

# Perry Barr Constituency Economic & Employment Profile

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# Introduction

The Perry Barr constituency is located in the north of Birmingham and comprises the four wards of Handsworth Wood, Lozells and East Handsworth, Oscott and Perry Barr. The constituency forms the northwest boundary of the city. The four wards are largely residential; Lozells and East Handsworth is the least affluent ward, although it has pockets of affluence. Perry Barr and Oscott wards have both areas of relative affluence and deprivation. In Handsworth Wood the balance is more towards the affluent.

Perry Barr has a total land area of 2,487 hectares making it the

fourth largest constituency in Birmingham. The constituency has a population of 107,090, the fourth largest population of all the constituencies in the city; Perry Barr has the fourth smallest population density of the 10 constituencies at 43 people per hectare. 37.9% of Perry Barr constituency's population are aged 24 and under, resulting in the Perry Barr constituency having the fifth highest proportion of young people compared with the other constituencies. In the Perry Barr constituency, Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups make up just over half (60.3%) of the total population; this is a higher

proportion than the city average of 42.1% and over four times the national average of 14.6%.

This report provides detailed information on the Perry Barr constituency and intra-constituency comparisons by ward. The report is divided into the following three sections:

## 1. Business

This first section examines recent trends in employment in the area and provides a breakdown of employment by sector and forecasts of employment change to 2025. The final part of this section examines enterprise in the constituency including business start ups and

## 2. Place

In this section we provide an overview of major developments that are planned in the area. We then analyse the degree of deprivation in the constituency using the Index of Deprivation. Finally levels of child poverty within the constituency are examined.

## 3. People

This section looks at the age structure and ethnic profile of the area and educational attainment and resident qualification levels. We then focus on economic activity and examine claimant unemployment levels in the area including analysis of youth unemployment, long-term unemployment and unemployment by ethnicity.



**21%  
Qualified  
To  
NVQ4+**

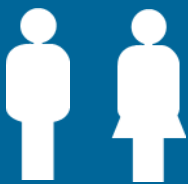


**Population  
107K**

**69K Aged  
16-64**



**29K Jobs  
Located in  
Constituency**



**71%  
Economically  
Active**

**57%  
in  
Employment**

## **Key Facts**



**2,400 Active  
Businesses**



**Unemployment  
7.3%  
& Falling**

# 1. Business

## Summary

- There are 28,500 jobs located within the Perry Barr constituency.
- This equates to 5.8% of total workplace employment in Birmingham and makes Perry Barr the fifth smallest constituency in terms of workplace employment.
- Between 2012 and 2013, Perry Barr has seen employment increase by 600 (2.2%), above the national growth rate of 1.4%.
- 80% of Perry Barr's workplace based employment is in the private sector, a higher proportion than for the city (75%) but below the national figure (82%).
- The latest data shows that private sector employment in the area remained unchanged between 2012 and 2013, with 0% growth compared to growth at a city level (0.4%) and nationally (1.9%).
- At a sectoral level, around a third of all jobs in Perry Barr constituency are in Public Services. Retail & Leisure (29.8%) and Manufacturing (14.7%) are the next largest sectors.
- Employment in Perry Barr constituency is set to grow by a relatively subdued 3.7% between 2013 and 2025, a little lower than the growth forecast for the city as a whole (4.3%).
- There are 2,400 businesses within Perry Barr accounting for 7.0% of all businesses in the city.
- The number of businesses in the area grew by 2.8% between 2013 and 2014 below the city rate (4.7%).

### 1.1. Introduction

This section looks at the workplace based employment in the Perry Barr constituency and its wards. The sectoral mix of employment in the constituency is also explored with comparisons to the city average.

The section also includes a forecast for how employment may change in Perry Barr through to 2025.

Finally we look at enterprise, focussing on various measures of business vitality within the constituency.

Employment data in this section is taken from an official Office for National Statistics (ONS) dataset, the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES).

### 1.2. Employment

This data is workplace based data and refers to the employment located within the constituency – and not the number of Perry Barr residents in employment.

There are currently 28,500 jobs located within the Perry Barr constituency. This equates to 5.8% of total workplace employment in Birmingham and makes Perry Barr the fifth smallest constituency in terms of workplace employment. Though being one of the more residential constituencies the area still contains some significant concentrations of employment e.g. Perry Barr shopping centre and large employers like Birmingham City university and TRW Automotive. Between 2010

when the economy began to recover from the recession and 2013 Perry Barr has seen employment fall by 2,600 (-8.4%). However, the most recent data shows employment increasing by 600 between 2012 and 2013. This represents an employment growth rate of 2.2% the same as the growth rate achieved at a city level and above the national growth rate of 1.4%.

