

# Faith Communities in Leeds by Electoral Ward



Source : The Office of National Statistics



## 2011 Census of Population

### Religion

#### Ward Comparisons

#### Introduction

The Census is carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and is completed every ten years. The last Census took place on 27 March 2011. It is the largest piece of social research undertaken in the country and has always been considered a rich and valuable source of information, representing a "gold standard" in terms of population statistics.

The question on religion was first introduced in the 2001 Census. It is the only voluntary question included in the Census and in 2011, 7.2% of people in England and Wales chose not to answer the question.

The 2011 Census shows that there are 751,485 people living in Leeds. Despite falling numbers, Christianity remains the largest religion both nationally and locally. The detailed breakdown shows that there are at least 45 different religious groups represented in the city.

#### *Major Faith Communities in Leeds*

Religion	Leeds Numbers	Leeds Rates	England & Wales
Buddhist	2,772	0.4%	0.4%
Christian	419,790	55.9%	59.3%
Hindu	7,048	0.9%	1.5%
Jewish	6,847	0.9%	0.5%
Muslim	40,772	5.4%	4.8%
Sikh	8,914	1.2%	0.8%
Other	2,396	0.3%	0.4%
No religion	212,229	28.2%	25.1%
Religion not stated	50,717	6.7%	7.2%

*Source: 2011 Census of Population*

Geographic analysis of the 2011 Census data has again shown how faith communities are concentrated in particular geographic areas of the city:

- A quarter of the city's Buddhist population is concentrated three wards; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; City & Hunslet and Chapel Allerton
- Just over 40% of the city's Hindu population lives in four wards; City & Hunslet; Alwoodley; Moortown and Hyde Park & Woodhouse
- The Jewish community is heavily concentrated to the north of the city with 75% of the community settled in four wards; Alwoodley; Moortown; Roundhay; and Harewood



- Over 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the city's Muslim community (22.1%) is resident in Gipton & Harehills, with a further 35% of the community settled in City & Hunslet, Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Chapel Allerton, and Roundhay
- Just over 50% of the city's Sikh community lives in five wards; Moortown; Alwoodley; Calverley & Farsley; Chapel Allerton; and Roundhay
- The three wards with the highest numbers of people with no religion are Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Kirkstall

This document provides a summary of the distribution of the major faith communities in Leeds by electoral ward but a detailed breakdown of the city's population by religion is attached at appendix B.

A set of 33 individual ward profiles have also been produced which covers all of the data that has been released to date. These are available on the Leeds Observatory [www.westyorkshireobservatory/leeds](http://www.westyorkshireobservatory/leeds) .

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# Census 2011

## People stating their religion as: Christian

### Legend

Electoral Ward Boundaries

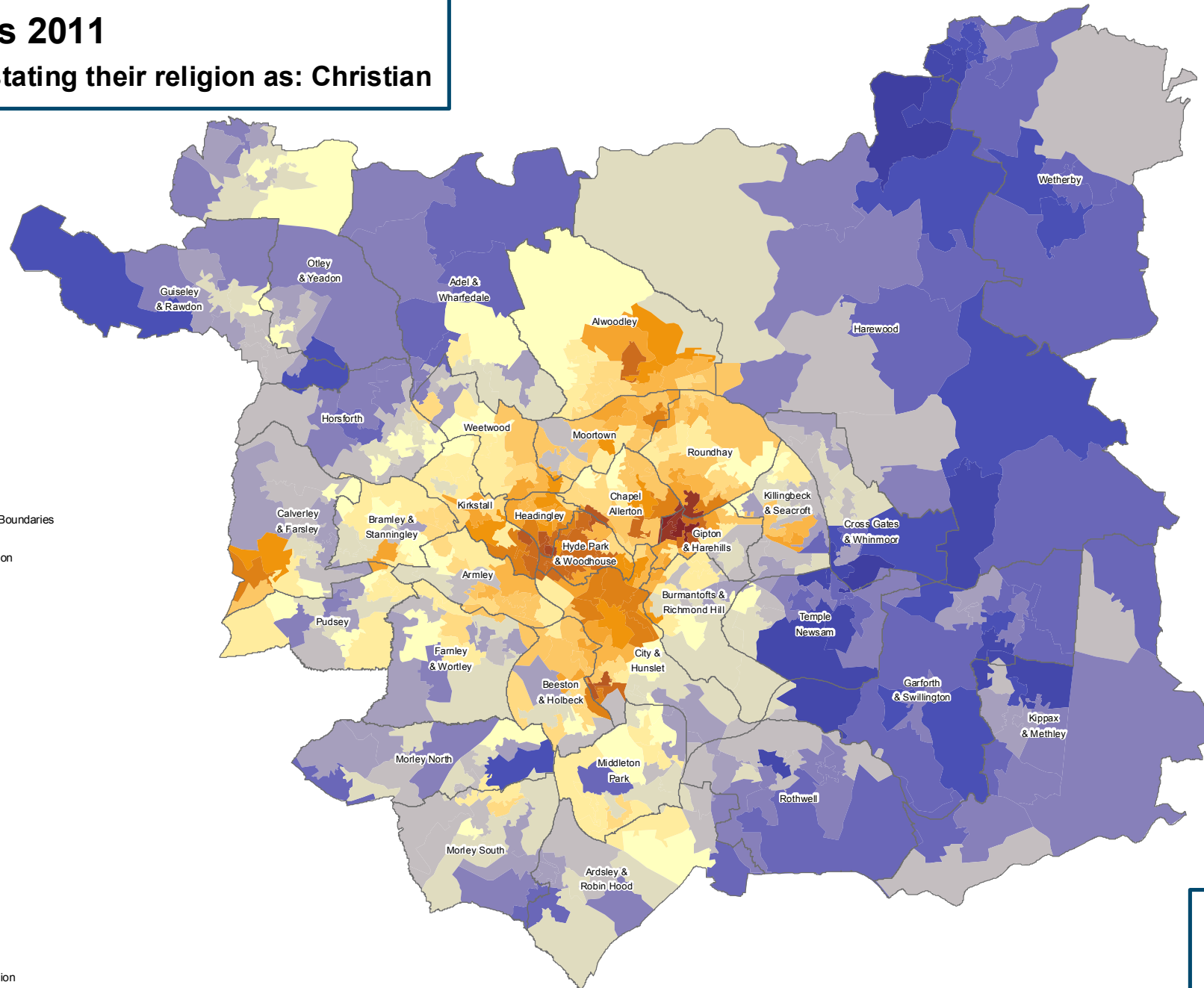
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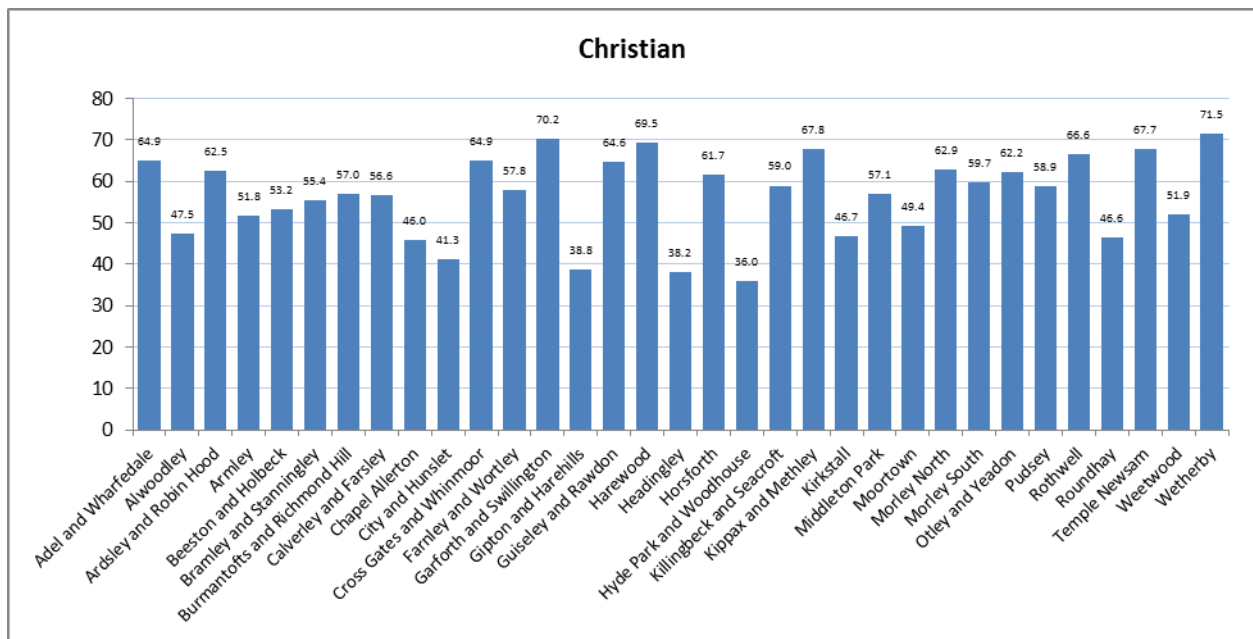
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## Christian

