

3. Ethnic Diversity, Religion and Country of Birth

Brent is one of only two Boroughs in England and Wales where, for the first time, BME groups now outnumber white groups. Brent has the second highest proportion of ethnic minority residents. The total of BME population groups now make up 54.7% of Brent's population. Of this, 18.5% are Indian, 10.5% are Black Caribbean and 7.8% are Black African. The White Group includes a substantial Irish population, with 18,313 residents having being born in Ireland. Although this is a 2% drop from the 1991 figure, Brent still has the highest proportion of Irish born residents in London (7%).

Two terms are used to describe minority ethnic groupings, these are, 'BME' Black and Minority Ethnic groups, includes all ethnic classifications apart from White: British, White: Irish and White Other: White and 'AME' All Minority Ethnic groups, includes all ethnic classifications apart from White: British.

In the last decade, Black ethnic groups increased proportionally across all ward, ranging from an increase of 1.5% in Queen's Park to 165% in Queensbury. There was an increase in Asian proportion over all except three wards, these included Kensal Green, Willesden Green and Queen's Park. Only the White ethnic group decreased throughout all Brent's wards in both number and proportionate representation.

It is important once again to note the implications of the ward level comparisons (see pg 6).

Table 3a: 2001 Ethnic groups

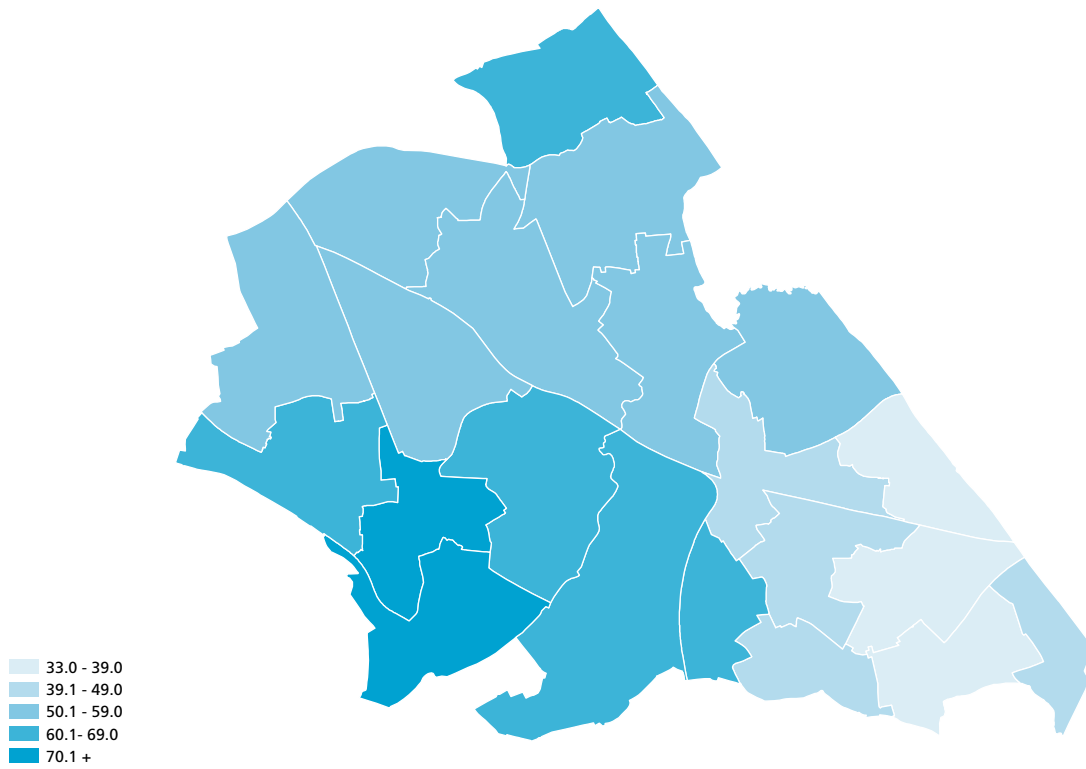
■ Highest figure
■ Lowest figure

Ward	All people	White	Black	Asian	Black C'bean	Black African	Black Other	Indian	P'stani	B'deshi	White: Irish	Chinese	Other groups	
