

Derived from data listed in the Mosques.MuslimsInBritain.org/Maps.php Directory.

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1 Directory Quality

1.1 Marker Position Accuracy

Landmark (Pol) Accuracy	Number of masjids marked
Within 2 metres	1454
Within 5 metres	20
Within 10 metres	42
Within 20 metres	33
Within 30 metres	10
Within 40 metres	3
Within 50 metres	8
By postcode only	64
Position very uncertain	8
Total active masjid and prayer room landmarks	1642

Locations pinpointed within 2 metres mean that, where Google Streetview is available, this will provide a direct illustration of the masjid, and Satnavs should provide precise navigation.

Photographs

Photo Status	Total
Completed and current	198
Outside only, or old	243
So far no pictures	1201
Total active masjids and prayer rooms	1642

The aim is to provide a minimum of 3 pictures for each masjid - the outside, making it readily identifiable, the musallah (main prayer room) and the wudhu (washing) room, so that users can judge the size and state of upkeep for themselves.

Descriptive Data Confidence

Data Confidence	Number of masjids marked
Recent first hand knowledge.	843
Well established with plenty of corroboration.	506
Established, but single source of information.	205
Several sources of information, none recent or reliable.	56
Information from a single old or unreliable source.	29
Treat with caution - may not exist.	3
Total active masjids and prayer rooms	1642

The aim is to provide a reliability guide to the data in the directory. This is work in progress and directory entries are steadily improving to the top two categories.

Political Boundary Data Completeness

Political Boundary Status	Total
Recorded	424
Partial	391
Not Done	827
Total active masjids and prayer rooms	1642

The Borough, Ward and Constituency of each masjid is recorded for a mixture of reasons:

- o It is a searchable field, allowing you to find a set of masjids in a given area.
- o It is a grouping field, allowing the results to be grouped geographically.
- o Wards are used as administrative boundaries for a lot of local authority, education and policing purposes, so having this information to hand permits Muslims to more easily find their relevant points of contact in these administrative entities, and reciprocally, administrative bodies can more readily find the Muslim entities in the areas for which they are responsible. In terms of the general ethos of this website, we actively encourage dialogue and political engagement and this is one way of assisting that aim. Ultimately we aim to permit users to identify all the masjids in a given borough or constituency; or to identify all the geographical entities within which any masjid falls.

Masjids and Other Premises

State	Total
Actual masjids	1529
Queries, possible masjid	22
Still under construction	7
Hired halls	60
General use Prayer rooms	35
Chaplaincies	20
Temporary premises	2
Defunct premises, no longer used as masjid	319
Proposed	5
Total landmarks	1999

Note that there are slight discrepancies between this data and the other summaries, because this uses a hybrid data set, e.g. if a Hired Hall is hired by a Barelvi-oriented group, it will be included in the totals under "Masjid Theme" below, even though it is not a masjid, but will be a "Hired Hall" in the total above.

Charity Commission Links

1.6 Listed Masjids with Charity Commission Report	310
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This work is in progress - many masjids are registered charities whose Reg Number MiB.org has not yet recorded. The Charity Commission estimates that approximately 600 masjids are registered charities.

Region	Number of Masjids
1 England	1499
2 Wales	40
3 Scotland	57
4 Northern Ireland	2
5 Offshore Islands	2
6 Republic of Ireland	30

Analysis of Issues, Affiliations and Demographics

2 Affiliations Data

2.1	Masjid 'Theme'	Total	% of Total
	Deobandi	729	44.6%
	Barelvi	414	25.4%
	Other Sufi	45	2.8%
	Maudoodi-inspired, 'Islamic Movement'	51	3.1%
	Salafi	94	5.8%
	Arabic or African Mainstream	46	2.8%
	Ikhwaan	8	0.5%
	Shi'a, Twelvers, Bohra or Ismaili	69	4.2%
	Modernist	2	0.1%
	Non-denom prayer rooms etc	155	9.5%
	Non-Muslim, Qadiani faith	20	1.2%
	Total active masjids and prayer rooms	1633	100%

Masjids with 'Unknown' themes have been divided pro rata, and this causes a minor rounding error in the total. Some organisers of ad hoc prayer arrangements such as halls hired for Jumu'ah, follow an exclusive theme; if so, these are included here.

