

Superhighways Webinar

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Today's webinar

- Introduction to the Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- Introducing the census
- Census 2021
- Publishing Census 2021
- ONS data and tools
- Questions and discussion

Who are we?

Introduction to the ONS

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is the UK's largest independent producer of official statistics. At ONS we collect and publish data about lots of topics, including:

- Prices of goods and products
- People and society
- Health and education



Using ONS Data

We make our data available for everyone to use and it's vitally important to us that you are able to access the data you need.

We publish data in various formats including:

- Data sets
- Statistical bulletins and analysis
- Data visualisation and interactive tools



How do we do this?

We collect this data in several ways, including through:

- Surveys
- Research
- Administrative data

Most of our surveys are voluntary and cover a variety of topics like the economy, employment and lifestyle.

We also run the census in England and Wales.

The census

The census explained



- Population and migration statistics help us to accurately reflect the needs of everyone in society.
- One of the primary ways we collect statistics on population and migration is the census.
- The ONS is responsible for conducting the census in England and Wales every 10 years.
- Northern Ireland hold their own census around the same time. Scotland's census was in 2022.
- The census is important to local authorities, public bodies, businesses, voluntary organisations and academia amongst others.

Why we have a census

The census provides information that organisations, companies and government need to:

- Shape policy
- Allocate resources
- Plan services
- Monitor equality



Publishing census data

Keeping your personal information safe

Before we publish our statistics, we make sure that they don't include any personal information.

Record swapping

To protect persons and households with unique or unusual characteristics

Cell key perturbation

To protect against disclosure by differencing

Disclosure checks

To protect against sparse tables that allow identification

Phase 1 & 2: First results and topic summaries

Univariate data

- [Unrounded data](#)
- [Supporting information](#)
- [Univariate data covering 8 topics](#)
- [Statistical bulletins](#)
- [Interactive products](#)



Phase 1 - First results

On 28 June 2022, we published the first results from Census 2021, [in English](#) and [in Welsh](#).

Data

Population estimates, by sex and 5-year age groups, and household estimates for local authorities in England and Wales, rounded to the nearest 100.

Supporting information

- Quality and methodology information report
- Maximising the quality of Census 2021 population estimates
- Local authority comparison tool

Statistical bulletins

Reporting on:

- population size and change
- age and sex of population
- population density
- number of households

Interactive content

- How the population changed where you live scrolly-telling article
- Population map game

Topic summaries

A topic summary is a set of data and supporting commentary grouped by a similar theme. Throughout autumn and winter 2022/2023, we have published a variety of topic summaries.

You can find information about the different [topic summary releases](#)



Office for National Statistics

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Release calendar | Methodology | Media | About | Blog

Home | Business, industry and trade | Economy | Employment and labour market | People, population and community | Taking part in a survey?

Search for a keyword(s) or time series ID

Census

The census takes place every 10 years. It gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales.

About the census

Find out what the census is and why it's important for all of us.

- [About the census](#)

Census 2021 data

Find data for Census 2021.

- [Get census data \(England and Wales\)](#)
- [Get census data \(Wales\)](#)

Census releases

See what we've published, and our plans for the future.

- [Release calendar](#)
- [First results and timeline](#)

Census topics

Find census data and analysis using these topics.

- [Topic summaries](#)

Topic summaries

You can find statistical bulletins, datasets and methodology about the topics below by clicking on the links on the [Topic summaries web page](#).

- demography and migration
- UK armed forces veterans
- ethnic group, national identity, language and religion
- Welsh language
- labour market and travel to work
- housing
- sexual orientation and gender identity
- education
- health, disability and unpaid care

The screenshot shows the website page for 'Topic summaries' under the 'Census 2021' section. The URL is 'ons.gov.uk/census/aboutcensus/censusproducts/topicsummaries'. The page title is 'census 2021 Data and analysis from Census 2021'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Census > About census > Census products > Topic summaries'. The main heading is 'Topic summaries'. Below this, it states: 'What topic summary data for Census 2021 will be available and how to view them.' There is a link to 'Topic summaries specifications spreadsheet (184.6 kB xlsx)'. The text explains that a topic summary is a set of data and supporting information, grouped by a similar theme. It also mentions that the following pages will be updated with relevant data and supporting information when the topic summary is published. A list of proposed topic summaries in publication order is provided:

- [demography and migration](#)
- [UK armed forces veterans](#)
- [ethnic group, national identity, language and religion](#)
- [Welsh language](#)
- [labour market and travel to work](#)
- [housing](#)
- [sexual orientation and gender identity](#)
- [education](#)
- [health, disability, and unpaid care](#)

Phase 2 – Deeper dive

We publish analysis and introduce granularity from Census 2021, [in English](#) and [in Welsh](#).

Data

Developing subnational multivariate data on housing, education, identity, work, health, marriage by area across England and Wales.

Supporting information

- Analysis reports
- Maximising the quality of Census 2021 population estimates
- Census 2021 dictionary

Statistical bulletins

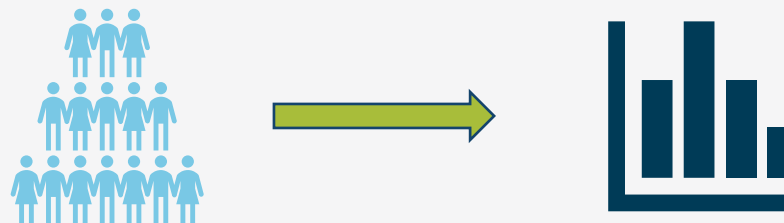
Reporting on:

- Local detailed variables
- Sexual orientation and gender identity
- Industry changes by reliance on age

Interactive content

- Build a custom area profile
- Webinars
- Census maps

Phase 3 data



Later in 2023 we plan to publish further data, for example:

- **Small populations;** groups that are defined by their cultural background.
- **Detailed migration statistics;** provide the characteristics of people or households who have moved within the UK or from another country into the UK during the year before the census.
- **Origin destination data or flow data;** describes the movement of people from one location to another.
- **Microdata samples;** anonymised individual level records sampled from a single census

Analysis programme

From 2023 to 2025 we plan to publish analytical articles across 13 topic areas.

