

CENSUS 2011: RELIGION AND ETHNICITY DATA OVERVIEW

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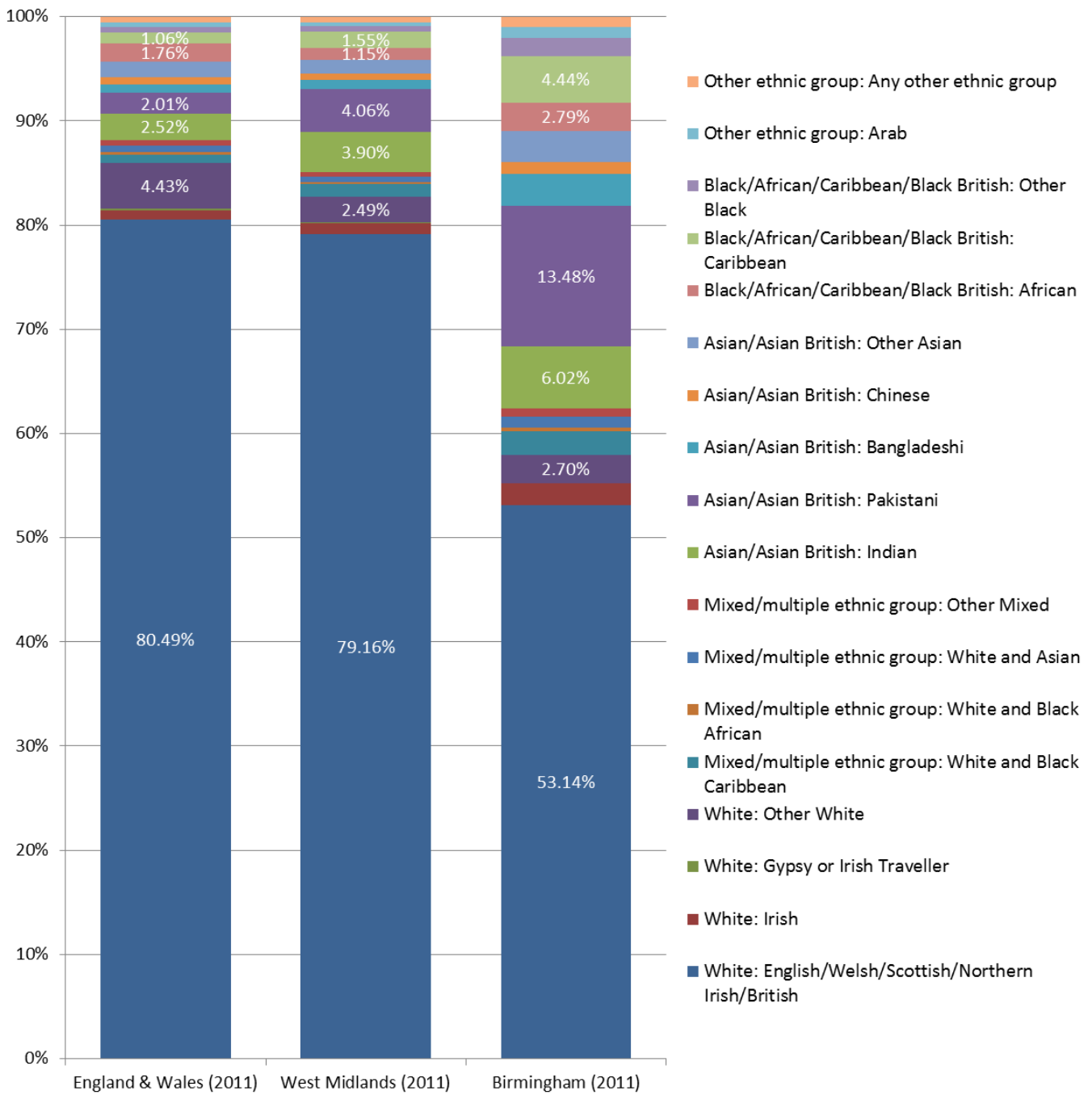
- the proportion of people self-identifying as 'White British' in England and Wales has fallen from 87.0% in 2001 to 80.5% in 2011
- in the West Midlands, the proportion has fallen from 86.2% to 79.2%. In Birmingham, the proportion has fallen 65.6% to 53.1%
- the largest non-White ethnic group in England and Wales is 'Indian', comprising 2.5% of the population
- the largest non-White ethnic category in the West Midlands is 'Pakistani' comprising 4.1% of the population. The largest ethnic group in Birmingham is 'Pakistani', comprising 13.5% of the population
- in England and Wales, the number of people declaring 'No religion' has jumped from 14.6% in 2001 to 25.1% in 2011
- the number of Christians nationally has fallen from 71.7% of the population to 59.3%
- the number of Muslims has grown from 3.1% of the population to 4.8%
- in the West Midlands, the number of people of people declaring 'No religion' increased from 12.3% in 2001 to 22.0% in 2011. The number of Christians fell from 72.6% to 60.2%. The number of Muslims increased from 4.1% to 6.7%
- in Birmingham, the number of people declaring 'No religion' increased from 12.4% to 19.3%. The number of Christians fell from 59.1% to 46.1%. The number of Muslims increased from 14.3% to 21.9%.

