

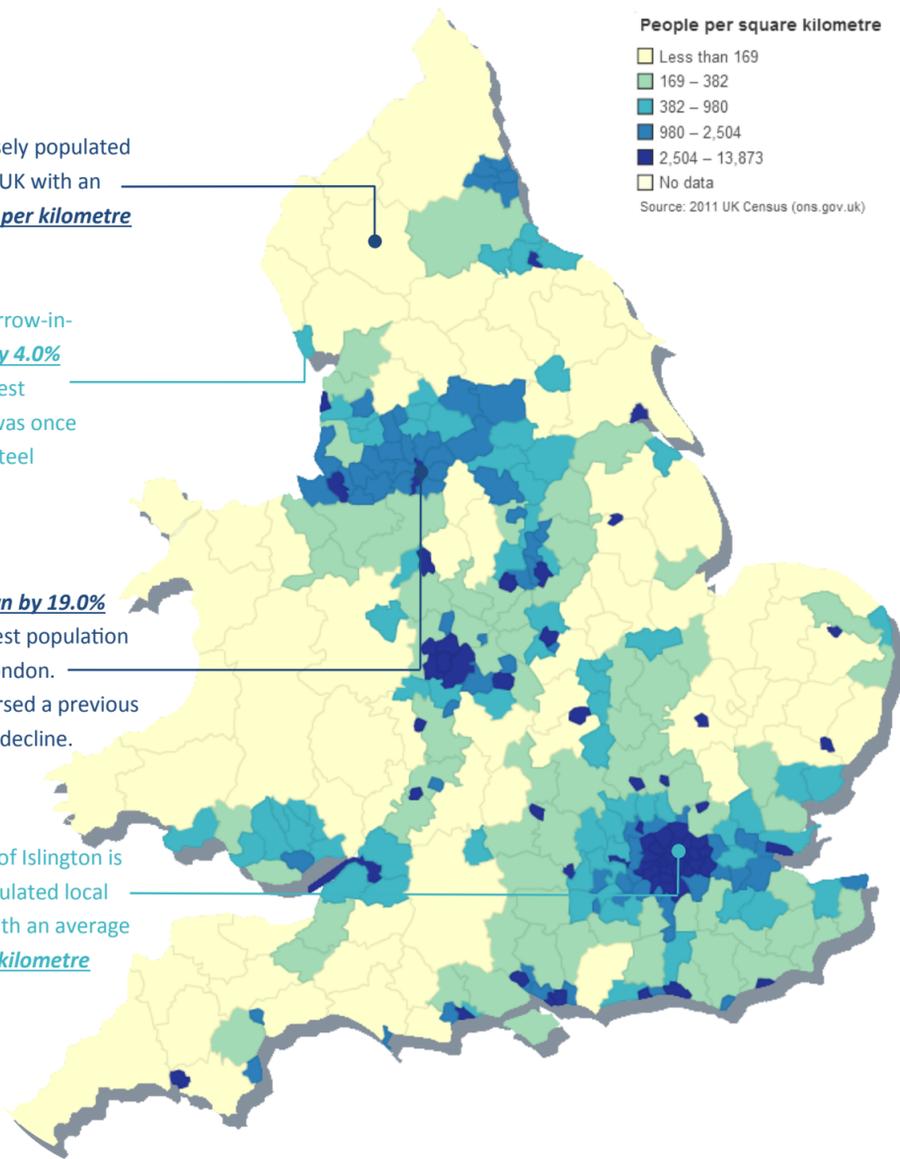
## UK population distribution

Eden is the least densely populated local authority in the UK with an average of **25 people per kilometre**

The population of Barrow-in-Furness has **shrunk by 4.0%** since 2001, the greatest decline in the UK. It was once the largest iron and steel centre in the world

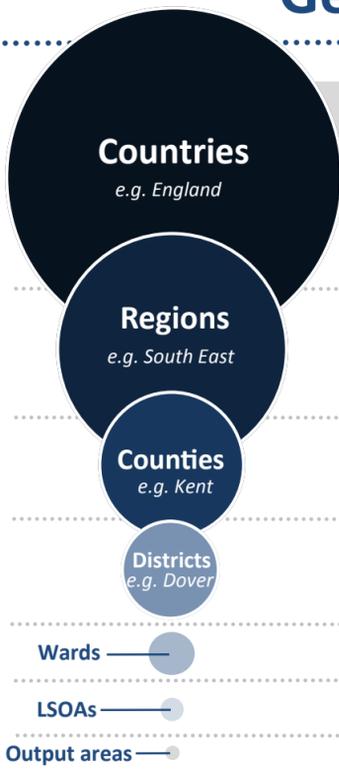
Manchester has **grown by 19.0%** since 2001, the greatest population increase outside of London. Immigration has reversed a previous record of population decline.

The London Borough of Islington is the most densely populated local authority in the UK with an average of **13,873 people per kilometre**



Map to show population density throughout England and Wales, by local authority. Source: 2011 UK Census (ONS)

## Geography of the UK



The UK census data is geographically located. This allows people to compare the characteristics of different areas. Data is available at a number of scales, from Countries down to 'Output Areas'. Here's how the scale works...