2.2 Women's participation

Women in the Masjid, by Theme	% with women's facilities	Number of masjids in survey
Arabic or African Mainstream	91%	34
Barelvi	82%	280
Deobandi	57%	451
Ikhwaan	67%	6
Maudoodi-inspired, 'Islamic Movement'	90%	42
Modernist	100%	2
Other Sufi	60%	25
Salafi	93%	67
Shi'a, Twelvers, Bohra or Ismaili	100%	40
Unknown theme	69%	62
Overall figure	73%	1009

From this data, nearly three quarters of UK masjids have facilities for women, contrary to many claims. However many smaller masjids have very limited facilities for women. For some doctrines this is not an issue, e.g. women adhering to Deobandi practices may have no more desire to attend a masjid than grow a beard.

2.3 Umbrella Groups

Umbrella	Number	out of UK Total	Fraction of Faction
a. Muslim Council of Britain			
Deobandi	70	729	10%
Maudoodi-inspired, 'Islamic Movement'	37	51	73%
Sufi - Bareilvi	24	414	6%
Other Sufi	1	45	2%
firqa not recorded	16	94	17%
Ikhwaan	4	8	50%
Arabic or African Mainstream	9	46	20%
Shi'a, Twelvers, Bohra or Ismaili	14	69	20%
Students	6		
Salafi	13		
multifaith	4	45	9%
defunct organisation	17		
Total	198	1458	14%

Source: <http://www.mcb.org.uk/affiliates.php>, List of MCB Affiliates - March 2009, mapped onto MuslimsInBritain database.

This source lists 456 affiliated organisations in total. 26 of these are defunct. 16 are literal or almost literal duplications. 79 are persona of 'Islamic Movement' entities, representing geographical hierarchies with minimal physical presence, sometimes with 4 or 6 entities sharing a single location. A significant number of constituents are one-person entities. Altogether the 456 listed represent 361 different physical entities. In spite of these criticisms, it is important to note that the MCB has always strived to be pluralist, with all main factions represented, as can be seen from the breakdown above. Mosque managements are inevitably the most significant contributors to the MCB, but most of the major Muslim education, aid and welfare entities are also included in its membership. Meanwhile it would be helpful if the MCB was more candid about its current and effective membership, since its claimed membership appears to be inflated.

b. British Muslim Forum			
Sufi - Bareilvi	191	414	46%
Other Sufi	6	45	13%
Deobandi	4	729	1%
firqa not recorded	32		
defunct organisation	8		
Total	241	1458	14%

Source: BMF affiliates list published on now defunct website, accessed 12th May 2008 and mapped onto MuslimsInBritain database. A pirated version of this list is available at <http://www.urdustreet.com/english/mem.htm>. BMF no longer publishes a list of affiliates, so the validity of this analysis after 2008 is questionable.

c. Affiliated to both MCB and BMF	
10 Bareilvi, 2 not known and 1 defunct address	13

d. UK Islamic Mission	
Maudoodi-inspired, 'Islamic Movement'	38
defunct organisation	5
firqa not recorded	1
Total	44

Source: <http://www.ukim.org/branches>

e. Mosques & Imams National Advisory Board			
Masjids self-certified as conforming to one or more of MINAB's 5 standards			
Sufi - Bareilvi	51	414	12%
Maudoodi-inspired, 'Islamic Movement'	16	51	31%
Deobandi	7	729	1%
Shi'a, Twelvers, Bohra or Ismaili	6	69	9%
Arabic or African Mainstream	4	46	9%
Salafi	4	94	4%
Ikhwaan	1	8	13%
firqa not recorded	7	47	
Total	96	1458	7%