													Asian	Other
Alperton	12,323	27.8	17.9	50.7	9.9	5.7	2.4	32.4	4.6	0.6	4.2	2.8	13.2	0.8
Barnhill	13,188	44.9	18.6	29.5	7.9	8.2	2.4	19.6	3.8	0.5	4.8	6.1	5.6	0.9
Brondesbury Park	11,643	65.9	14.8	14.6	6.0	6.0	2.9	7.5	2.9	0.3	6.7	3.5	4.0	1.2
Dollis Hill	12,102	48.1	19.1	27.5	8.3	7.8	3.1	15.7	6.3	0.3	13.2	4.3	5.1	1.0
Dudden Hill	13,350	53.2	20.0	21.4	9.7	7.3	3.0	11.1	5.4	0.5	9.3	3.9	4.4	1.5
Fryent	11,888	47.0	14.0	34.1	6.4	5.5	2.1	21.4	4.4	0.4	8.6	3.8	7.9	1.2
Harlesden	12,227	38.1	46.0	12.2	22.8	16.3	6.9	5.0	3.4	0.5	7.1	2.8	3.2	1.0
Kensal Green	10,668	53.2	29.4	13.6	16.7	7.5	5.1	8.8	1.9	0.1	7.8	2.9	2.8	1.0
Kenton	11,872	42.9	7.1	45.8	2.8	3.1	1.2	37.1	2.2	0.6	4.2	3.5	6.0	0.7
Kilburn	14,172	56.0	29.4	9.7	13.0	11.4	5.0	3.8	2.7	0.5	9.1	3.8	2.7	1.1
Mapesbury	13,242	66.9	14.1	13.9	6.1	5.6	2.4	5.8	4.2	0.5	10.6	3.7	3.5	1.3
Northwick Park	12,175	42.1	11.4	41.6	6.1	3.4	1.9	29.3	4.9	0.3	6.2	3.9	7.0	1.0
Preston	12,832	41.5	15.3	37.7	7.5	5.5	2.4	24.8	5.0	0.4	4.3	4.4	7.6	1.1
Queen's Park	12,400	65.4	19.3	11.3	10.6	5.0	3.7	7.0	1.5	0.6	6.2	2.8	2.1	1.2
Queensbury	13,175	34.6	11.4	50.1	4.4	5.1	2.0	37.4	4.5	0.4	5.7	3.1	7.9	0.8
Stonebridge	15,943	33.0	49.1	14.0	22.1	19.9	7.1	7.0	2.5	0.5	6.0	2.7	4.1	1.2
Sudbury	12,307	35.7	18.3	42.6	9.0	6.8	2.5	26.1	5.5	0.7	4.9	2.6	10.3	0.9
Tokyington	11,836	30.5	26.5	39.4	16.5	7.1	2.9	27.3	5.9	0.5	5.7	2.7	5.7	0.8
Welsh Harp	12,405	46.3	22.2	27.6	10.7	8.7	2.9	18.3	3.3	0.3	8.8	3.0	5.7	0.9
Wembley Central	11,002	21.3	20.4	55.7	11.1	6.8	2.5	39.6	6.0	0.7	3.1	1.7	9.3	0.9
Willesden Green	12,714	55.5	21.1	18.3	10.2	7.7	3.2	10.0	4.1	0.3	9.0	3.5	3.9	1.5

