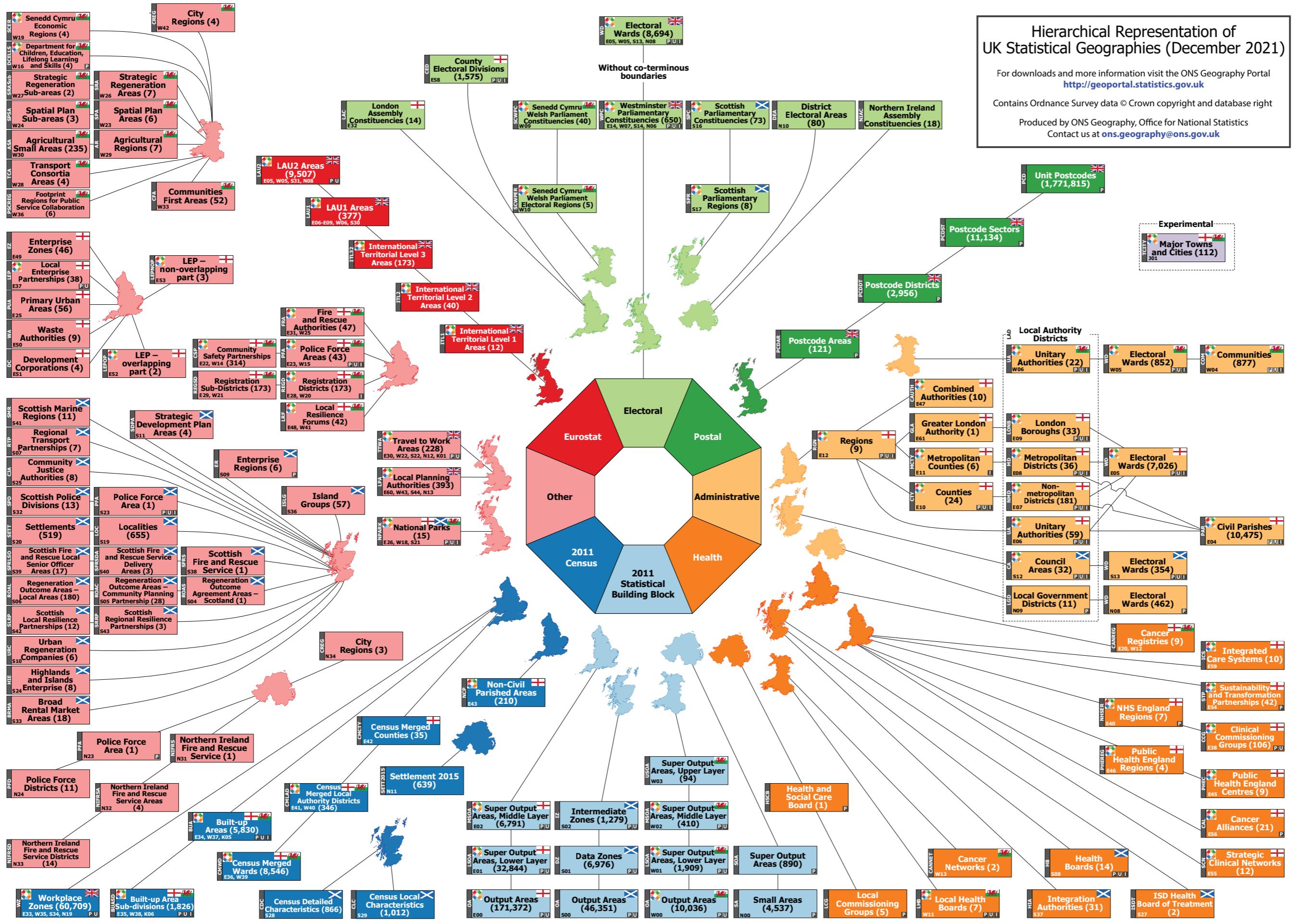


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## Key

This diagram shows the statistical geographies of the UK in a hierarchical way, divided into different geography types or groups. The main groups are shown in the central octagon, with geographies in each group colour-coded accordingly.

### Geography Groups

- 2011 Census
- 2011 Statistical Building Block
- Health
- Administrative
- Postal
- Electoral
- Eurostat
- Other
- Experimental

Higher level geographies are shown towards the centre of the diagram, with increased granularity moving down the hierarchy or away from the central octagon.

Some geographies are UK-wide, while others are specific to individual nations or groups of nations.



Where applicable, GSS entity codes are shown for each geography. A full list of these can be found in the Register of Geographic Codes (RGC).

### Geography Entity Code

- E England
- S Scotland
- W Wales
- N Northern Ireland
- K Cross-border Instance
- J Experimental

Digital boundaries are available for many geographies and can be downloaded freely from the Open Geography portal at <http://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk>

These are shown with this symbol



Geographies referenced on postcode and UPRN lookups and directories, and on the Index of Place Names, are marked with these symbols

- P NSPL and ONSPD
- P ONSPL
- U NSUL and ONSUD
- U ONSUD
- I IPN

NSPL National Statistics Postcode Lookup  
 ONSPL National Statistics Postcode Directory  
 NSUL National Statistics UPRN Lookup  
 ONSUD National Statistics UPRN Directory  
 IPN Index of Place Names