**Table 1.1: Workplace Based Employment**

Area	2010	2011	2012	2013	Change 2012-2013	
					Number	%
Handsworth Wood	4,400	4,400	4,000	3,700	-300	-7.5%
Lozells and East Handsworth	4,500	3,600	3,800	3,900	100	2.6%
Oscott	7,600	6,700	6,500	7,000	500	7.7%
Perry Barr	14,600	13,200	13,600	13,900	300	2.2%
<b>Perry Barr Constituency</b>	<b>31,100</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>27,900</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

**1.2.1. Private Sector Employment**

Growth in private sector employment in the city is essential. Birmingham has a disproportionately large public sector and in the decade prior to the recession the city became over reliant on the public sector to drive employment growth. Since 2010 public sector employment locally has been falling and the likelihood is that this trend will persist in the medium term as austerity continues.

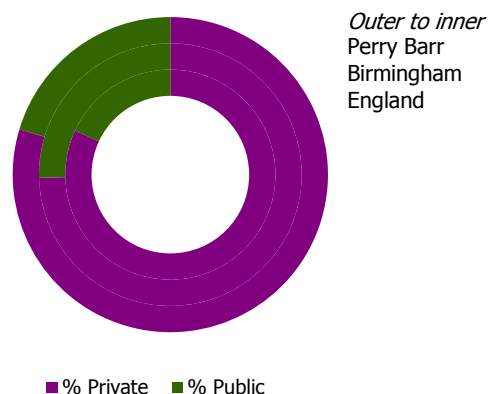
Chart 1.2 shows the employment share of the private and public sector in Perry Barr compared to Birmingham and the national average. At 80% Perry Barr has a larger proportion of its workplace based employment in the private sector than the city (75%) but below the share nationally (82%).

The latest data shows that privates sector employment in the was unchanged between 2012 and 2013 (0.0%) compared to growth at a city level (0.4%) and a nationally (1.9%). Whilst overall private sector growth was nil some sectors like constriction saw strong growth but this was offset b falling employment in other private sector industries like manufacturing and transport and communications.

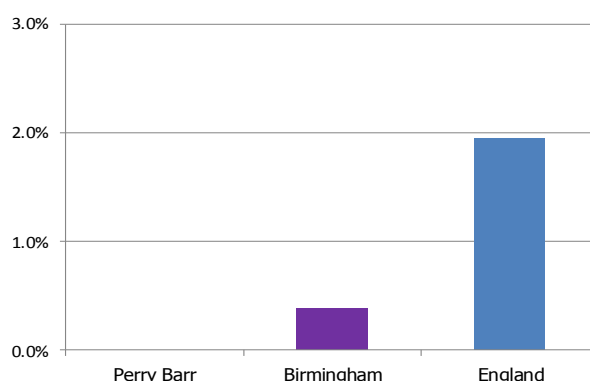
**1.2.2. Employment by Sector**

At a sectoral level, services account for 77% of the constituency’s workplace employment, the second lowest proportion amongst the city’s 10 constituency’s. The sectoral mix in the constituency is broadly similar to the city overall for most sectors with the notable difference being Perry Barr has a smaller Financial and Professional Services sector and larger Manufacturing and Construction sectors. The largest sectors in the area are Public Services Retail & Leisure both accounting for a little under a third of total employment in Perry Barr. Chart 1.4 shows the sectoral mix of employment in Perry Barr constituency compared to Birmingham.

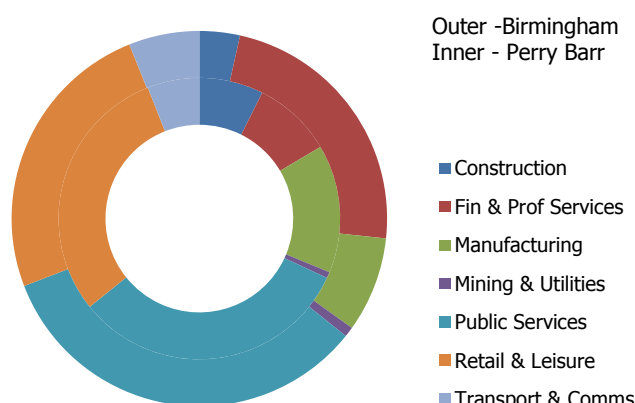
**Chart 1.2: Private & Public Sector Employment Split**



**Chart 1.3: Private Sector Employment**



**Chart 1.4: Employment by Sector 2013**



### 1.3. Employment Forecasts

Making accurate economic projections is extremely challenging, given the fast changing nature of the current economic climate. These employment forecasts have been created using the latest version of the Local Economic Forecasting Model (LEFM) and are derived by applying the forecasts for sectoral employment at a city level to the industrial structure of each constituency. The forecasts therefore, represent an employment estimate based on the continuation of trends in

sectoral employment, they do not directly take into account potential employment effects of any new developments that take place in the constituency and therefore represent a base forecast that we would hope to be out performed.

Chart 1.5 below sets out the employment forecasts for Perry Barr constituency over the period 2013 - 2025. Employment growth in the city as a whole is set to be relatively subdued over this period as the economy recovers from the recession, absorbs the

impacts of rising productivity and adjusts to a decline in public sector employment. Indeed the level of employment in the city in 2025 is only just returning to the levels seen prior to the recession. Employment in Perry Barr constituency is set to grow at a slower rate than the city, with 1,000 additional jobs being created between 2013 and 2025 - an overall increase in employment of 3.7%, below the Birmingham employment growth rate of 4.3%.

