

ISLAMOPHOBIA MOSQUES & ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS

A report by Muslim Census and MEND^[1] into attacks on Mosques and Islamic Institutions in the UK found that:

42% of Mosques experienced a religiously motivated attack in the last 3 years and of those, 83% have been attacked at least once a year.

17% of those who experienced an attack also experienced a physical assault.

Only **55%** were satisfied with police response, however **28%** did note increased police surveillance so we should work to increase community engagement.

64% reported attacks had a negative impact on the wider community e.g. discouraged attendance, sense of fear or loss of confidence in police.

Mosque attendance is associated with increased electoral and non-electoral political participation. This makes mosque safety key for muslim participation in society.^[2]



Contributions to the UK economy

Muslims are the **largest givers** to charity of all social groups.^[3]

British Muslim charitable donations exceed **£1bn a year** and are projected to reach over **£4bn by 2051**.^[4]

Charity donations made by Muslims in Ramadan 2020 exceeded **£150 million**.^[5]

43% of British Muslims have volunteered in the past year, while only **26%** of respondents from the general public say the same. **62%** say they volunteer multiple times a month.^[6]

The government has committed more funding to protecting UK Muslims.

In March 2024 the government made £29.4 million available to protect Mosques, Muslim faith schools and other community organisations following the rise in hate crimes.^[7] This includes measures such as CCTV, alarm systems and secure fencing.

However, this funding must be applied for, creating barriers, as with the complicated three-stage process of the 2022/2023 funding.^[8]



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4. <https://www.islamchannel.tv/blog-posts/british-muslims-donate-ps1bn-to-charity-soar-over-ps4bn-by-2051>

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6. <https://www.muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk/resources/british-muslim-charitable-giving-report-ii-the-impact-of-the-cost-of-living-crisis/>

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