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QS302EW - General health

Overview

Table population All usual residents
Reference   QS302EW
Source   Census 2011
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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 the state of their general health. The estimates are as at census day, 27 March 2011.

The health classification used related to the five tick boxes on the questionnaire. These were changed from the three classifications available in table UV20 in 2001 to improve harmonisation of census estimates with other sources of health data results.

This information is used to allocate health resource and service provision, and to develop and monitor policy on the delivery of health care, the reduction of health inequalities and the assessment of progress towards improving the general health of the population.

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:

- 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.

General Health

General health is a self-assessment of a person's general state of health. People were asked to assess whether their health was very good, good, fair, bad or very bad. This assessment is not based on a person's health over any specified period of time.