

Helping everyone take part in Census 2021

Billions of pounds are allocated to local services using census-based information every year

- So that these funds can be allocated in the most appropriate and effective ways, it's important the census accurately captures everyone in our society.

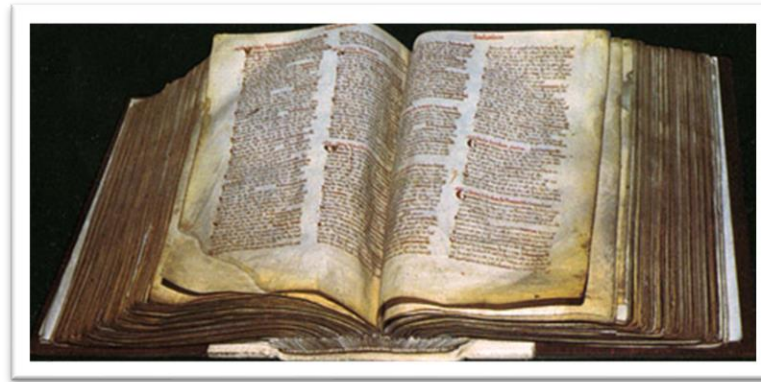


Census facts

The first modern UK census was in 1801. It collected everyone's name and address, and some age data...



A census enumerator in a Gray's Inn Lane tenement, London



... but the first thorough survey of England was in 1086 when William the Conqueror ordered the production of the Domesday Book. This detailed inventory of land and property was a massive undertaking at the time, taking many years to complete.



In 2011, the census captured more than **94%** of people in England and Wales.

The population on Census Day was **56,075,912**

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In 1911, Suffragette Emily Wilding Davison hid overnight in a cupboard, in a crypt in the Houses of Parliament. Her protest aimed to give her residence on the form as the Houses of Parliament.

In the end, she was counted twice, once in parliament and once by her landlady!



In 1841, English romantic painter William Turner, rowed a boat into the centre of the Thames so he could not be counted as present at any property in that year's census.



On Census Day in 2011, 1,586 babies were born in England and Wales...



...6,242 people put their religion as 'Heavy Metal'...



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...and 176,632 people identified as Jedi!



(This was down from 390,127 in 2011)