**Table 1.5: Employment Forecasts**

	2015	2020	% Change 2015 - 2020	2025	% Change 2020 - 2025	Overall Change 2013 - 2025
<b>Perry Barr</b>	26,900	27,400	1.9%	28,000	2.2%	1,000 3.7%
Birmingham	487,400	496,600	1.9%	509,200	2.5%	21,200 4.3%

### 1.4. Enterprise

The levels of self-employment and business activity within an area can have a profound effect on local levels of unemployment, income and economic output.

This section uses official ONS data taken from the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR) on the number of live businesses in the Perry Barr constituency and how this has changed between 2010 and 2014. The section also provides a breakdown of businesses by sector.

#### 1.4.1 Business Numbers

Table 1.6 on the next page shows the number of businesses in the Perry Barr constituency and how this has changed since 2010 compared to the city as a whole. Currently there are 2,400 businesses in the Perry Barr constituency which accounts for 7.0% of all businesses in the city and makes Perry Barr the sixth largest constituency in the city in terms of business numbers. Between 2013 and 2014 business numbers in the constituency grew by 65 an increase of 2.8%, which is below the increase in business numbers in the city overall (4.7%).



**Table 1.6: Number of Businesses**

Area	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013-2014		
						% of Birmingham	Number	%
<b>Perry Barr</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
Birmingham	32,475	32,875	32,260	32,755	34,290	100.0%	1,535	4.7%
UK	2,574,200	2,547,840	2,610,525	2,625,485	2,721,230	N/a	95,745	3.6%

**1.4.2. Businesses by Sector**

A detailed breakdown of the proportion of businesses in Perry Barr constituency by sector is given in Table 1.7 below with comparisons to Birmingham and the UK. The sector with the highest proportion of businesses is Retail & Leisure which accounts for over a third of businesses (37.9%) above both the city and national share for this sector. This is likely to be the result of a concentration of Retail & Leisure businesses around Perry Barr local centre. Financial & Professional Services (19.8%) and Public Services (13.3%) form the next two largest sectors in terms of business numbers.

**Table 1.7: Proportion of businesses by Sector 2014**

Sector	Perry Barr	Birmingham	UK
Construction	8.8%	7.7%	10.1%
Financial & Professional Services	19.8%	27.8%	28.3%
Manufacturing & Utilities	10.4%	7.0%	5.7%
Public Services	13.3%	13.2%	9.3%
Retail & Leisure	37.9%	34.8%	31.0%
Transport & Communications	9.8%	9.3%	10.2%



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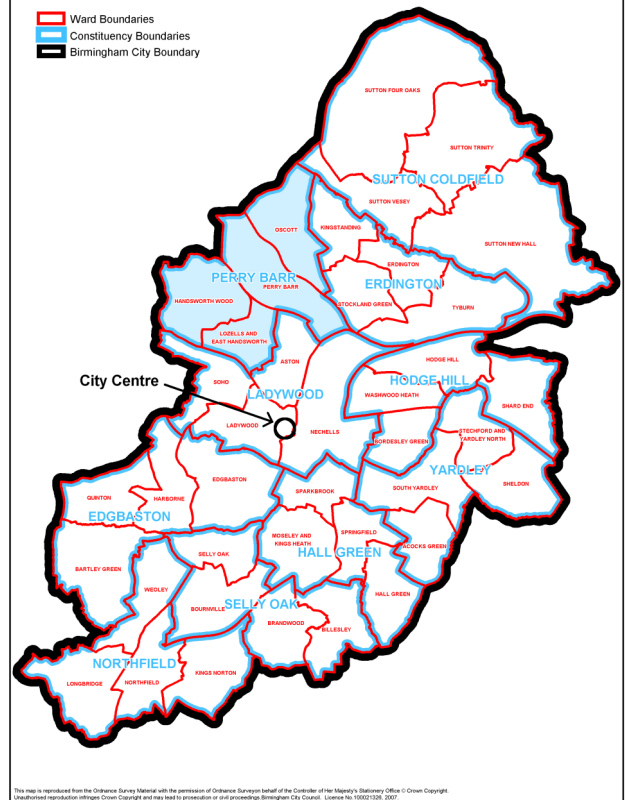


## 2. Place

### Summary

- Just under a third (32%) of Perry Barr's population live in deprived neighbourhoods, compared to 40% for the city as a whole.
- There is a range of current and planned development activity in the constituency including the development of the former IMI site in Aston.
- 38.1% of children in the Perry Barr constituency are defined as being in poverty slightly above the city rate of 37.1%.
- Within the constituency there is disparity in the levels of deprivation and child poverty with a concentration found in the Lozells and East Handsworth ward whilst the other 3 wards have lower levels.

