About this data: Fixed coverage

To create our Connected Nations 2024 report, Ofcom collected and analysed coverage data from nearly 70 fixed network and fixed wireless access (FWA) providers, which are listed in Section A2 of the Methodology Annex. The data was collected as a snapshot in July 2024 for fixed coverage and May 2024 for FWA. 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 111 was used.

If you have any questions or feedback on the data, please contact us at 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 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
202407_fixed_coverage_UK_and_Nations_r01.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	

Field	Values	Description
% Premises		Percentage of premises covered
Premises		Number of premises covered
Date	Jul-24	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
- 2. Parliamentary Constituency
- 3. Census Output Area (2021 Census for England, Northern Ireland and Wales, 2011 Census for Scotland)
- 4. Postcode

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	202407_fixed_laua_coverage_r01.csv	All	361	72 KB
Authority (laua)	202407_fixed_laua_res_coverage_r01.csv	Residential	361	72 KB
Parliamentary Constituency	202407_fixed_pcon_coverage_r01.csv	All	650	125 KB
(pcon)	202407_fixed_pcon_res_coverage_r01.csv	Residential	650	123 KB
Census Output Area	202407_fixed_oa_coverage_r01.csv	All	238,655	26 MB
(oa)	202407_fixed_oa_res_coverage_r01.csv	Residential	238,617	26 MB
Postcode (pc)	121 files in the folder 'postcode_files', one for each postcode area defined by xx: 202407_fixed_postcode_coverage_r01_xx.csv	All	1,730,480	160 MB
	121 files in the folder 'postcode_res_files', one for each postcode area defined by xx: 202407_fixed_postcode_res_coverage_r01_xx.csv	Residential	1,594,643	148 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, 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
laua	laua	Local or Unitary Authority Code, such as S12000033
laua_name	laua	Local or Unitary Authority Name
parl_const	pcon	Parliamentary Constituency Code, such as N05000018
parliamentary_constituency_name	pcon	Parliamentary Constituency Name
output_area	oa	Census Output Area, such as W00010697
postcode	рс	Postcode with spaces removed, such as SE19HA
postcode_space	рс	Postcode with single space, such as SE1 9HA
postcode area	рс	Postcode area, such as SE
All Premises	laua, pcon, oa	Count of all premises in scope for the location
All Matched Premises	laua, pcon, oa	Count of all premises matched to operator records with a non-zero recorded fixed broadband coverage. 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

Field	In files (level)	Description
UFBB availability (% premises)	All	Percentage of premises that have Ultrafast Broadband (300 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
Full Fibre availability (% premises)	laua, pcon	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	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have Superfast Broadband (30 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
Number of premises with UFBB (100Mbit/s) availability	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have Ultrafast Broadband (100 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
Number of premises with UFBB availability	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have Ultrafast Broadband (300 Mbit/s or greater) coverage
Number of premises with Full Fibre availability	laua, pcon	Number of premises that have coverage from a full-fibre service
Number of premises with Gigabit availability	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that have coverage from a gigabit-capable service
% of premises unable to receive [X]Mbit/s	All	Percentage of premises that do not have access to services above X Mbit/s, where X = 2, 5, 10 or 30
% of premises below the USO	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
% 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	laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises that do not have access to services above X Mbit/s, where X = 2, 5, 10 or 30

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Number of premises with NGA laua, pcon, oa	Number of premises with Next Generation Access
Number of premises able to laua, receive decent broadband from pcon, oa FWA	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 All download speed	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 All download speed	Percentage of premises that have access to a maximum download speed of at least 300 Mbit/s
Number of premises with laua, [X]<[Y]Mbit/s download speed 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 $(30, 300)$
Number of premises with laua, >=300Mbit/s download speed pcon, oa	Number of premises that have access to a maximum download speed of at least 300 Mbit/s