

# Religion in England and Wales 2011

## Key points

Despite falling numbers Christianity remains the largest religion in England and Wales in 2011. Muslims are the next biggest religious group and have grown in the last decade. Meanwhile the proportion of the population who reported they have no religion has now reached a quarter of the population.

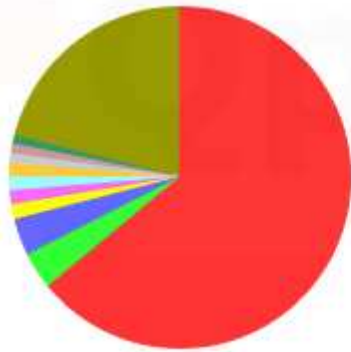
- In the 2011 Census, Christianity was the largest religion, with 33.2 million people (59.3 per cent of the population). The second largest religious group were Muslims with 2.7 million people (4.8 per cent of the population).
- 14.1 million people, around a quarter of the population in England and Wales, reported they have no religion in 2011.
- The religion question was the only voluntary question on the 2011 census and 7.2 per cent of people did not answer the question.
- Between 2001 and 2011 there has been a decrease in people who identify as Christian (from 71.7 per cent to 59.3 per cent) and an increase in those reporting no religion (from 14.8 per cent to 25.1 per cent). There were increases in the other main religious group categories, with the number of Muslims increasing the most (from 3.0 per cent to 4.8 per cent).
- In 2011, London was the most diverse region with the highest proportion of people identifying themselves as Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Jewish. The North East and North West had the highest proportion of Christians and Wales had the highest proportion of people reporting no religion.
- Knowsley was the local authority with the highest proportion of people reporting to be Christians at 80.9 per cent and Tower Hamlets had the highest proportion of Muslims at 34.5 per cent (over 7 times the England and Wales figure). Norwich had the highest proportion of the population reporting no religion at 42.5 per cent.

## Lewisham Census Demographics United Kingdom

In the 2011 census the population of Lewisham was 275,885 and is made up of approximately 51% females and 49% males.

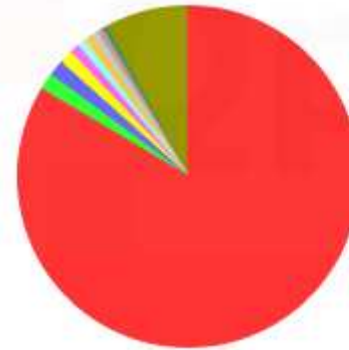
The average age of people in Lewisham is 35, while the median age is lower at 33.

64.0% of people living in Lewisham were born in England. Other top answers for country of birth were 3.5% Jamaica, 3.5% Nigeria, 1.4% Ireland, 1.3% Sri Lanka, 1.3% South America, 1.2% Scotland, 1.0% Ghana, 0.9% India, 0.8% China.



1.	England	64.00%
2.	Jamaica	3.50%
3.	Nigeria	3.50%
4.	Ireland	1.40%
5.	Sri Lanka	1.30%
6.	South America	1.30%
7.	Scotland	1.20%
8.	Ghana	1.00%
9.	India	0.90%
10.	China	0.80%
11.	Other	21.10%

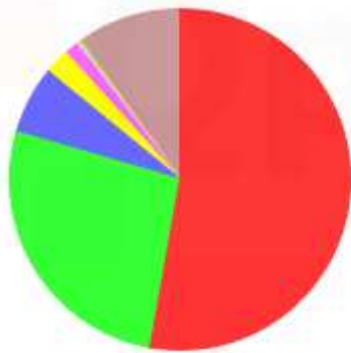
83.5% of people living in Lewisham speak English. The other top languages spoken are 1.6% Polish, 1.5% French, 1.3% Tamil, 0.9% Spanish, 0.8% Turkish,



1.	English	83.50%
2.	Polish	1.60%
3.	French	1.50%
4.	Tamil	1.30%
5.	Spanish	0.90%
6.	Turkish	0.80%
7.	Portuguese	0.70%
8.	All other Chinese	0.70%
9.	Italian	0.60%
10.	Lithuanian	0.40%
11.	Other	8.00%

0.7% Portuguese, 0.7% All other Chinese, 0.6% Italian, 0.4% Lithuanian.

The religious make up of Lewisham is 52.8% Christian, 26.7% No religion, 6.4% Muslim, 2.4% Hindu, 1.3% Buddhist, 0.2% Jewish, 0.2% Sikh,



1.	Christian	52.80%
2.	No religion	26.70%
3.	Muslim	6.40%
4.	Hindu	2.40%
5.	Buddhist	1.30%
6.	Jewish	0.20%
7.	Sikh	0.20%
8.	Agnostic	0.10%
9.	Other	9.90%

0.1% Agnostic.

24,505 people did not state a religion. 959 people identified as a Jedi Knight and 14 people said they believe in Heavy Metal.

30.3% of people are married, 11.1% cohabit with a member of the opposite sex, 2.0% live with a partner of the same sex, 39.7% are single and have never married or been in a registered same sex partnership, 10.2% are separated or divorced. There are 14,533 widowed people living in Lewisham.

The top occupations listed by people in Lewisham are Professional 22.6%, Associate professional and technical 16.5%, Administrative and secretarial 11.8%, Elementary 10.2%, Managers, directors and senior officials 9.7%, Elementary administration and service 9.6%, Caring, leisure and other service 9.4%, Administrative 8.7%, Business, media and public service professionals 8.6%, Skilled trades 8.1%.