

UK Electoral Roll Cheat Sheet



Overview

A list of the **name and addresses** of everyone registered to vote. There are two versions:

- **Full Register: 43.7m** people – Restricted access (e.g., police, credit agencies)
- **Open Register: 16.3m** people – Public, searchable version (opt-in only)



Why It Matters

- Confirm a subject's **current address**
- Identify **co-residents** (partners, relatives, flatmates)
- Find **landline numbers** with these searches
- Timeline insights from **historical** electoral data



Limitations

- **Not everyone is listed** – Only those **opted into** the open register are visible to non law enforcement investigators
- **Updated infrequently** – May not reflect **recent** moves
- **No unique identifiers** – Harder to **resolve common names** when people share common names without DOB



Where to Search

- **192.com** – Open register and landline matches
- **UK Phonebook** – Open register and landline matches. Full Register to public sector via Orbis
- **Genes Reunited** – Good for older records
- **Public Insights** – Open register and landline matches, alongside other UK data



Tips and Considerations

- Search for subjects and **known family** members
- Consider **alternative spellings**
- **Cross-reference** with planning permissions, rentals, and land registry to get confirmation & determine property ownership
- Look for **household context**: co-residents, repeat surnames
- Determine if it is a **current or former** residence
- One person opting out, doesn't mean others don't appear – this may offer **partial exposure**



Investigation Support

- **Executive Protection** – Identify home **addresses of principals** or family members to assess exposure risks
- **Fraud** – Confirm **declared address**, detect phantom tenants, spot lifestyle mismatches
- **Insider Threat** – Verify employee details during investigations into **misconduct, theft, or false claims**
- **Surveillance Planning** – Confirm where a subject resides to **plan observation or site visits**
- **Debt Recovery** – Confirm **current or previous addresses**, identify co-residents who may assist in tracing
- **Journalism** – Validate identities, confirm residency, and **establish timelines** or household makeup
- **Legal Cases** – Link a person to a specific address during **property disputes or asset investigations**

About Public Insights

Public Insights helps investigators find addresses, associates, and financial signals tied to UK people and businesses — all from a single search. The platform brings together government and commercial records to uncover properties, companies, directorships, insolvencies, and more. Designed for OSINT workflows, it's the starting point for investigations into fraud, due diligence, asset tracing, and more. Try Public insights today at cradle.publicinsights.uk/accounts/signup to see how our platform can support your investigation workflows.