



Everyone
Counts
2014

DIVERSITY AUDIT KEY FINDINGS



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Growing the church for all



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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Introducing the findings

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Archbishops' Council

Everyone Counts

- Long-term programme of monitoring diversity in congregations and church structures
- 2014: Self reported survey in congregations
- For the first time includes children within the congregation, and introduces a question on disability
- 35000 surveys returned, mix of postal and electronic submissions

Photographs shared with permission from St Boniface, Quinton. These were taken during data collection – completing surveys through the app on their phones.



If you are completing this survey on behalf of a child, please cross here

Church number:

1. Apart from weddings, funerals and christenings, about how often do you attend church? (select ONE)

More than once a week Once a week
 Twice a month Once a month
 Once a quarter Christmas/ Easter Day only
 Once a year Less often
 Prefer not to say

2. Are you...?
 Male Female Prefer not to say

3. Your age (on your last birthday):
 Prefer not to say

4. What is your country or continent of birth? (please select ONE)

UK
 Other European country
 Africa
 The Americas and the Caribbean
 Middle East and Asia
 Oceania and Antarctica
 Prefer not to say

5. Do you have any of the following long-standing physical or mental health conditions or impairments that have lasted or are expected to last 12 months or more? Select ALL that apply. Please include those that are due to old age.

Blindness, deafness or other communication impairment
 Mobility impairment, such as difficulty walking
 Learning difficulty or disability, such as Down's syndrome
 Memory impairment, such as Alzheimer's or early stages of dementia
 Mental health condition, such as depression
 Long-term illness, such as Multiple Sclerosis or cancer
 Other long-standing health condition / disability
 None
 Prefer not to say

6. Please indicate whether you are: (please select ALL that apply)

A visitor
 Member of the congregation
 Member of the electoral roll of this parish
 Member of the church council
 Churchwarden
 Member of deanery synod
 Licensed reader/ lay worker
 Priest/ non-stipendiary minister/ stipendiary minister
 Other office holder
 Prefer not to say

7. What is your ethnic group? (select ONE)

White:

English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British
 Gypsy or Irish Traveller
 Irish
 any other White background

Asian/ Asian British:

Indian
 Pakistani
 Bangladeshi
 Chinese
 any other Asian background

Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British:

African
 Caribbean
 any other Black background

Mixed/multiple ethnic group:

White and Asian
 White and Black African
 White and Black Caribbean
 any other Mixed background

Other ethnic group:

Arab
 Any other ethnic group (please write in)

Prefer not to say

- Questions on age, gender, church attendance and roles, ethnicity and country of origin, and long term health problems or impairments
- Invited sample was planned to be representative, but some adjustments were needed to estimate nationally representative figures
- Comparisons between congregations
 - over time, since 2007
 - across different localities
 - with the national population as a whole

