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Background Information

An Index of Place Names, previously produced as part of the series of Census publications, was first produced for the 1831 Census and the last Index to be produced as a separate (1981) Census volume was published in 1985.

From the 2016 version of the Index, the scope and contents were greatly expanded. See 'Changes and additions to this version of the IPN' below.

Local Government Structure

England

Local government in England currently reflects two structures introduced at different times. The first of the structures was introduced in 1974 as a consequence of the Local Government Act 1972. This Act, which came into operation on 1 April 1974, altered the constitution of local authorities in England (and Wales) and, apart from the Greater London administrative area which had been subject to change in 1965, sub-divided the country into metropolitan and non-metropolitan counties. These counties were further divided into metropolitan and non-metropolitan districts respectively. The boundaries of these areas can change as a result of reviews carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

Modifications to this structure were first made in April 1986 when the Greater London Council and metropolitan county councils were abolished under the Local Government Act 1985, though the Greater London and metropolitan county areas continued to be recognised for many purposes.

A second restructuring of local government has taken place in some parts of England as a consequence of the Local Government Act 1992. 46 unitary authorities have been created to form a single tier of local government in those areas affected. The unitary authorities were introduced over a four-year period, which started in 1995 with the creation of a single authority for the Isle of Wight on 1st April. Subsequently, 13 unitary authorities were created on 1 April 1996, 13 unitary authorities came into existence on 1 April 1997, a further 19 unitary authorities were introduced on 1 April 1998 and a further 10 unitary authorities were introduced on 1 April 2009.

The Greater London Authority Act 1999 reintroduced an administrative higher tier in Greater London with the Greater London Authority established on 3 July 2000.

Wales

In Wales, the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 introduced a unitary authority structure throughout Wales on 1 April 1996, when the then-existing 8 counties and 37 districts were replaced by 22 unitary authorities.

Scotland

In Scotland, the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 introduced a unitary authority structure throughout Scotland on 1 April 1996, when the then-existing 9 regions and 53 districts were replaced by 29 single-tier council areas, but retaining the 3 islands areas to give 32 council areas in total.

Coding policy

ONS implemented a new coding and naming policy for some statistical geographies on 1st January 2011. This policy has already been separately and independently implemented since 2004 by Scotland for all new or amended statistical geographies.

Code structure

The code consists of a 9 character alpha-numeric code (ANNNNNNN) consisting of two parts – the entity and the instance.

The first part (ANN) identifies the geographical entity (area type). The first alpha character of the entity code indicates the country (or Isle of Man, or Channel Islands, or cross-border status) within which the entity is bounded. The 2nd and 3rd numeric characters represents a specific geographic entity, but with no other intelligence in the code. Where similar geographic areas exist across the UK, they will be considered as different geographic entities within each constituent country. The table below illustrates the country allocations and the future capacity built in to the scheme with additional country indicator characters. 'I' and 'O' will not be used in order to avoid possible confusion with numeric characters.

Country/Part	Approximate current number of entities (2019)	'A' in ANN (and those available)	Number of possible entities
England	63	E (ABCDFGH)	8x99 = 792
Scotland	46	S (TUV)	4x99 = 396
Wales	45	W (XYZ)	4x99 = 396
Cross-border	6	K	1x99 = 99
Experimental	5	J	1x99 = 99

Each area instance has a 6 digit numeric code. This instance is uniquely identified within each country by its combination with the entity code. Instances must not be coded with, and/or be based on, inbuilt intelligence (e.g. alphabetically or hierarchically), as any later change (like renaming) that inevitably occurs might upset this inbuilt intelligence. The nature of hierarchical relationships and any other classification-type of intelligence must be recorded and managed elsewhere. For ONS managed geographies, this will be within the Code History Database (CHD) product.

Changes and additions to this version of the IPN

2019 v1 (September 2019)

- 1. Addition of county electoral division name and code [CED18NM and CED18CD]
- 2. Removal of population count field

Index of Place Names Contents

The 2019 IPN contains 99,461 entries. These include the names of some 10,000 electoral wards and divisions and 61,000 villages, hamlets and localities without legally defined boundaries. English and Scottish civil parishes, Welsh communities, local government districts, unitary authorities, counties, historic counties, lieutenancy counties, national parks, regions, and some 7,000 built-up areas and their sub-divisions (created since the 2011 Census) are also included as place names.

Table 1. Count of records by type and country

		England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
BUA	Built-up Area	6,103	513	0	6,616
BUASD	Built-up Area Sub-division	2,441	192	0	2,633
CA	Council Area	0	0	91	91
CED	County Electoral Division	2,220	0	0	2,220
COM	Community	0	1,631	0	1,631
CTY	County	52	0	0	52
СТҮНІЅТ	Historic County	119	22	46	187
CTYLT	Lieutenancy County	78	18	46	142
LOC	Locality	49,701	6,269	5,599	61,569
LONB	London Borough	84	0	0	84
MD	Metropolitan District	142	0	0	142
NMD	Non-metropolitan District	437	0	0	437
NPARK	National Park	19	4	2	25
PAR	Civil Parish	11,357	0	1,521	12,878
RGN	Region	9	0	0	9
UA	Unitary Authority	165	138	0	303
WD	Electoral Ward/Division	8,290	1,561	591	10,442
		81,217	10,348	7,896	99,461

All place names have been assigned to the appropriate administrative areas existing as at 31 December 2018.

The Index gives some alternative names for places, as well as Welsh and Gaelic language names where appropriate.

Record Specification

A file specification is shown below and each field is described in more detail in the following text.

