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Defra provides a collection of high level statistics which present an overall picture of living in rural areas across England.

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- [rural urban classification](#)
- [rural economy – statistical indicators](#)
- [rural living – statistical indicators](#)
- [census rural analyses](#)
- [statistical digest of rural England](#)

Other sources of information

- [Welsh government](#)
- [Scottish government](#)
- [Northern Ireland](#)
- [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\)](#)

Developing our portfolio

The rural portfolio of official statistics is different to the remainder of the wider Defra portfolio in that much of it focuses on looking again at wider socio and economic statistics and drawing out insights by applying the official definitions of rural and urban communities to explore differences as well as rural specific trends. As for the Defra Group portfolio as a whole, we will continue to invest in developing our understanding of user needs and therefore to find the best future balance between compendiums of environmental statistics, regular statistical releases on specific topic and supporting data releases.