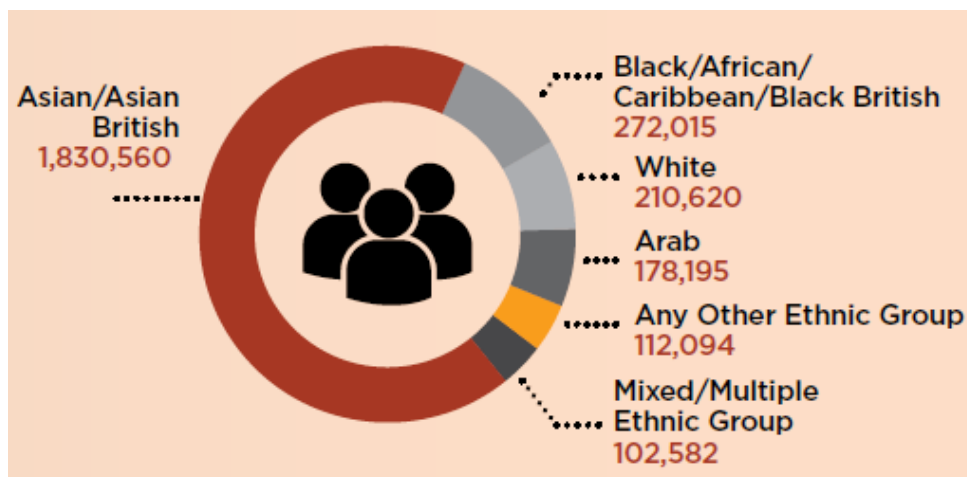


Muslims are highly ethnically diverse and not one ethnic 'block'



What does this mean?

- Amongst the 2.7m Muslims in the UK in 2011, about two-thirds (68%) are of Asian/Asian British descent (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi). About 272,000 (10%) are from black ethnic groups, 210,600 (8%) are from white ethnic groups and 178,000 (6%) are Arab. Non-census studies estimate larger numbers for some ethnic groups, due to possible non-uniform use of the 'Other' tick boxes.
- The ethnic diversity within Muslim groupings is a microcosm of the ethnic diversity of British society at large, where 13% of Britons describe their ethnic group as Asian, Black, African, Caribbean or other BME category.
- Decision-making forums of Muslim institutions like mosque management committees, need to reflect the high ethnic diversity of Muslims both nationally and locally.
- Policy makers and observers should also appreciate that Muslims are not an ethnically monolithic 'block', either in Britain as these numbers show, or internationally, where as a world religion Islam is practised by an even more diverse spectrum of ethnic groups.