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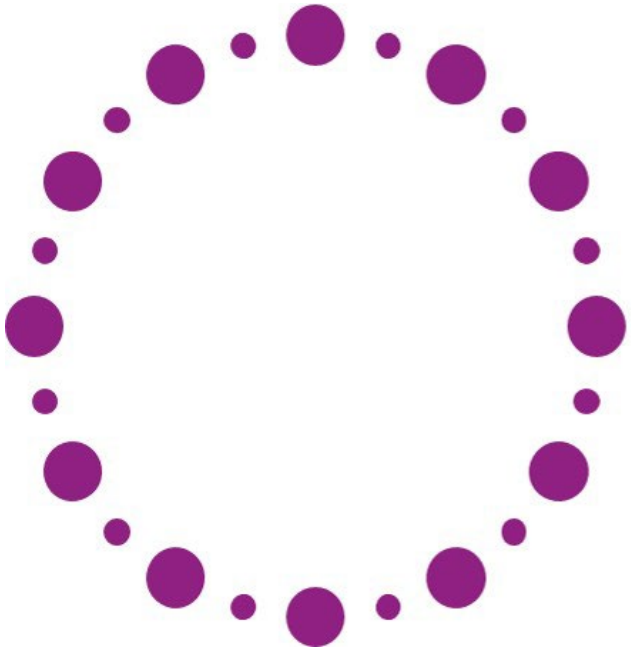

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Introduction

This document provides more detailed information about the variables and classifications used in creating and presenting the data from Census 2021.

Census 2021 outputs classifications to complement this section can be found on the Northern Ireland Statistic and Research Agency (NISRA) website.

Two types of variables are used in the creation of census outputs, standard and derived.

Standard variables come directly from individual census questions. The responses to the questions can be mapped directly to a standard variable. The responses to only one question go to make up a standard variable.

Derived variables (DVO) require some sort of calculation or processing to create useful or meaningful output from the questionnaire. For example, proficiency in English combines results from the main language question and how well a person can speak English. Included along with the derived variables are names of the other variables that are used to create them.

For each variable, the following information is provided:

- name (type);
- mnemonic – there may be more than one mnemonic for particular titles as certain topics have a number of variables associated with them;
- variable level (for example, residents, households);
- description of variable;
- classification/categories (code, name);
- source question (standard variables)/source variables (derived variables); and
- list of output tables where the variables are used.

Accommodation type

Level: Households; household spaces; and residents

This variable classifies the type of accommodation used or available for use by an individual household. Examples include the whole of a terraced house, or a flat in a purpose-built block of flats.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Accommodation type

Accommodation_Type

Code	Name
1	Whole house or bungalow: Detached
2	Whole house or bungalow: Semi-detached
3	Whole house or bungalow: Terraced (including end-terrace)
4	Flat, maisonette or apartment: Purpose-built block of flats
5	Flat, maisonette or apartment: Part of a converted or shared house (including bed-sits)
6	Flat, maisonette or apartment: In a commercial building (for example in an office building, hotel, or over a shop)
7	Caravan or other mobile or temporary structure

Total number of categories: 7

Source question

Question H7: What type of accommodation is this?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Accommodation_Type	N/A

Used in tables

Release	Accommodation type variable	Table number
Main statistics	Accommodation type	MS-E05, MS-E06, MS-E07

Adaptation of accommodation

Level: Households

This variable classifies a household's accommodation by whether it has been adapted or designed for one or more of the following; internal wheelchair usage, external wheelchair access, other physical or mobility difficulties, visual difficulties, hearing difficulties or other.

Household adapted for external wheelchair access

HH_ADAPTED_EXTERNAL_WHEELCHAIR

Derived variable to indicate whether household adapted for external wheelchair access.

Code	Name
0	House is not adapted for external wheelchair access
1	House is adapted for external wheelchair access

Total number of categories: 2

Household adapted for hearing difficulties

HH_ADAPTED_HEARING

Derived variable to indicate whether household adapted for hearing difficulties.

Code	Name
0	House is not adapted for hearing difficulties
1	House is adapted for hearing difficulties

Total number of categories: 2

Household adapted for internal wheelchair usage

HH_ADAPTED_INTERNAL_WHEELCHAIR

Derived variable to indicate whether household adapted for internal wheelchair usage.

Code	Name
0	House is not adapted for internal wheelchair usage
1	House is adapted for internal wheelchair usage

Total number of categories: 2

Household adapted for other physical or mobility difficulties

HH_ADAPTED_OTHER_PHYSICAL_MOBILITY

Derived variable to indicate whether household adapted for other physical or mobility difficulties.

Code	Name
0	House is not adapted for other physical or mobility difficulties
1	House is adapted for other physical or mobility difficulties

Total number of categories: 2

Household adapted for other reasons

HH_ADAPTED_OTHER

Derived variable to indicate whether household adapted for other reasons.

Code	Name
0	House is not adapted for other reasons
1	House is adapted for other reasons

Total number of categories: 2

Household adapted for visual difficulties

HH_ADAPTED_VISUAL

Derived variable to indicate whether household adapted for visual difficulties.

Code	Name
0	House is not adapted for visual difficulties
1	House is adapted for visual difficulties

Total number of categories: 2

Household adaptation indicator

HH_ADAPTED_IND

Derived variable to indicate whether a household has been designed or adapted.

Code	Name
0	No adaptations
1	1 or more adaptations

Total number of categories: 2

Number of adaptations to household, top-coded at 4

HH_ADAPTED_NUM_TC4

Derived variable to indicate the number of adaptations to household, top-coded at 4.

Code	Name
0	Accommodation has not been designed or adapted
1	One
2	Two
3	Three
4	Four or more

Total number of categories: 5

Source question

Question H8: Has this accommodation been designed or adapted for:

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
HH_SIZE Adaptations_Tick	HH_ADAPTED_EXTERNAL_WHEELCHAIR HH_ADAPTED_HEARING HH_ADAPTED_INTERNAL_WHEELCHAIR HH_ADAPTED_OTHER HH_ADAPTED_OTHER_PHYSICAL_MOBILITY HH_ADAPTED_VISUAL HH_ADAPTED_IND HH_ADAPTED_NUM_TC4

Used in tables

Release	Adaptation variable	Table number
Main statistics	Number of adaptations to household, top-coded at 4	MS-E08
Main statistics	Adaptation of accommodation	MS-E09

Age

Level: Residents

The Resident_Age variable is derived from the date of birth question and is a person's age at their last birthday, prior to census day. Infants less than one year old are classified as 0 years of age.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Single year of age

AGE_SYOA

Derived variable to indicate single year of age, top-coded at 100 years.

