

## A guide to finding local area data using the 2021 UK Census (England and Wales)

This guide will show you how to find information about your local area using the UK Census and how to compare this to the results from the [Making Music census comparison survey](#).

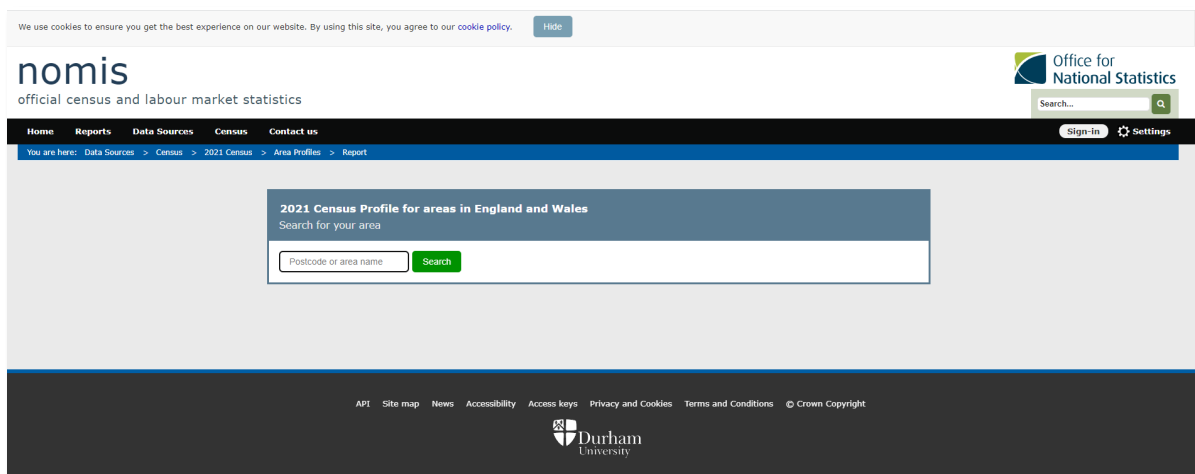
To find information about your local area, there are two options we suggest: using the Nomis Area Profiles or creating a Custom Area Profile.

Nomis is a service provided by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). They publish statistics at a national, regional, and local level, and have created profiles for each local authority that report some of the data from the 2021 census.

On the ONS website you can create a Custom Area Profile. This means you can be much more specific with the area you are looking at, but the data that is provided through this system is more simplistic than in the Nomis Area Profiles.

### [Nomis Area Profiles](#)

This website lets you view area profiles for local authorities in England and Wales. It generates a report that covers the characteristics of people and households in that area. It shows the same characteristics for each area; you cannot create a custom list.



Enter a place name or post code into the search bar and select the area. This will generate the area profile.

Each topic shows the count of people that have a specific characteristic, along with the total count of people. It also shows what this means as a percentage of the total.

Using the percentage is the easiest way to compare this data to the data of your music group.

Underneath each table there is an option to ‘see table notes’. This provides a bit more context for the table and what questions were asked, as well as a note as to how comparable the data is to 2011.

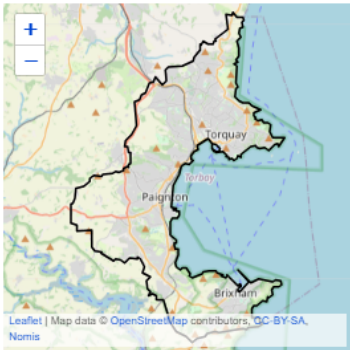
## Torbay Local Authority

### 2021 Census Area Profile

#### Summary

This report covers the characteristics of people and households in Torbay Local Authority in South West (GSS code E06000027). Figures are sourced from the 2021 census.

Area Profiles allow users to view local statistics across different topics and compare them to national statistics. They currently use local authority level data, and more data and geographies will be added over time.



