

Oxfordshire Insight

2011 Census Briefing - Release 2: Ethnicity and Religion

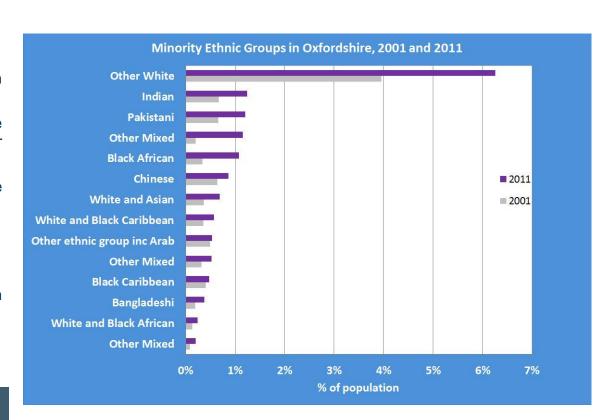


The second release from the 2011 Census (11th December 2012) by the Office for National Statistics shows:

- An estimated 653,800 people were living in Oxfordshire on 27th March 2011
- All of the county's black and minority ethnic communities have grown, and now account for 9.2% of the population, just under double the 2001 figure of 4.9%
- 4.8% of the population are from Asian backgrounds, twice the 2001 figure of 2.4%
- There has been a growth in the 'any other white' category, rising from 4% in 2001 to 6.3% in 2011. This rise can be explained by the expansion of the EU.
- 28% of the county's population have no religion, up from 17.5% in 2001

Oxford remains the county's most diverse area

- 22% come from black and minority ethnic backgrounds
- 12.5% come Asian backgrounds
- 48% are Christian, 33% follow no religion, and 7% are Muslim
- 12.4% come from non-British or Irish white backgrounds

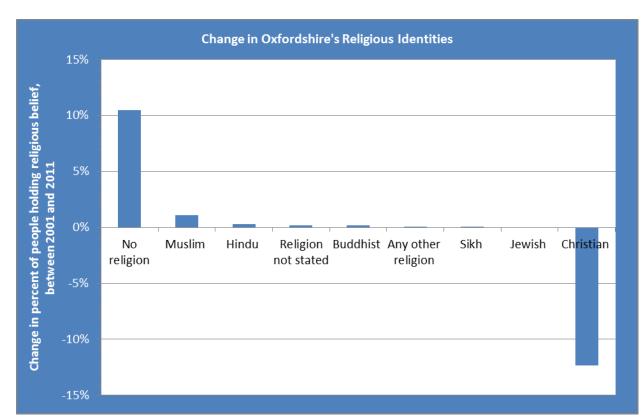


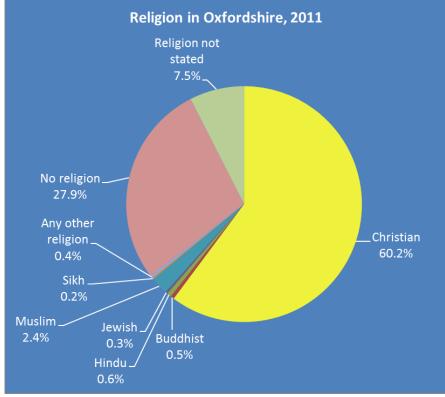
Ethnicity

People from Asian communities form the largest minority ethnic group in the county, and most come from Indian or Pakistani backgrounds (2.45%)

The proportion from all black backgrounds has more than doubled from 0.8% to 1.75% of the county's population.

People from mixed backgrounds account for 2% of the population (2001: 1.2%)





Religion

- 60% of the population are Christian a large fall from the figure of 73% in 2001
- The proportions of people following all other religions, and no religion, have grown, with those of no religion seeing the largest rise, in line with national and regional trends.
- The largest growth amongst believers has been the Muslim population, which now makes up 2.4% of Oxfordshire's population a rise from 1.3% in 2001. This proportion is in line with the South East (2.3%), but less than half the figure of the whole of England (5%).
- The proportion of Hindus in Oxfordshire has doubled since 2001 to 0.6%.
- The size of the county's Jewish population has remained steady at 0.3%.
- The growth and size of county's Buddhist population (0.5%) is in line with the regional and national figures.