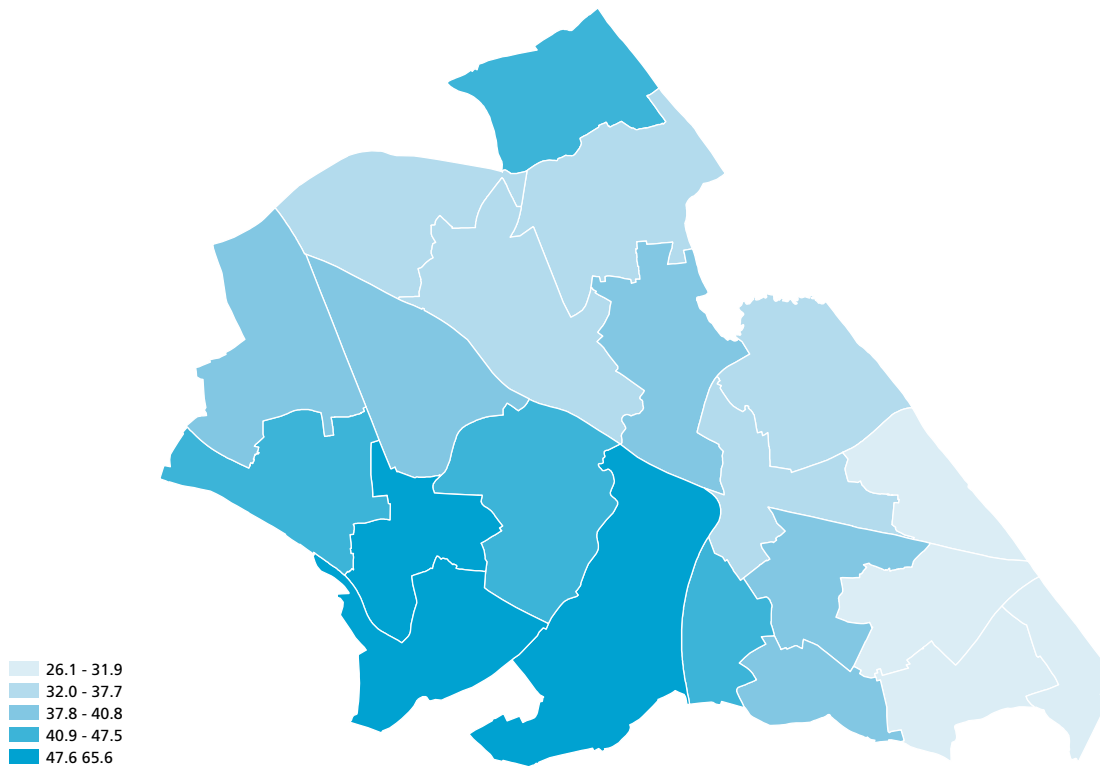
Table 3b: 1991 Ethnic groups

Ward	All people	White	Black	Asian	Black C'bean	Black African	Black Other	Indian	P'stani	B'deshi	Irish Born	Chinese	Other groups	
													Asian	Other
Alperton	10,868	44.8	14.2	43.2	9.7	3.0	1.5	31.5	3.7	0.2	5.7	0.8	7.7	2.7
Barnhill	12,452	61.5	14.5	24.7	8.4	4.2	1.9	14.6	2.3	0.3	4.8	1.4	7.4	2.7
Brondesbury Park	10,502	78.6	11.9	10.6	5.4	5.3	1.3	6.0	2.2	0.3	7.9	1.2	2.1	5.6
Dollis Hill	9,869	70.8	12.8	25.8	6.7	4.4	1.7	18.3	4.4	0.4	13.7	1.4	2.7	2.9
Dudden Hill	11,802	69.6	16.1	22.2	9.6	4.4	2.2	13.8	4.5	0.4	12.0	1.2	3.4	2.8
Fryent	9,957	73.2	6.7	25.2	3.5	2.4	0.8	19.2	2.4	0.3	9.2	1.1	3.4	2.9
Harlesden	12,362	58.8	36.5	11.4	25.5	6.5	4.5	6.9	2.0	0.1	10.6	0.6	2.4	3.3
Kensal Green	11,832	66.5	25.7	14.2	17.4	4.6	3.7	10.0	1.9	0.0	10.3	0.7	2.2	3.3
Kenton	10,642	65.1	4.0	31.7	2.0	1.5	0.5	24.2	1.4	0.4	4.3	0.9	5.7	2.6
Kilburn	13,173	77.3	22.8	8.2	13.5	6.0	3.4	3.2	2.6	0.3	13.3	1.6	2.1	3.4
Mapesbury	12,247	86.4	10.9	14.4	5.4	3.9	1.7	6.1	5.6	0.3	16.0	0.9	2.4	3.3
Northwick Park	9,873	64.7	6.4	31.3	4.0	1.6	0.8	24.3	3.3	0.1	6.6	1.1	3.6	3.0
Preston	10,350	65.6	7.8	27.4	4.2	2.5	1.2	20.6	2.1	0.4	5.9	1.7	4.3	3.4
Queen's Park	12,937	75.0	18.2	11.0	11.7	3.8	2.7	7.0	1.1	0.3	8.3	0.9	2.7	3.2
Queensbury	10,883	55.8	5.2	41.4	2.4	2.4	0.4	34.2	3.5	0.2	6.5	1.4	3.5	2.6
Stonebridge	13,261	51.8	41.9	10.4	27.2	8.8	5.9	7.4	1.6	0.1	8.5	0.6	1.2	3.9
Sudbury	11,170	57.4	11.7	33.6	7.2	2.7	1.8	25.4	4.3	0.3	7.1	1.2	3.5	3.3
Tokyington	10,821	49.5	19.7	34.8	13.5	4.0	2.1	26.8	4.1	0.6	8.2	0.7	3.4	3.5
Welsh Harp	10,357	67.4	13.9	24.1	8.4	3.4	2.1	18.7	2.5	0.3	9.0	0.8	2.6	2.9
Wembley Central	10,028	39.4	14.5	49.2	9.6	2.7	2.1	39.0	4.2	0.4	6.4	0.4	5.5	2.9
Willesden Green	10,875	70.4	17.4	22.6	10.9	4.4	2.1	13.9	4.5	0.2	14.2	1.3	4.1	2.5

