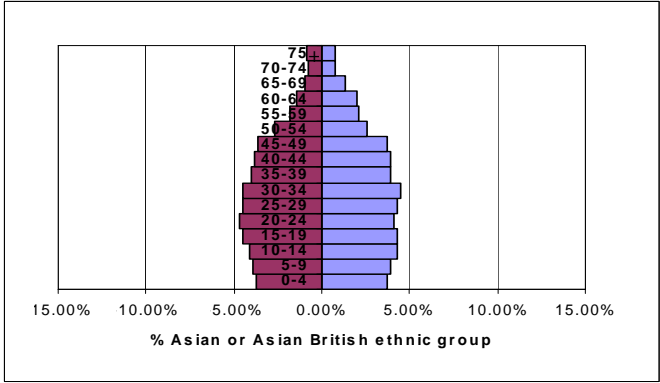
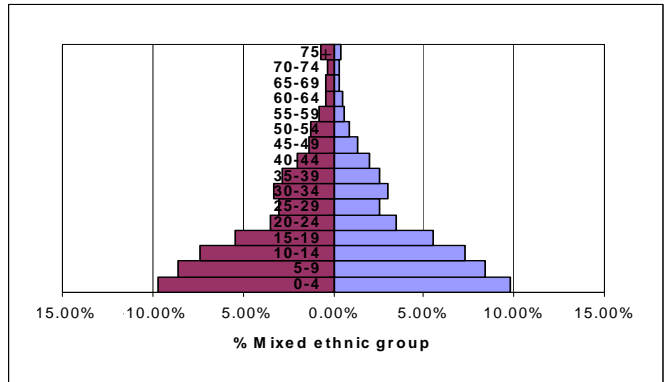
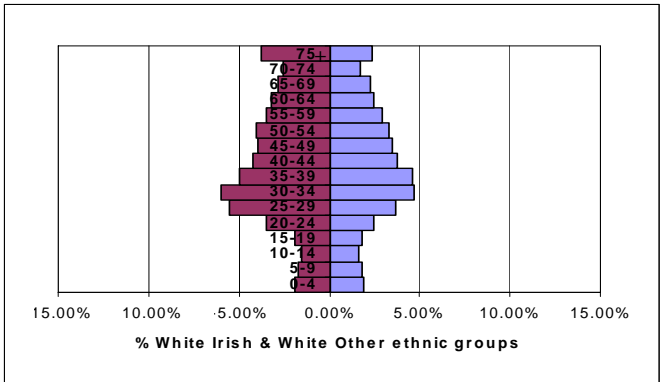
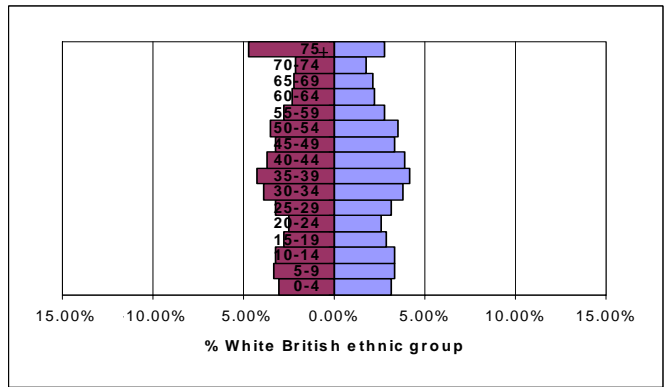
## Hertfordshire

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.5

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



The profile of Hertfordshire (Figure 3.5) is almost identical to that of Essex. In this county, however we still see the very young age structure of the mixed ethnic groups. The large numbers of Chinese between the ages of 15 and 24 is also more in evidence here, accounting for almost one quarter of the Chinese population. There is also a stronger bias towards female members of the White Irish and White Other groups (more than 55%) than is found in the region as a whole.

