The question of main language spoken at home was not asked in 2001 so there is no comparative data. Manchester has a lower proportion of residents that speak English as their main language in the home than the average for England. More than double the national average have nobody speaking English at home (10.3%) and a larger than average proportion only have a child speaking English as a main language in the household.

Within Manchester certain areas are classed as ‘hard to count’ because they do not have English as a main language. This may make it harder for them to access services. The areas of Manchester that have the highest proportions of households where no-one speaks English as their main language are listed below. There are seventeen lower super output areas (LSOAs) within Manchester where more than 25% of the households have no-one speaking English as their main language (including children).

Lower super output areas in the City Centre and Cheetham wards also feature in the highest counts of households with no people speaking English as their main language, alongside an LSOA in Gorton South. The above LSOA008A in Cheetham has the lowest proportion of households where all people speak English as their main language (32.1%).

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