

Religion, 2011 Census of Population

This short article contains results by religious group from the 2011 Census of Population. The figures have been downloaded from the [Office for National Statistics](#) website and complement a range of other census data sets that have been added to our website.

The 2011 results for Lancashire

On the day of the census, March 27th 2011, a total of over 978,000 people in the Lancashire-14 area classified themselves as Christian. A further 279,600 stated no religion, 96,600 indicated that their religion was Muslim, 71,300 did not give a response, whilst the other religious groups in Lancashire-14 together accounted for 17,400.

Table 1. Persons by religious group, 2011 Census

Area	All categories	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other	No religion	Not stated
Burnley	87,059	55,399	192	175	14	8,580	33	236	17,178	5,252
Chorley	107,155	80,732	275	196	45	1,130	18	337	18,418	6,004
Fylde	75,757	55,843	196	175	322	350	39	228	13,870	4,734
Hyndburn	80,734	53,602	162	70	7	8,336	38	249	13,700	4,570
Lancaster	138,375	91,124	540	446	119	1,767	100	658	33,833	9,788
Pendle	89,452	48,043	224	91	36	15,579	9	334	19,573	5,563
Preston	140,202	85,518	385	3,338	60	15,769	930	428	25,754	8,020
Ribble Valley	57,132	44,627	88	99	10	425	41	139	8,299	3,404
Rossendale	67,982	43,392	163	96	67	2,613	9	231	17,095	4,316
South Ribble	109,057	82,547	206	556	48	592	75	284	18,487	6,262
West Lancashire	110,685	84,337	141	229	62	276	87	216	19,029	6,308
Wyre	107,749	80,346	220	161	69	305	25	342	19,210	7,071
Lancashire-12	1,171,339	805,510	2,792	5,632	859	55,722	1,404	3,682	224,446	71,292
Blackburn with Darwen UA	147,489	77,599	306	574	54	39,817	161	295	20,374	8,309
Blackpool UA	142,065	95,426	450	337	252	1,061	61	571	34,815	9,092
Lancashire-14-authorities)	1,460,893	978,535	3,548	6,543	1,165	96,600	1,626	4,548	279,635	88,693
North West	7,052,177	4,742,860	20,695	38,259	30,417	356,458	8,857	19,166	1,397,916	437,549
England and Wales	56,075,912	33,243,175	247,743	816,633	263,346	2,706,066	423,158	240,530	14,097,229	4,038,032

Source: 2011 Census of Population

Christianity was the religion of 59.3% of the England and Wales population. For the Lancashire-12 area (68.8%) and Lancashire-14 (67.0%) the rates were noticeably higher. At the national level, just over a quarter (25.1%) stated no religion and 7.2% gave no response. The equivalent figures were 19.2% and 6.1% in Lancashire-12, and 19.1% and 6.1% in Lancashire-14.

For England Wales, 4.8% of people classified themselves as Muslim. The same percentage was recorded in Lancashire-12, whilst in Lancashire-14, the rate was higher at 6.6%. There are other religious groups identified with minor percentages at the national and Lancashire levels, and none had a rate in excess of 1.5%.

Table 2, Percentage by religious/non-religious group, 2011

Area	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other	No religion	Not stated
Burnley	63.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	9.9	0.0	0.3	19.7	6.0
Chorley	75.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.3	17.2	5.6
Fylde	73.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	18.3	6.2
Hyndburn	66.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	10.3	0.0	0.3	17.0	5.7
Lancaster	65.9	0.4	0.3	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.5	24.5	7.1
Pendle	53.7	0.3	0.1	0.0	17.4	0.0	0.4	21.9	6.2
Preston	61.0	0.3	2.4	0.0	11.2	0.7	0.3	18.4	5.7
Ribble Valley	78.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.2	14.5	6.0
Rossendale	63.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	3.8	0.0	0.3	25.1	6.3
South Ribble	75.7	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	17.0	5.7
West Lancashire	76.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	17.2	5.7
Wyre	74.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	17.8	6.6
Lancashire-12	68.8	0.2	0.5	0.1	4.8	0.1	0.3	19.2	6.1
Blackburn with Darwen UA	52.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	27.0	0.1	0.2	13.8	5.6
Blackpool UA	67.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.4	24.5	6.4
Lancashire-14	67.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	6.6	0.1	0.3	19.1	6.1
North West	67.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	5.1	0.1	0.3	19.8	6.2
England and Wales	59.3	0.4	1.5	0.5	4.8	0.8	0.4	25.1	7.2

Source: 2011 Census of Population

Among the local authorities in Lancashire, the 78.1% of people in Ribble Valley who stated that they are Christian was the fourth highest rate out of 348 authorities across England and Wales. West Lancashire, South Ribble and Chorley were also ranked in the top 10 across the country.

Blackburn with Darwen (27.0%) and Pendle (17.4%) had high rates of Muslims. The Blackburn with Darwen rate was the third highest in England and Wales.

The Lancashire area had well below the national average for people stating no religion. Lancaster, Rossendale and Blackpool were the only Lancashire areas with rates approaching the national average of 25.1%.

Among the other religions, Preston (2.4%) had well above the national average of Hindus, and the largest percentage of Sikhs (0.7%) in Lancashire-14.

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