








Religion Locally and Nationally



Key Vocabulary

1	diversity	Differences between a group or setting.
2	Christianity	The religion that Christians follow.
3	Islam	The religion that Muslims follow.
4	Judaism	The religion that Jewish people follow.
5	Hindu Dharma	The religion that Hindus follow.
6	Sikhi	The religion that Sikhs follow.
7	Buddhism	The religion that Buddhists follow.
8	Humanism	A non-religious tradition followed by Humanists .
9	migration	The movement of people from one place to another.
10	persecution	Unfair or cruel treatment over a long period of time because of race, religion or political beliefs.
11	census	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"> • More people described themselves as religious than non-religious. • The largest religious group was Christianity, followed by Islam and Hindu Dharma. | <p>Between 2001 and 2021,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of people choosing to answer the question increased. • The number of people reporting 'no religion' increased. • The number of people reporting Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist increased. • The number of people reporting Christian decreased. |
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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.

