

# Population estimates mid-2021

## Unformatted data

### United Kingdom, local authorities, sex and age

#### Introduction

This dataset contains the most detailed population estimates for mid-2021. Time series data, including detailed components of change, will be available once the reconciliation of mid-year estimates with the 2021 census is complete and a set of revised (rebased) population estimates are produced.

This release includes:

- Population estimates for mid-2021 by single year of age and sex for local authorities in England, Wales and Northern rolled forward from the 2021 censuses
- Population estimates for mid-2021 by single year of age and sex for local authorities in Scotland rolled forward from the 2011 census

Please note that the sex coding for our data has changed. From this release onwards the sex coding is 1=Females and 2=Males.

## MYEB1: Detailed population estimates UK, local authorities as at April 2021

MYEB1\_detailed\_population\_estimates\_series\_UK\_(2021geog21).csv

### Definition of dataset

Sort order of dataset: local authority code (as of April 2021), sex (female=1, male=2), and age (0-90+).

Data cells: 68,068 rows and 6 columns of data plus headings. Care should be taken if importing this file into a software package to ensure that all rows have been successfully imported.

Format: CSV

Variables:

Variable	Definition
ladcode21	ONS Geography code for local authorities (LA) as defined at mid-2021. Further information on the LA codes and how they link to other ONS geographies is available from the <a href="#">ONS Geoportal</a> .
laname21	Local authority district or unitary authority name (2021). Subnational estimates for Northern Ireland are presented on the LGD2014 council areas.
country	Country coding: 'E'=England, 'W'=Wales, 'S'=Scotland, 'N'=Northern Ireland.
sex	Gender coding: 1=Female and 2=Male.
age	Value 0 to 90 corresponding to single year of age at the mid-year reference point. Age 90 refers to estimates for those aged 90 and above.
population_2021	Estimated mid-year population estimate for 30 June 2021.

For Scotland, published estimates split by sex for all ages are rounded to the nearest 10 at council area level for accuracy and ease of aggregation.

For Northern Ireland, the sum of council area population estimates (1,904,578) is higher than the official estimate for the whole of Northern Ireland (1,904,563) by a count of 15 due to rounding. The UK population estimate calculated by summing together the data in this spreadsheet will also be 15 higher than the official UK estimate.

## Notes and Definitions

These datasets provide the most detailed population estimates for mid-2021 in a machine-readable format.

These unrounded estimates are published to enable and encourage further calculations and analysis. However, the estimates should not be taken to be accurate to the level of detail provided. More information on the accuracy of the estimates is available in the [Quality and Methodology Information](#) document. Appropriate methods of disclosure control have been applied to prevent inference of information relating to individuals.

The estimated resident population of an area includes all people who usually live there, whatever their nationality. People arriving into an area from outside the UK are only included in the population estimates if their total stay or intended stay in the UK is 12 months or more. Visitors and short-term migrants (those who enter the UK for 3 to 12 months) are not included. The components of change provided in the file relate to the usual resident population only and will not show, for example, short-term migrants as part of the international migration flow.

Similarly, people who leave the UK are only excluded from the population estimates if they remain, or intend to remain, outside the UK for 12 months or more. This is consistent with the United Nations recommended definition of an international long-term migrant. Members of UK and non-UK armed forces stationed in the UK are included in the population and UK forces stationed outside the UK are excluded. Students are taken to be resident at their term time address.

Further advice on the appropriate use of these data can be obtained by emailing [pop.info@ons.gov.uk](mailto:pop.info@ons.gov.uk) or phoning +44 (0) 1329 444 661.

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