

A guide to finding local area data using the UK Census (Northern Ireland)

This guide will walk you through 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.


You can find information about your local area on the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency Website (NISRA).


Northern Ireland Area Profiles

This website provides reports on local areas. You can search for your area in the search bar or select an area on the map. On the map you can click through the areas to select how large an area you would like to look at.

<https://explore.nisra.gov.uk/area-explorer-2021/N92000002/>

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Northern Ireland

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Overview

The population of Northern Ireland was 1,903,175 at the time of the 2021 Census. An increase of 5.1% since the 2011 Census.


Population ⓘ

1,903,175

Households ⓘ

768,810

Explore Northern Ireland



Local Government Districts within Northern Ireland

Antrim and Newtownabbey, Ards and North Down, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon, Belfast, Causeway Coast and Glens, Derry City and Strabane, Fermanagh and Omagh, Lisburn and Castlereagh, Mid and East Antrim, Mid Ulster, Newry, Mourne and Down

The area overview displays statistics for certain demographics. You can navigate between the topics in the drop-down boxes below the map.

This website only displays the statistics as percentages of the total number of people in an area. Comparing percentages is the easiest way to compare this data to your group.

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NISRA **census 2021**

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Downpatrick

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Search for your area:
Enter a town or area name


Overview

The population of Downpatrick was 21,916 at the time of the 2021 Census, which made it the 37th smallest District Electoral Area.

Population ⓘ **21,916**

Households ⓘ **8,529**

Explore Downpatrick - District Electoral Area



Parents of Downpatrick
Northern Ireland
I, Newry, Mourne and Down

Super Data Zones within Downpatrick
Downpatrick_A, Downpatrick_B, Downpatrick_C, Downpatrick_D, Downpatrick_E, Downpatrick_F, Downpatrick_G, Downpatrick_H, Downpatrick_I, Downpatrick_J, Downpatrick_K

Area Information

Demography

Country of Birth & Nationality

Language

Religion & Ethnicity

Health & Care

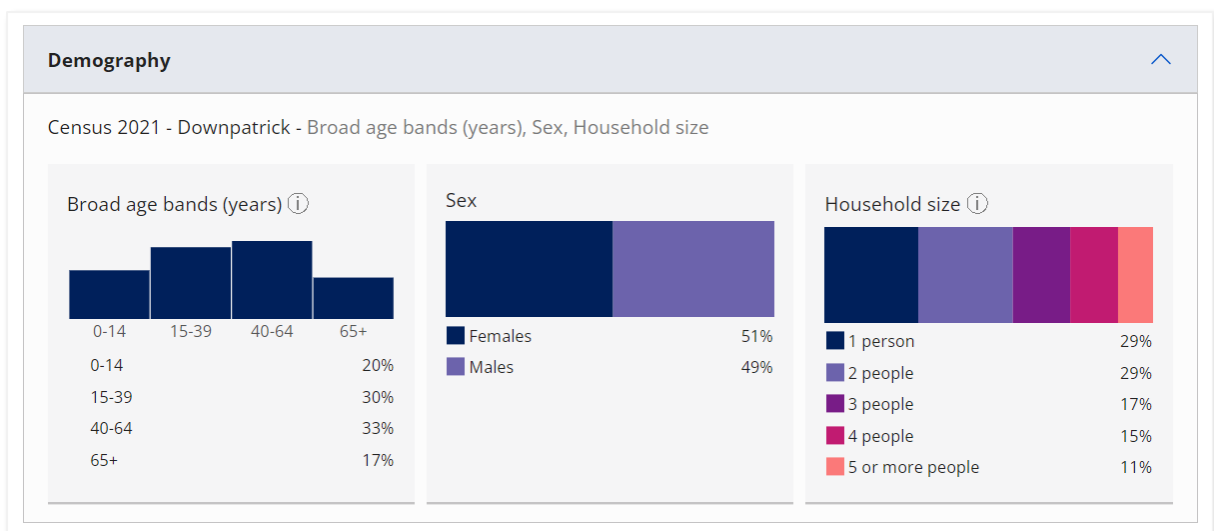
Housing & Accommodation

Guidance for comparing data from the census (Northern Ireland)

We selected questions for the Census Comparison Survey based on the information that is available in the area profiles. 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 under the 'Demography' heading. The age bands used in Northern Ireland are larger than those in the Making Music survey so you will need to combine some of your results to be able to compare them to the census or just get a rough idea of where your group sits.