IPN 2019						
Field Name	Field Description	Field Length	Field Type	Field Values		
PLACEID	Place Name Identifier	5	Numeric	1–117506		
PLACE18CD	Place Name Code	12	Character	IPN00000001-IPN000126464		
PLACE18NM	Place Name	70	Character	Full textual name		
SPLITIND	Split Place Name Indicator	1	Character	0 = Non-split place name, 1 = Split place name		
DESCNM	Place Name Description	7	Character	BUA, BUASD, CA, CED, COM, CTY, CTYHIST, CTYLT, LOC, LONB, MD, NMD, NPARK, PAR, RGN, UA, or WD		
CTYHISTNM	Historic County Name	30	Character	Full textual name or blank		
CTYLTNM	Lieutenancy County Name	32	Character	Full textual name or blank		
CTRY18NM	Country Name	8	Character	England, Scotland, or Wales		
CTY18CD	County Code	9	Character	E10000002-E10000034 (CTY), E11000001-E11000007 (MCTY), E13000001 (Inner London), E13000002 (Outer London), or blank		
CTY18NM	County Name	18	Character	Full textual name or blank		
LAD18CD	Local Authority District Code	9	Character	E06000001-E06000057 (UA), E07000004-E07000243 (NMD), E08000001-E08000037 (MD), E09000001-E09000033 (LONB), S12000005-S12000048 (CA), W06000001-W06000024 (UA), or blank		
LAD18NM	Local Authority District Name	28	Character	Full textual name or blank		
LADDESCNM	Local Authority District Description	4	Character	CA, LONB, MD, NMD, or UA		
CED18CD	County Electoral Division Code	9	Character	E58000001-E58001754, or blank		
WD18CD	Electoral Ward/Division Code	9	Character	E05000026–E05011549, S13002516–S13003132, W05000041–W05001038, or blank		
PAR18CD	Civil Parish Code (England and Scotland), Community Code (Wales)	9	Character	E04000001–E04012897, W04000001–W04001032, 001–871 (Scotland), or blank		

HLTH12CD	Strategic Health Authority Code (England), Health Board Code (Scotland), Local Health Board Code (Wales)	9	Character	E18000001–E18000010, S08000015–S08000028, W11000023–W11000029, or blank
HLTH12NM	Strategic Health Authority Name (England), Health Board Name (Scotland), Local Health Board Name (Wales)	46	Character	Full textual name or blank
REGD18CD	Registration District Code (England and Wales)	9	Character	E28000001–E28000219, W20000001–W20000041, or blank
REGD18NM	Registration District Name (England and Wales)	39	Character	Full textual name or blank
RGN18CD	Region Code (England)	9	Character	E12000001-E12000009 or blank
RGN18NM	Region Name (England)	24	Character	Full textual name or blank
NPARK17CD	National Park Code	9	Character	E26000001–E26000010, S21000002–S21000003, W18000001–W18000003, or blank
NPARK17NM	National Park Name	47	Character	Full textual name or blank
BUA11CD	Built-up Area Code (England and Wales), Built-up Area Sub-division Code (England and Wales)	9	Character	E34000001–E34005057 (BUA), E35000001–E35001670 (BUASD), K05000001–K05000011 (BUA), K06000001–K06000004 (BUASD), W37000001–W37000427 (BUA), W38000001–W38000153 (BUASD), or blank
PCON18CD	Westminster Parliamentary Constituency Code	9	Character	E14000530-E14001062, S14000001-S14000059, W07000041-W07000080, or blank
PCON18NM	Westminster Parliamentary Constituency Name	43	Character	Full textual name or blank
EER17CD	European Electoral Region Code	9	Character	E15000001–E15000009, S15000001, W08000001, or blank
EER17NM	European Electoral Region Name	24	Character	Full textual name or blank
PFA18CD	Police Force Area Code	9	Character	E23000001–E23000039, S23000009, W15000001–W15000004, or blank

PFA18NM	Police Force Area Name	19	Character	Full textual name or blank
GRIDGB1M	1 metre grid reference	13	Character	13 numeric in the range 0104220899138–6551660293644, or blank
GRIDGB1E	1 metre Easting grid reference	6	Character	6 numeric in the range 010422–655166, or blank
GRIDGB1N	1 metre Northing grid reference	7	Character	7 numeric in the range 0008036–1216373, or blank
GRID1KM	1 kilometre grid square reference	6	Character	2 alpha + 4 numeric in the range HP5004–TV6299, or blank
LAT	Degrees Latitude (to 6 decimal places)	10	Numeric	49.890712–60.824917 or blank
LONG	Degrees Longitude (to 6 decimal places)	10	Numeric	-8.564234–1.757067 or blank

Field Descriptions

Place Name Identifier

Field Name: PLACEID

A numeric value to identify the place name, ignoring splits across geographical areas.

Place Name Code

Field Name: PLACE18CD

A code to identify the place name, taking into account splits across various geographical areas.

A code is assigned to each different combination of standardised place name + place name description + local authority district + grid reference.

Place Name

Field Name: PLACE18NM

The spellings of place names are, where applicable, the full constitutional names as included in the appropriate Statutory Instruments promulgating administrative areas. Other names generally follow those used by Ordnance Survey and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). Place names are arranged in alphabetical order.

Prefixes such as Great, Little, North, and South may not be commonly used, so compound names are indexed twice – once under the prefix and once under the substantive portion of the name, e.g. "Great Hampton" and "Hampton, Great". Each of these entries is assigned the same place code.

Place names that straddle area boundaries (e.g. where a district has more than one registration district within its boundary) are repeated in the Index and linked to the appropriate higher level areas. In such instances the place name split indicator is set as '1' to indicate that the entries relate to the same places. In all other instances the place name split indicator is set to '0'. (See 'Split Indicator' below.)

Where built-up area place names comprise more than one place, all the individual names are included in the Index with the full built-up area place name shown in brackets.

Split Place Name Indicator

Field Name: SPLITIND

The IPN shows where a place is split between two or more geographical areas. Each part is listed in a separate entry, with a different grid reference and a different identifying place code.

Where a place is split across more than one geographical area using different groups of boundaries, a consistent methodology has been used to deal with all splits for names of areas with legally defined boundaries.

The boundaries of the place name area are overlaid (or intersected) with the boundaries of the geographical areas for which splits might occur, in order to identify areas of overlap. If there are no overlaps, and one geography is coterminous with another, or is contained completely within another, that place is considered to be non-split and the split indicator is set to '0'. Otherwise, the place is considered split and the split indicator is set to '1', and each of these overlapping areas is allocated an individual place name code.

Place Name Description

Field Name: **DESCNM**

UΑ

WD

An abbreviated description of the place name type.

