

Product Summary

[Broad Rental Market Areas](#) (BRMAs) are boundaries that determine Local Housing Allowances (LHA) rates used by local housing officers to calculate housing benefit for tenants renting from private landlords.

Datadaptive's Postcode to BRMA Lookup is a data file containing a list of all live geographical postcode units in Great Britain matched to the corresponding BRMAs.

Data quality statement

The Postcode to BRMA Lookup has been compiled from input data published or provided directly by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA), Rent Service Scotland and Rent Officers Wales for re-use under an open licence. The output file includes additional data from Ordnance Survey, ONS and the Scottish Government, also re-used under an open licence.

Datadaptive has taken reasonable care in preparing and cleansing the data. However, the accuracy and currency of the data is dependent on the input sources. BRMA boundaries were established several years ago following a [review programme](#). Ongoing reviews from April 2011 are on a "care and maintenance" basis. To the best of Datadaptive's knowledge the boundaries used to compile the postcode lookup are those currently in use for official purposes.

Matches in the Postcode to BRMA Lookup file were calculated using a GIS "point in polygon" process and should be consistent with results from VOA's [online LHA rate search facility](#), subject to any differences in versioning of the input postcode dataset. However, users should note that locating a postcode centroid within a particular BRMA area does not always mean that every address point associated with that postcode is also within that BRMA area.

Data formats

The lookup data is normally supplied as a single file in CSV format, suitable for import into a database environment. However, Datadaptive is happy to prepare the data in other formats, such as a collection of Excel workbooks, suitable for desktop use.

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File Specifications

Postcode to BRMA Lookup

File name: BRMA_CP[year][month]
Record count: 1,741,206 [as of November 2024]
Geographic coverage: England, Scotland and Wales
File format: CSV

This file is a table of all geographical postcode units in the latest release of OS Code-Point Open, matched with a code and name for the Broad Rental Market Area that contains the centroid of the postcode. Postcodes are also attributed with codes and names for the local authority districts and wards that correspond to the postcode.

Please note that the single CSV file is about 160 MB and may be too large for practical use in Excel or similar spreadsheet programmes. Datadaptive is happy to provide the data as a series of files, for example by government region or postcode area, to suit your preferences.

Following is a table of the fields provided for each postcode unit.

Field	Type	Description
PC	Text	Postcode unit (from OS Code-Point Open)
PQ	Integer	Positional quality indicator (from OS Code-Point Open)
LADCD	Text	Administrative district code (from OS Code-Point Open)
LADNM	Text	Administrative district name (from ONS Register of Geographic Codes)
BRMAID	Text	Broad Rental Market Area (BRMA) identification number
BRMANM	Text	Broad Rental Market Area (BRMA) name