

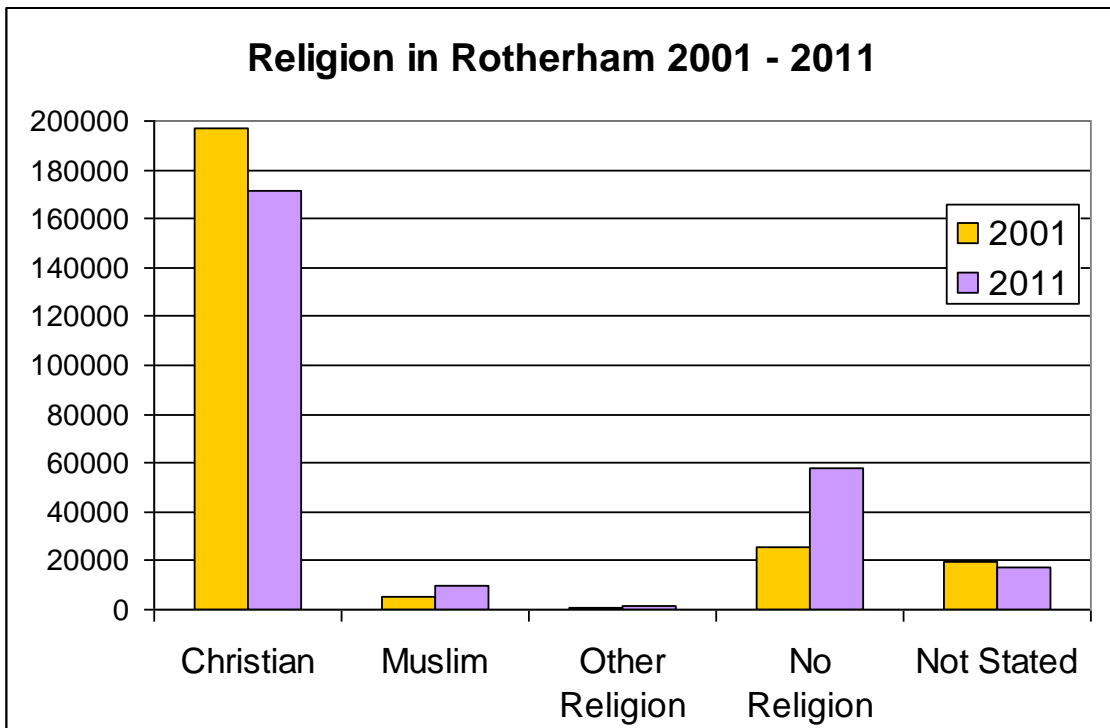
Key statics for Rotherham 2011 CENSUS

Main Religions in Rotherham

In the 2011 Census, Christianity remained the main religion in Rotherham, as it was in 2001. However, the number of Christians has fallen by 13.2% (26,034) since 2001 from 197,102 (79.4% of the population) to 171,068 (66.5%). Despite this reduction, Rotherham still has a higher proportion of Christians than the national average of 59.4%. The figures for other religions are as follows:

	2001	2011	Change
Muslim	5,407 (2.2%)	9,614 (3.7%)	+ 4,207 (+ 78%)
Buddhist	133 (0.1%)	401 (0.2%)	+ 268 (+ 202%)
Hindu	260 (0.1%)	433 (0.2%)	+ 173 (+ 67%)
Jewish	41 (0.01%)	63 (0.02%)	+ 22 (+ 54%)
Sikh	192 (0.1%)	293 (0.1%)	+101 (+ 53%)
Other religion	365 (0.1%)	595 (0.2%)	+ 230 (+ 63%)
No religion	25,360 (10.2%)	57,783 (22.5%)	+ 32,423 (+ 128%)
Religion not stated	19,315 (7.8%)	17,030 (6.6%)	- 2,285 (- 12%)

The number of Muslims in Rotherham has increased significantly from 2.2% of the population in Rotherham to 3.7% although this is still below the national average of 5%. There have also been increases in other religions, notably Buddhists although none amount to more than 0.2% of the population.



The biggest change since 2001 is for people stating that they have no religion which has more than doubled since 2001 to reach 22.5% of the population, below the national average of 24.7%. The parallel reduction in Christians suggests a shift from Christianity to no religion.

The number of people not stating their religion has decreased since the 2001 Census which suggests that people are now getting used to being asked about their religion and are beginning to feel more comfortable answering.

Other Religions in Rotherham

For 'Other Religions' recorded in the Census, those of note in Rotherham (more than 100 people) are Spiritualists (191 people) and Pagans (180 people), although both of these count for only 0.1% of the population of Rotherham.

Most people with no religion ticked the appropriate box but those who said their religion was Jedi Knight (552 in Rotherham) were also classed as No Religion.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS:

- Christianity remains the largest religion in Rotherham with 171,068 followers (66.5% of the population) but the number of Christians has decreased by 13.2%
- The largest increase is in the number of people with no religion which has more than doubled to 57,783 or 22.5% of the population
- The number of Muslims in Rotherham has nearly doubled to 9,614 or 3.7% of the population, below the national average of 5%
- Other religions account for 1,785 people or 0.7% of the population
- Figures exclude the 6.6% who did not state their religion