

Local Insight and the 2021 Census

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Census background

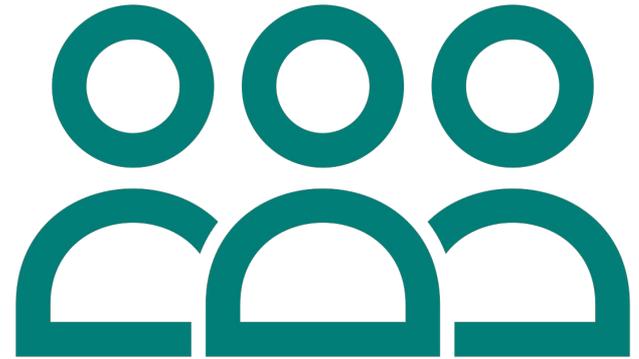
Conducted every 10 years. Provides data on the following topics:

- Demography and migration
- Ethnic group, national identity, language and religion
- Health, disability and unpaid care
- Housing
- Labour market and travel to work
- Sexual orientation and gender identity
- Education
- UK armed forces veterans

What data has been released so far

Population datasets

- Population by sex
- Population by 5-year age group
- Population by sex and 5-year age group
- Population density



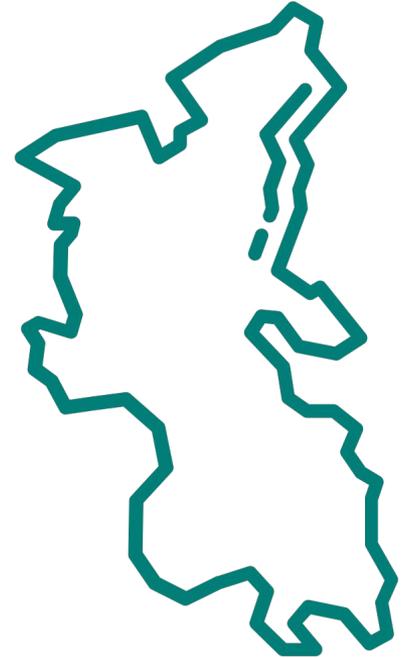
County of birth for Ukraine and neighbouring countries

- Ukraine
- Belarus
- Estonia
- Hungary
- Latvia
- Slovakia
- Lithuania
- Moldova
- Poland
- Romania
- Russia
- Afghanistan



Data published at Local Authority level only

- Data rounded to the nearest 100
- Small area level will be published in Autumn. This means you will be able to see data for smaller geographies such as wards.



What is coming next - October

Small area level data.

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What the census data release shows us for London

London has the largest Born in Ukraine population

Which local authorities have the largest Ukraine-born population?

Preliminary 2021 Census data on respondents usually resident in England and Wales and born in Ukraine

Rank	Local authority	Ukraine-born population	Rank	Local authority	Ukraine-born population
1	Newham	1,340	11	Wandsworth	610
2	Ealing	1,140	12	Bromley	560
3	Hounslow	1,120	13	Brent	540
4	Waltham Forest	1,070	14	Barking and Dagenham	530
5	Greenwich	940	15	Lewisham	530
6	Barnet	850	16	Haringey	500
7	Redbridge	820	17	Southwark	500
8	Tower Hamlets	780	18	Hillingdon	470
9	Westminster	690	19	Havering	450
10	Merton	660	20	Hammersmith and Fulham	430

Source - [House of commons library](#).

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Barking and Dagenham has the highest proportion of young children

Barking and Dagenham has the highest proportion of young children, with 7.9% of the population aged under 5.

Nine of the ten Local Authority areas with the highest proportion of children aged 0-4 are located in outer London Boroughs.

London has the highest level of population density

Unsurprisingly, population density is significantly higher in London than across the other regions, with 5,598 persons per square km.

Tower Hamlets is the most densely populated Local Authority



Tower Hamlets experienced the largest increase in population between 2011 and 2021

In Tower Hamlets, the population increased by 22.1% between 2011 and 2021.

Area	All people (2011)	All people (2021)
Tower Hamlets	254,096	310,300

Population decline in London

Kensington and Chelsea experienced the largest population decline, with the population contracting by 9.6%.

This may be partially attributable to the timing of the census with atypical residency patterns during Covid-19.

Similarly large falls were also evident in other central London boroughs including Camden and Westminster.

In light of the pandemic is this data accurate?

For subjects such as **ethnicity**, **informal care** and **single parent households**, the census is the only comprehensive collection of this data.

(<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/coronavirus-pandemic-census>)

ONS did a lot of [pre-planning](#) to consider impact of pandemic on responses and how to mitigate and produce something useful for stakeholders, including modifying the guidance and questionnaire design and testing with users.

Census data in Local Insight

Demo on Local Insight

Demo summary

- Maps
- 2011 and 2021 data
- Hotspots
- Dashboard

Read about the key findings from the census according to our Head of Research



Questions?

