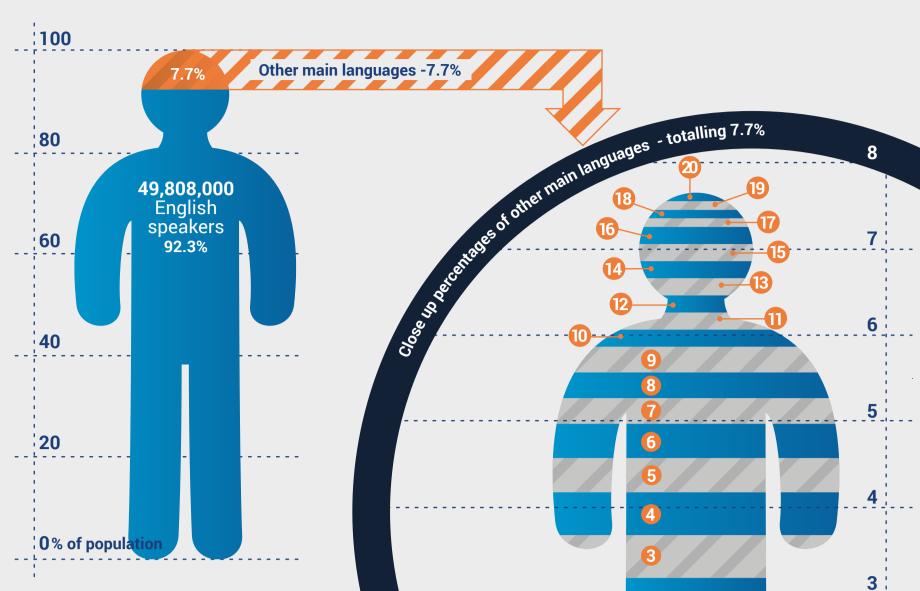
LANGUAGES ACROSS ENGLAND AND WALES

The 2011 Census has highlighted some interesting statistics with regards to the diverse nature and number of languages spoken across England and Wales today. With such huge amount of variation in dialects, translators and interpreters, particularly those working in London, have followed the changes and responded accordingly.

THE FIGURES BELOW REPRESENT THE TOP 20 SPOKEN LANGUAGES ACROSS ENGLAND AND WALES.

Figure 1: Main languages across England and Wales



* This 2.2% for Other is derived from a wide variety of languages which individually are less than 0.1% of the population.

Language s	No of peakers	% of population
1. Other*		2.2
2. Polish	546,000	1.0
3. Punjabi	273,000	0.5
4. Urdu	269,000	0.5
5. Bengali	221,000	0.4
6. Gujarati	213,000	0.4
7. Arabic	159,000	0.3
8. French	147,000	0.3
9. All other Chinese	141,000	0.3
10. Portuguese	133,000	0.2
11. Spanish	120,000	0.2
12. Tamil	101,000	0.2
13. Turkish	99,000	0.2
14. Italian	92,000	0.2
15. Somali	86,000	0.2
16. Lithuanian	85,000	0.2
17. German	77,000	0.1
18. Persian/Farsi	76,000	0.1
19. Tagalog/Filipino	70,000	0.1
20. Romanian	68,000	0.1

Here we look at some of these figures which will help to illustrate how such diversity is distributed. There are **92.3% of the population that speak English** as a main language, with **7.7% speaking another main language**.

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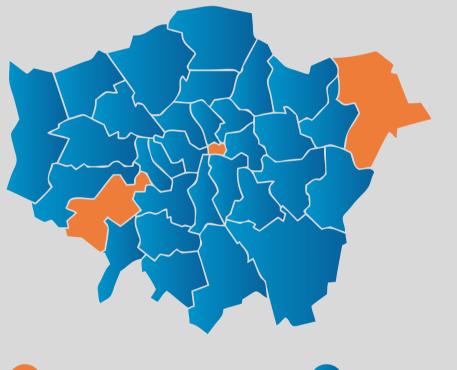
% of population **0**

In London

22% (1.7m people) do not have English as their main language.
Hillingdon has the highest number of different languages spoken across the borough at 107. Polish is the widest spoken language (apart from English) with 148,000 (2%).