Perry Barr Constituency Location Map



### 2.1. Introduction:

This short section looks at some of the characteristics of Perry Barr as a geographic entity, including new developments and regeneration, along with the deprivation and child poverty characteristics of the constituency.

Perry Barr Constituency is in the north west of the city, with the city centre and Ladywood constituency to the south-east and the boundary with Sandwell to the north-west.

The city centre offers a wide range of employment, predominantly in retail and

financial and professional services, and is accessible by public transport in under 30 minutes from the majority of the district during the morning rush hour, but journey times are longer from the far side of Handsworth Wood ward. (Mott McDonald 2013).

### 2.2. Development and Regeneration

Current and proposed development and regeneration initiatives in the constituency include:

- **The Aston Advanced Manufacturing Hub**

The Hub is a designated Economic Zone with the potential

to create 3,000 jobs. The Regional Investment Site (RIS) has already seen a significant amount of public sector investment in site assembly and access improvements to de-risk development plots, which will be offered to the market in 3 phases. HydraForce, which

employs 280 people at its European headquarters in Aston, Birmingham are relocating to the Hub, and over 200 jobs are expected to be created through the move.

- **The Food Hub**

Which forms part of the former

IMI site in Witton, which provides over 36 hectares of prime industrial land and has the potential to create 3,000 new jobs. The Food Hub will benefit from plans to relocate Birmingham's Wholesale to a new 210,000 sq ft purpose-built facility based within the site. The relocation is scheduled to be completed by 2017 and will prove to be a major catalyst for this sector.

- **Perry Barr Masterplan**

A Masterplan is proposed for

Perry Barr District Centre which will focus on a number of strategic development sites, alongside improvements to the highway network and public realm. The key development sites include the BCU teaching campus (which will be largely vacated by September 2015) and Perry Barr Stadium. The master-planning exercise will explore appropriate land use options, including commercial and residential uses, and where they are best placed in urban design terms. The Perry Barr public

transport hub, which features in Centro's programme of projects, will be key to the regeneration of this area, and funding opportunities for this project are currently being explored.

### 2.3. Deprivation & Child Poverty

Overall, levels of deprivation in the constituency are generally below the city average. However, Lozells & East Handsworth ward has very high levels of deprivation, with 53% of

the population live in areas in the 5% most deprived in the country and 90% in the 10% most deprived. The figures are much lower for the other wards, and there are no parts of either

Handsworth Wood or Oscott wards in the 5% most deprived in England, and under 10% of the population of these wards live in the 10% most deprived areas.

**Table 2.1: Proportion of the constituency population that lives in the 5%, 10%, 20% and 40% most deprived SOAs in England**

Area	5%	10%	20%	40%	Remainder
Handsworth Wood	0%	9%	49%	69%	31%
Lozells & East Handsworth	53%	90%	97%	100%	0%
Oscott	0%	13%	26%	74%	26%
Perry Barr	7%	7%	13%	62%	38%
<b>Perry Barr Constituency</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Birmingham	23%	40%	56%	75%	25%