Source: <http://www.minab.org.uk/news/self-regulation-standards/135-minab-self-certification>. List of 113 includes 6 duplicate entries, 8 ambiguous or untraceable entries and 4 entries that are not masjids or madrassas. Since May 2011 MINAB has removed its list of affiliates from the web, so the validity of this analysis is conjectural. MINAB claims to represent "600 of the UK's 1500 mosques", but apart from the 103 that MINAB had listed, this figure is merely an aggregate of the total numbers of affiliates to its four principle stakeholders, the MCB, BMF, MAB and Al Khoi Foundation. The BMF has no constitutionally based affiliation membership and the MCB has under 200 masjids affiliated, and MINAB itself is at best the collective identity of a small number of spokespersons for these umbrella groups. Aside from goodwill and good intentions, it has minimal relationship with any masjid committee.

f. Jamiat Tabligh ul Islam	
Sufi - Bareilvi	21

g. Bradford Council of Mosques	Members	Bradford area Totals	
Sufi - Bareilvi*	27	35	77%
Other Sufi	2	4	50%
Deobandi	14	21	67%
Salafi	4	5	80%
Shi'a, Twelvers, Bohra or Ismaili	4	5	80%
Maudoodi-inspired, 'Islamic Movement'	3	3	100%
Arabic or African Mainstream	2	2	100%
firqa not recorded	10	12	83%
defunct organisation	3		
Total	69	87	

*Includes 19 Jamiat Tabligh ul Islam masjids under a single management.

These data sets will be developed for each significant local or regional umbrella group.

h. Sufi Muslim Council	
no affiliates	0

2.4 Masjid Management

Management	Total
Pakistani	355
Bangladeshi	219
Gujerati	93
Arab	16
Turkish	14
Somali	12
Bangladeshi and Pakistani	11
Gujerati and Pakistani	10
Pakistani - Kashmiri	5
Iranian	4
Guyanese	4
Yemeni	4
Nigerian	3
Arab - Somali	3
Students	3
mixed Asian, Arab, etc	3
West African	3
Gujerati - Kokni	3
Kosovan	2
Afghan	2
Mauritian	2
Charity trust in Preston	2
Arab - Yemeni	2
Tamil?	2
European converts	2
Pakistani and Bangladeshi	2
Arab - Somali - Bravanese	2
Sri Lankan	2
Eritrean	1
Gujerati - Surati	1
Bangladeshi?	1
Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sudanese and "Middle-Eastern"	1
Ghanaian	1
Gujerati - Bharuchi	1
East African	1
Arab and Somali	1
Afro-Caribbean	1
Algerian	1
Arab - Qatar	1
Arab - Qatari	1
Arab - Syrian and others	1
Arab - Yemeni, Gujerati	1
Bangladeshi and Arabic	1
Arab and others	1
Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Somali	1
Arabic	1
Asian	1
Bangladeshi (Pakistani-Trust)	1
Gujerati - Surti	1
Bangladeshi and others	1
Bangladeshi, Ethiopian	1
Arab - Yemeni, Syrian imam	1
Qatari	1
Pakistani mainly, other Asian and a Syrian.	1
Pakistani mainly, other Asian too.	1
Pakistani, Bangali, Sri Lankan and Moroccan.	1
Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Arab	1
Pakistani, Egyptian Arab imam and mixed	1
Pakistani, Eritrean	1
Indian	1
Pakistani, muqtadis mostly Arabic-speaking	1
Pakistani (3), Libyan, English, Indian, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan	1
Senegalese, Gambian	1
Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rachid Al Maktoum	1
Somali, Pakistani, Arab	1
Tamil	1
Unspecified various	1
Various including Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Somali, Arab	1
Yemeni, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Indian and other nationalities.	1
Pakistani, Gujerati, Bangladeshi	1
Kosovar	1
Gujerati and others	1
Gujerati and Pakistani, was Nigerian	1
Gujerati Bharuchi	1
Gujerati imam, mainly Bangladeshi muqtadis.	1
Iranian?	1

Yemeni, Somali, Pakistani	1
Pakistani and Indian	1
Khoja Pakistanis and Indians	1
Pakistani and Gujerati	1
Kurdish	1
Lebanese	1
Moroccan	1
Pakistani - Pathan	1
Pakistani - Pathan, Afghan	1
Pakistani - Punjabi	1
Gujerati and Mauritian	1
Kent Workplace Mission	1
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In reality there are very many more 'Students'-managed prayer rooms and other informal arrangements than are listed in the directory. The ones listed are mostly ones that are either published, or are open to the public, or whose locations are stable over a long period of time.