Data Annex

| 2011 Census results | Oxfordshire | | Cherwell | | Oxford | | South Oxfordshire | | Vale of White Horse | | West Oxfordshire | | |
|---|--|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|------------------|--------|-------|
| All categories | Ethnic group | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| | English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British | 546801 | 83.6 | 122491 | 86.3 | 96633 | 63.6 | 122083 | 90.9 | 108599 | 89.8 | 96995 | 92.6 |
| White | Irish | 6291 | 1 | 1104 | 0.8 | 2431 | 1.6 | 1092 | 0.8 | 956 | 0.8 | 708 | 0.7 |
| | Gypsy or Irish Traveller | 623 | 0.1 | 105 | 0.1 | 92 | 0.1 | 135 | 0.1 | 109 | 0.1 | 182 | 0.2 |
| | Other White | 40289 | 6.2 | 7061 | 5 | 18801 | 12.4 | 5683 | 4.2 | 5160 | 4.3 | 3584 | 3.4 |
| Mixed/multiple ethnic group | White and Black Caribbean | 3759 | 0.6 | 835 | 0.6 | 1721 | 1.1 | 506 | 0.4 | 377 | 0.3 | 320 | 0.3 |
| | White and Black African | 1557 | 0.2 | 370 | 0.3 | 703 | 0.5 | 168 | 0.1 | 180 | 0.1 | 136 | 0.1 |
| | White and Asian | 4521 | 0.7 | 729 | 0.5 | 2008 | 1.3 | 690 | 0.5 | 621 | 0.5 | 473 | 0.5 |
| | Other Mixed | 3396 | 0.5 | 626 | 0.4 | 1603 | 1.1 | 437 | 0.3 | 396 | 0.3 | 334 | 0.3 |
| Asian/Asian British | Indian | 8140 | 1.2 | 1681 | 1.2 | 4449 | 2.9 | 814 | 0.6 | 842 | 0.7 | 354 | 0.3 |
| | Pakistani | 7846 | 1.2 | 2382 | 1.7 | 4825 | 3.2 | 194 | 0.1 | 350 | 0.3 | 95 | 0.1 |
| | Bangladeshi | 2491 | 0.4 | 184 | 0.1 | 1791 | 1.2 | 179 | 0.1 | 185 | 0.2 | 152 | 0.1 |
| | Chinese | 5618 | 0.9 | 657 | 0.5 | 3559 | 2.3 | 443 | 0.3 | 649 | 0.5 | 310 | 0.3 |
| | Other Asian | 7562 | 1.2 | 1135 | 0.8 | 4203 | 2.8 | 775 | 0.6 | 936 | 0.8 | 513 | 0.5 |
| Black/African/Caribbean/ Black British | African | 7039 | 1.1 | 1040 | 0.7 | 4456 | 2.9 | 445 | 0.3 | 828 | 0.7 | 270 | 0.3 |
| | Caribbean | 3070 | 0.5 | 600 | 0.4 | 1874 | 1.2 | 241 | 0.2 | 246 | 0.2 | 109 | 0.1 |
| | Other Black | 1315 | 0.2 | 321 | 0.2 | 698 | 0.5 | 82 | 0.1 | 156 | 0.1 | 58 | 0.1 |
| Other ethnic group | Arab | 1358 | 0.2 | 145 | 0.1 | 922 | 0.6 | 89 | 0.1 | 149 | 0.1 | 53 | 0.1 |
| Other ethnic group | Any other ethnic group | 2122 | 0.3 | 402 | 0.3 | 1137 | 0.7 | 201 | 0.1 | 249 | 0.2 | 133 | 0.1 |
| | Total | 653798 | 100.1 | 141868 | 100 | 151906 | 100 | 134257 | 99.8 | 120988 | 100 | 104779 | 100.1 |

Source: ONS. Percentages might not equal 100% due to rounding

The categories used in the 2011 census were slightly different to those used in the 2001 Census. As such, to show the differences in size in categories between the two censuses, for the chart on page 1 'Gypsy and Irish Traveller' was merged with 'Other White' and 'Arab' was merged with 'Any other ethnic group'.

Religion

| 2011 Census Results | | Christia | Buddhist | | Hindu | | Jewish | | Muslim | | Sikh | | Other religion | | No religion | | Religion not stated | | |
|---------------------|--------|----------|----------|------|-------|------|--------|------|--------|-------|------|------|----------------|------|-------------|--------|---------------------|-------|-----|
| | All | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Oxfordshire | 653798 | 393906 | 60.2 | 3257 | 0.5 | 3878 | 0.6 | 1893 | 0.3 | 15734 | 2.4 | 1192 | 0.2 | 2716 | 0.4 | 182344 | 27.9 | 48878 | 7.5 |
| Cherwell | 141868 | 90564 | 63.8 | 563 | 0.4 | 575 | 0.4 | 164 | 0.1 | 3196 | 2.3 | 438 | 0.3 | 563 | 0.4 | 36066 | 25.4 | 9739 | 6.9 |
| Oxford | 151906 | 72924 | 48 | 1431 | 0.9 | 2044 | 1.3 | 1072 | 0.7 | 10320 | 6.8 | 434 | 0.3 | 796 | 0.5 | 50274 | 33.1 | 12611 | 8.3 |
| South Oxfordshire | 134257 | 85292 | 63.5 | 467 | 0.3 | 472 | 0.4 | 281 | 0.2 | 710 | 0.5 | 106 | 0.1 | 505 | 0.4 | 36398 | 27.1 | 10026 | 7.5 |
| Vale of White Horse | 120988 | 76589 | 63.3 | 462 | 0.4 | 566 | 0.5 | 196 | 0.2 | 1073 | 0.9 | 177 | 0.1 | 433 | 0.4 | 32505 | 26.9 | 8987 | 7.4 |
| West Oxfordshire | 104779 | 68537 | 65.4 | 334 | 0.3 | 221 | 0.2 | 180 | 0.2 | 435 | 0.4 | 37 | 0 | 419 | 0.4 | 27101 | 25.9 | 7515 | 7.2 |

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