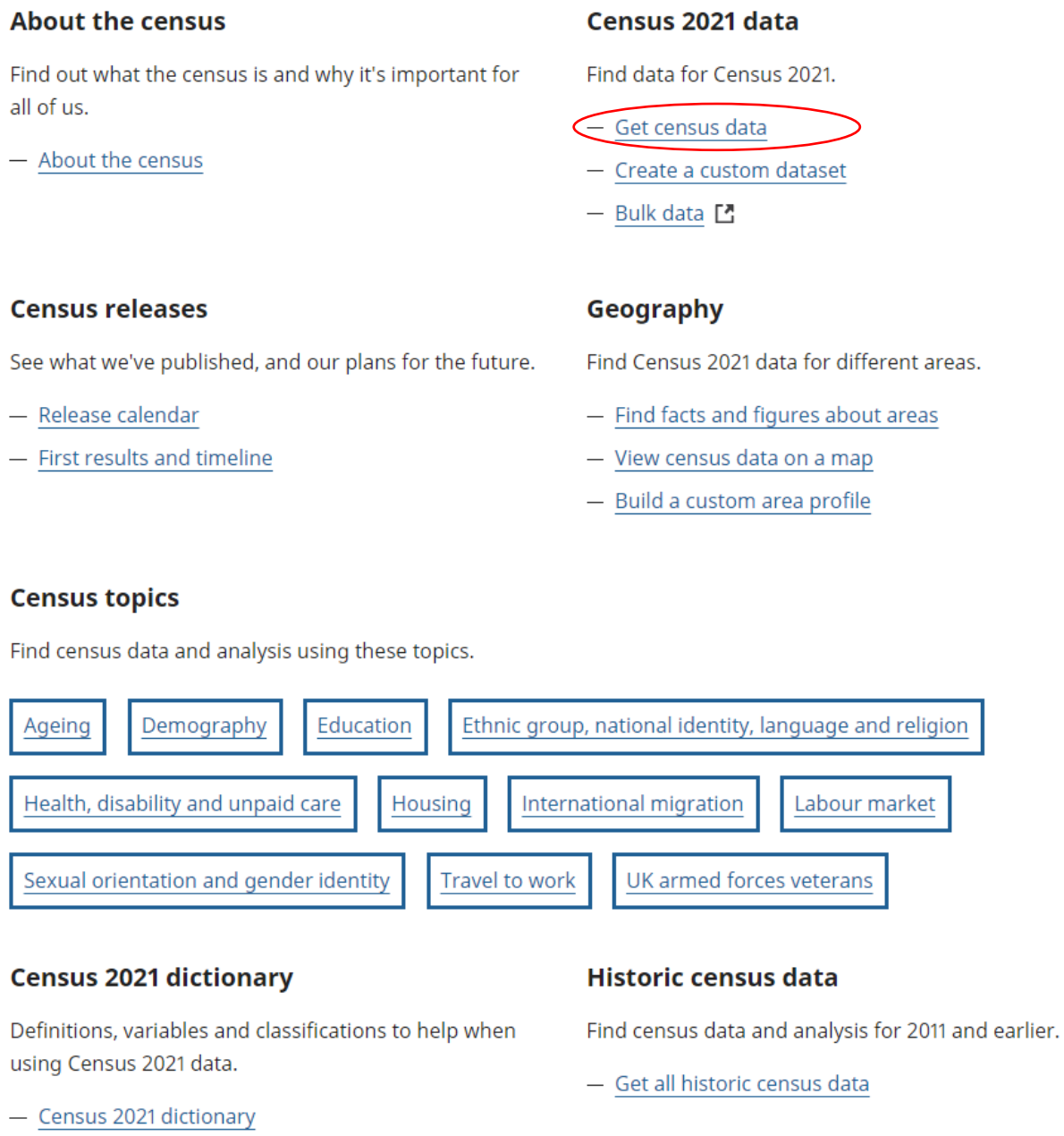
ONS Navigation Instructions

First Results data can be found by going to the **First results and timeline** section from the link - https://www.ons.gov.uk/census

After clicking on the above link, you will be presented with this page.

One way to find published Census 2021 data is to click on the **Get census data** section shown below:



Planning for Census 2021

How we researched, prepared and planned for Census 2021.

— Planning for Census 2021

Contact us

If you need help, contact census customer services.