ETHNICITY OVERVIEW

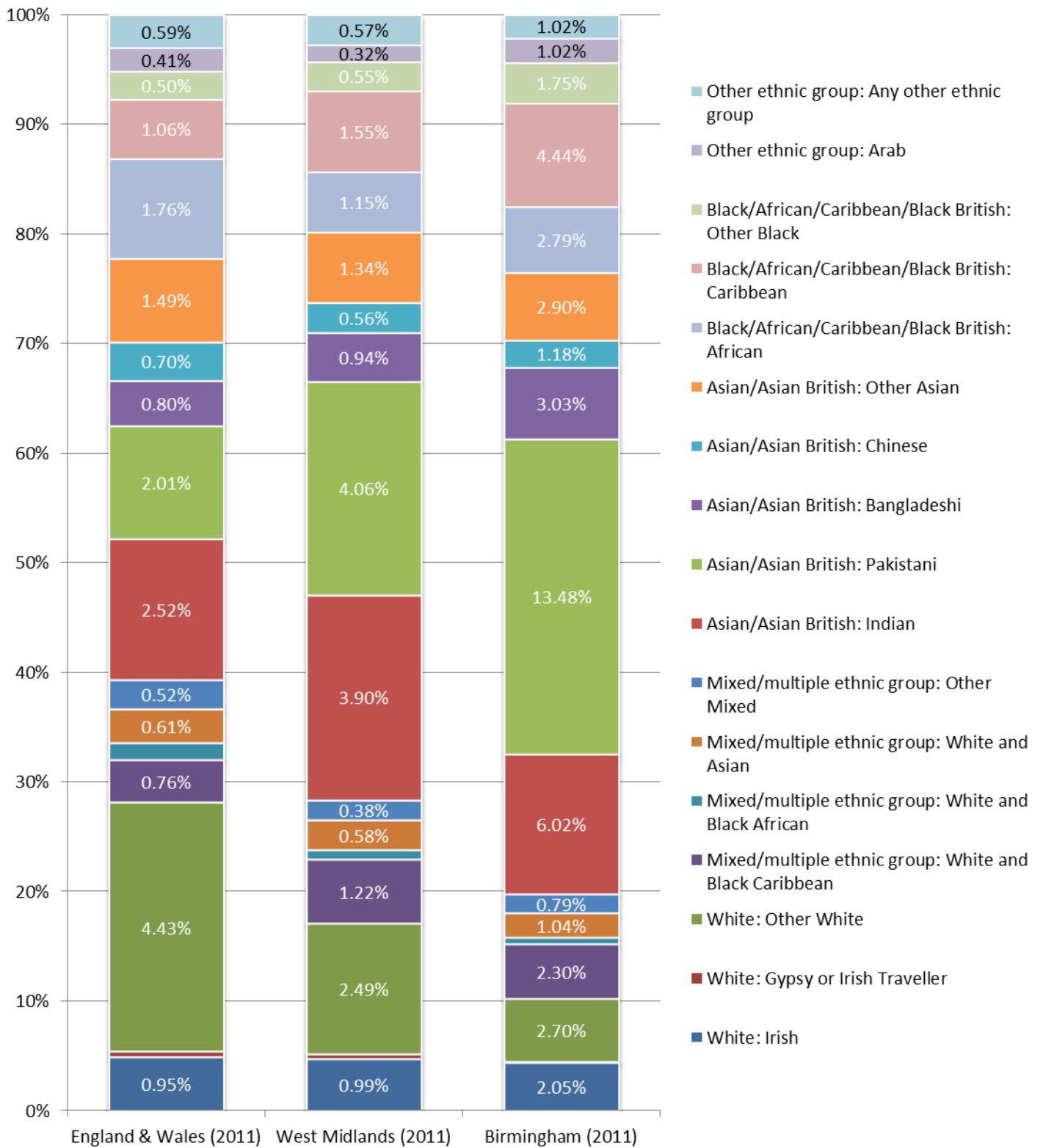
- Population by ethnicity (2011)

