

# 2011 Census England and Wales publicity website Office for National Statistics

My census: these pages explained in simple terms what the census is all about

The screenshot displays the 2011 Census website interface. At the top left is the '2011 Census' logo. A prominent orange banner reads 'Complete online now' with a 'Go' button and the text 'Visit our secure questionnaire website'. The top right contains language options (English, Cymraeg, Scotland, Northern Ireland), font size and color settings, and accessibility links. A search bar is also present.

The left sidebar features a 'My census' menu with links to various topics such as 'What is the census?', 'When do I do it?', 'How do I do it?', 'How can I get help?', 'Why do we need a census?', 'What's in it for me?', 'How will you protect my info?', 'What's happening in March?', and 'Doorstep security guide'. Below this are 'Frequently asked questions' and 'Students' links.

The main content area is titled 'Census Home - My census' and includes three featured articles: 'What is the census?' (with a photo of people walking), 'Why do we need a census?' (with a photo of a construction site), and 'How will you protect my data?' (with a photo of police officers). Each article has a 'Find out more' button. A 'My census' section explains that government and local authorities use the information to improve services and that everyone is asked questions to help shape the future.

On the right side, there are links to 'Partners', 'Work for us', 'Students', and a 'Press centre' with a printer icon below it.

At the bottom left, there are social media links for Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, and Facebook, along with a 'Bookmark share' section. The date '7 December 2010' is displayed at the bottom center.

# Census history: illustrated guide to more than 200 years of census history

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## Census history

### 200 years of census history

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England and Wales 1911-2001

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The first census of Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) was conducted by John Rickman on 10 March 1801, revealing a total population count for England and Wales of just under 9 million (8,892,636).

In the 200 years that followed, the country experienced dramatic changes in society, battling through wars, social deprivation and industrial revolution under nine monarchs: George III, George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, George VI and Elizabeth II.


By 2001, the population had grown to over 52 million.

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## Tall storeys: feature on the tallest addresses in England and Wales – part of the *Did you know?* series of articles



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Even the most intrepid census collector could find these addresses daunting if they had to climb hundreds of stairs to reach the address at the top. Just to hand over or pick up a 2011 Census questionnaire.


Well, thankfully this time around, high-rise dwellers will get their questionnaire in the post and either be dutifully completing it online, or filling it in by hand and posting it back. And even if a census collector has to call to remind them, on the day the lift will probably be working and the sun may shine, rewarding them with a spectacular view over the city.

So just how high will the census go this time? We asked James Newman of Skyscrapernews.com to help us find the loftiest residential addresses in England and Wales – give or take a few centimetres!

Now tall buildings may not be your thing, but the sheer scale of the challenge in creating such tall – and stable – structures is surely something to wonder at. Ever since the skyscraper wars of the 1900s between Chicago and New York, brave architects and structural engineers all over the world have continued to push the boundaries upwards.

Many of these buildings are fine and beautiful, gracefully sweeping up to the sky. Others start out as blots on the landscape, only to be taken to the hearts of local residents. There are currently 16 residential towers over 100 metres tall in the UK. Twelve were built in the last decade, adding thousands of extra households to the 2011 Census count.

Some towers have been given memorable nicknames, describing their unique style and shape: The Gherkin, the Lipstick, The Shard. Like them or not, these spectacular and dramatic structures are now the defining features of cityscapes all over England and Wales.



Strata, London - the Electric Razor: tallest entirely residential building

4 January 2011

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## Odd jobs: feature on the job titles recorded by the census and a railway industry timeline - part of the *Did you know?* series of articles

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Who or what is a scotcher? Is a bogie man someone scary? Is a butty something you eat, or something you do? Is a lamplighter also a lighterman? And what on earth is an ice car man?

Old census records won't give you any of these definitions, but the statistics the census produces will tell you how many people were employed in mainstream industries – and what jobs they did. They also show how much the employment landscape has changed since the census first began detailed classifications of people by age, sex, occupation and area in 1851.

Jobs, communities and whole industries have come and gone since then – the salt mines of Cheshire, the collieries of Wales and the cotton mills of Lancashire. Mining once listed scores of occupations in numerous categories and sub-categories to describe its full range of jobs. A scotcher would round off sharp passageways in the mine, a bogie man would push the tip wagons (or bogies), and a butty was the name given to miners working on the same face but on opposite shifts.

