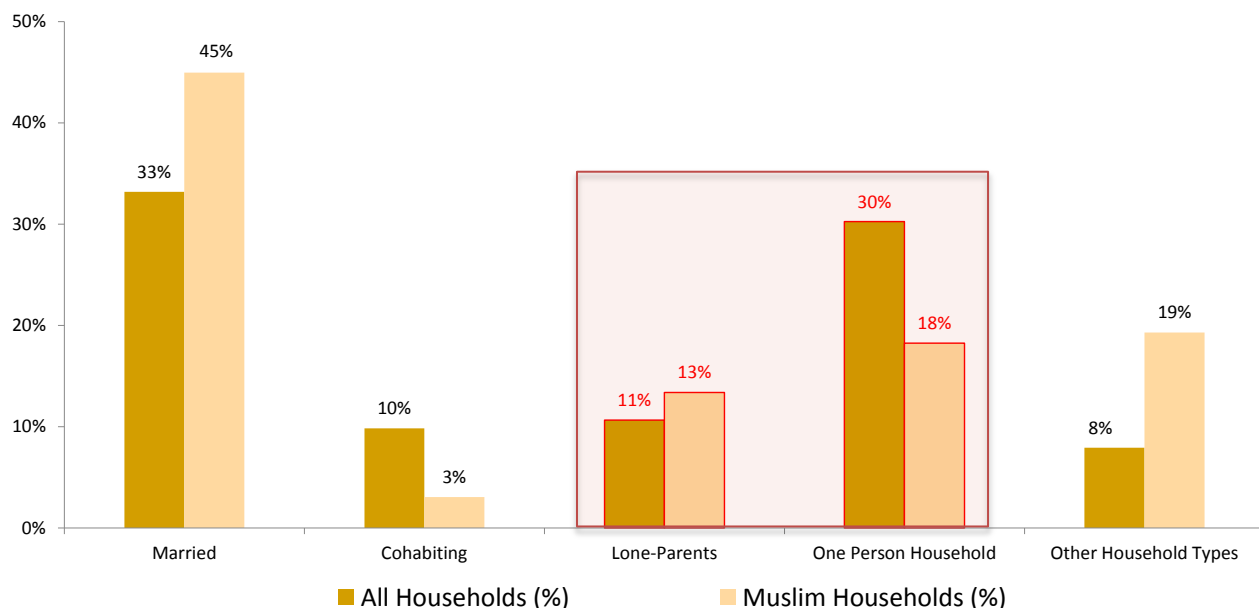


# Significant number of Lone-Parent and One-Person Muslim households



Household Composition, All Population and Muslim. **Source:** 2011 Census for England and Wales, Table DC1202EW

## What does this mean?

- Of the approximately 750,000 Muslim households, 45% are in the 'Married' household composition category. The equivalent proportion in the general population is 33%; the difference is a reflection of cultural and religious values, as well as age demographics.
- About 13% (~99,000 households) are Lone-Parents with Dependent or Non-Dependent Children. This is surprisingly high and the contributory factors need to be better understood and where appropriate mosques and imams equipped to provide support and counselling.
- There are also a significant number of One-Person Muslim households (~136,000, 18%) which includes the elderly. Further analysis of 2011 Census data shows there are about 15,000 Muslims aged 65+ years old who live on their own.
- A recent study by the charity Age UK reported that there are 3.5 million persons aged 65+ who live on their own within the UK as a whole. Civil society groups of all faiths and no faith need to address issues of loneliness and social isolation, in which mosques and Muslim community activists can play their part for the common good.