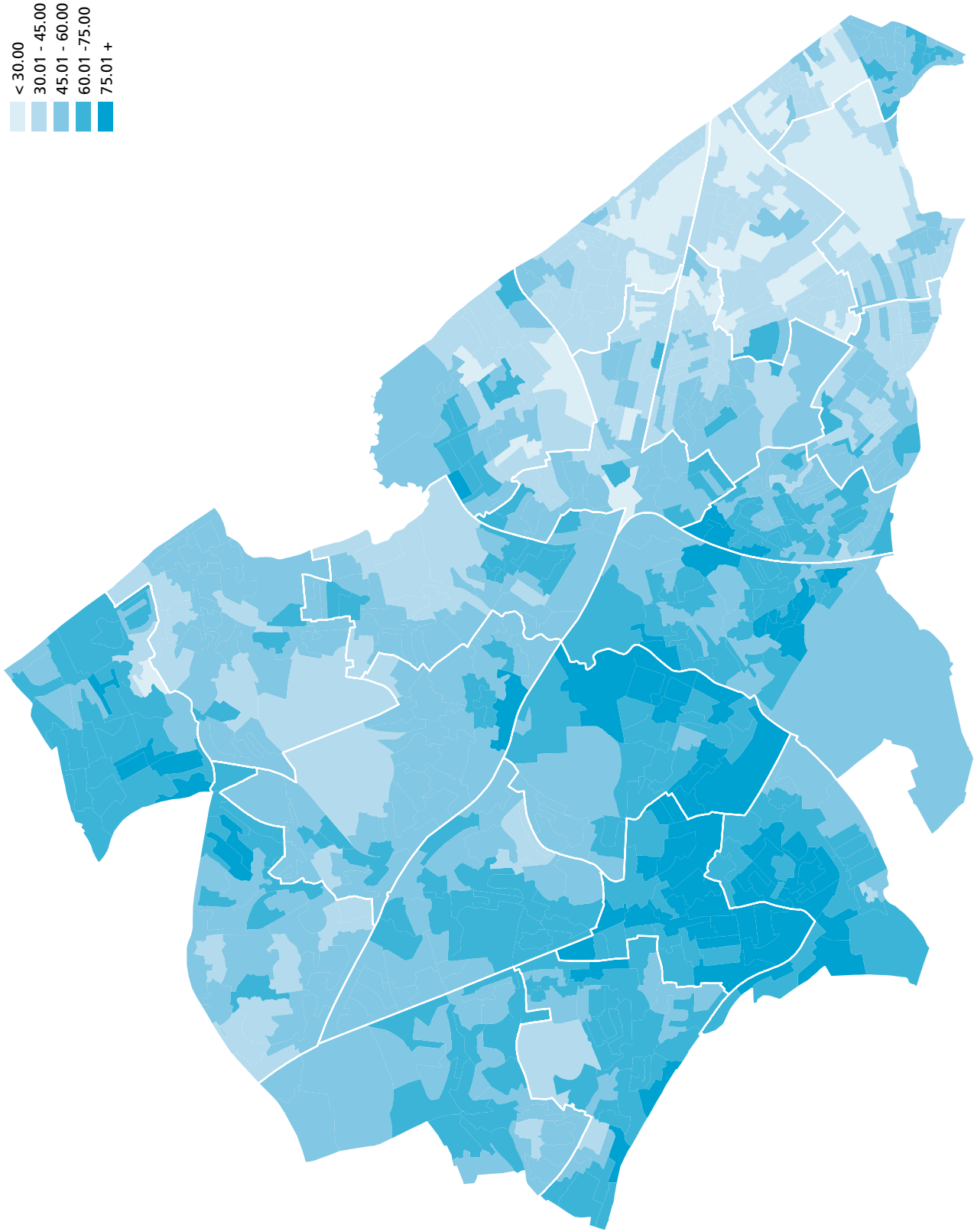
Map 6: Percentage BME groups



Map 7: Percentage BME groups 1991



Map 8: Percentage BME groups



3.1 Breakdown of Ethnic Groups

3.1.1 Asian

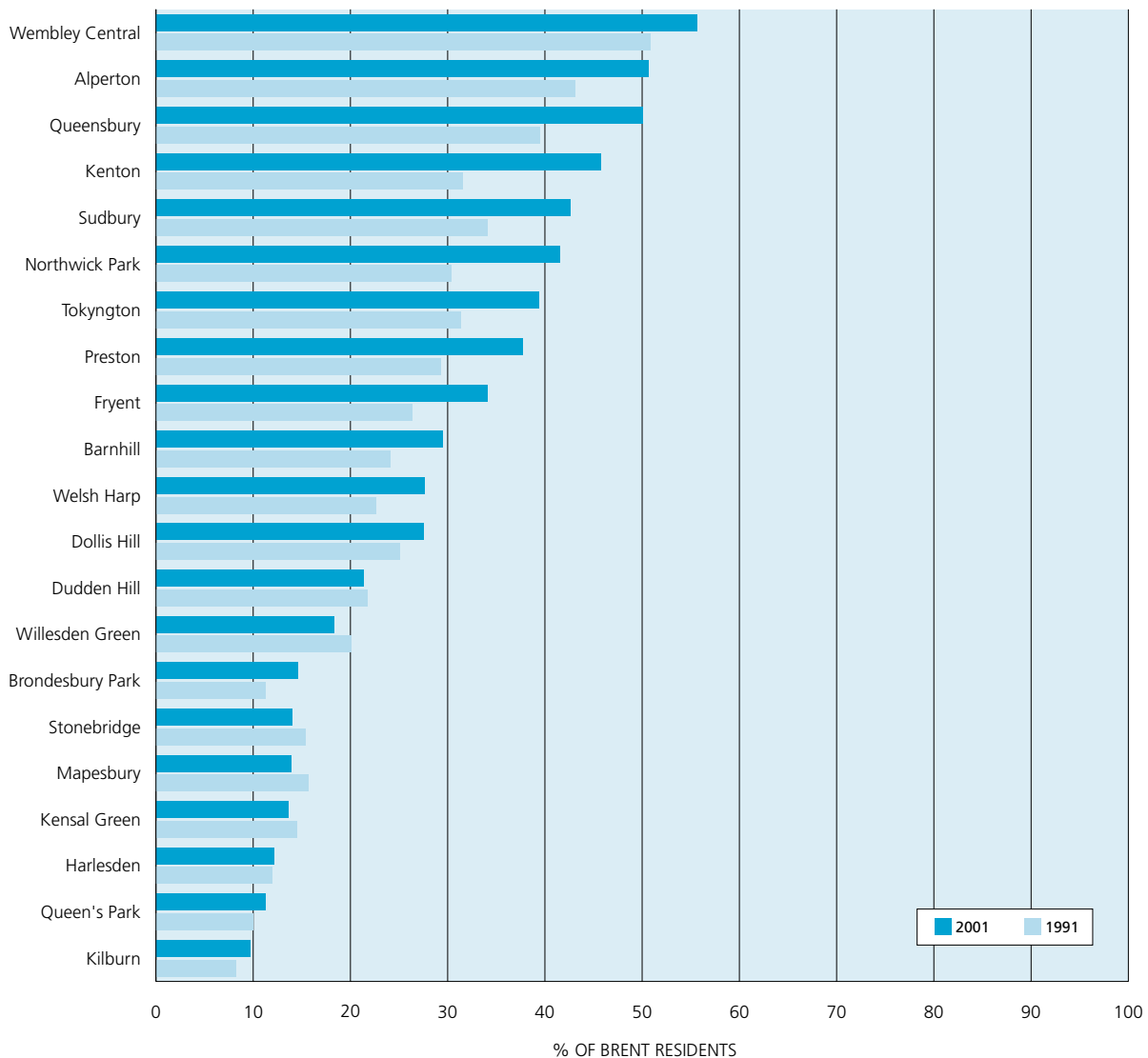
Proportionately

- The area with the highest percentage of residents of Asian ethnicity in 1991 was Wembley Central with 50.9%, in 2001 it was Wembley Central with 55.7%. The area with the lowest percentage of Asian residents in 1991 was Kilburn with 8.2%, in 2001 it was Kilburn with 9.7%.
