

# DC5204EW - Highest level of qualification by religion by age

## Overview

Table population All usual residents aged 16 and over

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## Dataset metadata

This dataset provides 2011 Census estimates that classify usual residents aged 16 and over in England and Wales by highest level of qualification, by religion and by age. The estimates are as at census day, 27 March 2011.

### 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

The following types of geography are available:

2011 census merged wards, 2011 super output areas - middle layer, local enterprise partnerships (as of April 2017), former metropolitan counties, local authorities: county / unitary (prior to April 2015), local authorities: district / unitary (prior to April 2015), regions, countries

### Age

Age is derived from the date of birth question and is a person's age at their last birthday, at 27 March 2011. Dates of birth that imply an age over 115 are treated as invalid and the person's age is imputed. Infants less than one year old are classified as 0 years of age.

The following Age are available:

- I All categories: Age 16 and over
- I Age 16 to 24
- I Age 25 to 49

- | Age 50 to 64
- | Age 65 and over

## Highest Level of Qualification

The highest level of qualification is derived from the question asking people to indicate all types of qualifications held. People were also asked if they held foreign qualifications and to indicate the closest equivalent. There were 12 response options (plus 'no qualifications') covering professional and vocational qualifications, and a range of academic qualifications. These are combined into five categories for the highest level of qualification, plus a category for no qualifications and one for other qualifications (which includes vocational or work-related qualifications, and for foreign qualifications where an equivalent qualification was not indicated).

'Highest level of qualification' has been split into four levels, plus categories for 'Apprenticeship' 'Other' and 'None':

- | No qualifications;
- | Level 1: 1-4 O Levels/CSE/GCSEs (any grades), Entry Level, Foundation Diploma, NVQ Level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic/Essential Skills;
- | Level 2: 5+ O Level (Passes)/CSEs (Grade 1)/GCSEs (Grades A\*-C), School Certificate, 1 A Level/ 2-3 AS Levels/VCEs, Intermediate/Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First/General Diploma, RSA Diploma;
- | Apprenticeship;
- | Level 3: 2+ A Levels/VCEs, 4+ AS Levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression/Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma, NVQ Level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma;
- | Level 4 and above: Degree (for example BA, BSc), Higher Degree (for example MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ Level 4-5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, Foundation degree (NI), Professional qualifications (for example teaching, nursing, accountancy);
- | Other qualifications: Vocational/Work-related Qualifications, Foreign Qualifications (not stated/level unknown).

The following Highest Level of Qualification are available:

- | All categories: Highest level of qualification
- | No qualifications
- | Level 1 qualifications
- | Level 2 qualifications
- | Apprenticeship
- | Level 3 qualifications
- | Level 4 qualifications and above
- | Other qualifications

## Religion

The voluntary question on religion in the 2011 Census was intended to capture people's religious affiliation and identification at the time of the Census irrespective of whether they practised or believed in that religion or how important it was in their lives. If a person had no religion then the first of a series of tick boxes could be selected. Care should be taken when using these data not to infer, or allow the inference by others, that the practice of a religion or specific religious activities that are expected of believers has been measured. Unlike other census questions where missing answers are imputed, this question was voluntary, and where no answer was provided the response is categorised as 'not stated'.

Due to an error in the processing of census data, the number of usual residents in the 'Religion not stated' category has been overestimated by a total of 62,000 for three local authorities: Camden, Islington and Tower Hamlets. More information from the [Census issues and corrections](#) page.

The following Religion are available:

- | All categories: Religion
- | Christian
- | Buddhist
- | Hindu
- | Jewish
- | Muslim
- | Sikh
- | Other religion
- | No religion
- | Religion not stated