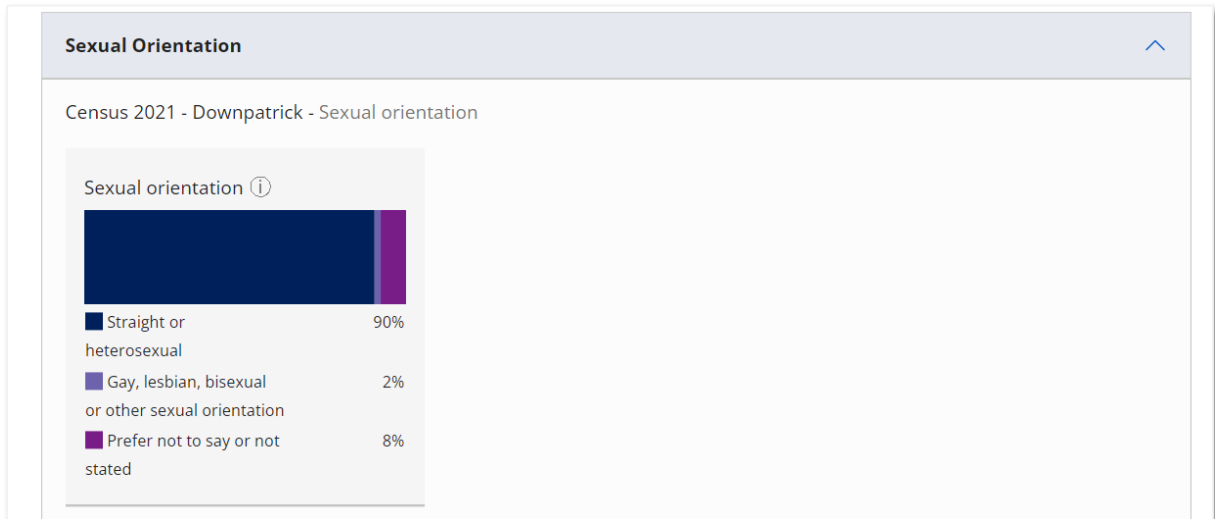
What is your gender? Is your gender the same as the sex you were assigned at birth?

Sex is also available under the demography tab. Unfortunately data on gender identity is not available in these area profiles.

