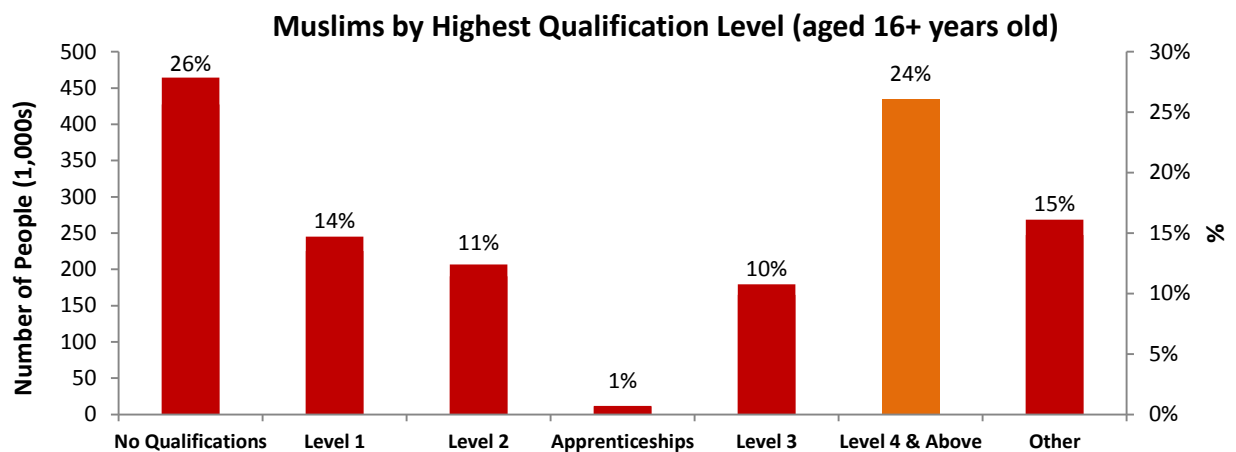


# Significant proportion of Muslims in Britain are educationally well-qualified

24% of the Muslim population (aged 16 and above) have a degree level qualification or higher.



## What does this mean?

- The educational qualification spread for the 2.7 million Muslims in England and Wales is in line with the overall population. 24% of Muslims have a Level 4 or higher qualification (27% in overall population). There are 329,694 Muslim full-time students, with 43% female and 57% male.
- In 2001, 39% of Muslims (aged 16+) had no qualifications; in 2011, this is 26%.
- Due to the young age profile of Muslims, a large proportion of Muslims in the Level 4 or above group will be young and recently graduated. They are a strategic asset at a time of an ageing population and rapidly changing technology.
- There is research to show that the BME population (1 in 3 of BME is Muslim) faces discrimination in the admissions process to Russell Group universities and there is also a 'Muslim penalty' with respect to economic activity and unemployment. Why is discrimination law proving ineffective? Are there other barriers to overcome?
- There are opportunities for community service as role models and mentors to encourage educational achievement. How can Muslim civil society promote existing good practice?