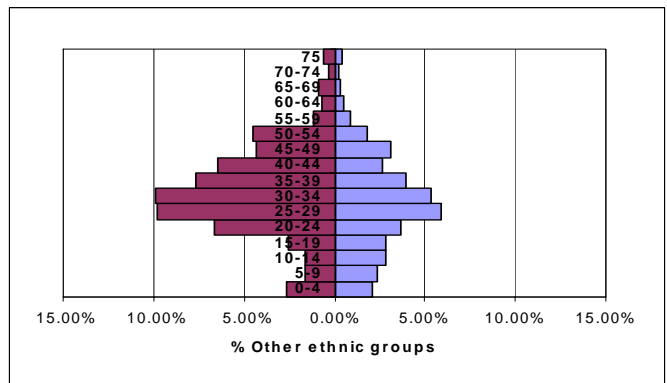
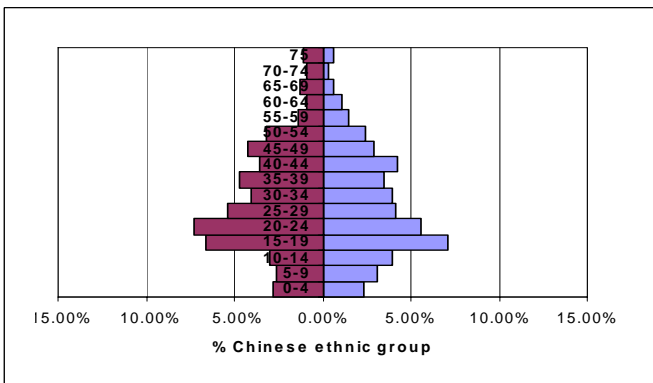
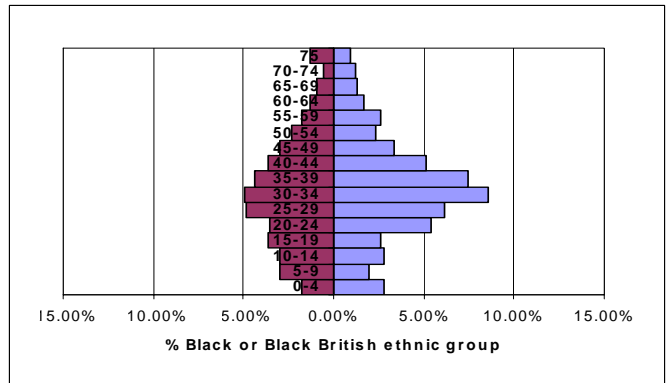
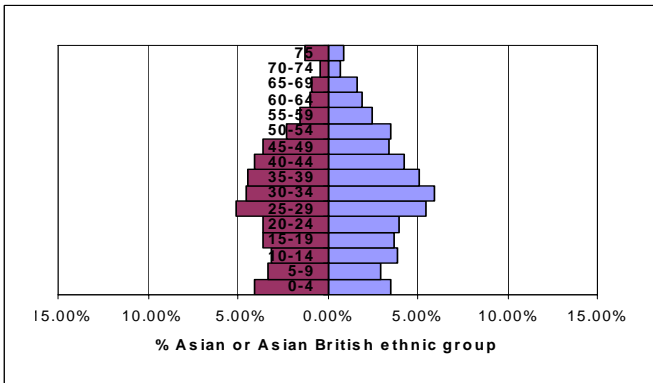
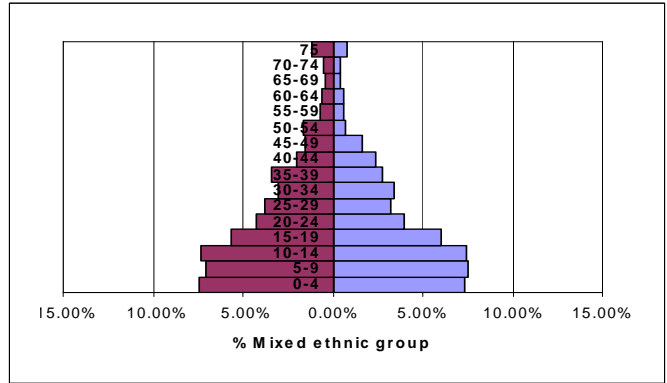
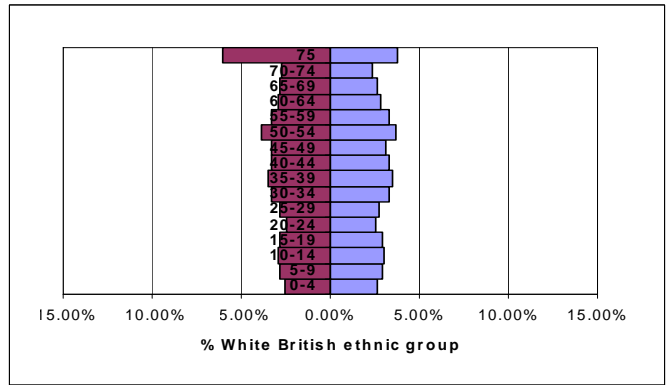
## Norfolk

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.6

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



In Norfolk overall (Figure 3.6) there are greater numbers of over 65s (more than a fifth of all residents) than in the region as a whole. This is particularly pronounced in the White Irish group where nearly 30% are over 65 and the White British group (22.5%). The biases towards greater numbers of males in the Black groups (over 60%) and towards greater numbers of females in the Other Ethnic Groups (over 61%), are even more pronounced, particularly between the ages of 25 and 44. The Asian groups have a larger proportion of people between 25 and 44 than seen in the region overall