— Census customer services

— Request a 2011 census dataset

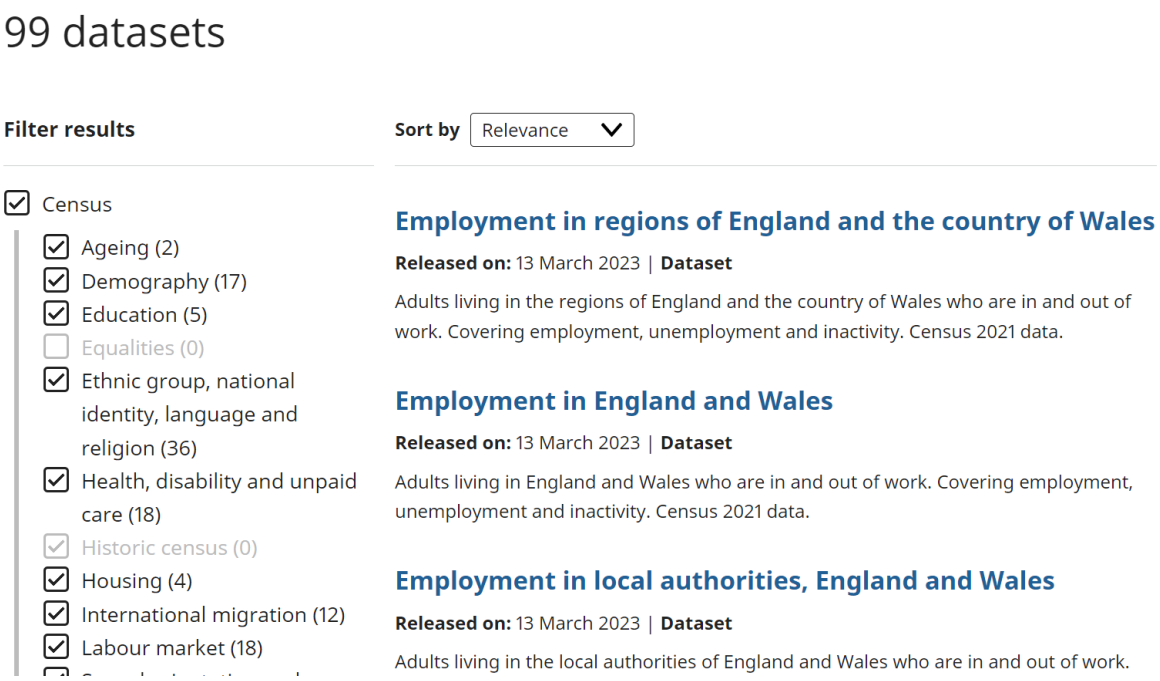
Scotland and Northern Ireland censuses

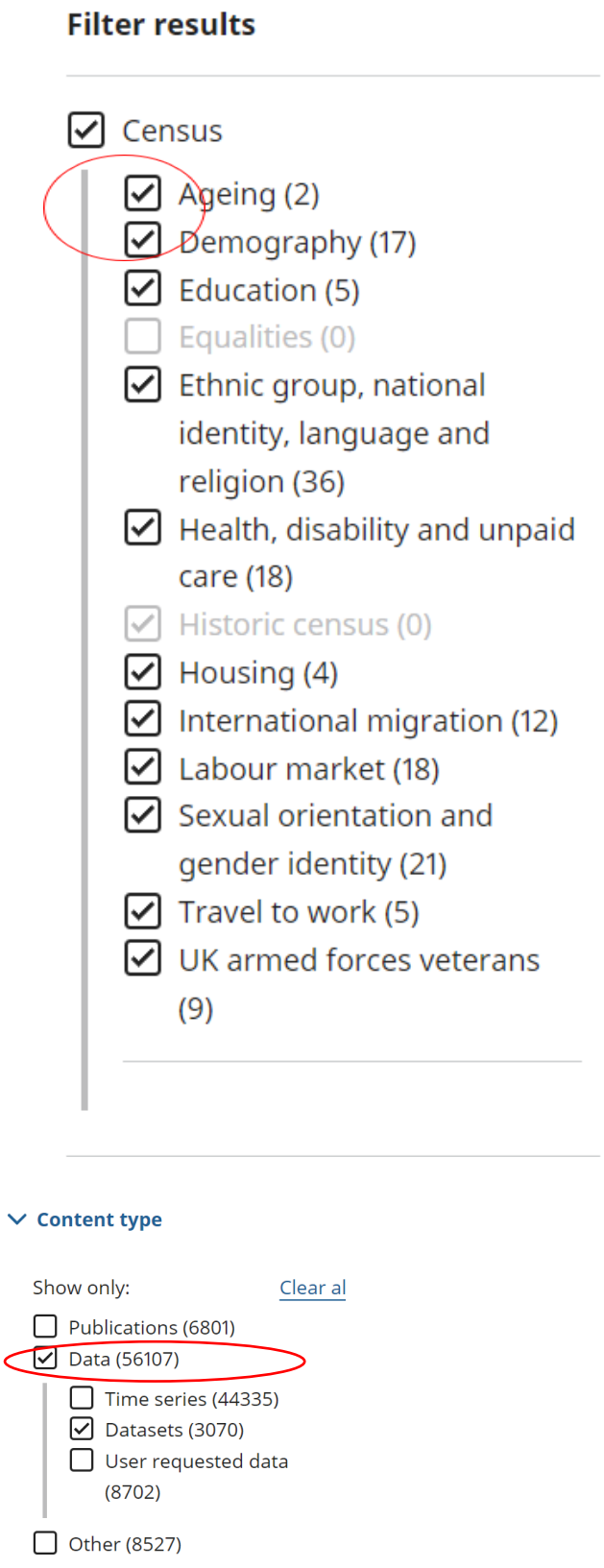
We are responsible for the census in England and Wales.

— Scotland census

— Northern Ireland census

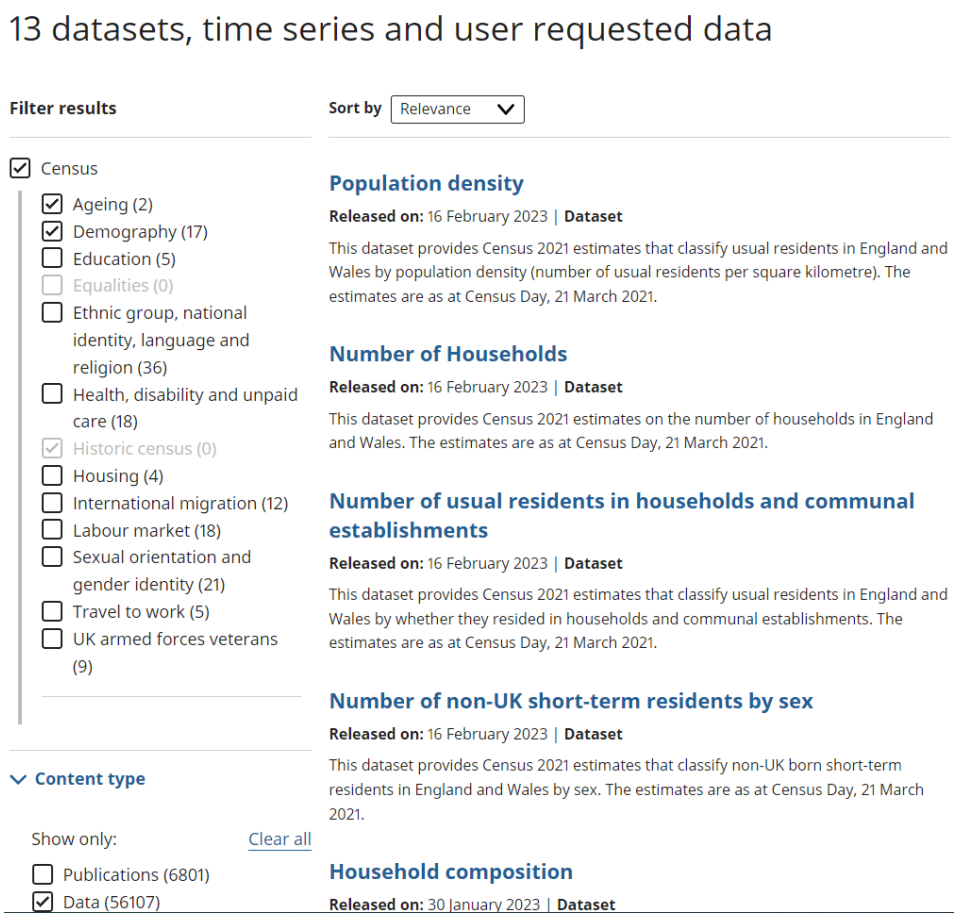
After clicking on Get Census data, a screen appears for you to choose a topic from the Filter results list on left-hand side of page. You can also select content type.





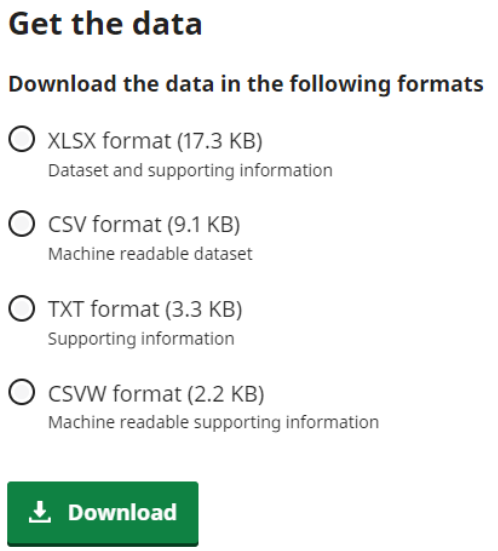
Depending on which categories are selected the relevant datasets will become available

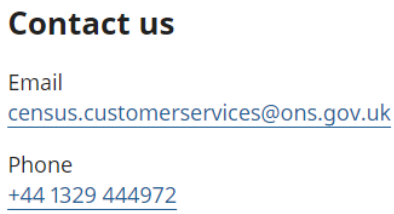
e.g., if Ageing and Demography and data boxes are ticked this screen will appear:

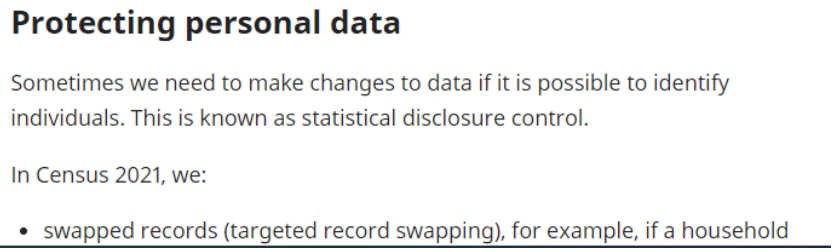


Once you have selected and clicked onto your chosen dataset e.g., Population density, this screen will appear:

If this search meets your criteria, please skip the Adjusting the datasets instructions and proceed to choose your format then click on green **Download** button.