Code	Name
000-100+	0-100+ years singly

Total number of categories: 101

Five year age bands

AGE_BAND_5YR

Derived variable to indicate five-year age bands, top-coded at 90 years.

Code	Name
01	0-4 years
02	5-9 years
03	10-14 years
04	15-19 years
05	20-24 years
06	25-29 years
07	30-34 years
08	35-39 years
09	40-44 years
10	45-49 years
11	50-54 years
12	55-59 years
13	60-64 years
14	65-69 years
15	70-74 years

Code	Name
16	75-79 years
17	80-84 years
18	85-89 years
19	90+ years

Total number of categories: 19

Broad age bands

AGE_BAND_BROAD

Derived variable to indicate broad age bands.

Code	Name
1	0-14 years
2	15-39 years
3	40-64 years
4	65+ years

Total number of categories: 4

Age structure

AGE_STRUCTURE

Derived variable to indicate specific age bands top-coded at 90 years.

Code	Name
01	0-2 years
02	3-4 years
03	5-7 years
04	8-9 years
05	10-14 years
06	15 years
07	16-17 years
08	18-19 years
09	20-24 years
10	25-29 years
11	30-34 years
12	35-39 years
13	40-44 years
14	45-49 years
15	50-54 years
16	55-59 years

Code	Name
17	60-64 years
18	65 years
19	66-69 years
20	70-74 years
21	75-79 years
22	80-84 years
23	85-89 years
24	90+ years

Total number of categories: 24

Source question

Question 2: What is your date of birth?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address	Resident_Age

Used in tables

Release	Age variable	Table number
Main statistics	Single year of age	MS-A05, MS-A09
Main statistics	Five year age bands	MS-A02, MS-A03, MS-A04, MS-A08, MS-A12
Main statistics	Broad age bands	MS-A10, MS-A11, MS-D01, MS-D02, MS-D05, MS-D06, MS-D07, MS-D08, MS-D09, MS-D10, MS-D11, MS-D12, MS-D13, MS-D14, MS-D15, MS-D16, MS-D17
Main statistics	Age structure	MS-A06

Cars or vans

Level: Household

This variable classifies households by the number of cars or vans that are owned, or available for use, by one or more members of a household. This includes company cars and vans that are available for private use. It does not include motorbikes or scooters, or any cars or vans belonging to visitors.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Number of cars

Number_of_cars

Standard variable to indicate the number of cars or vans that are owned, or available for use, by one or more members of a household.

Code	Name
0-20	Number of cars

Total number of categories: 21

Number of cars or vans available (top-coded at 5)

HH_CAR_VAN_TC5

Derived variable to indicate the number of cars or vans that are owned, or available for use, by one or more members of a household.

Code	Name
0	No cars or vans available
1	1 car or van available
2	2 cars or vans available
3	3 cars or vans available
4	4 cars or vans available
5	5 or more cars or vans available

Total number of categories: 6

Source question

Question H13: In total, how many cars or vans are owned, or available for use, by members of this household?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
HH_SIZE Number_of_cars	HH_CAR_VAN_TC5

Used in tables

Release	Cars or vans variable	Table number
Main statistics	Number of cars or vans available (top-coded at 5)	MS-E10

Central heating in household

Level: Household

This variable classifies the household by the type of central heating they have. A household's accommodation is classified as having central heating if it is present in some or all rooms (whether used or not). Other central heating includes solar, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) or other bottled gas.

This information is not available for household spaces with no usual residents.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Central heating indicator

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_IND

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has central heating.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have central heating
1	Household has central heating

Total number of categories: 2

Household central heating type

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING

Derived variable to indicate which types of central heating household has.

Code	Name
01	One type of central heating: Oil
02	One type of central heating: Mains gas
03	One type of central heating: Electric (for example storage heaters)
04	One type of central heating: Tank or bottled gas
05	One type of central heating: Solid fuel (for example coal)
06	One type of central heating: Renewable heating system
07	One type of central heating: Wood (for example logs or waste wood)
08	One type of central heating: Other
09	Two or more types of central heating: Oil and solid fuel (for example coal)
10	Two or more types of central heating: Oil, wood (for example logs or waste wood), and solid fuel (for example coal)

Code	Name
11	Two or more types of central heating: Oil and wood (for example logs or waste wood)
12	Two or more types of central heating: Oil and electric (for example storage heaters)
13	Two or more types of central heating: Mains gas and electric (for example storage heaters)
14	Two or more types of central heating: Oil and tank or bottled gas
15	Two or more types of central heating: Mains gas and solid fuel (for example coal)
16	Two or more types of central heating: Mains gas and wood (for example logs or waste wood)
17	Two or more types of central heating: Oil, electric (for example storage heaters) and solid fuel (for example coal)
18	Two or more types of central heating: Oil, electric (for example storage heaters), wood (for example logs or waste wood) and solid fuel (for example coal)
19	Two or more types of central heating: Mains gas, wood (for example logs or waste wood) and solid fuel (for example coal)
20	Two or more types of central heating: Oil and renewable heating system
21	Two or more types of central heating: Oil, tank or bottled gas and solid fuel (for example coal)
22	Two or more types of central heating: Oil and mains gas
23	Two or more types of central heating: Other combinations
24	Two or more types of central heating: No central heating

Total number of categories: 24

Household has electric central heating (for example storage heaters)

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_ELEC

Derived variable to indicate whether household has mains electric central heating (for example storage heaters).