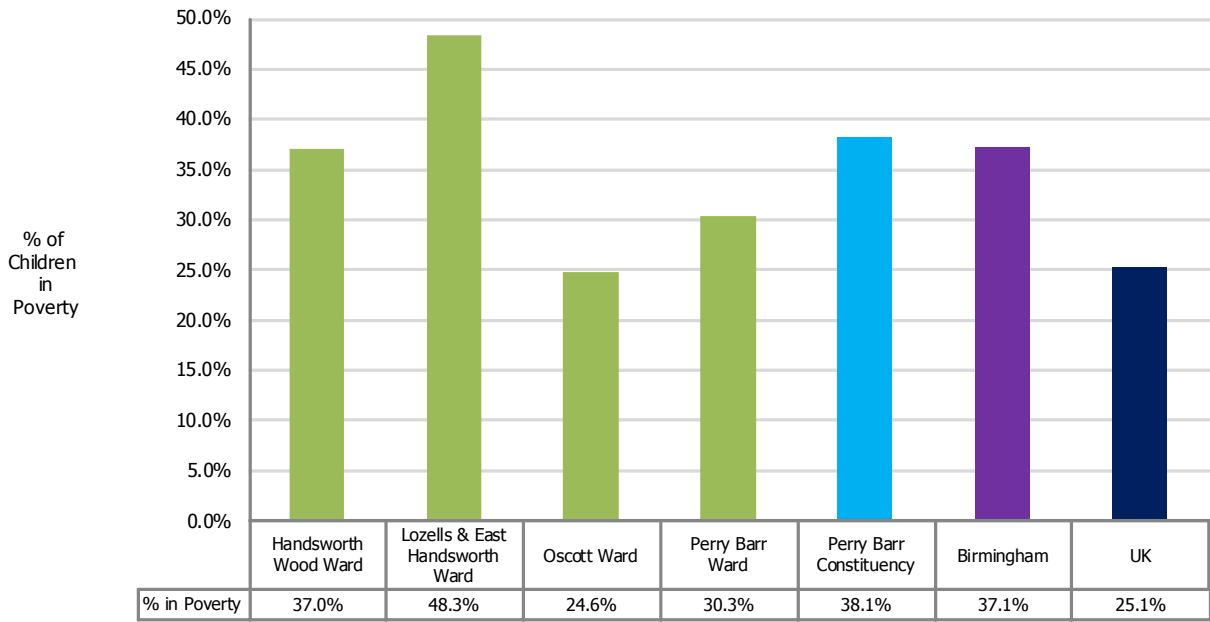
#### 2.3.1. Child Poverty

Child Poverty is officially defined as the proportion of children who live in families that are in receipt of out of work benefits or in work tax credits where the household income is less than 60% of average household income. Data from the campaign group End Child Poverty highlights that

38.1% of children in the Perry Barr constituency are defined as being in poverty, this is slightly above the city rate of 37.1% but well above the UK rate of 25.1%. The constituency has the fourth highest rate of all the city's constituencies. Child poverty rates are highest in Lozells & East Handsworth and Handsworth

Wood wards. Nearly half of the children in Lozells & East Handsworth ward live in poverty after housing costs.

**Chart 2.1: Child Poverty in Perry Barr Constituency Q4 2013**



# 3. People

## Summary

- There are over 68,000 working age residents in the Perry Barr constituency this represents 64% of the total population.
- The constituency is more ethnically diverse than the city as a whole with 60% of the working age population being from a BME background compared to 41% for Birmingham.
- GCSE attainment levels in the constituency are the same as city, however the constituency performs less well than the city in terms of overall NVQ qualification levels.
- 71% of the working age population are economically active and 57% are employed a similar picture to that at city level.
- In December 2014 there were 3,674 residents in Perry Barr constituency claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA). This equates to a rate of 7.3%, above the rate for the city (6.3%), and the fourth highest of all the constituencies in the city.
- The rate has been steadily falling in all wards within Perry Barr over the past two years, and the gap with the city has closed slightly.
- In December 2014 there were 740 residents aged 18-24 in Perry Barr constituency claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA). This equates to a proportion of 6.0 %, above the proportion for the city (4.9%).
- Youth unemployment is falling in all of Perry Barr's wards, and the gap between the wards is also closing.
- In terms of JSA by ethnicity the largest group were White British (755) followed by Black Caribbean (665).

### 3.1. Introduction

This section analyses the characteristics of Perry Barr's labour supply, and is divided into 4 broad sections:

- The general characteristics of the working age population.
- An analysis of the qualification levels in the constituency.
- The working age population broken down by economic activity.
- Unemployment, through an analysis of the claimant count, including youth

unemployment and unemployment by ethnicity.

### 3.2. Working Age Population

There are over 68,000 working age residents in the Perry Barr constituency this represents 64% of the total population, which is the same as at a city level (64%). Overall, the constituency has a similar age profile to the city average. But there are some significant ward differences. Lozells & East Handsworth ward has a much younger age profile

with 29% of the population aged 0-15 compared to 24% for the constituency and 23% for the city. Only 9% of the population in this ward are aged over 65, compared to 12% for the constituency and 13% for Birmingham. In contrast, 21% of Oscott ward residents are aged 0-15, and 17% are over 65.

### Age Structure

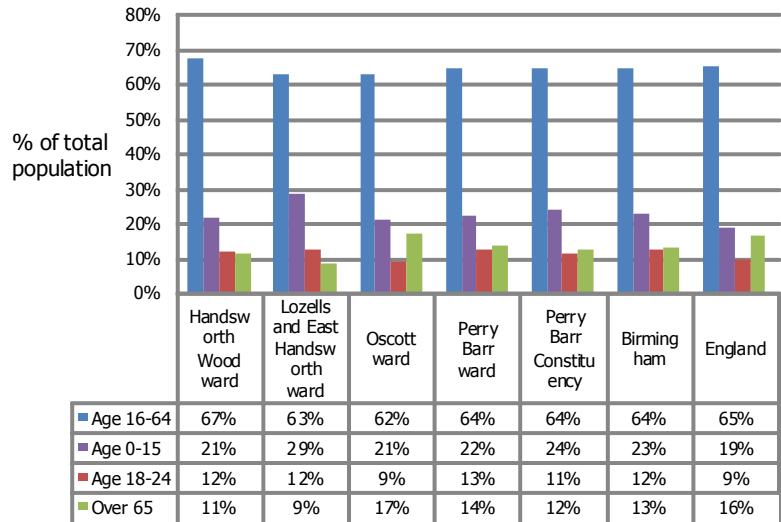


### 3.2.1. Ethnic Structure

Only 40% of working age residents in the constituency are White, compared to 59% for Birmingham. The proportion who are Indian (18%) and Black Caribbean (10%) are both above the city average (7% and 5% respectively), but the proportion who are Pakistani (11%) is similar to the city average.