- The greatest change in percentage of Brent residents of Asian ethnicity occurred in Preston which had 27.4% Asian ethnicity in 1991 and 37.5% in 2001 – an increase of 70.6%.
- There has been a general increase in residents of Asian ethnicity.

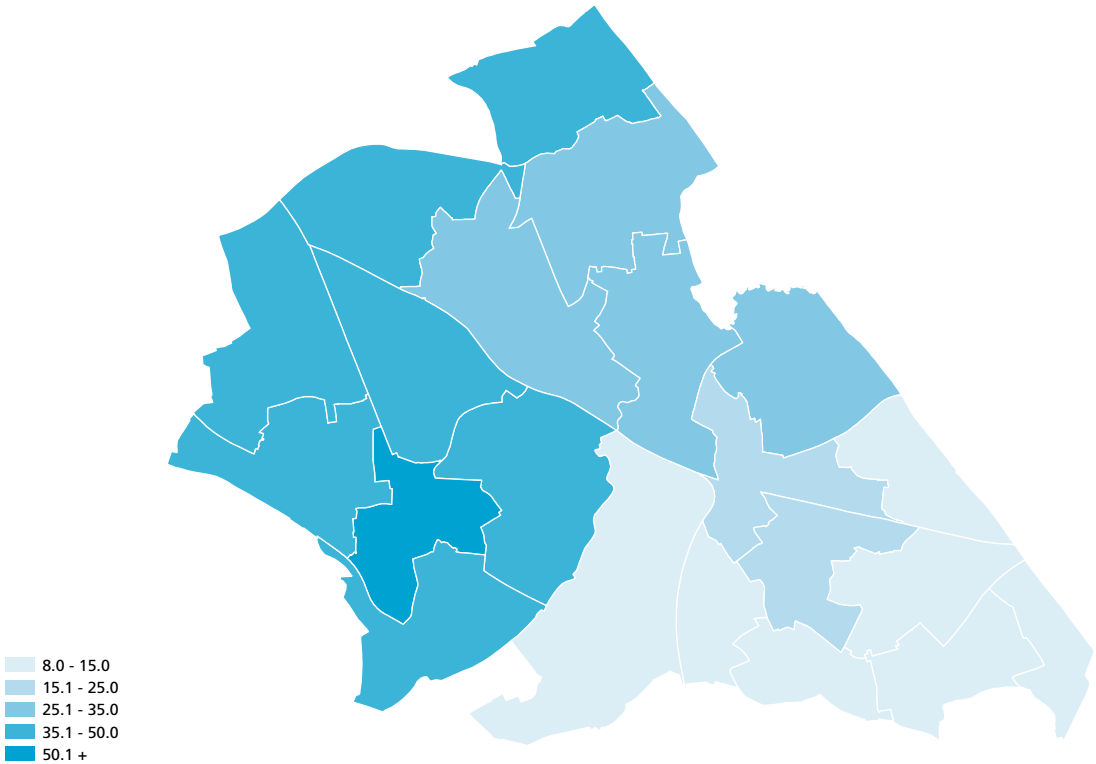
Numerically

- The area with the highest number of residents of Asian ethnicity in 1991 was Wembley Central with 4,628, in 2001 it was Queensbury with 6,606. The area with the lowest number of residents of Asian ethnicity in 1991 was Kilburn with 764, in 2001 it was Kilburn with 1,375.
- The greatest change in numbers of Brent residents of Asian ethnicity took place in Kenton which had 2,824 residents of Asian ethnicity in 1991 and 5,446 in 2001, an increase of 2,622.
- Across all Brent wards there has been an increase in the number of residents of Asian ethnicity.

