

England and Wales have data - Religion

Main Lesson (+ Starter Answers)

The following questions can be answered using the spreadsheet and interactive map:

www.ons.gov.uk/rel/census/2011-census/key-statistics-for-local-authorities-in-england-and-wales/rft-table-qs210ew.xls

www.ons.gov.uk/ons/interactive/census-map-2-1---religion/index.html

1. The population of England and Wales in 2011 was 56,075,912. Of this population 33,243,175 people defined their religion as Christian (59.3%). 71.7% of people defined their religion as Christian in 2001.
 - a) What factors do you think may have caused this decrease in the percentage of Christians in England and Wales?
 - b) Calculate the percentage of people in England and Wales that were non-religious in 2001 and 2011. What do you notice?

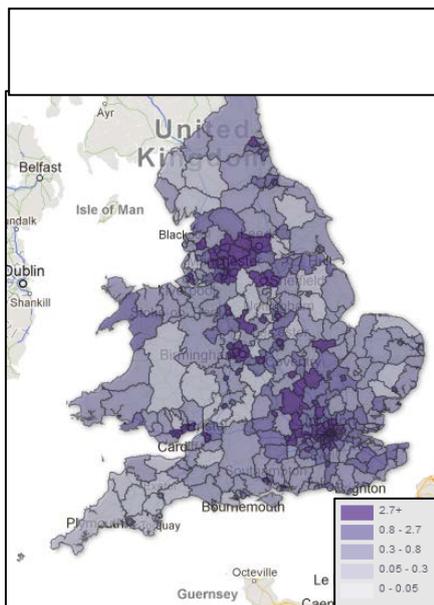
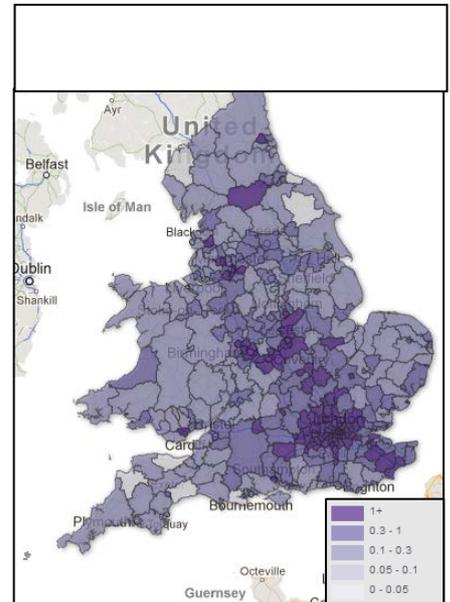
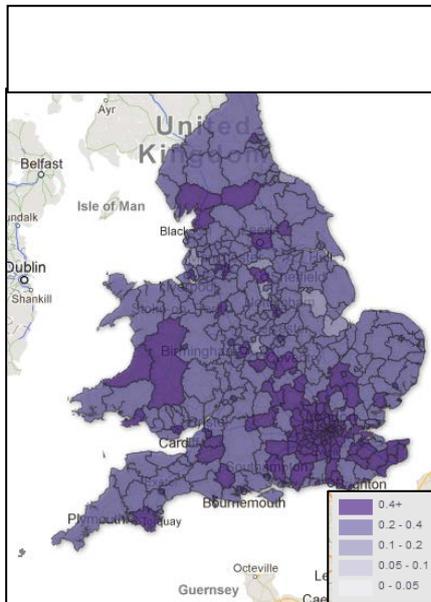
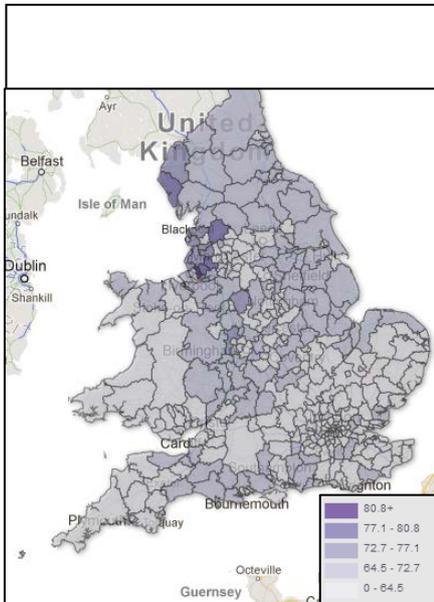
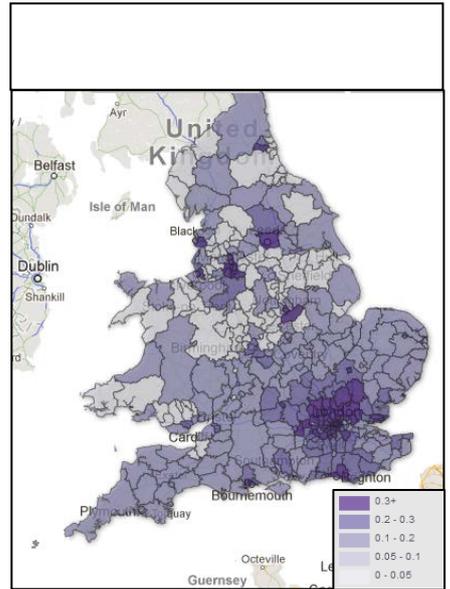
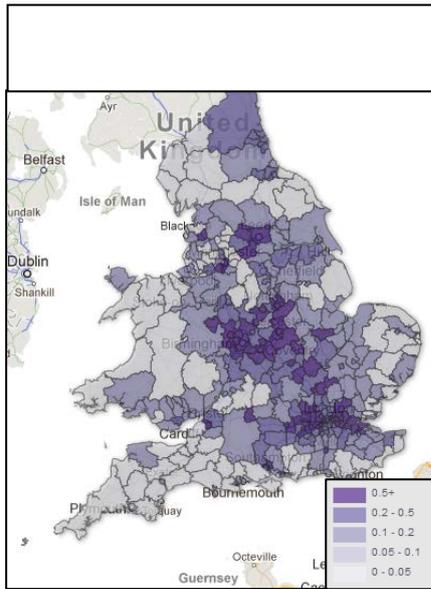
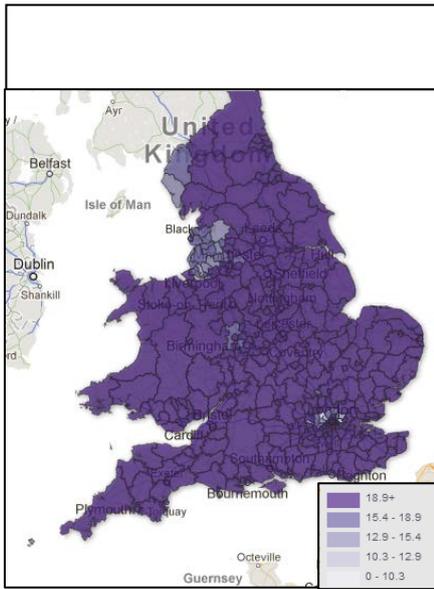
Spreadsheet for 2001: www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/census-2001-key-statistics/local-authorities-in-england-and-wales/local-authorities-ks07--religion.xls

- c) Look at the other five most popular religions and compare the percentages of people for those faiths from the 2001 and 2011 Censuses. Comment on your findings.
 - d) Each of the maps on the following page shows the percentage of people in each area, for each religion, in 2011. Write the correct religion in the box above each of the maps: Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, No Religion.
2. In Brighton and Hove 1% of people put Jedi Knight as their religion.
 - a) Why do you think that Jedi Knight has been accepted as a valid option for religion on the census forms?
 - b) Other areas where large numbers of people chose Jedi Knight as their religion were Bournemouth, Bristol, Portsmouth and Southampton. Why do you think that this may be? Use population pyramids to help:
www.ons.gov.uk/ons/interactive/vp2-2011-census-comparator/index.html

3. Out of Brighton and Hove, Nottingham, Reading and York, Reading was the Local Authority in 2011 with the highest percentage of Buddhists at 1.2%. Use the interactive maps on the following web page to investigate why this might be:
www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-interactive-content/index.html

Comment on your findings.