However, there are wide ward differences, and Oscott ward has a predominantly white population (82%). In contrast, only 12% of Lozells & East Handsworth and 22% of Handsworth Wood ward populations are white. The Indian population is above average in all wards apart from Oscott, and this group forms around one-third of the Handsworth Wood working age population. There is a sizable Bangladeshi population in Lozells & East

Chart 3.1: Age Profile Perry Barr Constituency



Handsworth (13%). Lozells & East Handsworth has the highest proportion who are Black African (7%) and Black Caribbean (12%).

Chart 3.2: Ethnic profile of the working age population Perry Barr Constituency

Area	Handsworth Wood ward	Lozells and East Handsworth ward	Oscott ward	Perry Barr ward	Perry Barr Constituency	B'ham	England	
<b>White: Total</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>27,212</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>85%</b>
British	15%	8%	78%	49%	23,731	35%	54%	78%
Irish	1%	1%	1%	2%	716	1%	2%	1%
Other	7%	3%	2%	3%	2,741	4%	3%	1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group	3%	3%	2%	3%	2,156	3%	3%	2%
<b>Asian Total</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>27,215</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>8%</b>
Indian	36%	17%	5%	12%	12,496	18%	7%	3%
Pakistani	8%	24%	1%	8%	7,620	11%	12%	2%
Bangladeshi	3%	13%	1%	4%	3,734	5%	3%	1%
Chinese	1%	1%	1%	2%	716	1%	2%	1%
<b>Black Total</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>10,615</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>
African	3%	7%	1%	3%	2,386	3%	3%	2%
Caribbean	11%	12%	5%	9%	6,585	10%	5%	1%
Other ethnic group	4%	3%	0%	1%	1,571	2%	2%	1%

### 3.3 Qualifications & Skills

Attainment at school (as measured by 5 or more GCSEs A\*-C including English and Maths) is the same as the city average (60%). The rate has decreased by 1 percentage points since 2011, but the city's rate increased

by 2 percentage points over the same period.

Attainment is just below the city average in 2 wards – Lozells & East Handsworth (57%) and Oscott (58%) and above in Handsworth Wood (63%) and Perry Barr (65%). Attainment

has fallen by 5 percentage points in Oscott and 1pp in Handsworth Wood wards since 2011, but has risen by 1pp in the other two wards.

### 3.2.1. NVQ Qualifications

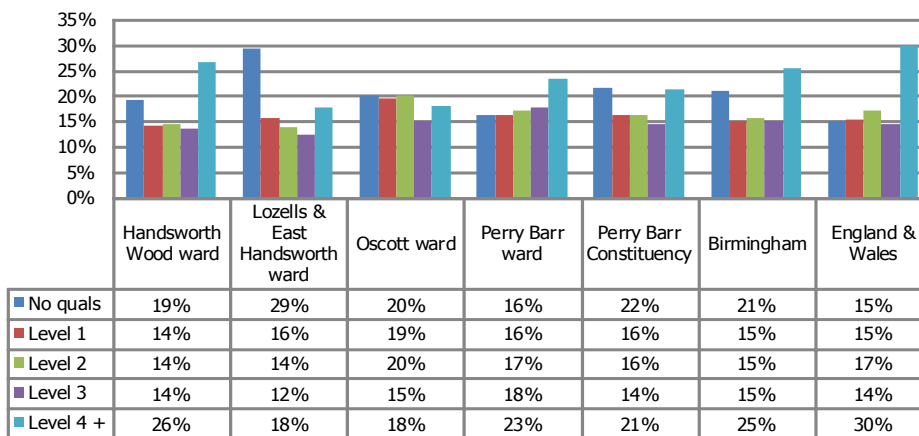
Overall, NVQ attainment is below the city average at all levels. 14,787 (22%) of residents have no qualifications, just above the rate for the city as a whole (21%). At Level 2 and 3 the gap with the city is wider. Only 54% are qualified to Level 2 and above compared to 58% for Birmingham, and 36% to Level 3 and above (Birmingham = 40%) (Census 2011).

Attainment levels are lowest in Lozells & East Handsworth, where 29% have no qualifications. However, the proportion is below the city average in the other 3 wards. Lozells & East Handsworth ward has only 45% qualified to Level 2 and above and 30% to Level 3 and above. The proportion with 'other' qualifications is above the city average (7%) in Handsworth Wood (11%) and Lozells & East Handsworth (11%) wards. This is likely to be related to the high numbers of residents who were

born and educated overseas.

English is the main language of only 76% of the working age population, and only 92% can speak it well. 5,403 residents (8%) cannot speak it or cannot speak it well. This compares with 5% of Birmingham residents who cannot speak English well. The proportion who cannot speak English or cannot speak it well is as high as 15% in Lozells & East Handsworth ward and 9% in Handsworth Wood. (Census 2011).