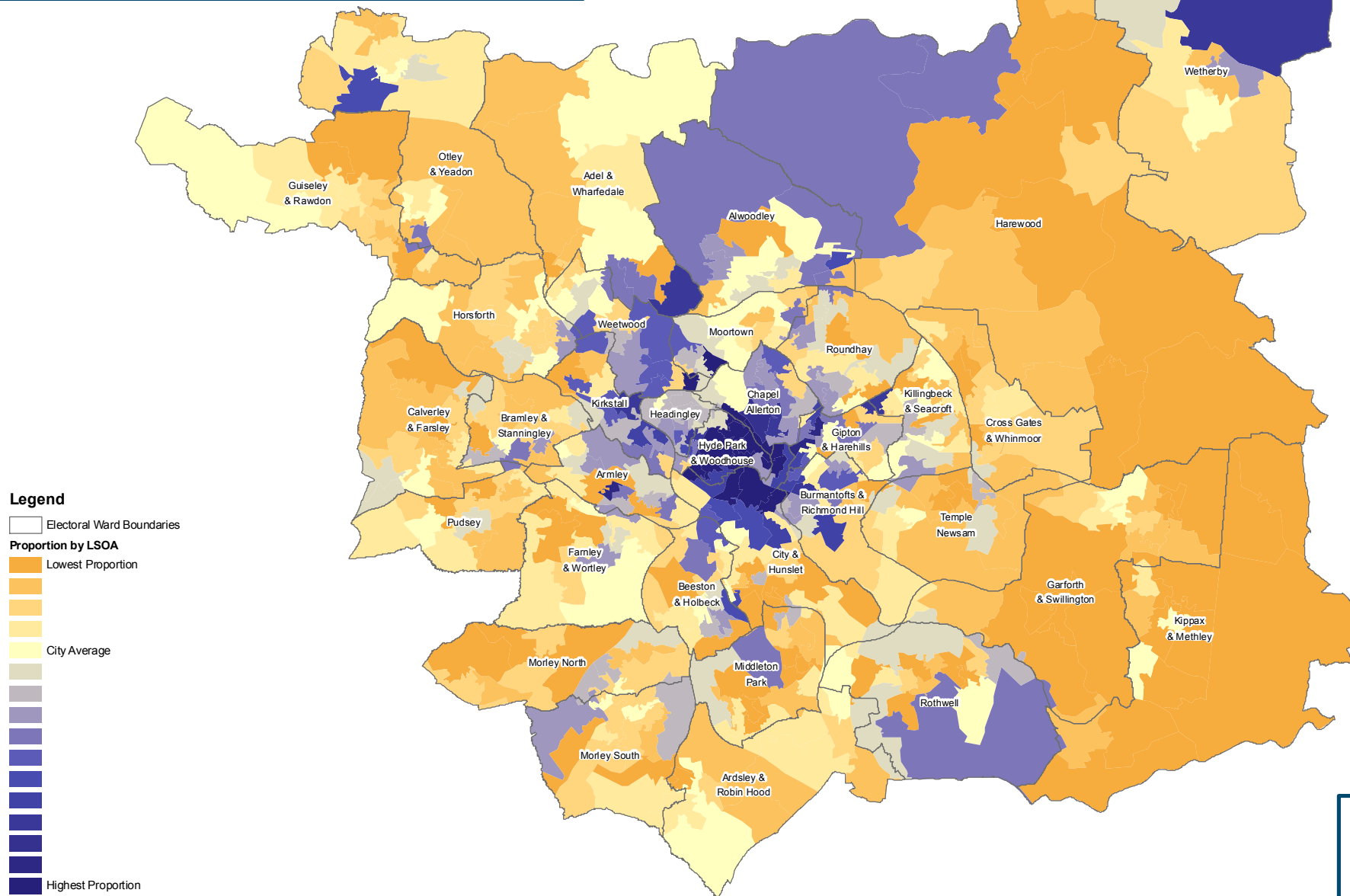
Despite falling numbers Christianity remains the largest religion both locally and nationally. In Leeds 419,790 people (55.9% of the resident population) are Christian, this is lower than the rate for England and Wales (59.3%). The number of people in Leeds who gave their religion as Christian has fallen by 13 percentage points; from 68.9% in 2001 to 55.9% in 2011 (the same level of decrease as for England and Wales).

The proportion of population who stated "Christian" as their religion ranges from 71.5% in Wetherby to 36.0% in Hyde Park & Woodhouse.



