

Equalities Profile

Muslims living in Bristol

1.0 Population in Bristol

The 2011 Census included the question 'What is your religion?' The question was the only question that was voluntary, so people were not required to respond to it if they chose not to.

There are at least 45 religions represented in Bristol. Results show that in 2011 residents of Bristol belonged to the following religions or had no religion or chose not to state their religion:

Figure1: Religion in Bristol

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Religion	number	%
Christian	200,254	46.8
Buddhist	2,549	0.6
Hindu	2,712	0.6
Jewish	777	0.2
Muslim	22,016	5.1
Sikh	2,133	0.5
Other religion	2,793	0.7
No religion	160,218	37.4
Religion not stated	34,782	8.1
Total population	428,234	100.0

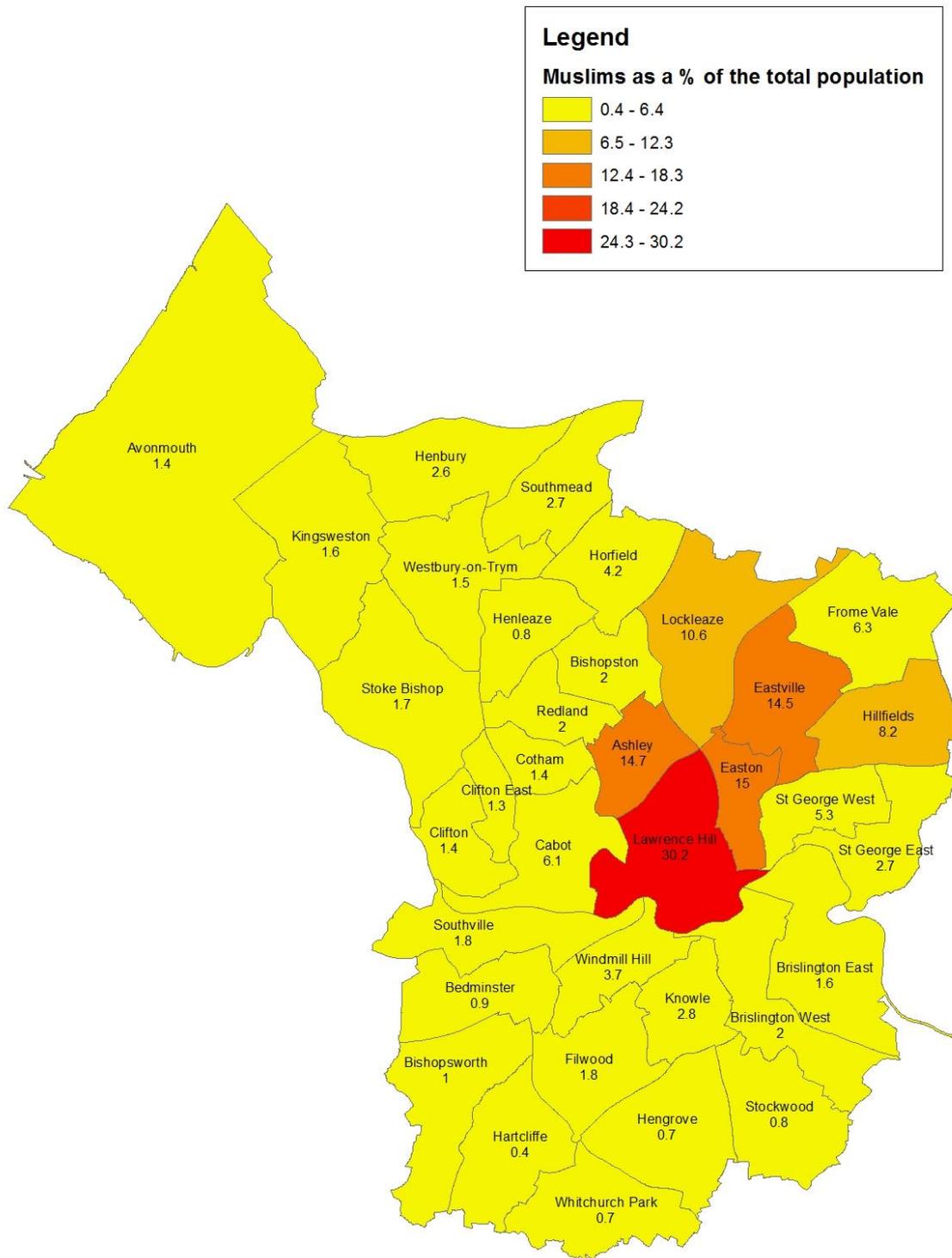
There are 22,016 people resident in Bristol who indicated their religion as Muslim – this accounts for 5.1% of the total population of Bristol.

