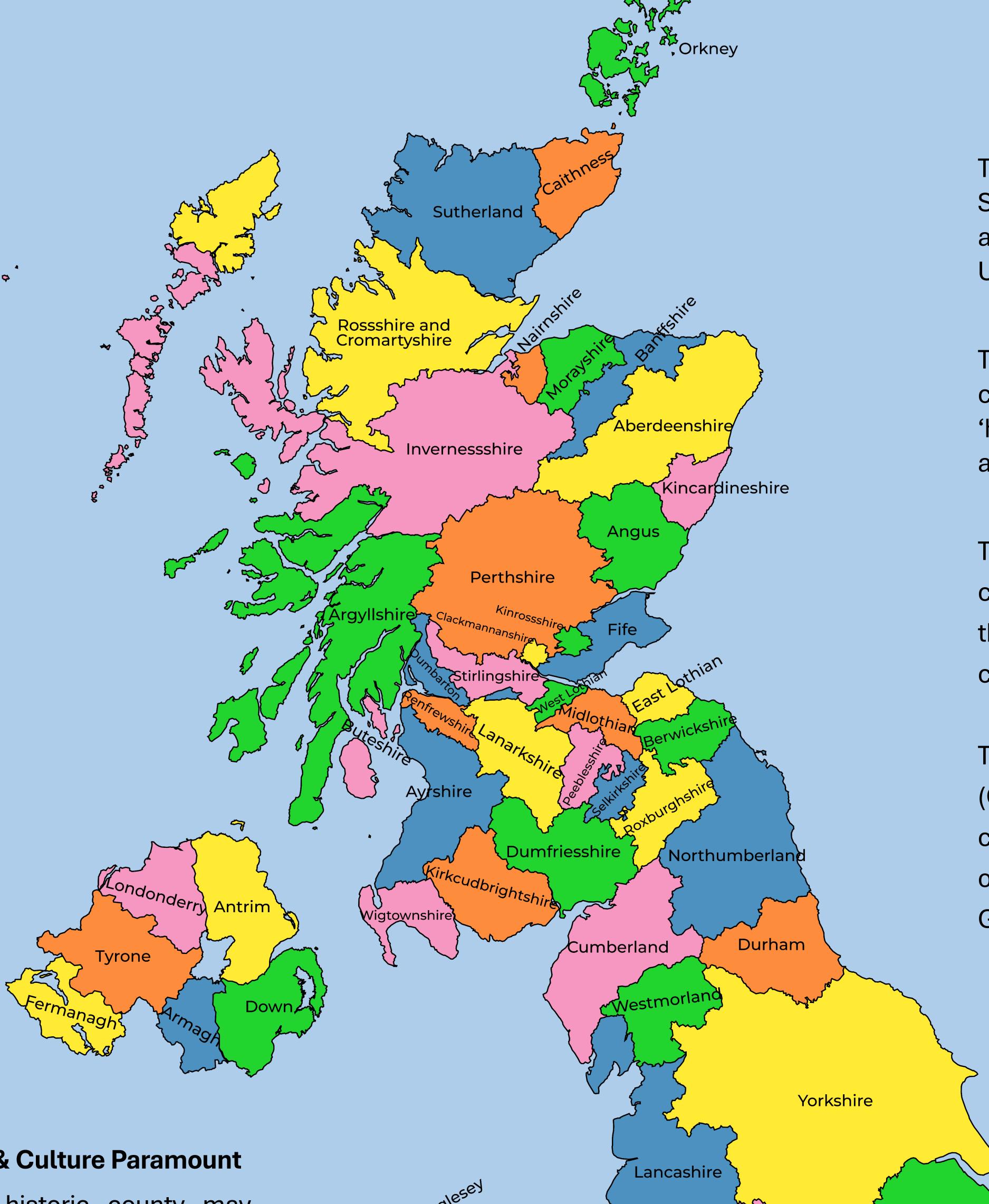
UNITED KINGDOM COUNTIES





The traditional counties of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 92 historic subdivisions of the United Kingdom.

They are also known as the historic counties (so-called because they 'have a lot of history') or legally as the ancient or geographical counties.

These 92 counties have existed for centuries and are an indelible part of the history, heritage, geography and culture of the United Kingdom.

Office for National Statistics (ONS) recommend use of the historic counties as "a stable, unchanging geography which covers the whole of Great Britain".

Geography & Culture Paramount

While each historic county may have originally been set up for some public purpose or other, long before the beginning of the nineteenth century it was their geographical and cultural identities that were paramount.

The counties were considered to be territorial divisions of the country, whose names and areas had been fixed for many centuries and were universally known and accepted.

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