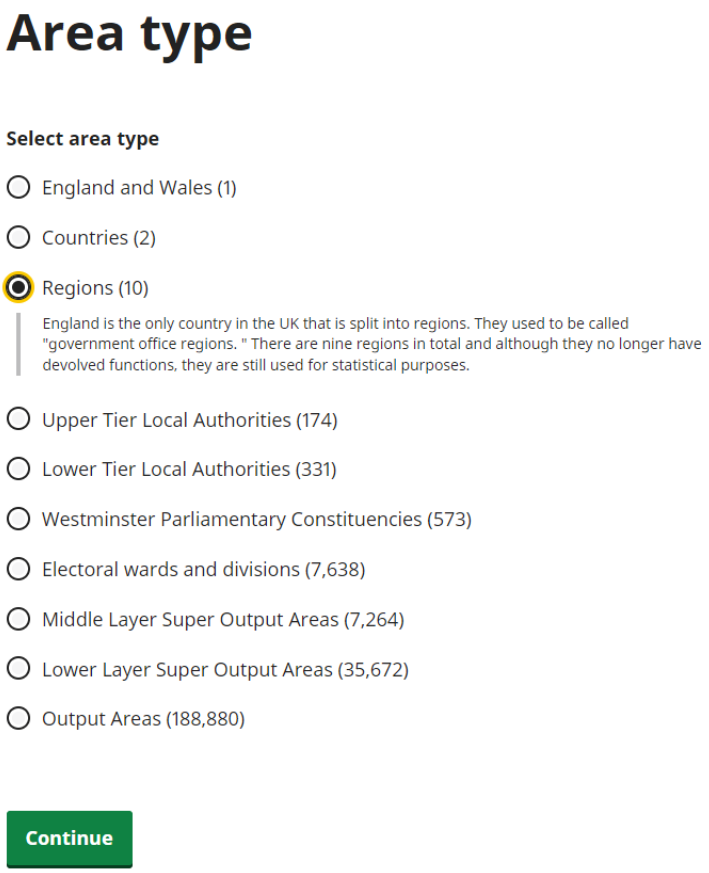




When choosing your format for your data the standard is the XLS format

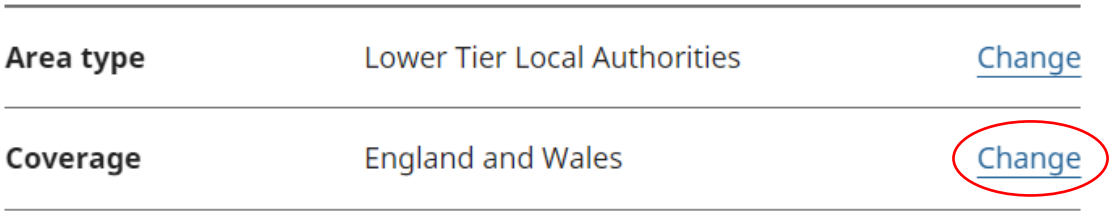
Adjusting the datasets

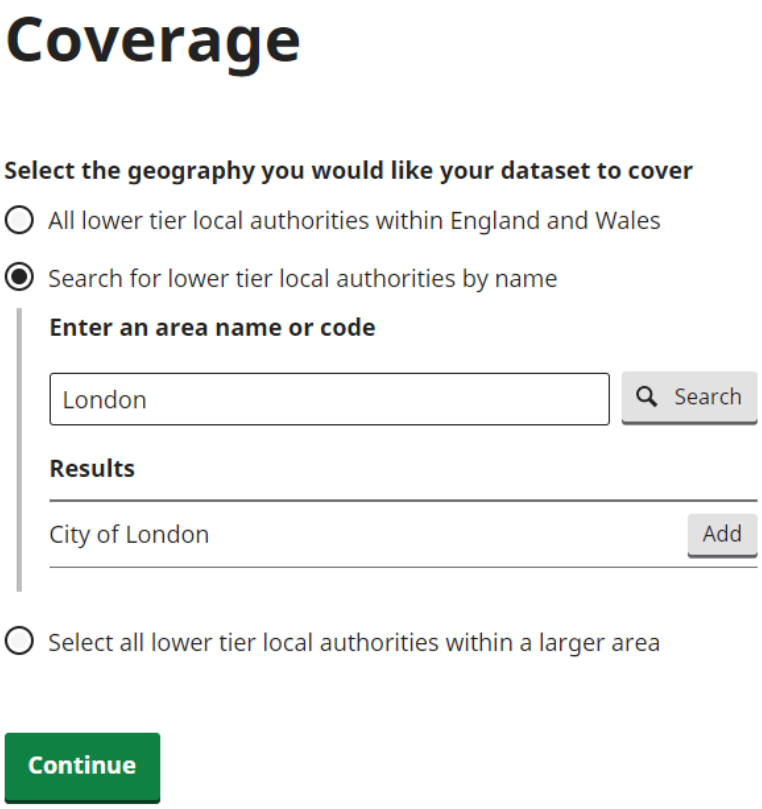
1) If you are looking for a different type of area, such as regions, you can change the **area type**.

