

Eurocarers Research round-up

UK - Census 2021

What does it tell us?

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Method:

- Undertaken in May 2021
- Carers UK, Carers Wales and Carers NI ran awareness campaign
- First online Census
- During pandemic – restrictions in place.

Decrease in carers:

- 5.8 million in 2011 to 5 million in 2021 (England and Wales)

But:

- Increase in substantial care: 260,000 20-49 hours and 152,000 50+ hours per week
- Intensity for working carers has increased
- In 20 years, nearly 41% increase in 50 hours + from 995,000 in 2001 to 1.4 million 2021.
- Only age group with increased carers – women over 85 years old
- Poorer areas have double the rate of unpaid carers

Why decrease?

- Pandemic affected care relationships?
- Higher rates of mortality (deaths?)
- Lower rates of disability?
- Question change?

A combination?

Scotland Census in 2022 – what will the results be?

Why decrease?

Table 3: Change in the question wording and answer categories (Census 2021 compared to Census 2011)

Census 2011	Census 2021
<p>Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability - problems related to old age? <p>Do not count anything you do as part of your paid employment.</p>	<p>Do you look after, or give any help or support to, anyone because they have long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses, or problems related to old age? Exclude anything you do as part of your paid employment.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No • Yes, 1-19 hours a week • Yes, 20-49 hours a week • Yes, 50 or more hours a week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No • Yes, 9 hours a week or less • Yes, 10 to 19 hours a week • Yes, 20 to 34 hours a week • Yes, 35 to 49 hours a week • Yes, 50 or more hours a week

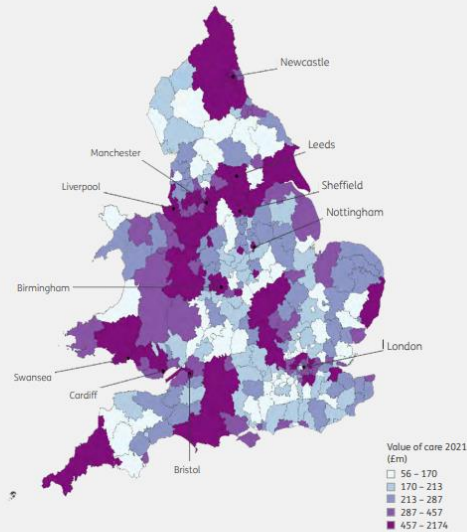
Caring and diversity:

- Question on sexual orientation for the first time.
- 147,000 lesbian, gay, bisexual + (LGB+) carers
- Carers more likely to be disabled than general population
- 25,355 carers have different gender identity to birth
- 28% of carers have a disability.
- Higher disability for carers providing 50+ hours (one third)
- Ethnicity results are the similar to 2011
- Increase in carers who are not married or in a civil partnership

What does this tell us?

Appendix A

Figure A.1: Figures for Local Authorities in England and Wales



Note: A darker shade of purple indicates a higher cost of care, a lighter shade of blue indicates a lower cost of care.

Source: Authors' calculations based on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Census 2021 using the unit cost of replacement care as determined by the Personal Social Services Research Unit (Curtis, 2011).

Unpaid carers' support is worth

£162 billion



a 29% increase since 2011

Valuing Carers 2021

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