

About this data – fixed coverage and full-fibre take-up (v2)

For our Connected Nations Spring 2026 publication, 52 fixed network and 18 fixed wireless access (FWA) providers¹ submitted data for all premises where an end-user could order a fixed broadband service on their network. The data was collected as a snapshot for January 2026.

We provide data files on fixed coverage for UK and nations, local and unitary authorities, Westminster parliamentary and devolved constituencies, census output areas and postcodes.

In addition, we provide a data file with take-up of full-fibre broadband for local and unitary authorities, using data from fixed network providers on their active full-fibre lines, i.e. connections that provide an active broadband service to residential or business customers, as per January 2026. For information on the take-up of full-fibre broadband for UK and nations, please see the summary tables.

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 123 was used. The [Methodology annex to Connected Nations 2025](#) provides more details of the construction of the premise base and our approach to data collection and analysis.

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

We are providing this data on an open basis via the [Open Government Licence](#), which gives users various freedoms about how they choose to use the data, subject to conditions.

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

V2 (07/07/2026): correction to and renaming of the postcode files for all premises:

- The file for postcode area CW was a duplicate of the file for postcode area CV and the file for postcode area MK was a duplicate of the file for postcode area ME. This has now been corrected.
- All 121 files have been renamed from 202601_fixed_postcode_coverage_r1_XX.csv to 202601_fixed_postcode_coverage_r2_XX.csv, where XX denotes the postcode area.

¹ Section A2 of the [Methodology annex to Connected Nations 2025](#) lists most of the providers we requested information from for this update.

Fixed coverage file for UK and nations

This file contains all data points for the latest snapshot provided on the page “Fixed Broadband: Time Tables” of the accompanying interactive report.

File name	Number of data rows	File size
202601_fixed_coverage_UK_and_nations_r1.csv	495	28 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
Premises		Number of premises covered
Date	Jan-26	Date of snapshot (Mon-YY)

Full fibre take-up for local and unitary authorities

The take-up is based on both residential and business full-fibre broadband connections.

File name	Number of data rows	File size
202601_full_fibre_take-up_laia_r1.csv	361	11 KB

Column headers and what they represent:

Field	Description
laia	Local or unitary authority code, such as S12000033
laia_name	Local or unitary authority name
Full-fibre take-up (% of full-fibre coverage)	Take-up of broadband services on full-fibre networks as a percentage of all premises with full-fibre coverage as per January 2026 (Notes 1 and 2)
Full-fibre take-up (% of all premises)	Take-up of broadband services on full-fibre networks as a percentage of all premises in the local authority as per January 2026 (Note 1)

Notes

1. The number of premises with full-fibre coverage and the total number of premises in the local authority as per January 2026 can be found in the accompanying data file on fixed coverage for local authorities (all premises).
2. For some local authorities, full-fibre take-up as a percentage of full-fibre coverage has decreased since our previous report. This reflects a greater increase in full-fibre coverage than in take-up, as the number of active full-fibre connections has increased in all these local authorities. When full fibre is rolled out, it may take a while before consumers become aware of availability or they may need to wait until their existing service contract ends before they can migrate to a new service (see e.g. Table 2.6 in the main Connected Nations 2025 report).

Other fixed coverage files

We provide information on fixed-line broadband coverage and broadband availability from fixed wireless access (FWA) at five levels:

1. Local and unitary authority (laua)
2. Westminster parliamentary constituency (pcon)
3. Devolved constituency (devcon)
4. Census output area² (oa)
5. Postcode (pc)

At each level information is provided for all premises (residential and commercial) and for residential premises only.