Since 2001 the religion to increase the most in Bristol has been the Muslim religion which increased from 2% of all people in Bristol in 2001 to 5% of all people in 2011. This is an increase of 3.1 percentage points since 2001 when there were 7,664 Muslims living in Bristol.

The Muslim population is concentrated in particular areas of the city. Figure 2 shows the percentage of the total population that are Muslim by ward. The highest proportion is in Lawrence Hill ward where almost a third (30.2%) of the population are Muslim. The proportion of Muslims is higher than average in a number of other wards in Central and East Bristol including Easton (15.0%), Ashley (14.7%), Eastville (14.5%), Lockleaze (10.6%), Hillfields (8.2%), Frome Vale (6.3%), Cabot (6.1%) and St George West (5.3%).

Figure 2: Muslims as a percentage of the total population by ward

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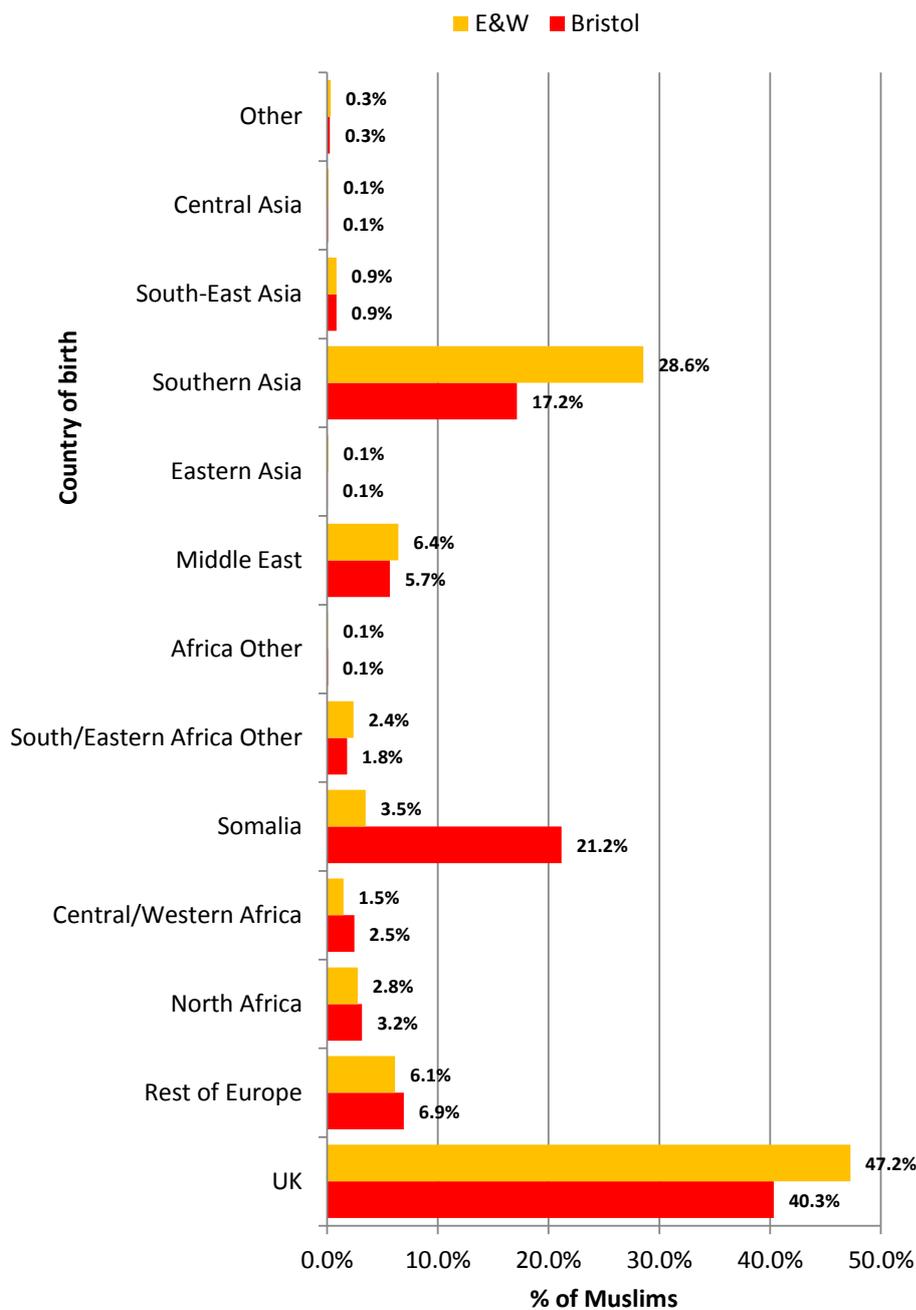
2.0 Country of Birth

