



2021 Census



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Caution – please read

The most common statistical outputs from the 2021 Census relate to the population defined as 'usually resident' on census day (21 March 2021). Unfortunately, that date was during a period of COVID-19 lockdown and/or restrictions which affected the number of people living in Camden.

At that time, many people were absent who would normally be present – including many students, younger workers, EU nationals and people with access to alternative or second addresses. Although people may have subsequently returned, they will not be seen in the 2021 Census data. ONS hope to make an estimate of those missed and to include these as an adjustment into their revised mid-year population estimates series going forward. This is an experimental process which may be subject to revisions in time.

ONS is adamant that the 2021 Census process was robust and their methods worked well to estimate the people living in Camden at the time of the census. ONS recognise the unique time that the census took place, so results will not reflect completely the people resident prior to the pandemic.

As a result, caution is advised when using the 2021 Census statistics for Camden.

2021 Census in Camden Guide

- [Guide to using census statistics in Camden](#)

2021 Census Topic Summary highlights

- [2021 Census Area Profile Camden borough](#) (based on Topic Summary tables)
- [2021 Census Area Profile Camden wards](#) (based on Topic Summary tables)

2021 Census Topic Summary tables

Topic Summaries include sets of data, or datasets, most of which include data from a single variable. A variable is a particular characteristic of a person or household, for example, religion or accommodation type.

The topic summaries include:

- **Demography and migration** Link to [tables](#).
- **Armed forces veterans** Link to [tables](#).
- **Ethnic group, national identity, language & religion** Link to [tables](#).
- **Labour market and travel to work** Link to [tables](#).
- **Housing** Link to [tables](#).
- **Sexual orientation and gender identity** Link to [tables](#).
- **Education** Link to [tables](#).
- **Health, disability and unpaid care** Link to [tables](#).
- **Ward Profiles based on Topic Summary tables** Link to [profiles](#)
- **An index file with a full list of Topic Summary tables** Link to [index](#)

2021 Census Ready Made Tables

Ready Made Tables are a standard set of multivariate (cross-tabulation) tables. These give more than one dimension, e.g. General health by Tenure. ONS has produced a set of Ready Made tables (available from [NOMIS](#)). Tables that provide a comparison of Camden with Greater London and England have been prepared: [Link to Ready Made tables index](#)

2021 Census Approximated Social Grade Tables

Approximated Social Grade Tables are a set of multi-variate cross-tabulations that provide 'an estimation of the financial and social situation of usual residents in households and how this differs by age and sex, and ethnic group' (available from [NOMIS](#)).

[Link to Approximated Social Grade tables index](#)

2021 Census Small Population Tables

Small Population Tables provide basic information for small populations, subject to a minimum threshold of 200 persons (available from [NOMIS](#)).

[Link to Small Population tables index](#)

2021 Census Flexible Table Builder (create a custom dataset)

Flexible Table Builder is an online tool with which to extract bespoke multivariate (cross-tabulation) tables. It provides the ability to extract multi-dimension (cross-tabulations) of pre-checked census data. The table builder assesses whether the options you have chosen in terms of census variables and geography are non-disclosive and thus able to be downloaded. Follow the instructions on the ONS website [Create a custom dataset](#) page.

Note that the output is in the form of a .CSV file and that knowledge of Excel pivot tables or other means of data manipulation are required to better interpret the data.

Further Assistance and information

- Link to all available data tables for all geographies on the [NOMIS website](#).
- NOMIS local authority profile: [2021 Census Area Profile Camden borough](#)
- ONS: [How life has changed in Camden: Census 2011-2021](#) (semi-automated, visualisation)
- ONS [2021 Census maps analysis tool](#) and
- ONS: [metadata dictionary](#).

For any further assistance with Camden census data, contact population@camden.gov.uk.