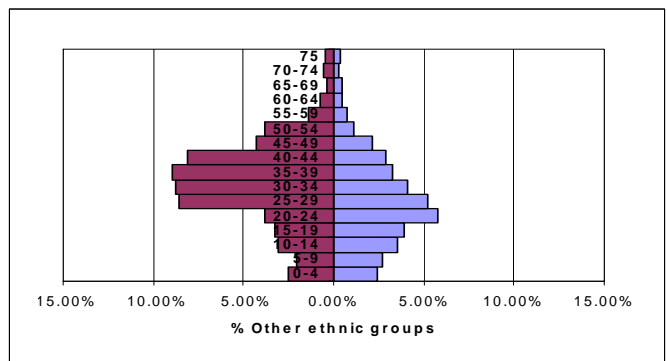
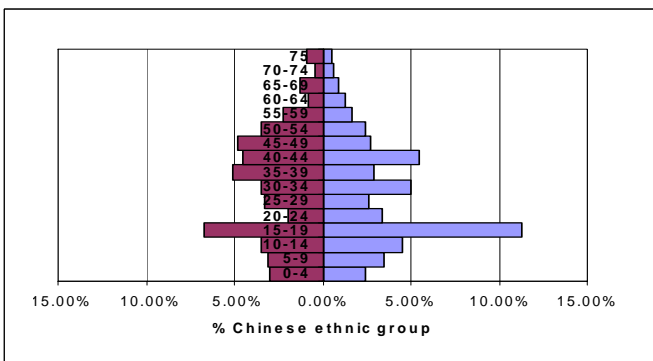
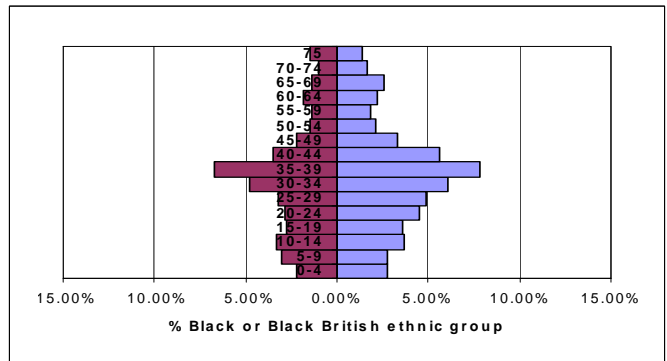
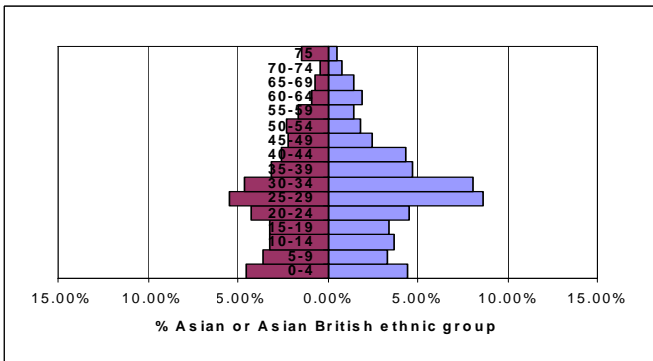
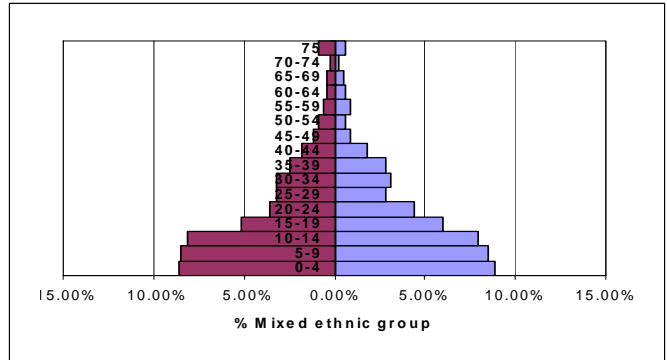
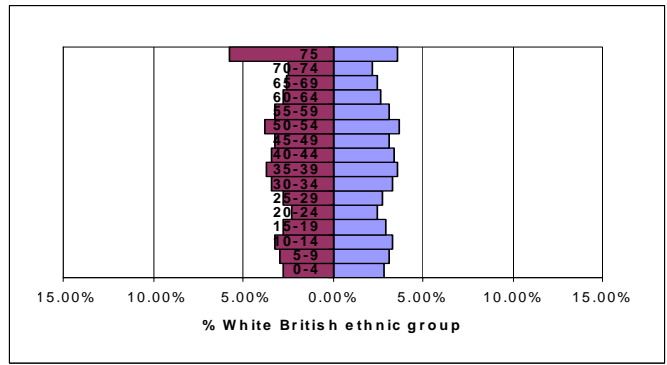
## Suffolk

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.7

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



Similar to Norfolk but not to the same extent, the demographic picture in Suffolk shows an even more pronounced ageing population, particularly in the White Irish group where over one fifth are more than 65 years old. The middle age group in the both the Asian and Black populations is fairly biased towards males compared to the Eastern Region overall. In the Asian population, we again see a bias towards young adulthood and middle age (over 50% are between 20 and 44) as opposed to the relatively young structure in the region overall. This group also has a strong bias towards males (55%) particularly in these age groups. There is a prominent female bias in the Other Ethnic Groups, and females are older than males in this group. The Chinese group is quite inconsistent in Suffolk with the usual pattern disrupted by larger numbers of males between 30 to 34 and 40 to 44.