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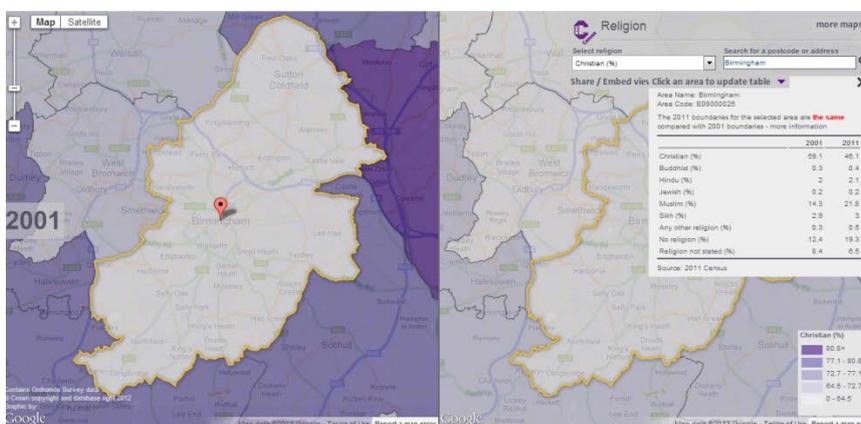
www.ons.gov.uk/ons/interactive/census-map-2-1---religion/index.html (Do not search an area, just change the religion in the select a religion box.)

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The following questions use the interactive religion map, which compares 2001 Census with 2011 Census: www.ons.gov.uk/ons/interactive/census-map-2-1---religion/index.html. Enter the name of the area that you would like to search in the **Search for a postcode or address** box. Then click the magnifying glass to search. A small area will come up in yellow.



Click on **Click on an area to update table** – this will bring up a table and updates the statistics for the selected area in the table. Look at the **Area Name**. If it has the area name followed by a code (e.g. Birmingham 050E), this means that you have only selected part of the area. Use the slider bar on the left-hand-side of the map to zoom out. You should then see the outline of the whole area – click on this area. The new area should now be selected, so update the table again. The area name should no longer have a code after it and therefore will give the statistics for the whole area (e.g. Birmingham, not Birmingham 050E).



4. Which of the following English areas had the highest percentage of non-religious people in 2011?

- Birmingham Blackpool Isles of Scilly Torbay

Area	Non-religion (%)
Birmingham	
Blackpool	
Isles of Scilly	
Torbay	

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5. Which of the following Welsh areas had the largest percentage change in its Christian community between 2001 and 2011?

Rank the areas in order – 1 being the largest change and 4 being the least change.

- Cardiff
 Gwynedd
 Powys
 Swansea

Area	Christian (%) 2001 Census	Christian (%) 2011 Census	Difference (%)	Rank
Cardiff				
Gwynedd				
Powys				
Swansea				

6. Which of the 2 following areas had the same percentage increase of Muslims between 2001 and 2011?

- Blackburn with Darwen
 Bristol
 Leicester
 Peterborough
 Sunderland

Area	Muslim (%) 2001 Census	Muslim (%) 2011 Census	Difference (%)
Blackburn with Darwen			
Bristol			
Leicester			
Peterborough			
Sunderland			

7. Study the Jewish religion statistics for the following areas: Barnet, Caerphilly, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Harrogate, London Borough of Hackney and Westminster. Which area:

- a) had the largest percentage of Jewish people in 2011?
- b) had the lowest percentage of Jewish people 2011?
- c) had the largest change in the Jewish population between 2001 and 2011?
- d) had no percentage change in the Jewish population between 2001 and 2011?

NOTE: Ensure that you type the London Borough of Hackney into the interactive map otherwise you will get statistics for Hackney in Derbyshire.