Abbreviations in this column of the Index with their extent are:

BUA Built-up Area **England and Wales** Built-up Area Sub-Division **BUASD England and Wales** CA Council Area Scotland CED County Electoral Division **England** COM Community Wales CTY County England **CTYHIST** Historic County **Great Britain** Lieutenancy County **Great Britain** CTYLT Locality **Great Britain** LOC London Borough LONB England Metropolitan District England MD **NMD** Non-metropolitan District England **NPARK** National Park Great Britain PAR Civil Parish **England and Scotland RGN** Region England **Unitary Authority England and Wales**

Electoral Ward/Division

Geographical areas referenced to place names in the Index but not given separate place entries are country, European electoral region, Westminster parliamentary constituency, registration district, and health authority.

Great Britain

This field is fully populated for all place names.

Historic County Name

Field Name: CTYHISTNM

Name of the historic county in which the place is situated.

The historic counties of Great Britain (also known as ancient counties, counties proper, geographical counties or traditional counties) have existed largely unchanged since the Middle Ages. Their original administrative function became the responsibility of separate administrative counties and county councils set up by the Local Government Act 1888 and the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1889. It was these administrative counties and county councils that were abolished in England and Wales in 1974 by the Local Government Act 1972, and in Scotland in 1975 by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, not the historic counties.

While no longer a statistical geography, the historic counties are now included in the IPN for those users who wish to use them for historic, traditional or cultural purposes. They are recommended as a stable, unchanging geography which covers the whole of Great Britain.

The boundaries of the historic counties used here are those defined in Definition A of the Historic Counties Standard published by the Historic Counties Trust, whereby detached parts of counties are not separately identified, but are associated with their host county.

The historic counties are:

England:	Bedfordshire	Hampshire	Oxfordshire
_	Berkshire	Herefordshire	Rutland
	Buckinghamshire	Hertfordshire	Shropshire
	Cambridgeshire	Huntingdonshire	Somerset
	Cheshire	Kent	Staffordshire
	Cornwall	Lancashire	Suffolk
	Cumberland	Leicestershire	Surrey
	Derbyshire	Lincolnshire	Sussex
	Devon	Middlesex	Warwickshire
	Dorset	Norfolk	Westmorland
	County Durham	Northamptonshire	Wiltshire
	Essex	Northumberland	Worcestershire

Wales:	Anglesey	Denbighshire	Montgomeryshire
	Brecknockshire	Flintshire	Pembrokeshire

Caernarfonshire Glamorgan
Cardiganshire Merionethshire
Carmarthenshire Monmouthshire

Gloucestershire

Scotland: Aberdeenshire East Lothian Perthshire

Angus Fife Renfrewshire Argyllshire Inverness-shire Ross-shire Roxburghshire Ayrshire Kincardineshire Banffshire Kinross-shire Selkirkshire Berwickshire Kirkcudbrightshire Shetland Buteshire Lanarkshire Stirlingshire Midlothian Sutherland Caithness West Lothian Clackmannanshire Morayshire Cromartvshire Nairnshire Wigtownshire

Nottinghamshire

Dumfriesshire Orkney
Dunbartonshire Peeblesshire

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, national parks, counties, or lieutenancy counties, and for those that are historic counties themselves.

Yorkshire

Radnorshire

Lieutenancy County Name

Field Name: CTYLTNM

Name of the lieutenancy county in which the place is situated.

The county for lieutenancy purposes is the area to which a Lord-Lieutenant, the Queen's personal representative, is appointed. They are known as ceremonial counties in England, preserved counties in Wales and lieutenancy areas in Scotland. Unlike the county (for administrative purposes), they cover the whole country.

Lieutenancy in England and Wales was a function of the historic counties until 1889 when it was transferred to administrative counties, and then to metropolitan and non-metropolitan counties in 1974. They are now defined by the Lieutenancies Act 1997, and the Lord-Lieutenants (Scotland) Order 1996.

The constitutions of the lieutenancy counties in terms of non-metropolitan counties and/or local authority districts are listed in Annex B of this guide.

The lieutenancy counties are:

Essex

England: Bedfordshire Gloucestershire Nottinghamshire Berkshire Greater London Oxfordshire

Greater London Bristol, City of **Greater Manchester** Rutland Buckinghamshire Hampshire Shropshire Cambridgeshire Herefordshire Somerset Cheshire Hertfordshire South Yorkshire City of London Isle of Wight Staffordshire Cornwall Kent Suffolk

Cumbria Lancashire Surrey Derbyshire Leicestershire Tyne and Wear Devon Warwickshire Lincolnshire West Midlands Dorset Merseyside Durham Norfolk West Sussex Northamptonshire West Yorkshire East Riding of Yorkshire Northumberland East Sussex Wiltshire

North Yorkshire

Wales: Clwyd Gwent South Glamorgan

Dyfed Mid Glamorgan West Glamorgan
Gwynedd Powys

Scotland: Aberdeen East Lothian Renfrewshire

Aberdeenshire Edinburgh Ross and Cromarty
Angus Fife Roxburgh, Ettrick and Li

Angus Fife Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale Argyll and Bute Glasgow Shetland

Ayrshire and Arran Inverness Stirling and Falkirk Banffshire Kincardineshire Sutherland

Berwickshire Lanarkshire The Stewartry of Kirkcudbright

CaithnessMidlothianTweeddaleClackmannanMorayWest LothianDumfriesNairnWestern IslesDunbartonshireOrkneyWigtown

Dundee Perth and Kinross

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, national parks, counties, or historic counties, and for those that are lieutenancy counties themselves.

Worcestershire

Country Name

Field Name: CTRY18NM

Name of the constituent country of Great Britain in which the place is situated.

England Scotland Wales

County Name

Field Name: CTY18NM

Name of the non-metropolitan county, metropolitan county, or equivalent area in which the place is situated.

On 31 December 2018, there were 33 (two-tier) counties in England, including Greater London, the six metropolitan county areas and Berkshire. Apart from Greater London, these counties date from 1974, though many have been subject to subsequent boundary changes.

