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Wilson

Variants: WILLSON, WILLISON

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186540, Ireland 12250
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135192
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim

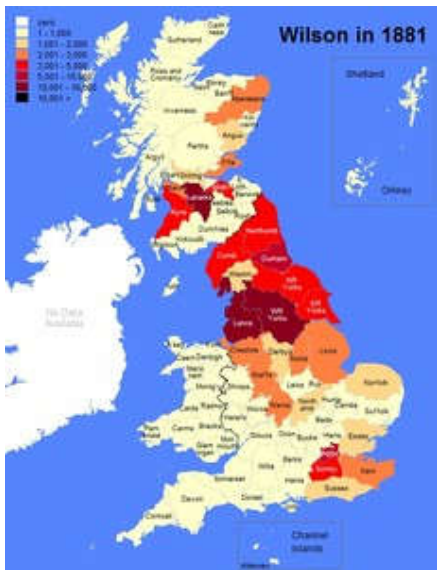
English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name WILL + patronymic *-son* 'son of *Will*'.

Early bearers:

England

Robert Willeson, 1324 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Robert Wilson, 1341 in Kirkstall Coucher Book (Yorks); John Willison, 1366 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Hugo Wyllesone, 1377 in Poll Tax (Mucklestone, Staffs); Adam Wyllson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Kettlewell, WR Yorks); Johannes Wyllyson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Skibeden, WR Yorks); Thoma Wylson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Thomas Wylson', 1381 in Poll Tax (Ince Blundell, Lancs); Johanna Wilson, 1538 in IGI (Alstonefield, Staffs); Christopher Wilson, 1539 in IGI (Morland, Westm); Tho. Wilson, 1544 in IGI (Croston, Lancs); Hannah Wilson, 1670 in IGI (Emswell, Yorks).

Scotland Michael Wilsoun, 1418 in Irvine Muniments (Irvine, Ayr); John Wilson, 1467 in Dunfermline Register (Berwick, Berwicks); Thomas Wolsoun, 1563 in Newbattle Register (Roxburghs); William Wilson, 1562 in IGI (Dunfermline, Fife); Katherine Wilson, 1564 in IGI (Dunfermline, Fife); Finlay Wilson, 1566 in IGI (Perth, Perth).



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Wilson, 1881 frequency.

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