

# LC6201EW - Economic activity by ethnic group 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 economic activity, by ethnic group and by age. The estimates are as at census day, 27 March 2011.

Information on economic activity status - as defined by the International Labour Organisation - is used by central and local government, researchers and other organisations to understand local labour markets and to develop and monitor policies at local and regional levels. It is used to identify deprived areas, to allocate community and economic development funding, and for housing and transport planning purposes.

The statistics produced show local labour markets and social patterns linked to employment and unemployment. When used with information on sex, age, ethnicity, health and disability, the statistics identify areas where a barrier to employment exists and allow the targeting of resources and policies to get people into work. 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

## 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:

- | All categories: Age 16 and over
- | Age 16 to 49
- | Age 50 and over

## Economic Activity

Economic activity relates to whether or not a person who was working or looking for work in the week before census.

Rather than a simple indicator of whether or not someone was currently in employment, it provides a measure of whether or not a person was an active participant in the labour market.

A person's economic activity is derived from their 'Activity last week'. This is an indicator of their status or availability for employment - whether employed, actively looking for work, waiting to start a new job, available to start a new job, or their status if not employed or not seeking employment. Additional information included in the economic activity classification is also derived from information about the number of hours a person works and their type of employment - whether employed or self-employed.

The census concept of economic activity is compatible with the standard for economic status defined by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). It is one of a number of definitions used internationally to produce accurate and comparable statistics on employment, unemployment and economic status.

Employee and Self-employed totals should not be taken as absolute total

Total estimates for the categories 'Employee' and 'Self-employed' should not be taken as the absolute total for these categories because students in employment have been counted separately in this classification.

Absolute figures for those in employment, including students, are available in other census datasets including those in which the primary topic is economic activity.

The following Economic Activity are available:

- | All categories: Economic activity
- | Economically active: Total
- | In employment: Total
- | Employee: Total
- | Part-time
- | Full-time
- | Self-employed: Total
- | Part-time
- | Full-time
- | Full-time students
- | Unemployed: Total
- | Unemployed (excluding full-time students)
- | Full-time students
- | Economically inactive: Total
- | Retired
- | Student (including full-time students)
- | Looking after home or family
- | Long-term sick or disabled
- | Other

## 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