The counties existing on 31 December 2018 were:

Greater London (see note i)

Metropolitan counties: Greater Manchester (see note ii)

Merseyside South Yorkshire Tyne and Wear West Midlands West Yorkshire

Non-metropolitan counties: Berkshire (see note iii) Leicestershire

Buckinghamshire Norfolk

Cumbria Northamptonshire North Yorkshire Derbyshire Devon Nottinghamshire Oxfordshire Dorset East Sussex Somerset Staffordshire Essex Gloucestershire Suffolk Surrey Hampshire Hertfordshire Warwickshire Kent West Sussex Lancashire Worcestershire

Notes:

- The Greater London Council was abolished in 1986. The Greater London Authority was established in 2000.
- ii. The metropolitan county councils (but not the counties) were abolished in 1986.
- iii. Berkshire County Council (but not the county) was abolished in 1998.

Inner and Outer London

For convenience, the IPN gives Inner and Outer London as county equivalent areas.

Inner London: City of London Outer London: Barking and Dagenham

Camden Barnet
Hackney Bexley
Hammersmith and Fulham Brent
Haringey Bromley
Islington Croydon
Kensington and Chelsea Ealing
Lambeth Enfield
Lewisham Greenwich

Lambeth Enfield
Lewisham Greenwich
Newham Harrow
Southwark Havering
Tower Hamlets Hillingdon
Wandsworth Hounslow

Westminster Kingston upon Thames

Merton Redbridge

Richmond upon Thames

Sutton

Waltham Forest

The constitutions of Inner and Outer London given here are the statistical definitions defined by ONS and Eurostat. The statutory definition (according to the London Government Act 1963) defines Greenwich as an inner London borough, and Haringey and Newham as outer London boroughs, while the City of London is neither.

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, national parks, historic counties, lieutenancy counties, or unitary authorities, for all places that fall within unitary authorities, for all place names that are counties themselves, and for all places outside England.

Local Authority District Name

Field Name: LAD18NM

Name of the local authority district in which the place is situated.

England – London Boroughs

The City of London Corporation, which has been in existence since mediaeval times, and the 32 London boroughs introduced in 1965:

City of London

Barking and Dagenham Hammersmith and Fulham Merton Haringey Newham Bexley Harrow Redbridge

Brent Havering Richmond upon Thames

Bromley Hillingdon Southwark Camden Hounslow Sutton

CroydonIslingtonTower HamletsEalingKensington and ChelseaWaltham ForestEnfieldKingston upon ThamesWandsworthGreenwichLambethWestminster

Hackney Lewisham

England - Metropolitan Districts

The 36 metropolitan districts introduced in 1974:

Barnslev Leeds Solihull Birmingham South Tyneside Liverpool Bolton Manchester St. Helens Bradford Newcastle upon Tyne Stockport Sunderland North Tyneside Bury Tameside Calderdale Oldham Coventry Rochdale Trafford Doncaster Rotherham Wakefield Dudley Salford Walsall Gateshead Sandwell Wigan Kirklees Sefton Wirral

Knowsley Sheffield Wolverhampton

England - Non-metropolitan Districts

The 201 non-metropolitan districts introduced in 1974. Many have been subject to minor changes to their boundaries since introduction but others have been subject to more significant change, e.g. Harrogate, Ryedale and Selby in North Yorkshire, where significant parts were transferred to York unitary authority in 1996.

England – Unitary Authorities (UA)

There were 56 UAs in England on 31 December 2018. The first UA was created in April 1995, 13 UAs were created in April 1996, a further 13 UAs came into existence in April 1997, a further 19 UAs came into operation in April 1998 and the remaining 10 UAs came into existence on the 1 April 2009. Those existing at the end of 2018, with their dates of introduction, are:

April 1995: Isle of Wight

April 1996: Bath and North East Somerset North Lincolnshire

Bristol, City of North Somerset

East Riding of Yorkshire Redcar and Cleveland Hartlepool South Gloucestershire Kingston upon Hull, City of Stockton-on-Tees

Middlesbrough York

North East Lincolnshire

April 1997: Bournemouth Poole

Brighton and Hove Portsmouth
Darlington Rutland
Derby Southampton
Leicester Stoke-on-Trent

Luton Swindon (formerly Thamesdown)

Milton Keynes

April 1998: Blackburn with Darwen Slough

Blackpool Southend-on-Sea Bracknell Forest Telford and Wrekin

Halton Thurrock
Herefordshire, County of Torbay
Medway Warrington
Nottingham West Berkshire

Peterborough Windsor and Maidenhead

Plymouth Wokingham

Reading

April 2009: Bedford County Durham

Central Bedfordshire Isles of Scilly
Cheshire East Northumberland
Cheshire West and Chester Shropshire
Cornwall Wiltshire

Wales

22 UAs (with 12 having county status and 10 having county borough status) replaced the complete two-tier local government structure of 8 counties and 37 local authority districts in Wales in April 1996. The UAs are:

Cardiff (county)

Carmarthenshire (county)

Ceredigion (county)

Denbighshire (county)

Flintshire (county)

Gwynedd (county)

Blaenau Gwent (county borough)

Caerphilly (county borough)

Conwy (county borough)

Merthyr Tydfil (county borough)

Neath Port Talbot (county borough)

Isle of Anglesey (county)

Monmouthshire (county)

Newport (county borough)

Rhondda Cynon Taf (county borough)

Pembrokeshire (county)

Powys (county)

Torfaen (county borough)

Wrexham (county borough)

Swansea (county)

Vale of Glamorgan (county)

Scotland

32 council areas replaced the two-tier local government structure of 9 regions and 53 districts, but retaining the 3 islands areas, in April 1996. The council areas are:

Aberdeen City City of Edinburgh Orkney Islands Aberdeenshire Falkirk Perth and Kinross Renfrewshire Angus Fife Argyll and Bute Glasgow City Scottish Borders Clackmannanshire Highland Shetland Islands **Dumfries and Galloway** Inverclyde South Ayrshire Midlothian **Dundee City** South Lanarkshire

East Avrshire Moray Stirling

East Dunbartonshire Na h-Eileanan Siar West Dunbartonshire

East Lothian North Ayrshire West Lothian

East Renfrewshire North Lanarkshire

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, national parks, counties, historic counties, or lieutenancy counties, and for those that are local authority districts themselves.

