

# About this data: Fixed coverage

To create our Connected Nations Spring 2024 update, Ofcom collected and analysed coverage data from over 70 fixed network and fixed wireless access (FWA) providers. The data was collected as a snapshot in January 2024. The [Methodology Annex](#) provides details of our approach to collecting and analysing coverage data.

Ofcom uses the Ordnance Survey AddressBase® Premium and Islands products to provide the base dataset used to assess broadband coverage for residential and commercial premises. For this snapshot Epoch 107 was used.

If you have any questions or feedback on the data, please contact us at [open.data@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:open.data@ofcom.org.uk).

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The files are provided as Comma Separated Values files, with double quote (") text delimiters where applicable.

## Fixed broadband coverage file for UK and Nations

This file contains all data points for the latest snapshot provided in the Speed and Time Tables on pages 8 and 9 of the accompanying interactive report.

File name	Number of data rows	File size
202401_fixed_coverage_UK_and_Nations_r01.csv	495	29 KB

### Column headers and what they represent:

Field	Values	Description
Location	UK, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales	
Premise type	All, Residential, Commercial	
Rurality	Total, Urban, Rural	
Speed	Premise Base, Unclassified, <2 Mbit/s, <10 Mbit/s DL or <1 Mbit/s UL, >=10 Mbit/s, >=24 Mbit/s, >=30 Mbit/s, >= 100 Mbit/s, >=300 Mbit/s, Full Fibre, Gigabit capable	
% Premises		Percentage of premises covered

Field	Values	Description
Premises		Number of premises covered
Date		Date of snapshot (Mon-YY)

## Other fixed coverage files

We provide information on fixed broadband coverage and broadband availability from Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) at four levels:

1. Local and Unitary Authority (using the 2021 local authority boundaries – we will use the 2023 local authority list<sup>1</sup> from our next update onwards)
2. Parliamentary Constituency
3. Census Output Area (2021 Census for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, 2011 Census for Scotland)
4. Postcode

At each level information is provided for all premises and for residential premises.

Level	File name	Premises	Number of data rows	File size
Local and Unitary Authority (laua)	202401_fixed_laua_coverage_r01.csv	All	374	73 KB
	202401_fixed_laua_res_coverage_r01.csv	Residential	374	72 KB
Parliamentary Constituency (pcon)	202401_fixed_pcon_coverage_r01.csv	All	650	124 KB
	202401_fixed_pcon_res_coverage_r01.csv	Residential	650	122 KB
Census Output Area (oa)	202401_fixed_oa_coverage_r01.csv	All	238,656	26 MB
	202401_fixed_oa_res_coverage_r01.csv	Residential	238,622	26 MB
Postcode (pc)	121 files in the folder 'postcode_files', one for each postcode area defined by xx: 202401_fixed_postcode_coverage_r01_xx.csv	All	1,726,981	161 MB
	121 files in the folder 'postcode_res_files', one for each postcode area defined by xx: 202401_fixed_postcode_res_coverage_r01_xx.csv	Residential	1,590,470	149 MB

<sup>1</sup> <https://blog.planningportal.co.uk/2023/03/24/local-authority-changes-from-1-april-2023/>

The table below provides a combined view of the fields in the different files. The second column shows in which files a field is present, referring to the levels in the above table (laua, pcon, oa and pc). The fields may be in a different order than the one shown below.

For census output area and postcode, we report on gigabit-capable coverage but not on full-fibre coverage due to commercial confidentiality.

All coverage figures refer to fixed broadband only except for the fields where FWA is explicitly mentioned in the description.