2.5 Britain's Biggest Mosques

Mosque Name	Town	Size	theme
Suffa-tul-Islam Central Masjid, Horton Park Avenue	Bradford	8000	Sufi - Bareilvi
Central Jamia Mosque Ghamkol Sharif, 150 Golden Hillock Road	Birmingham	6000	Sufi - Bareilvi
Islamic Cultural Centre, 146 Park Road	London	5400	Arabic mainstream
Jamiyat Tabligh-ul-Islam, circa 177 Barkerend Road	Bradford	5200	Sufi - Bareilvi - Qadria Naushahia
Leeds Islamic Centre, 46-48 Spencer Place	Leeds	4700	Deobandi
Jamia al-Akbaria, 241 Selbourne Road	Luton	4700	Sufi - Bareilvi
Masjid-e-Jamia Al Madina, 133a Waterloo Road	Middlesbrough	4500	Sufi - Bareilvi
Jamia Masjid Ghousia, 2-10 Westbourne Road	Luton	4500	Sufi - Bareilvi
East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre, 46-92 Whitechapel Road	London	4500	Maudoodi-ist management
Birmingham Central Mosque, 180 Belgrave Middleway or 148-154	Birmingham	4500	Deobandi
Masjid-al-Farooq, Berners Street	Leicester	4000	Deobandi
Markazi Masjid, South Street (south end)	Dewsbury	4000	Deobandi
Madni Jamia Masjid, 101 Thornbury Road	Bradford	4000	Sufi - Bareilvi
Jamia Masjid Ghosia, 439-451 Lea Bridge Road	London	4000	Sufi - Bareilvi
Husseini Islamic Centre, 50 Wood Lane	London	4000	Shia - Twelvers
Jamiyat Tabligh-ul-Islam Mosque, 9 Darfield Street	Bradford	3800	Sufi - Bareilvi - Qadria Naushahia
Wolverhampton Mosque Trust, 197 Waterloo Road	Wolverhampton	3600	Deobandi
Makki Masjid, Wimberley Street	Blackburn	3500	Deobandi
Jamia Masjid, 30-32 Howard Street	Bradford	3500	Deobandi
Markazi Jamia Masjid Bilal, Conway Road and Harehills Lane	Leeds	3200	Sufi - Bareilvi
Jamia Mosque, 51 Asfordby Street	Leicester	3200	Deobandi
Jamia Masjid, 59 Brick Lane	London	3200	Sufi - Fultoli
Greenwich Islamic Centre, 131 Plumstead Road	London	3200	Salafi and Shafi'i
Masjid Ilyas, Riverine Centre Abbey Mills, Canning Road	London	3000	Deobandi
Manchester Central Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre, 20 Upper Park	Manchester	3000	Sufi - Bareilvi
Keighley Markazi Jamia Mosque, 75 Emily Street	Keighley	3000	Sufi - Bareilvi
Jamia Masjid Bilal, Bulwer Street	Rochdale	3000	Sufi - Bareilvi
Hounslow Jamia Masjid & Islamic Centre, Wellington Road South	London	3000	Sufi - Bareilvi
Faidhan-e-Madina, 169-175 Gladstone Street	Peterborough	3000	Sufi - Bareilvi - Qadri Dawat-e-Islam
Croydon Masjid and Islamic Centre, 525 London Road	London	3000	Deobandi
Central Mosque Lanarkshire, 1-3 and 5 Clydesdale Street	Motherwell	3000	Deobandi
Baitul Futuh (Qadiani world headquarters), 181 London Road	London	3000	Qadiani