The UK has **four countries**: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

England currently has **nine regions**: North East, North West, Yorkshire and Humber, East Midlands, West Midlands, East of England, London, South East and South West.

The UK is divided into a total of **36 counties**, including but not limited to: Nottinghamshire, Essex, Pembrokeshire, Stirling, Derry and Greater London.

Counties are sub-divided into **districts, boroughs and local authorities**. This is the UK's lowest tier of local government.

**Electoral wards** have an average of around 6,000 residents. Used for voting.

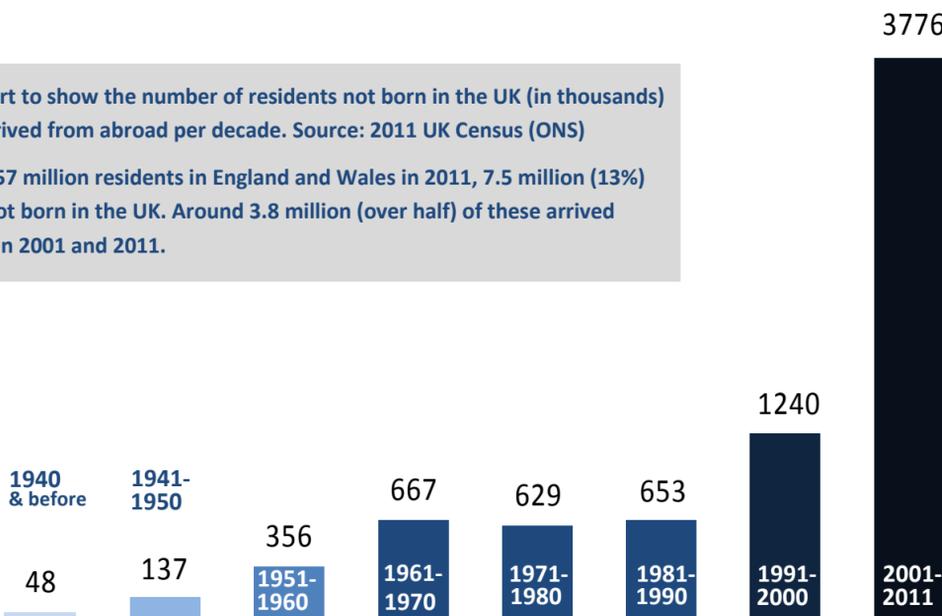
**Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs)** have an average of around 1,500 residents.

**Output Areas** have an average of around 300 residents. This is the lowest level at which census data is available to ensure the anonymity of households.

## Boom in immigration

Bar chart to show the number of residents not born in the UK (in thousands) that arrived from abroad per decade. Source: 2011 UK Census (ONS)

Of the 57 million residents in England and Wales in 2011, 7.5 million (13%) were not born in the UK. Around 3.8 million (over half) of these arrived between 2001 and 2011.



## Linguistic diversity

**49**

'main languages' in the UK. Defined as having more than 15,000 speakers.

**107**

languages spoken in the London Borough of Hillingdon, the most linguistically diverse local authority in the UK.

Native speakers: Selected first languages of residents of England and Wales

**133,000**  
people's first language is **Portuguese**

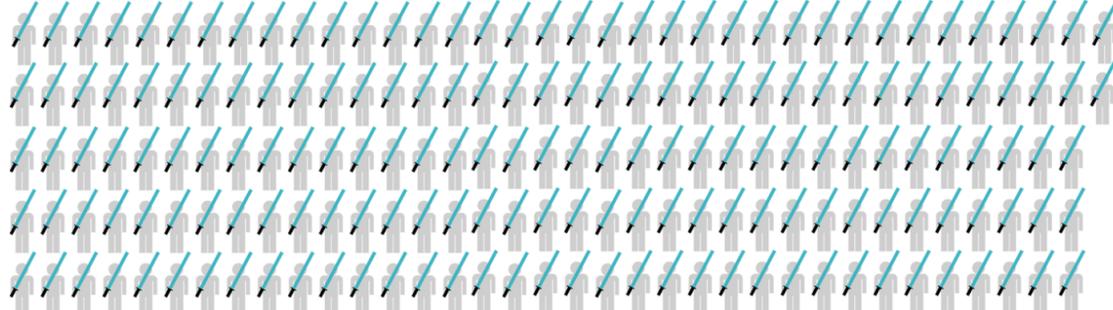
**147,000**  
people's first language is **French**

**273,000**  
people's first language is **Punjabi**

**546,000**  
people's first language is **Polish**. It is outspoken by only English and Welsh.



## Misleading data?



**176,632**

People nationwide claimed to be **'Jedi Knights'** according to the 2011 UK census, down from around 330,000 in 2001

**1 icon = 1000 people**

The UK census relies on people being honest. This has led to thousands claiming to follow the 'Jedi' religion of the fictional Star Wars goodies. In response to the closed question of 'what is your religion', people can answer 'Any other religion'. This then leads to an open-ended option of writing in your own self-defined answer.