

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th JULY 2012**

Question

“Will the Minister –

- (a) provide a breakdown of adult recipients of Income Support by nationality, including a comparison with the nationality breakdown provided in the 2011 Census;
- (b) state what percentage of Income Support claimants have –
 - (i) lived in Jersey for more than 10 years;
 - (ii) lived in Jersey for between five and 10 years;
- (c) provide a breakdown of Social Security contributors by nationality, including a comparison with the nationality breakdown provided in the 2011 Census?”

Answer

Using data extracted on 18 June 2012, nationality information¹ is available in respect of 7,690 adult recipients of income support. Under the Income Support law an adult is defined as anyone over compulsory school leaving age.

The table provides a breakdown of these recipients by nationality.

Nationality	No of adults	% of adults
Jersey / British Isles	6,147	80%
Portugal / Madeira	1,005	13%
Poland	219	3%
Republic of Ireland	147	2%
Other European country	123	2%
Elsewhere in the world	49	1%
Total	7,690	

This compares with place of birth information gathered through the 2011 Census:

Census Place of Birth, 2011	%
Jersey / British Isles	78%
Portugal / Madeira	8%
Poland	4%
Ireland (Republic)	2%
Other European country	4%
Elsewhere in the world	4%

¹ Nationality information is collected at the time of initial registration with the Department. Historically, this information was not always consistently recorded and it is not possible to identify the nationality of some individuals who were registered in the past.

These percentages are in respect of adults in Jersey at the time of the census (March 2011) aged 16 and above.

Information held by the Social Security Department for contribution purposes includes the dates when individuals register with the Department. An individual who leaves the island and returns at a later date will have two (or more) dates recorded. However, this data does not provide a complete record of individuals living in Jersey as, for example, individuals may leave the island without informing the Department. The following statistics have been collated by cross-referencing this information against details of current Income Support claimants.

- 80% of adults included on income support claims have been registered with Social Security for at least the last 10 years.
- 13% of adults included on income support claims have been registered with Social Security for at least the last five years.
- 7% of adults included on income support claims were most recently registered less than five years ago.

As noted above many adults spend some time in Jersey, and some time in other countries. The 7% of adults with their most recent registration date less than five years ago will include a large number of Jersey born individuals who have lived in Jersey for many years, left the island for a period, and recently returned.

It will also include individuals who have recently arrived in Jersey as the partner of an individual who is entitled to income support. Proposition P.56 proposes a change to Income Support so that each adult in an Income Support household will need to individually satisfy the Income Support residence test in order to receive the adult component and this proposition will be debated at the next States sitting.

Information on nationality² is available for 46,294 adults with employed earnings in December 2011 as submitted to the Department. This includes all adults over compulsory school leaving age who were working for an employer in this month. It does not include individuals who were solely self employed. It does include individuals above pension age who remain in paid employment.

Social Security Class 1 Contributors by Nationality, in December 2011	%
Jersey / British Isles	73%
Portugal / Madeira	13%
Poland	6%
Ireland (Republic)	3%
Other European country	4%
Elsewhere in the world	2%

² As above, there are some individuals registered some years ago, for whom nationality information is not available.

Census data on place of birth is available for men aged 16-64 and women aged 16 -59.

Working age population by place of birth, Census March 2011	%
Jersey / British Isles	75%
Portugal / Madeira	10%
Poland	5%
Ireland (Republic)	2%
Other European country	4%
Elsewhere in the world	5%