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Geography Changes to Nottingham

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2011 Census Geography Changes

1.1 What is happening?

The ONS have published new Geographical boundaries for Output Areas (OAs), Lower layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) and Middle layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs) ahead of the 2011 Census second data release.

Although approximately 95% of OA, LSOA, and MSOA areas have remained unchanged, there were some changes to boundaries where:

- Populations have changed significantly since 2001,
- A Local Authority boundary has changed since the 2001 OAs were created,
- Exceptional cases where areas were considered unsuitable for reporting statistics.

Below is a summary of changes across England and Wales at OA, LSOA and MSOA level.

OAs	Unchanged		Merged[1]		Split[2]		Other change[3]	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
OAs	170,865	93.9	1,115	0.6	9,784	5.4	284	0.2
LSOAs	33,519	95.9	314	0.9	922	2.6	211	0.6
MSOAs	7,040	97.4	60	0.8	68	0.9	63	0.9

There are now 181,408 OAs, 34,753 LSOAs and 7,201 MSOAs in England and Wales. The average population in an OA has increased, from 297 in 2001 to 309 in 2011.

In addition to the new boundary changes at small area level, new look-up tables have been developed from OA/SOAs level to all higher geographies.

1.2 Why is it important?

All small area data from Census 2011 will be published on an 'exact fit' basis for the new areas only. Old areas will be created in a 'best fit' basis. In addition, OAs and SOAs are the core statistical geography from which estimates for all higher geographies are produced, including all 2011 Census statistical releases, in line with the Geography Policy for National Statistics. They are therefore not only a key 2011 Census delivery, but also one that provides the geographical base for all other neighbourhood statistics.

1.3 How will it affect Nottingham?

The table on the following page shows the number of OAs, LSOAs and MSOAs that have changed across Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire Districts.

[1] Two or more old areas joined together where the old geography population was too small.

[2] One old area has split into two new areas where the old geography population was too big.

[3] Areas have had slight boundary changes due to older areas not being 'socially homogenous'.

OAs	Unchanged		Merged		Split		Other change	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Nottingham	881	87.6	12	1.2	93	9.2	1	0.0
Nottinghamshire	2,503	95.4	20	0.8	99	3.8	0	0.0
Ashfield	371	96.4	0	0.0	14	3.6	0	0.0
Bassetlaw	363	95.5	8	2.1	9	2.4	0	0.0
Broxtowe	357	96.0	2	0.5	13	3.5	1	0.3
Gedling	382	99.0	0	0.0	3	0.8	0	0.0
Mansfield	324	92.6	4	1.1	22	6.3	0	0.0
Newark and Sherwood	358	93.0	2	0.5	25	6.5	0	0.0
Rushcliffe	348	95.3	4	1.1	13	3.6	1	0.0

LSOAs	Unchanged		Merged		Split		Other change	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Nottingham	162	86.6	4	2.1	14	7.5	7	3.7
Nottinghamshire	488	97.6	6	1.2	5	1.0	1	0.2
Ashfield	74	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bassetlaw	70	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Broxtowe	69	94.5	4	5.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gedling	76	98.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.3
Mansfield	63	92.6	2	2.9	3	4.4	0	0.0
Newark and Sherwood	68	97.1	0	0.0	2	2.9	0	0.0
Rushcliffe	68	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

MSOAs	Unchanged		Merged		Split		Other change	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Nottingham	35	92.1	0	0.0	2	5.3	1	2.6
Nottinghamshire	97	95.1	4	3.9	0	0.0	1	1.0
Ashfield	16	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bassetlaw	13	86.7	2	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Broxtowe	13	86.7	2	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gedling	14	93.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	6.7
Mansfield	13	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Newark and Sherwood	13	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rushcliffe	15	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0