

Number of listed places of worship (POWs)

The data for England is robust, that for the other home countries less so.

Larger figures rounded sometimes affecting totals.

The data is from different dates and different sources, and there are disparities.

	All POW	Total listed	Listed POW		
			by grade of listing		
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GREAT BRITAIN					
England		14793	4320	4574	5899
Wales		*3000	214	470	1340
Scotland		2470	370	1570	540
Northern Ireland		900	42	140	710
TOTAL		21160	4650	6680	8520
ENGLAND					
Church of England	16000	12209	4252	4249	3708
Methodist Church	5350	508	2	28	478
Roman Catholic	3230	632	28	121	483
Baptist Union	1950	265	0	10	255
United Reformed	1470	307	3	22	282
Other Christian	? 9000	808	28	129	652
Total Christian POW (England)	? 37000	14793	4320	4574	5899
Non Christian faiths (England)					
Jewish		27	3	10	14
Muslim		15	1	1	13
Sikh		7	0	0	7
Buddhist		5	1	0	4
Non-Cn unknown		4	0	2	2
Total non Cn POW (England)		58	5	13	40

WALES

The Church in Wales	1221	898	147		
The Baptist Union of Wales	381	100			
The Methodist Church	300	40			
The Roman Catholic Church	197	50	1	8	41
The Baptist Union of Great Britain	152	20			
The United Reformed Church	99	30	1		
[*Total (Wales)]		?3000	?214]		

*See note on Wales, regarding the supposed overall totals.

England. The number of listed English places of worship and breakdown by grade was provided by Historic England in January 2025, based on August 2021 data updated with July 2024 Heritage at Risk data. For the Roman Catholic Church, the figures depend on whether e.g. monasteries, convents and private chapels are included (here probably not). **Wales.** The breakdown of listed buildings by denomination for Wales is probably reliable (as at 2016). For the Church in Wales, the 'all POW' and 'total listed' are correct at January 2025; about 100 closed churches were at that time being prepared for sale or transfer to a third party. For the Roman Catholic Church, the figures are as at January 2025. The 'total' figures come from the 2015 *Strategic Action Plan for Historic Places of Worship in Wales* (Cadw), and we suspect are unreliable. **Scotland.** The figures for Scotland were provided by the National Churches Trust from its 2010 survey. In January 2025 the Church of Scotland possessed 1647 places of worship, of which 1161 were listed 16% of the listed churches (over 180) were listed Grade A. **Northern Ireland.** As known to HRBA in 2016. A later figure from the Department of Communities, precise date unknown, gives a total of 939 listed churches, 1 listed Hindu Temple, 1 listed synagogue.

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