Today, new job titles have been invented to serve our sophisticated lifestyles. The officially recognised occupation of barista is the product of our fast, time-poor lives and penchant for fancy brews. The emergence of the feng shui consultant is perhaps indicative of people's need for peace and harmony in their lives. Even eBay trader is now an officially recognised occupation, highlighting the meteoric rise in popularity of this vast global marketing space it went public in 1998.

Old trades, such as tattooing and the sale of retro clothing are enjoying a fashionable renaissance. A number of core industries have defined the population over many decades, perhaps none more clearly than the railways – on the threshold of its glorious rise when railway job classifications were first made in 1851. Today, after its steady decline since World War II, the railways are beginning to recover, as people switch from road to other forms of transport.

10 March 2011

Miners' Flame Safety Lamp

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**2011 Census Family History: dedicated family history section featuring stories submitted by the general public. Part of ambassador engagement campaign linking the census website with social media engagement via Facebook**

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 2011 Census Family History section. At the top left is the 2011 Census logo. A prominent orange box says "Complete online now" with a "Go" button and a link to "Visit our secure questionnaire website". The top right contains language options (English, Cymraeg, Scotland, Northern Ireland), font size and color settings, and accessibility links. A search bar is located below these settings. The main content area features a "Welcome to 2011 Census Family History" heading with a "Print" icon and a large purple puzzle-piece graphic. Text below the heading explains that every ten years, census records are released, marking a journey to discover ancestors' lives and lifestyles. It also mentions a campaign to attract family tree stories and a Facebook page for sharing discoveries. A sidebar on the left lists navigation options like "My census", "Frequently asked questions", and "2011 Census Family History". A sidebar on the right includes "Partners", "Work for us", "Students", and "Press centre". The footer contains the Office for National Statistics logo, the slogan "Help tomorrow take shape", and copyright information.

## 2011 Census Family History on Facebook: Using social media to engage and interact with amateur family historians

The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook page for '2011 Census Family History'. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and navigation icons. The profile picture is a purple tree-like logo. The page is categorized as a 'Non-Profit Organization'. The main content area shows a post from 'SaveEveryStep' dated October 20 at 12:29pm. The post text reads: 'May I share a useful resource? Capture your family life journeys and memories in chronological order. Birthdays, family holidays, loves and sorrows - all in the order they happen, with the words & pictures side by side, as a legacy for future generations...even better, you can currently WIN a LIFETIME'S MEMBERSHIP ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, so show us some 'LIKE' or just say hi at SaveEveryStep. www.SaveEveryStep.com. Free to use to 100mb.' The post includes a screenshot of the SaveEveryStep website interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Wall, Info, Friend Activity, Photos, Events, and Notes. Below this is an 'About' section stating the page was created by the 2011 Census for England and Wales. At the bottom of the sidebar, it shows '1,209 like this' and '3 talking about this'. The footer of the page shows 'Origins.net' with a link to 'origins.net - Help & Resources' and the website URL 'www.origins.net'.

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**Origins.net**  
Cheltenham Probate Abstracts: 1660-1740 on the National Wills Index. For full details please go to: <http://www.origins.net/help/aboutNWI-BGA.aspx>

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This Facebook page has been created by the 2011 Census for England and Wales. It's a place to share how you've used census data to help track your family history and find your roots. For more stories, visit: [www.census.gov.uk/2011familyhistory](http://www.census.gov.uk/2011familyhistory)

**Mission**

Welcome to the 2011 Census Family History group on Facebook.

This Facebook group is a place where you can share how you've used census data to help track your family history and find your roots.

Every search will tell its own story, revealing many surprising facts and, in some cases, restoring lost family connections.

So why not become a fan, post stories on our wall, start conversations and get involved in discussions about the important discoveries you've made with the help of census records.

For more stories visit [www.census.gov.uk/2011familyhistory](http://www.census.gov.uk/2011familyhistory)

When interacting with others in these Facebook pages, please stay on topic and be sensitive to people's feelings. This group is specifically to help professional and amateur genealogists to swap tips, hints and stories – and provide rich and engaging content to encourage others to explore their family history. We reserve the right to remove any irrelevant, inappropriate, abusive or defamatory content.