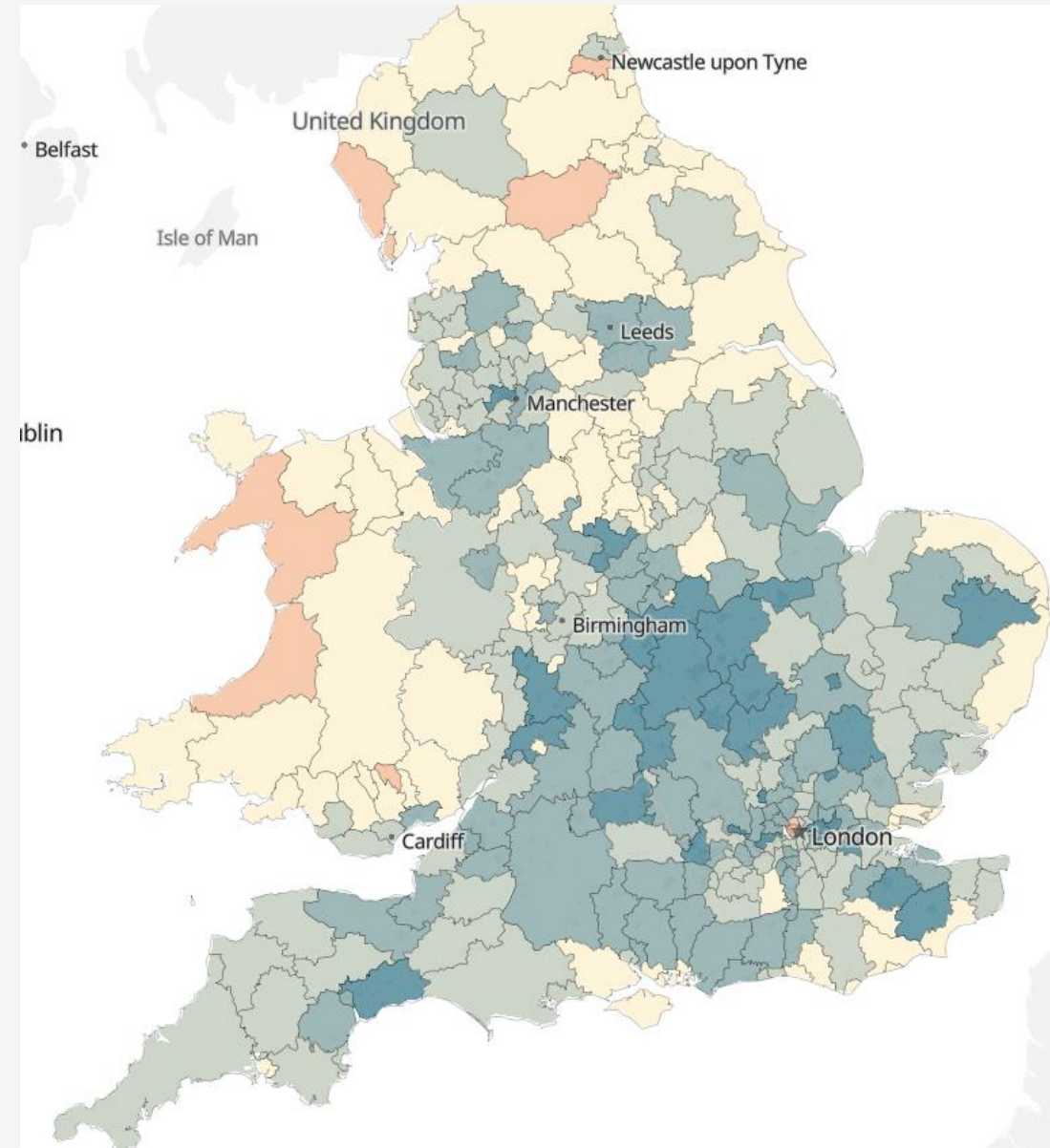
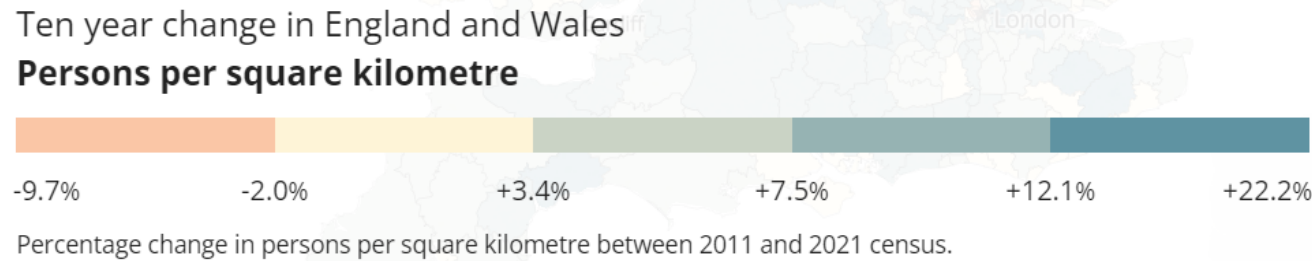


- Analysis will come in various forms, articles, interactive content and data tables - help pull out key findings from census data.
- Early analytical articles focus on Census 2021 main findings about the usual resident population, then they will build in complexity, incorporating cross-cutting analyses, data linkage and longitudinal comparisons
- We have started publishing early analysis articles already

Census 2021 results compared to 2011 Census

Population change, England & Wales, Census 2011 vs 2021

- ❑ The population of England and Wales grew by more than 3.5 million since the last census in 2011
- ❑ The population grew in each of the nine regions of England and also grew in Wales; the region with the highest population growth was the East of England, which increased by 8.3% from 2011 (a gain of approximately 488,000 residents).
- ❑ Only 26 Local Authorities saw a decrease in population density from 2011



Language, England and Wales: 2011 Census vs Census 2021

Total usual resident population, aged three years and over, who speak each language as their main language, 2011 and 2021, England and Wales

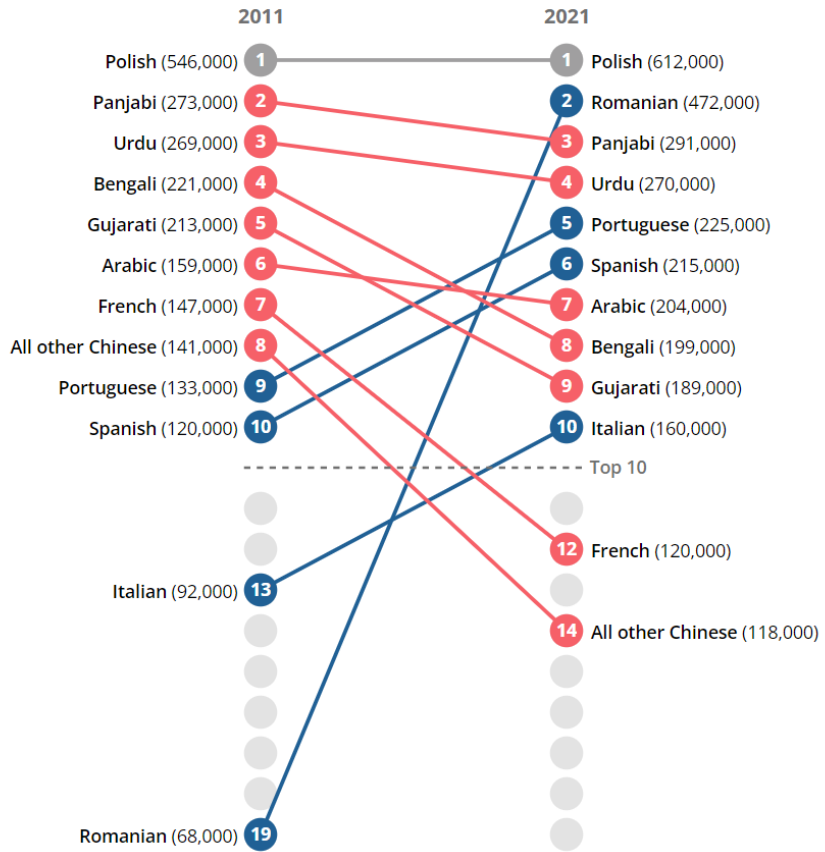
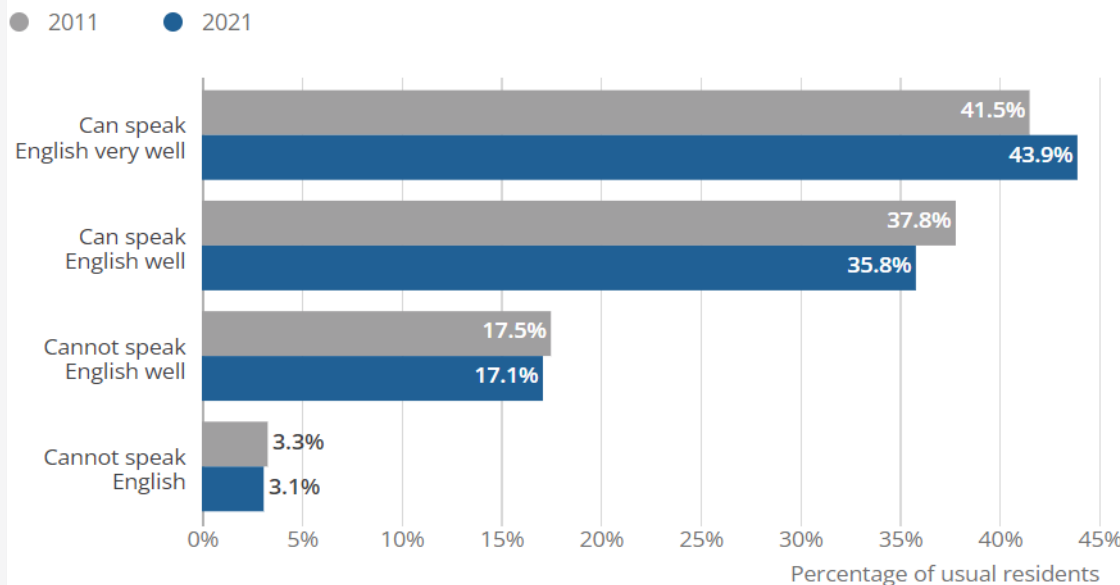