Code	Name
0	Household does not have electric central heating
1	Household has electric central heating

Total number of categories: 2

Household has mains gas central heating

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_MAINS_GAS

Derived variable to indicate whether household has mains gas central heating.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have mains gas central heating
1	Household has mains gas central heating

Total number of categories: 2

Household has oil central heating

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_OIL

Derived variable to indicate whether household has oil central heating.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have oil central heating
1	Household has oil central heating

Total number of categories: 2

Household has other central heating

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_OTHER

Derived variable to indicate whether household has other central heating.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have other central heating
1	Household has other central heating

Total number of categories: 2

Household has renewable heating system

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_RENEWABLE

Derived variable to indicate whether household has renewable heating system.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have renewable heating system
1	Household has renewable heating system

Total number of categories: 2

Household has solid fuel central heating (for example coal)

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_SOLID_FUEL

Derived variable to indicate whether household has solid fuel central heating (for example coal).

Code	Name
0	Household does not have solid fuel central heating (for example coal)
1	Household has solid fuel central heating (for example coal)

Total number of categories: 2

Household has tank or bottled gas central heating

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_TANK_BOTTLED_GAS

Derived variable to indicate whether household has tank or bottled gas central heating.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have tank or bottled gas central heating
1	Household has tank or bottled gas central heating

Total number of categories: 2

Household has wood central heating (for example logs or waste wood)

HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_WOOD

Derived variable to indicate whether household has wood central heating (for example logs or waste wood).

Code	Name
0	Household does not have wood central heating (for example logs or waste wood)
1	Household has wood central heating (for example logs or waste wood)

Total number of categories: 2

Source question

Question H9: What type of central heating does this accommodation have?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
HH_SIZE Heating_Type	HH_CENTRAL_HEATING HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_OIL HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_MAINS_GAS HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_ELEC HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_TANK_BOTTLED_GAS HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_SOLID_FUEL HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_WOOD HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_RENEWABLE HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_OTHER HH_CENTRAL_HEATING_IND

Used in tables

Release	Central heating variable	Table number
Main statistics	Central heating (household based) – (classification 1)	MS-E11
Main statistics	Central heating (system based) – (classification 2)	MS-E12

Country of birth

Level: Residents

This variable classifies people by the country in which they were born.

There are a number of different breakdowns used when classifying country of birth ranging from basic to full detail. The categories EU countries and non-EU countries relate to the European Union (EU) as at March 2021.

Download the full country of birth classification (Excel, 21 KB) from the NISRA website. The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Country of birth (basic)

COB_BASIC

Derived variable to indicate the basic level of aggregation for the country of birth variable. The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Code	Name
01	Europe: United Kingdom: Northern Ireland
02	Europe: United Kingdom: England
03	Europe: United Kingdom: Scotland
04	Europe: United Kingdom: Wales
05	Europe: Republic of Ireland
06	Europe: Other EU
07	Europe: Other non-EU
08	Africa
09	Middle East and Asia
10	North America
11	South America
12	Antarctica

Total number of categories: 12

Country of birth (categories with 1,000+ responses)

COB_1000

Derived variable to indicate the intermediate level of aggregation for the country of birth variable.

Code	Name
01	Europe: United Kingdom: Northern Ireland
02	Europe: United Kingdom: England
03	Europe: United Kingdom: Scotland
04	Europe: United Kingdom: Wales
05	Europe: Republic of Ireland
06	Europe: Poland
07	Europe: Lithuania
08	Europe: Romania
09	Europe: Bulgaria
10	Europe: Germany
11	Europe: Portugal
12	Europe: Latvia
13	Europe: Slovakia
14	Europe: Hungary
15	Europe: Spain (including Canary Islands)
16	Europe: Italy
17	Europe: France
18	Europe: Other EU
19	Europe: Other non-EU
20	Africa: South Africa
21	Africa: Nigeria
22	Africa: Zimbabwe
23	Africa: Other Africa
24	Middle East and Asia: India
25	Middle East and Asia: China
26	Middle East and Asia: Philippines
27	Middle East and Asia: East Timor
28	Middle East and Asia: Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China)
29	Middle East and Asia: Syria
30	Middle East and Asia: Pakistan
31	Middle East and Asia: Other
32	North America, Central America and Caribbean: United States
33	North America, Central America and Caribbean: Canada
34	North America, Central America and Caribbean: Other
35	South America
36	Antarctica, Oceania and Other: Australia
37	Antarctica, Oceania and Other: Other

Total number of categories: 37

Source question

Question 7: What is your country of birth?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Country_Of_Birth	COB_BASIC COB_1000

Used in tables

Release	Country of birth variable	Table number
Main statistics	Country of birth (basic)	MS-A16, MS-A19
Main statistics	Country of birth (categories with 1,000+ responses)	MS-A17

Ethnic group

Level: Residents

Ethnic group variables classify people according to their own perceived ethnic group.

Download the full ethnic group classification (Excel, 21 KB) from the NISRA website. The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Ethnic group (intermediate)

ETHNIC_GROUP_INTERMEDIATE

Derived variable to indicate the intermediate level of aggregation for the ethnic group variable.

Code	Name
01	White
02	Irish Traveller
03	Roma
04	Indian
05	Chinese
06	Filipino
07	Pakistani
08	Arab
09	Other Asian
10	Black African
11	Black Other
12	Mixed
13	Other ethnicities

Total number of categories: 13

Source question

Question 12: What is your ethnic group?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Ethnic_Group_Tick Ethnic_Group_Write_In	Ethnic_Group_13_Category

Used in tables

Release	Ethnic group variable	Table number
Main statistics	Ethnic group (intermediate)	MS-B01

General Health

Level: Residents

The General Health variable classifies people according to the general state of their health which was self-assessed. People were asked to assess whether their health was very good, good, fair, bad or very bad. This assessment is not based on a person's health over any specified period of time.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Health in general

Health_In_General

Code	Name
01	Very good health
02	Good health
03	Fair health
04	Bad health
05	Very bad health

Total number of categories: 5

Source question

Question 19: How is your health in general?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Health_In_General	N/A

Used in tables

Release	Health variable	Table number
Main statistics	Health in general	MS-D01

Household

Level: Households

This variable categorises households by whether or not they contain usual residents.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Household usual resident indicator

HH_UR_IND

Derived variable to indicate whether a household contains usual residents.