# Census 2011

## People stating their religion as: Buddhist



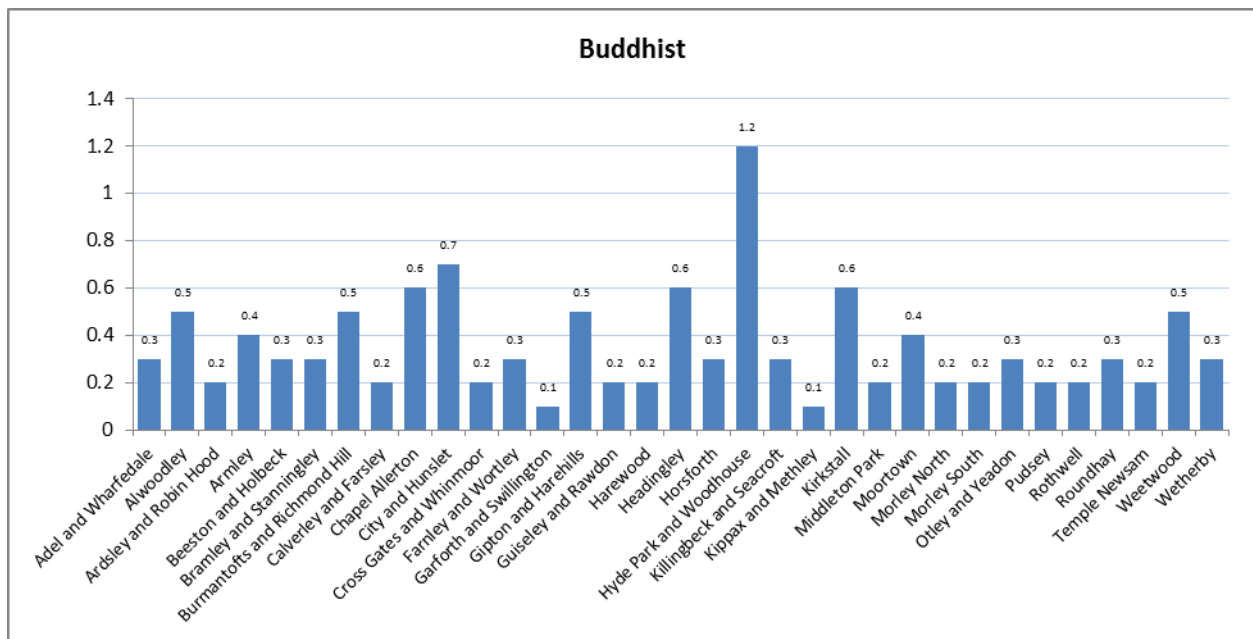


## Buddhist

The number of people in Leeds who identified themselves as Buddhist has increased from 1,587 in 2001 to 2,772 in 2011 (0.4% of the total population, mirroring the average for England and Wales).

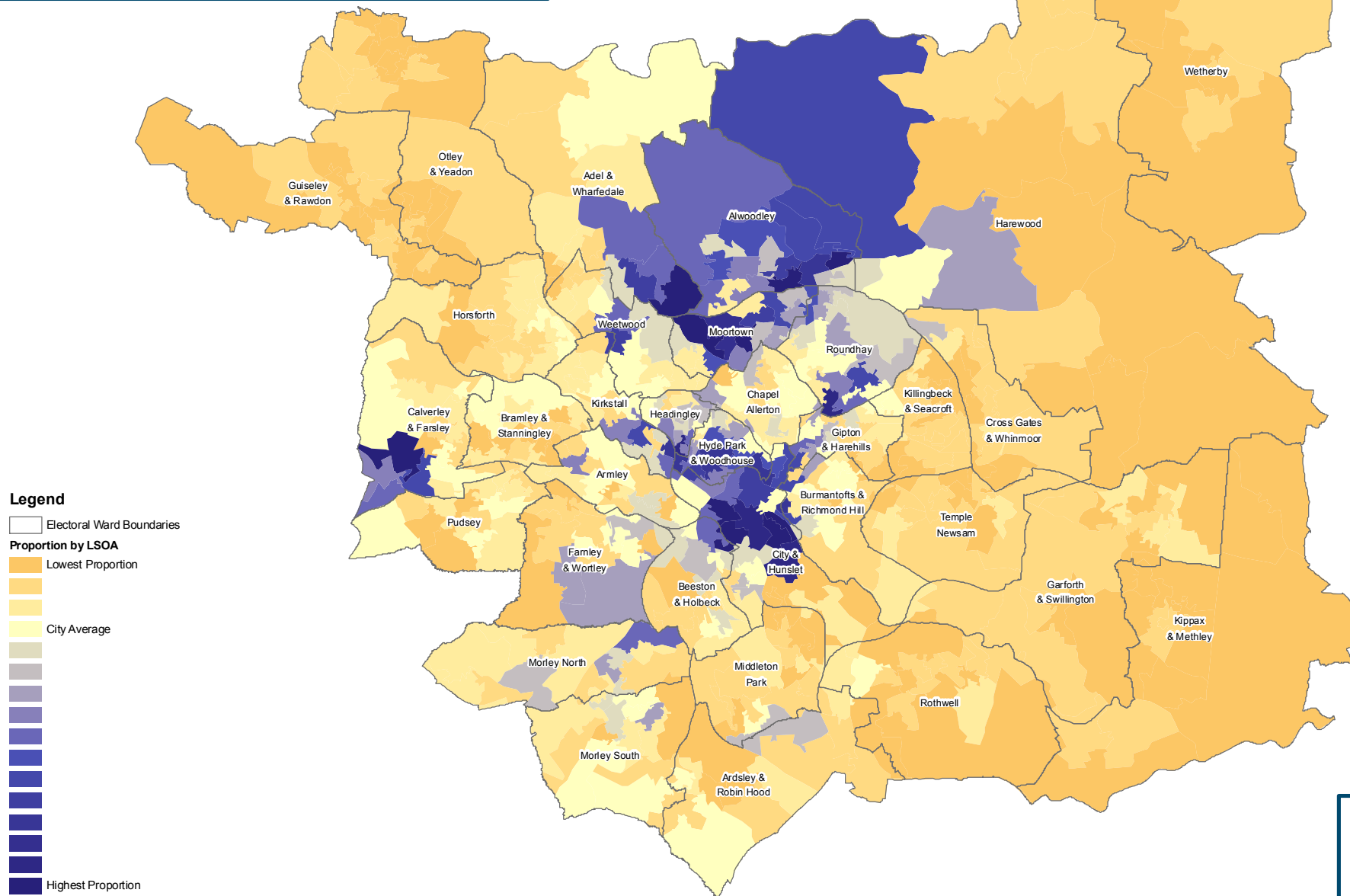
Proportionately the number of Buddhists in any ward is fairly small, and ranges from 303 in Hyde Park & Woodhouse (1.2% of the resident population) to 19 in Kippax & Methley (0.1%).

The Buddhist community is fairly concentrated with 25% of all Buddhists in the city living in just three wards; 10.9% in Hyde Park & Woodhouse; 8.9% in City & Hunslet and 5.3% in Chapel Allerton.



# Census 2011

## People stating their religion as: Hindu



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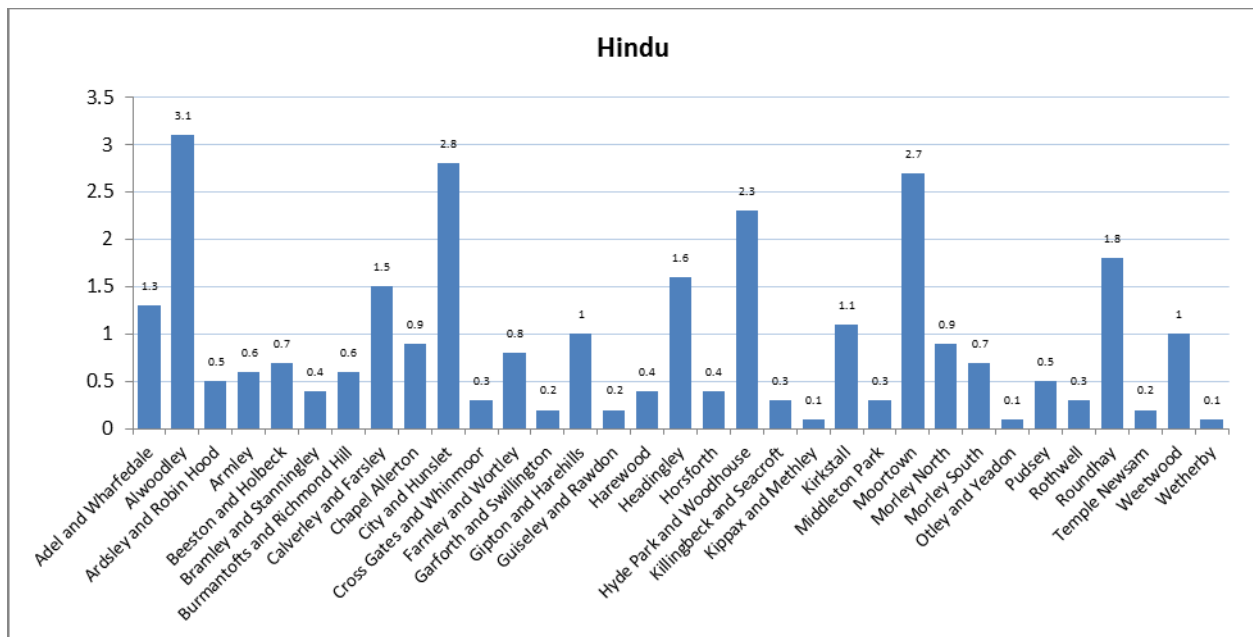
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## Hindu

The number of people in Leeds who identified themselves as Hindu has increased from 4,183 in 2001 to 7,048 in 2011 (0.9% of the total population, lower than the average of 1.5% for England and Wales).