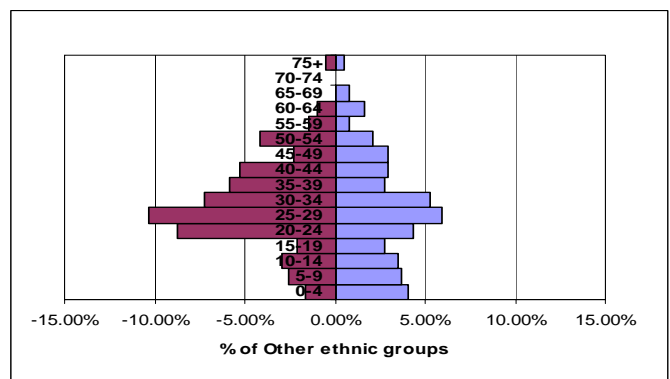
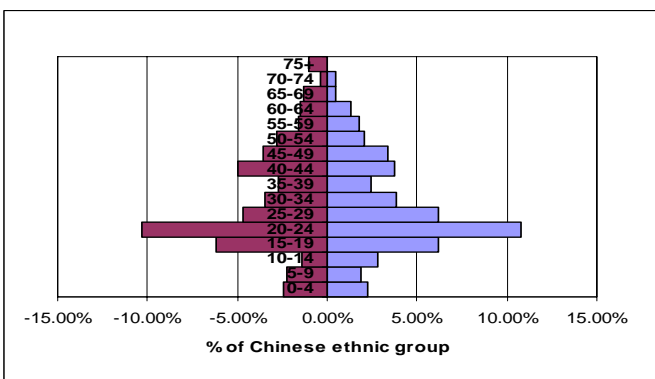
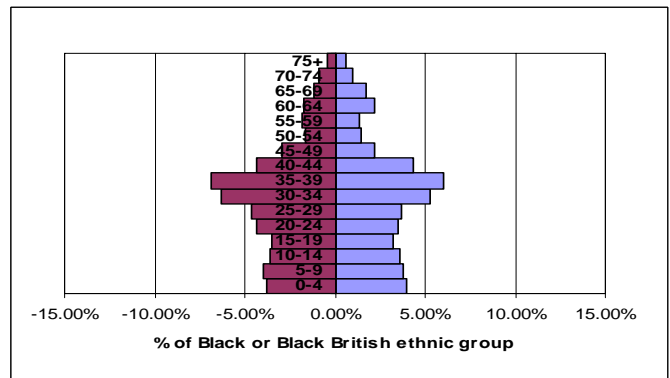
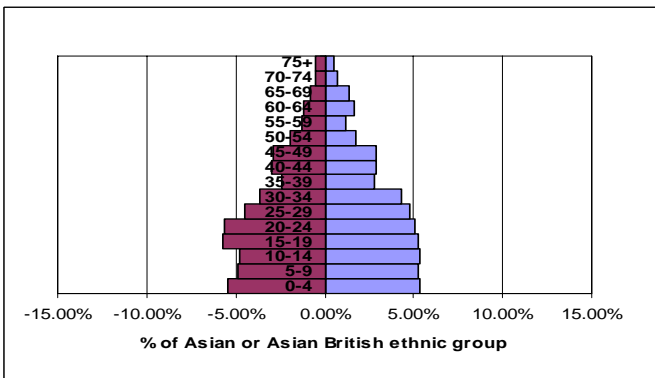
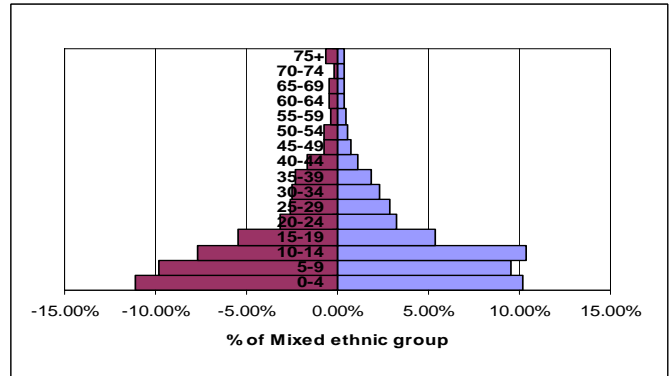
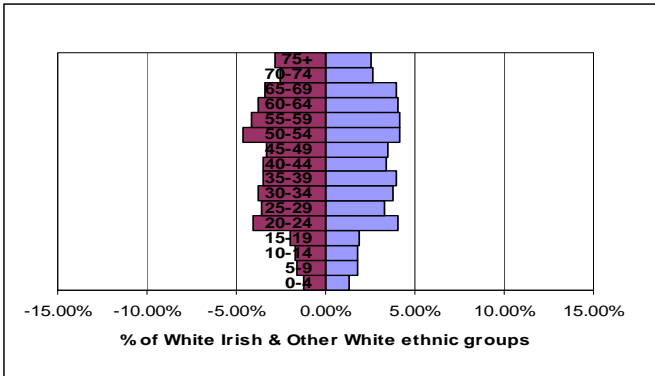
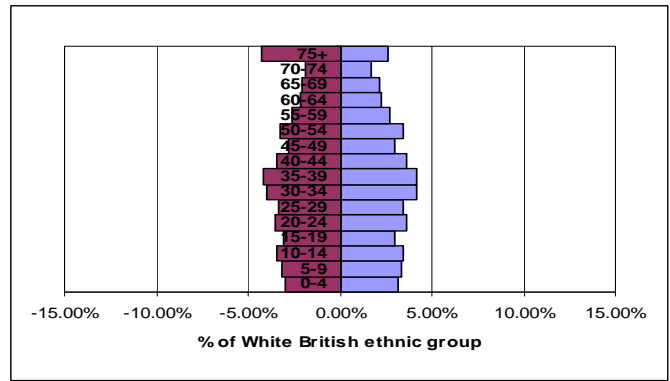
## Luton UA

