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2019 Census Rehearsal

What was the census rehearsal?

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- census rehearsal day was **13th October 2019**
- four rehearsal areas, **Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Ceredigion, Carlisle**
- chosen because they present a good cross section of society and incorporate diverse communities.
- households will receive an invitation to complete their questionnaire online
- a mini-census, an end-to-end test of just about everything we will need to do for the real thing in 2021



Areas selected - Ceredigion

- high proportion of Welsh language speakers
- large rural area
- likely mobile connectivity issues
- areas with low levels of broadband take-up
- includes a number of second homes
- digitally excluded populations

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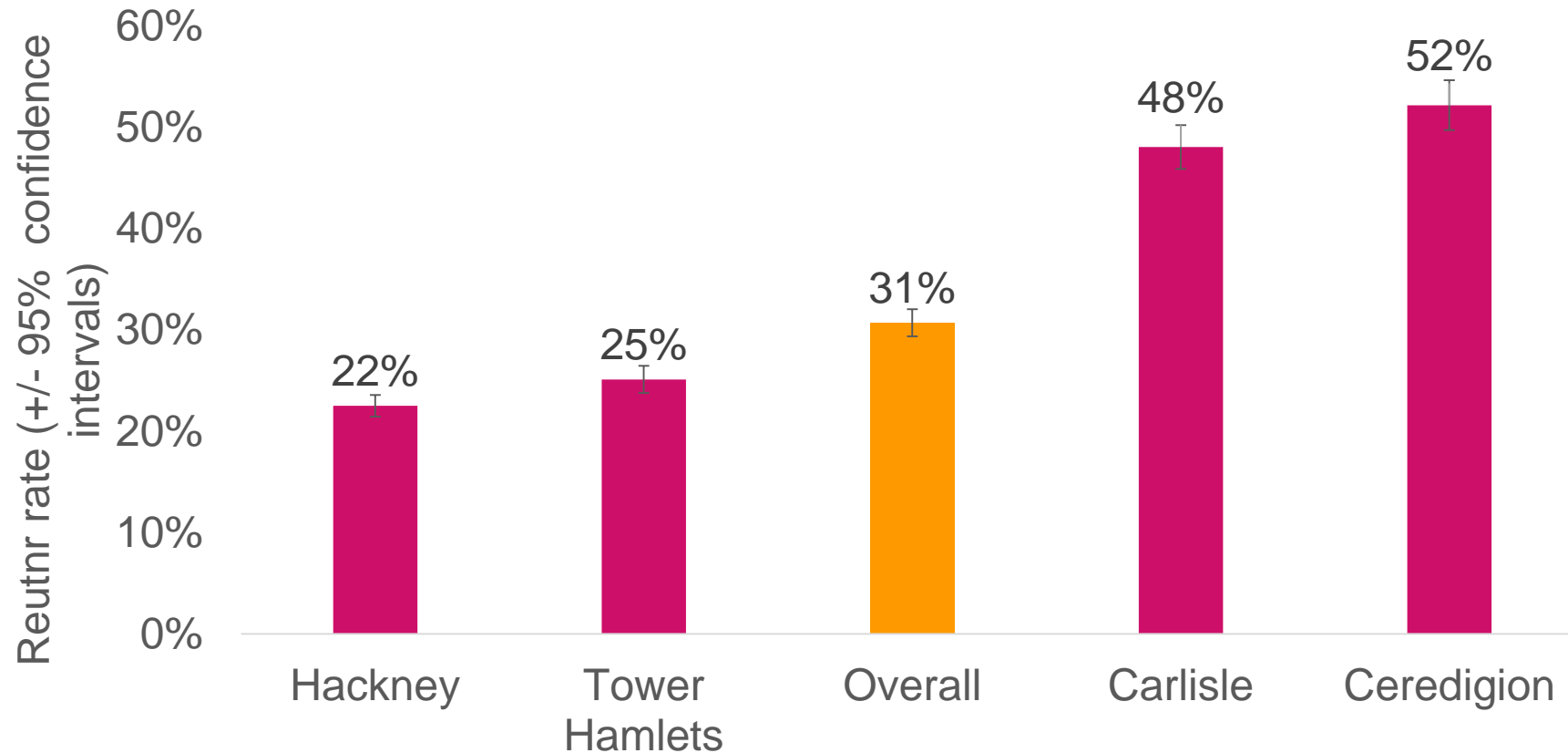
Preliminary results

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- households included in the rehearsal: 331,359
- household returns received: 101,734
- 15.2% of people responded by Census Day
- 31% return rate overall
- 37% return rate with field follow-up