**Website**

<http://www.census.gov.uk/2011familyhistory>

**Likes and Interests**

**Link to us: area providing templates for 2011 Census partners to include census information on their websites with a link back to [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk), Almost all the local authorities in England and Wales (more than 300) featured this content, noticeably improving search rankings**

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## Link to us

To make sure the 2011 Census includes everyone, we need your help to get our message across to as many people as possible in your community.

We're asking you to do just two things to help drive traffic to the census website:

- Create a 2011 Census web page using one of the templates below
- Remind people that the census is coming with our online 2011 Census countdown widget

The more domain names that link to the 2011 Census site, the higher we go in search engine rankings, the more visible we become - and the more chances we have to get people involved and taking part.

To make sure we are all delivering a consistent set of messages, we have prepared tailored content and tools to help you reach your audiences online and encourage them to visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) for more information.

Just choose the web page below that's appropriate to you, personalise it to suit your own house style and audience, add the 2011 Census logo - and publish online.

For more tools and guidance, check the 2011 Census communications toolkit.

## Logos

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Local authorities: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) also provided content and tools to support the 2011 Census England and Wales local authority partnership

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**Students: students and young people were one of the primary targets for our communications. A dedicated area was created to encourage campus communities to get involved in the campaign and complete their census on time**

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Remember to share 2011 Census

**Students**

**Welcome to the 2011 Census student pages**

**Latest Updates**

**Good News! Competition deadlines extended**  
 25 MAR: In response to recent requests we are giving you guys more time to enter the [Snapshot](#) and [Origami Masterclass](#) competitions.  
 The final deadline is now 17 April

**Win VIP tickets to Beach Break Live**  
 23 MAR: [What do you need to do?](#) To enter our prize draw, just film your origami creations and send them to [origamientries@fourcommunications.com](mailto:origamientries@fourcommunications.com).  
 Competition closes 17 April, so shape up and get folding.  
 Top acts, top nights and an eight-mile beach await.

**beachbreak live**  
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**Tweets**

**2011CensusInfo**  
 'A Hundred Years of Us' starts Monday, 9:15am on BBC1 - Series of five programmes celebrating how Britain has changed as recorded by #Census  
 25 Mar

**2011CensusInfo**  
 Great feature on ITV @Daybreak this morning tracking 100 years of change recorded by #census. View it here [#2011Census](http://bit.ly/jvNVVZ)  
 25 Mar

**2011CensusInfo**  
 #2011Census is the first to offer online completion and online returns should top the one million mark today! [#census](http://bit.ly/rd4oss)  
 25 Mar

**2011CensusInfo**  
 Tonight on BBC2 at 9pm - 'This is Britain' - Andrew Marr uses #census data to plot the social landscape of Britain. #2011Census #Census2011  
 25 Mar

**2011CensusInfo**  
 If you have a holiday home in the UK, that address will also receive a #2011Census questionnaire - [#census #Census2011](http://bit.ly/h11SP1)  
 25 Mar

**2011CensusInfo**  
 Unmissable statistics for Britain's...

## Get help with your census: dedicated content was created to reach people with disabilities and make it easier for them to take part

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Census Home : Get help with your census

### Get help with your census

We want to make sure as many people as possible are able to take part in the census. So we need to make sure you'll have everything you need to fill in and return your census form.

Look out for this in the post from 7 March. If you haven't had a form delivered to you by 18 March, either visit online help at <http://www.census.gov.uk/> or contact the census helpline. Both services will open on 4 March.

There are lots of ways you can get help to complete and return your census form.

### Make our web pages easier to read

You can make the text bigger (change font size) and choose other colours (change colour). Just choose and click the icons you want from the top, right-hand corner of the web page.

### Make our questions easier to read

A list of census questions has been provided in different colour combinations to make them easier for you to read. These are available to download and print for reference while you complete your census form.

### Complete your form online

Being able to complete online may be all the help you need.

Your form has a code printed on the front that you can use to complete the census online at the secure data collection site from 7 March. The online form will guide you through and skip any questions that don't apply to you.

### Get help online

Online help contains lots of help and information about how to complete online, fill in and return the form on paper, or how to get extra help.

### Call the census helpline

More help is available on the census helpline. Telephone advice is available in English, Welsh and 56 other languages.

You'll find the numbers to call for other languages listed in the leaflet that comes with your census form.

If you have a hearing impairment, you will be able to contact the census helpline using Text Relay (English language only).

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