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.8

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



The age and sex breakdown of the ethnic groups within the UAs is less cohesive than the region overall due to their smaller population. For example in Luton there are no 70-74 year olds in the Other Ethnic Groups. Luton also shows a very young age structure in the Mixed groups where almost 60% of members are under 15, and in the Asian groups (31% under 15), and conversely, there are relatively few children in the non-British White groups. There is a more balanced gender split in the Chinese groups and Black groups at younger ages, but a bias towards greater numbers of males in the Mixed groups. The age and gender biases in the Other Ethnic Groups are once again extremely skewed towards older females.

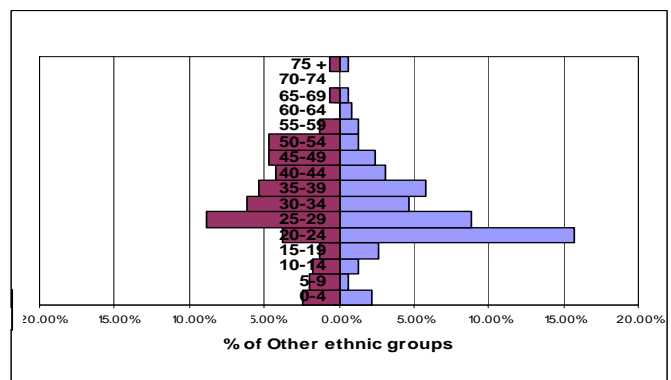
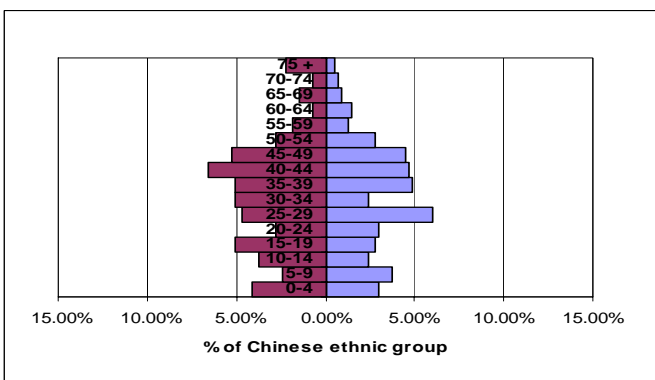
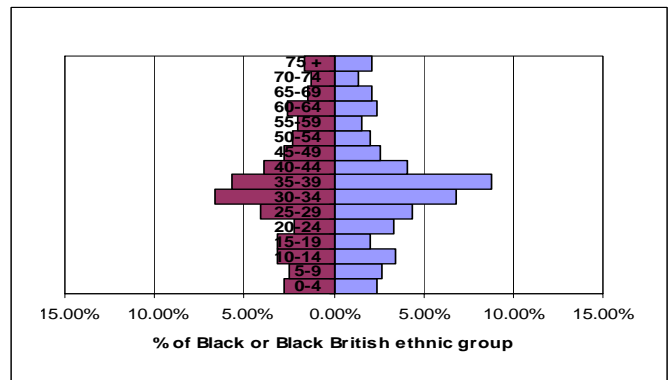
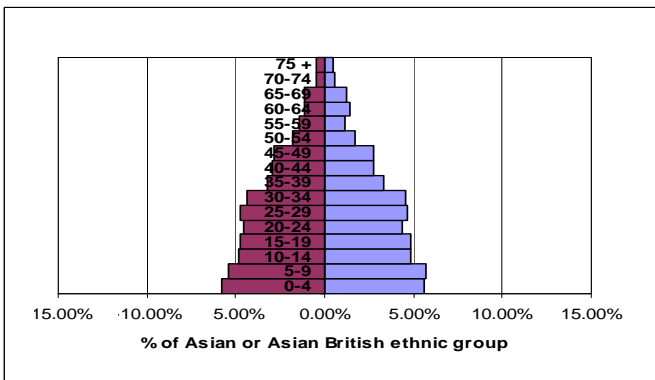
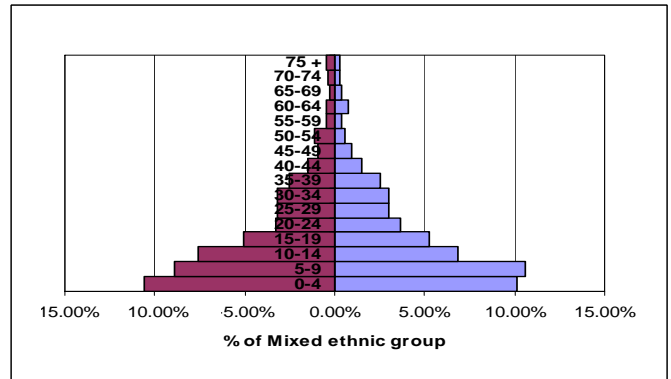
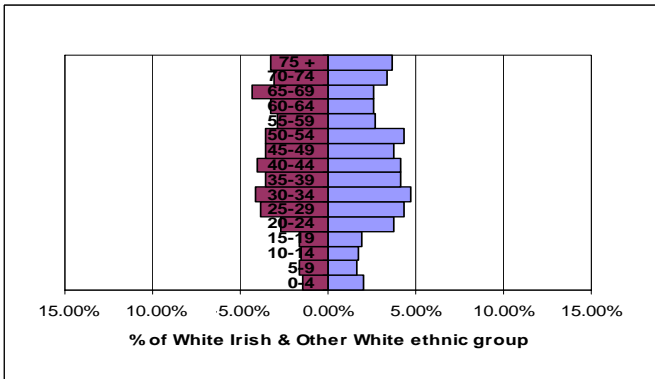
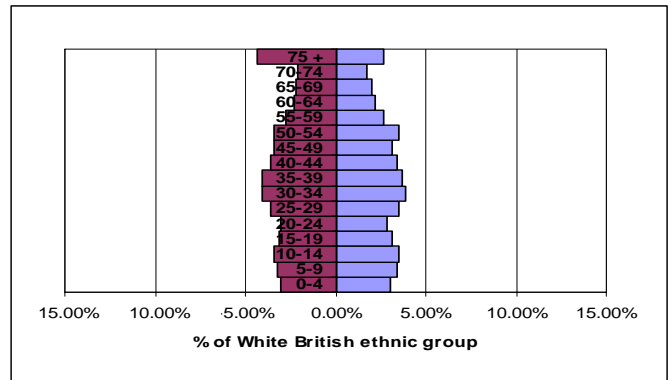
## Peterborough UA