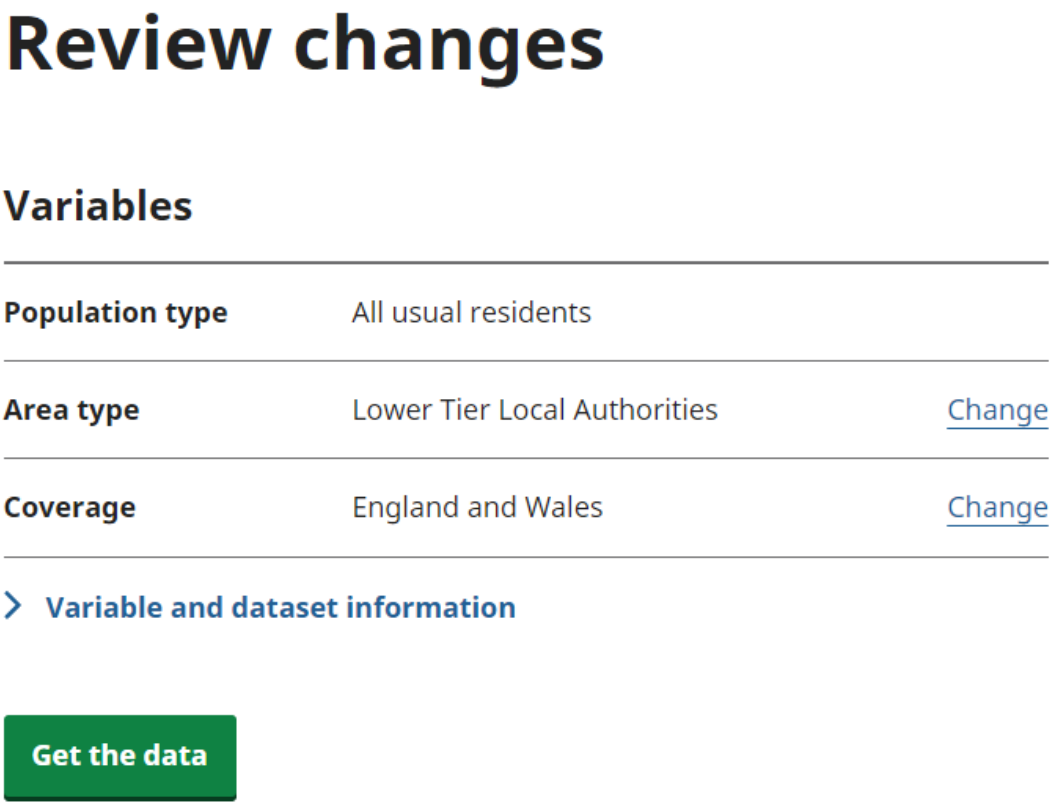


2) You can change the coverage type to London, by adjusting the **coverage**,

Please note, not all datasets will be available at Output Area, Lower Layer Super Output Areas, and Electoral wards/Divisions geographies.







Once you are happy with your specific request click on **Get the data** green button.

Alternative way to find Census 2021 data by topic

Click on specific topic box below: e.g., Ethnic group, national identity, language, and religion

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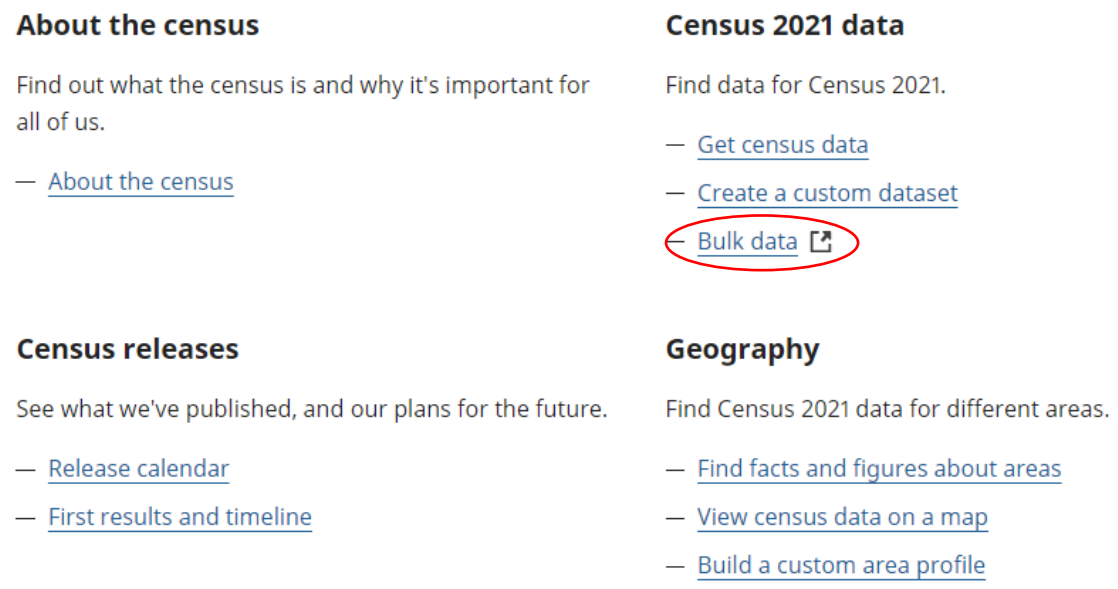
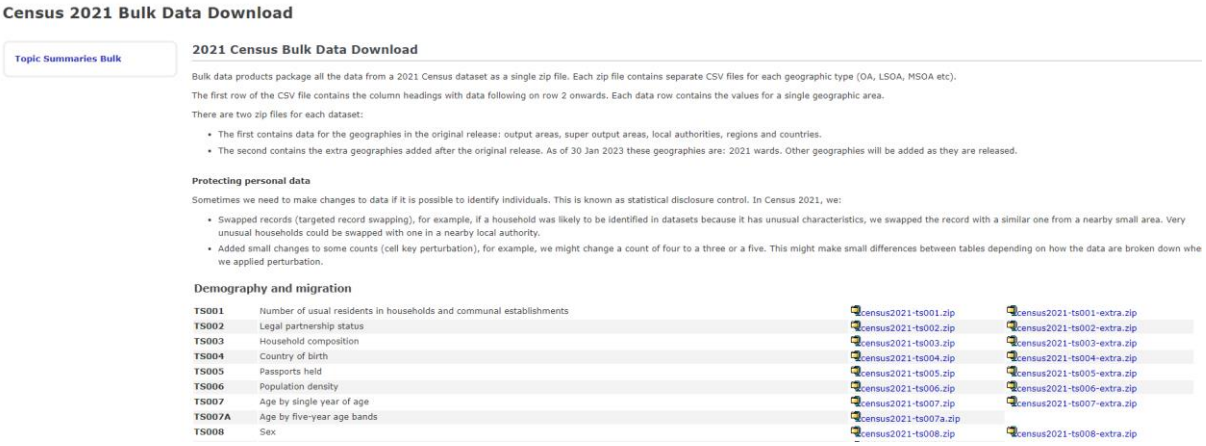
There are several other sections to Census 2021 data which may also be of interest on the Census hub page:



Bulk data allows users to download large datasets using the Nomis website. Nomis is a service run on behalf of the Office for National Statistics by Durham University.

Separate Nomis navigations are available upon request from Census Customer Services.



Census 2021 Bulk Data Download

Topic Summaries Bulk

2021 Census Bulk Data Download

Bulk data products package all the data from a 2021 Census dataset as a single zip file. Each zip file contains separate CSV files for each geographic type (OA, LSOA, MSOA etc).

The first row of the CSV file contains the column headings with data following on row 2 onwards. Each data row contains the values for a single geographic area.

There are two zip files for each dataset:

- The first contains data for the geographies in the original release: output areas, super output areas, local authorities, regions and countries.
- The second contains the extra geographies added after the original release. As of 30 Jan 2023 these geographies are: 2021 wards. Other geographies will be added as they are released.