Figure 4: Most people who do not have English (English or Welsh in Wales) as a main language can speak English "Well" or "Very well"

Percentage of the usual resident population, aged three years and over, who do not identify English (English or Welsh in Wales) as their main language, 2011 and 2021, England and Wales



Source: Office for National Statistics – Census 2021

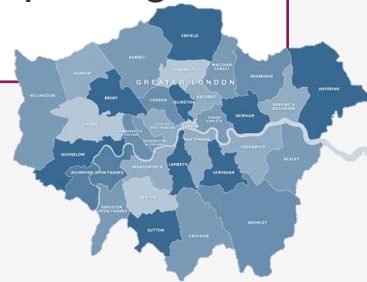
From [Language, England and Wales: Census 2021](#)

Religion, England and Wales, 2011 2011 Census vs Census 2021

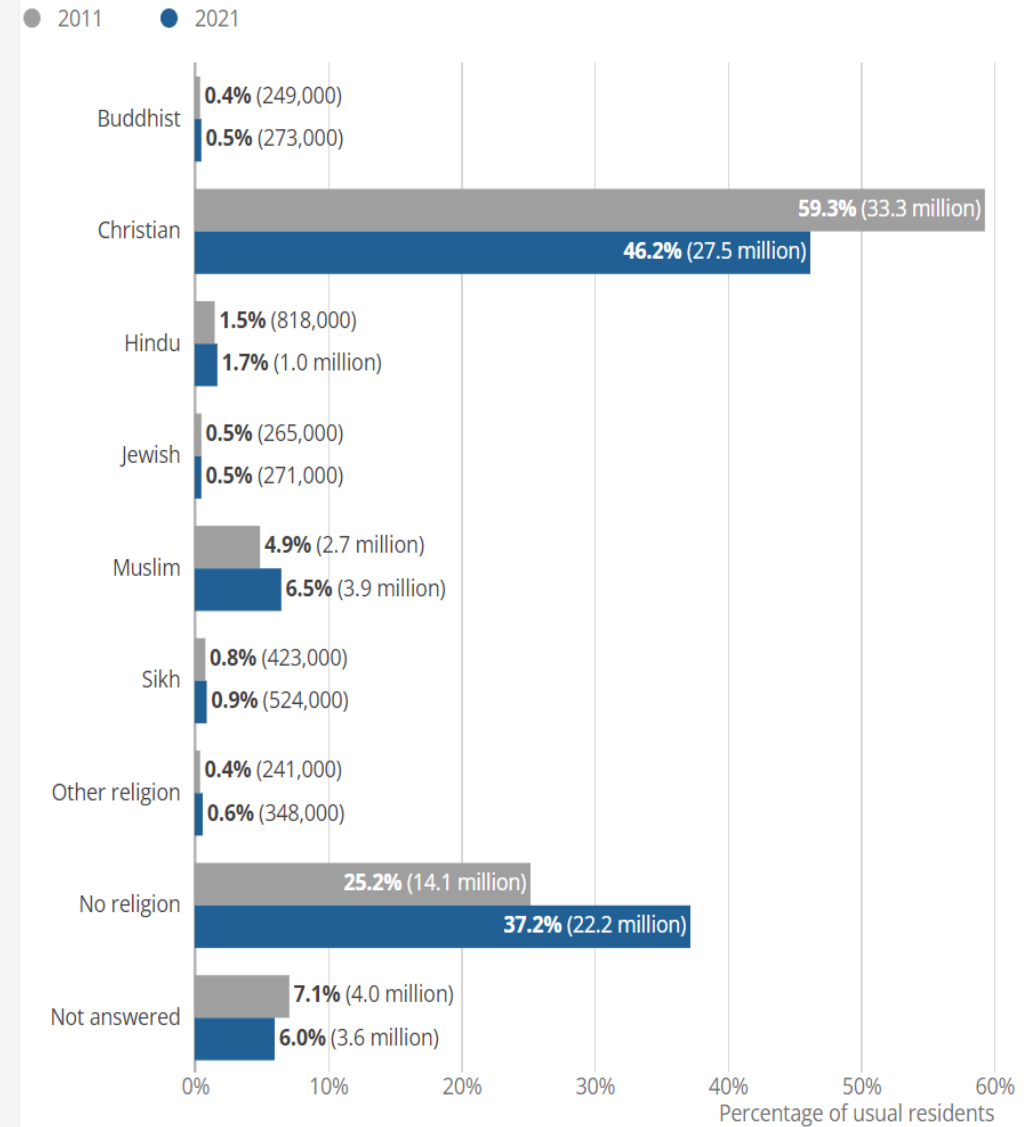
The religion question is voluntary and was answered by 94.0% of the usual population. An increase on 2011.



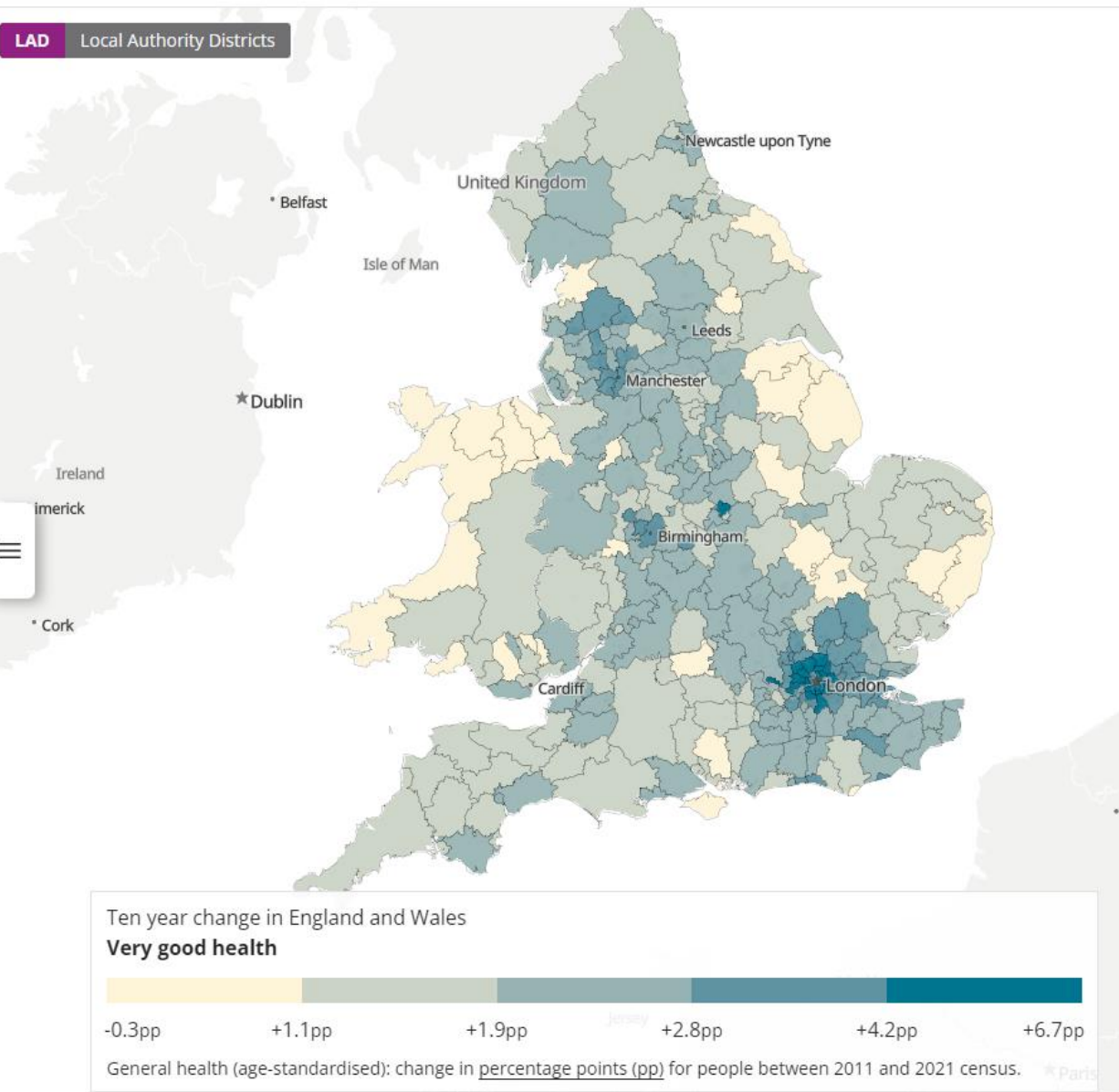
London remains the most religiously diverse region of England with 25.3% of all usual residents reporting a religion other than “Christian”.



