

About this data: Planned Network Deployments for local and unitary authorities

This data is published as part of *Connected Nations - Planned Network Deployments 2026* and provides information at the level of local and unitary authorities.

There are 361 lower tier authorities, however the data for four local authorities in Scotland (Moray, Na h-Eileanan Siar, Orkney Islands, and Shetland Islands) has been aggregated to provide a sufficiently high-level view of build plans.

The Methodology annex published alongside this data provides details of our approach to collecting and analysing the stated deployment plans of network operators. As mentioned there, all planned and existing coverage is reported against a premise base created from Ordnance Survey AddressBase® Epoch 123. The existing coverage is based on the data collected for our [Connected Nations Spring 2026 update](#), which provides a snapshot for January 2026.

If you have any questions or feedback on the data, please contact us at cndatateam@ofcom.org.uk.

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File details

Two files are provided: one with information for all premises, i.e. residential and commercial combined, and one for residential premises only. They are provided as Comma-Separated Values files, with double quote (") text delimiters where applicable.

File name	Premises	Number of data rows	File size
2026_pnd_per_laua_all.csv	All	358	77 KB
2026_pnd_per_laua_res.csv	Residential	358	76 KB

Column headers and what they represent

Field	Description
laua	Local or unitary authority code, such as S12000033
laua_name	Local or unitary authority name
All Premises	Number of premises in scope for the location (based on OS AddressBase® Epoch 123)
All Matched Premises	Number of premises matched to operator records with a non-zero recorded fixed broadband coverage as per January 2026. Unmatched premises are unclassified.
Number of premises with Full Fibre availability (Urban/Rural)	Number of (urban/rural) premises with access to a full fibre broadband service as per January 2026.
Number of premises with Gigabit availability (Urban/Rural)	Number of (urban/rural) premises with access to a gigabit-capable fixed broadband service as per January 2026.
Number of (urban) properties expected to have gigabit-capable coverage by [date] (HC plans only)	Number of unique (urban) properties for which at least one operator either is or has plans by [date] to be offering gigabit-capable broadband services. Only 'High Confidence' (HC) plans are included (as defined in the note below).
Number of (urban) properties expected to have gigabit-capable coverage by [date] (all plans)	Number of unique (urban) properties for which at least one operator either is or has plans to be by [date] offering gigabit-capable broadband services. These include all plans of operators.

Field	Description
Number of properties expected to have Full Fibre coverage by January 2029 (all plans)	Number of unique properties for which at least one operator either is or has plans to be by January 2029 offering full fibre broadband services. These include all plans of operators.
Number of planned new lines for which funding is through public funds	This includes all plans and for timescales up to January 2029.
Number of gigabit-capable operators anticipated to be operating in the area by January 2029 (all plans) [min, max]	This includes both networks already deployed as well as all those planned to be deployed by January 2029. This is presented as a range.
Number of properties for which 2 or more gigabit-capable operators are anticipated to be present by January 2029 (all plans)	This includes both networks already deployed as well as all those planned to be deployed by January 2029.
Number of properties for which 3 or more gigabit-capable operators are anticipated to be present by January 2029 (all plans)	This includes both networks already deployed as well as all those planned to be deployed by January 2029.
Number of postcodes without any gigabit-capable coverage by January 2029 (all plans)	These are the number of postcodes in the local authority for which no premises are expected to have gigabit-capable availability by January 2029 irrespective of planning category.

Note on 'High Confidence' plans

We asked CPs to confirm both the financial and planning status of their planned network deployments. Specifically, we asked whether the plans had reached a design stage of 'Low Level Design complete' and whether funding had been committed for the plans. These criteria were chosen to align with the classifications and criteria set out in the BDUK's National Rolling Open Market Review ([National Rolling Open Market Review September 2025 Request For Information - GOV.UK](#)). We consider plans to be of 'High Confidence', if they have reached both the low-level design stage and for which funding has been committed.