	England & Wales		West Midlands		Birmingham	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/ Northern Irish/British	45,134,686	80.49	4,434,333	79.16	570,217	53.14
White: Irish	531,087	0.95	55,216	0.99	22,021	2.05
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	57,680	0.10	4,734	0.08	408	0.04
White: Other White	2,485,942	4.43	139,386	2.49	28,990	2.70
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	426,715	0.76	68,533	1.22	24,720	2.30
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	165,974	0.30	9,232	0.16	3,223	0.30
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	341,727	0.61	32,561	0.58	11,186	1.04
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	289,984	0.52	21,388	0.38	8,476	0.79
Asian/Asian British: Indian	1,412,958	2.52	218,439	3.90	64,621	6.02
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	1,124,511	2.01	227,248	4.06	144,627	13.48
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	447,201	0.80	52,477	0.94	32,532	3.03
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	393,141	0.70	31,274	0.56	12,712	1.18
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	835,720	1.49	74,997	1.34	31,148	2.90
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	989,628	1.76	64,253	1.15	29,991	2.79
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	594,825	1.06	86,794	1.55	47,641	4.44
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	280,437	0.50	31,078	0.55	18,728	1.75
Other ethnic group: Arab	230,600	0.41	18,079	0.32	10,910	1.02
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	333,096	0.59	31,825	0.57	10,894	1.02
	56,075,912	100	5,601,847	100	1,073,045	100

• **Proportion of population by ethnic category (2011)**



• **Proportion of population by ethnic category excluding White British (2011)**



- **Changes in ethnicity (England and Wales)¹**

	England & Wales (2011)		England & Wales (2001)	
	No	%	No	%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	45,134,686	80.49	42,747,136	86.99
White: Irish	531,087	0.95	624,115	1.27
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	57,680	0.10	not recorded	
White: Other White	2,485,942	4.43	1,308,110	2.66
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	426,715	0.76	231,424	0.47
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	165,974	0.30	76,498	0.16
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	341,727	0.61	184,014	0.37
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	289,984	0.52	151,437	0.31
Asian/Asian British: Indian	1,412,958	2.52	1,028,546	2.09
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	1,124,511	2.01	706,539	1.44
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	447,201	0.80	275,394	0.56
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	393,141	0.70	220,681	0.45
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	835,720	1.49	237,810	0.48
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	989,628	1.76	475,938	0.97
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	594,825	1.06	561,246	1.14
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	280,437	0.50	95,324	0.19
Other ethnic group: Arab	230,600	0.41	not recorded	
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	333,096	0.59	214,619	0.44