Religious composition, 2011 and 2021, England and Wales



LAD Local Authority Districts



Improvement in health seen in most areas

After standardising for age differences most areas saw improvements in those reporting good health.

This does not mean there are not more people in poorer health – simply that once controlling for age the trend is different.

Housing change 2011 Census vs Census 2021

Increases:

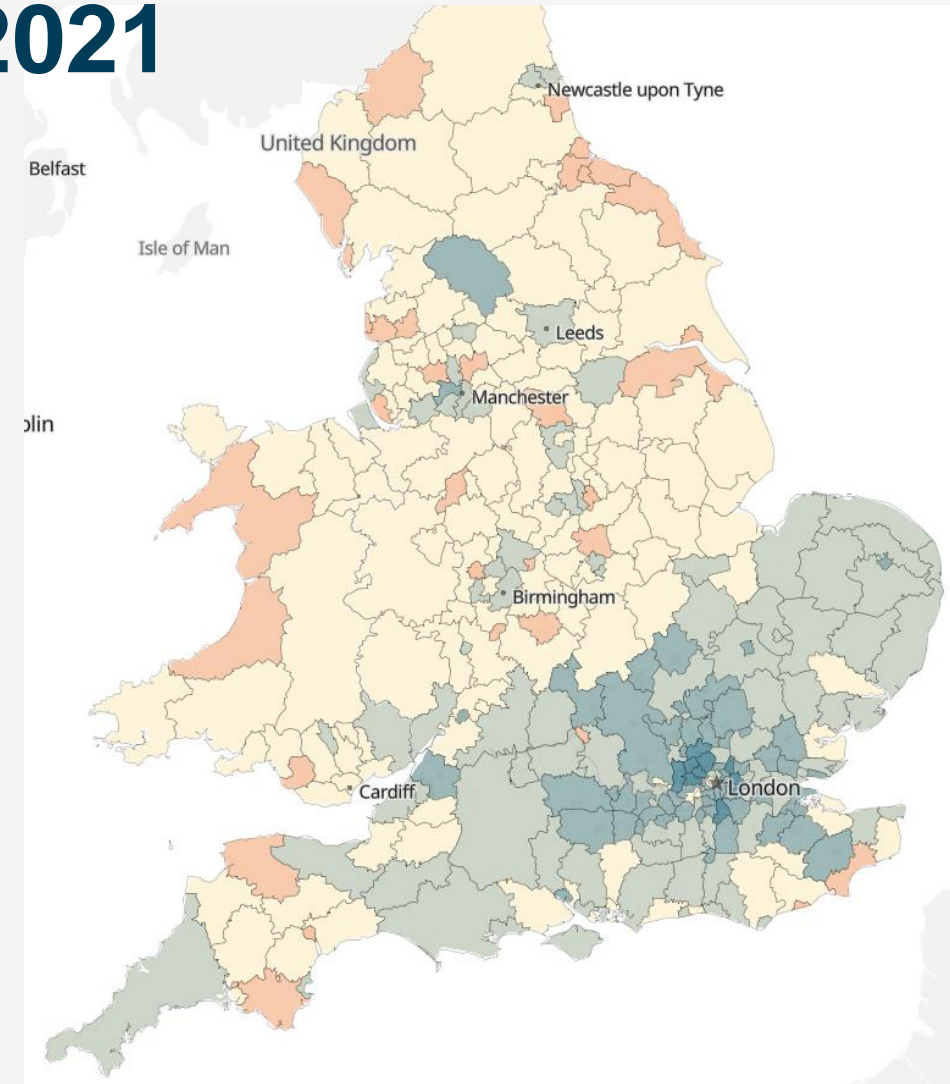
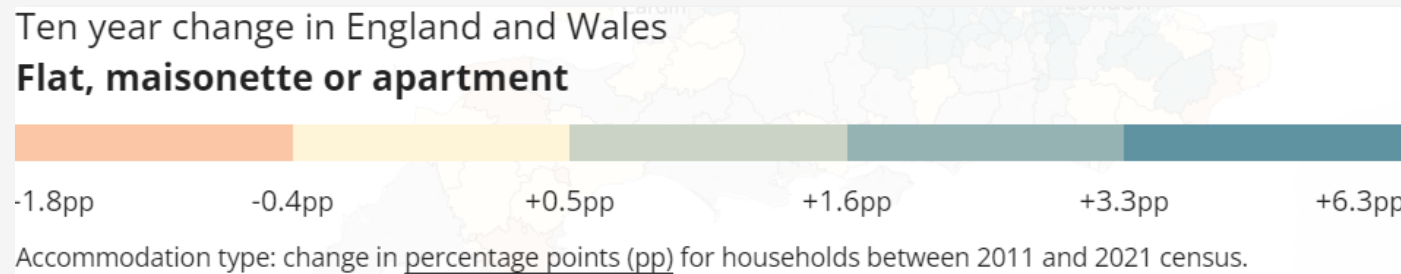
- ❑ In 2021, there were 24.8 million households in England and Wales (up 6.1% from 23.4 million in 2011)
- ❑ 32.8% of households (8.1 million) owned the accommodation they lived in outright, an increase from 30.8% (7.2 million) in 2011
- ❑ 20.3% (5.0 million) rented their accommodation privately, up from 16.7% (3.9 million) in 2011

Decreases:

- ❑ 29.7% (7.4 million) owned their accommodation with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership, which is a smaller proportion than in 2011 (33.5%, 7.8 million)
- ❑ 17.1% (4.2 million) were in the social rented sector, for example through a local council or housing association; this is a smaller proportion than in 2011 (17.6%, 4.1 million)

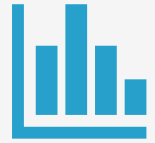
Accommodation type, England and Wales, 2011 Census vs Census 2021

- ❑ Almost 8 in 10 households lived in houses or bungalows, however the proportion decreased across the last decade (from 78.6%, 18.4 million in 2011 to 77.9%, 19.3 million in 2021).
- ❑ The largest increase for any type of accommodation was for households in a flat, maisonette or apartment. In 2021, 21.7% (5.4 million) of households were in a flat, maisonette or apartment, up from 21.0% (4.9 million) in 2011.



Navigating ONS data

How to access the data



Census 2021 outputs come in a range of different formats. Broadly speaking, outputs consist of:

- raw data from the census
- detailed analysis and further information about what the data shows
- information explaining how the data is categorised and defined
- interactive resources that help users visualise what the data shows for different areas
- materials and resources to help users communicate about the census.

Each of these outputs allows users to access and understand different elements of the census.

ONS website products

There are a range of interactive content and tools available on the ONS website.

- [Custom data sets](#)
- [Census maps](#)
- [Change over time reports](#)
- [Area profiles](#)
- [How the population changed where you live: Census 2021 'scrollytelling' article](#)
- [The story of the Census 'scrollytelling' article](#)
- [Census 2021 dictionary](#)

Census maps

Use our interactive tool to see
Census 2021 data for your
neighbourhood



A screenshot of the ONS website's 'Create a custom dataset' tool. The page has a light blue header with the ONS logo and navigation links. Below the header is a search bar and a 'Home > Census' breadcrumb. The main content area is titled 'Create a custom dataset' and includes a sub-heading 'What has changed in your area?'. It prompts the user to 'Choose a local authority area to find out what Census 2021 tells us about how people's lives have changed over 10 years.' and provides a search input field. To the right, there is a 'Select population type' section with three radio button options: 'All households', 'All Household Reference Persons', and 'All usual residents in communal establishments'. A blue mouse cursor arrow is pointing at the bottom right of the page.

