

Subject: Request for statistics of the Muslim population within the UK.

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Information requested:

I am searching for the most up to date statistic of the population of Muslims within the UK, within the website below, it states that I should contact this email to obtain the statistic.

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/transparencyandgovernance/freedomofinformationfoi/populationestimatesofmuslimsintheukin2021>

NRS Response:

You provided us with a link to the FOI response from Office for National Statistics (ONS) to a request for the population estimates of Muslims in the UK in 2021. ONS responded that they are responsible for the provision of religion statistics for England and Wales and provided links to the available information. They suggested to contact [National Records Scotland \(NRS\)](#) and the [Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency \(NISRA\)](#) for statistics pertaining to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Please find attached 2 tables from the 2011 Scotland Census which include statistics on Muslims living in Scotland; attachment 1 has data for each of Scotland's 32 Local Authorities by Sex and Age, this covers the geographical distribution across Scotland, and attachment 2 shows data for Scotland as a whole. These statistics come from the 2011 Scotland Census and is the most recent data we have available. The next Census in Scotland takes place in March 2022 and it will take about a year to process and publish the data.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible in this instance National Records of Scotland does not hold information on the Muslim population estimates for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that National Records of Scotland does not have some of the information you have requested.