Protecting personal data

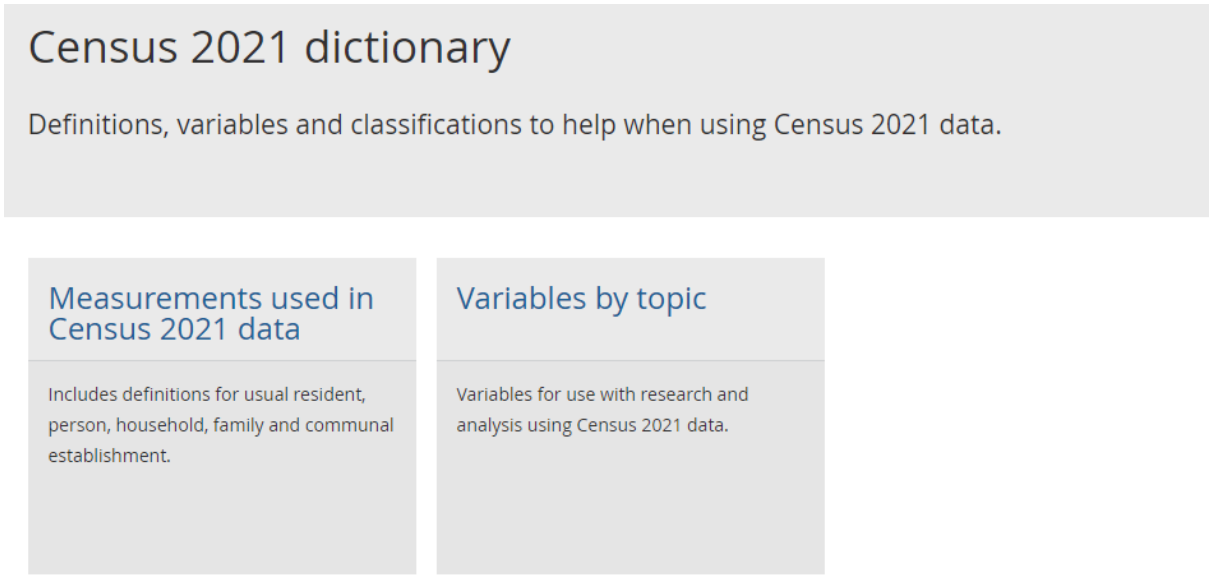
Sometimes we need to make changes to data if it is possible to identify individuals. This is known as statistical disclosure control. In Census 2021, we:

- Swapped records (targeted record swapping), for example, if a household was likely to be identified in datasets because it has unusual characteristics, we swapped the record with a similar one from a nearby small area. Very unusual households could be swapped with one in a nearby local authority.
- Added small changes to some counts (cell key perturbation), for example, we might change a count of four to a three or a five. This might make small differences between tables depending on how the data are broken down whe we applied perturbation.

Demography and migration

TS001	Number of usual residents in households and communal establishments	census2021-ts001.zip	census2021-ts001-extra.zip
TS002	Legal partnership status	census2021-ts002.zip	census2021-ts002-extra.zip
TS003	Household composition	census2021-ts003.zip	census2021-ts003-extra.zip
TS004	Country of birth	census2021-ts004.zip	census2021-ts004-extra.zip
TS005	Passports held	census2021-ts005.zip	census2021-ts005-extra.zip
TS006	Population density	census2021-ts006.zip	census2021-ts006-extra.zip
TS007	Age by single year of age	census2021-ts007.zip	census2021-ts007-extra.zip
TS007A	Age by five-year age bands	census2021-ts007a.zip	
TS008	Sex	census2021-ts008.zip	census2021-ts008-extra.zip

Census dictionary provides definitions, variables, and classifications to help when using Census 2021 data. Further information can be found by clicking on each grey tile.



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Definitions, variables and classifications to help when using Census 2021 data.

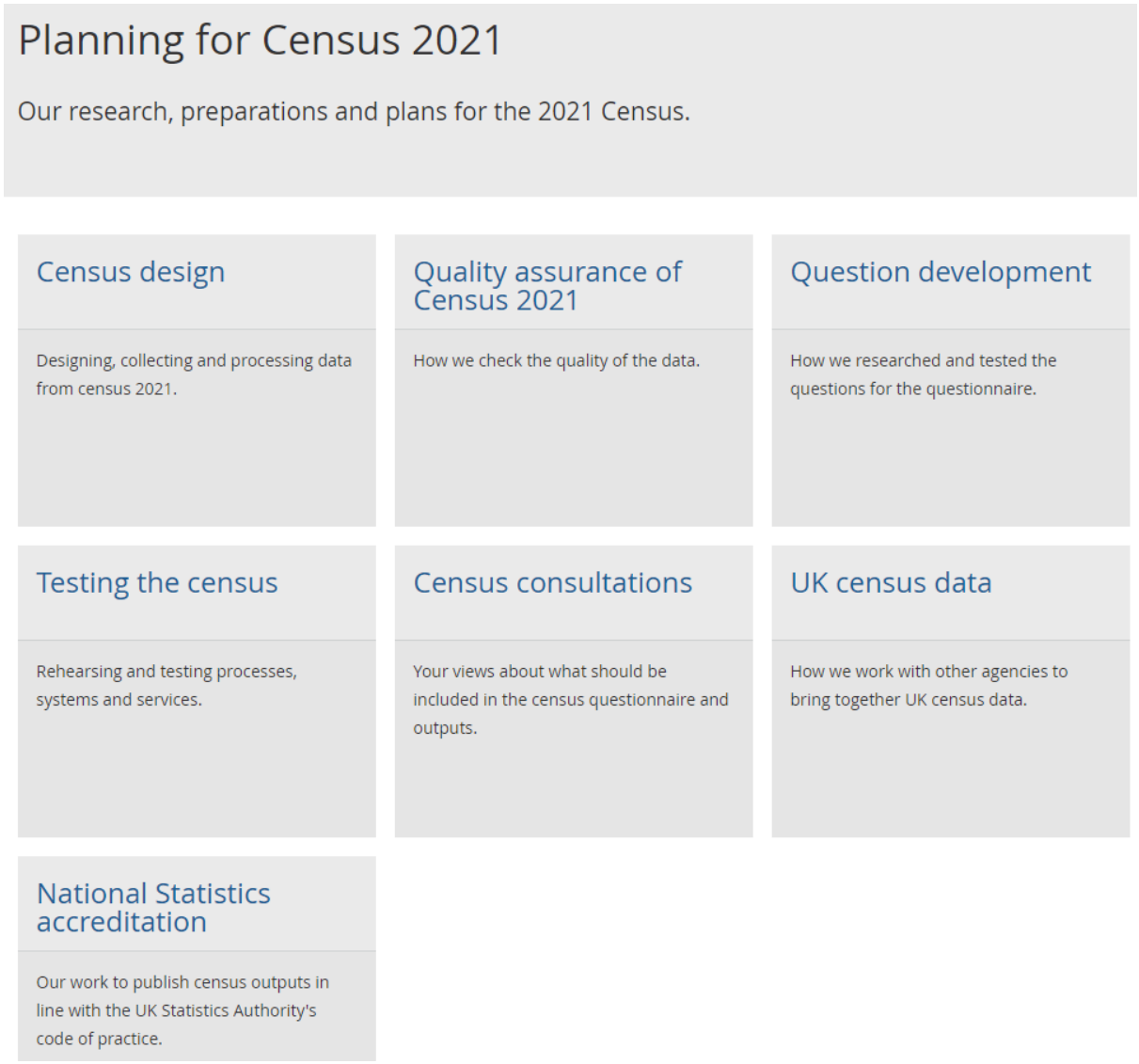
Measurements used in Census 2021 data

Includes definitions for usual resident, person, household, family and communal establishment.

Variables by topic

Variables for use with research and analysis using Census 2021 data.