- **Changes in ethnicity (West Midlands)¹**

	West Midlands (2011)		West Midlands (2001)	
	No	%	No	%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	4,434,333	79.16	4,537,892	86.15
White: Irish	55,216	0.99	73,136	1.39
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	4,734	0.08	not recorded	
White: Other White	139,386	2.49	63,268	1.20
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	68,533	1.22	39,782	0.76
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	9,232	0.16	3,680	0.07
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	32,561	0.58	18,160	0.34
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	21,388	0.38	11,600	0.22
Asian/Asian British: Indian	218,439	3.90	178,691	3.39
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	227,248	4.06	154,550	2.93
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	52,477	0.94	31,401	0.60
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	31,274	0.56	16,099	0.31
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	74,997	1.34	20,931	0.40
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	64,253	1.15	11,983	0.23
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	86,794	1.55	82,282	1.56
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	31,078	0.55	9,765	0.19
Other ethnic group: Arab	18,079	0.32	not recorded	
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	31,825	0.57	14,083	0.27

- **Changes in ethnicity (Birmingham)¹**

	Birmingham (2011)		Birmingham (2001)	
	No	%	No	%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	570,217	53.14	641,345	65.64
White: Irish	22,021	2.05	31,467	3.22
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	408	0.04	not recorded	
White: Other White	28,990	2.70	14,594	1.49
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	24,720	2.30	15,647	1.60
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	3,223	0.30	1,454	0.15
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	11,186	1.04	6,305	0.65
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	8,476	0.79	4,551	0.47
Asian/Asian British: Indian	64,621	6.02	55,749	5.71
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	144,627	13.48	104,017	10.65
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	32,532	3.03	20,831	2.13
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	12,712	1.18	5,105	0.52
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	31,148	2.90	10,086	1.03
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	29,991	2.79	6,205	0.64
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	47,641	4.44	47,831	4.90
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	18,728	1.75	5,793	0.59
Other ethnic group: Arab	10,910	1.02	not recorded	
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	10,894	1.02	6,110	0.63

¹ there were some changes to the 2011 Census ethnicity categories. In particular, the categories 'White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller' and 'Other ethnic group: Arab' were added. For more discussion on the implications of this see Office for National Statistics (2009) *Final recommended questions for the 2011 Census in England and Wales*

