

SUGGESTED RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Use these suggested research questions for guidance if you're not sure where to start when it comes to looking at census data. **Choose the topic that most closely matches your interests and explore how the results in your local area compare to the data for England and Wales overall.**

Tips:

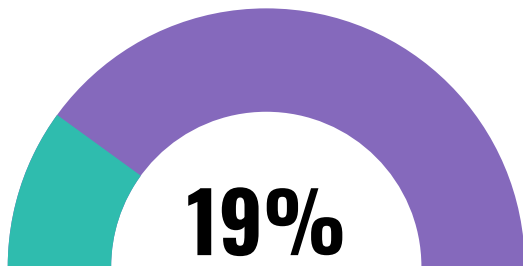
- You can apply different combinations of variables to these topics in order to make your research more intersectional.
- Change the population type when using the ONS custom table builder to explore different variables (e.g. choose 'Household reference persons' to view housing variables).
- Beware of Statistical Disclosure Control (SDC) when applying detailed combinations of variables to small geographic areas. If data isn't available for your selections, you may need to broaden your variables or search by a larger area.

Topic: demographic information

Sample research question: What proportion of women in England and Wales are disabled under the Equality Act? And what is the broad breakdown of women in England and Wales by ethnicity?

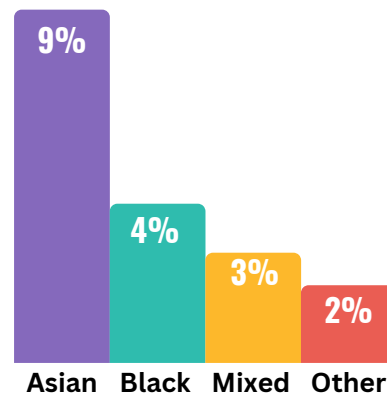
Variables selected: disability, ethnic group, sex.

Notes: You can explore many combinations of variables to discover demographic information in your local area, including: age, main language, migrant indicator, national identity, religion.



of women in England and Wales are disabled under the Equality Act (compared to 16% of men)

Female usual residents of England and Wales by broad ethnic background
(white has been excluded for clarity of other data)



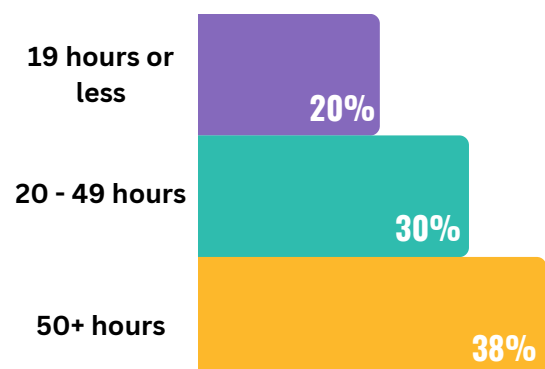
Topic: health and unpaid care

Sample research question: Among women who provide different levels of unpaid care in England and Wales, what proportion report being in bad health?

Variables selected: general health, sex, unpaid care.

Notes: You may also be interested to look at unpaid care in relation to economic activity status, disability, age or other factors related to your areas of interest.

Percentage of female unpaid carers in England and Wales who report bad health
(by number of hours of unpaid care provided)



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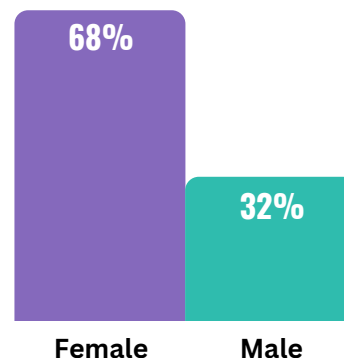
Topic: working hours

Sample research question: What percentage of women work part-time in England and Wales compared to men?

Variables selected: sex, hours worked.

Notes: Those interested in labour market participation may also like to explore variables such as economic activity status, industry, occupation, and employment history by different demographic characteristics.

Part-time workers in England and Wales
(30 hours or less worked per week)



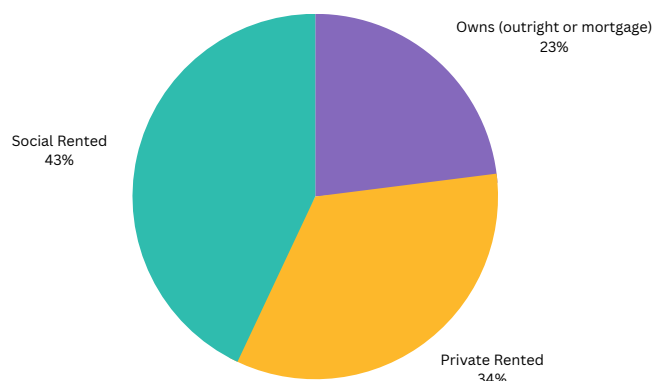
Topic: housing/lone parents

Sample research question: Among female lone parents in England and Wales, what proportion rent versus own their home?

Variables selected: sex, tenure of household, number of adults in household, dependent children in household and their age - indicator.

Notes: Other variables related to housing include accommodation type, combination of ethnic groups in household, number of people per bedroom in household (among others). You may also find it useful to compare the situation for lone parents with two-parent families.

Housing tenure of female lone parents with dependent children in England and Wales



Topic: 'economic inactivity'/ethnicity

Sample research question: What are the rates of 'economic inactivity' among working age women of different Asian ethnic backgrounds in England and Wales?

Variables selected: economic inactivity status, ethnic group, sex.

Notes: You can change the number of categories in the ethnic group variable to be more or less detailed. Beware of Statistical Disclosure Control if searching very detailed variables in small geographic areas.

'Economic inactivity' among working age women from Asian backgrounds in England and Wales