Local Authority District Description

Field Name: LADDESCNM

An abbreviated description of the local authority district type.

Abbreviations in this column of the Index with their extent are:

CA Council Area Scotland
LONB London Borough England
MD Metropolitan District England
NMD Non-metropolitan District England

UA Unitary Authority England and Wales

Health Authority Name

Field Name: HLTH12NM

Name of the health authority in which the place is situated.

Strategic health authorities in England were abolished in March 2013 and were replaced by NHS Commissioning Regions. The local health boards in Wales were reorganised from 22 to 7 in October 2009.

England: East Midlands

East of England

London

North East England

North West West Midlands

Yorkshire and the Humber

South Central South East Coast South West

Wales: Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Cwm Taf University Health Board Hywel Dda University Health Board Powys Teaching Health Board

Scotland: Ayrshire and Arran

Borders

Dumfries and Galloway

Fife

Forth Valley Grampian

Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Highland Lanarkshire Lothian Orkney Shetland Tayside Western Isles

Health authority is assigned by look-up from local authority district.

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, national parks, historic counties, lieutenancy counties, built-up areas, or built-up area sub-divisions.

Registration District Name

Field Name: REGD18NM

Name of the registration district (for births, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths) in which the place is situated.

Registration district is assigned by look-up from local authority district, with the exception of Denbighshire UA, which is split between the registration districts of Denbighshire North and Denbighshire South at civil parish level.

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, national parks, counties, historic counties, lieutenancy counties, built-up areas or built-up area sub-divisions, and for all places in Scotland.

Region Name

Field Name: RGN18NM

Name of the region in which the place is situated.

The former Government Office Regions were the primary classification for the presentation of regional statistics in England but, after the Comprehensive Spending Review, it was confirmed that they would close on 31 March 2011, shifting focus away from regions to local areas. However, there is still a requirement to maintain a regional level geography for statistical purposes.

The regions are:

East of England

East Midlands

London

North East

South East

South West

West Midlands

Yorkshire and The Humber

North West

Region is assigned by look-up from local authority district.

This field is blank for those place names that are regions themselves, and for all places outside England.

National Park Name

Field Name: NPARK17NM

Name of the national park in which the place is situated.

The powers to create national parks are designated under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 in England and Wales and the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000. The national parks with their year of establishment are:

England: Dartmoor National Park (1951)

Exmoor National Park (1954)
Lake District National Park (1951)
New Forest National Park (2005)
North York Moors National Park (1952)
Northumberland National Park (1956)

Northumberland National Park (195 Peak District National Park (1951) South Downs National Park (2009)

The Broads Authority (1989)

Yorkshire Dales National Park (1954)

Wales Brecon Beacons National Park (1957)

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park (1952)

Snowdonia National Park (1951)

Scotland The Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (2002)

The Cairngorms National Park (2003)

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, built-up areas or built-up area sub-divisions, and for those place names that are national parks themselves.

Westminster Parliamentary Constituency Name

Field Name: PCON18NM

Name of the Westminster parliamentary constituency in which the place is situated.

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, national parks, counties, historic counties, lieutenancy counties, built-up areas or built-up area sub-divisions.

European Electoral Region Name

Field Name: EER18NM

Name of the European electoral region in which the place is situated.

The European electoral regions are coterminous with the regions of England of the same name (Eastern EER is equivalent to East of England RGN), and with the countries of Scotland and Wales.

> East Midlands South East Eastern South West London Wales

West Midlands North East

North West Yorkshire and The Humber

Scotland

This field is fully populated for all place names.

Police Force Area Name

Field Name: PFA18NM

Name of the police force area in which the place is situated.

Avon and Somerset **Greater Manchester** Northumbria England:

Nottinghamshire Bedfordshire Hampshire South Yorkshire Cambridgeshire Hertfordshire Staffordshire Cheshire Humberside City of London Kent Suffolk Cleveland Lancashire Surrey Cumbria Leicestershire Sussex Derbyshire Thames Valley Lincolnshire Devon and Cornwall Warwickshire Merseyside Dorset Metropolitan Police West Mercia Durham Norfolk West Midlands

North Yorkshire Essex West Yorkshire

Gloucestershire Northamptonshire Wiltshire Wales: Dyfed-Powys

Gwent North Wales South Wales

Scotland: Scotland

Police force area is assigned by look-up from local authority district.

This field is blank for those place names that are regions, national parks, counties, historic counties, or lieutenancy counties.

Grid Reference

Field Name: GRIDGB1M National Grid 1 metre reference

Field Name: GRIDGB1E National Grid 1 metre reference – Easting Field Name: GRIDGB1N National Grid 1 metre reference – Northing

Field Name: GRID1KM National Grid 1 kilometre square reference

A National Grid reference has been included in the Index to enable users to quickly identify place names on Ordnance Survey maps. Where possible the National Grid reference relates to the position of place names on Ordnance Survey maps; where it is not possible to do this (e.g. because the name is repeated for groups of dwellings scattered over an area), and for built-up areas and built-up area sub-divisions, the reference is to the point which has been considered as the geographical centre of the area.

These fields are blank for those place names that are regions, counties, historic counties, or lieutenancy counties.

Latitude and Longitude

Field Name: LAT Field Name: LONG

The 1 metre National Grid reference converted to decimal degrees latitude and longitude.

These fields are blank for those place names that are regions, counties, historic counties, or lieutenancy counties.

Annex A. Examples (NB. The full range of data fields is not included.)

Example 1

PLACE18NM DESCNM CTY18NM LAD16NM GRID1KM

Lincolnshire CTY

This entry relates to the non-metropolitan county of Lincolnshire.

Example 2

PLACE18NMDESCNMCTY18NMLAD16NMGRID1KMHartlepoolUANZ4931

This entry relates to the unitary authority of Hartlepool (unitary authorities do not form part of non-metropolitan counties).

