

# 2011 NHS BULLETIN: Ethnicity & Religion

This report presents the ethnic diversity and religion data collected during the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) for Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph (WDG). In 2011, approximately 9% of individuals in WDG identified as a visible minority. Christianity was the most commonly reported religious affiliation among residents of WDG with 177,595 people identifying as Christian.

**21.9%**

of Dufferin's population identifies as Catholic.

Across WDG,  
**2.9%**

of individuals are of North American Aboriginal descent.

**1 in 4**

residents in Wellington County report no religious affiliation.

**26.3%**

of visible minorities in Guelph are South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan).

## Ethnic Origins among WDG Residents

While survey respondents were able to identify up to 4 ethnic origins, WDG residents reported an average of 1.2 origins.

Among residents with Asian ancestry, 25% (4,920) reported Chinese descent while 24% (4,845) reported East Indian descent.

In WDG, more than half of all individuals report British Isles ancestral origins.

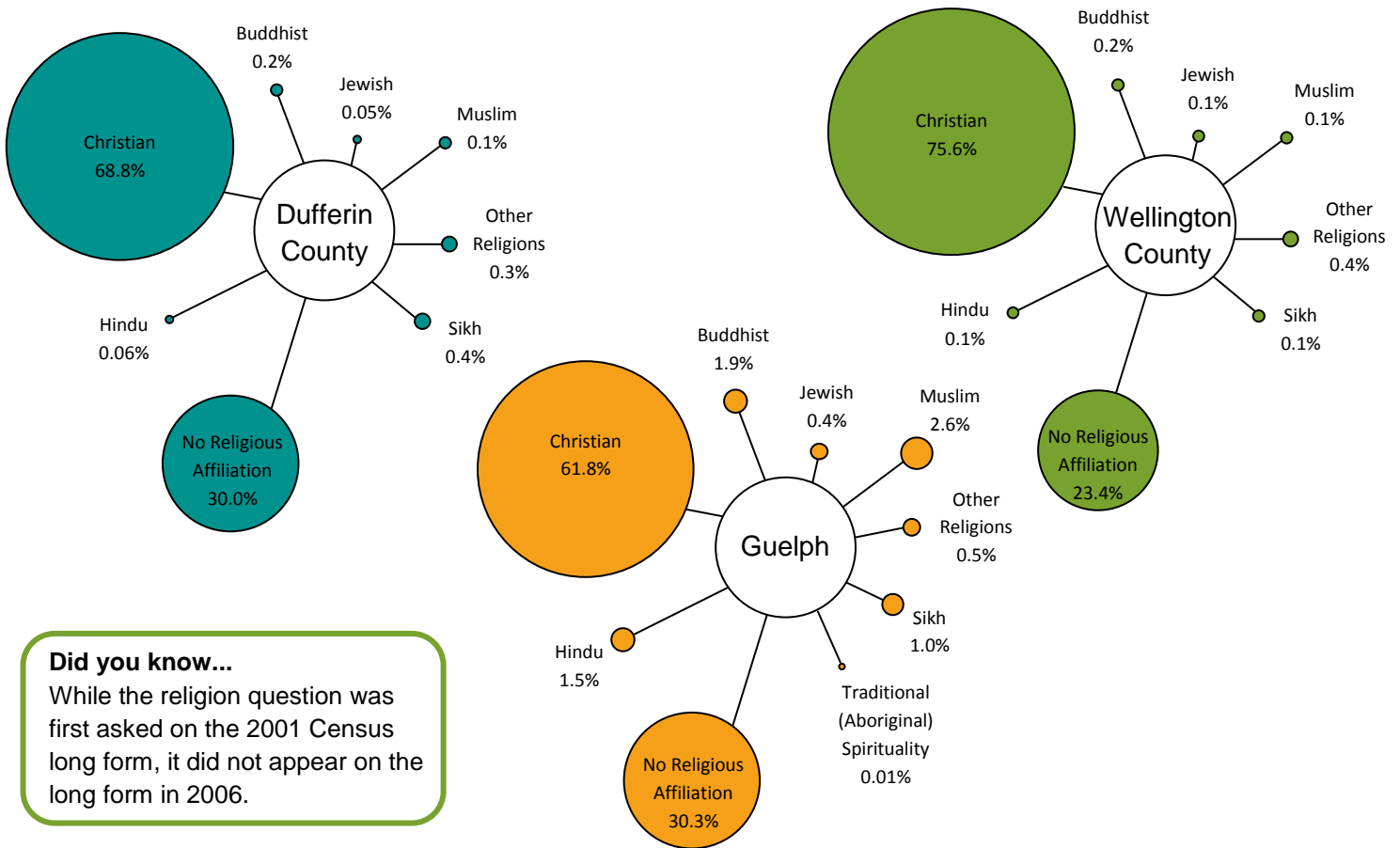
Of individuals that reported Caribbean origins, 58% (1,660) were Jamaican.

Across WDG, 510 residents have ancestral roots in Guyana, while a further 430 report ancestral origins in Colombia.

Less than 1% of WDG residents reported African origins with the most common ancestral countries of origin identified as Ghana, Egypt, and South Africa.

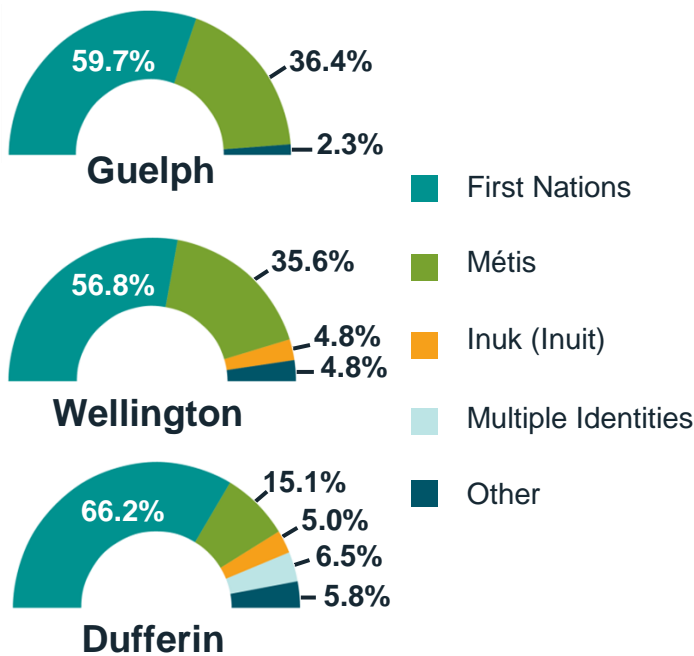
Across WDG, 600 individuals identified Oceania origins with more than half of those individuals reporting ancestral ties to Australia.

# Religious Affiliations within WDG



**Did you know...**  
While the religion question was first asked on the 2001 Census long form, it did not appear on the long form in 2006.

## Aboriginal Identity in WDG



## Top 5 Visible Minority Groups in WDG

