

# LC2202EW - National identity by ethnic group

## Overview

Table population All usual residents

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## Dataset metadata

This dataset provides 2011 Census estimates that classify usual residents in England and Wales by national identity and by ethnic group. The estimates are as at census day, 27 March 2011.

This information is used to measure community cohesion by providing a clearer understanding of how people identify themselves within the UK. It also provides public bodies with a better understanding of the communities that they serve, and, combined with other statistical analysis, highlights areas of deprivation among different cultural groups. This information is used to plan services and target resources, and allows public authorities to assess and tackle discrimination.

### 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:

NHS area teams, clinical commissioning groups, built-up areas including subdivisions, built-up areas, national assembly for wales electoral regions 2010, postcode areas, postcode districts, postcode sectors, national assembly for wales constituencies 2010, parishes 2011, 2011 local health boards, 2011 wards, 2011 super output areas - middle layer, 2011 super output areas - lower layer, 2011 output areas, local enterprise partnerships (as of April 2021), parliamentary constituencies 2010, former metropolitan counties, local authorities: county / unitary (prior to April 2015), local authorities: district / unitary (prior to April 2015), regions, countries

## National Identity

A person's national identity is a self-determined assessment of their own identity with respect to the country or countries with which they feel an affiliation. This assessment of identity is not dependent on legal nationality or ethnic group.

The national identity question included six tick box responses - one for each of the four parts of the UK (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish), one for British, and one for 'Other'. Where a person ticked 'Other' they were asked to write in the name of the country. People were asked to tick all options that they felt applied to them. This means that in results relating to national identity people may be classified with a single national identity or a combination of identities.

British identity excludes responses indicating an identity related to the British Virgin Islands and British Overseas Territories.

The following National Identity are available:

- | All categories: National identity
- | British only identity
- | English only identity
- | English and British only identity
- | Welsh only identity
- | Welsh and British only identity
- | Scottish only identity
- | Scottish and British only identity
- | Northern Irish only identity
- | Northern Irish and British only identity
- | Any other combination of UK identities (UK only)
- | Irish only identity
- | Irish and at least one UK identity
- | Other identity only
- | Other identity and at least one UK identity

## Ethnic Group

Ethnic group classifies people according to their own perceived ethnic group and cultural background.

The ethnic group classification in this table is based on the five broad categories from the census questionnaire, with additional detail provided for the 'White' category.

Because counts for the 'White Gypsy or Irish Traveller' category were too small, or disclosive, the category has been merged with 'Other White' for this table.

Note that for the equivalent Detailed Characteristics (DC) tables, 'White Gypsy or Irish Traveller' is split into a separate category, and not included within the 'Other White' category. This means that the 'Other White' category is not directly comparable between DC and LC tables.

It was not possible to provide further detail for the other ethnic group categories due to the disclosure risk at this lower level of geography.

The following Ethnic Group are available:

- | All categories: Ethnic group
- | White: Total
- | English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- | Irish
- | Other White
- | Mixed/multiple ethnic group
- | Asian/Asian British
- | Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
- | Other ethnic group