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The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) has today released further results from the 2011 Census, which was held on 27 March 2011.

In December 2012, NISRA published Key Statistics, which contained wide ranging statistical profiles of Northern Ireland's 26 Local Government Districts (LGDs), covering demography, identity, health, housing, educational qualifications, labour market activity, travel to work and study and migration. Similar statistical profiles for each of Northern Ireland's 582 electoral wards, 890 Super Output Areas (SOAs) and 4,537 Small Areas (SAs), as well as the 18 Assembly Areas (AAs) were published in January 2013.

Today's release of Quick Statistics complements the December and January publications by providing more detailed information than that provided by Key Statistics across a range of individual topics and response categories. It includes, for instance, a more extensive analysis of the Census questions on country of birth, religion, passports held, ethnic group and main language, which provided a facility for respondents to write-in their own response if required. It also contains all possible combinations of respondents' abilities in speaking, reading, writing or understanding Irish or Ulster-Scots.

The information is available through the [Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service \(NINIS\) website](#) which provides facilities to access the data and to view the data on charts and maps.

The Census is widely acknowledged as playing a fundamental and unique role in the provision of comprehensive and robust population statistics. Census information is needed to form policy,

to plan services for specific groups of people and, especially, to make effective use of resources through distributing them to where they are needed most.

Key users of information from the Census include both central and local government, academia, organisations undertaking research, the private, business and voluntary sectors and the general public.

## NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. Today's release of results from the 2011 Census will be followed by a number of other planned releases. Further information about these is set out in the [Northern Ireland Census 2011 Output Prospectus](#), which will be regularly updated as the release programme proceeds.
2. A number of supporting papers on the 2011 Census are also available on the [NISRA website](#).
3. Information on the 2011 Census in England and Wales is available from the [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\) website](#).
4. Information on the 2011 Census in Scotland is available from the [National Records of Scotland \(NRS\) website](#).
5. Census statistics for the United Kingdom will be produced when estimates are available for all countries. An initial UK report on Census Day population estimates is available <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/uk-census/index.html>.
6. We welcome feedback from users on the content, format and relevance of this release. Please send feedback to the email address below.
7. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.  
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8. The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

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- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

9. Media enquiries should be addressed to the Department of Finance and Personnel Communications Office on Tel: 028 9016 3390. Out of office hours please contact the Duty Press Officer via pager number 07699 715 440 and your call will be returned.

10. Further information on the statistics provided in this release can be obtained from NISRA Census Customer Services at:

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