

Exploring the movement of ethnic groups within England and Wales

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'Increasingly, we live with our own kind. The most concentrated areas, what the social scientists call “ghettos”, aren't all poverty stricken and drug ridden. But they are places where more than two-thirds of the residents belong to a single ethnic group'
(Trevor Phillips, 2005)

Is Britain 'sleepwalking to segregation'?

US research: 2 theories

- White-Flight
- White-Avoidance

British Research

- Focus on behaviour of minority groups
- No evidence of ghettos in British cities
- Concentration – linked to migration?

2 main research questions

Inflow  **High own concentration?**

Outflow  **Low own concentration?**

5 key objectives

- Develop indices
- Relate inflow/outflow to concentration
- Examine ethnic differences
- Assess area characteristics
- Map trends

Data

- Census 2001 special data
- 8 categories of ethnicity
- 4 categories of migration
- Electoral ward level

Indices of movement

- Simpson's (2006) 'Index of movement'
- Inflow/outflow
- Small and large

Quintile distributions: White/NW

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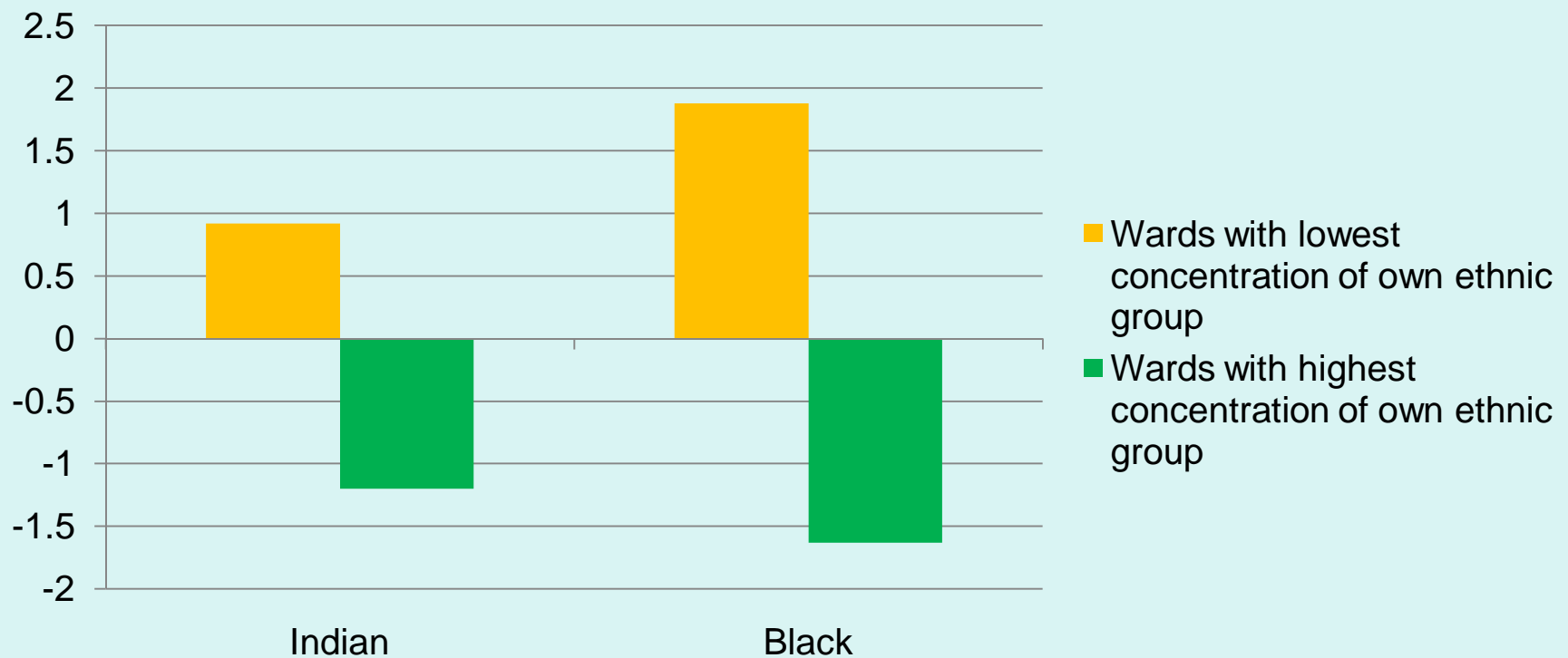
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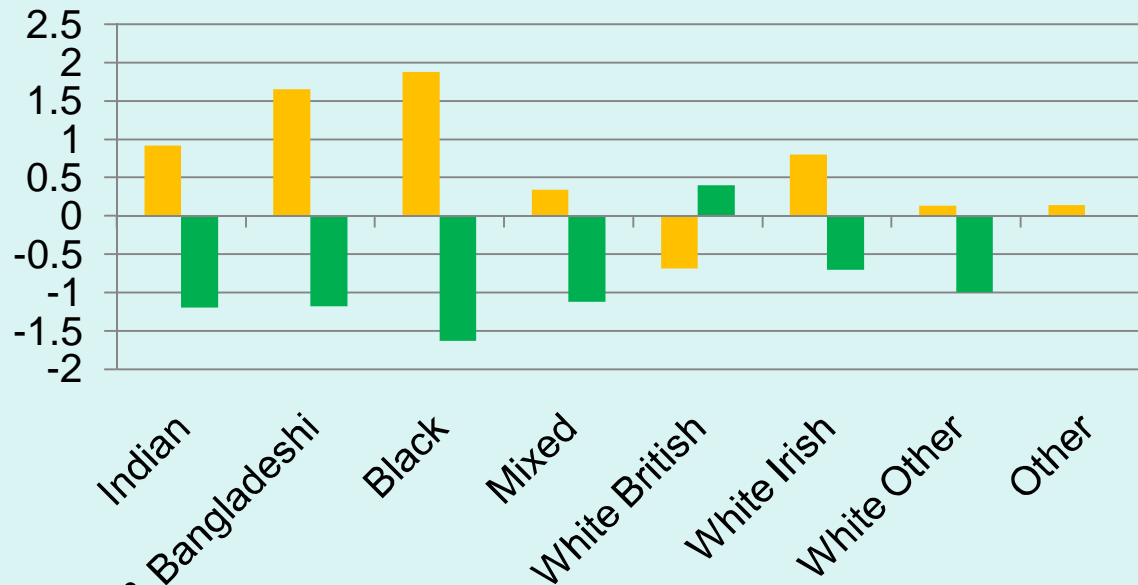
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Quintiles: Indian and Black groups



Quintiles: individual ethnic groups



- Wards with lowest concentration of own ethnic group
- Wards with highest concentration of own ethnic group

Regression

- Rural-Urban characteristic
- Housing Tenure
- Employment rate

Conclusions

- Some evidence of ‘white avoidance’
- No evidence of ‘self-segregation’
- Concentration not the main explanation