National congregations

Average ALL age: 54 years

Average ADULT age: 61 years

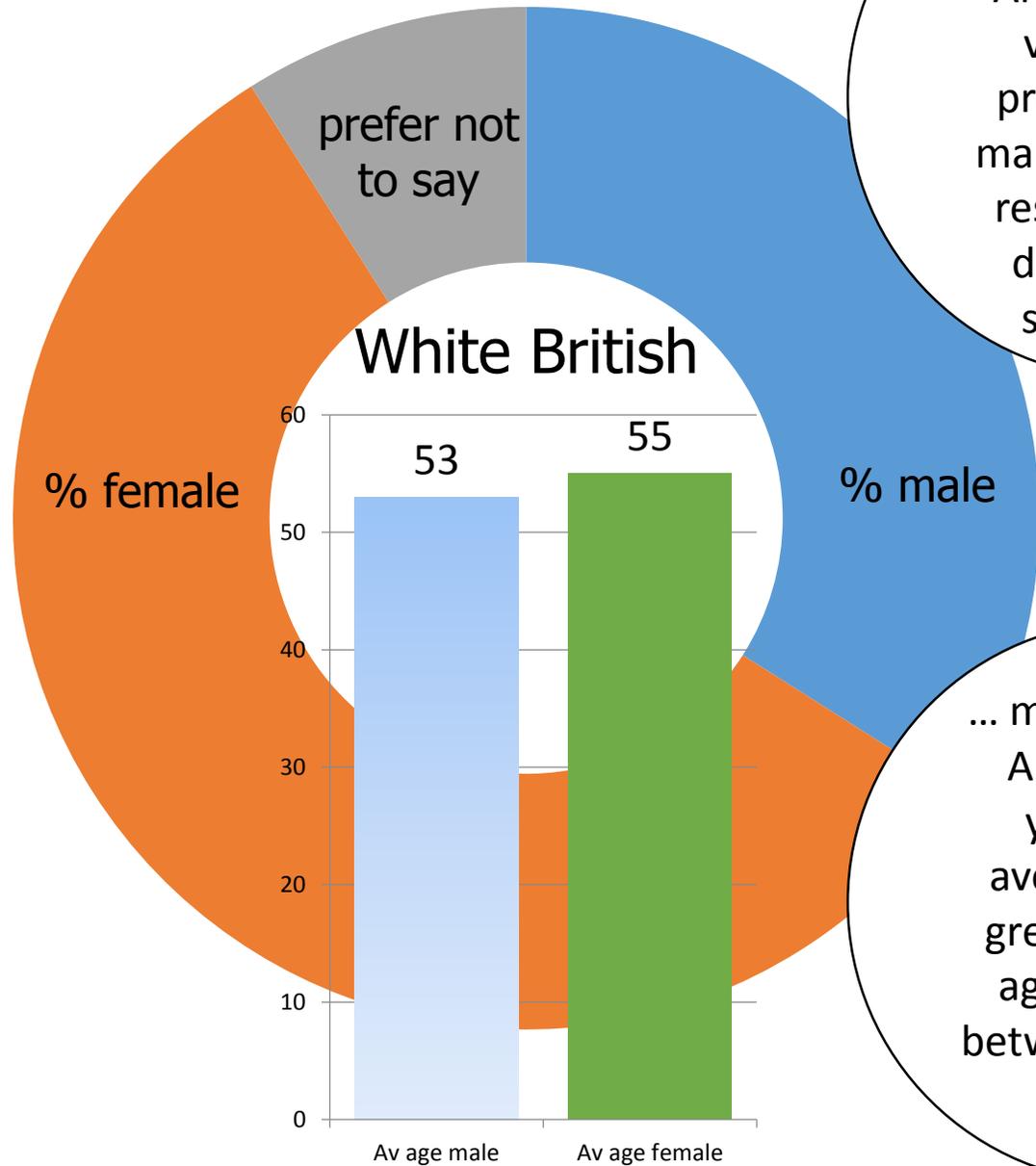


6% of congregations are minority ethnic Anglicans

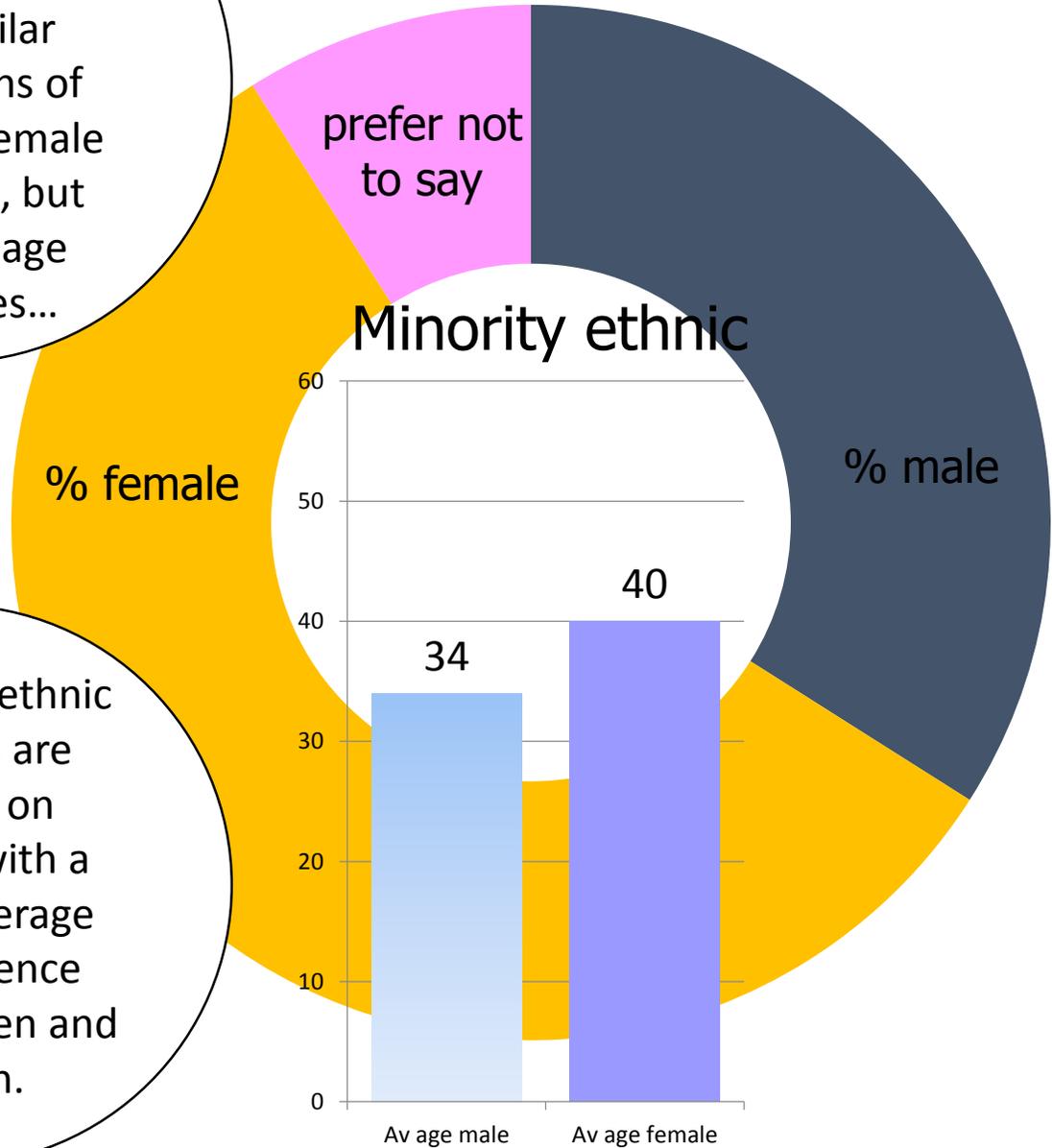
35% of minority ethnic Anglicans identify with Black ethnicities

32% of minority ethnic Anglicans identify with Asian ethnicities

27% of minority ethnic Anglicans identify with other White ethnicities



White British and minority ethnic Anglicans have very similar proportions of male and female responses, but different age structures...