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#### Demography

##### Sex

	Persons	
	count	%
All usual residents	139,324	100.0
Female	71,493	51.3
Male	67,831	48.7

In order to protect personal information, records have been swapped between different geographic areas and counts perturbed by small amounts. Small counts at the lowest geographies will be most affected.

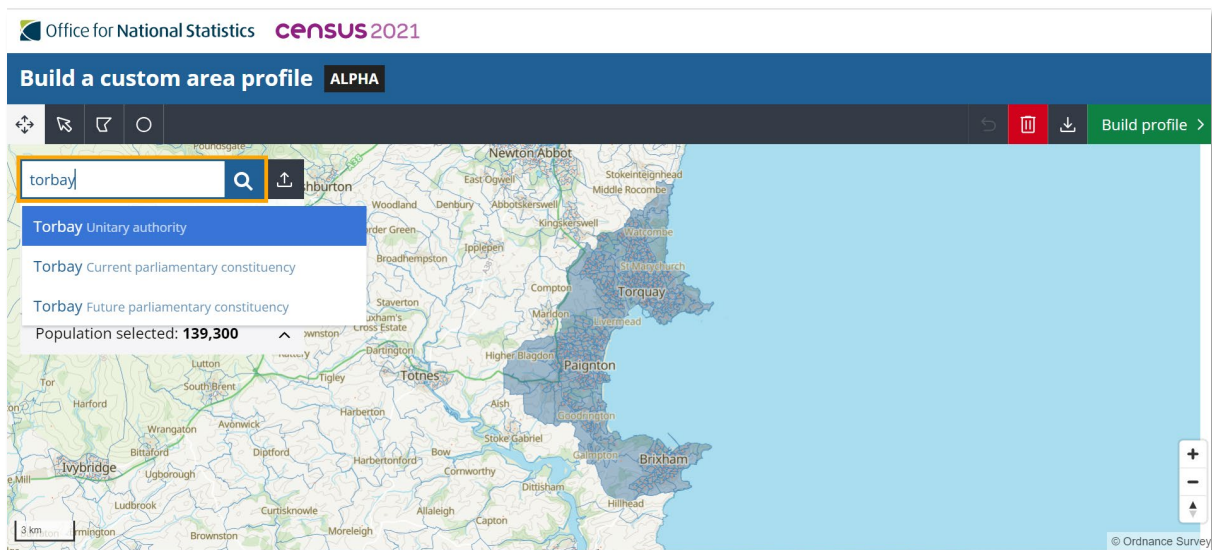
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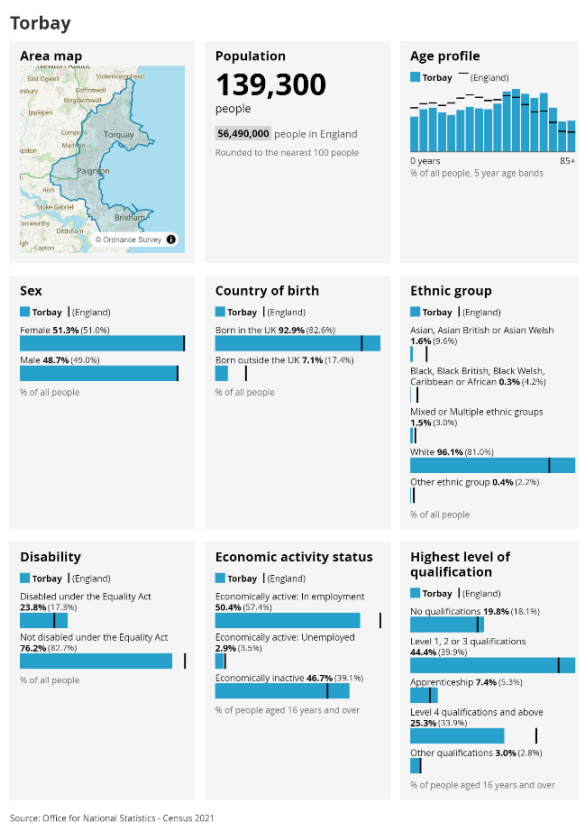
## Custom Area Profiles

Visit this website to create a profile for a completely custom area. You can either search for an area, or you can draw it onto the map.