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

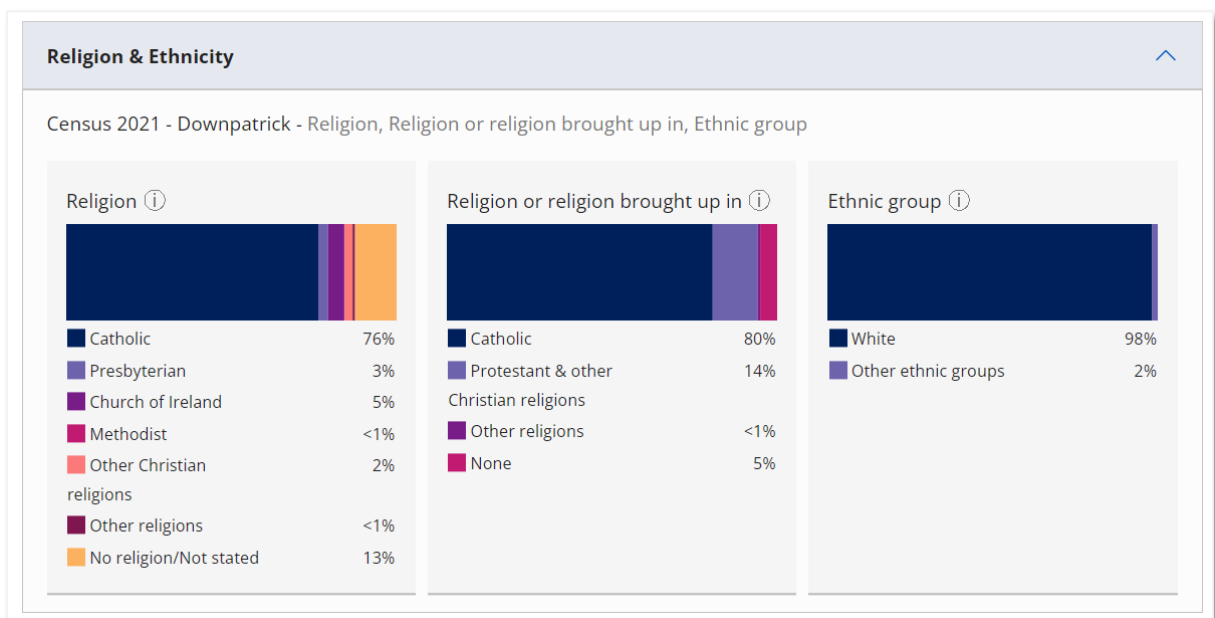
Data on sexual orientation is available under the 'Sexual Orientation' heading.

You will need to combine results for 'Bisexual, Gay or Lesbian, and all other sexual orientations' from your survey to compare with the census.



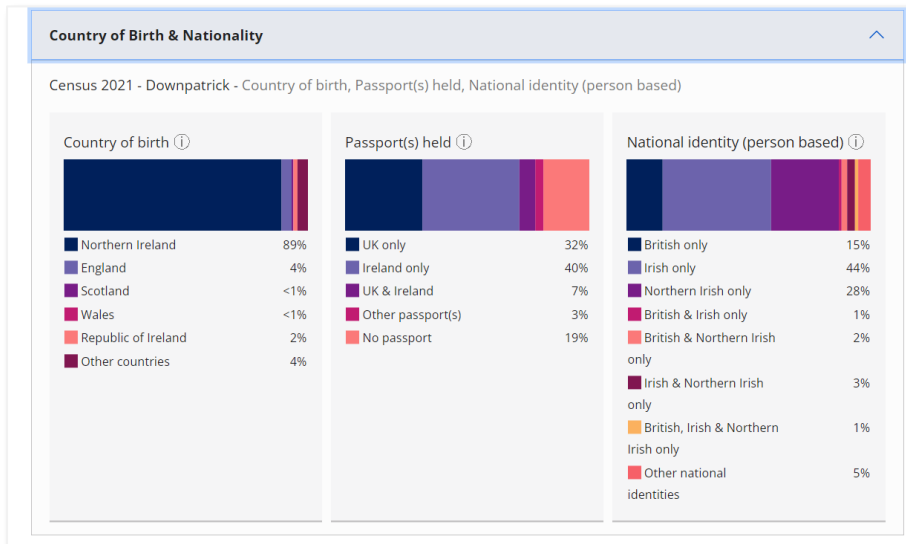
What is your ethnic group?

Data on ethnicity is available under the 'Religion and Ethnicity' heading. The detail reported in this profile is not very detailed so you will need to combine results for all the White ethnicities, and then all other ethnic groups to be able to compare.



Were you born in the UK?

Data on country of birth is available under the 'Country of Birth & Nationality' tab. To calculate the percentage of people born in the UK, combine the percentages for Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. In the example below this would be 94%. The others can be combined to determine the percentage of people not born in the UK.



