

2011 Census Religion Profile

The results of the 2011 Census show the following Religion characteristics of the 254,557 Royal Borough residents:

- There are 134,632 Christians across the Royal Borough (52.9%), making Christianity the most common religion;
- Over half (53%) of Christians are White British (71,350 people), whilst 20.3% were of Black African origin (27,282 people);
- Thamesmead Moorings has the largest proportion of Christians (12,430 people) across all 17 Royal Borough wards, accounting for 63% of residents;
- The Royal Borough has the 4th largest number of Buddhists (4,223 people);
- Plumstead ward has the highest rate of Buddhists with 3.6% (598 people), whilst Glyndon (532 people), Woolwich Common (491 people) and Woolwich Riverside (422 people) also have significant Buddhist populations;
- Of the 7,836 residents of Indian origin, 43.9% are Hindus (3,439 people) and 30.6% are Sikhs (2,396 people);
- 93.8% of all Hindus within the Royal Borough are Asian/Asian British (8,528 people);
- 11.5% of Plumstead residents are Hindus (1,921 people), as are 7.5% of Glyndon residents (1,367 people);
- The Royal Borough has the 7th largest number of Sikhs (3,490 people) across all 33 London boroughs;
- Plumstead ward also has the largest rate of Sikhs (652 people) accounting for 3.9% of its residents. Shooters Hill has the second largest rate (2.9%) with 387 people;
- There were 17,349 Muslims within the Royal Borough (6.8% of residents). Of this, 29.3% were of Black African origin (5,081 people);
- Woolwich Common (12.4%), Woolwich Riverside (11.1%) and Glyndon (10.9%) have the highest rates of Muslim population across the Royal Borough wards, accounting for a combined 6,260 residents;
- The Black population of the Royal Borough is 48,655 (19.1%). Of this, three-quarters (75%) are Christians, and 13.2% are Muslims; and
- Over one-quarter (25.5%) of residents stated No Religion (65,034 people), whilst 7.6% of residents did not state a religion (19,237 people).

Table 1: Royal Greenwich Religion by Ethnic Group (Count)

Ethnic Group		All Religions	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
White	British	133,130	71,350	310	48	323	975	71	602	48,542	10,909
	Irish	4,291	3,247	10	8	2	46	0	18	617	343
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	430	265	2	0	4	8	0	7	108	36
	Other White	21,151	12,586	106	103	117	1,913	15	90	4,559	1,662
	Group Total	159,002	87,448	428	159	446	2,942	86	717	53,826	12,950
Mixed	White and Black Caribbean	4,011	1,920	11	2	3	64	5	23	1,639	344
	White and Black African	2,699	1,700	8	2	2	256	1	10	531	189
	White and Asian	2,361	864	39	70	3	224	33	12	875	241
	Other Mixed	3,203	1,484	27	37	2	318	10	30	996	299
	Group Total	12,274	5,968	85	111	10	862	49	75	4,041	1,073
Asian	Indian	7,836	765	35	3,439	2	403	2,396	53	366	377
	Pakistani	2,594	37	1	19	1	2,310	14	1	51	160
	Bangladeshi	1,645	28	7	24	0	1,412	15	0	51	108
	Chinese	5,061	741	870	68	1	79	25	14	2,866	397
	Other Asian	12,758	1,890	2,673	4,978	2	1,027	361	33	929	865
	Group Total	29,894	3,461	3,586	8,528	6	5,231	2,811	101	4,263	1,907
Black	African	35,164	27,282	19	56	6	5,081	34	52	783	1,851
	Caribbean	8,051	5,970	28	23	5	136	6	43	1,090	750
	Other Black	5,440	3,240	16	50	2	1,194	67	12	438	421
	Group Total	48,655	36,492	63	129	13	6,411	107	107	2,311	3,022
Other	Arab	1,069	202	4	33	0	657	3	1	87	82
	Any other ethnic group	3,663	1,061	57	127	17	1,246	434	12	506	203
	Group Total	4,732	1,263	61	160	17	1,903	437	13	593	285
Total		254,557	134,632	4,223	9,087	492	17,349	3,490	1,013	65,034	19,237

Source: ONS Census 2011 Table DC2201EW Ethnic Group by Religion

Table 2: Royal Greenwich Religion by Ethnic Group (Percentage)

Ethnic Group		Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
White	British	53.0%	7.3%	0.5%	65.7%	5.6%	2.0%	59.4%	74.6%	56.7%
	Irish	2.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%	1.8%	0.9%	1.8%
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.2%
	Other White	9.3%	2.5%	1.1%	23.8%	11.0%	0.4%	8.9%	7.0%	8.6%
	Group Total	65.0%	10.1%	1.7%	90.7%	17.0%	2.5%	70.8%	82.8%	67.3%
Mixed	White and Black Caribbean	1.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.1%	2.3%	2.5%	1.8%
	White and Black African	1.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	1.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.8%	1.0%
	White and Asian	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	1.3%	0.9%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%
	Other Mixed	1.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	1.8%	0.3%	3.0%	1.5%	1.6%
	Group Total	4.4%	2.0%	1.2%	2.0%	5.0%	1.4%	7.4%	6.2%	5.6%
Asian	Indian	0.6%	0.8%	37.8%	0.4%	2.3%	68.7%	5.2%	0.6%	2.0%
	Pakistani	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	13.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.8%
	Bangladeshi	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	8.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%
	Chinese	0.6%	20.6%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%	1.4%	4.4%	2.1%
	Other Asian	1.4%	63.3%	54.8%	0.4%	5.9%	10.3%	3.3%	1.4%	4.5%
	Group Total	2.6%	84.9%	93.8%	1.2%	30.2%	80.5%	10.0%	6.6%	9.9%
Black	African	20.3%	0.4%	0.6%	1.2%	29.3%	1.0%	5.1%	1.2%	9.6%
	Caribbean	4.4%	0.7%	0.3%	1.0%	0.8%	0.2%	4.2%	1.7%	3.9%
	Other Black	2.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.4%	6.9%	1.9%	1.2%	0.7%	2.2%
	Group Total	27.1%	1.5%	1.4%	2.6%	37.0%	3.1%	10.6%	3.6%	15.7%
Other	Arab	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	3.8%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%
	Any other ethnic group	0.8%	1.3%	1.4%	3.5%	7.2%	12.4%	1.2%	0.8%	1.1%
	Group Total	0.9%	1.4%	1.8%	3.5%	11.0%	12.5%	1.3%	0.9%	1.5%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: ONS Census 2011 Table DC2201EW Ethnic Group by Religion



