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**ENGLAND'S  
SECOND LANGUAGE  
IS POLISH**

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*A worker stands outside a Polish delicatessen in Crewe*

**OVER half a million people in England and Wales mainly speak Polish, making it the countries' second most spoken language according to the 2011 Census.**

Some 546,000 cite Polish as their main language, which reflects over half a million Poles who migrated to England and Wales in the last decade.

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), eight per cent of those in England and Wales say English is not their first language.

Chairman of Migrationwatch Sir Andrew Green said: "This is a measure of the mass immigration that has taken place over the last decade when three million foreign immigrants arrived in Britain.

"The Poles are just the largest group within that influx."

The London Borough of Ealing listed the highest proportion of Polish speakers at 6% of the population.

While Redcar and Cleveland had the highest percentage of people with English as their main language, which stood at 99%.

Out of the 4m residents who spoke a main language other English, just 43% (1.7m) said they spoke English very well.

A total of 726,000 said they could speak English but not well, while 138,000 are not able to speak English at all.

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Over 100 languages were listed as the predominant language in all London boroughs apart from in the capital, Richmond Upon Thames, and Hillingdon.

The least commonly spoken language was Manx-Gaelic with just 33 speakers.

### **TOP 20 LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN THE UK**

- English (English or Welsh if in Wales) 49,808,000 or 92.3% of the population
- Polish 546,000 or 1%
- Punjabi 273,000 or 0.5%
- Urdu 269,000 or 0.5%
- Bengali (with Sylheti and Chatgaya) 221,000 or 0.4%
- Gujarati 213,000 or 0.4%
- Arabic 159,000 or 0.3%
- French 147,000 or 0.3%
- All other Chinese (excludes Mandarin and Cantonese) 141,000 or 0.3%
- Portuguese 133,000 or 0.2%
- Spanish 120,000 or 0.2%
- Tamil 101,000 or 0.2%
- Turkish 99,000 or 0.2%
- Italian 92,000 or 0.2%
- Somali 86,000 or 0.2%
- Lithuanian 85,000 or 0.2%
- German 77,000 or 0.1%
- Persian/Farsi 76,000 or 0.1%
- Tagalog/Filipino 70,000 or 0.1%
- Romanian 68,000 or 0.1%

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