Create a custom data set

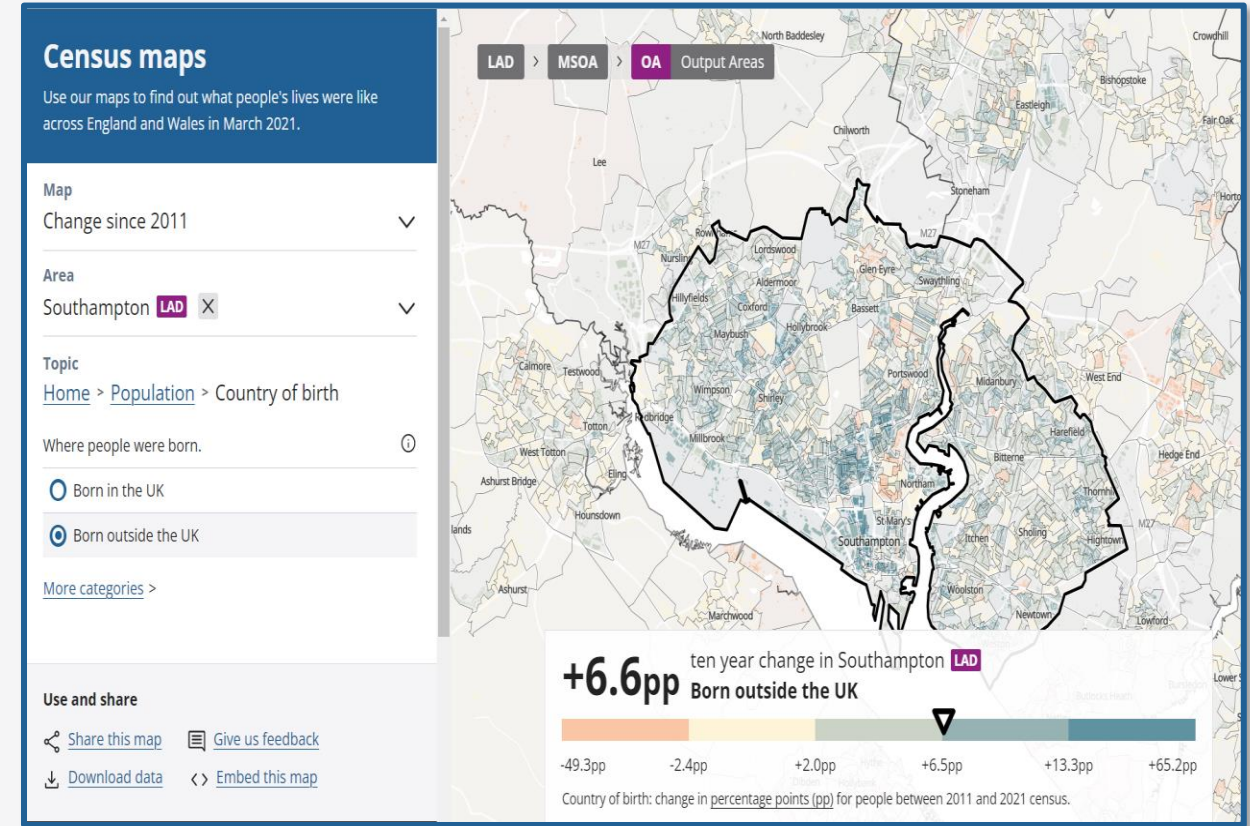
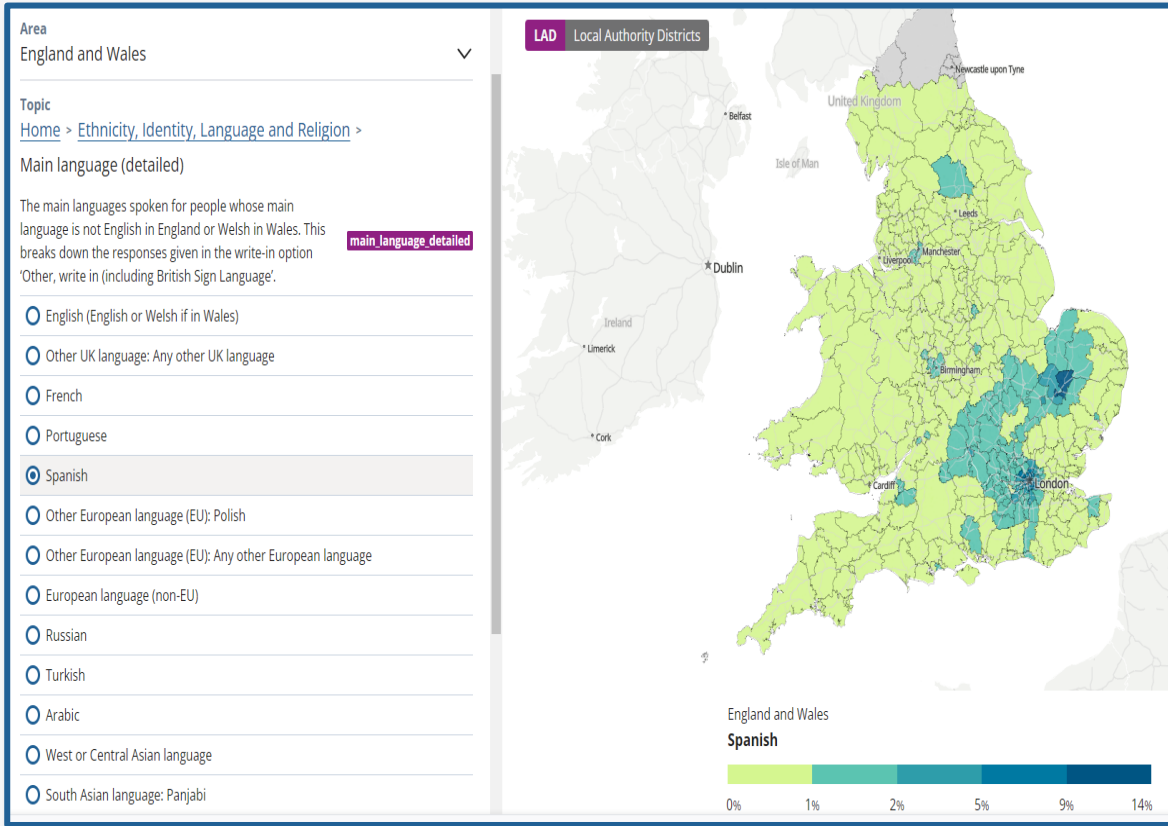
- Simply select a population to get started. These include usual residents, households and communal establishments.
- From there, you can change the geography of your dataset and filter the data by sex and age. You can also add as many variables as you want.



[Play the create a custom data set video](#)

[Read the blog on how to create a custom data set](#)

Census maps



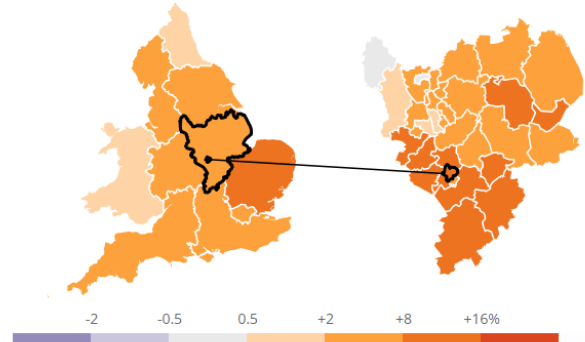
Population and community changes between censuses 2011 and 2021

census 2021 [Data and analysis from Census 2021](#)

Population growth was higher in Leicester than across the East Midlands

Percentage population change, Leicester and surrounding areas, 2011 Census to Census 2021

England ▲ 6.6% East Midlands ▲ 7.7% Leicester ▲ 11.7%



Source: Office for National Statistics – 2011 Census and Census 2021

[Home](#) > [People, population and community](#) > [Population and migration](#) > [Population estimates](#) >

[How your area has changed in 10 years: Census 2021](#) > Leicester

How life has changed in Leicester: Census 2021

Leicester's population increased by around 38,700 between the last two censuses (held in 2011 and 2021). This semi-automated article highlights some of the most notable changes among the local population.

