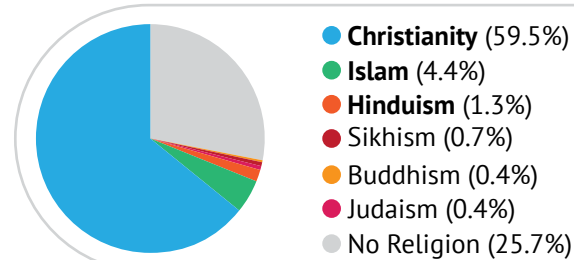


🏠 Religion in the UK

General Information

- Because of the multicultural nature of the UK, there are also many different religions.
- The official religion of the UK is Protestant Christianity.
- Major religions in the UK are **Christianity**, **Islam** and **Hinduism**.
- Many people with Sikh, Jewish or Buddhist beliefs also live in the UK today.



Irreligion

- Non-religious people include agnostics, atheists, non-theists, humanists and secularists.
- Number of non-religious people in the UK is currently increasing.

✝️ Christianity 59.5%

- Attempts to convert the British to Christianity began in 597 AD with the mission of Augustine
- Has dominated the region for over 1000 years.
- Most common denomination is Anglicanism, it's followed by the Catholics.
- Coronation of the new king/queen takes place in Westminster Abbey, a current Anglican church which was built in 960, long before The Anglican Church emerged.
- Catholics were discriminated against in 18th century. Until very recent a catholic member of the ruling dynasty couldn't succeed the throne.

Anglicanism

- Most of the Christians in the UK are Anglicans.
- Henry VIII rejected the supremacy of the pope and founded the Church of England.
- Anglicanism is a variety of Protestantism.
- Monarch is a religious figure.
- Today Anglican Communion is the third largest Christian communion in the world.

🕌 Islam 4.4%

- Arrived in Britain with the immigration from the former colonies.
- Muslim in the UK are mostly from Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Indian and Arab origin.
- In Britain, 100 000 people convert to Islam **annually**.
- There are currently many mosques in the UK including London Central Mosque in London.

ॐ Hinduism 1.3%

- 95.6% of the Hindus are from Indian origin.
- most economically active minority in the UK
- They are more likely to have higher education.
- They have one of the lowest poverty levels in the UK.
- The Hindu Temple in Neasden is the 2nd biggest Hindu Temple in Europe.

☪️ Sikhism

- First Sikh immigrants have come to Britain in 1940s.
- They are mostly people from Punjab.
- They immigrated to the UK to find jobs.

✡️ Judaism

- Jews were first brought to Britain by William the Conqueror in 1070.
- They faced expulsions and persecutions at first.

🌀 Buddhism

- First Buddhist influence in Britain was because of the imperial connections with Southeast Asia.
- The first tradition of Buddhism to be popularized was Theravada Buddhism, the interest for Zen grew later in 1950s.