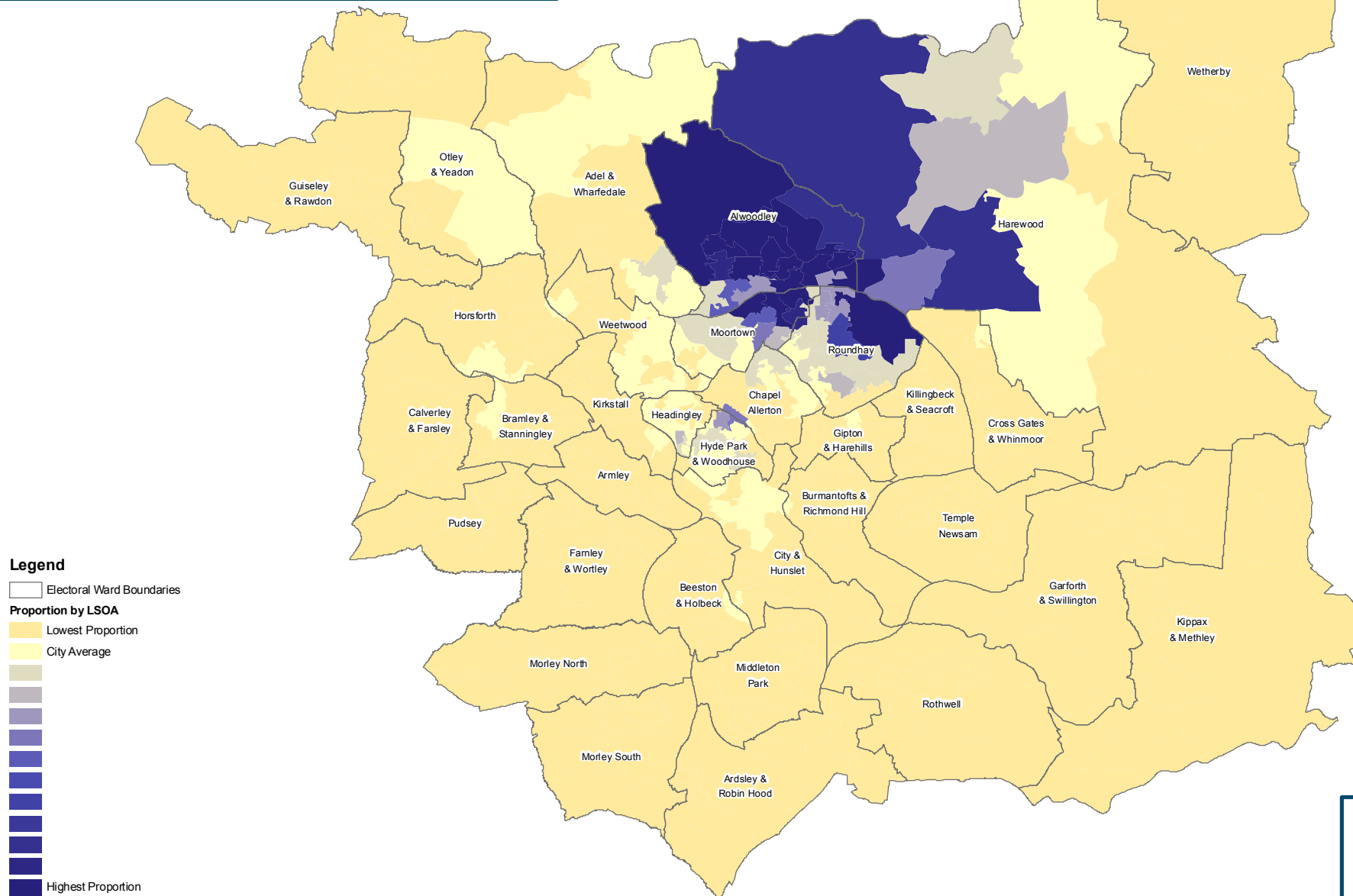
Proportionately the number of Hindus in any ward is fairly small, and ranges from 948 in City & Hunslet (2.8% of the resident population) to 10 in Wetherby (0.1%).

The Hindu community is fairly concentrated with just over 40% of all Hindus in the city living in four wards; 13.5% in City & Hunslet; 10.2% in Alwoodley; 8.7% in Moortown and 8.6% in Hyde Park & Woodhouse.



# Census 2011

## People stating their religion as: Jewish

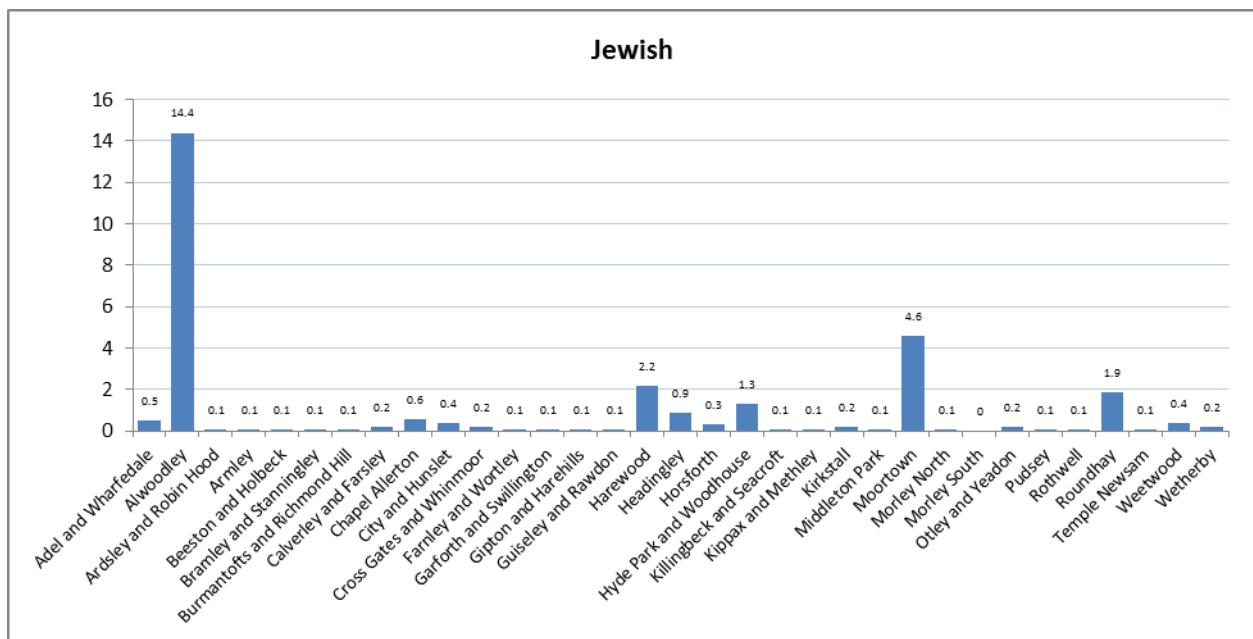


## Jewish

The number of people in Leeds who identified themselves as Jewish has fallen from 8,267 in 2001 to 6,847 in 2011 (0.9% of the total population, higher than the average of 0.5% for England and Wales).