Select an alternative area

Choose an area

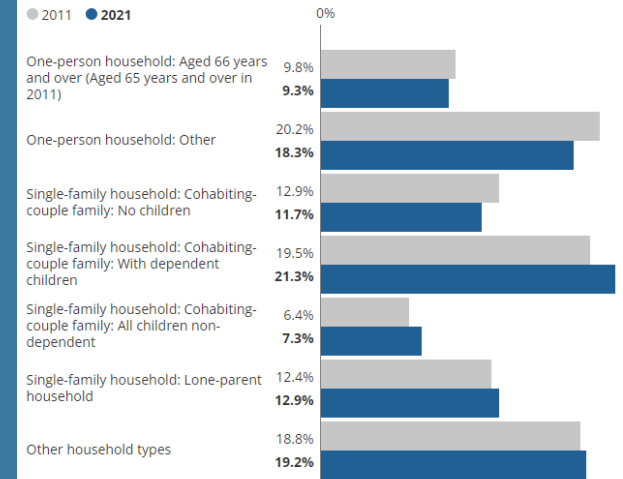


census 2021

19 January 2023

The percentage of households including a couple with dependent children in Leicester increased by 1.8 percentage points

Percentage of households by household composition, Leicester



Source: Office for National Statistics – 2011 Census and Census 2021

Build a custom area profile

Build a custom area profile ALPHA

Find an area or postcode

Click and select mode
Click an individual area to add or remove it from your selection.

Population selected: **246,100**

Office for National Statistics **CENSUS2021**

Back Name your custom area... Get area codes Get boundary

Search for saved profile

[Build custom area profile](#)

Census topics

- Population
- Average (median) age
- Average profile
- Ethnicity
- General health
- Sex
- Economic activity
- Travel to work

Show 44 more

Profile preview

Your custom area profile will appear below as you select topics

Selected topics

Population x Average (median) age x Age profile x Ethnicity x General health x

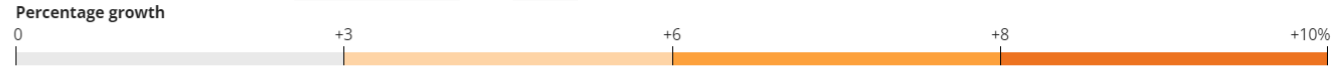
Clear selected topics

Area map	Population	Average (median) age
	59,627 people 52,041,916 for England and Wales	42 years 37 for England and Wales

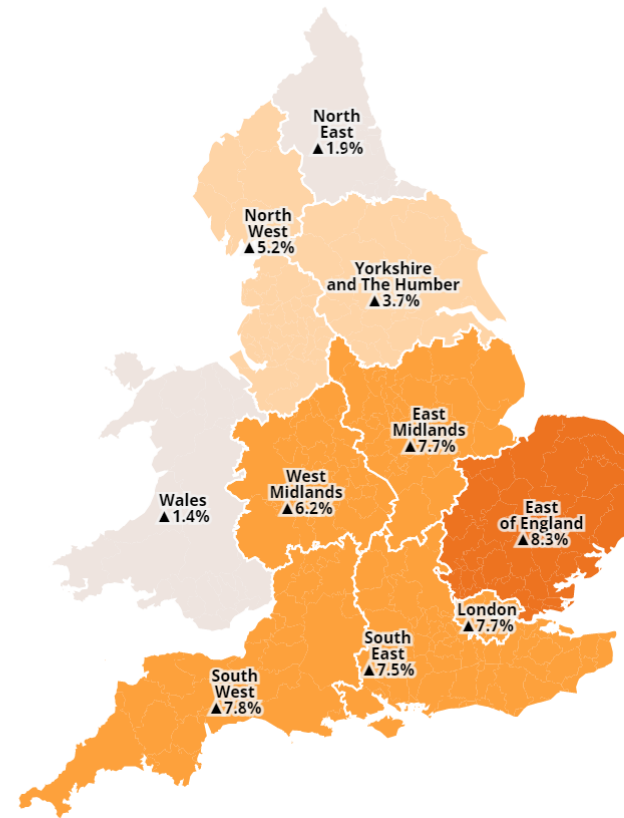
Age profile	Ethnicity	General health
<p>Adur (England and Wales)</p>	<p>Adur (England and Wales)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">White 97% (91%)Asian 1% (0%)Black 0% (2%)	<p>Adur (England and Wales)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Good 67% (63%)Fair 25% (22%)Bad 9% (9%)

Scrolly-telling population changes

Population change (%) in English regions and Wales between 2011 and 2021



The English region with the largest population increase was the East of England, which grew by around 8.3% or 488,000 more residents. The English region with the smallest increase was the North East, growing by 1.9% or around 50,000 people. In Wales, the population grew by 1.4% or 44,000 people.



Census 2021 Dictionary

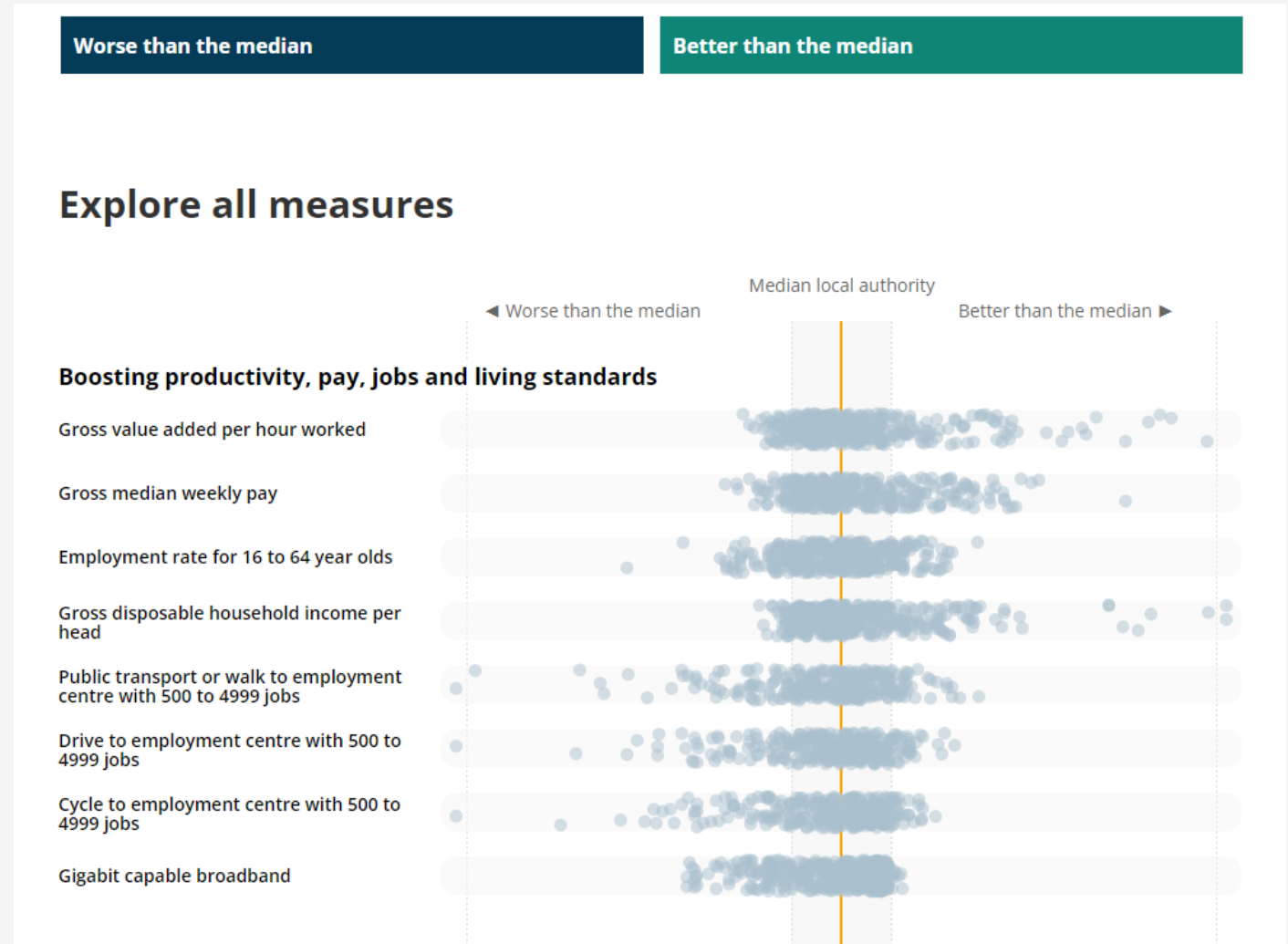
The Census 2021 Dictionary provides definitions, variables and classifications to help you when navigating Census 2021 data.