Baitul Futuh is promoted by the Ahmadiyya movement as "the largest mosque in Western Europe" based on a claim of a capacity of 10,500 worshippers. The Ahmadiyya have their own reasons for making this claim. But they admit that dedicated prayer space (on which all the above masjids' capacities is based) is 4,000. (<http://www.baitulfutuh.org/construction/index.shtml>) In fact the prayer space is comparable only to the larger masjids of circa 3,000 capacity, hence my adjusted figure of 3,000. By comparison, most larger masjids have substantial areas that are routinely used for salaah on Friday Jum'ah, not to mention Eid and Tarawih salaahs. E.g. Regents Park Masjid (Islamic Cultural Centre) has a substantial concourse, large basement rooms and a big plaza, all of which are filled for Jum'ah, more than doubling the 5,400 capacity dedicated prayer space.

2.6 Mosque sizes

Capacity of Masjid	Number of Masjids	
Less than 50 people	37	
50 to 100 people	199	Typically houses and house conversions
101 to 200 people	231	
201 to 300 people	222	
301 to 400 people	126	Commercial conversions and some purpose-built
401 to 500 people	113	
501 to 750 people	133	
751 to 1000 people	103	Industrial conversions and some purpose-built
1001 to 2000 people	117	
2000 to 4000 people	46	
Greater than 4000 people	10	
Not yet recorded	216	

3 Website Users

Month and Year	Unique visitors*	Bookmark regulars
Dec-11		
Nov-11	89,548	
Oct-11	77,857	
Sep-11	91,153	
Aug-11	145,850	
Jul-11	100,410	
Jun-11	76,521	
May-11	73,733	
Apr-11	70,205	
Mar-11	74,865	
Feb-11	70,213	41,062
Jan-11	75,326	45,999
Dec-10	65,449	38,919
Nov-10	75,643	38,708
Oct-10	62,100	35,239
Sep-10	74,004	34,831
Aug-10	79,271	33,454
Jul-10	56,722	31,337
Jun-10	49,906	29,257
May-10	45,765	26,833
Apr-10	40,990	22,397
Mar-10	39,006	21,813
Feb-10	34,847	19,200
Jan-10	29,884	14,746
Dec-09	24,956	11,938
Nov-09	30,280	13,349
Oct-09	24,681	11,489
Sep-09	32,765	13,299
Aug-09	29,917	11,826
Jul-09	22,690	11,156
Jun-09	23,328	13,154
May-09	20,536	10,182
Apr-09	17,000	8,166
Mar-09	18,448	8,843
Feb-09	16,060	7,478
Jan-09	16,764	9,208
Dec-08	16,967	10,296
Nov-08	13,287	9,882
Oct-08	17,077	11,968
Sep-08	20,735	11,009
Aug-08	17,048	12,340
Jul-08	8,788	7,255
Jun-08	8,130	7,345
May-08	6,794	5,866
Apr-08	5,780	4,542
Mar-08	6,231	4,360
Feb-08	5,389	3,939
Jan-08	4,442	3,817
Dec-07	2,919	2,552
Nov-07	2,290	1,839
Oct-07	2,181	1,731
Sep-07	2,430	1,893
Aug-07	2,004	1,766
Jul-07	2,697	2,487
Jun-07	2,745	2,401
May-07	2,319	1,943
Apr-07	2,120	1,790
Mar-07	2,135	1,936
Feb-07	1,830	1,514
Jan-07	2,421	2,094
Dec-06	1,845	
Nov-06	1,017	
Oct-06	675	
Sep-06	535	
Aug-06	191	
Jul-06	169	
Jun-06	82	

** "Unique visitors" - A visitor is counted only when bringing up more than one page and taking no longer than 30 minutes between individual pages. If several people use the website in one half-hour through the same web-proxy server, as in many workplace organisations, they are recorded as a single user in that half-hour.*

"Bookmark regulars" - monthly total of visitors who have come directly to the site rather than through a search engine or other link, or who have browsed the site continuously for longer than half an hour. (If they all used the site every day, then 30,000 bookmark visitors implies about 1,000 individual regular users; if they all used it once every week, that would imply 7,500 individual regular users.) These figures overstate actual users by circa 8% of users who switch to and from MIB.org subdomains.