Planning for the Census 2021 How we researched, prepared, and planned for Census 2021. Further information can be found by clicking on each title of each grey tile:



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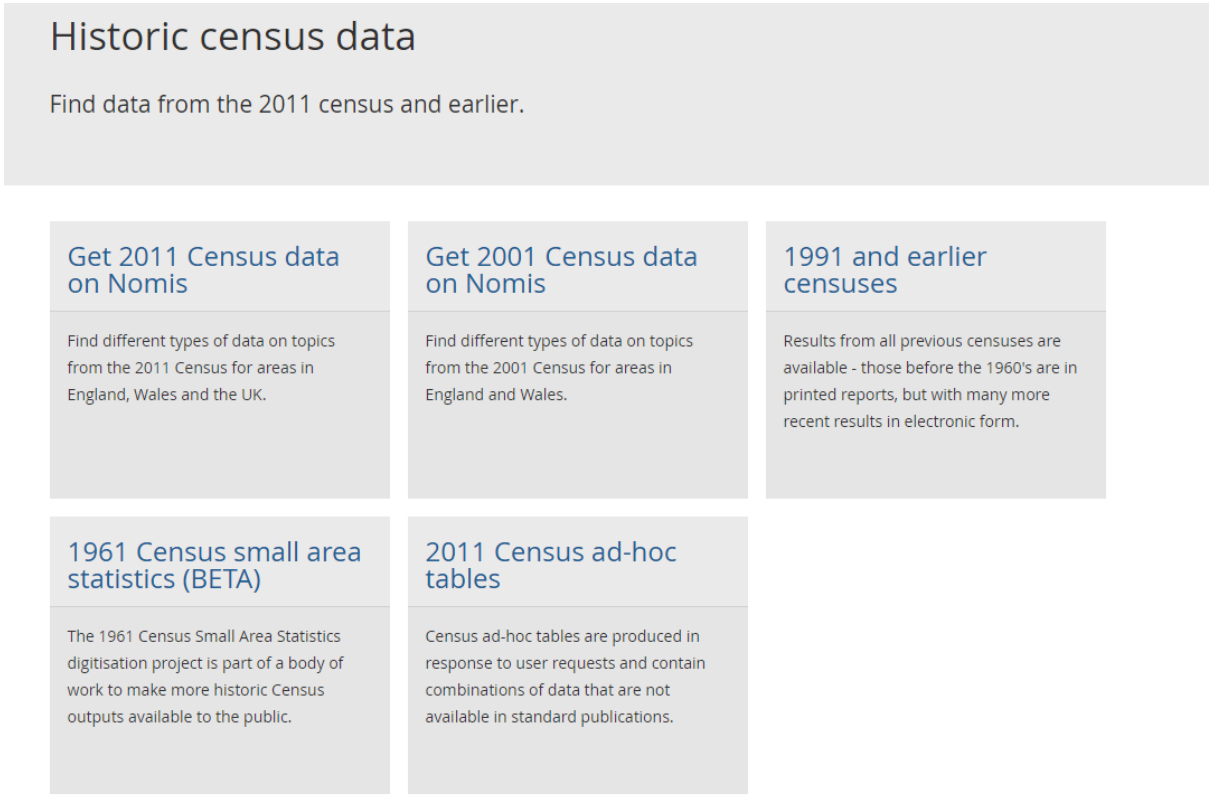
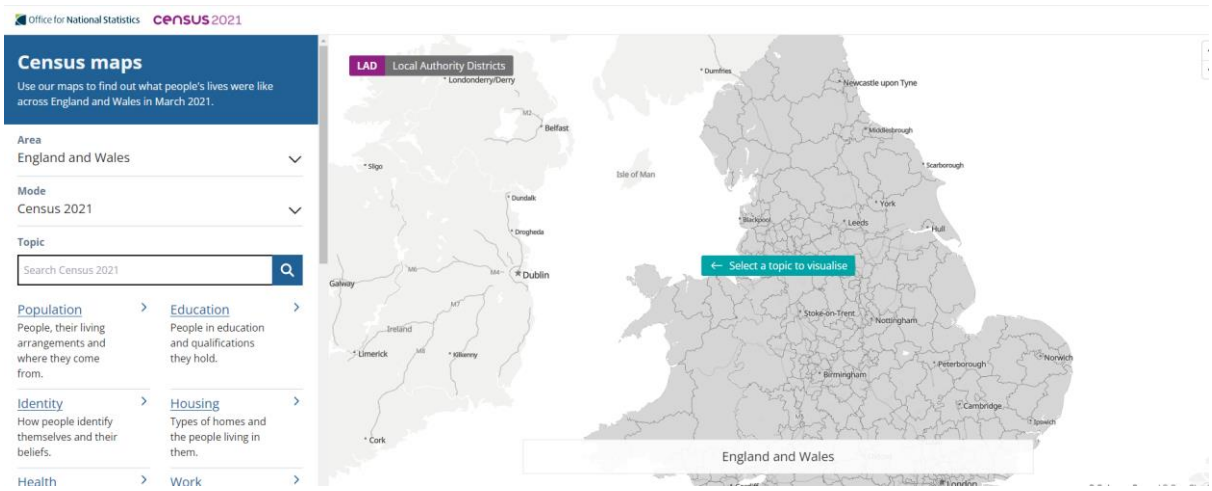


Geography

View census data on a map allows users to view Census 2021 data for different areas



Find facts and figures about areas

Find facts and figures about areas in England and Wales

Get data about people and the communities they live in, includes population, identity, housing, people in or out of work, education and health.

You can find information about your area, local authority, ward, parish or parliamentary constituency.

If you do not know the name of the area or postcode you can start your search from either England or Wales.

Search by area name or postcode
For example, "Titchfield" or "PO15 5RR"

Type an area name or postcode

Labour market and population data

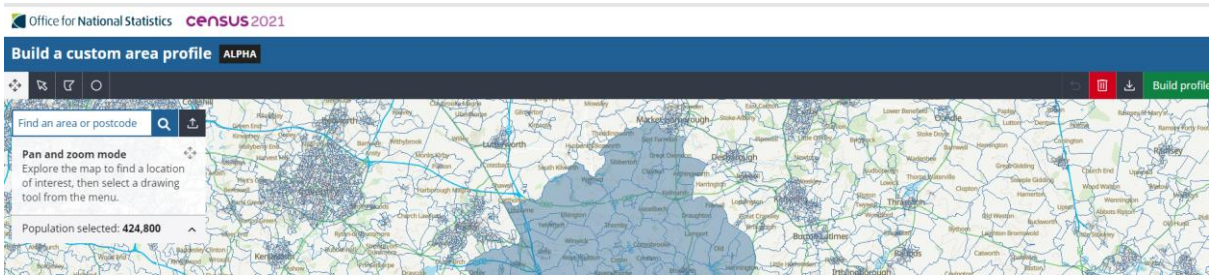
Some specialist data are also published on Nomis, an Office for National Statistics service. Find out how to get labour market and population data for areas within the UK.