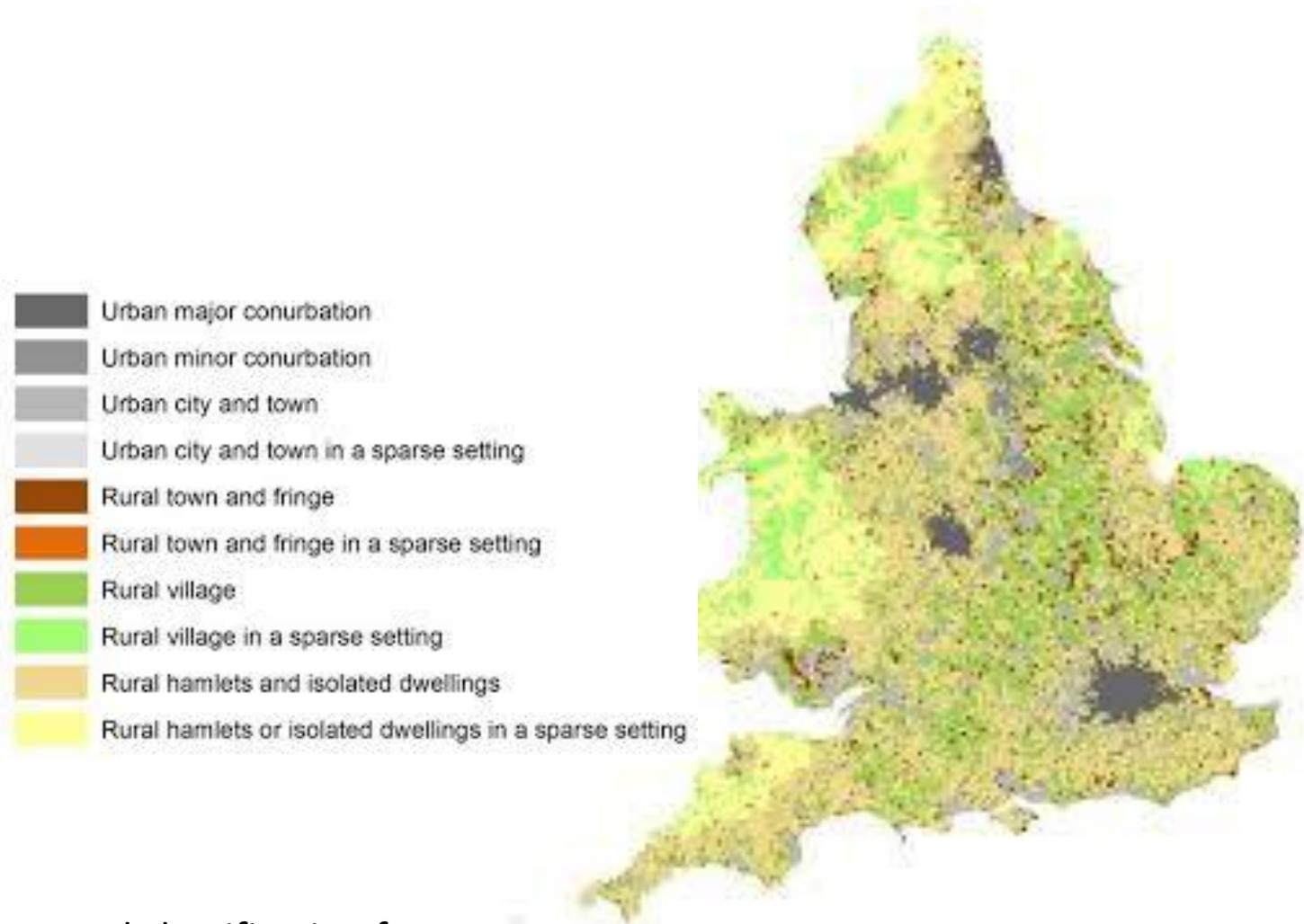


... minority ethnic Anglicans are younger on average, with a greater average age difference between men and women.

How much has changed in 7 years?

- Nationally no substantial change in age, gender or ethnicity
 - Rural slightly older
 - Urban slightly younger
- Black or Black British remains largest minority ethnicity
- Minority ethnic Anglicans still are younger than average, more likely to live in urban areas and less likely to be on the Electoral Roll or hold a parish role
- Gender more equal in youngest age groups, but in adult groups similar to previous reports
- Shift towards notably more women occurs in 18-24 age group

Churches and communities

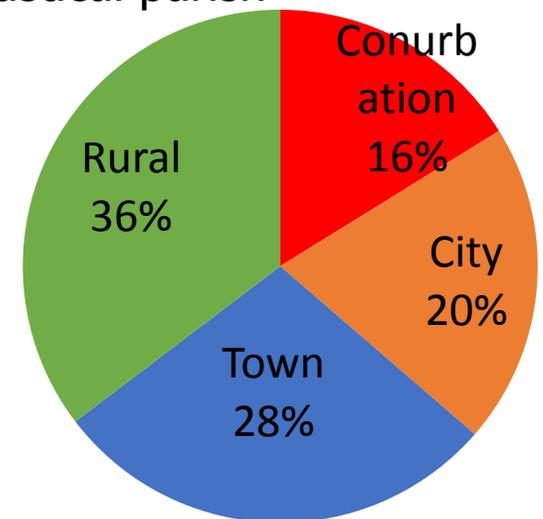


Map and classification from:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/rural-urban-definition

Urban or rural?

- Population density of Output Area (min. 10,000 for urban), *then*
- Dwelling density
- Density of surrounding areas

% churches by geography of ecclesiastical parish



MOST

35% of churches are in rural hamlets and isolated areas

LOWEST

1% of the population lives here

- A typical congregation includes 32 people
- The average congregation age is 56 years
- 12% of the congregation are under 18 years old
- 21% of the congregation are older than 75 years
- 4% of the congregation identified as minority ethnic

LOWEST

4% were born overseas

Rural churches



Identifying as minority ethnic and being born overseas are two separate questions and are not inter-changeable.

