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# Census Data

## National Police Pagan Association

*"A national organisation supporting Pagan police officers and staff. Working together, we aim to improve the relationship between the Pagan community and the police"*

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## SECTION 1

### Summary

- 1.1.0** This document provides comparative data relating to religion from both the 2001 and 2011 Census, namely KS209EW Religion, local authorities in England and Wales, QS210EW Religion (Detailed), local authorities in England and Wales, and KS07 (2001 Census data).
- 1.1.1** The information contained within this document falls under Section 20 of the Statistics and Registration Act 2007.
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- 1.1.4** The data relating to religion from the 2013 Census in Northern Ireland is from document QS218NI Population distribution-demography (INSPIRE); Census Population Statistics; Religion, and is used with the permission of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

## SECTION 2

### 2001 Census Data

- 2.1.0** As the Police Pagan Association (PPA) a faith based diversity staff support association (DSSA) the data featured in this document will concentrate on collaborated figures collated by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) defined as Religion, local authorities in England and Wales, and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) defined as Census Population Statistics; Religion.
- 2.1.1** Census data relating to religion in Scotland had not been made available by the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) at the time of this document being written, however it is expected that the compiled data for 2011 will only concentrate on the same four areas as in 2001, namely Household, Health, Employment and Education.
- 2.1.2** This document makes several comparisons between Census data compiled in 2001 and 2011, however some methods of data collation and recording has been modified, meaning that some data is incomparable.
- 2.1.3** The regions, as defined by the ONS are the same as those used by ACPO with the exception of North West, which does not include Northern Ireland, and North East which, for the purpose of Census data, is divided into North East and Yorkshire and Humber. For the purposes of comparative data in this document the statistics will be provided as per ACPO region.

## SECTION 3

### 2011 Census Data

**3.1.0** In 2011 data from 56,075,912 members of the UK population was recorded, the total population on the day of the Census was given as approximately 63,000,000 by the ONS.

**3.1.1** Of those recorded, 4,038,032 chose not to state their religion, and 13,813 recorded their religion as 'other'; therefore 52,024,067 members of the population recorded their defined religious path.

**3.1.2** The ONS allowed 2011 applicants to record their religion under 'other' and, where applicable, define their religious path if not already defined in the Census, for example 'Other – Shaman'. This data would fall under the collaborated data of 'Other Religion' in ONS document KS209EW Religion, local authorities in England and Wales, but would be recorded under 'Other Religion – Shaman' in ONS document QS210EW Religion (Detailed), local authorities in England and Wales.

**3.1.3** Of those self-defined religions featured in the 2011 Census data there were 6 Pagan paths, namely Druid, Heathen, Pagan, Shaman, Wicca, and Witchcraft.

**3.1.4** For the purposes of the collated data in this document the paths defined as New Age and Occult in the 2011 Census data have not been included.

**3.1.5** Of the defined Pagan paths in the 2011 Census data the following numbers were recorded:

<b>Pagan</b>	56,620
<b>Wicca</b>	11,766
<b>Druid</b>	4,189
<b>Heathen</b>	1,958
<b>Witchcraft</b>	1,276
<b>Shaman</b>	650
<b>Total</b>	76,459

This represents 0.14% of the total number of applicants, and 0.15% of the total number of applicants who recorded their defined religious path.

## SECTION 4

### Geographic Data

**4.1.0** The following data is recorded as per ACPO region.

LONDON	Police Areas	Pagan Paths	Pagan Population
	Metropolitan	Pagan	4,943
	City of London	Wicca	1,023
		Druid	361
		Heathen	202
		Witchcraft	120
		Shaman	88
<b>Total Population</b>			<b>6,737</b>
8,173,941			

EAST	Police Areas	Pagan Paths	Pagan Population
	Hertfordshire	Pagan	6,284
	Bedfordshire	Wicca	1,322
	Cambridgeshire	Druid	434
	Essex	Heathen	237
	Norfolk	Witchcraft	155
	Suffolk	Shaman	57
<b>Total Population</b>			<b>8,489</b>
5,846,965			