The screenshot shows the Office for National Statistics website. At the top left is the logo and name 'Office for National Statistics'. To the right are links for 'Release calendar', 'Methodology', 'Media', 'About', and 'Blog'. Below this is a navigation menu with categories: 'Home', 'Business, industry and trade', 'Economy', 'Employment and labour market', 'People, population and community', and 'Taking part in a survey?'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search for a keyword(s) or time series ID' and a green search icon. Below the search bar is a purple banner with the text 'census 2021 Data and analysis from Census 2021'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Census > Census 2021 dictionary'. The title 'Census 2021 dictionary' is followed by the subtitle 'Definitions, variables and classifications to help when using Census 2021 data.' Below this are three featured sections: 'Area type definitions' (including definitions for countries, electoral wards, Output Areas (OAs) and health areas), 'Measurements used in Census 2021 data' (including definitions for usual resident, person, household, family and communal establishment), and 'Variables by topic' (variables for use with research and analysis using Census 2021 data).

Wider ONS data

Subnational indicators explorer

Use our interactive tool to find out more about your local authority



Find facts and figures about areas in England and Wales

Get data about people and the communities they live in, includes population, identity, housing, people in or out of work, education and health

Facts and figures for Blackpool



Census maps

View Census 2021 data for **Blackpool** on a map.



Changes over time

Read how **Blackpool** has changed since the 2011 Census.



Custom profiles

Build a custom area profile for **Blackpool** using Census 2021 data.



Area profiles [↗](#)

View Census 2021 data tables for **Blackpool** on Nomis, an ONS service (external).



Subnational indicators

Find out how **Blackpool** compares on indicators such as weekly pay and healthy life expectancy.



Mortgage calculator

See how average house prices and changing interest rates affecting monthly mortgage repayments in **Blackpool**.



Census quiz

Take our quiz and test your knowledge of **Blackpool**.



Health index

See how **Blackpool** compares to the rest of England on different health measures.

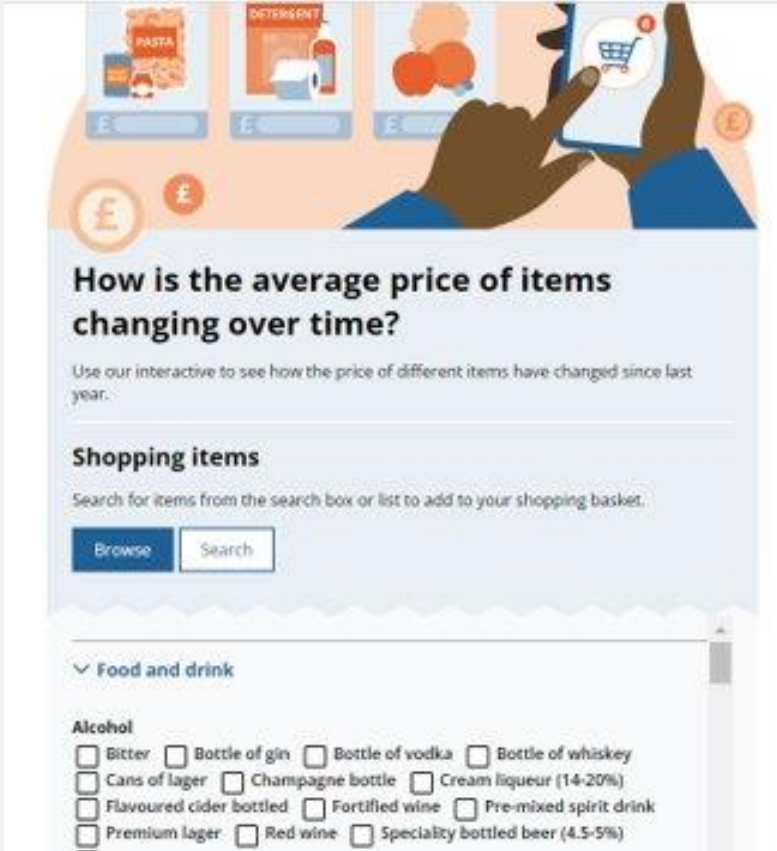


Income deprivation

Explore income deprivation in **Blackpool** at a neighbourhood level.

Cost of living - Personalisation

The cost-of-living crisis does not affect people or businesses equally. We want people to be able to place themselves within the data to generate more personalised insights



Personalisation tools – see what’s changed

Changes to shopping prices

How is the average price of items changing over time?

Use our interactive to see how the price of different items have changed since last year.

Shopping items

Search for items from the search box or list to add to your shopping basket.

Browse Search

Food and drink

Alcohol

- Bitter
- Bottle of gin
- Bottle of vodka
- Bottle of whiskey
- Cans of lager
- Champagne bottle
- Cream liqueur (14-20%)
- Flavoured cider bottled
- Fortified wine
- Pre-mixed spirit drink
- Premium lager
- Red wine
- Speciality bottled beer (4.5-5%)
- Stout

Bakery

- Bread rolls (white or brown)
- Crumpets
- Individual cakes
- Large white unsliced bread
- Pack of wraps/tortillas
- Sponge cake
- White sliced bread
- Wholemeal sliced bread

Your basket

Average prices of items in April 2023 and the latest annual growth rate.

Overall household cost increases

What is my personal inflation rate?

Tell us what you spend your money on to see how this impacts your inflation rate.

Start ▶

Average monthly mortgage prices near you

What are average Great Britain monthly mortgage payments?

Fill in some details below to find out about average mortgage payments near you. Click on each area to find out about house prices.

Mortgage term (years)
- 25 +

Deposit amount
£ 30000

Select property type

Detached Semi-detached Terraced Flat

Adjust monthly repayment price range

Enter the minimum and maximum monthly mortgage payments that suits your budget.

Minimum £ 999 **Maximum** £ 3452

©999 £1,612 £2,226 £2,839 £3,452

Monthly mortgage payments

Click on areas on the map or select an area to learn more about them.