Level	File name	Premises	Number of data rows	File size
Local and unitary authority	202601_fixed_laua_coverage_r1.csv	All	361	70 KB
	202601_fixed_laua_res_coverage_r1.csv	Residential	361	69 KB
Westminster parliamentary constituency	202601_fixed_pcon_coverage_r1.csv	All	650	124 KB
	202601_fixed_pcon_res_coverage_r1.csv	Residential	650	122 KB
Devolved constituency	202601_fixed_devcon_coverage_r1.csv	All	131	27 KB
	202601_fixed_devcon_res_coverage_r1.csv	Residential	131	27 KB
	202601_fixed_oa_coverage_r1.csv	All	238,878	26 MB

² 2021 census for England, Northern Ireland and Wales, 2022 census for Scotland

Level	File name	Premises	Number of data rows	File size
Census output area	202601_fixed_oa_res_coverage_r1.csv	Residential	238,850	26 MB
Postcode	121 files in the folder 'postcode_files', one for each postcode area defined by xx: 202601_fixed_postcode_coverage_r2_xx.csv	All	1,741,096	165 MB
	121 files in the folder 'postcode_res_files', one for each postcode area defined by xx: 202601_fixed_postcode_res_coverage_r1_xx.csv	Residential	1,606,191	151 MB

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. 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 line 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
laua	laua	Local or unitary authority code, such as S12000033
laua_name	laua	Local or unitary authority name
parl_const	pcon	Westminster parliamentary constituency code, such as E14001592
parl_const_name	pcon	Westminster parliamentary constituency name
devolved_const	devcon	Devolved constituency code, such as W09000022
devolved_const_name	devcon	Devolved constituency name
output_area	oa	Census output area, such as N20003770
postcode	pc	Postcode with spaces removed, such as SE19HA
postcode_space	pc	Postcode with single space, such as SE1 9HA

Field	In files (level)	Description
postcode area	pc	Postcode area, such as SE
All Premises	all except pc	Count of all premises in scope for the location
All Matched Premises	all except pc	Count of all premises that could be matched to at least one fixed provider record with a non-zero predicted download speed. Unmatched premises are unclassified
SFBB availability (% premises)	all	Percentage of premises that have superfast broadband (30 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
UFBB (100Mbit/s) availability (% premises)	all	Percentage of premises that have ultrafast broadband (100 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
UFBB availability (% premises)	all	Percentage of premises that have ultrafast broadband (300 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
Full Fibre availability (% premises)	laua, pcon, devcon	Percentage of premises that have coverage from a full-fibre service
Gigabit availability (% premises)	all	Percentage of premises that have coverage from a gigabit-capable service
Number of premises with SFBB availability	all except pc	Number of premises that have superfast broadband (30 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
Number of premises with UFBB (100Mbit/s) availability	all except pc	Number of premises that have ultrafast broadband (100 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
Number of premises with UFBB availability	all except pc	Number of premises that have ultrafast broadband (300 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
Number of premises with Full Fibre availability	laua, pcon, devcon	Number of premises that have coverage from a full-fibre service
Number of premises with Gigabit availability	all except pc	Number of premises that have coverage from a gigabit-capable service
% of premises unable to receive [X]Mbit/s	all	Percentage of matched premises that do not have access to services above X Mbit/s, where X = 2, 5, 10 or 30

Field	In files (level)	Description
% of premises unable to receive decent broadband from fixed or FWA	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)
% of premises with NGA	all	Percentage of premises with Next Generation Access ³
% of premises able to receive decent broadband from FWA	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
Number of premises unable to receive [X]Mbit/s	all except pc	Number of matched premises that do not have access to services above X Mbit/s, where X = 2, 5, 10 or 30
Number of premises unable to receive decent broadband from fixed or FWA	all except pc	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)
Number of premises with NGA	all except pc	Number of premises with Next Generation Access
Number of premises able to receive decent broadband from FWA	all except pc	Number of premises that have access to decent broadband (at least 10 Mbit/s download and 1 Mbit/s upload speed) from a WISP
% of premises with [X]<[Y]Mbit/s download speed	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)
% of premises with >=300Mbit/s download speed	all	Percentage of premises that have access to a maximum download speed of at least 300 Mbit/s

³ The EU uses the terminology “next-generation access” and defines it to be networks that consist wholly or in part of optical fibre cables that are capable of delivering broadband. Our analysis includes all active fixed-line connections except those delivered via ADSL (so including full fibre, HFC, VDSL and G.Fast).

Field	In files (level)	Description
Number of premises with [X]<[Y]Mbit/s download speed	all except pc	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)
Number of premises with >=300Mbit/s download speed	all except pc	Number of premises that have access to a maximum download speed of at least 300 Mbit/s