

# QS203EW - Country of birth (detailed)

## Overview

Table population All usual residents

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Source	Census 2011
Keywords	Country of Birth, Usual Resident
Coverage	England and Wales
Units	Persons
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## Dataset metadata

This dataset provides 2011 estimates that classify usual residents in England and Wales by country of birth. The estimates are as at census day, 27 March 2011.

The country of birth categories include member countries as at March 2001 and accession countries April 2001 to March 2011.

These statistics are used to allocate resources and to develop and monitor policy, to assess the needs of particular groups in the population, for example those migrating from outside the EU; to analyse trends in migration; to forecast future migration patterns, and for the planning and provision of facilities and services.

Similar information from the 2001 Census was provided in table UV08.

### Statistical Disclosure Control

In order to protect against disclosure of personal information from the 2011 Census, there has been swapping of records in the Census database between different geographic areas, and so some counts will be affected. In the main, the greatest effects will be at the lowest geographies, since the record swapping is targeted towards those households with unusual characteristics in small areas.

More details on the ONS Census disclosure control strategy may be found on the [Statistical Disclosure Control](#) page on the ONS web site.

## Variables

### geography

There is no further information about geography.

### Rural Urban

This classification can only be used with the following geographies:

- I Country

- | Region
- | Local Authority: District / Unitary
- | Local Authority: County / Unitary

#### 2011 Rural-Urban Classification (England and Wales)

This classification allows summary outputs to be produced by rural-urban type at local authority, region and country level (it will not work with other geography types).

The outputs are based on a rural-urban classification of output areas. The 2011 classification is a revised version of the one created after the 2001 Census with additional detail in the urban domain.

Output areas are treated as *urban* if they were allocated to a 2011 built-up area with a population of 10,000 or more people. The urban domain is sub-divided into three broad morphological types based on the predominant settlement component. As with the previous version of the classification, the remaining *rural* output areas are grouped into three broad morphological types based on the predominant settlement component.

The classification also categorises output areas based on context - i.e. whether the wider surrounding area of a given output area is sparsely populated or less sparsely populated.

The classification of output areas and a User Guide which provides further details about the methodology can be downloaded from the [Open ONS Geography Portal](#) under the Download Products tab.

## Country of Birth

Country of birth is the country in which a person was born. The country of birth question included six tick box responses - one for each of the four parts of the UK, one for the Republic of Ireland, and one for 'Elsewhere'. Where a person ticked 'Elsewhere', they were asked to write in the current name of the country in which they were born. Responses are assigned codes based on the National Statistics Country Classification. The grouping of countries within the classification is broadly regional, but takes into account the grouping of European Union (EU) countries. Countries in the EU are grouped into those that were EU members in March 2001, and those that became members (Accession countries) between April 2001 and March 2011 as part of the EU enlargement process.