

Guide to Geographies and Boundaries

The main geographical areas used are:

Administrative

County, District, Wards, Parishes, Electoral Divisions.

Statistical

Below ward level official statistics are increasingly being released at output area level. These are designed to remain constant over time as administrative boundaries change. Output areas come in various sizes.

Starting from the smallest these are:

- **Census Output Areas**
Average size 317 people (average of 127 households). There are 2,001 in Gloucestershire. Some COAs were split and some merged when the Census 2011 was released.
- **Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs)**
Average size 1,699 people (average of 683 households in Gloucestershire). May be referred to as "Super Output Areas" and have a reference number such E0102200 or a name such as "All Saints (2)". This indicates the ward it sits within. There are currently 373 LSOAs in Gloucestershire.
- **Middle Layer Super Output Areas**
These are about twice the size of wards (average population 8,447, average of 3,395 households). There are 75 MSOAs in Gloucestershire.

LSOA, COA and MSOA household figures based on Census 2011 table: KS105EW Household Composition, ONS
COA, MSOA and LSOA population figures based on Mid-2018 Population Estimates: SAPE18DT10g, SAPE18DT3, SAPE18DT1, ONS

More detail on Gloucestershire's boundaries follows



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Gloucestershire County Council

Districts.....	6
Wards.....	138
Lower Super Output Areas....	373
Census Output Areas.....	2,001

Cheltenham Borough Council

Wards.....	20
Lower Super Output Areas.....	75
Census Output Areas.....	396

Cotswold District Council

Wards.....	32
Lower Super Output Areas.....	51
Census Output Areas.....	297

Forest of Dean District Council

Wards.....	21
Lower Super Output Areas.....	50
Census Output Areas.....	265

Gloucester City Council

Wards.....	18
Lower Super Output Areas.....	78
Census Output Areas.....	400

Stroud District Council

Wards.....	27
Lower Super Output Areas.....	69
Census Output Areas.....	363

Tewkesbury Borough Council

Wards.....	20
Lower Super Output Areas.....	50
Census Output Areas.....	280

Lower Super Output Areas
in Gloucestershire contain, on average,
1,699 people or **683** households.

The actual range is from
1,005 to **4,129** people.

Census Output Areas
in Gloucestershire contain around
127 households.

The actual range is from
82 to **1,736** people.