Code	Name
1	Household

Total number of categories: 1

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address	HH_SIZE

Used in tables

Release	Usual resident variable	Table number
Main statistics	Household usual resident indicator	MS-E01

Household language

Level: Households

This variable describes whether English is used as a main language in a household and whether it is used by all those within the household. It includes age characteristics of those in the household.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

English as a household language

HH_LANGUAGE

Derived variable to indicate where children and adults in the household speak English as a main language.

Code	Name
1	Households where: All people aged 16+ years have English as a main language
2	Households where: At least one but not all people aged 16+ years have English as a main language
3	Households where: No people aged 16+ years have English as a main language, but at least one person aged 3-15 years has English as a main language
4	Households where: No people have English as a main language
-8	No code required

Total number of categories: 5

Source question

Question 15: What is your main language?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
HH_SIZE ENGLISH_PROFICIENCY	Resident_Age HH_LANGUAGE

Used in tables

Release	Household language variable	Table number
Main statistics	English as a household language	MS-B11

Household size

Level: Households

The Household size variable classifies households according to the number of usual residents within them.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Household size (top-coded at 6)

HH_SIZE_TC6

Derived variable to indicate the number of usual residents in a household, top-coded at 6 or more people.

Code	Name
1	Households: 1 person
2	Households: 2 people
3	Households: 3 people
4	Households: 4 people
5	Households: 5 people
6	Households: 6 or more people

Total number of categories: 6

Source question

Question H2: Counting everyone you included in question H1, how many people usually live here?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Response_id Residence_Type Is_HH_Term_Time_Address	HH_SIZE HH_SIZE_TC6

Used in tables

Release	Household size variable	Table number
Main statistics	Household size (top-coded at 6)	MS-E02, MS-E03

Household space occupancy indicator

Level: Household spaces

This variable classifies household spaces by those that have at least one usual resident (occupied), and those that do not have any usual residents (unoccupied).

A household space with no usual residents is not the same as a vacant household space because it may be a second home or holiday accommodation, or may otherwise have had visitors present on census night.

Household space usual resident indicator

HH_UR_IND

Derived variable to indicate whether a household contains at least one usual resident.

Code	Name
1	Household spaces with usual residents
2	Household spaces without usual residents

Total number of categories: 2

Source question

Question H2: Counting everyone you included in question H1, how many people usually live here?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Response_id Residence_Type Is_HH_Term_Time_Address	HH_SIZE HH_UR_IND

Used in tables

Release	Household space variable	Table number
Main statistics	Household space usual resident indicator	MS-E04

Irish language skills

Level: Residents

There are a number of variables relating to Irish language. They all classify people based on the ability or skills they have in Irish language.

A person is classified with ability in Irish language if they can do one or more of the following:

- understand Irish;
- speak Irish;
- read Irish; and/or
- write Irish.

In results that classify people by Irish language skills, a person may appear in more than one category depending on which combination of skills they have. Although this output classification includes all people, all outputs are restricted to aged 3 and over.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Irish language skills (intermediate)

IRISH_SKILLS_INTERMEDIATE

Derived variable to indicate an individual's ability to use the Irish language.

Code	Name
1	Understands but does not read, write or speak Irish
2	Speaks but does not read or write Irish
3	Speaks and reads but does not write Irish
4	Speaks, reads, writes and understands Irish
5	Other combination of skills
6	No ability in Irish
-8	No code required

Total number of categories: 7

Source question

Question 17: Can you understand, speak, read or write Irish?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Irish_Language_Proficiency	Resident_Age IRISH_SKILLS_ALL

Used in tables

Release	Irish language skills variable	Table number
Main statistics	Irish Language Skills (intermediate)	MS-B05

Long-term health conditions

Level: Residents

These variables classify people by whether they have a long-term condition or not and the type of long-term condition they have. This question required people to tick all conditions that applied to them and therefore in outputs individuals may appear in more than one category.

The question is a self-assessment of whether a person has a condition which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months.

Health condition: An emotional, psychological or mental health condition

HEALTH_CONDITION_MENTAL_HEALTH

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has an emotional, psychological or mental health condition (for example depression or schizophrenia).

Code	Name
01	Has an emotional, psychological or mental health condition (for example depression or schizophrenia)
02	Does not have an emotional, psychological or mental health condition (for example depression or schizophrenia)

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: An intellectual or learning disability

HEALTH_CONDITION_INTELLECTUAL_LEARNING_DISABILITY

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has an intellectual or learning disability (for example Down syndrome).

Code	Name
01	Has an intellectual or learning disability (for example Down syndrome)
02	Does not have an intellectual or learning disability (for example Down syndrome)

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Autism or Asperger syndrome

HEALTH_CONDITION_AUTISM

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has Autism or Asperger syndrome.

Code	Name
01	Has Autism or Asperger syndrome
02	Does not have Autism or Asperger syndrome

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Blindness or partial sight loss

HEALTH_CONDITION_BLIND

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has blindness or partial sight loss.

Code	Name
01	Has blindness or partial sight loss
02	Does not have blindness or partial sight loss

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Deafness or partial hearing loss

HEALTH_CONDITION_DEAF

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has deafness or partial hearing loss.

Code	Name
01	Has deafness or partial hearing loss
02	Does not have deafness or partial hearing loss

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Frequent periods of confusion or memory loss

HEALTH_CONDITION_CONFUSION_MEMORY_LOSS

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has frequent periods of confusion or memory loss (for example dementia).

Code	Name
01	Has frequent periods of confusion or memory loss (for example dementia)
02	Does not have frequent periods of confusion or memory loss (for example dementia)

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Learning difficulty

HEALTH_CONDITION_LEARNING_DIFFICULTY

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has a learning difficulty (for example dyslexia).

Code	Name
01	Has a learning difficulty (for example dyslexia)
02	Does not have a learning difficulty (for example dyslexia)

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Long-term pain or discomfort

HEALTH_CONDITION_LONG_TERM_PAIN

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has long-term pain or discomfort.