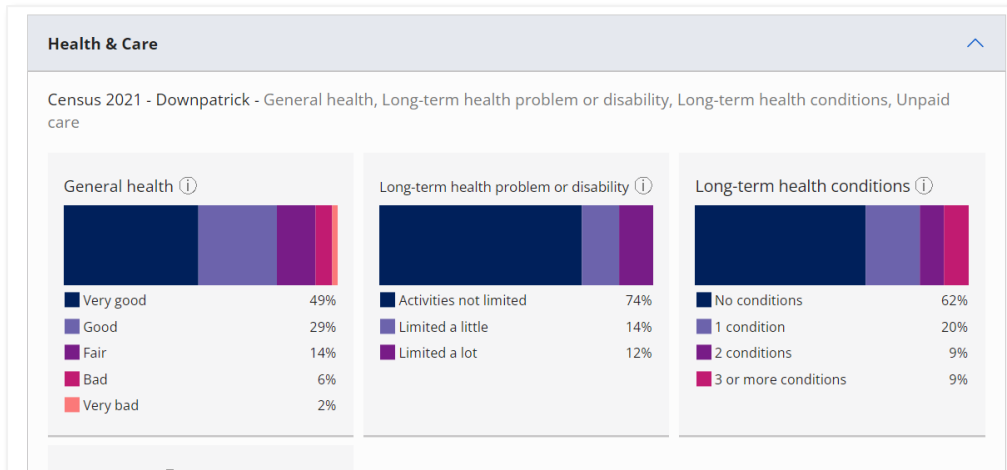
Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more? If yes, do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

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.

Data on long-term health problems or disabilities can be found under the 'Health' heading. You can compare your answers for activities limited a lot, limited a little, and activities not limited.



You can also see what percentage of people have no long-term health conditions.

What is your employment status?

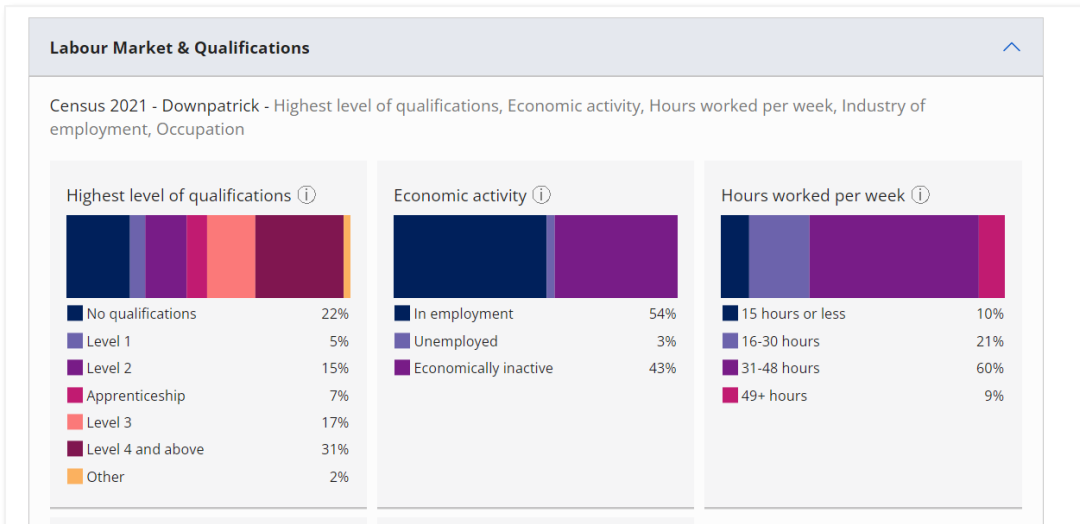
This data is available under the 'Labour Market and Qualifications' heading and is titled 'Economic Activity'.

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.

This report is not very detailed so you will only be able to make a rough comparison. You can count any responses for 'Employed' under economically active, and any for 'Student, Retired, Looking after home or family, and long-term sick or disabled' as economically inactive.



What is your highest level of qualification?

Data on qualifications is also available under the 'Labour Market and Qualifications' heading.