

Jurisdictions in England

Geographic/Place Name	Civil ¹	Land	Ecclesiastical
County ²	County	County	Church of England
Special Divisions ³ (<i>Lathes, Parts, Rapes and Ridings</i>)	Poor Law Union	Special Divisions ³ (<i>Lathes, Parts, Rapes and Ridings</i>)	Province ⁶ (<i>Has an Archbishop</i>)
Parish	Civil Registration District	Hundred (<i>Wapentake⁴ in Danelaw Shires⁵</i>)	Archdiocese
City (<i>May have a cathedral or university</i>)	Principal and District Probate Registries	Tithing (<i>Ten households</i>)	Diocese (<i>Has a Bishop</i>)
Town (<i>Market town</i>)	Civil Parish (<i>Township</i>)	Hide	Archdeaconry (<i>Has an Archdeacon</i>)
Village (<i>Inn, shops, blacksmith, church</i>)	Township (<i>Division of a parish</i>)	Manor	Rural Deanery (<i>Has a Dean</i>)
Hamlet (<i>No church</i>)			Parish/Chapelry (<i>Has a Minister, Rector, Vicar or Curate</i>)

¹ The jurisdictions listed are unrelated to each other in terms of hierarchy and are entirely independent of each other.

² England had 39 historic counties before the 1974 reorganization of counties. These are the counties used in genealogical research.

Bedfordshire	Durham	Lincolnshire	Staffordshire
Berkshire	Essex	Middlesex	Suffolk
Buckinghamshire	Gloucestershire	Norfolk	Surrey
Cambridgeshire	Hampshire	Northamptonshire	Sussex
Cheshire	Herefordshire	Northumberland	Warwickshire
Cornwall	Hertfordshire	Nottinghamshire	Westmorland
Cumberland	Huntingdonshire	Oxfordshire	Wiltshire
Derbyshire	Kent	Rutland	Worcestershire
Devon	Lancashire	Shropshire	Yorkshire
Dorset	Leicestershire	Somerset	

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- ³ Divisions (some counties had special land divisions that were unique to only those counties)
- Kent - Lathe of Aylesford, Lathe of St. Augustine, Lathe of Scray, Lathe of Shepway and Lathe of Sutton
 - Lincolnshire - Divided into three historic Parts: Parts of Holland, Parts of Kesteven and Parts of Lindsey
 - Middlesex - Tower Hamlets
 - Sussex - Rape of Arundel, Rape of Bramber, Rape of Chichester, Rape of Hastings, Rape of Lewes and Rape of Pevensey
 - Yorkshire - The Ridings were established as geographical terms: East Riding, North Riding and West Riding
- ⁴ A land division, similar to a hundred, but used in shires that were in the area of the former Danelaw - parts of northern and central England once controlled by the Danes and, later, Norwegians, where Scandinavian laws, customs and language prevailed.
- ⁵ The 15 Danelaw Shires were: Leicester, York, Nottingham, Derby, Lincoln, Essex, Cambridge, Suffolk, Norfolk, Northampton, Huntingdon, Bedford, Hertford, Middlesex and Buckingham.
- ⁶ The two ecclesiastical provinces are: Province of Canterbury and Province of York. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the senior of the two and is also the Primate of the Church of England.