MAP OF LONDON BOROUGHS

Figure 2: Dialects in London Boroughs



Now with **30** of the **33** London boroughs having **over 100 different dialects**, this is no mean feat. Only City, Richmond and Havering fall below the 100 mark.

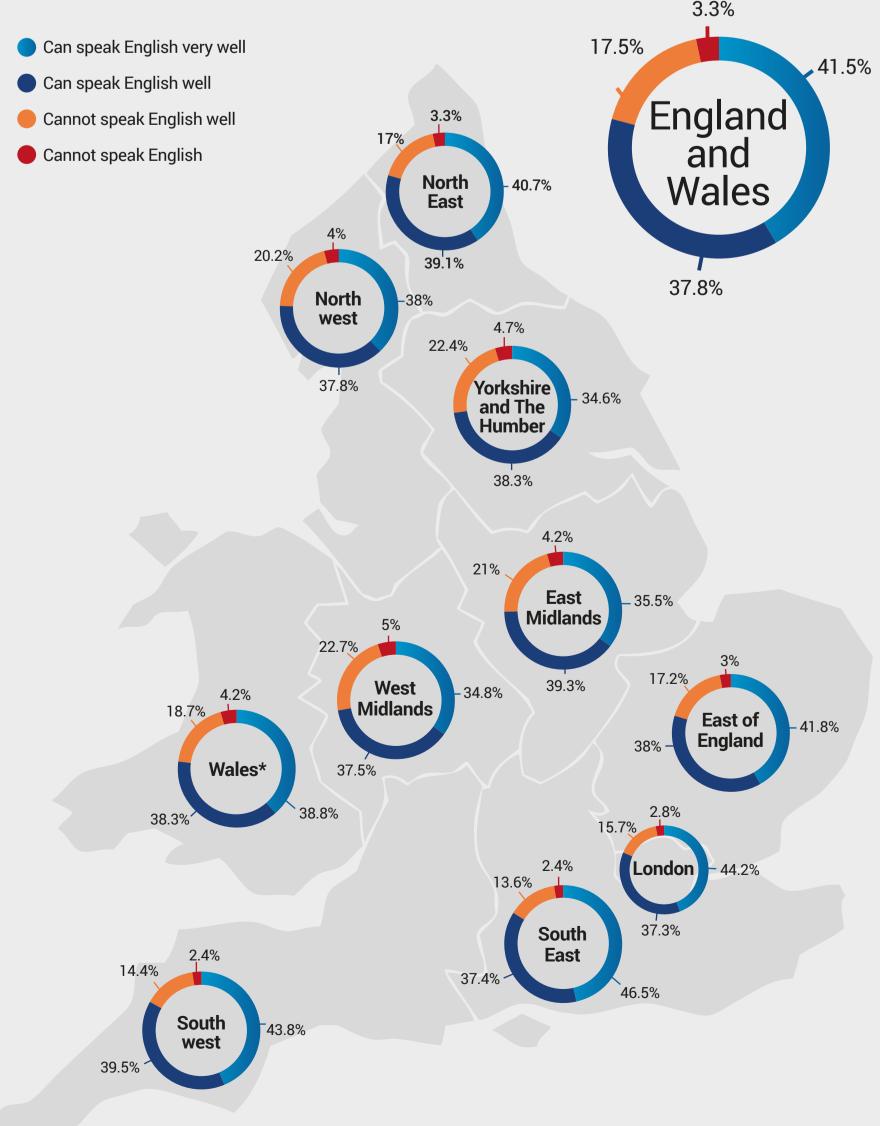
Under 100 different dialects

Over 100 different dialects

USUAL RESIDENTS AGED THREE AND OVER WHOSE MAIN LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH

ACROSS ENGLAND AND WALES

Figure 3: Proficiency in English across England and Wales



* Main language not English or Welsh in Wales.

These figures show that the UK now has a wide range of languages and cultures. This poses some businesses with translation and interpreting issues that can only be solved with the use of professional translators and interpreters.

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