**Chart 3.3: NVQ Qualifications in Perry Barr Constituency**



### 3.3. Economic Activity

Economic activity and employment rates are similar to the city average, with 71% of residents being economically active and 57% employed, compared to 69% and 57% respectively for Birmingham. 36% are full time employees, 14% part-time employees and 8% self-employed (Census 2011). But there are ward differences. Economic activity and employment rates are above the city average in all wards apart from Lozells & East Handsworth ward, where they are well below, at 61% and 43% respectively.

29% of residents are

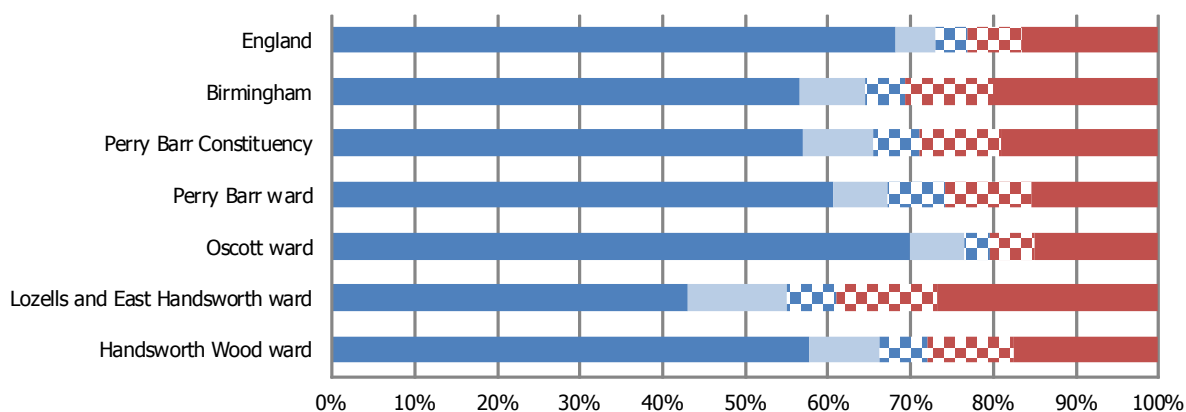
economically inactive. Of these 10% are students, 7% are looking after home and 5% are sick or disabled - all similar proportions to the city average. However, in Lozells & East Handsworth ward the proportion who are economically inactive is 39%, with 12% students and 11% looking after home and family.

Male economic activity (78%) and employment (65%) is higher than female economic activity (64%) and employment (56%). Both male and female rates are marginally above the city average. Male self-employment is 12%, and female self-

employment (3%), similar to the city average. The female employment rate in Lozells & East Handsworth is only 39%.

The low employment rates in Lozells & East Handsworth are influenced by the low employment rates for some ethnic minority groups. Rates for women in some groups can be particularly low. More details can be found in the publication 'Ethnic groups and the labour market – a statistical analysis' which can be downloaded from [www.birmingham.gov.uk](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk).

**Chart 3.4: Economic Activity in Perry Barr Constituency**



	Handsworth Wood ward	Lozells and East Handsworth ward	Oscott ward	Perry Barr ward	Perry Barr Constituency	Birmingham	England
■ Employed	58%	43%	70%	61%	57%	57%	68%
■ Unemployed	8%	12%	7%	7%	9%	8%	5%
■ Economically active student	6%	6%	3%	7%	6%	5%	4%
■ Economically inactive student	10%	12%	5%	11%	10%	11%	7%
■ Economically Inactive (non-student)	17%	27%	15%	15%	19%	20%	16%

### 3.4. Unemployment

In December 2014 there were 3,674 residents in Perry Barr constituency claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA). This equates to a rate of 7.3%, above the rate for the city (6.3%). At 14.6% the rate in Lozells and East Handsworth ward is the second highest in the city, and accounts for around a half of all claimants in the constituency. However, Oscott ward has one of the lowest rates (3.3%). 1,445 residents have been claiming JSA for over 12 months.

**Table 3.5: Job Seekers Allowance claimants in Perry Barr Constituency December 2014**

Area	Male	Female	Total	Long Term Unemployed Number
	Total	Total	Total Rate	
Handsworth Wood	621	337	958	375
Lozells & East Handsworth	1186	576	1762	740
Oscott	243	177	420	140
Perry Barr	340	194	534	190
<b>Perry Barr Constituency</b>	<b>2390</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>3674</b>	<b>1445</b>
Birmingham	19682	10959	30641	12040

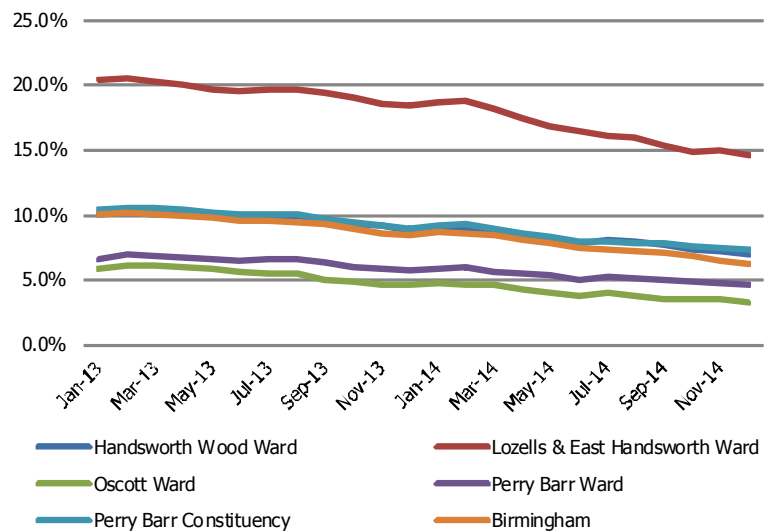
The rate has been steadily falling in all wards over the past two years.