Once you've selected the area you want, click 'Build Profile' and this will take you to a dashboard where you can select the topics you would like to see. You can export this as an image or a CSV file.

There is more information on how to use this tool in this blog post by the ONS: <https://digitalblog.ons.gov.uk/2023/01/17/custom-profiles/>



# Guidance for comparing data from the census to the Making Music survey (England and Wales)

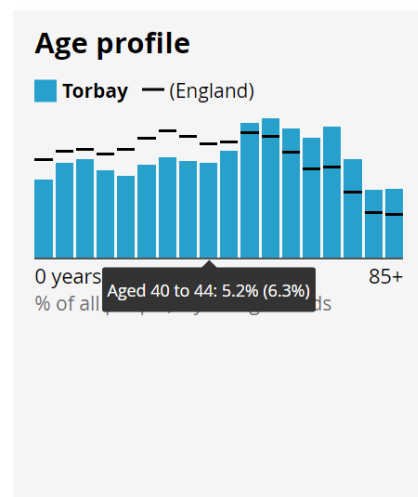
We selected questions for the census comparison survey based on the information that is available in the Nomis Area Profiles for each local authority. Most of the data is available in the Custom Area Profiles as well, but usually this is less detailed. This section of the guide will show you where to find the comparative data for each question.

## How old are you?

Age data is available in the Nomis Area Profile, and the Custom Area Profile. In the Custom Area Profile it tells you the percentage for the five-year age band and how this compares to England.

Age		
	Persons	
	Torbay Local Authority	
	count	%
All usual residents	139,324	100.0
Aged 4 years and under	6,059	4.3
Aged 5 to 9 years	7,312	5.2
Aged 10 to 15 years	8,921	6.4
Aged 16 to 19 years	5,302	3.8
Aged 20 to 24 years	6,214	4.5
Aged 25 to 34 years	14,740	10.6
Aged 35 to 49 years	22,738	16.3
Aged 50 to 64 years	30,850	22.1
Aged 65 to 74 years	19,226	13.8
Aged 75 to 84 years	12,688	9.1
Aged 85 years and over	5,274	3.8

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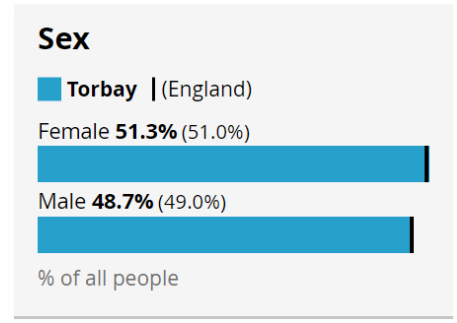
## What is your gender? Is your gender the same as the sex you were assigned at birth?

Sex data is available in both the Nomis Area Profile, and the Custom Area Profile. Gender identity is only available in the Nomis Area Profile. The census collects much more information on gender identity than our survey does. To compare the results from your group's survey to the census, look at 'gender identity the same as sex registered at birth', add up the rest of the results (except not answered). For example, looking at the table below this would be:

- Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth = 94%
- Gender identity different from sex registered at birth = 0.4% (0.1 x 4)
- Prefer not to say / not answered = 5.6%

Sex		
Persons		
Torbay Local Authority		
	count	%
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## Gender Identity

Persons		
Torbay Local Authority		
	count	%
All usual residents aged 16 and over	117,032	100.0
Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth	109,984	94.0
Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given	151	0.1
Trans woman	94	0.1
Trans man	102	0.1
Non-binary	60	0.1
All other gender identities	42	0.0
Not answered	6,599	5.6