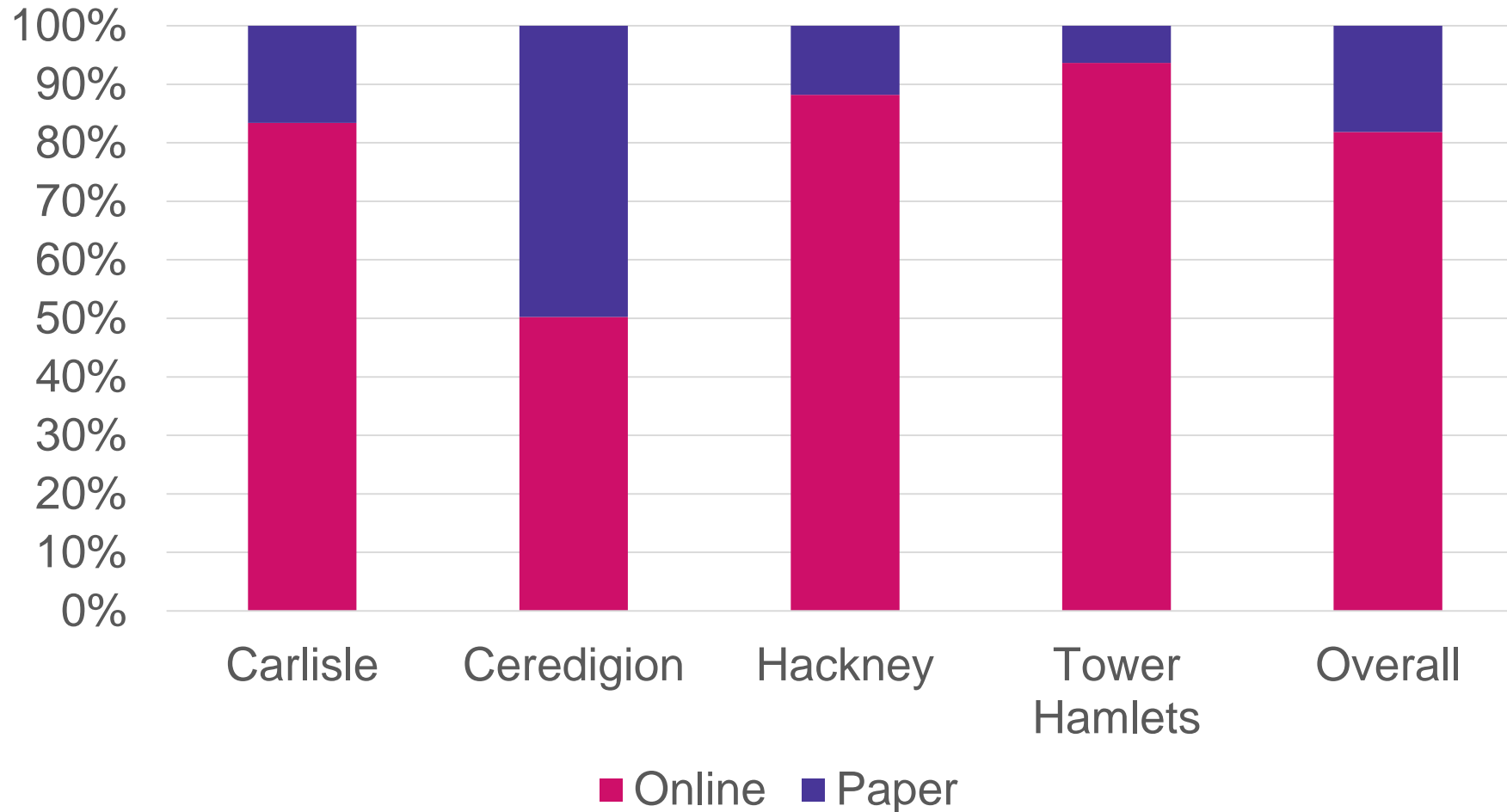
Overall local authority return rates

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Online share of returns

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Paper questionnaires as initial contact

Carlisle	8%
Ceredigion	47%
Hackney	9%
Tower Hamlets	2%
Overall	10%

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Geography Consultation

Census Geography Consultation

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Online consultation planned shortly

- *2021 Census Output Geography Policy, Products and Services*

Setting out the latest plans for 2021 Census output geography:

- Census geography policy
- products and services

For census dissemination considering the geographical relationship between Output Areas (OAs, as statistical building blocks) with parishes and wards and how this may shape the creation of census outputs for them

- Parishes and wards subject to annual boundary changes
- OAs subject to change after each census

... resulted in deterioration in common boundaries between OAs, parishes and wards over time ... consultation will seek views on solutions

Thank you, any questions?

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