

Complainants

In 2018 the Bar Standard Board received complaints about barristers from 316 complainants.
The characteristics¹ of these complainants were:

Age		
 From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years:		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Under 25	0	0.0%
25 - 34	8	2.5%
35 - 44	10	3.2%
45 - 54	17	5.4%
55 - 64	9	2.8%
65 +	4	1.3%
Prefer not to say	2	0.6%
No information	266	84.2%

Gender		
 What is your gender?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Male	30	9.5%
Female	21	6.6%
Prefer not to say	3	0.9%
No information	262	82.9%

Disability		
 Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	13	4.1%
No	33	10.4%
Prefer not to say	4	1.3%
No information	266	84.2%
 Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes, limited a lot	4	1.3%
Yes, limited a little	4	1.3%
No	28	8.9%
Prefer not to say	6	1.9%
No information	274	86.7%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	1	0.3%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Indian	6	1.9%
Pakistani	2	0.6%
Any other Asian background	0	0.0%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	0	0.0%
Caribbean	1	0.3%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	0	0.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	2	0.6%
White and Black African	0	0.0%
White and Black Caribbean	0	0.0%
White and Chinese	0	0.0%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	0	0.0%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	27	8.5%
Irish	2	0.6%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	4	1.3%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	0	0.0%
Any other ethnic group	2	0.6%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	3	0.9%
No information		
No information	266	84.2%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	17	5.4%
Buddhist	0	0.0%
Christian	19	6.0%
Hindu	0	0.0%
Jewish	2	0.6%
Muslim	2	0.6%
Sikh	1	0.3%
Any other religion	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	7	2.2%
No information	268	84.8%

Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Bisexual	1	0.3%
Gay man	1	0.3%
Gay woman/lesbian	0	0.0%
Heterosexual/straight	39	12.3%
Other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	6	1.9%
No information	269	85.1%

Socio-economic background



If you went to University (to study a BA, BSc course or higher), were you part of the first generation of your family to do so?

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	17	5.4%
No	12	3.8%
Did not attend University	4	1.3%
Prefer not to say	7	2.2%
No Information	276	87.3%



Did you mainly attend a state or fee paying school between the ages 11-18?

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
UK State School	20	6.3%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	7	2.2%
Attended school outside the UK	4	1.3%
Prefer not to say	8	2.5%
No Information	277	87.7%

Caring responsibilities		
“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	12	3.8%
No	22	7.0%
Prefer not to say	4	1.3%
No Information	278	88.0%
“ Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: — Long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability — Problems related to old age?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
No	20	6.3%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	8	2.5%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	4	1.3%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	1	0.3%
Prefer not to say	5	1.6%
No Information	278	88.0%