Code	Name
01	Has long-term pain or discomfort
02	Does not have long-term pain or discomfort

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Mobility or dexterity difficulty that limits basic physical activities (e.g. walking or dressing)

HEALTH_CONDITION_MOBILITY_PHYSICAL

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has a mobility or dexterity difficulty that limits basic physical activities (for example walking or dressing).

Code	Name
01	Has a mobility or dexterity difficulty that limits basic physical activities (for example walking or dressing)
02	Does not have a mobility or dexterity difficulty that limits basic physical activities (for example walking or dressing)

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Mobility or dexterity difficulty that requires the use of a wheelchair

HEALTH_CONDITION_MOBILITY_WHEELCHAIR

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has a mobility or dexterity difficulty that requires the use of a wheelchair.

Code	Name
01	Has a mobility or dexterity difficulty that requires the use of a wheelchair
02	Does not have a mobility or dexterity difficulty that requires the use of a wheelchair

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: No condition

HEALTH_CONDITION_NONE

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has no long-term health conditions.

Code	Name
01	Has no health conditions
02	Has health conditions

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Other condition indicator (e.g. cancer, diabetes or heart disease)

HEALTH_CONDITION_OTHER

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has another health condition (for example cancer, diabetes or heart disease).

Code	Name
01	Has another health condition (for example cancer, diabetes or heart disease)
02	Does not have another health condition (for example cancer, diabetes or heart disease)

Total number of categories: 2

Health condition: Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

HEALTH_CONDITION_BREATHING

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (for example asthma).

Code	Name
01	Has shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (for example asthma)
02	Does not have shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (for example asthma)

Total number of categories: 2

Long-term health condition indicator

HEALTH_CONDITION_IND

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has one or more types of long-term health conditions.

Code	Name
0	No health conditions
1	One or more health conditions

Total number of categories: 2

Number of types of long-term health condition (top-coded at 5)

HEALTH_CONDITION_NUM_TC5

Derived variable to indicate the number of types of long-term health condition an individual has, top-coded at 5.

Code	Name
0	Does not have a long-term condition
1	1 long-term health condition
2	2 long-term health conditions
3	3 long-term health conditions
4	4 long-term health conditions
5	5 or more long-term health conditions

Total number of categories: 6

Source question

Question 21: Do you have any of the following conditions which have lasted, or are expected to last, at least 12 months?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Health_Condition	HEALTH_CONDITION_IND HEALTH_CONDITION_DEAF HEALTH_CONDITION_BLIND HEALTH_CONDITION_MOBILITY_WHEELCHAIR HEALTH_CONDITION_MOBILITY_PHYSICAL HEALTH_CONDITION_INTELLECTUAL_LEARNING_DISABILITY HEALTH_CONDITION_LEARNING_DIFFICULTY HEALTH_CONDITION_AUTISM HEALTH_CONDITION_MENTAL_HEALTH HEALTH_CONDITION_CONFUSION_MEMORY_LOSS HEALTH_CONDITION_LONG_TERM_PAIN HEALTH_CONDITION_BREATHING HEALTH_CONDITION_OTHER HEALTH_CONDITION_NONE HEALTH_CONDITION_NUM_TC5

Used in tables

Release	Health condition variable	Table number
Main statistics	Number of types of health condition	MS-D04
Main statistics	Health condition: Deafness or partial hearing loss	MS-D05
Main statistics	Health condition: Blindness or partial sight loss	MS-D06
Main statistics	Health condition: Mobility or dexterity difficulty that requires the use of a wheelchair	MS-D07
Main statistics	Health condition: Mobility or dexterity difficulty that limits basic physical activities	MS-D08
Main statistics	Health condition: Intellectual or learning disability	MS-D09
Main statistics	Health condition: Learning difficulty	MS-D10
Main statistics	Health condition: Autism or Asperger syndrome	MS-D11
Main statistics	Health condition: Emotional, psychological or mental health condition	MS-D12
Main statistics	Health condition: Frequent periods of confusion or memory loss	MS-D13
Main statistics	Health condition: Long-term pain or discomfort	MS-D14

Release	Health condition variable	Table number
Main statistics	Health condition: Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	MS-D15
Main statistics	Health condition: Other condition	MS-D16

Long-term health problem or disability

Level: Residents

This derived variable provides a count of the number of people in a household whose day-to-day activities are limited by a long-term health problem or disability (including problems related to old age) which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months.

Long-term health problem or disability

DISABILITY_DVO

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual has a long-term health problem or disability that limits their day-to-day activities.

Code	Name
01	Day-to-day activities limited a lot
02	Day-to-day activities limited a little
03	Day-to-day activities not limited

Total number of categories: 3

Source question

Question 20: Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Disability	DISABILITY_DVO

Used in tables

Release	Health variable	Table number
Main statistics	Long term health problem or disability	MS-D02
Main statistics	Number of households with residents who have a limiting long-term health problem or disability	MS-D03

Main language

Level: Residents

This classifies people by their main language. There were tick boxes for English and other. If people ticked other they were asked to specify their language. Although this output classification includes all people, all outputs are restricted to aged 3 and over.

Download the full main language classification (Excel, 29 KB) from the NISRA website. The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Main language (categories with 1,000+ responses)

MAIN_LANGUAGE_1000

Derived variable to indicate the main language of an individual. Contains main language values with more than 1,000 responses.

Code	Name
01	English
02	Polish
03	Lithuanian
04	Irish
05	Romanian
06	Portuguese
07	Arabic
08	Bulgarian
09	Chinese (not otherwise specified)
10	Slovak
11	Hungarian
12	Spanish
13	Latvian
14	Russian
15	Tetun
16	Malayalam
17	Tagalog/Filipino
18	Cantonese
19	Other languages
-8	No code required

Total number of categories: 20

Source question

Question 15: What is your main language?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address ENGLISH_PROFICIENCY Main_Language	Resident_Age

Used in tables

Release	Main language variable	Table number
Main statistics	Main language (categories with 1,000+ responses)	MS-B12

National identity

Level: Residents

These variables classify people by their indicated national identity. People were asked to tick all options that they felt applied to them. This means that in outputs relating to national identity persons may be classified with a single national identity or a combination of identities.

