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Wright

Variants: WRIGHT, WRAIGHT, RIGHT, WRIGHTS

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130416, Ireland 4143
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93895
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England and Scotland: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down and Antrim

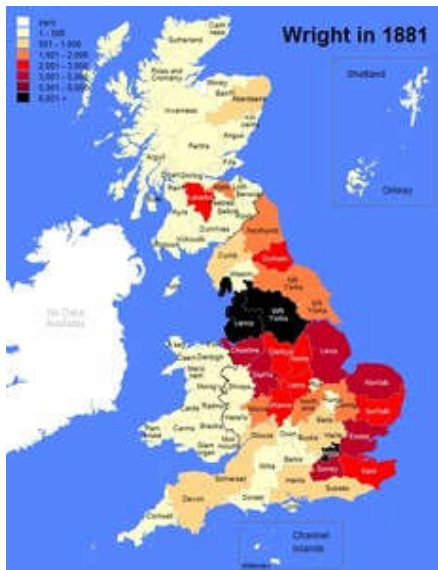
English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English and Older Scots *wriht*, *wright*, *wricht*, *wriht*, *wriht* (Old English *wyrhta*, *wryhta*) 'craftsman', especially 'carpenter, joiner'.

Early bearers:

England

Patere le Writh, 1214 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); Robert le Wrichte, 1255 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Robert Wricht, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Shrops); Thomas le Wrighte, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Walter le Wrytte, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Wright, 1377 in Poll Tax (Great Tosson, Northumb); Robertus Wright, 1377 in Poll Tax (Wheldale, WR Yorks); Hugone le Wright, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cuerdale, Lancs); Rogerus Wright, 1379 in Poll Tax (Moulton Saint Mary, Norfolk); Robertus Wright, 1379 in Poll Tax (Slipton, Northants); Ricardo Wryght, 1379 in Poll Tax (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Willelmus Wright, 1381 in Poll Tax (Knightley, Staffs); Robte. Wright, 1538 in IGI (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); John Wright, 1538 in IGI (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Agnes Wright, 1539 in IGI (Ellastone, Staffs); Thomas Wrighte, 1547 in IGI (Hayes, Kent); Roger Wryght, 1582 in IGI (Stoke Gabriel, Devon).

Scotland Jonat Wrycht, 1561 in IGI (Dunfermline, Fife); Peter Wreicht, 1600 in IGI (Kelso, Roxburghs); Makdalene Wright, 1610 in IGI (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marioun Wright, 1625 in IGI (Glasgow, Lanarks).



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Wright, 1881 frequency.

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