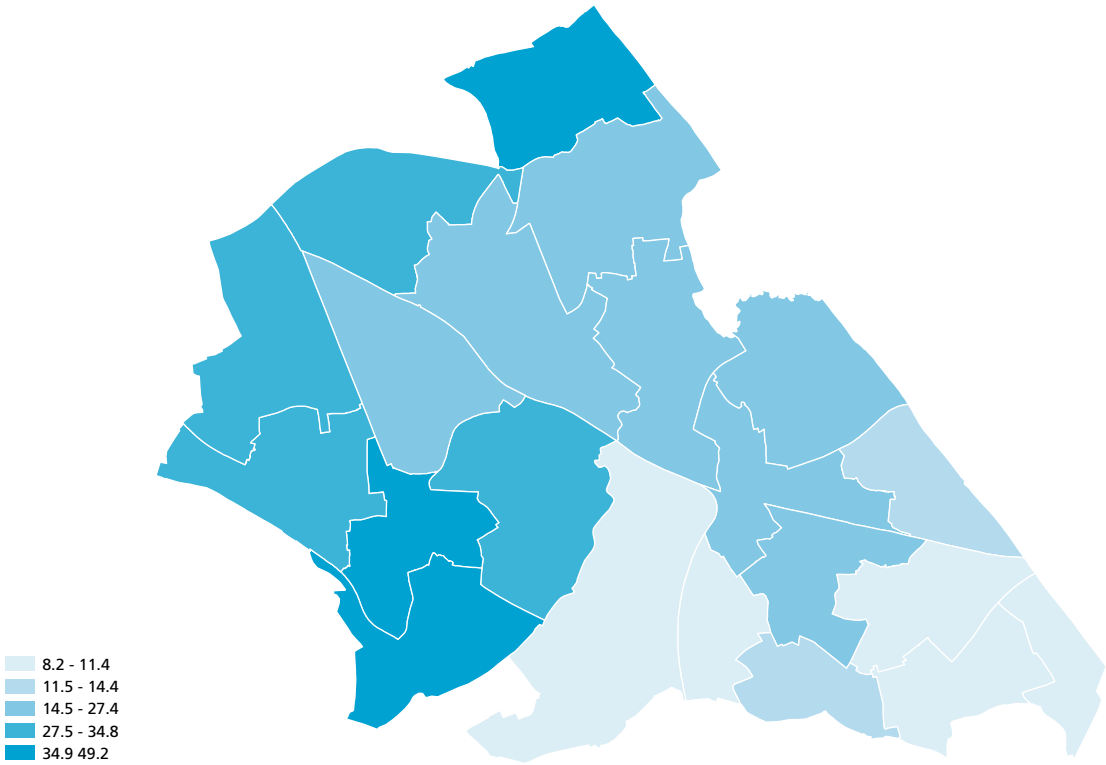
Figure 2: Percentage Asian ethnic groups



