

FHRS Audit Technical report 2022: Weighting

Weights were applied to the data to make it representative of the target population within each country. The weights were informed by the profile of the underlying population of businesses in terms of sector and FHRS. Data on the underlying population was sourced from FSA's FHRS database and is presented in Tables 5.1-5.2. [\(footnote 1\)](#)

Table 5.1 Profile of the underlying business population by sector and FHRS rating within country by sector

Sector	England	Northern Ireland	Wales
Accommodation & pubs/bars/nightclubs	16%	15%	21%
Restaurants/cafés/canteens & other catering	45%	43%	41%
Retail	25%	27%	25%
Takeaways/Sandwich shops	14%	14%	13%

Table 5.2 Profile of the underlying business population by sector and FHRS rating within country by FHRS rating

FHRS Rating	England	Northern Ireland	Wales
0-1	2%	0%	2%
2	2%	1%	1%
3	7%	4%	9%
4	17%	14%	20%
5	72%	81%	68%

1. The total number of businesses in the underlying population was 371,621.