Example 3

PLACE18NMDESCNMCTY18NMLAD18NMGRID1KMRedditchNMDWorcestershireSP0364

This entry relates to the district of Redditch, which is situated in the non-metropolitan county of Worcestershire.

Example 4

PLACE18NMDESCNMCTY18NMLAD18NMGRID1KMCerne AbbasPARDorsetWest DorsetST6601

This entry relates to the parish of Cerne Abbas, which is situated in the district of West Dorset in the non-metropolitan county of Dorset.

Example 5

PLACE18NMDESCNMCTY18NMLAD18NMGRID1KMAbbeyLOCCumbriaAllerdaleNY1227

This entry shows that Abbey is the name of a locality in the district of Allerdale in the non-metropolitan county of Cumbria.

Example 6

PLACE18NM	SPLITIND	DESCNM	CTY18NM	LAD18NM	LADDESCNM	GRID1KM
Exebridge	1	LOC	Devon	Mid Devon	NMD	SS9324
Exebridge	1	LOC	Somerset	West Somerset	NMD	SS9224

This entry shows that Exebridge is the name of a locality, which is situated partly in the district of Mid Devon in the non-metropolitan county of Devon and partly in the district of West Somerset in the non-metropolitan county of Somerset.

Example 7

PLACE18NM	SPLITIND	DESCNM	CTY18NM	LAD18NM	LADDESCNM GRID1KM
Axminster	0	BUA	Devon		SY2998

This entry shows that the built-up area of Axminster is situated in the non-metropolitan county of Devon.

Example 8

PLACE18NM	SPLITIND	DESCNM	CTY18NM	LAD18NM	LADDESCNM	I GRID1KM
Great Malvern	1	BUA	Worcestershire			SO7846
Great Malvern	1	BUA		Herefordshire,	UA	SO7542
				County of		

This entry shows that the built-up area of Great Malvern is situated partly in the non-metropolitan county of Worcestershire and partly in County of Herefordshire UA.

Example 9

PLACE16NM	SPLITIND	DESCNM	CTY18NM	LAD18NM	LADDESCNN	I GRID1KM
Eastleigh	1	BUASD	Hampshire	Eastleigh	NMD	SU4419
Eastleigh	1	BUASD	Hampshire	Test Valley	NMD	SU4221
Eastleigh	1	BUASD	Hampshire	Winchester	NMD	SU4522

This entry shows that the built-up area sub-division of Eastleigh is situated partly in Eastleigh, Test Valley and Winchester districts in the non-metropolitan county of Hampshire.

Annex B. Constitution of Lieutenancy County in terms of Non-metropolitan County and/or Local Authority District

England (Ceremonial County)

Defined in terms of whole non-metropolitan counties (CTY) and/or unitary authorities (UA), with the exception of Stockton-on-Tees UA, which is divided between County Durham and North Yorkshire along the line of the River Tees.

Bedfordshire – Bedford UA

Central Bedfordshire UA

Luton UA

Berkshire – Bracknell Forest UA

Reading UA Slough UA

West Berkshire UA

Windsor and Maidenhead UA

Wokingham UA

Bristol, City of A Bristol, City of UA

Buckinghamshire Buckinghamshire CTY Milton Keynes UA

Cambridgeshire CTY Peterborough UA

Cheshire – Cheshire East UA

Cheshire West and Chester UA

Halton UA Warrington UA

City of London – City of London

Cornwall — Cornwall UA

Isles of Scilly UA

Cumbria CTY -

Derbyshire CTY Derby UA

Devon CTY Plymouth UA

Torbay UA

Dorset CTY Bournemouth UA

Poole UA

Durham – Hartlepool UA

Stockton-on-Tees UA (North of the Tees)

Darlington UA County Durham UA

East Riding of Yorkshire – East Riding of Yorkshire UA

Kingston upon Hull, City of UA

East Sussex CTY Brighton and Hove UA

Essex CTY Southend-on-Sea UA

Thurrock UA

Gloucestershire CTY South Gloucestershire UA

Greater London – Barking and Dagenham LB
Barnet LB
Bexley LB

Bexley LB
Brent LB
Bromley LB
Camden LB
Croydon LB
Ealing LB
Enfield LB
Greenwich LB
Hackney LB

Hammersmith and Fulham LB

Haringey LB Harrow LB Havering LB Hillingdon LB Hounslow LB Islington LB

Kensington and Chelsea LB Kingston upon Thames LB

Lambeth LB Lewisham LB Merton LB Newham LB Redbridge LB

Richmond upon Thames LB

Southwark LB Sutton LB Tower Hamlets LB

Waltham Forest LB Wandsworth LB Westminster LB

Greater Manchester – Bolton MD

Bury MD
Manchester MD
Oldham MD
Rochdale MD
Salford MD
Stockport MD
Tameside MD
Trafford MD
Wigan MD

Hampshire CTY Portsmouth UA

Southampton UA

Herefordshire – Herefordshire, County of UA

Hertfordshire CTY –

Isle of Wight – Isle of Wight UA

Kent CTY Medway UA

Lancashire CTY Blackburn with Darwen UA

Blackpool UA

Leicestershire Leicester UA Leicester UA

Lincolnshire Lincolnshire CTY North East Lincolnshire UA North Lincolnshire UA Merseyside Knowsley MD Liverpool MD St. Helens MD Sefton MD Wirral MD Norfolk Norfolk CTY Northamptonshire Northamptonshire CTY Northumberland Northumberland UA North Yorkshire North Yorkshire CTY Middlesbrough UA Redcar and Cleveland UA Stockton-on-Tees UA (South of the Tees) York UA Nottinghamshire Nottinghamshire CTY Nottingham UA Oxfordshire Oxfordshire CTY Rutland Rutland UA Shropshire UA Shropshire Telford and Wrekin UA Somerset Somerset CTY Bath and North East Somerset UA North Somerset UA South Yorkshire Barnsley MD Doncaster MD Rotherham MD Sheffield MD Staffordshire Stoke-on-Trent UA Staffordshire CTY Suffolk CTY Suffolk Surrey Surrey CTY Tyne and Wear Gateshead MD Newcastle upon Tyne MD North Tyneside MD South Tyneside MD Sunderland MD Warwickshire Warwickshire CTY West Midlands Birmingham MD Coventry MD **Dudley MD** Sandwell MD Solihull MD Walsall MD Wolverhampton MD West Sussex West Sussex CTY