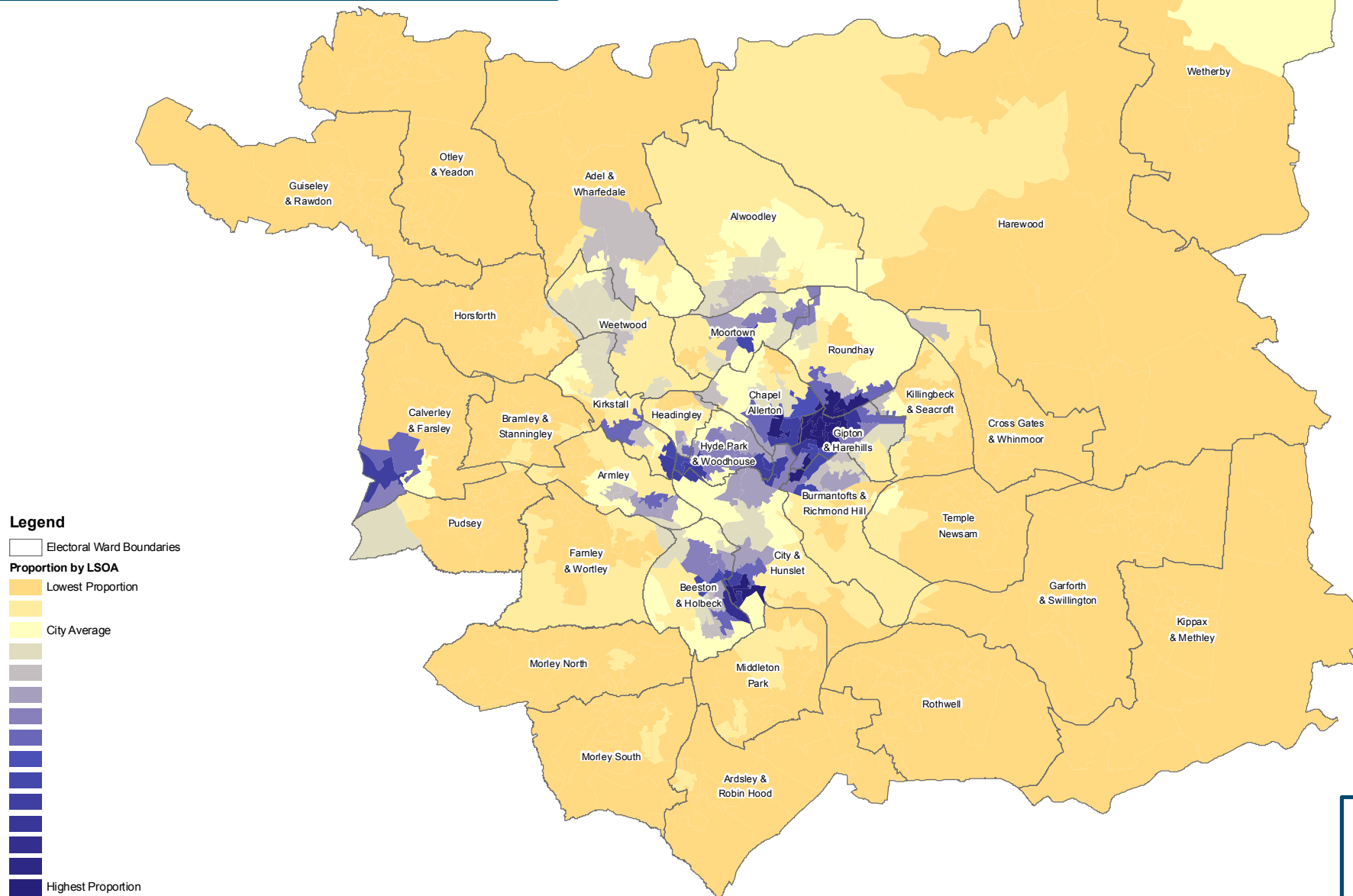
With 3,270 people (14.4% of the resident population) Alwoodley has the highest number of Jewish people of any ward in the city (Moortown has the second highest number at 1,045). Proportionately the number of Jewish people in any ward outside of these two is fairly small ranging from 2.2% of the total population in Harewood to just 0.1% in several wards.

The Jewish community is heavily concentrated to the north of the city with 75% of the community settled in just four wards; 47.8% in Alwoodley; 15.3% in Moortown; 6.2% in Roundhay; and 6.0% in Harewood.



# Census 2011

## People stating their religion as: Muslim

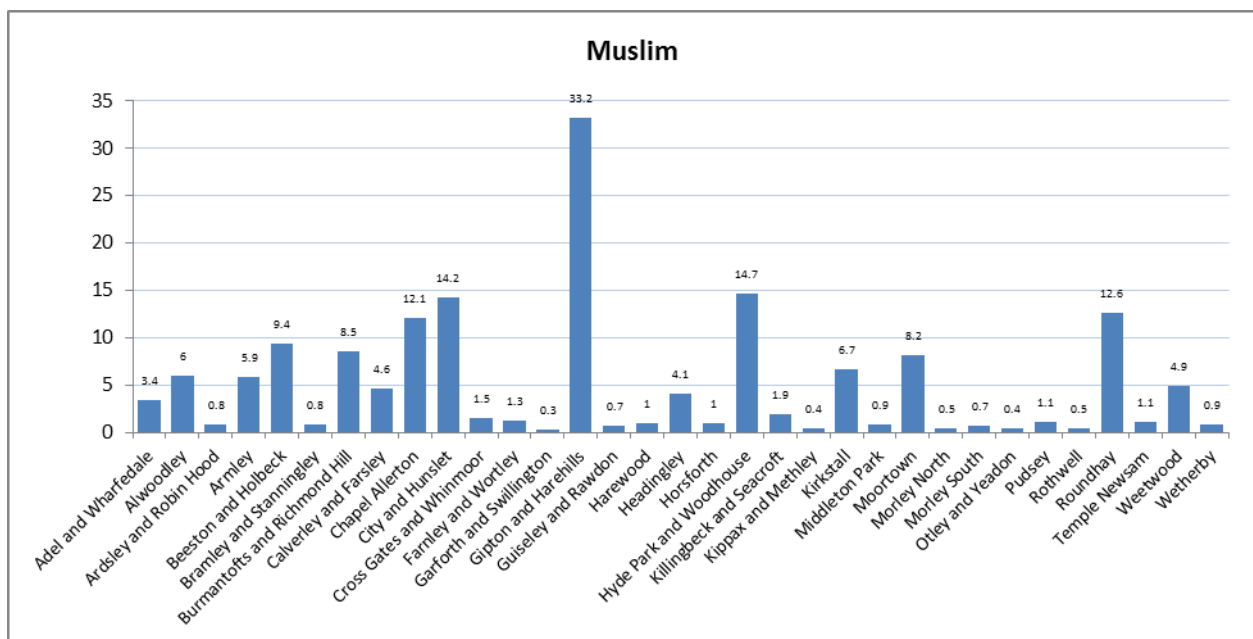


## Muslim

The Muslim community is the second largest religious group in the city after Christian with the number of people who identified themselves as Muslim increasing from 21,394 in 2001 to 40,772 in 2011 (5.4% of the total population, higher than the average of 4.8% for England and Wales).