The Census can tell us where the Muslim population living in Bristol were born (see Figure 3).

40% of the Muslims living in Bristol were born in the UK, 21% were born in Somalia and 17% were born in Southern Asia (includes, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh). Bristol has a particularly high proportion of Muslims born in Somalia (21%) compared to the average for England and Wales (3%).

Figure 3: Country of birth of Muslims living in Bristol

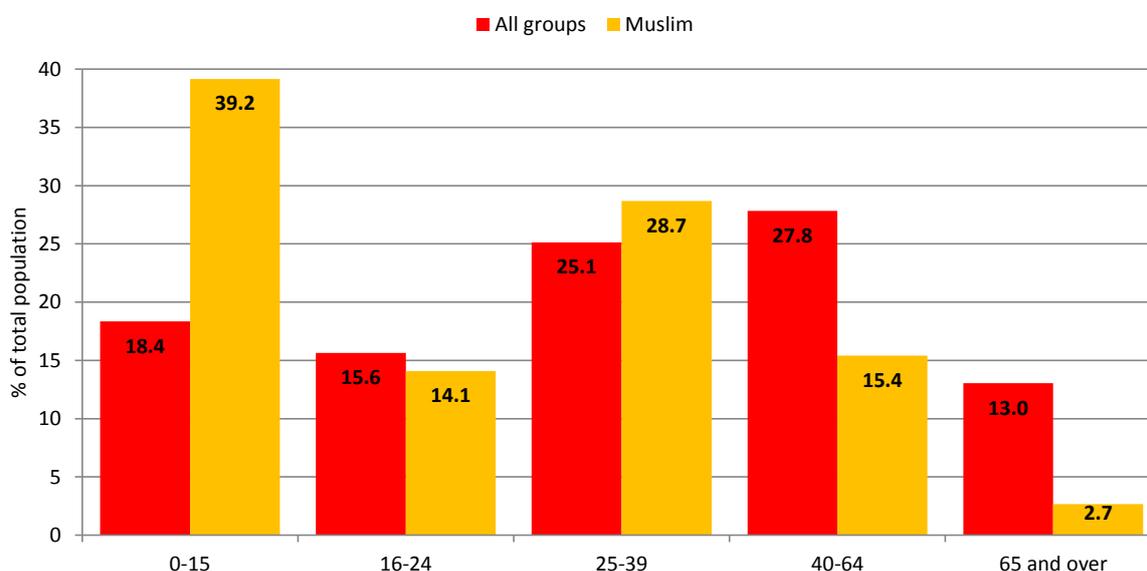
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3.0 Characteristics