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## Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Data on sexual orientation is only available in the Nomis Area Profile. The Making Music survey has the following options: Bisexual, Gay or Lesbian, Straight or Heterosexual, all other sexual orientations, prefer not to say. As the census data has more detail than this, combine the results for Pansexual, Asexual and Queer with the 'All sexual orientations' percentage so you can compare the data. For the example below this would look like:

- Straight or heterosexual = 89.5%
- Gay or Lesbian = 1.7%
- Bisexual = 1.1%
- All other sexual orientations = 0.2%
- Not answered = 7.4%

### Sexual Orientation

	Persons	
	Torbay Local Authority	
	count	%
All usual residents aged 16 and over	117,032	100.0
Straight or Heterosexual	104,729	89.5
Gay or Lesbian	2,035	1.7
Bisexual	1,344	1.1
Pansexual	208	0.2
Asexual	57	0.0
Queer	20	0.0
All other sexual orientations	13	0.0
Not answered	8,626	7.4

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### What is your ethnic group?

Data on ethnicity is available in the Nomis Area Profile and the Custom Area Profile. In the reporting for the census, they have combined the ethnicities into groups. To compare your data, add up the percentages for each overarching ethnic group. For example in the survey responses you may have:

- Asian/Asian British - Indian
- Asian/Asian British - Pakistani
- Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian/Asian British - Chinese
- Any other Asian background, please describe in the box

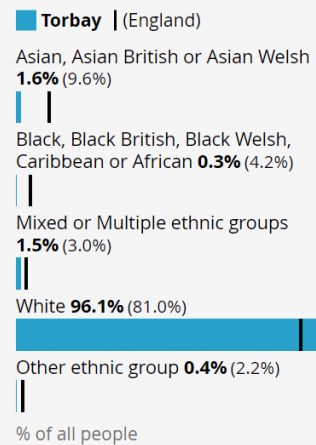
Combine all the percentages for these to create one overarching 'Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh' result that you can compare to the census.

### Ethnicity

	Persons	
	Torbay Local Authority	
	count	%
All usual residents	139,324	100.0
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	2,254	1.6
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	447	0.3
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	2,084	1.5
White	133,922	96.1
Other ethnic group	617	0.4

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### Ethnic group



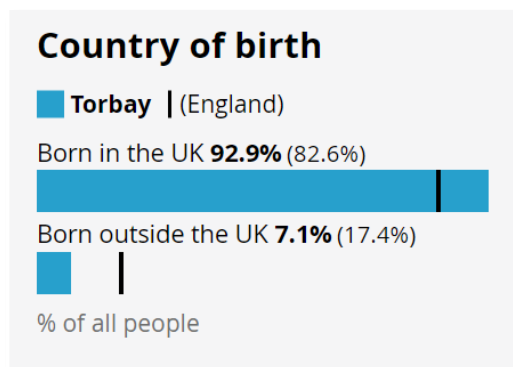
Custom Area Profile

## Were you born in the UK?

Data on country of birth is available in the Nomis Area Profiles and the Custom Area Profile. In the Custom Area Profile this is easy to compare to the survey responses. For the Nomis Area Profile, take the 'Europe: United Kingdom' percentage for 'Born in the UK' - all the others can be added together to calculate percentage of people born outside the UK.

Country of birth	Persons	
	count	%
All usual residents	139,325	100.0
Europe	135,010	96.9
Europe: United Kingdom	129,423	92.9
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: Member countries in March 2001: Ireland	515	0.4
Europe: Other Europe (Excluding Ireland)	5,072	3.6
Africa	1,123	0.8
Middle East and Asia	2,282	1.6
The Americas and the Caribbean	639	0.5
Antarctica and Oceania	271	0.2
Other	0	0.0

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## Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more? If yes, do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

These two questions provide information about disabilities. In the UK census, people who assess their day-to-day activity as limited by long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses are considered disabled.