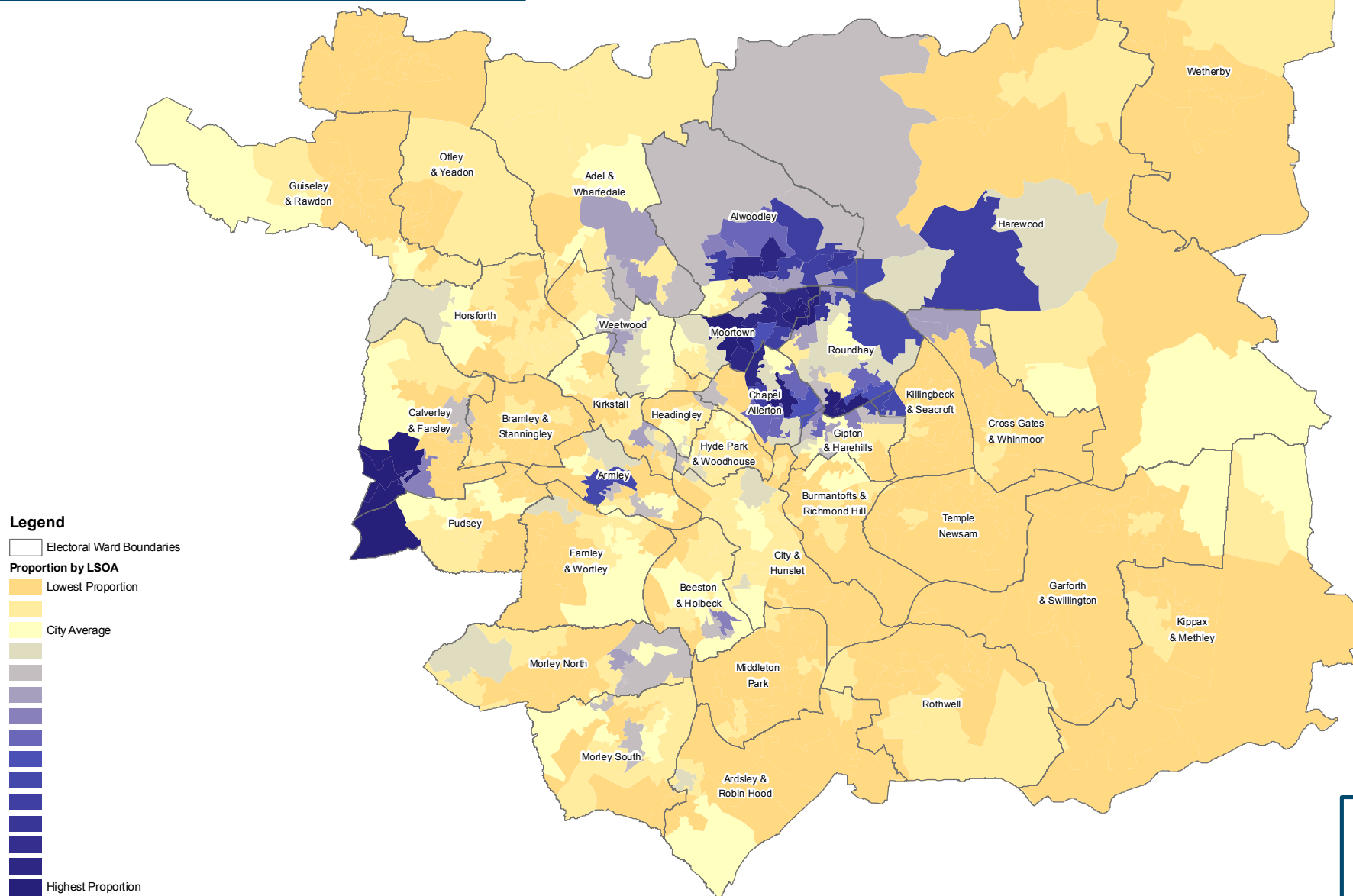
Gipton & Harehills has the largest Muslim population with 8,991 Muslim residents (33.2% of the resident population of the ward). City & Hunslet has the second largest with 4,791 Muslim residents (11.8% of the resident population).

Over 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the city's Muslim community (22.1%) is resident in Gipton & Harehills, with a further 35% of the community settled in City & Hunslet (11.8%), Hyde Park & Woodhouse (9.3%), Chapel Allerton (7.0%), and Roundhay (also 7.0%).



# Census 2011

## People stating their religion as: Sikh



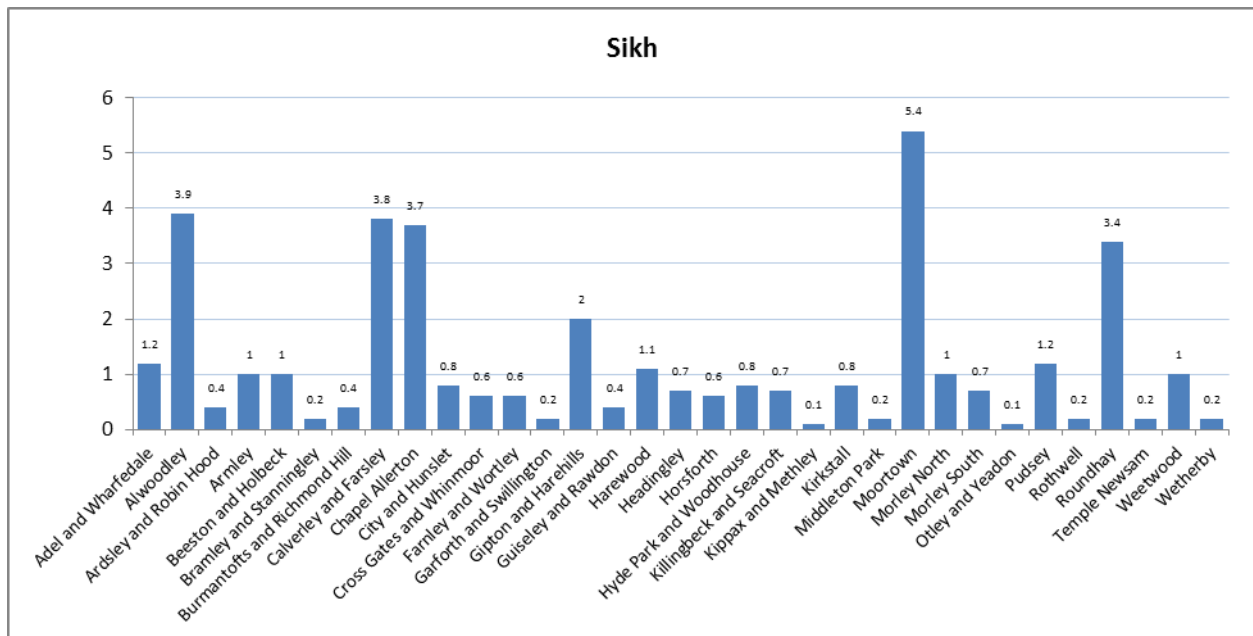


## Sikh

The number of people in Leeds who identified themselves as Sikh has increased from 7,586 in 2001 to 8,914 in 2011 (1.2% of the total population, higher than the average of 0.8% for England and Wales).

