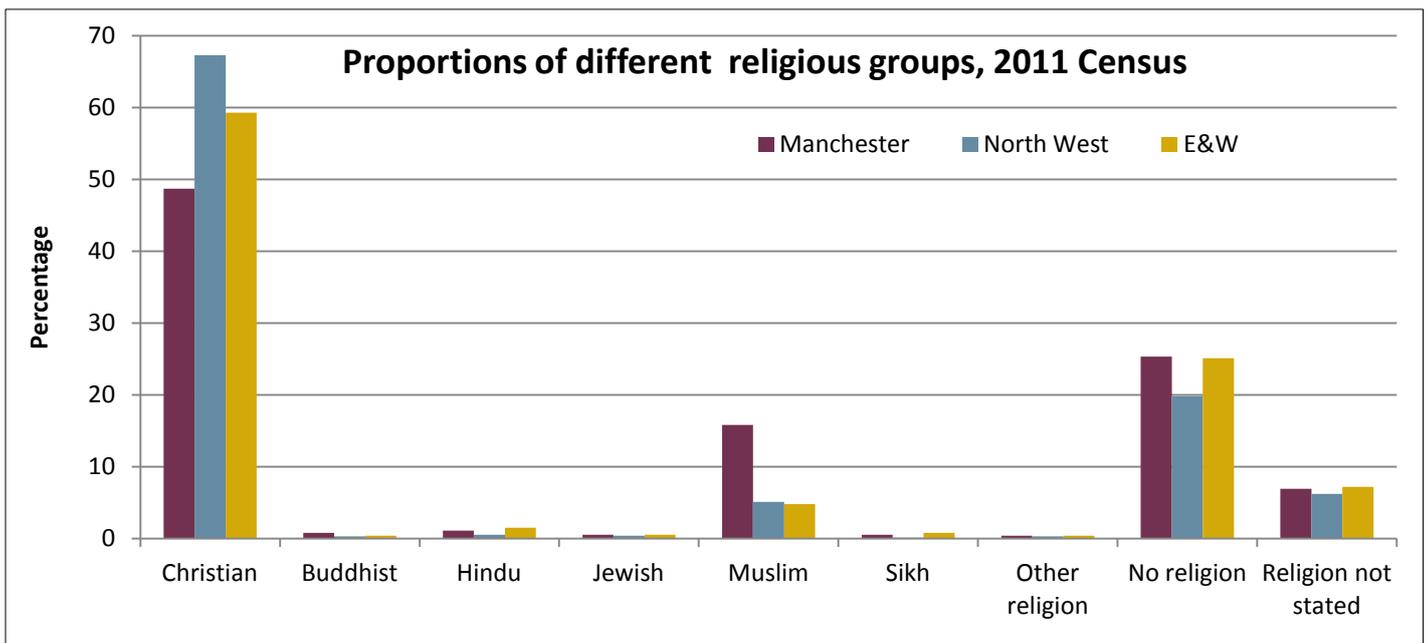


There has been a decrease in the proportion of people identifying themselves as Christian in Manchester since 2001, falling from 62.4% in 2001 to 48.7% in 2011. Conversely, there has been an increase in those not identifying with any religion, rising from 16% to 25.3% and a rise in the proportion of people identifying themselves as Muslim, rising from 9.1% in 2001 to 15.8% in 2011.

KS209EW - Religion		%								
2011	Total	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
Manchester	503,127	48.7	0.8	1.1	0.5	15.8	0.5	0.4	25.3	6.9
England	53,012,456	59.4	0.5	1.5	0.5	5.0	0.8	0.4	24.7	7.2



Overall there are around 110,300 more residents in 2011 than in 2001 yet most religious groups have remained within a couple of thousand difference in number. However, the Muslim and No Religion groups have grown substantially over the decade. There has been an increase of 43,690 residents of Muslim belief and 64,741 residents stating no religion.

All wards have increased their populations stating Muslim or no religion. Rusholme has seen the greatest fall in the number of Christian residents, decreasing by just over 1,300 people, whereas the number of Muslim residents has increased by over 2,000. Similarly, Burnage has 1,167 fewer Christians and just under 1,800 more Muslims. Moston and Old Moat have similar decreases in residents of Christian belief, however, these wards now have 1,523 and 1,991 more residents of no religion than in 2001 respectively. The largest changes at ward level over the decade have been an increase of over 5,000 Muslim residents in Cheetham and an increase of over 6,000 residents stating no religion in the City Centre. The Jewish community remains centred in Crumpsall and, to a lesser degree, in Didsbury West, however, both areas have decreased their Jewish populations.

The areas of Manchester that have the highest proportions of each main religious group are listed below by lower super output area (LSOA).

LSOA 2011	LSOA 2011 name	Within Ward	Religious Group	Total residents identifying with this group	Total residents in this LSOA at 2011	% of this religious group in this LSOA (top %)
E01005229	007E	Moston	Christian	1188	1539	77.2%
E01033653	055B	City Centre	Buddhist	115	1670	6.9%
E01033652	022F	Ardwick	Hindu	104	1618	6.4%
E01005162	004D	Crumpsall	Jewish	309	1710	18.1%
E01005149	008C	Cheetham	Muslim	1376	1743	78.9%
E01005160	004B	Higher Blackley	Sikh	59	1769	3.3%
E01033680	028E	Whalley Range	Other	15	1211	1.2%
E01033659	055D	Ancoats and Clayton	No religion	723	1336	54.1%
E01005201	023E	Gorton North	Not stated	254	2016	12.6%

The areas with the highest proportions of religious groups are not necessarily where the highest numbers of residents in these groups live; only LSOA 004D and LSOA 004B are highest in both, as shown in the table below with the other highest number of residents for each group. LSOA 032B features regularly in this listing, which has a large student population within its boundary (this particular LSOA has a much higher population than average because of student accommodation).

LSOA 2011	LSOA 2011 name	Within Ward	Religious Group	Total residents identifying with this group	Total residents in this LSOA at 2011	% of this religious group in this LSOA
E01005140	002E	Crumpsall	Christian	1822	2804	65.0%
E01033653	055B	Hulme	Buddhist	127	3244	3.9%
E01005284	026C	Rusholme	Hindu	198	3436	1.9%
E01005162	004D	Crumpsall	Jewish	309	1710	18.1%
E01005143	056A	Cheetham	Muslim	1928	2602	74.1%
E01005160	004B	Higher Blackley	Sikh	59	1769	3.3%
E01005210 E01005185	019C/ 032B	Hulme/ Fallowfield	Other	29	3244/ 4024	0.9%/ 0.7%
E01005185	032B	Fallowfield	No religion	1907	4024	47.4%
E0105185	032B	Fallowfield	Not stated	282	4024	7.0%

At a detailed level, 53 output areas have over 75% of residents of Christian faith, mostly in the north of the city, particularly in Higher Blackley, Charlestown and Moston. Fourteen output areas now have over 75% of Muslim belief, all of which are in either Cheetham or Longsight. No other religious groups have percentages that high, although Ancoats and Clayton, Chorlton Park, Chorlton and City Centre wards feature most often as containing output areas with the highest proportions of residents stating no religion.

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