Other countries in the UK

Scotland and Northern Ireland have their own agencies who produce official statistics. View facts and figures for areas in:

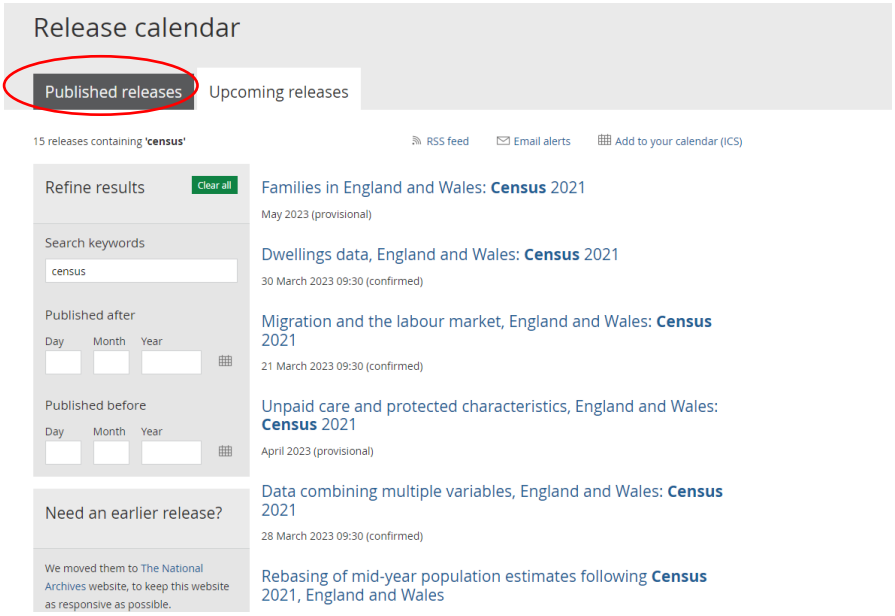
— Scotland
— Northern Ireland

Build a custom area profile is a simple tool that allows you to create a Census 2021 data profile covering any area in England and Wales, including one that you draw for yourself on a map.
Separate instructions are available.



Census releases – see what we've published, and our plans for future releases.

Release calendar Here you can select releases have been published or upcoming releases.



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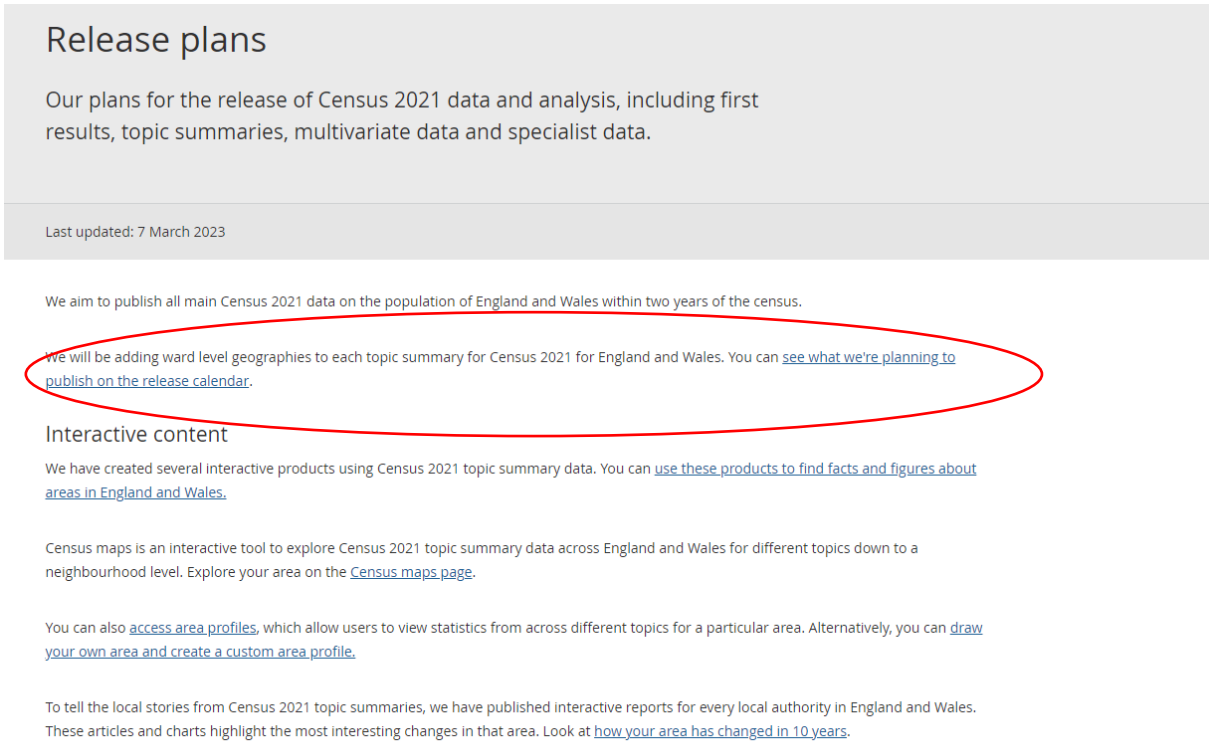


Release plans

Our plans for the release of Census 2021 data and analysis, including first results, topic summaries, multivariate data and specialist data.

Last updated: 7 March 2023

We aim to publish all main Census 2021 data on the population of England and Wales within two years of the census.

We will be adding ward level geographies to each topic summary for Census 2021 for England and Wales. You can see what we're planning to publish on the release calendar.

Interactive content

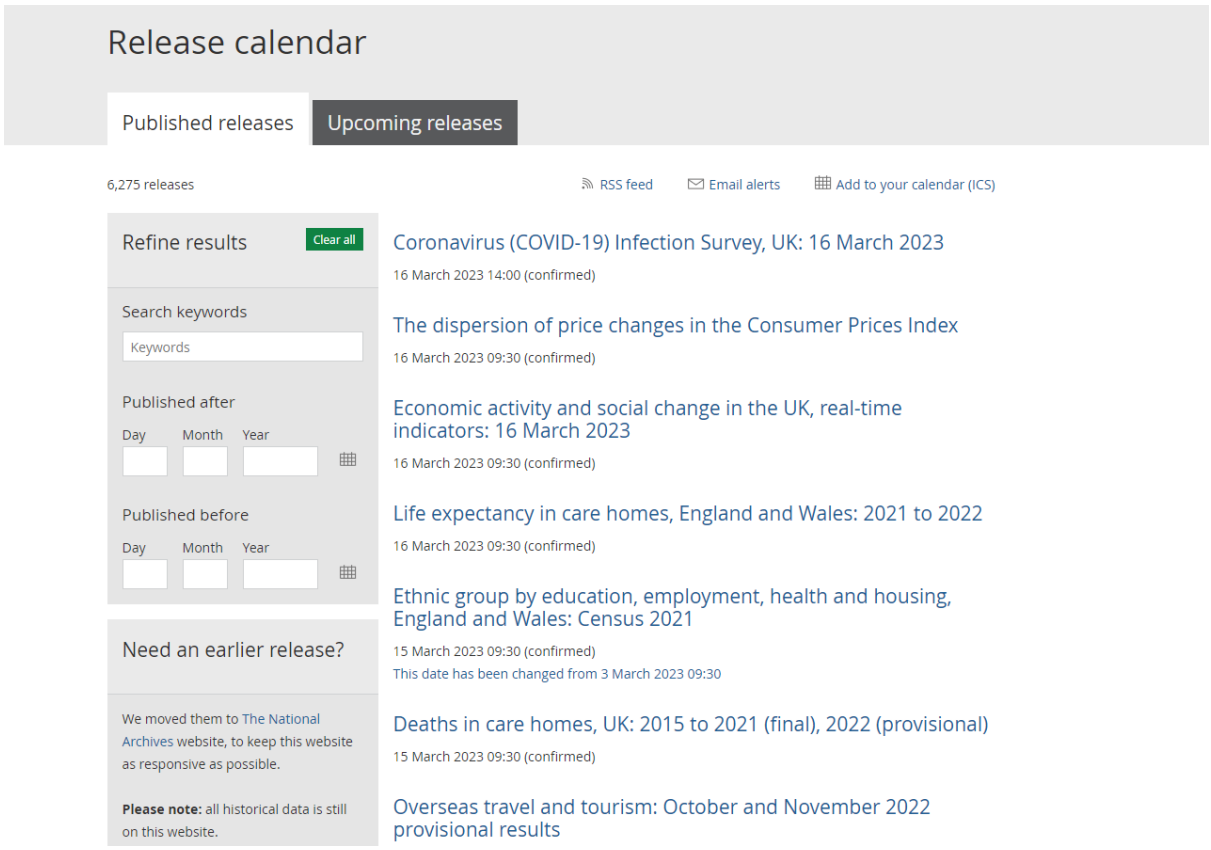
We have created several interactive products using Census 2021 topic summary data. You can use these products to find facts and figures about areas in England and Wales.