Figure 4: Muslim population by age group

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	All religions	%	Muslim	%
Sex				
Total population	428,234	100.0	22,016	100.0
Total males	213,071	49.8	11,521	52.3
Total females	215,163	50.2	10,495	47.7
Age				
Age 0-15	78,581	18.4	8,621	39.2
Age 16-24	67,004	15.6	3,101	14.1
Age 25-39	107,605	25.1	6,317	28.7
Age 40-64	119,172	27.8	3,392	15.4
Aged 65 and over	55,872	13.0	585	2.7
	All religions	%	Muslim	%
Ethnic group				
All usual residents	428,234	100.0	22,016	100.0
White British	333,432	77.9	400	1.8
White Irish	3,851	0.9	7	0.0
White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	359	0.1	2	0.0
White Other	21,950	5.1	527	2.4
Mixed/multiple ethnic group	15,438	3.6	820	3.7
Indian	6,547	1.5	422	1.9
Pakistani	6,863	1.6	5,791	26.3
Bangladeshi	2,104	0.5	1,842	8.4
Chinese	3,886	0.9	42	0.2
Other Asian	4,255	1.0	752	3.4
Black African	12,085	2.8	6,847	31.1
Black Caribbean	6,727	1.6	59	0.3
Other Black	6,922	1.6	2,541	11.5
Arab	1,272	0.3	959	4.4
Any other ethnic group	2,543	0.6	1,005	4.6
Long-term health problem or disability				
All usual residents	428,234	100.0	22,016	100.0
Day-to-day activities limited	71,724	16.7	2,423	11.0
Day-to-day activities not limited	356,510	83.3	19,593	89.0

The age profile of the Muslim population living in Bristol is much younger than that of the population as a whole - almost 40% of Muslims are children aged under 16 compared to 18% of the total population. Similarly, less than 3% of Muslims are aged 65 and over compared to 13% of the total population.

In terms of ethnicity, almost 70% of Muslims living in Bristol describe themselves as belonging to one of just three groups: Pakistani (26.3%), Black African (31.1%) or Other Black (11.5%)¹.

Muslims in Bristol fare well in terms of health and disability with just 11% of Muslims having limited day to day activities compared to 16.7% of the population as a whole. This is partly due to the younger age profile of the Muslim population.