West Yorkshire Bradford MD Calderdale MD Kirklees MD Leeds MD Wakefield MD Wiltshire Wiltshire CTY Swindon UA Worcestershire Worcestershire CTY Wales (Preserved County) Defined entirely in terms of whole unitary authorities (UA). Clwyd Conwy UA Denbighshire UA Flintshire UA Wrexham UA Dyfed Carmarthenshire UA Ceredigion UA Pembrokeshire UA Gwynedd UA Gwynedd Isle of Anglesey UA Gwent Blaenau Gwent UA Caerphilly UA Monmouthshire UA Newport UA Torfaen UA Mid Glamorgan Bridgend UA Merthyr Tydfil UA Rhondda Cynon Taf UA Powys UA Powys South Glamorgan Cardiff UA Vale of Glamorgan UA Neath Port Talbot UA West Glamorgan Swansea UA Scotland (Lieutenancy Area) Defined in terms of whole and/or partial council areas (CA). Aberdeen Aberdeen City CA Aberdeenshire Aberdeenshire CA (pt.) Angus CA **Angus** Argyll and Bute Argyll and Bute CA East Ayrshire CA Ayrshire and Arran

North Ayrshire CA South Ayrshire CA

Banffshire	-	Aberdeenshire CA (pt.) Moray CA (pt.)
Berwickshire	-	Scottish Borders CA (pt.)
Caithness	-	Highland CA (pt.)
Clackmannan	_	Clackmannanshire CA
Dumfries	-	Dumfries and Galloway CA (pt.)
Dunbartonshire	_	Argyll and Bute CA (pt.) East Dunbartonshire CA North Lanarkshire CA (pt.) West Dunbartonshire CA
Dundee	-	Dundee City CA
East Lothian	-	East Lothian CA
Edinburgh	_	City of Edinburgh CA
Fife	-	Fife CA
Glasgow	-	Glasgow City CA
Inverness	-	Highland CA (pt.)
Kincardineshire	-	Aberdeenshire CA (pt.)
Lanarkshire	-	North Lanarkshire CA (pt.)
Midlothian	-	Midlothian CA
Moray	-	Moray CA (pt.)
Nairn	-	Highland CA (pt.)
Orkney	-	Orkney Islands CA
Perth and Kinross	_	Perth and Kinross CA
Renfrewshire	_	East Renfrewshire CA Inverclyde CA Renfrewshire CA
Ross and Cromarty	-	Highland CA (pt.)
Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale	_	Scottish Borders CA (pt.)
Shetland	-	Shetland Islands CA
Stirling and Falkirk	-	Falkirk CA Stirling CA
Sutherland	-	Highland CA (pt.)
The Stewartry of Kirkcudbright	-	Dumfries and Galloway CA (pt.)
Tweeddale	-	Scottish Borders CA (pt.)

West Lothian	-	West Lothian CA
Western Isles	_	Na h-Eileanan Siar CA
Wigtown	_	Dumfries and Galloway CA (pt.)

Annex C. Counties and Districts in England and Wales 1974–1996

The Local Government Act 1972, which came into effect on 1 April 1974, replaced the former administrative counties, county boroughs, municipal boroughs, urban districts and rural districts with 6 metropolitan counties, divided into 36 metropolitan districts, and 39 non-metropolitan counties, divided into 334 non-metropolitan districts. The administrative geography of Greater London was unaffected by the Act. The metropolitan county councils (but not the metropolitan counties themselves) were abolished in 1986. From 1996 onwards, some of the non-metropolitan counties and districts were replaced by single-tier unitary authorities.

Metropolitan County	Metropolitan Districts
Greater Manchester	Bolton Bury Manchester Oldham Rochdale Salford Stockport Tameside Trafford Wigan
Merseyside	Knowsley Liverpool St. Helens Sefton Wirral
South Yorkshire	Barnsley Doncaster Rotherham Sheffield
Tyne and Wear	Gateshead Newcastle upon Tyne North Tyneside South Tyneside Sunderland
West Midlands	Birmingham Coventry Dudley Sandwell Solihull Walsall Wolverhampton
West Yorkshire	Bradford Calderdale Kirklees Leeds Wakefield

England

Non-metropolitan County Non-metropolitan Districts

Avon Bath

Bristol Kingswood Northavon Wansdyke Woodspring

Bedfordshire Luton

Mid Bedfordshire

Bedford

South Bedfordshire

Berkshire Bracknell Forest

Newbury Reading Slough

Windsor and Maidenhead

Wokingham

Buckinghamshire Aylesbury Vale

Chiltern Milton Keynes South Bucks Wycombe

Cambridgeshire Cambridge

East Cambridgeshire

Fenland

Huntingdonshire Peterborough

South Cambridgeshire

Cheshire Chester

Congleton

Crewe and Nantwich Ellesmere Port and Neston

Halton Macclesfield Vale Royal Warrington

Cleveland Hartlepool

Langbaurgh-on-Tees Middlesbrough Stockton-on-Tees

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Caradon

Carrick Kerrier

North Cornwall Penwith Restormel Isles of Scilly

Cumbria Allerdale

Barrow-in-Furness

Carlisle Copeland Eden

South Lakeland

Derbyshire Amber Valley

Bolsover Chesterfield Derby

Derbyshire Dales

Erewash High Peak

North East Derbyshire South Derbyshire

Devon East Devon

Exeter
Mid Devon
North Devon
Plymouth
South Hams
Teignbridge
Torbay
Torridge
West Devon

Dorset Bournemouth

Christchurch
East Dorset
North Dorset
Poole
Purbeck
West Dorset

Weymouth and Portland

Durham Chester-le-Street

Darlington
Derwentside
Durham
Easington
Sedgefield
Teesdale
Wear Valley

East Sussex Brighton

Eastbourne Hastings Hove Lewes Rother Wealden

Essex Basildon

Braintree
Brentwood
Castle Point
Chelmsford
Colchester
Epping Forest
Harlow
Maldon

