

2021 Census Results

The recent national and different local results on religion from the census can be found at this link:

[Religion, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/religiousbeliefsandpractices/censuses/2021/articles/religionenglandandwales)

The key headline results were that:

- Less than half of the population (46.2%, 27.5 million people) described themselves as “Christian”, a 13.1 percentage point decrease from 59.3% (33.3 million) in 2011; despite this decrease, “Christian” remained the most common response to the religion question.
- “No religion” was the second most common response, increasing by 12.0 percentage points to 37.2% (22.2 million) from 25.2% (14.1 million) in 2011.
- There were increases across other religious groups.

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47.1% have no religion (higher % than the national)

39.4% are Christian (lower % than the national)

4.9% are Muslim

0.8% are Hindu

0.5% are Buddhist

0.2% are Sikh

0.1% are Jewish

0.6% are Other Religion

We will discuss the data and using this in RE training with teachers and when considering the RE curriculum in Monitoring Group meetings.