Download the full national identity classification (Excel, 26 KB) from the NISRA website. The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

National identity (person based) - basic detail

NAT_ID_BASIC

Derived variable combining outputs from multiple other national identity DVOs to indicate the combination of national identities held by an individual.

Code	Name
1	British only
2	Irish only
3	Northern Irish only
4	British and Irish only
5	British and Northern Irish only
6	Irish and Northern Irish only
7	British, Irish and Northern Irish only
8	Other

Total number of categories: 8

National identity (person based) – intermediate detail (categories with 1,000+ responses)

NAT_ID_1000

Derived variable combining outputs from multiple other national identity DVOs to indicate the combination of national identities held by an individual. This DVO contains more detail than NATIONAL_IDENTITY_BASIC (all national identities with 1,000 or more responses).

Code	Name
01	British only
02	Irish only
03	Northern Irish only
04	British and Irish only
05	British and Northern Irish only
06	Irish and Northern Irish only
07	British, Irish and Northern Irish only
08	English only
09	Scottish only
10	Welsh only
11	Other British/Irish/Northern Irish/English/Scottish/Welsh only
12	Other and at least one of British/Irish/Northern Irish/English/Scottish/Welsh
13	Other identity only: European: Polish
14	Other identity only: European: Lithuanian
15	Other identity only: European: Romanian
16	Other identity only: European: Portuguese
17	Other identity only: European: Bulgarian
18	Other identity only: European: Latvian
19	Other identity only: European: Slovakian
20	Other identity only: European: Hungarian
21	Other identity only: European: Spanish (including Canary Islander)
22	Other identity only: European: Italian
23	Other identity only: European: Other EU countries
24	Other identity only: European: Other non-EU countries
25	Other identity only: African
26	Other identity only: Middle Eastern and Asian: Indian
27	Other identity only: Middle Eastern and Asian: Chinese
28	Other identity only: Middle Eastern and Asian: Syrian
29	Other identity only: Middle Eastern and Asian: Filipino
30	Other identity only: Middle Eastern and Asian: East Timorese
31	Other identity only: Middle Eastern and Asian: Other
32	Other identity only: North American, Central American and Caribbean: US American
33	Other identity only: North American, Central American and Caribbean: Other
34	Other identity only: South American
35	Other identity only: Antarctican and Oceanian
36	Other identity only: Other

Total number of categories: 36

National identity (national identity based) - (classification 2)

Derived variable combining outputs from other national identity DVOs to indicate the national identities held by an individual. People who identify with multiple national identities appear in each applicable category.

Code	Name
01	British
02	Irish
03	Northern Irish
04	English
05	Scottish
06	Welsh
07	Other

Total number of categories: 7

Source question

Question 11: How would you describe your national identity?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Resident_Age National_Identity_UK National_Identity_RoW	NAT_ID_BRITISH NAT_ID_IRISH NAT_ID_NORTHERN_IRISH NAT_ID_ENGLISH NAT_ID_SCOTTISH NAT_ID_WELSH NAT_ID_OTHER

Used in tables

Release	National identity variable	Table number
Main statistics	National identity (basic detail)	MS-B15
Main statistics	National identity (categories with 1,000+ responses)	MS-B16
Main statistics	National identity (classification 2)	MS-B17

Passports held

Level: Residents

The passports held variables classify whether a person held a passport at the time of Census 2021. People were asked to indicate whether they held no passport, a United Kingdom passport, an Irish passport, or a passport from another country, and write in the name of the other country, if applicable. If more than one of the options were applicable people were asked to indicate all that applied.

In results that classify people by passports held, people will appear in each applicable category.

Download the full passports held classification (Excel, 18 KB) from the NISRA website. The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Passports held (person based) - basic detail

PASSPORTS_HELD_BASIC

Derived variable classifying an individual according to their passport (UK, Irish, other), combinations of these, or no passport.

Code	Name
1	United Kingdom only
2	Ireland only
3	United Kingdom and Ireland only
4	United Kingdom and other (not Ireland)
5	Ireland and other (not United Kingdom)
6	United Kingdom, Ireland and other
7	Other only (not UK or Ireland)
8	No passport

Total number of categories: 8

Passports held (person based) – intermediate detail (categories with 1,000+ responses)

PASSPORTS_HELD_1000

Derived variable classifying an individual according to their passport (UK, Irish, other), combinations of these, only other passports with at least 1,000 responses, or no passport.

Code	Name
01	United Kingdom only
02	Ireland only
03	United Kingdom and Ireland only
04	United Kingdom and other (not Ireland)
05	Ireland and other (not United Kingdom)
06	United Kingdom, Ireland and other
07	Other only: Europe: Poland
08	Other only: Europe: Lithuania
09	Other only: Europe: Portugal
10	Other only: Europe: Romania
11	Other only: Europe: Bulgaria
12	Other only: Europe: Latvia
13	Other only: Europe: Slovakia
14	Other only: Europe: Hungary
15	Other only: Europe: Spain
16	Other only: Europe: Italy
17	Other only: Europe: Germany
18	Other only: Europe: France
19	Other only: Europe: Other EU countries
20	Other only: Europe: Other non-EU countries
21	Other only: Africa
22	Other only: Middle East and Asia: India
23	Other only: Middle East and Asia: China
24	Other only: Middle East and Asia: Philippines
25	Other only: Middle East and Asia: Other
26	Other only: North America, Central America and the Caribbean: United States
27	Other only: North America, Central America and the Caribbean: Other
28	Other only: South America
29	Other only: Antarctica and Oceania
30	No passport

Total number of categories: 30

Passports held (passports based) - (classification 2)

Derived variable classifying an individual according to their passports held. Those who hold a United Kingdom or Irish passport, and any other type of passport, appear in each applicable category.