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.9

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



The White Irish and Other White groups in Peterborough have the structure of an 'ageing population' to a greater extent than the regional picture, whilst once again the Asian groups have a younger structure, with nearly a third under 15. There is an extreme bias towards greater numbers of males in their twenties in the Other Ethnic Groups, accounting for nearly a quarter of that population, but it is important to remember that the population is relatively small. The age structure of the Chinese group in this borough is somewhat fragmented, without the usual peaks between the ages of 15 and 24 years.

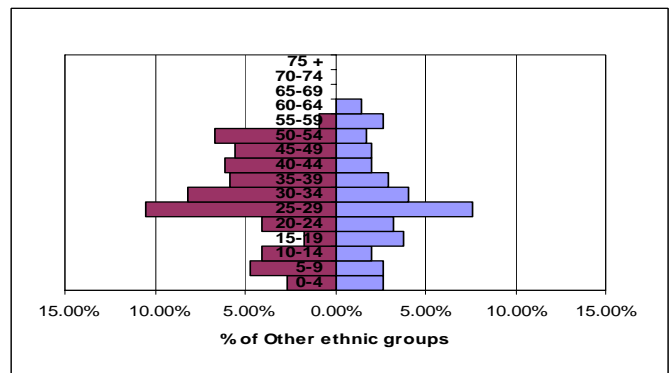
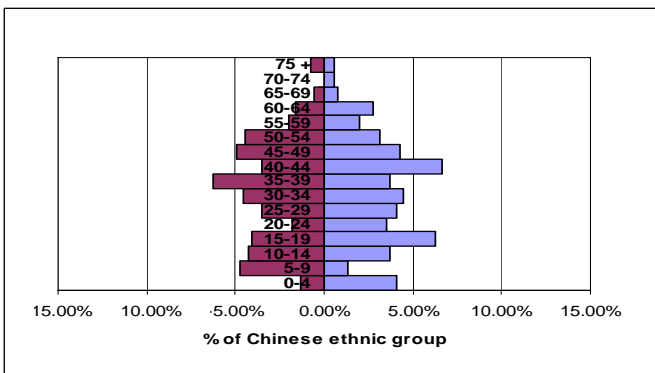
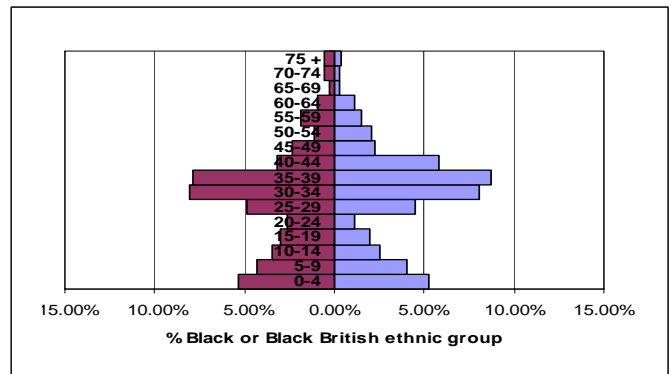
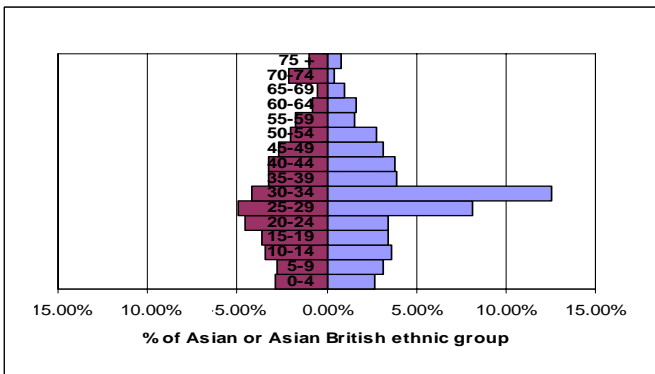
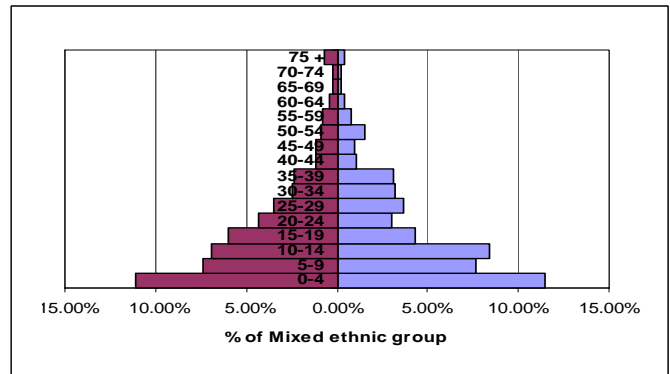
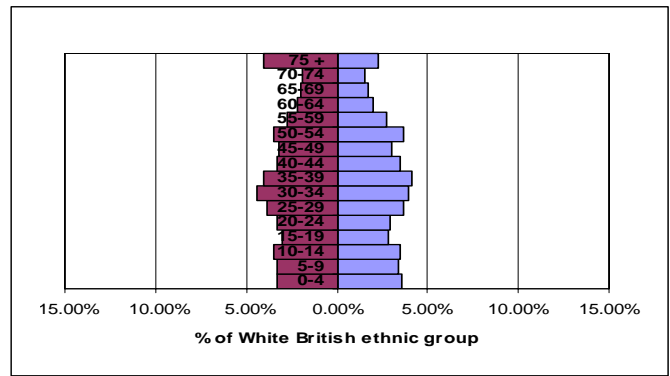
## Thurrock UA

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.10

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



The population of Thurrock is not large and although around 8% of its residents are not White British, the actual numbers are very small in some cases leading to fragmentary age and sex structures. Some salient points however, are that over one fifth of the Mixed population is under 5 years old. The Asian population's structure is similar to that found in the region overall, with the exception of a very large over-representation of males in the 25 to 34 age group. The Black population is still biased towards the middle age groups, but this is balanced in Thurrock by a fairly large proportion of under 15's (almost one quarter). The small numbers are particularly evident in the Other Ethnic Groups, where no members are older than 64.