4.0 Work

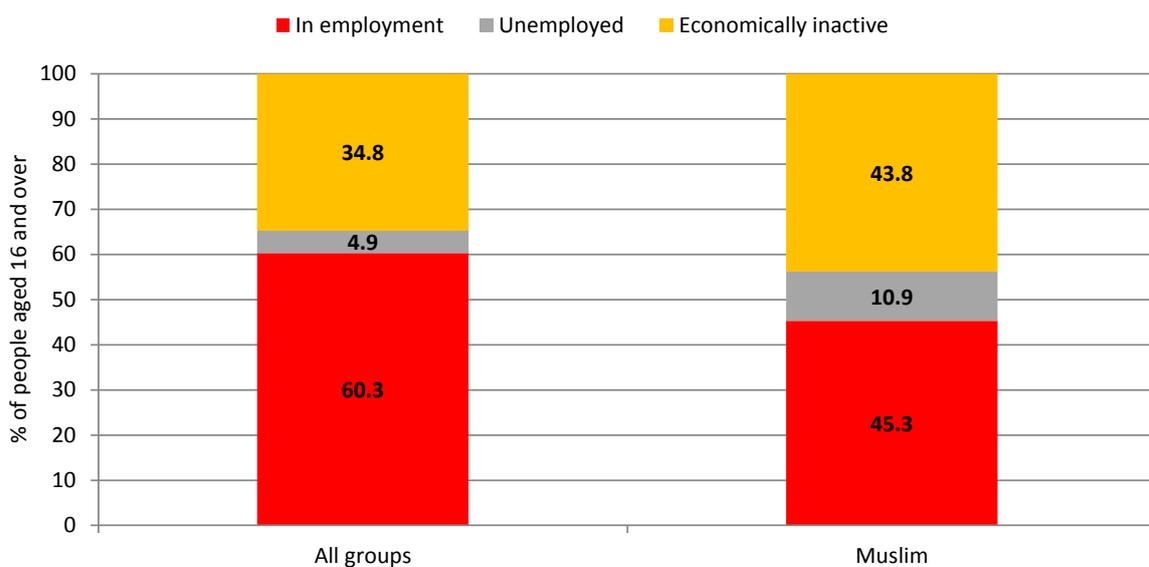
Economic activity

Economic activity levels are lower for the Muslim population than for the population as a whole. Just over half (56.2%) of Muslims aged 16 and over are economically active (ie either in employment or unemployed but looking for work) compared to the Bristol average of 65.2%. Consequently economic inactivity levels are higher for Muslims with 43.8% of Muslims aged 16 and over economically inactive (Bristol average 34.8%). Economic inactivity is higher for the Muslim population mainly due to the higher proportion of students and people looking after home or family.

A lower proportion of Muslims (17.9%) are in full time employment than the Bristol average (36.6%). However the proportion of Muslims working part time (13.6%) and self-employed (9.4%) is slightly higher than the city averages (12.4% and 7.8% respectively).

Figure 5: Economic activity

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¹ Somalis are included in both the Black African and the Black Other ethnic groups

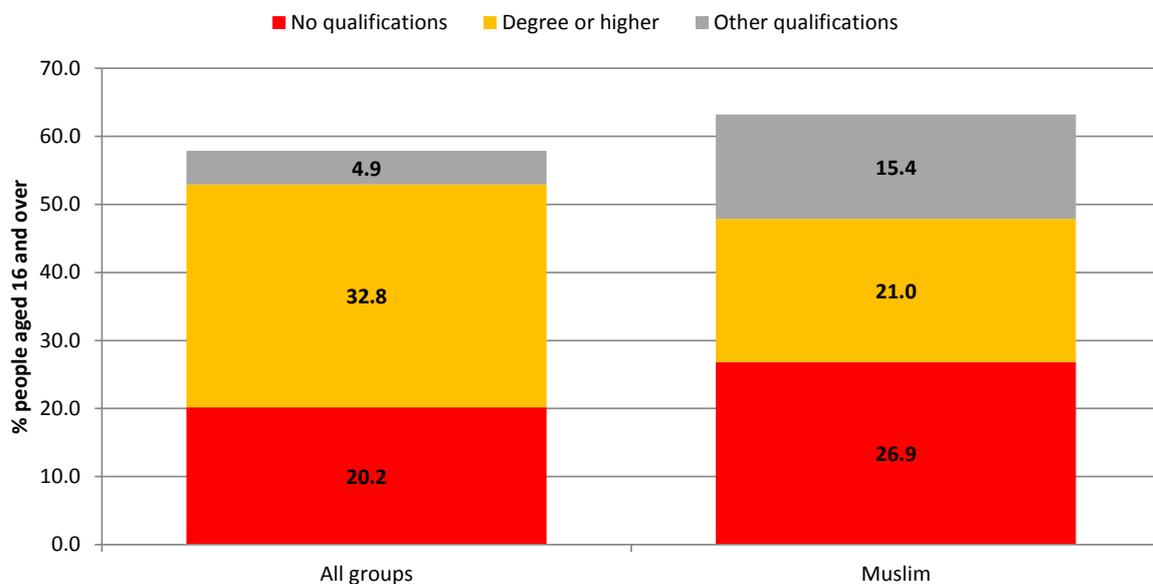
	All religions	%	Muslim	%
Economic activity				
All people aged 16 and over	349,653	100.0	13,395	100.0
Economically active aged 16 and over	228,078	65.2	7,531	56.2
In employment: Total	210,925	60.3	6,069	45.3
In employment: Part-time	43,368	12.4	1,816	13.6
In employment: Full-time	128,128	36.6	2,398	17.9
In employment: Self-employed	27,341	7.8	1,254	9.4
In employment: Full-time students	12,088	3.5	601	4.5
Unemployed	17,153	4.9	1,462	10.9
Economically inactive: Total	121,575	34.8	5,864	43.8
Retired	57,436	16.4	529	3.9
Student (including full-time students)	28,990	8.3	1,979	14.8
Looking after home or family	12,612	3.6	1,682	12.6
Long-term sick or disabled	14,505	4.1	709	5.3
Other	8,032	2.3	965	7.2
Qualifications (highest level)				
All usual residents aged 16 and over	349,653	100.0	13,395	100.0
No qualifications	70,478	20.2	3,598	26.9
Level 1 qualifications	41,487	11.9	2,082	15.5
Level 2 qualifications	44,592	12.8	1,546	11.5
Apprenticeship	10,260	2.9	62	0.5
Level 3 qualifications	51,006	14.6	1,237	9.2
Level 4 qualifications and above	114,621	32.8	2,812	21.0
Other qualifications	17,209	4.9	2,058	15.4