- 28% of churches are in rural town, fringe and village areas

- 17% of the population lives here

LOWEST

A typical congregation includes 29 people

OLDEST

The average congregation age is 58 years

- 12% of the congregation are under 18 years old
- 22% of the congregation are older than 75 years
- 4% of the congregation identified as minority ethnic
- 7% were born overseas

Town churches



- 20% of churches are in rural town, fringe and village areas

HIGHEST 43% of the population lives here

HIGHEST A typical congregation includes 111 people

- The average congregation age is 53 years
- 15% of the congregation are under 18 years old
- 19% of the congregation are older than 75 years
- 8% of the congregation identified as minority ethnic
- 7% were born overseas

City churches



FEWEST

16% of churches are in conurbation areas

- 39% of the population lives here
- A typical congregation includes 105 people

YOUNGEST

The average congregation age is 48 years

- 20% of the congregation are under 18 years old
- 15% of the congregation are older than 75 years

MOST

17% of the congregation identified as minority ethnic

MOST

12% were born overseas

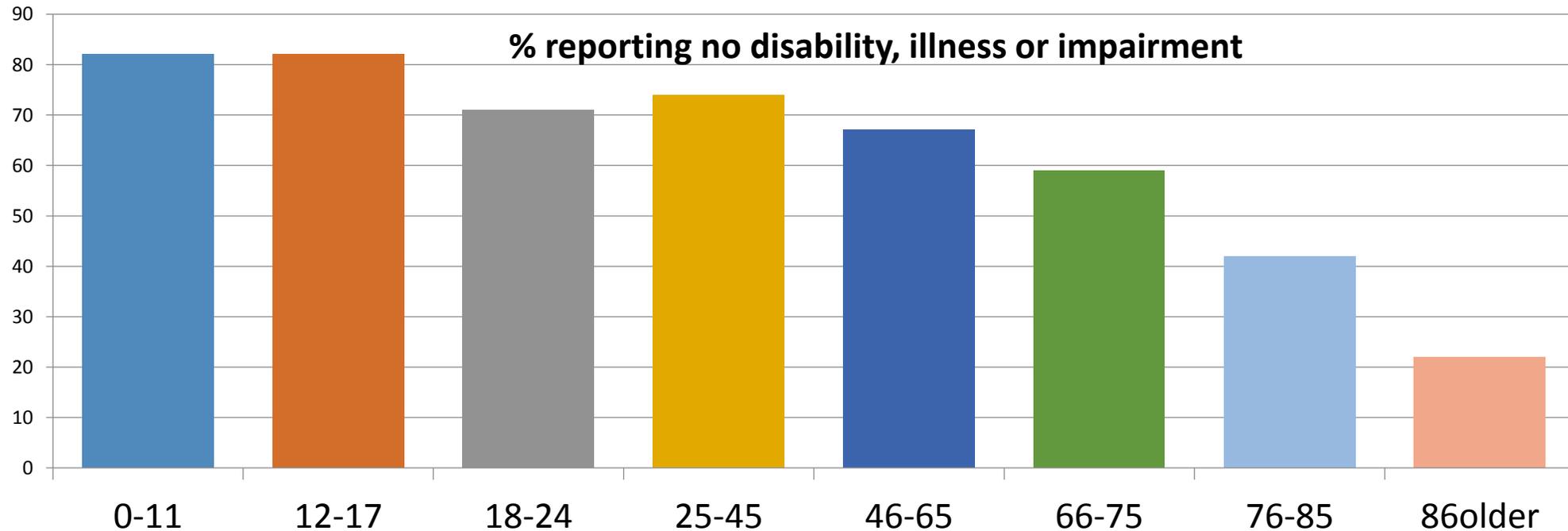