Code	Name
1	United Kingdom
2	Ireland
3	Europe: Other EU countries
4	Europe: Other non-EU countries
5	Africa
6	Middle East and Asia
7	North America, Central America and the Caribbean
8	South America
9	Antarctica and Oceania
10	No passport

Total number of categories: 10

Source question

Question 10: What passports do you hold?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Passport Other_Passport_Held	PASSPORTS_HELD_1000 PASSPORTS_HELD_UK PASSPORTS_HELD_IRISH PASSPORTS_HELD_OTHER PASSPORTS_HELD_NONE PASSPORTS_HELD_INTERNATIONAL

Used in tables

Release	Passports held variable	Table number
Main statistics	All passports held (basic detail)	MS-A20
Main statistics	All passports held (categories with 1,000+ responses)	MS-A21
Main statistics	All passports held (classification 2)	MS-A22

Proficiency in English

Level: Residents

The proficiency in English variable classifies people whose main language is not English according to their ability to speak English. A person is classified in one of the categories: can speak English very well; can speak English well; cannot speak English well; or cannot speak English.

Although this output classification includes all people, all outputs are restricted to aged 3 and over.

English language proficiency

ENGLISH_PROFICIENCY

Derived variable to indicate if individuals have English as a main language, as well as the proficiency of that individual in English.

Code	Name
1	Main Language is English
2	Main Language is not English: Can speak English very well
3	Main Language is not English: Can speak English well
4	Main Language is not English: Cannot speak English well
5	Main Language is not English: Cannot speak English
-8	No code required

Total number of categories: 6

Source question

Question 16: How well can you speak English?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address English_Language_Proficiency Main_Language	ENGLISH_PROFICIENCY

Used in tables

Release	English language proficiency variable	Table number
Main statistics	English language proficiency	MS-B14

Provision of unpaid care

Level: Residents

This variable classifies people by whether or not they provide unpaid care and if they do, how many hours of care they provide. This does not include any activity as part of paid employment.

Although this output classification includes all people, all outputs are restricted to aged 5 and over.

Carer

Is_Carer

Code	Name
1	Provides no unpaid care
2	Provides 1-19 hours unpaid care per week
3	Provides 20-34 hours unpaid care per week
4	Provides 35-49 hours unpaid care per week
5	Provides 50+ hours unpaid care per week
-8	No code required

Total number of categories: 6

Source question

Question 22: Do you look after, or give any help or support to, anyone because they have long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses, or problems related to old age?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Is_Carer	N/A

Used in tables

Release	Carer variable	Table number
Main statistics	Carer	MS-D17

Religion

Level: Residents

These variables classify a person by the religion they consider themselves belonging to, or if the person does not belong to a religion, they could select no religion. No determination is made about whether a person was a practicing member of a religion. Unlike other census questions where missing answers are imputed, this question was voluntary, and where no answer was provided the response is categorised as not stated.

Religion belong to

RELIGION_BELONG_TO_DVO

Derived variable to indicate the religion an individual belongs to.

Code	Name
1	Catholic
2	Presbyterian Church in Ireland
3	Church of Ireland
4	Methodist Church in Ireland
5	Other Christian (including Christian related)
6	Other religions
7	No religion
8	Religion not stated

Total number of categories: 8

Religion belong to (categories with 1,000+ responses)

RELIGION_BELONG_TO_DVO_1000

Derived variable to indicate the religion an individual belongs to. Contains all categories with more than 1,000 responses.

Code	Name
01	Christian: Catholic
02	Christian: Presbyterian Church in Ireland
03	Christian: Church of Ireland
04	Christian: Methodist Church in Ireland
05	Christian: Christian
06	Christian: Protestant

Code	Name
07	Christian: Baptist
08	Christian: Pentecostal
09	Christian: Free Presbyterian
10	Christian: Evangelical
11	Christian: Church of England
12	Christian: Orthodox Church
13	Christian: Brethren
14	Christian: Non-Denominational
15	Christian: Congregational Church
16	Christian: Protestant (Mixed)
17	Christian: Jehovah's Witness
18	Christian: Presbyterian
19	Christian: Reformed Presbyterian
20	Christian: Mixed Catholic / Protestant
21	Christian: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons)
22	Christian: Independent Methodist
23	Christian: Non-Subscribing Presbyterian
24	Christian: Romanian Orthodox Church
25	Christian: Christian Fellowship Church
26	Christian: Other Christian denominations
27	Other Religions: Muslim
28	Other Religions: Hindu
29	Other Religions: Buddhist
30	Other Religions: Other Religions
31	No religion
32	Religion not stated

Total number of categories: 32

Download the full religion classification (Excel, 20 KB) from the NISRA website. The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Source question

Question 13: What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Religion_Belong_To	RELIGION_BELONG_TO_DVO RELIGION_BELONG_TO_DVO_1000

Used in tables

Release	Religion variable	Table number
Main statistics	Religion belong to	MS-B19, MS-B22
Main statistics	Religion belong to (categories with 1,000+ responses)	MS-B20

Religion or religion brought up in

Level: Residents

This variable classifies a person by the religion they consider themselves belonging to, or if they don't currently belong to a religion it classifies them according to the religion they were brought up in.

Religion belong to or brought up in (4 categories)

RELIGION_BELONG_TO_OR_BROUGHT_UP_IN_DVO

Derived variable to indicate the religion an individual belongs to or was brought up in.

Code	Name
1	Catholic
2	Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)
3	Other religions
4	None

Total number of categories: 4

Religion belong to or brought up in (7 categories)

RELIGION_BELONG_TO_OR_BROUGHT_UP_IN_DVO_ALT

Derived variable to indicate the religion an individual belongs to or was brought up in which distinguishes between belong to and brought up in.

Code	Name
1	Catholic: Belong to
2	Catholic: Brought up in
3	Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related): Belong to
4	Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related): Brought up in
5	Other religions: Belong to
6	Other religions: Brought up in
7	None

Total number of categories: 7

Download the full religion classification (Excel, 20 KB) from the NISRA website. The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Source question

Question 14: What religion, religious denomination or body were you brought up in?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Religion_Belong_To Religion_Brought_Up_In	RELIGION_BELONG_TO_DVO RELIGION_BROUGHT_UP_IN_DVO

Used in tables

Release	Religion brought up in variable	Table number
Main statistics	Religion belong to or brought up in (4 categories)	MS-B23
Main statistics	Religion belong to or brought up in (7 categories)	MS-B24

Renewables

Level: Households

This variable classifies the type of renewable energy systems installed in a household.

