



People of many faiths living, worshipping
and belonging together in our communities

The Diocese of Oxford is part of the Church of England. It covers Oxfordshire and the unitary authorities of Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. It serves around 2.2 million people.

OUR NINE GROUPS

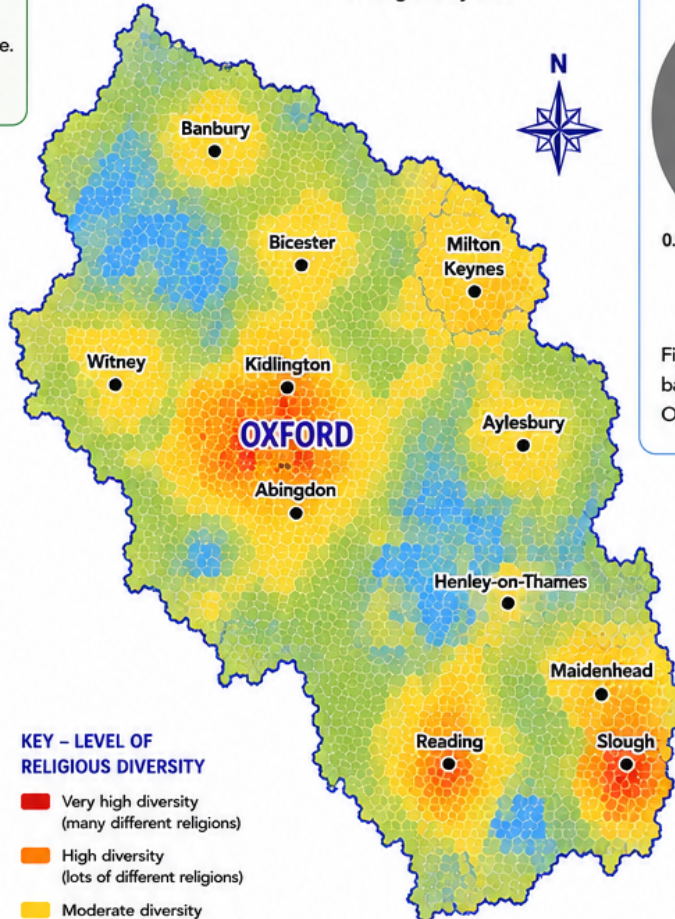
- Christianity
- Islam
- Hinduism
- Sikhism
- Judaism
- Buddhism
- Humanism
- Other religions
- No religion

DID YOU KNOW?

- People of all religions and worldviews contribute to our communities every day.
- Understanding and respecting our differences helps us live well together.
- We may come from different faiths but we share values like kindness, respect and compassion.

WHERE WE LIVE

Map shows diversity of religions by area

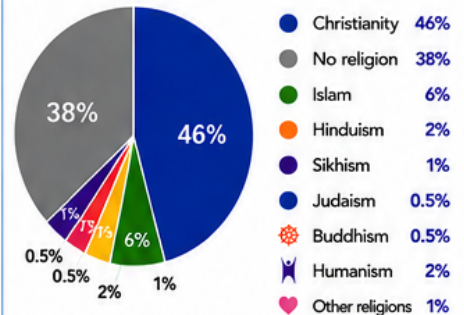


KEY – LEVEL OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

- Very high diversity (many different religions)
- High diversity (lots of different religions)
- Moderate diversity (some different religions)
- Lower diversity (fewer different religions)
- Very low diversity (mostly one religion)

Source: 2021 Census (ONS) – religions by MSOA and local parish data. Percentages are rounded.

OVERALL PICTURE (WHO WE ARE)



Figures are rounded and are best estimates based on the 2021 Census and local data for Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

WHAT DOES THE MAP MEAN?

Colours show where there is more or less religious diversity.

- Very high diversity – many different religions live here.
- High diversity – lots of different religions live here.
- Moderate diversity – some different religions live here.
- Lower diversity – fewer different religions live here.
- Very low diversity – mostly one religion lives here.

Towns and cities (in red and orange) are more religiously diverse.

Rural areas (in green and blue) are less diverse.

A CLOSER LOOK – BREAKDOWN WITHIN EACH GROUP

CHRISTIANITY 46%	ISLAM 6%	HINDUISM 2%	SIKHISM 1%	JUDAISM 0.5%	BUDDHISM 0.5%	HUMANISM 2%	OTHER RELIGIONS 1%	NO RELIGION 38%
People who follow Jesus Christ.	People who follow Islam are called Muslims.	People who follow Hinduism.	People who follow the teachings of Guru Nanak.	People who follow Jewish traditions and teachings.	People who follow Buddha's teachings.	People who live good lives without following a religion.	Includes Bahá'í, Jain, Shinto, Confucianism, Taoism and others.	People who state they have no religion.
DENOMINATIONS	DENOMINATIONS	TRADITIONS	TRADITION	TRADITIONS	TRADITIONS	TRADITION	TRADITIONS	TRADITION
- Anglican (Church of England) 20% - Catholic 11% - Methodist 6% - Baptist 2% - Other Christian 7%	- Sunni 4% - Shia 1% - Other / Ahmadiyya / Sufi orders 1%	- Vaishnavism 1% - Shaivism 0.5% - Shaktism 0.2% - Other Hindu traditions 0.3%	Sikh (Khalsa) 1%	- Orthodox 0.2% - Masorti (Conservative) 0.1% - Reform 0.1% - Other Jewish groups 0.1%	- Theravāda 0.2% - Mahayana 0.2% - Vajrayana (Tibetan) 0.1%	Secular Humanism 2%	Various 1%	No religion 38%



Different beliefs. One community.
Together we build a better future.



Be kind.
Be curious.
Be respectful.

