

The UK Factsheet

- The United Kingdom includes England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. It is situated north-west of the European continent. It has a total land area of 244,100 square kilometres of which 99% is land and the remainder inland water. The UK is a member of the European Union (EU).
- England, Scotland and Wales together make Great Britain.
- Great Britain and Northern Ireland together form the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which is usually shortened to the United Kingdom or UK. Northern Ireland is also known as Ulster.
- Capital Cities include: England (London), Wales (Cardiff), Scotland (Edinburgh) and Northern Ireland (Belfast).
- Major seas around the UK: the UK lies between the North Atlantic Ocean, North Sea and to the West by the Irish Sea. The UK and is separated from France by the English Channel.
- London landmarks include: Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, the Gherkin, London Eye, Big Ben, St Pauls Cathedral, the Shard, Tower Bridge, Tower of London, Houses of Parliament, River Thames, London Underground.