Conurbation churches



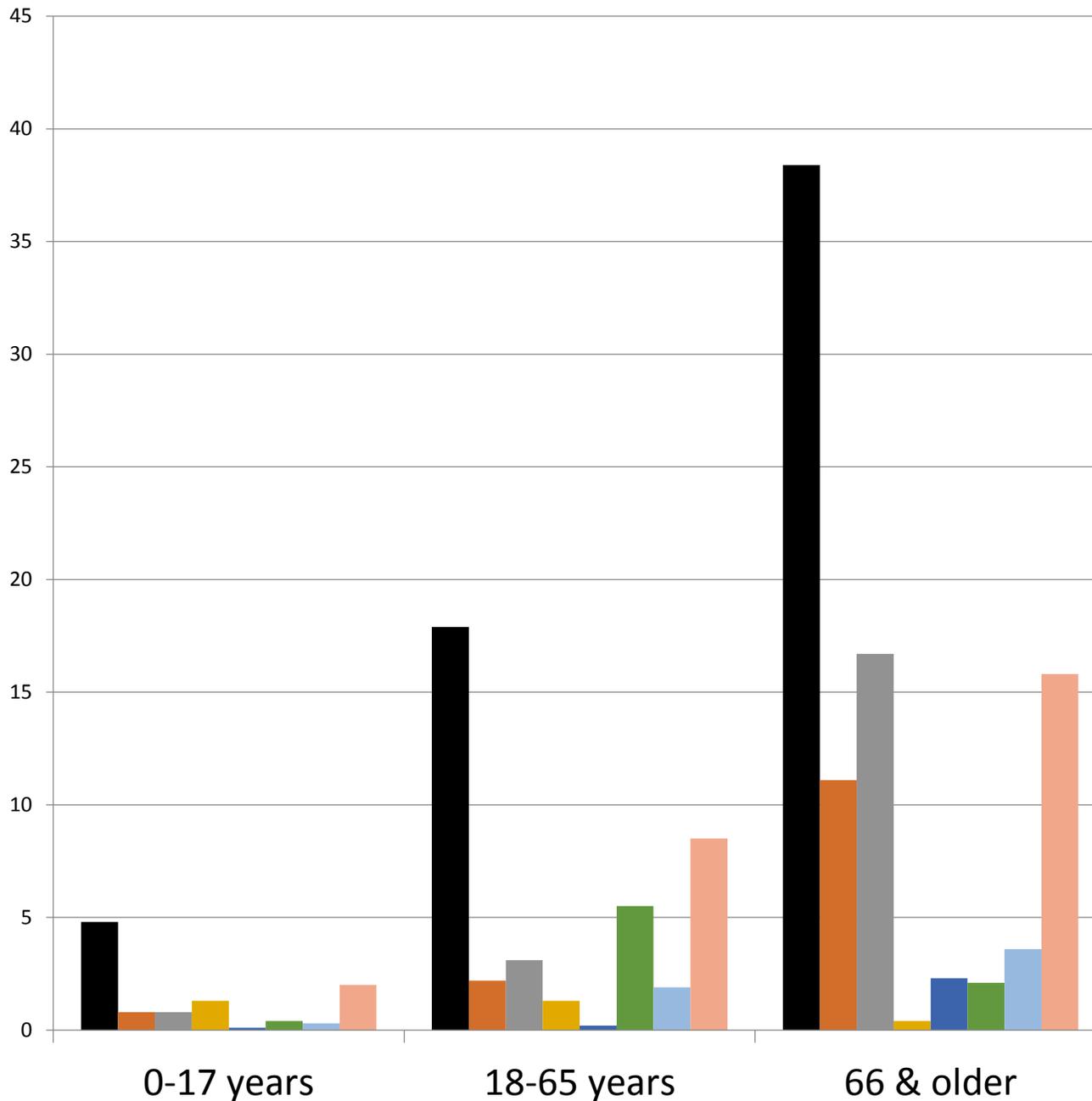
Not all dioceses have parishes in areas classified as 'conurbation'. Half of all conurbation churches fall within four dioceses: London, Manchester, Southwark, and West Yorkshire and the Dales.

Disability, impairment and long term illnesses

- Age was the clearest difference in patterns of reporting, not rurality
- Self-report has limitations, highest rates of 'prefer not to say'



- At least one reported
- Sensory
- Mobility
- Learning
- Memory
- Mental health
- LT illness
- Other



There are no substantial differences between congregation and national prevalence figures

Although prevalence increases with age, one fifth of people reporting at least one disability or long-term illness were aged 25 or younger

The relatively high proportion of 'other' as the selected response raises questions about what is missing from our understanding of the data

More about Everyone Counts

- Please visit our website for further information and download a copy of the first report:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/facts-stats/research-statistics/everyone-counts-2014.aspx>
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