

2011 Census: Religion

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2011 Census: Religion (Detailed)

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Animism	5	0.0	541	0.0
Baha'i	83	0.0	5,021	0.0
Believe in God	80	0.0	2,969	0.0
Brahma Kumari	1	0.0	442	0.0
Chinese Religion	0	0.0	182	0.0
Church of All Religion	4	0.0	408	0.0
Confucianist	1	0.0	124	0.0
Deist	10	0.0	1,199	0.0
Druid	47	0.0	4,189	0.0
Druze	0	0.0	515	0.0
Eckankar	3	0.0	379	0.0
Heathen	21	0.0	1,958	0.0
Jain	30	0.0	20,288	0.0
Mixed Religion	415	0.1	23,566	0.0
Mysticism	1	0.0	204	0.0
Native American Church	3	0.0	127	0.0
New Age	13	0.0	698	0.0
Occult	15	0.0	502	0.0
Own Belief System	34	0.0	1,949	0.0
Pagan	575	0.1	56,620	0.1

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Pantheism	44	0.0	2,216	0.0
Rastafarian	243	0.1	7,906	0.0
Ravidassia	4	0.0	11,058	0.0
Reconstructionist	5	0.0	251	0.0
Satanism	34	0.0	1,893	0.0
Scientology	12	0.0	2,418	0.0
Shamanism	17	0.0	650	0.0
Shintoism	11	0.0	1,075	0.0
Spiritual	269	0.1	13,832	0.0
Spiritualist	376	0.1	39,061	0.1
Taoist	81	0.0	4,144	0.0
Theism	11	0.0	830	0.0
Thelemite	4	0.0	184	0.0
Traditional African Religion	13	0.0	588	0.0
Unification Church	1	0.0	452	0.0
Universalist	9	0.0	923	0.0
Vodun	2	0.0	208	0.0
Wicca	99	0.0	11,766	0.0
Witchcraft	7	0.0	1,276	0.0
Zoroastrian	21	0.0	4,105	0.0
Other religions	189	0.0	13,813	0.0
No religion:				
Total	160,218	37.4	14,097,229	25.1
No religion	156,666	36.6	13,836,778	24.7
Agnostic	506	0.1	32,382	0.1
Atheist	476	0.1	29,267	0.1
Free Thinker	5	0.0	513	0.0
Heavy Metal	61	0.0	6,242	0.0
Humanist	190	0.0	15,067	0.0
Jedi Knight	2,310	0.5	176,632	0.3
Realist	4	0.0	348	0.0
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Definitions

Religion

This is a person's current religion, or if the person does not have a religion, 'no religion'. No determination is made about whether a person was a practicing member of a religion. Unlike other census questions where missing answers are imputed, this question was voluntary, and where no answer was provided the response is categorised as 'Not stated'.

Usual resident

The main population base for outputs from the 2011 Census is the usual resident population as at census day 27 March 2011. Although the population base for enumeration included non-UK short-term residents, this population is analysed separately and is not included in the main outputs from the 2011 Census. All outputs, unless specified, are produced using only usual residents of the UK.

For 2011 Census purposes, a usual resident of the UK is anyone who, on census day, was in the UK and had stayed or intended to stay in the UK for a period of 12 months or more, or had a permanent UK address and was outside the UK and intended to be outside the UK for less than 12 months.