SOUTH EAST	Police Areas	Pagan Paths	Pagan Population
	Kent	Pagan	10,337
	Hampshire	Wicca	2,155
	Surrey	Druid	833
	Sussex	Heathen	333
	Thames Valley	Witchcraft	244
		Shaman	105
<b>Total Population</b>			<b>14,007</b>
8,634,750			

<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	<b>Police Areas</b>	<b>Pagan Paths</b>	<b>Pagan Population</b>
	Avon & Somerset	Pagan	8,953
	Devon & Cornwall	Wicca	1,432
	Dorset	Druid	664
	Gloucestershire	Heathen	207
	Wiltshire	Witchcraft	174
<b>Total Population</b>		Shaman	111
5,288,935			<b>11,541</b>

<b>EAST MIDLAND</b>	<b>Police Areas</b>	<b>Pagan Paths</b>	<b>Pagan Population</b>
	Derby	Pagan	5,437
	Leicestershire	Wicca	1,087
	Lincolnshire	Druid	387
	Northamptonshire	Heathen	231
	Nottinghamshire	Witchcraft	111
<b>Total Population</b>		Shaman	61
4,533,222			<b>7,314</b>

<b>WEST MIDLAND</b>	<b>Police Areas</b>	<b>Pagan Paths</b>	<b>Pagan Population</b>
	Staffordshire	Pagan	5,147
	Warwickshire	Wicca	1,144
	West Mercia	Druid	423
	West Midlands	Heathen	173
		Witchcraft	95
<b>Total Population</b>		Shaman	43
5,601,847			<b>7,025</b>

<b>NORTH EAST</b>	<b>Police Areas</b>	<b>Pagan Paths</b>	<b>Pagan Population</b>
	Cleveland	Pagan	6,721
	Durham	Wicca	1,572
	Humberside	Druid	440
	North Yorkshire	Heathen	254
	South Yorkshire	Witchcraft	174
<b>Total Population</b>	West Yorkshire	Shaman	87
7,880,619	Northumbria		<b>9,248</b>

<b>NORTH WEST</b>	<b>Police Areas</b>	<b>Pagan Paths</b>	<b>Pagan Population</b>
	Cheshire	Pagan	5,350
	Cumbria	Wicca	1,291
	Greater Manchester	Druid	404
	Merseyside	Heathen	230
	Lancashire	Witchcraft	120
<b>Total Population</b>	Northern Ireland	Shaman	60
8,863,040			<b>7,455</b>

<b>WALES</b>	<b>Police Areas</b>	<b>Pagan Paths</b>	<b>Pagan Population</b>
	Dyfed Powys	Pagan	3,448
	Gwent	Wicca	740
	North Wales	Druid	243
	South Wales	Heathen	91
		Witchcraft	83
<b>Total Population</b>		Shaman	38
3,063,456			<b>4,643</b>



## SECTION 5

### Other Comparative Data

**5.1.0** In 2001 approximately 37,338,000 (71.7%) applicants recorded their religion as Christian, compared to approximately 33,243,000 (59.3%) in 2011, representing a 12.4% decrease.

**5.1.1** In 2001 approximately 7,709,000 (14.8%) applicants recorded that they had no religious beliefs, compared to approximately 14,097,000 (25.1%) in 2011, representing a significant increase.

**5.1.2** In 2001 approximately 151,000 (0.3%) applicants recorded religion as Other without defining a contextual religious path, compared to approximately 241,000 (0.4%) in 2011, representing a 0.1% increase.

**5.1.3** In 2001 approximately 4,011,000 (7.7%) applicants did not state a religion, compared to approximately 4,038,000 (7.2%) in 2011, representing a 0.5% decrease.

**5.1.4** In the 2011 Census of Northern Ireland was the first to record non-Christian or Catholic religions. 1,810,863 applicants were recorded, of those 14,859 applicants defined their religion as Other, 183,164 recorded that they had no religious beliefs, and 122,252 did not state a religion. 302 applicants defined their religion as Pagan, 88 as Wiccan, 38 as Druid, and 26 as Heathen.

**5.1.5** 176,632 applicants recorded their religion as Jedi.

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