Qualifications

Muslims have lower qualification levels than the population as a whole. A fifth (21%) of Muslims aged 16 and over have a degree or higher (ie Level 4 qualifications or higher) compared to a third (32.8%) of all people aged 16 and over. Similarly 26.9% have no qualifications compared to 20.2% average for the population as a whole. A large proportion (15.4%) of Muslims however have qualifications which are not directly equivalent to UK qualification categories.

Figure 6: Highest and lowest levels of qualification of people aged 16 and over

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Socio-economic classification

Muslims have a lower proportion of people in managerial, professional and intermediate occupations (19.8%) than the city average (43.8%) but higher levels of small employers and own account workers - 10% compared to Bristol average 7%. Almost a quarter (23%) of Muslims have never worked or are long-term unemployed (Bristol average 5.5%).

	All religions	%	Muslim	%
Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)				
All persons aged 16 and over	349,653	100.0	13,395	100.0
1. Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations	41,255	11.8	775	5.8
2. Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations	69,717	19.9	1,107	8.3
3. Intermediate occupations	42,237	12.1	773	5.8
4. Small employers and own account workers	24,540	7.0	1,340	10.0
5. Lower supervisory and technical occupations	21,860	6.3	577	4.3
6. Semi-routine occupations	48,480	13.9	1,635	12.2
7. Routine occupations	38,928	11.1	1,388	10.4
8. Never worked and long-term unemployed	19,216	5.5	3,085	23.0
Not classified	43,420	12.4	2,715	20.3
Occupation				
All usual residents aged 16 and over in employment	210,925	100.0	6,069	100.0
1. Managers, directors and senior officials	18,195	8.6	490	8.1
2. Professional occupations	47,657	22.6	869	14.3
3. Associate professional and technical occupations	28,762	13.6	426	7.0
4. Administrative and secretarial occupations	23,411	11.1	373	6.1
5. Skilled trades occupations	20,219	9.6	516	8.5
6. Caring, leisure and other service occupations	17,999	8.5	515	8.5
7. Sales and customer service occupations	18,383	8.7	709	11.7
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	12,191	5.8	835	13.8
9. Elementary occupations	24,108	11.4	1,336	22.0
Industry				
All usual residents aged 16 and over in employment	210,925	100.0	6,069	100.0
A, B, D, E Agriculture, energy and water	2,577	1.2	23	0.4
C Manufacturing	13,701	6.5	278	4.6
F Construction	13,933	6.6	153	2.5
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	30,639	14.5	1,066	17.6
H Transport and storage	9,127	4.3	820	13.5
I Accommodation and food service activities	12,361	5.9	808	13.3
J Information and communication	11,112	5.3	165	2.7
K Financial and insurance activities	12,677	6.0	230	3.8
L Real estate activities	2,709	1.3	65	1.1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	17,681	8.4	295	4.9
N Administrative and support service activities	11,057	5.2	488	8.0
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	11,459	5.4	191	3.1
P Education	22,894	10.9	535	8.8
Q Human health and social work activities	29,441	14.0	785	12.9
R, S, T, U Other	9,557	4.5	167	2.8

5.0 Housing

Like the population as a whole, the majority of Muslims (61.9%) live in houses rather than flats or temporary accommodation (38.1%). However, this is a lower proportion living houses than the population as a whole (74.2%).