RELIGION OVERVIEW

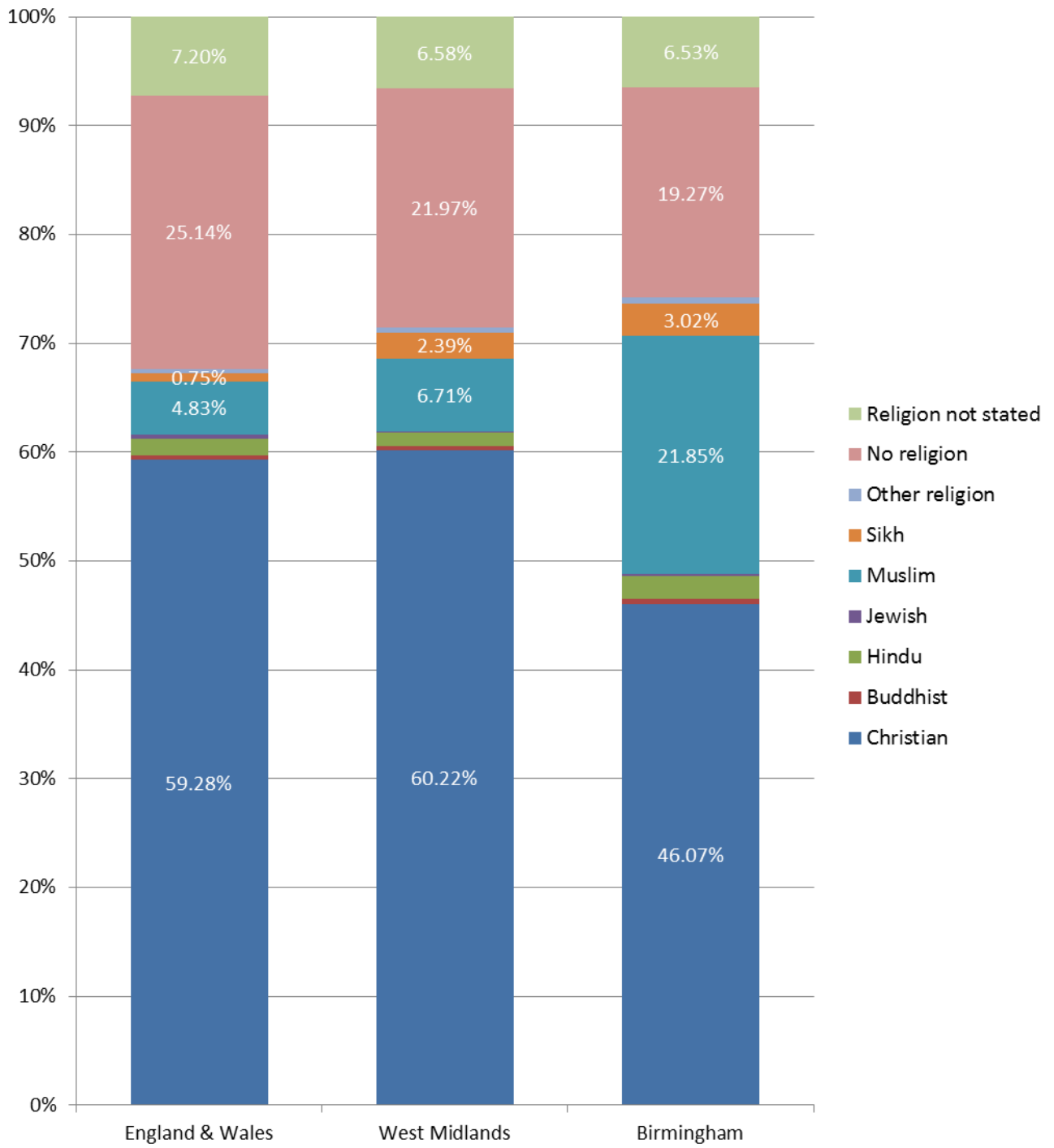
- Population by religion (2011)

	England & Wales		West Midlands		Birmingham	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Christian	33,243,175	59.28	3,373,450	60.22	494,358	46.07
Buddhist	247,743	0.44	16,649	0.30	4,780	0.45
Hindu	816,633	1.46	72,247	1.29	22,362	2.08
Jewish	263,346	0.47	4,621	0.08	2,205	0.21
Muslim	2,706,066	4.83	376,152	6.71	234,411	21.85
Sikh	423,158	0.75	133,681	2.39	32,376	3.02
Other religion	240,530	0.43	25,654	0.46	5,646	0.53
No religion	14,097,229	25.14	1,230,910	21.97	206,821	19.27
Religion not stated	4,038,032	7.20	368,483	6.58	70,086	6.53

- Population by religion (2001)

	England & Wales		West Midlands		Birmingham	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Christian	37,338,486	71.75	3,823,235	72.58	577,783	59.13
Buddhist	144,453	0.28	9,760	0.19	2,977	0.30
Hindu	552,421	1.06	56,668	1.08	19,358	1.98
Jewish	259,927	0.50	4,977	0.09	2,342	0.24
Muslim	1,546,626	2.97	216,184	4.10	140,033	14.33
Sikh	329,358	0.63	103,870	1.97	28,593	2.93
Other religion	150,720	0.29	10,896	0.21	2,500	0.26
No religion	7,709,267	14.81	647,718	12.30	121,541	12.44
Religion not stated	4,010,658	7.71	394,001	7.48	81,959	8.39

- **Proportion of population by religion (2011)**



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