



Current Religion (i.e. Religion Belonged To)

2001 Question

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2011 Question

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- None

NILS Representativeness in 2001	Census 2001 Published		NILS Members		Representativeness Ratio ¹
Roman Catholic	678462	40.3%	180577	40.1%	1.00
Presbyterian Church in Ireland	348742	20.7%	95518	21.2%	1.03
Church of Ireland	257788	15.3%	70540	15.7%	1.03
Methodist Church in Ireland	59173	3.5%	16113	3.6%	1.02
Other Christian (Christian related)	102221	6.1%	26848	6.0%	0.98
Other religions and philosophies	5028	0.3%	1444	0.3%	1.08
No religion or religion not stated	233853	13.9%	58854	13.1%	0.94

Source: *Census 2001:* <http://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/>
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¹ Representativeness ratio = 1 if the proportion in the population is the same as the proportion in the NILS. If the ratio is greater than 1 then the proportion in the NILS is higher than the proportion in the population. If the ratio is lower than 1 then the proportion in the NILS is lower than the proportion in the population.

NILS Representativeness in 2011					Represent- ativeness Ratio
	Census 2011 Published		NILS Members		
Roman Catholic	738,033	40.8%	195,177	40.6%	1.00
Presbyterian Church In Ireland	345,101	19.1%	93,778	19.5%	1.02
Church Of Ireland	248,821	13.7%	67,255	14.0%	1.02
Methodist Church In Ireland	54,253	3.0%	14,775	3.1%	1.03
Other Christian (Christian related)	104,380	5.8%	28,084	5.8%	1.01
Other Religions	14,859	0.8%	3,636	0.8%	0.92
No Religion or religion not stated	305,416	16.9%	77,578	16.2%	0.96

Source: *Census 2011:* <http://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/>
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Transition in Current Religion (2001 to 2011) for those alive at both 2001 and 2011 Censuses

The following table shows the transition in current religion for NILS members alive at both censuses.

		2011 Census Information							
		Total	Roman Catholic	Presbyterian Church in Ireland	Church of Ireland	Methodist Church in Ireland	Other Christian	Other religions	No religion or Not stated
2001 Census Information	Total	364,468	143,539	79,307	55,999	12,581	21,144	1883	50,015
	Roman Catholic	146,491	134,736	228	287	43	249	125	10,823
	Presbyterian Church in Ireland	78,352	204	62,895	3760	935	2322	142	8094
	Church of Ireland	57,233	252	4630	44,667	663	1164	98	5759
	Methodist Church in Ireland	13,195	47	1218	679	9034	492	29	1696
	Other Christian	21,974	161	2871	1130	553	13,635	457	3167
	Other Religion	959	31	42	23	10*	125	458	270
	No Religion or Not stated	46,264	8108	7423	5453	1343	3157	574	20,206

Source: *NILS: bespoke table created 200115*

Note: **cell counts have been rounded and related totals adjusted*

Current Religion in the 2011 Census Quality Survey

The Census Quality Survey (CQS) was an independent voluntary survey targeted at a random sample of households that had responded to the Census to assess the level of quality of census responses. The actual responses reported in the Census regarding the religion variable aligned with that reported in the CQS in 85.9% of cases. More detail is available at http://www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/census/2011/census_quality_survey.pdf

Discussion

The 2001 and 2011 distributions of the current religion variables within the NILS are representative of the overall population as published by Census Office.

The following transitions have been observed for those NILS members who have links to both the 2001 and 2011 Censuses.

In the 2011 Census 78.4% of NILS members were reported as belonging to the same religious denomination or body as they had belonged to a decade earlier.

Of those NILS members whose current religion was reported as Roman Catholic in 2001, 92.0% were reported as belonging to the same religious denomination in 2011.

Of those NILS members who were reported as belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Church of Ireland, the Methodist Church in Ireland or Other Christian denominations in 2001, 88.2% were reported as belonging to one of these denominations in 2011.

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