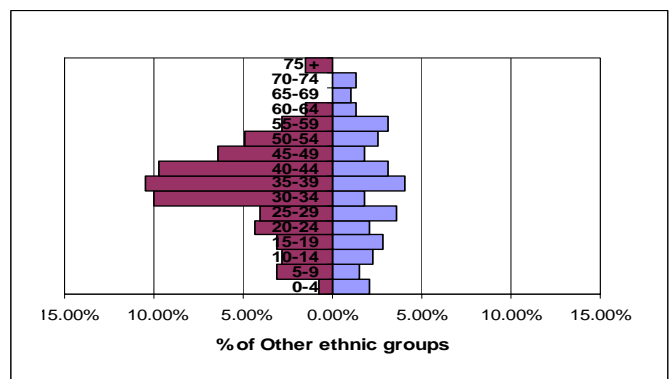
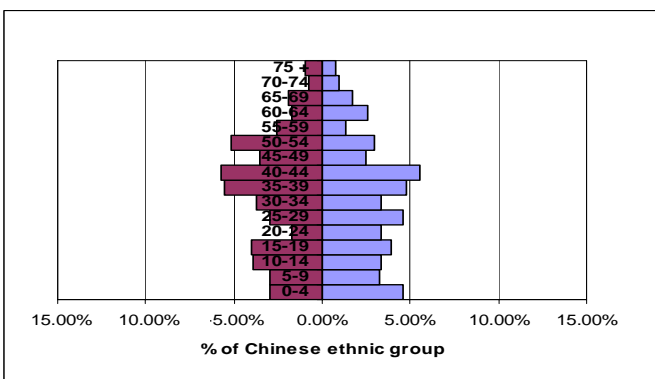
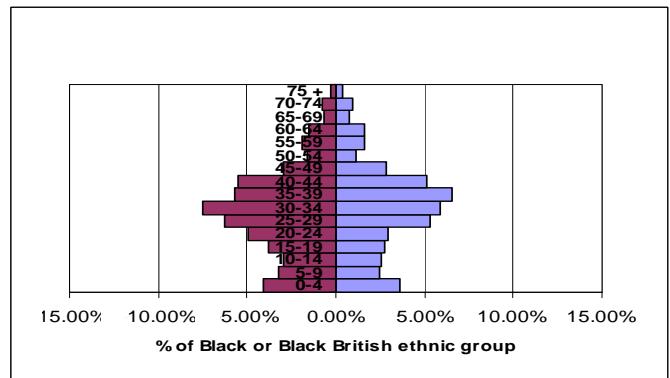
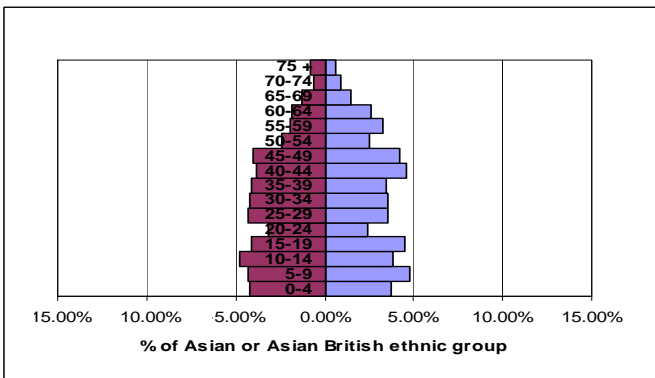
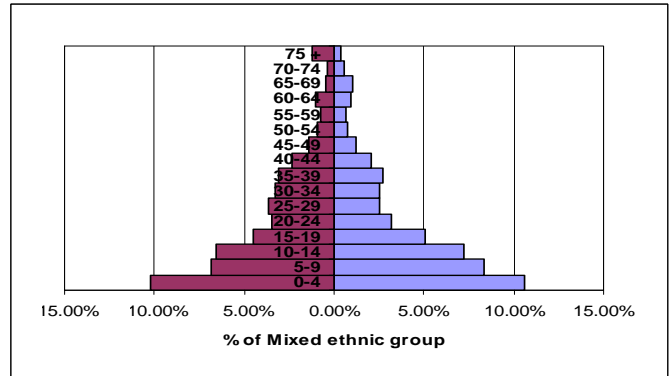
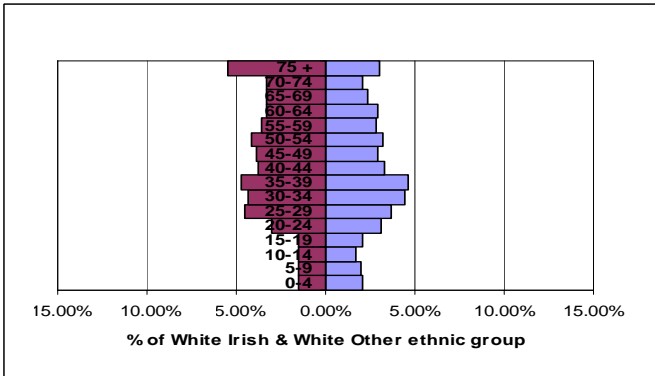
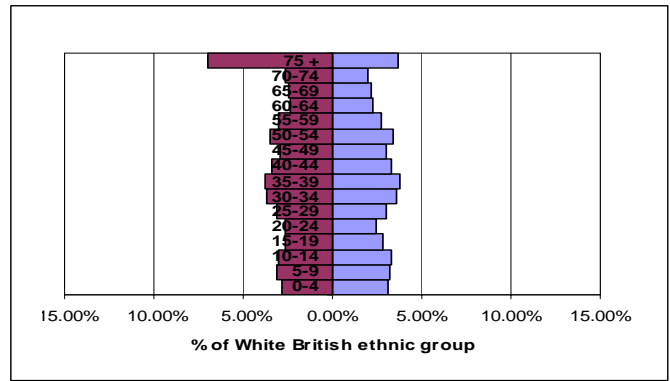
## Southend-On-Sea UA

### Age and sex profiles of ethnic groups

Figure 3.11

Source: Census 2001, Table S101

Female Male



As with Thurrock, the age and sex profiles in Southend are somewhat ‘fragmented’ due to small numbers. However, overall, the same patterns are evident as in the region as a whole. There are large proportions of older people in all White groups and these are particularly biased towards females. Again, more than one fifth of all Mixed ethnicity residents are under 5 years old. The Chinese population is once again lacking the large proportion of 15 to 24 year olds, evident over much of the region. Some of the older age groups in the Other Ethnic Groups are not in evidence, and this population is extremely biased towards females (65%) – but it must be remembered that the overall numbers are very small.