Census maps is an interactive tool to explore Census 2021 topic summary data across England and Wales for different topics down to a neighbourhood level. Explore your area on the Census maps page.

You can also access area profiles, which allow users to view statistics from across different topics for a particular area. Alternatively, you can draw your own area and create a custom area profile.

To tell the local stories from Census 2021 topic summaries, we have published interactive reports for every local authority in England and Wales. These articles and charts highlight the most interesting changes in that area. Look at how your area has changed in 10 years.

Clicking on the highlighted link returns you to the Release calendar.



Release calendar

Published releases | Upcoming releases

6,275 releases

RSS feed | Email alerts | Add to your calendar (ICS)

Refine results — Clear all

Search keywords

Keywords

Published after

Day Month Year

Published before

Day Month Year

Need an earlier release?

We moved them to The National Archives website, to keep this website as responsive as possible.

Please note: all historical data is still on this website.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey, UK: 16 March 2023
16 March 2023 14:00 (confirmed)

The dispersion of price changes in the Consumer Prices Index
16 March 2023 09:30 (confirmed)

Economic activity and social change in the UK, real-time indicators: 16 March 2023
16 March 2023 09:30 (confirmed)

Life expectancy in care homes, England and Wales: 2021 to 2022
16 March 2023 09:30 (confirmed)

Ethnic group by education, employment, health and housing, England and Wales: Census 2021
15 March 2023 09:30 (confirmed)
This date has been changed from 3 March 2023 09:30

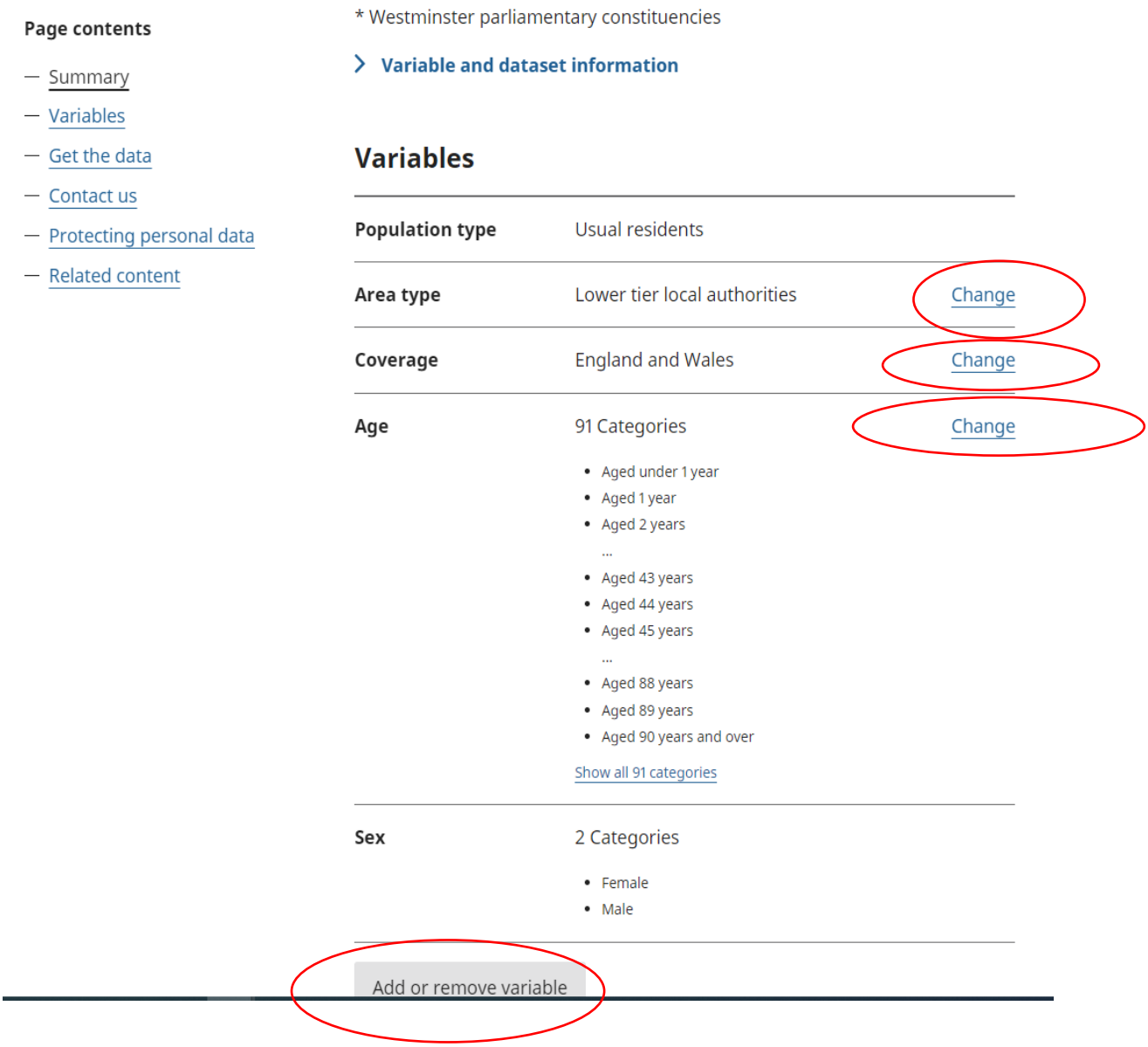
Deaths in care homes, UK: 2015 to 2021 (final), 2022 (provisional)
15 March 2023 09:30 (confirmed)

Overseas travel and tourism: October and November 2022 provisional results

Flexible datasets can be accessed here: [Data combining multiple variables, England and Wales: Census 2021]

Select a dataset from the list that appears:

Select dataset: e.g., Sex by single year of age (detailed)



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Variables

Population type	Usual residents	
Area type	Lower tier local authorities	Change
Coverage	England and Wales	Change
Age	91 Categories • Aged under 1 year • Aged 1 year • Aged 2 years ... • Aged 43 years • Aged 44 years • Aged 45 years ... • Aged 88 years • Aged 89 years • Aged 90 years and over Show all 91 categories	Change
Sex	2 Categories • Female • Male	

Add or remove variable

You can change Area type, coverage and variable and add or remove variable:

If you require any further assistance with accessing census data from any census year, please contact us at census.customerservices@ons.gov.uk