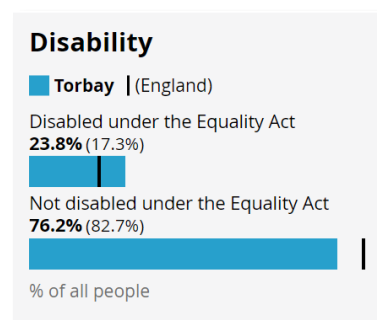
To calculate the number of disabled people from your survey results, combine the results for 'Yes, a lot' and 'Yes, a little' for the second question.

To calculate the number of non-disabled people, combine the results for 'No' in the first question, and 'Not at all' in the second question.

The Nomis Area Profile allows you to compare these results in more detail as it contains a more detailed breakdown.

Long term health problem or disability	Persons	
	count	%
All usual residents	139,323	100.0
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot	15,258	11.0
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little	17,966	12.9
Not disabled under the Equality Act: Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited	9,981	7.2
Not disabled under the Equality Act: No long term physical or mental health conditions	96,118	69.0

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## What is your employment status?

This data is available in the Nomis Area Profile and Custom Area Profile under the heading 'Economic Activity'.

In the UK Census they define 'economically active' as people aged over 16 who were:

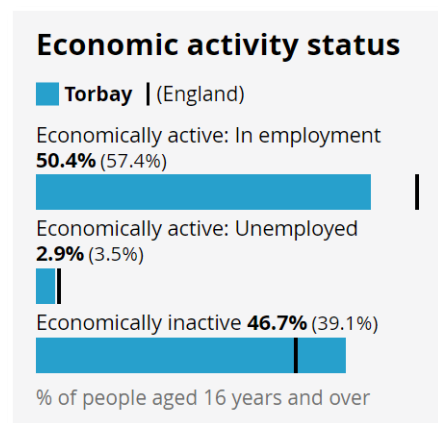
- In employment
- Unemployed, but looking for work and could start within two weeks
- Unemployed, but waiting to start a job that had been offered and accepted

It is a measure of whether a person was an active participant in the job market during the period of the census.

The Making Music survey is not as detailed as the census results are so you will not be able to make direct comparisons for economic activity. However, you will be able to see whether the general make-up of your group matches your area (e.g. how does the number of students compare? What about the number of retired people?).

Economic activity	Persons	
	count	%
All usual residents aged 16 years and over	117,030	100.0
Economically active (excluding full-time students)	60,685	51.9
In employment	57,665	49.3
Unemployed	3,020	2.6
Economically active and a full-time student	1,694	1.4
In employment	1,270	1.1
Unemployed	424	0.4
Economically inactive	54,651	46.7
Retired	35,505	30.3
Student	3,848	3.3
Looking after home or family	5,037	4.3
Long-term sick or disabled	6,901	5.9
Other	3,360	2.9

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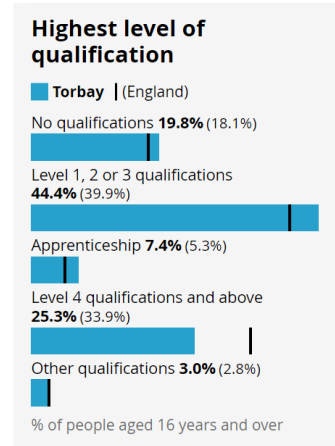


## What is your highest level of qualification?

Data on the highest level of qualification is available in the Nomis Area Profile and the Custom Area Profile. The breakdown is more detailed in the Nomis Area Profile.

Highest level of qualification	Persons	
	count	%
All usual residents aged 16 years and over	117,032	100.0
No qualifications	23,137	19.8
Level 1 and entry level qualifications	13,696	11.7
Level 2 qualifications	18,096	15.5
Apprenticeship	8,688	7.4
Level 3 qualifications	20,227	17.3
Level 4 qualifications or above	29,628	25.3
Other qualifications	3,560	3.0

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