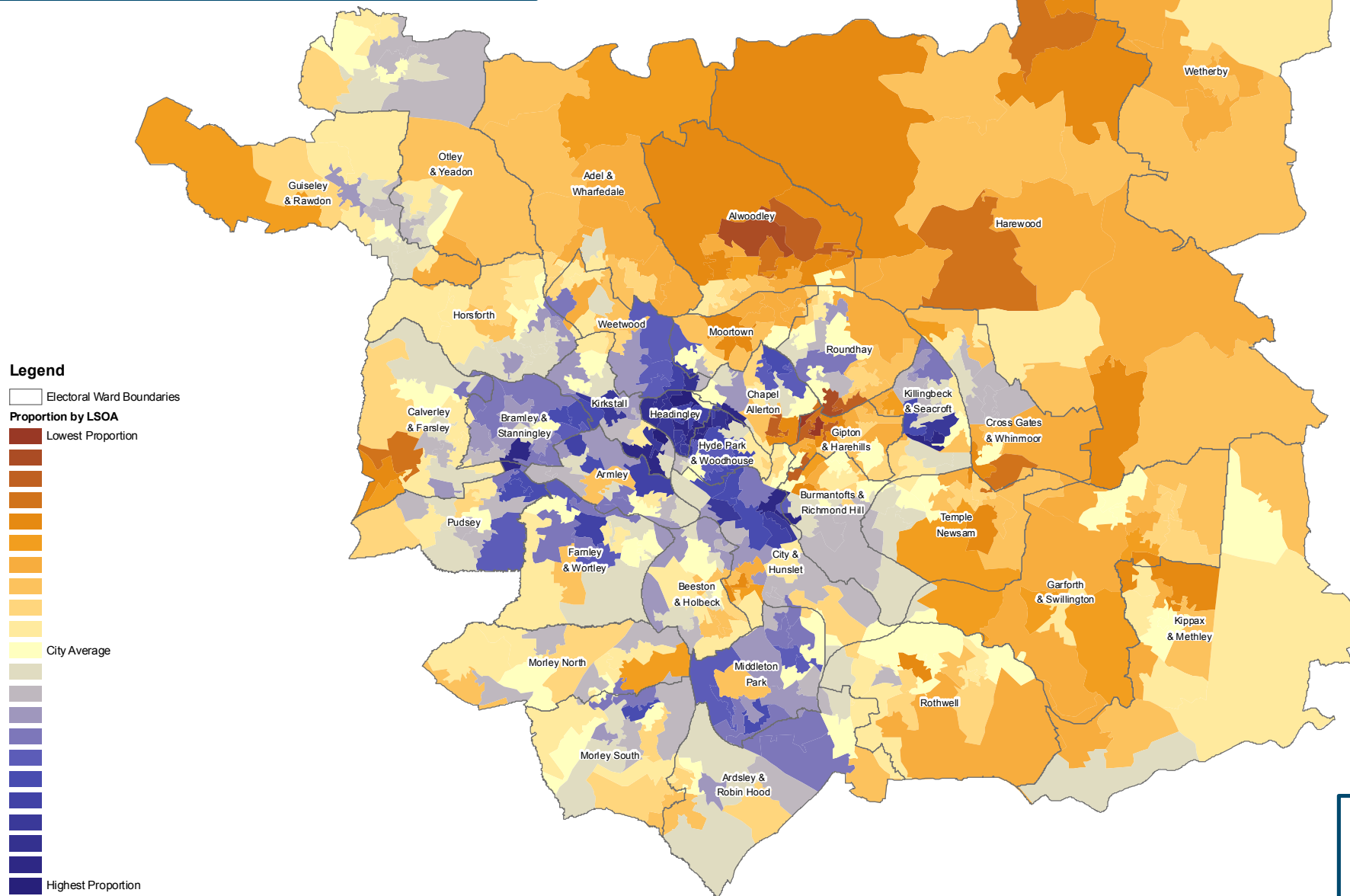
With 1,224 Moortown has the highest number of Sikh residents of any ward in the city (5.4% of the resident population), followed by Alwoodley (898 people, 3.9%), Calverley & Farsley (867 people, 3.8%), Chapel Allerton (864 people, 3.7%) and Roundhay (767 people, 3.4%). Proportionately the number of Sikhs in any ward outside of these is fairly small, and ranges from 2% in Gipton & Harehills to 0.1% in both Kippax & Methley and Otley & Yeadon.

As the overall numbers would suggest the Sikh community is fairly concentrated with just over 50% of all Sikhs in the city living in five wards; 13.7% Moortown; 10.1% in Alwoodley; 9.7% in both Calverley & Farsley and Chapel Allerton; and 8.6% in Roundhay



# Census 2011

## People stating they have No Religion



## Other religions

The number of people in Leeds identified with religions which did not fall into any of the main religious categories has increased from 1,530 in 2001 to 2,396 in 2011 (0.3% of the resident population). The most common groups were:

Pagan	656 people
Spiritualist	312 people
Mixed Religion	235 people
Rastafarian	163 people
Wicca	159 people

Proportionately the numbers in any ward is fairly small, and ranges from 159 in Hyde Park & Woodhouse (0.6% of the resident population) to 35 in Pudsey (0.2%).

## No religion

The number of people in Leeds that said they had no religion increased from 120,139 in 2001 to 212,229 in 2011 (28.2% of the resident population, higher than the average of 25.1% for England and Wales).

The detailed analysis of the data also provides a breakdown of the "no religion" responses:

No religion	208,170 people
Jedi Knight	2,812 people
Agnostic	486 people
Atheist	484 people
Humanist	189 people
Heavy Metal	79 people
Realist	5 people
Free Thinker	4 people

The three wards with the highest numbers of people with no religion were:

- Headingley (46.7% of the resident population)
- Hyde Park & Woodhouse (36.1% of the resident population)
- Kirkstall (36.1% of the resident population)

The three wards with the lowest numbers of people with no religion were:

- Gipton & Harehills (17.3% of the resident population)
- Alwoodley (17.4% of the resident population)
- Harewood (18.9% of the resident population)