Rochford Southend-on-Sea

Tendring Thurrock Uttlesford

Gloucestershire Cheltenham

Cotswold Forest of Dean Gloucester Stroud Tewkesbury

Hampshire Basingstoke and Deane

East Hampshire

Eastleigh
Fareham
Gosport
Hart
Havant
New Forest
Portsmouth
Rushmoor
Southampton
Test Valley
Winchester

Hereford and Worcester Bromsgrove

Hereford Leominster Malvern Hills Redditch

South Herefordshire

Worcester Wychavon Wyre Forest

Hertfordshire Broxbourne

Dacorum

East Hertfordshire

Hertsmere

North Hertfordshire

St Albans Stevenage Three Rivers Watford

Welwyn Hatfield

Humberside Boothferry

Cleethorpes East Yorkshire

East Yorkshire Borough of Beverley

Glanford Great Grimsby Holderness Kingston upon Hull

Scunthorpe

Isle of Wight Medina

South Wight

Kent Ashford

Canterbury
Dartford
Dover
Gillingham
Gravesham
Maidstone

Rochester upon Medway

Sevenoaks Shepway Swale Thanet

Tonbridge and Malling Tunbridge Wells

Lancashire Blackburn

Blackpool
Burnley
Chorley
Fylde
Hyndburn
Lancaster
Pendle
Preston
Ribble Valley
Rossendale
South Ribble
West Lancashire

Wyre

Leicestershire Blaby

Charnwood Harborough

Hinckley and Bosworth

Leicester Melton

North West Leicestershire

Oadby and Wigston

Rutland

Lincolnshire Boston

East Lindsey Lincoln

North Kesteven South Holland South Kesteven West Lindsey

Norfolk Breckland

Broadland Great Yarmouth

King's Lynn and West Norfolk

North Norfolk Norwich South Norfolk

Northamptonshire Corby

Daventry

East Northamptonshire

Kettering Northampton

South Northamptonshire

Wellingborough

Northumberland Alnwick

Berwick-upon-Tweed

Blyth Valley Castle Morpeth Tynedale Wansbeck

North Yorkshire Craven

Hambleton Harrogate Richmondshire Ryedale Scarborough Selby

Selby York

Nottinghamshire Ashfield

Bassetlaw Broxtowe Gedling Mansfield

Newark and Sherwood

Nottingham Rushcliffe

Oxfordshire Cherwell

Oxford

South Oxfordshire Vale of White Horse West Oxfordshire

Shropshire Bridgnorth

North Shropshire

Oswestry

Shrewsbury and Atchem

South Shropshire The Wrekin

Somerset Mendip

Sedgemoor South Somerset Taunton Deane West Somerset

Staffordshire Cannock Chase

East Staffordshire

Lichfield

Newcastle-under-Lyme South Staffordshire

Stafford

Staffordshire Moorlands

Stoke-on-Trent Tamworth

Suffolk Babergh

Forest Heath Ipswich Mid Suffolk St. Edmundsbury Suffolk Coastal Waveney

Surrey Elmbridge

Epsom and Ewell

Guildford Mole Valley

Reigate and Banstead

Runnymede Spelthorne Surrey Heath Tandridge Waverley Woking

Warwickshire North Warwickshire

Nuneaton and Bedworth

Rugby

Stratford-on-Avon

Warwick

West Sussex Adur

Arun Chichester Crawley Horsham Mid Sussex Worthing

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Wiltshire Kennet

North Wiltshire Salisbury Thamesdown West Wiltshire

Wales

Non-metropolitan County Non-metropolitan Districts

Clwyd Alyn and Deeside

Colwyn Delyn Glyndŵr Rhuddlan

Wrexham Maelor

Dyfed Carmarthen

Ceredigion Dinefwr Llanelli

Preseli Pembrokeshire South Pembrokeshire

Gwent Blaenau Gwent

Islwyn Monmouth Newport Torfaen

Gwynedd Aberconwy

Arfon Dwyfor Meirionnydd

Ynys Môn – Isle of Anglesey

Mid Glamorgan Cynon Valley

Merthyr Tydfil

Ogwr Rhondda

Rhymney Valley

Taff-Ely

Powys Brecknock

Montgomeryshire Radnorshire

South Glamorgan Cardiff

Vale of Glamorgan

West Glamorgan Lliw Valley

Neath Port Talbot Swansea

Annex D. Regions and Districts, and Islands Areas in Scotland 1975–1996

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, which came into effect on 16 May 1975, replaced the former administrative counties, districts, and burghs with 9 two-tier regions, divided into 53 districts, and 3 single-tier islands areas. The regions and districts operated until they were replaced by singletier authorities on 1 April 1996 under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.

Regions **Districts**

Borders: Berwickshire

Ettrick and Lauderdale

Roxburgh Tweeddale

Central: Clackmannan

> **Falkirk** Stirling

Dumfries and Galloway: Annandale and Eskdale

> Nithsdale Stewartry Wigtown

(originally Merrick)

Fife: Dunfermline

> Kirkcaldy North East Fife

Banff and Buchan Grampian:

City of Aberdeen

Gordon

Kincardine and Deeside

Moray

Highland: Badenoch and Strathspey

> Caithness Inverness Lochaber Nairn

Ross and Cromarty Skye and Lochalsh

Sutherland

Lothian: City of Ednburgh

East Lothian Midlothian West Lothian

Strathclyde: Argyll and Bute (originally Argyll)

(originally Lanark)

(originally Cumbernauld)

Bearsden and Milngavie

City of Glasgow Clydebank

Clydesdale Cumbernauld and Kilsyth

Cumnock and Doon Valley

Cunninghame **Dumbarton** East Kilbride Eastwood Hamilton Inverclyde

Kilmarnock and Loudon

Kyle and Carrick Monklands Motherwell Renfrew Strathkelvin

(originally Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch)

Tayside:

Angus City of Dundee Perth and Kinross

Islands Areas

Orkney

Shetland

Western Isles