Choose an area

Average monthly mortgage payments

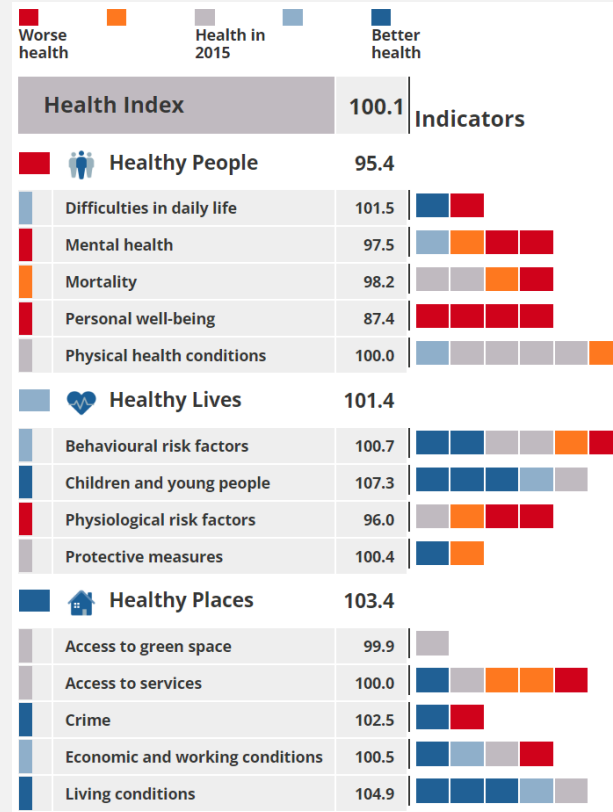
- £999 to £1,612
- £1,612 to £2,225
- £2,225 to £2,838
- £2,838 to £3,451
- Mortgage unavailable

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The Health Index for England

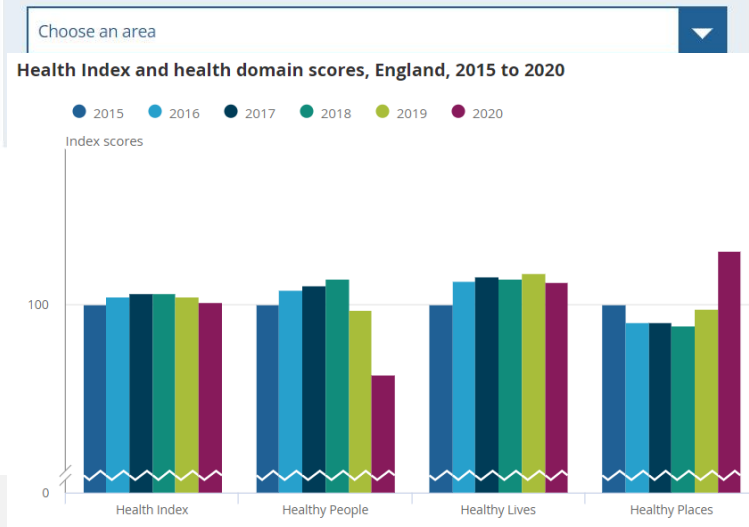
Provides a single value for health in England and local authorities each year, broken down into different areas:

- Healthy people
- Healthy lives
- Healthy places



What is my area's Health Index score?

Choose an area to see how different aspects of health have changed. The topics shown are selected based on rules pre-programmed by Office for National Statistics (ONS) staff, and the text is generated using semi-automated journalism.



Future of population statistics

Transformation of population statistics



National to local Population and Migration Statistics

Understanding
demographic
change and respond
to challenges



Population sub- groups and characteristics

Reflecting the
diversity of
populations to
local levels



Housing, accommodation and living arrangements

Understanding
who and how
people live together
in our society



Outcomes

Data assets that
allow us to
understand
population life
journeys and
outcomes

Transformation timeline



2014

National Statistician to Government:

- Online-first Census 2021
- Need for government to facilitate data-sharing

Government ambition: *"censuses after 2021 will be conducted using other sources of data"*



2021

Successful Census:

- 97% response rate
- 80% online responses

Start of engagement on the transformation journey to 2023 and beyond



2023

Consultation on the future of population and migration statistics in England and Wales



2017

Digital Economy Act opens legal gateway for cross-government data-sharing



2022

First Census 2021 statistics and analysis published

Ongoing engagement and preparation for consultation.

Consultation objective

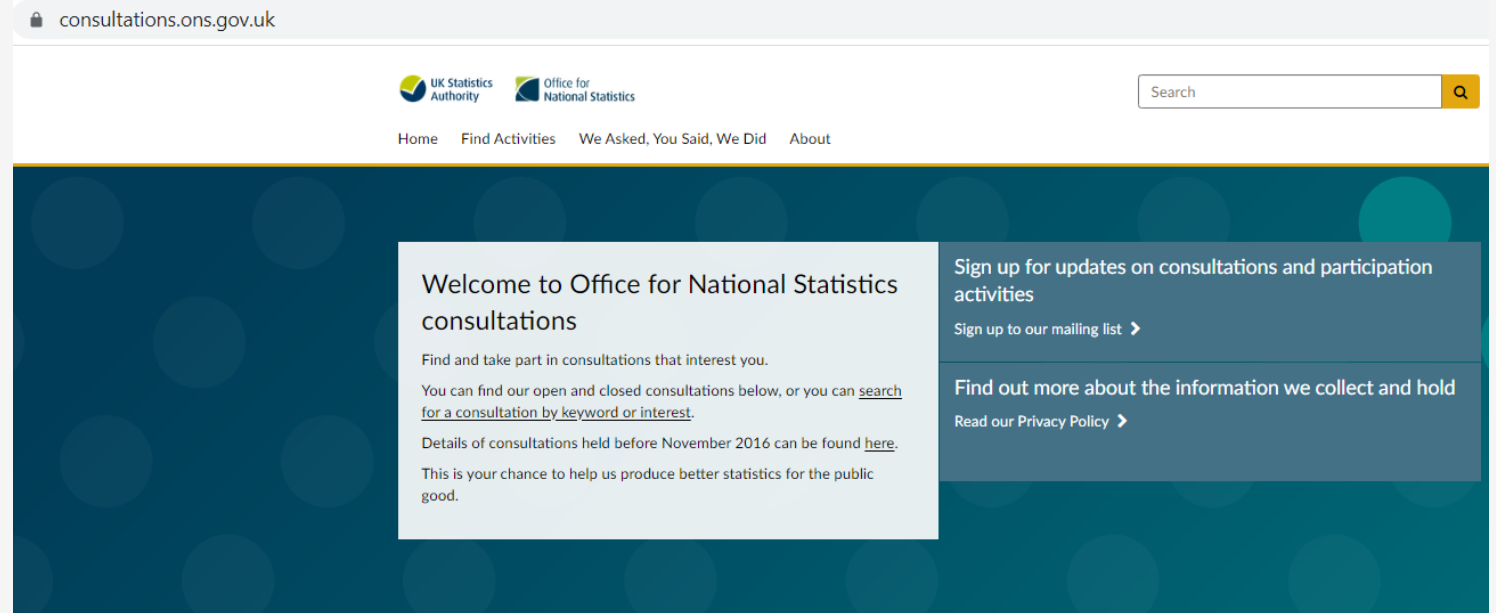
- To understand how close our proposed system is to meeting user's needs:
 - How does the proposal meet/not meet your needs?
 - What you need
 - Why you need it
- To understand the future requirements of users to inform and prioritise our research plans
- To hear from a wide range of respondents

Accessing the consultation

Welsh language questionnaire



English language questionnaire:



The screenshot shows the homepage of the consultations.ons.gov.uk website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for Home, Find Activities, We Asked, You Said, We Did, and About. The main content area features a welcome message: "Welcome to Office for National Statistics consultations". Below this, it states: "Find and take part in consultations that interest you. You can find our open and closed consultations below, or you can [search for a consultation by keyword or interest](#). Details of consultations held before November 2016 can be found [here](#). This is your chance to help us produce better statistics for the public good." On the right side, there are two call-to-action buttons: "Sign up for updates on consultations and participation activities" with a sub-link "Sign up to our mailing list >", and "Find out more about the information we collect and hold" with a sub-link "Read our Privacy Policy >".

Open consultations



Two consultation cards are displayed side-by-side. The left card is titled "Consultation on the future of population and migration statistics..." and features a photograph of a diverse group of people. Below the image, it states "Closes 26 October 2023". The right card is titled "Ymgynghoriad ar ddyfodol ystadegau ar y boblogaeth a mudo..." and also features a photograph of a diverse group of people. Below the image, it states "Closes 26 October 2023".

Thank you

Questions?

What areas of ONS or data would you like to learn more about?

Useful links:

- [Build a custom area profile;](#)

Customise your search by a variety of insights

- [The ONS website;](#)

Tap into the main source and wide variety of our data

- [Cost of living latest insights](#)

Discover the latest data and trends about the cost of living

- [Population statistics consultation](#)

Give your views on our plan to transform population and migration statistics

- [Nomis website;](#)

Official statistics including historical migration