

About this data: Fixed performance, Census Output Area

To create our [Connected Nations 2023 report](#), Ofcom collected and analysed data from fixed broadband providers. This file contains average speed and usage data from fixed broadband connections at Census Output Area level. For England, Wales and Northern Ireland the 2021 Census Output Areas¹ are used, whereas the 2011 Census Output Areas are used for Scotland.

The data was collected as a snapshot in May 2023 and includes information based on the number of connections providing an active broadband service, as opposed to individual premises. The [Methodology Annex](#) provides details of our approach to collecting and analysing this data.

Due to variations in broadband performance over time, the file should not be regarded as a definitive and fixed view of the UK's fixed broadband infrastructure. However, the information provided in this file may be useful in identifying variations in broadband availability.

If you have any questions or feedback on the data, please contact us at open.data@ofcom.org.uk.

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The files are provided as a Comma Separated Values file, with double quote (") text delimiters where applicable.

¹ For Northern Ireland we use the 3,780 Data Zones - see <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/support/geography/data-zones-census-2021>

Performance data

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Column headers and what they represent:

Field	Note
output_area	Census Output Area (2021 Census OAs for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, 2011 Census OAs for Scotland)
Median download speed (Mbit/s)	Median download speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections
Average download speed (Mbit/s)	Average download speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections
Maximum download speed (Mbit/s)	Maximum download speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections
Average download speed (Mbit/s) for lines < 10Mbit/s	Average download speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speed less than 10Mbit/s
Average download speed (Mbit/s) for lines 10<30Mbit/s	Average download speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speeds of 10Mbit/s or higher and less than 30Mbit/s
Average download speed (Mbit/s) for lines 30<300Mbit/s	Average download speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speeds of 30Mbit/s to less than 300Mbit/s
Average download speed (Mbit/s) for SFBB lines	Average download speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speeds of 30Mbit/s or greater
Average download speed (Mbit/s) for UFBB lines	Average download speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speeds of 300Mbit/s or greater
Median upload speed (Mbit/s)	Median upload speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections
Average upload speed (Mbit/s)	Average upload speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections

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Maximum upload speed (Mbit/s)	Maximum upload speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections
Average upload speed (Mbit/s) for lines < 10Mbit/s	Average upload speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speed less than 10Mbit/s
Average upload speed (Mbit/s) for lines 10<30Mbit/s	Average upload speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speed less than 30Mbit/s
Average upload speed (Mbit/s) for lines 30<300Mbit/s	Average upload speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speed of 30Mbit/s to less than 300Mbit/s
Average upload speed (Mbit/s) for SFBB lines	Average upload speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speeds of 30Mbit/s or greater
Average upload speed (Mbit/s) for UFBB lines	Average upload speed (in Mbit/s) of all connections that deliver speeds of 300Mbit/s or greater
Number of connections < 2 Mbit/s (number of lines)	Count of connections that have average measured speeds below 2Mbit/s
Number of connections 2<5 Mbit/s (number of lines)	Count of connections that have average measured speeds of 2Mbit/s or greater and below 5Mbit/s
Number of connections 5<10 Mbit/s (number of lines)	Count of connections that have average measured speeds of 5Mbit/s or greater and below 10Mbit/s
Number of connections 10<30 Mbit/s (number of lines)	Count of connections that have average measured speeds of 10Mbit/s or greater and below 30Mbit/s
Number of connections 30<300 Mbit/s (number of lines)	Count of connections that have average measured speeds of 30Mbit/s or greater and below 300Mbit/s

Field	Note
Number of connections >=300 Mbit/s (number of lines)	Count of connections that have average measured speeds of 300Mbit/s or greater
Number of connections >=30 Mbit/s (number of lines)	Count of connections that have average measured speeds of 30Mbit/s or greater
Average data usage (GB)	Average data usage, download and upload, in GB of all connections
Median data usage (GB)	Median data usage, download and upload, in GB of all connections
Average data usage (GB) for lines < 10Mbit/s	Average data usage, download and upload, in GB of all connections that deliver speed less than 10Mbit/s
Average data usage (GB) for lines 10<30Mbit/s	Average data usage, download and upload, in GB of all connections that deliver speed of 10Mbit/s or higher and less than 30Mbit/s
Average data usage (GB) for lines 30<300Mbit/s	Average data usage, download and upload, in GB of all connections that deliver speeds of 30Mbit/s and higher and less than 300Mbit/s
Average data usage (GB) for SFBB lines	Average data usage, download and upload, in GB of all connections that deliver speeds of 30Mbit/s or greater
Average data usage (GB) for UFBB lines	Average data usage, download and upload, in GB of all connections that deliver speeds of 300Mbit/s or greater