

UK Census Dates

There has been a Census every 10 years in England and Wales since 1801, although in many cases Census Returns from 1801 – 1831 have not survived.

Tuesday 19th March 1801
Monday 27th May 1811
Monday 28th May 1821
Monday 30th May 1831
Sunday 6th June 1841
Sunday 30th March 1851
Sunday 7th April 1861
Sunday 2nd April 1871
Sunday 3rd April 1881
Sunday 5th April 1891
Sunday 31 March 1901
Sunday 2nd April 1911

The following Census are subject to the 100 year closure rule

Sunday 19th June 1921
Sunday 26th April 1931 - destroyed during bombing in the Second World War
29th September 1939 - National Registration due to the Second World War
1941 - No Census due to the Second World War
Sunday 8th April 1951
Sunday 23rd April 1961
24th April 1966 - A 10% Sample of the population was taken
Sunday 25th April 1971
Sunday 5th April 1981
Sunday 21st April 1991
Sunday 29th April 2001
Sunday 27th March 2011 - The first Census which was able to be completed on line