## Muslim population of England smashes three million mark for first time ever, figures reveal

From <u>While the ONS said the new estimates</u> could not be used to assess local populations, the 2011 census report said that 'Muslims tended to be concentrated in particular areas of England.

'In over half of local authorities the proportion of the population who were Muslim was under one per cent. In over three-quarters of areas it was under six per cent.

'The areas with the highest proportion of Muslims were in London with the boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Newham having 34.5 per cent and 32.0 per cent respectively.

'There were several areas outside London with proportions higher than 20 per cent including Blackburn with Darwen in the North West (27.0 per cent ), Bradford in Yorkshire and the Humber, Luton in East of England, Slough in South East, and Birmingham in the West Midlands.'