Table 3: Royal Greenwich Country of Birth by Religion (Count)

Country of Birth	All Religions	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other	No Religion	Not stated
UK	175,645	92,764	1,093	2,013	348	7,192	1,809	737	55,394	14,295
Ireland	3,260	2,571	1	4	3	54	4	11	341	271
EU countries: Member countries in March 2001	6,891	3,920	38	52	13	469	8	36	1,748	607
EU countries: Accession countries 2001-2011	8,938	6,526	25	10	8	573	4	19	1,170	603
Rest of Europe	3,619	1,321	8	8	17	1,218	4	7	746	290
Europe Total	198,353	107,102	1,165	2,087	389	9,506	1,829	810	59,399	16,066
North Africa	789	170	0	0	4	505	0	2	49	59
Central and Western Africa	18,180	15,274	3	15	2	1,822	0	25	276	763
South and Eastern Africa	7,898	3,903	12	626	16	2,121	229	43	543	405
Other Africa	150	66	0	19	0	12	39	0	6	8
Africa Total	27,017	19,413	15	660	22	4,460	268	70	874	1,235
Middle East	1,104	128	3	16	31	651	4	14	171	86
Eastern Asia	3,463	441	667	180	0	24	1	19	1,866	265
Southern Asia	13,165	1,133	1,179	6,008	4	2,464	1,363	32	289	693
South-East Asia	3,366	1,059	1,149	80	0	119	19	15	683	242
Central Asia	118	42	0	0	2	33	0	2	34	5
Middle East and Asia Total	21,216	2,803	2,998	6,284	37	3,291	1,387	82	3,043	1,291
North America and the Caribbean	4,784	3,357	26	36	37	72	4	36	783	433
Central and South America	1,720	1,294	4	15	3	15	1	5	282	101
Americas Total	6,504	4,651	30	51	40	87	5	41	1,065	534
Antarctica and Oceania (including Australasia)	1,466	663	14	5	4	5	1	10	653	111
Other	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oceania and Other Total	1,467	663	15	5	4	5	1	10	653	111
Total	254,557	134,632	4,223	9,087	492	17,349	3,490	1,013	65,034	19,237

Source: ONS Census 2011 Table DC2207EW Country of Birth by Religion

Table 4: Royal Greenwich Country of Birth by Religion (Percentage)

Country of Birth	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Not Stated
UK	68.9%	25.9%	22.2%	70.7%	41.5%	51.8%	72.8%	85.2%	74.3%
Ireland	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.1%	1.1%	0.5%	1.4%
EU countries: Member countries in March 2001	2.9%	0.9%	0.6%	2.6%	2.7%	0.2%	3.6%	2.7%	3.2%
EU countries: Accession countries 2001-2011	4.8%	0.6%	0.1%	1.6%	3.3%	0.1%	1.9%	1.8%	3.1%
Rest of Europe	1.0%	0.2%	0.1%	3.5%	7.0%	0.1%	0.7%	1.1%	1.5%
Europe Total	79.6%	27.6%	23.0%	79.1%	54.8%	52.4%	80.0%	91.3%	83.5%
North Africa	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	2.9%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%
Central and Western Africa	11.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	10.5%	0.0%	2.5%	0.4%	4.0%
South and Eastern Africa	2.9%	0.3%	6.9%	3.3%	12.2%	6.6%	4.2%	0.8%	2.1%
Other Africa	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Africa Total	14.4%	0.4%	7.3%	4.5%	25.7%	7.7%	6.9%	1.3%	6.4%
Middle East	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	6.3%	3.8%	0.1%	1.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Eastern Asia	0.3%	15.8%	2.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	1.9%	2.9%	1.4%
Southern Asia	0.8%	27.9%	66.1%	0.8%	14.2%	39.1%	3.2%	0.4%	3.6%
South-East Asia	0.8%	27.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	1.5%	1.1%	1.3%
Central Asia	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
Middle East and Asia Total	2.1%	71.0%	69.2%	7.5%	19.0%	39.7%	8.1%	4.7%	6.7%
North America and the Caribbean	2.5%	0.6%	0.4%	7.5%	0.4%	0.1%	3.6%	1.2%	2.3%
Central and South America	1.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Americas Total	3.5%	0.7%	0.6%	8.1%	0.5%	0.1%	4.0%	1.6%	2.8%
Antarctica and Oceania (including Australasia)	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.6%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Oceania and Other Total	0.5%	0.4%	0.1%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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