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Dear Lord Pearson,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am responding to your Parliamentary Question asking what proportion of the population was Muslim at the time of the last census, and what is their projection for the next 10 years (**HL3696**).

Please see Table 1 which includes the data on the proportion of the population that identified as Muslim in the 2021 Census. Please note that this is a voluntary question which had a 94% response rate to the question.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) does not currently produce projections on religion or any other characteristic that might indicate the size of the Muslim population in the future.

Table 1: 2021 Census dataset for England and Wales, including total usual residents, Muslims, and not answered¹.

Religion	England and Wales		England		Wales	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Total: All usual residents	59,597,540	100.0	56,490,048	100.0	3,107,494	100.0
Muslim	3,868,133	6.5	3,801,186	6.7	66,947	2.2
Not answered	3,595,589	6.0	3,400,548	6.0	195,041	6.3

Source: Office for National Statistics

Yours sincerely,



Professor Sir Ian Diamond

¹In order to protect against disclosure of personal information, records have been swapped between different geographic areas and counts perturbed by small amounts. Small counts at the lowest geographies will be most affected.