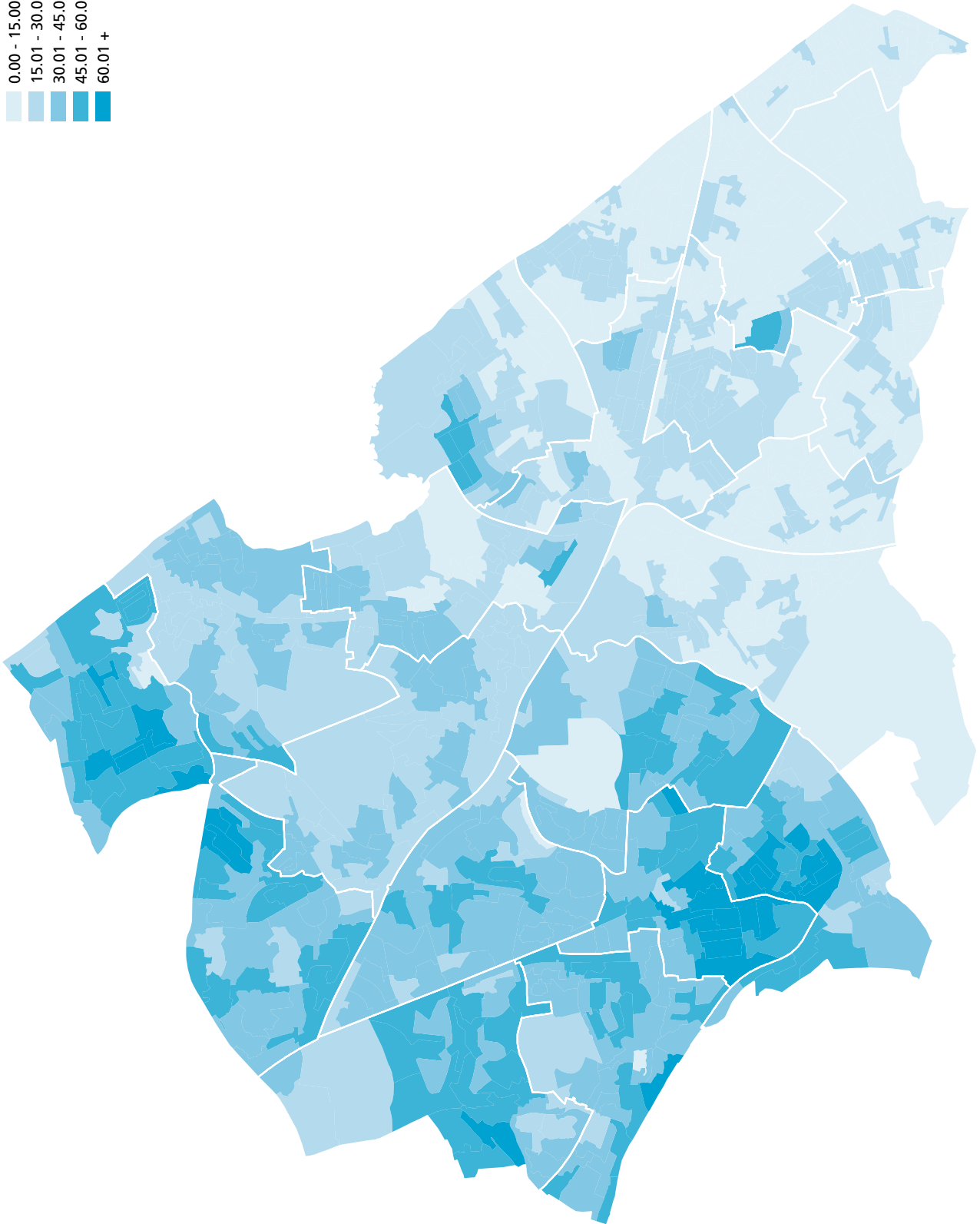
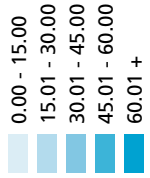
Map 9: Percentage Asian ethnic groups



Map 10: Percentage Asian ethnic groups 1991



Map 11: Percentage Asian ethnic groups



3.1.2 Black

Proportionately

- The area with the highest percentage of Black residents in 1991 was Stonebridge with 39%, in 2001 it was Stonebridge with 49.1%. The area with the lowest percentage of Black residents in 1991 was Kenton with 4.5%, in 2001 it was Kenton with 7.1%.
- The greatest change in percentage of Brent residents of Black ethnicity occurred in Queensbury which had 5.2% Black ethnicity in 1991 and 11.4% in 2001 – an increase of 165%.
- Across all Brent wards there has been an increase in percentage of residents of Black ethnicity.

Numerically

- The area with the highest number of residents of Black ethnicity in 1991 was Stonebridge with 6,557, in 2001 it was Stonebridge with 7,840. The area with the lowest number of residents of Black ethnicity in 1991 was Kenton with 477, in 2001 it was Kenton with 841.
- The greatest change took place in Tokyngton which had 1,399 residents of Black ethnicity in 1991 and 3,133 in 2001 – an increase of 1,734.
- Across all of Brent's wards there has been an increase in the number of residents of Black ethnicity.

Figure 3: Percentage Black ethnic groups