Most Muslims (44.4%) live in social rented accommodation, a higher proportion than the population as a whole (19.6%); 28.5% own their own property (Bristol average 55.5%) and 27.2% rent privately or live rent free (Bristol average 24.9%).

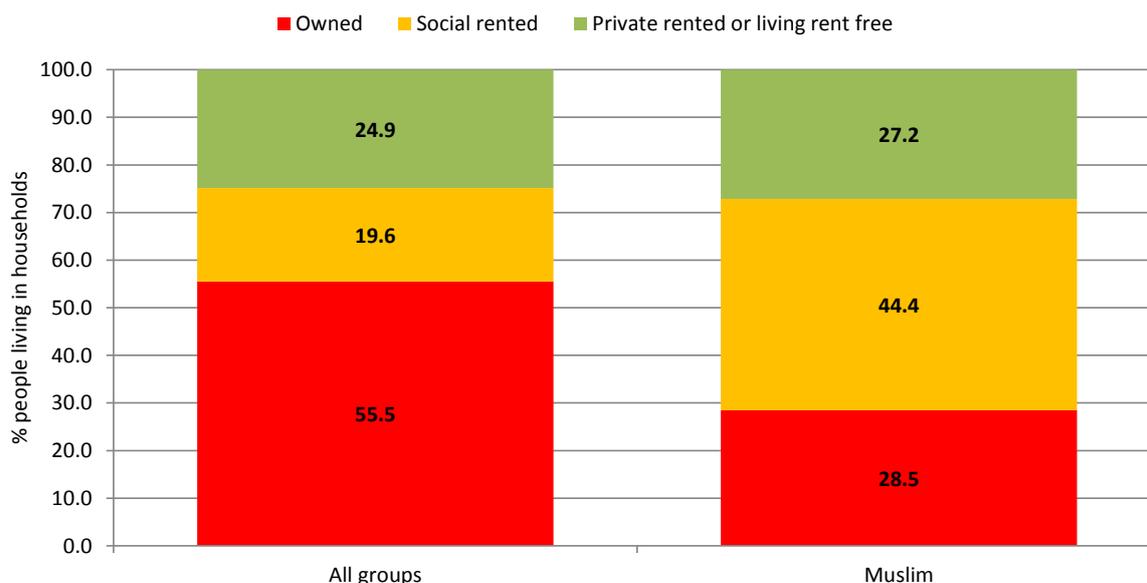
Occupancy ratings provide a measure of whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded or under occupied. An occupancy rating of -1 implies that a household has one fewer bedrooms than

required, whereas +1 implies that they have one more room/bedroom than the standard requirement. Overcrowding is an issue for the Muslim population in Bristol. 26.7% of households headed by a Muslim have fewer bedrooms than required compared to the Bristol average of 5.2% of households; 45% of Muslim households have accommodation which has the necessary number of bedrooms for the size of the household.

Car ownership levels are lower amongst Muslims than the Bristol average with a third (32.9%) of people not having access to a car compared to 22.2% of the total population.

Figure 6: Tenure

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	All religions	%	Muslim	%
Accommodation type				
All usual residents in households	418,814	100.0	21,770	100.0
House	310,564	74.2	13,467	61.9
Flat, maisonette or apartment, or mobile/temporary accommodation	108,250	25.8	8,303	38.1
Tenure				
All usual residents in households	418,814	100.0	21,770	100.0
Owned or shared ownership	232,470	55.5	6,200	28.5
Social rented	82,201	19.6	9,659	44.4
Private rented or living rent free	104,143	24.9	5,911	27.2
Car availability				
All usual residents in households	418,814	100.0	21,770	100.0
No cars or vans in household	93,059	22.2	7,169	32.9
1 car or van in household	179,782	42.9	9,586	44.0
2 or more cars or vans in household	145,973	34.9	5,015	23.0
Overcrowding				
All Households by religion of Household Reference Person	182,747	100.0	6,584	100.0
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of +2 or more	53,974	29.5	611	9.3
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of +1	59,623	32.6	1,252	19.0
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of 0	59,709	32.7	2,962	45.0
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of -1 or less	9,441	5.2	1,759	26.7

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