The most up-to-date unemployment data by ward can be found in our Unemployment Briefing which can be downloaded from [www.birmingham.gov.uk/birminghameconomy](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/birminghameconomy). This publication also includes a map of the city showing unemployment by neighbourhood.

### 3.4.1 Youth Unemployment

In December 2014 there were 740 residents aged 18-24 in Perry Barr constituency claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA). This equates to a proportion of 6.0%, above the proportion for the city (4.9%).

**Chart 3.6: JSA claimant rate in Perry Barr Constituency 2013-2014**



**Table 3.7: Job Seekers Allowance claimants aged 18-24 in Perry Barr Constituency December 2014**

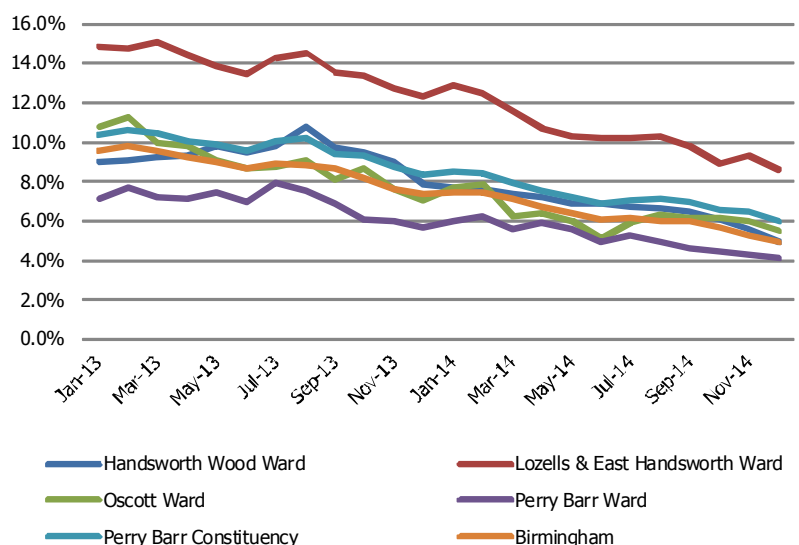
Area	Male	Female	Total	Long Term Youth Unemployed Number
	Total	Total	Total	
Handsworth Wood	90	70	160	20
Lozells and East Handsworth	200	125	325	55
Oscott	70	55	125	25
Perry Barr	85	50	130	20
<b>Perry Barr Constituency</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>125</b>
Birmingham	3,925	2,610	6,535	1,150

The proportion is above the city proportion in all wards apart from Perry Barr ward, and is highest in Lozells and East Handsworth ward (8.6%)

125 residents aged 18-14 have been claiming JSA for over 12 months.

Youth unemployment has been steadily falling in Perry Barr constituency over the last two years, and the gap between the wards and with the city average has closed slightly.

**Chart 3.8: JSA claimant rate in Perry Barr Constituency 2013-2014**





### 3.4.2. Unemployment by Ethnicity

Official ONS JSA unemployment data by ethnic group is released quarterly. The latest data for November 2014 shows there were a total of 3,793 claimants in Perry Barr. If we break this figure down by ethnic group the White British group is the largest with 755 claimants followed by Black Caribbean (665).

Proportionally fewer claimants are White British (22%) in the Perry Barr constituency compared to Birmingham (42%), broadly reflecting the overall population profile.

The white and Indian groups are under-represented in the claimant profile compared to the overall working age population in the area, and the Black groups

are over-represented.

The most up-to-date unemployment by ethnicity data by ward can be found in our Unemployment by Ethnicity Briefing which can be downloaded from [www.birmingham.gov.uk/labourmarket](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/labourmarket)

**Table 3.9: JSA claimants by Ethnic Group in Perry Barr Constituency November 2014**

Ethnicity	Perry Barr		Birmingham
	JSA Claimants	% of all claimants	% of all claimants
White British	755	22.1%	42.0%
White Other	145	4.2%	3.0%
Indian	365	10.7%	4.0%
Pakistani	415	12.2%	16.0%
Bangladeshi	260	7.6%	4.0%
Black Caribbean	665	19.5%	11.0%
Black African	265	7.8%	6.0%
Total Claimants with known ethnicity	3,415	100.0%	100.0%
Total Claimants	3,793		0.0%

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