Household has air source heat pump

HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_AIRSHP

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has air source heat pump.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have air source heat pump
1	Household has air source heat pump

Total number of categories: 2

Household has biomass renewable energy system

HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_BIOMASS

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has biomass renewable energy system.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have biomass renewable energy system
1	Household has biomass renewable energy system

Total number of categories: 2

Household has geothermal renewable energy system

HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_GEOTHERMAL

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has geothermal renewable energy system.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have geothermal renewable energy system
1	Household has geothermal renewable energy system

Total number of categories: 2

Household has other renewable energy systems

HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_OTHER

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has other renewable energy systems.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have other renewable energy systems
1	Household has other renewable energy systems

Total number of categories: 2

Household has solar panels for electricity

HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_SOLAR_ELEC

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has solar panels for electricity.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have solar panels for electricity
1	Household has solar panels for electricity

Total number of categories: 2

Household has solar panels for heating water

HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_SOLAR_HW

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has solar panels for heating water.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have solar panels for heating water
1	Household has solar panels for heating water

Total number of categories: 2

Household has wind turbine

HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_WIND

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has wind turbine.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have wind turbine
1	Household has wind turbine

Total number of categories: 2

Household renewable energy indicator

HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_IND

Derived variable to indicate whether accommodation has renewable energy systems.

Code	Name
0	Household does not have renewable energy systems
1	Household has renewable energy systems

Total number of categories: 2

Source question

Question H10: What type of renewable energy systems does this accommodation have?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
HH_SIZE Renewables_Tick	HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_SOLAR_ELEC HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_SOLAR_HW HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_BIOMASS HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_WIND HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_AIRSHP HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_GEOTHERMAL HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_OTHER HH_RENEWABLE_ENERGY_IND

Used in tables

Release	Renewable variable	Table number
Main statistics	Household renewable energy indicator	MS-E12

Residence type

Level: Residents

This variable categorises people by the type of residence they live in that is, whether it is a household or a communal establishment.

People recorded on a household questionnaire were classified as living in a household. Those that filled in an individual questionnaire were asked what type of accommodation they lived in, that is, whether it was a household or a communal establishment.

Usual resident's residence indicator

UR_RESIDENCE_TYPE

Derived variable to indicate a usual resident's residence type.

Code	Name
1	Resident in a household
2	Resident in a communal establishment

Total number of categories: 2

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Residence_Type	UR_RESIDENCE_TYPE

Used in tables

Release	Residence type variable	Table number
Main statistics	Usual resident's residence type indicator	MS-A15

Sex

Level: Residents

This variable categorises people by their sex.

Usual resident's sex indicator

UR_SEX

Derived variable to indicate a usual resident's sex.

Code	Name
1	Female
2	Male

Total number of categories: 2

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Sex	UR_SEX

Used in tables

Release	Sex variable	Table number
Main statistics	Usual resident's sex indicator	MS-A07

Tenure

Level: Households; and residents

The tenure variable classifies households by whether they rent or own the accommodation that they occupy and, if rented, combines this with information about the type of landlord who owns or manages the accommodation.

Tenure of household

HH_TENURE

Derived variable to indicate whether a household rents or owns the accommodation and, if rented, who is the landlord.

Code	Name
01	Owner occupied: Owns outright
02	Owner occupied: Owns with a mortgage or loan
03	Shared ownership: Part-owns and part-rents (shared ownership)
04	Social rented: Rented from Northern Ireland Housing Executive
05	Social rented: Rented from housing association or charitable trust
06	Private rented: Private landlord
07	Private rented: Private renting with a letting agency
08	Private rented: Employer of a household member
09	Private rented: Relative or friend of household member
10	Private rented: Other
11	Lives rent free

Total number of categories: 11

Source question

Question H11: Does your household own or rent this accommodation?

Question H12: Who do you rent from?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
HH_SIZE Ownership_Type Landlord	HH_TENURE

Used in tables

Release	Tenure variable	Table number
Main statistics	Tenure of household	MS-E13, MS-E14

Ulster-Scots language skills

Level: Residents

There are a number of variables relating to Ulster-Scots language. They all classify people based on the ability or skills they have in Ulster-Scots language.

A person is classified with ability in Ulster-Scots language if they can do one or more of the following:

- understand Ulster-Scots;
- speak Ulster-Scots;
- read Ulster-Scots; and/or
- write Ulster-Scots.

In certain results that classify people by Ulster-Scots language skills, a person may appear in more than one category depending on which combination of skills they have.

Although these output classifications include all people, all outputs are restricted to aged 3 and over.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Ulster-Scots Language Skills (intermediate)

ULSTER_SCOTS_SKILLS_INTERMEDIATE

Derived variable to indicate an individual's ability to use the Ulster-Scots language.

Code	Name
1	Understands but does not read, write or speak Ulster-Scots
2	Speaks but does not read or write Ulster-Scots
3	Speaks and reads but does not write Ulster-Scots
4	Speaks, reads, writes and understands Ulster-Scots
5	Other combination of skills
6	No ability in Ulster-Scots
-8	No code required

Total number of categories: 7

Source question

Question 18: Can you understand, speak, read or write Ulster-Scots?

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Ulster_Scots_Language_Proficiency	Resident_Age ULSTER_SCOTS_SKILLS_ALL

Used in tables

Release	Ulster-Scots language skills variable	Table number
Main statistics	Ulster-Scots Language Skills (intermediate)	MS-B08

Usual resident

Level: Residents

This variable categorises people by whether or not they are a usual resident. For more information on what constitutes a usual resident please refer to Census 2021 output definitions.

The categories in this classification may have been collapsed within some output tables.

Usual resident indicator

UR_IND

Derived variable to indicate whether an individual is a usual resident.

Code	Name
1	Usual resident

Total number of categories: 1

Source variables

Standard variable	Derived variable
Is_HH_Term_Time_Address Usual_resident	UR_IND

Used in tables

Release	Usual resident variable	Table number
Main statistics	Usual resident indicator	MS-A01