Appendix A: Ward Tables

Appendix B: Detailed table of religion



## Appendix A

Ward	All Usual Residents	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other Religion	No Religion	Religion Not Stated
Adel and Wharfedale	19,430	12,614	61	251	106	654	231	41	4,149	1,323
Alwoodley	22,766	10,807	104	716	3,270	1,360	898	70	3,964	1,577
Ardsley and Robin Hood	22,204	13,870	47	106	22	183	86	48	6,447	1,395
Armley	25,550	13,243	107	160	29	1,501	265	100	8,418	1,727
Beeston and Holbeck	22,187	11,811	74	153	28	2,077	223	63	6,202	1,556
Bramley and Stanningley	21,334	11,823	55	77	32	173	46	72	7,676	1,380
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	24,843	14,158	126	160	25	2,111	104	66	6,365	1,728
Calverley and Farsley	22,594	12,782	46	330	37	1,043	867	89	5,935	1,465
Chapel Allerton	23,536	10,826	147	203	140	2,858	864	129	6,614	1,755
City and Hunslet	33,705	13,925	248	948	136	4,791	281	127	11,058	2,191
Cross Gates and Whinmoor	22,099	14,344	39	68	40	332	126	53	5,695	1,402
Farnley and Wortley	24,213	13,991	64	193	25	304	157	78	7,827	1,574
Garforth and Swillington	19,811	13,904	23	47	20	67	40	47	4,408	1,255
Gipton and Harehills	27,078	10,494	131	282	37	8,991	530	70	4,688	1,855
Guiseley and Rawdon	22,347	14,433	40	35	27	149	85	77	6,008	1,493
Harewood	18,363	12,756	28	66	409	175	201	40	3,463	1,225
Headingley	20,533	7,847	120	328	191	832	135	98	9,579	1,403
Horsforth	21,506	13,277	61	92	54	208	133	81	6,268	1,332
Hyde Park and Woodhouse	25,914	9,337	303	608	332	3,803	201	159	9,347	1,824
Killingbeck and Seacroft	23,749	14,018	73	72	31	457	173	50	7,313	1,562
Kippax and Methley	21,116	14,323	19	13	29	92	30	52	5,127	1,431
Kirkstall	21,709	10,128	135	244	52	1,451	184	115	7,836	1,564
Middleton Park	26,228	14,984	52	67	24	239	49	68	8,984	1,761
Moortown	22,792	11,254	93	610	1,045	1,878	1,224	61	5,055	1,572
Morley North	22,692	14,269	49	207	15	117	237	54	6,290	1,454
Morley South	21,748	12,990	52	144	9	142	158	71	6,642	1,540
Otley and Yeadon	22,233	13,818	68	27	38	86	12	87	6,439	1,658
Pudsey	22,408	13,207	48	108	22	240	262	35	6,988	1,498
Rothwell	20,354	13,565	48	53	21	104	45	43	5,096	1,379
Roundhay	22,546	10,516	77	402	427	2,836	767	80	5,772	1,669
Temple Newsam	21,543	14,575	50	48	32	243	33	49	5,228	1,285
Weetwood	22,375	11,615	117	220	93	1,099	225	74	7,303	1,629
Wetherby	19,979	14,286	67	10	49	176	42	49	4,045	1,255
Leeds	751,485	419,790	2,772	7,048	6,847	40,772	8,914	2,396	212,229	50,717

Ward	All Usual Residents	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other Religion	No Religion	Religion Not Stated
Adel and Wharfedale	19,430	64.9	0.3	1.3	0.5	3.4	1.2	0.2	21.4	6.8
Alwoodley	22,766	47.5	0.5	3.1	14.4	6.0	3.9	0.3	17.4	6.9
Ardsley and Robin Hood	22,204	62.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.2	29.0	6.3
Armley	25,550	51.8	0.4	0.6	0.1	5.9	1.0	0.4	32.9	6.8
Beeston and Holbeck	22,187	53.2	0.3	0.7	0.1	9.4	1.0	0.3	28.0	7.0
Bramley and Stanningley	21,334	55.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.3	36.0	6.5
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	24,843	57.0	0.5	0.6	0.1	8.5	0.4	0.3	25.6	7.0
Calverley and Farsley	22,594	56.6	0.2	1.5	0.2	4.6	3.8	0.4	26.3	6.5
Chapel Allerton	23,536	46.0	0.6	0.9	0.6	12.1	3.7	0.5	28.1	7.5
City and Hunslet	33,705	41.3	0.7	2.8	0.4	14.2	0.8	0.4	32.8	6.5
Cross Gates and Whinmoor	22,099	64.9	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.5	0.6	0.2	25.8	6.3
Farnley and Wortley	24,213	57.8	0.3	0.8	0.1	1.3	0.6	0.3	32.3	6.5
Garforth and Swillington	19,811	70.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	22.3	6.3
Gipton and Harehills	27,078	38.8	0.5	1.0	0.1	33.2	2.0	0.3	17.3	6.9
Guiseley and Rawdon	22,347	64.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.3	26.9	6.7
Harewood	18,363	69.5	0.2	0.4	2.2	1.0	1.1	0.2	18.9	6.7
Headingley	20,533	38.2	0.6	1.6	0.9	4.1	0.7	0.5	46.7	6.8
Horsforth	21,506	61.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.4	29.1	6.2
Hyde Park and Woodhouse	25,914	36.0	1.2	2.3	1.3	14.7	0.8	0.6	36.1	7.0
Killingbeck and Seacroft	23,749	59.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.9	0.7	0.2	30.8	6.6
Kippax and Methley	21,116	67.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	24.3	6.8
Kirkstall	21,709	46.7	0.6	1.1	0.2	6.7	0.8	0.5	36.1	7.2
Middleton Park	26,228	57.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.3	34.3	6.7
Moortown	22,792	49.4	0.4	2.7	4.6	8.2	5.4	0.3	22.2	6.9
Morley North	22,692	62.9	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.5	1.0	0.2	27.7	6.4
Morley South	21,748	59.7	0.2	0.7	-	0.7	0.7	0.3	30.5	7.1
Otley and Yeadon	22,233	62.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	29.0	7.5
Pudsey	22,408	58.9	0.2	0.5	0.1	1.1	1.2	0.2	31.2	6.7
Rothwell	20,354	66.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	25.0	6.8
Roundhay	22,546	46.6	0.3	1.8	1.9	12.6	3.4	0.4	25.6	7.4
Temple Newsam	21,543	67.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	24.3	6.0
Weetwood	22,375	51.9	0.5	1.0	0.4	4.9	1.0	0.3	32.6	7.3
Wetherby	19,979	71.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.2	20.2	6.3
Leeds	751,485	55.9	0.4	0.9	0.9	5.4	1.2	0.3	28.2	6.7



## Appendix B - Detailed Religious Group

Religion (detailed - sorted by popularity)	Leeds MD	
	Number	Rate (%)
All Residents <span>Source: Census Table QS210</span>	751,485	
Christian	419,790	55.9
Muslim (Islam)	40,772	5.4
Sikh	8,914	1.2
Hindu	7,048	0.9
Jewish	6,847	0.9
Buddhist	2,772	0.4
Other religion - Total	2,396	0.30
Pagan	656	0.09
Spiritualist	312	0.04
Mixed Religion	235	0.03
Rastafarian	163	0.02
Wicca	159	0.02
Other religions	143	0.02
Spiritual	133	0.02
Jain	54	0.01
Baha'i	48	0.01
Believe in God	42	0.01
Ravidassia	42	0.01
Zoroastrian	41	0.01
Taoist	40	0.01
Druid	37	0.00
Heathen	30	0.00
Satanism	29	0.00
Own Belief System	27	0.00
Pantheism	24	0.00
Scientology	23	0.00
Deist	19	0.00
Shintoism	18	0.00
Witchcraft	16	0.00
New Age	14	0.00
Occult	12	0.00
Universalist	12	0.00
Shamanism	10	0.00
Theism	8	0.00
Traditional African Religion	8	0.00
Animism	6	0.00
Brahma Kumari	5	0.00
Eckankar	5	0.00
Church of All Religion	4	0.00
Druze	4	0.00
Native American Church	4	0.00
Chinese Religion	3	0.00
Reconstructionist	3	0.00
Vodun	3	0.00
Confucianist	2	0.00
Mysticism	2	0.00
Thelemite	0	0.00
Unification Church	0	0.00

## Detailed Religious Group (continued)

Religion (detailed - sorted by popularity)	Leeds MD	
	Number	Rate (%)
All Residents <span style="float: right;">Source: Census Table QS210</span>	751,485	
No religion - Total	212,229	28.24
No religion	208,170	27.70
Jedi Knight	2,812	0.37
Agnostic	486	0.06
Atheist	484	0.06
Humanist	189	0.03
Heavy Metal	79	0.01
Realist	5	0.00
Free Thinker	4	0.00
Religion not stated	50,717	6.75

