








# Religion Locally and Nationally



## Key Vocabulary

1	<b>diversity</b>	Differences between a group or setting.
2	<b>Christianity</b>	The religion that <b>Christians</b> follow.
3	<b>Islam</b>	The religion that <b>Muslims</b> follow.
4	<b>Judaism</b>	The religion that <b>Jewish people</b> follow.
5	<b>Hindu Dharma</b>	The religion that <b>Hindus</b> follow.
6	<b>Sikhi</b>	The religion that <b>Sikhs</b> follow.
7	<b>Buddhism</b>	The religion that <b>Buddhists</b> follow.
8	<b>Humanism</b>	A non-religious tradition followed by <b>Humanists</b> .
9	<b>migration</b>	The movement of people from one place to another.
10	<b>persecution</b>	Unfair or cruel treatment over a long period of time because of race, religion or political beliefs.
11	<b>census</b>	An official survey of the people who live in a country.

## Religious and Non-Religious Symbols and Buildings

Follower	Symbol	Building
Christian	 Cross	church
Jewish	 Star of David	synagogue
Muslim	 Crescent Moon	mosque
Hindu	 Aum	mandir
Sikh	 Khanda	gurdwara
Buddhist	 Dharma Wheel	temple
Humanist (non-religious)	 Happy Human	(various)

## The Census Data and Key Changes

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| <p>In 2021,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people described themselves as religious than non-religious.</li> <li>• The largest religious group was Christianity, followed by Islam and Hindu Dharma.</li> </ul> | <p>Between 2001 and 2021,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of people choosing to answer the question increased.</li> <li>• The number of people reporting 'no religion' increased.</li> <li>• The number of people reporting Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist increased.</li> <li>• The number of people reporting Christian decreased.</li> </ul> |
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## Tools for Studying Religion

Social sciences are a group of subjects that are interested in how people live together in a society. Social scientists study how people change society and how society changes them.

Social scientists collect data in a range of ways, including surveys like the census, as well as looking at evidence of religion in a community's buildings.