### Column headers and what they represent:

Field	In files (level)	Description
<b>laua</b>	laua	Local or Unitary Authority Code, such as S12000033
<b>laua_name</b>	laua	Local or Unitary Authority Name
<b>parl_const</b>	pcon	Parliamentary Constituency Code, such as E14000530
<b>parliamentary_constituency_name</b>	pcon	Parliamentary Constituency Name
<b>output_area</b>	oa	Census Output Area, such as W00010697
<b>postcode</b>	pc	Postcode with spaces removed, such as SE19HA
<b>postcode_space</b>	pc	Postcode with single space, such as SE1 9HA
<b>postcode area</b>	pc	Postcode area, such as SE
<b>All Premises</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Count of all premises in scope for the location
<b>All Matched Premises</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Count of all premises matched to operator records with a non-zero recorded fixed broadband coverage. Unmatched premises are unclassified
<b>SFBB availability (% premises)</b>	All	Percentage of premises that have Superfast Broadband (30Mbit/s or greater) coverage
<b>UFBB (100Mbit/s) availability (% premises)</b>	All	Percentage of premises that have Ultrafast Broadband (100Mbit/s or greater) coverage

Field	In files (level)	Description
<b>UFBB availability (% premises)</b>	All	Percentage of premises that have Ultrafast Broadband (300Mbit/s or greater) coverage
<b>Full Fibre availability (% premises)</b>	laua, pcon	Percentage of premises that have coverage from a full-fibre service
<b>Gigabit availability (% premises)</b>	All	Percentage of premises that have coverage from a gigabit-capable service
<b>Number of premises with SFBB availability</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have Superfast Broadband (30Mbit/s or greater) coverage
<b>Number of premises with UFBB (100Mbit/s) availability</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have Ultrafast Broadband (100Mbit/s or greater) coverage
<b>Number of premises with UFBB availability</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have Ultrafast Broadband (300Mbit/s or greater) coverage
<b>Number of premises with Full Fibre availability</b>	laua, pcon	Number of premises that have coverage from a full-fibre service
<b>Number of premises with Gigabit availability</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have coverage from a gigabit-capable service
<b>% of premises unable to receive [X]Mbit/s</b>	All	Percentage of premises that do not have access to services above X Mbit/s, where X = 2, 5, 10 or 30
<b>% of premises below the USO</b>	All	Percentage of premises with no access to download speeds at or above 10 Mbit/s and upload speeds at or above 1 Mbit/s from fixed broadband or a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) or Mobile FWA (including non-matched records and zero predicted speeds)
<b>% of premises with NGA</b>	All	Percentage of premises with Next Generation Access
<b>% of premises able to receive decent broadband from FWA</b>	All	Percentage of premises that have access to Decent Broadband (at least 10 Mbit/s download and 1 Mbit/s upload speed) from a WISP
<b>Number of premises unable to receive [X]Mbit/s</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that do not have access to services above X Mbit/s, where X = 2, 5, 10 or 30

Field	In files (level)	Description
<b>Number of premises below the USO</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that do not have access to download speeds at or above 10 Mbit/s and upload speeds at or above 1 Mbit/s from fixed broadband or a WISP or Mobile FWA (including non-matched records and zero predicted speeds)
<b>Number of premises with NGA</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises with Next Generation Access
<b>Number of premises able to receive decent broadband from FWA</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have access to Decent Broadband (at least 10 Mbit/s download and 1 Mbit/s upload speed) from a WISP
<b>% of premises with [X]&lt;[Y]Mbit/s download speed</b>	All	Percentage of premises that have access to a maximum download speed between X and Y Mbit/s, with (X, Y) = (0, 2), (2, 5), (5, 10), (10, 30) or (30, 300)
<b>% of premises with &gt;=300Mbit/s download speed</b>	All	Percentage of premises that have access to a maximum download speed of at least 300Mbit/s
<b>Number of premises with [X]&lt;[Y]Mbit/s download speed</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have access to a maximum download speed between X and Y Mbit/s, with (X, Y) = (0, 2), (2, 5), (5, 10), (10, 30) or (30, 300)
<b>Number of premises with &gt;=300Mbit/s download speed</b>	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have access to a maximum download speed of at least 300Mbit/s