



2011 Census data & where you can find it

The Transport sector



printable factsheet



How can we help...

Data from the 2011 Census are now available. Access to these data is much easier than in the past, so there are more opportunities to use and share this information. The challenge is how your organisation and its partners most effectively use this opportunity.

Background

The population of England and Wales on 27 March 2011 was 56.1 million. Of that total, 53.0 million people (94.5 per cent) lived in England and 3.1 million people (5.5 per cent) lived in Wales. There were 27.6 million men and 28.5 million women in England and Wales.

Since 2001, the England and Wales population has increased by 3.7 million on the estimate of 52.4 million people in 2001, an increase of 7.1 per cent. This was the largest growth in population numbers in a 10-year period since the first census in 1801.



View the latest census data on the ONS website.

The census results show:

- Driving to work is the most common form of commuting, 15.3 million people (57.5 per cent of the population)
- The number of cars and vans available for use by households in England and Wales increased from 23.9 million to 27.3 million between 2001 and 2011
- Commuting by public transport increased from 3.4 million (14.5 per cent) in 2001 to 4.3 million (16.4 per cent). The proportions of people commuting by train and light rail increased between 2001 and 2011. There was a decrease in the proportion of workers commuting by bus or coach.
- The proportion of people cycling to work increased from 2.8 per cent in 2001 to 2.9 per cent in 2011.

Timetable

16 July - November 2012: Age and sex, and occupied household estimates for England and for Wales; Information about second addresses by age, sex, and type of second address

11 December 2012 – February 2013: Key and Quick Statistics

March – June 2013: Local Characteristics

July – October 2013: Detailed Characteristics, Theme and Armed Forces.

The potential of the census

The census is a vast source of information and it covers the whole of England and Wales, at all levels, from the country as a whole down to small areas, for example, wards. This detailed information only becomes available every 10 years and provides a vivid picture of your local area and its inhabitants. This leaflet looks at the opportunities to use the data.

Outputs

Different types of output come from the census. It is important to choose the right one for your purpose.



Key & Quick Statistics: These provide simple tables for an area, for example number of vehicles within that area.

Local and detailed Census Area Statistics and Standard Tables: These provide more detailed analysis, for example age by health of population.

Profiles: These provide general information about the characteristics of an area, for example number of people, age, ethnicity and qualifications.



Accessing the data



The 2011 Census in England and Wales is a rich data source providing a detailed snapshot of the population, its characteristics and housing. In comparison with data from previous censuses, it also enables us to track changes in society over time.

The interactive charts and maps allow you to explore census data like never before. Compare areas, look at previous census data, see stories about the data and uncover the picture in your local area.

- ✓ Take a look at the **2011 Census data** > <http://bit.ly/Y6coK9>
- ✓ Explore **interactive data visualisations** > <http://bit.ly/Xujxjr>
- ✓ Check out the **comparator tool** which enables you to compare local authority areas > <http://bit.ly/NsytPw>
- ✓ Read more **detailed analyses** of the census estimates in our 'short stories' > <http://bit.ly/12amn8Q>

Getting help

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Quality assurance

The production of statistics from the 2011 Census involved a suite of methods to process, clean, adjust and protect the census results. The methods and quality assurance approach was researched and developed in consultation with academics, statisticians, demographers and users of census data.

Geography

Census geography products support the census statistical information in published reference tables and datasets, but contain no information about the population. The products describe the geographical areas, and the relationship between them, for which 2011 Census estimates are produced.

Release information

For the latest release information please check our website > <http://bit.ly/Y8WAbh>.

More 2011 Census analysis podcasts are available on the ONS YouTube channel.

More detailed information on the release of 2011 census data see the links below:

- ✓ **2011 Census User Guide** > <http://bit.ly/158mYaO>
- ✓ **The 2011 Census Prospectus** > <http://bit.ly/Wh7Va4>
- ✓ **Quality and methods** > <http://bit.ly/Wh7YT8>
- ✓ **2011 Census questions** > <http://bit.ly/12lgq32>
- ✓ **Frequently asked questions** > <http://bit.ly/XFuYL8>
- ✓ **2011 Census geography products for England and Wales** > <http://bit.ly/V2gMPP>
- ✓ **Census 2001** > <http://bit.ly/12qJGGP>



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