

## Appendix 2

### Demographic Information

Muslims consolidate together in localities – but that is not the total picture, for Muslims are scattered everywhere in the UK. This may be by reason of occupation, such as restaurants, pharmacies, hospitals, etc.

Comparing the Nation[al] Census figures makes interesting reading. Whereas in 2001 there were 1.55 million Muslims in England and Wales, but by 2011 the total has risen to 2.71 million, constituting 4.8% of the population. In Scotland there are some 77,000 Muslims and in Northern Ireland 3,800.

Although Muslims are the second largest faith in the UK, the Muslim population is larger than all the other non-Christian faith groups put together.

And of all the Muslims in the UK, 47% were born in the UK.

Religious Faith	Total Population	Percentage
Christian	33,243,175	59.3
Muslim	2,706,066	4.8
Hindu	816,633	1.5
Sikh	423,158	0.8
Jewish	263,346	0.5
Buddhist	247,743	0.4
Any Other	240,530	0.4
None	14,097,229	25.1
Not Stated	4,038,32	7.2
<b>All</b>	<b>56,075,912</b>	

Research shows that the ethnic minorities of **England and Wales** have been growing in recent years faster than ever before – this spreading of population has accelerated in the past 20 years. The Indian, White, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, African, Irish, Caribbean, Mixed White/Caribbean, White/African and White/Asian populations were all more evenly spread in 2011 than in 2001. Interestingly the claim is made that the White British population is the only group that lives in relative isolation from others, on average living in Districts with 85% White British residents. Is it simply a matter of perception that ethnic minority groups have formed close knit groups? It appears that on average they make up fewer than 10% of the residents of the community. Perhaps the reality is that that ethnic minorities form a smaller tight-knit grouping within those communities – Muslims especially do seek to live in a closer community where they can encourage and support each other.

In **England** the oldest Muslim group in is [is in] the Arab Yemeni *lascars* (sailors) who mainly settled in the ports of England, and which now total some 80,000, but the majority of Muslims are found among the ethnic Pakistani and Bangladeshi populations. Others include Algerians, Bosnians, Jordanians, Kurds, Lebanese, Mauritians, Somalis, Sudanese, Syrians, and Tunisians. British Muslims number around 5,000, many of whom are of Afro-Caribbean origin. It is perhaps the more experiential aspects of Sufism that appeals to converts from ethnically white British inhabitants, though some claim that it is the more logical aspects of Islamic teaching.

In **Scotland**, the 77,000 Muslims constitute about 0.9% of the population, and the majority are of Pakistani (58%) origin, 9.8% are Arab, 7.8% are White European and 7% are Black. Glasgow has the highest Muslim population of any Scottish city with 5% identifying themselves as Muslim. 37% of these Muslims were born in Scotland, with some 7.3% having been elsewhere in the UK.

**Wales** has 46,000 Muslims recorded in the 2011 Census, who have mostly derived from Pakistani and Bangladeshi, but there are also those of Arabic, Turkish and Iranian origin are to be found in Cardiff and Newport.

In **Northern Ireland** there are 3,800 Muslims originating from over 40 countries.

The following chart shows the ethnic Muslim distribution throughout England and Wales. Muslims of Arab, Turkish and Persian ethnicity are probably included in the 'Other' category. Scotland and Northern Ireland are excluded. The figures are all rounded to the nearest thousand.

### Muslims compared to All Ethnic Groups:

<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>Population in England and Wales (thousands)</b>	<b>Muslims as % of All Population</b>	<b>Muslims as % of Overall Muslim Population</b>
White	48,210	0.4	7.8
Mixed / Multiple Ethnic	1,225	8.4	3.8
Asian / Asian British	4,124	43.4	67.6
Black / African / Caribbean / Black British	1,865	14.6	10.1
Arab	231	77.3	6.6
Other ethnic groups	333	33.7	4.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>4.8</b>	

As London is the capital of Great Britain, more than half the Muslim immigrants settled there. The following shows the differing ethnic proportion of Muslims in London. The table shows the ethnic breakdown of Muslims in London.

Greater London has a much larger proportion of Muslims than the rest of the country, for more than half of the Bangladeshi community live there. Some 41% of Middle Eastern Muslims can also be found in the capital, but the remainder are scattered in various places. Pakistanis are concentrated further north in the industrial West Midlands, the Lancashire mill towns and West Yorkshire. In the south-east of England they can also be found in north and west London, Slough, and Oxford.

## Muslim Population of London according to ethnic group:

<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>Population in London (2011 census) in thousands</b>	<b>Percentage of total</b>
Pakistani	1,028	38
Bangladeshi	402	14.9
Indian	197	7.3
Chinese	8	0.3
Other Asian	194	7.2
<b>TOTAL Asian</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>67.6</b>
<b>Arab</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>6.6</b>
White British	77	2.9
White Irish	2	0.1
Other White	131	4.9
<b>TOTAL White</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Black African	207	7.7
Black Caribbean	7	0.3
Other Black	57	2.1
<b>TOTAL Black</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Mixed White and Asian	50	1.8
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	5	0.2
Mixed Black African	16	0.6
Other Mixed	32	1.2
<b>TOTAL Mixed</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Any Other Ethnic Group</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,706</b>	

Much of this information for the tables has been gleaned from the *British Muslims in Numbers* (Muslim Council of Britain, 2015),  
a pdf publication available online, that provides much useful information.

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## The distribution of Muslim populations in the UK (population shown in thousands)

