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This dataset combines the most recently available small-area population density and urban/rural classification information available from the three UK national statistics agencies - ONS/NOMIS (2011, England/Wales), NRS (2011 and 2013-4, Scotland) and NISRA/NINIS (2011 and 2015-6, Northern Ireland). Because the three agencies use slightly different ways of creating their urban/rural classifications, a bespoke unified classification is created by combining them. Analysts should note that, while ONS considers "City and Town in a Sparse Setting" (C2) to be Urban, it is treated as Rural (R2) in the unified classification, because the unified classification makes an equivalence between "remote" and "sparse" population areas and does not consider either to be urban, regardless of settlement population size. Therefore, analysts should use the source classifications rather than the unified one, when seeking to extract a simple official Urban vs Rural statistic. For convenience, this is included in the lookup file.

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## Additional Info

Field	Value
Product	Population Open Data
Date Range	2011-15
Collecting Date	2013-16
Data Collector	ONS (England/Wales), NRS (Scotland), NISRA (Northern Ireland)
Update Frequency	Ad-hoc
Geographical Scales	Output Area
Analytical Units	Person
Data Kind	CSV
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