

2001 Census Advisory Groups

Advisory Group Paper (01) 02

2001 CENSUS OUTPUT

Standard Tables, Univariate Tables, CAS and Origin-Destination Statistics

Introduction

The current round of consultation this summer with users on 2001 Census area statistics is scheduled to be the last. The documentation currently being circulated includes final specifications for the proposed Key Statistics and Standard Tables and the concluding set of proposals for the Census Area Statistics (CAS), together with a Discussion Paper.

This paper notes that this is the final opportunity to comment on the CAS and outlines the arrangements for consultation on other products and the timetable for subsequent output.

Details of Roadshow timetable and venues are also given.

Action for Advisory Group members

Advisory Group members are invited to:

- **Provide any further comments on the CAS by 16 November. This will be the last opportunity to comments on these tables.**
- **Comment on various issues that have been highlighted in the Discussion Paper, namely:**
 - **the methodology being used as the homogeneity criteria for the creation of Output Areas (OAs);**
 - **the requirement to subdivide Output Areas into multiple workplace OAs;**
 - **the research and requirement for comparability between 1991 Enumeration Districts and 2001 Census OAs;**
 - **suggestions for other non-tabular formats for output: and**
 - **to indicate preferences for the options for release of tranches of output.**
- **Attend one of the current Roadshow meetings.**

Timetable for Consultation

- 1 The fourth and final sets of proposals for area statistics from the 2001 Census have recently been issued to Advisory Group members in time for a forthcoming round of Census Roadshow meetings.
- 2 The consultation process in developing the Standard Area Statistics began in Spring 1999. Since then, there have been three rounds of consultation with users on the Key Statistics and the Standard Tables and one round of consultation on the Census Area Statistics (CAS). The Key Statistics and Standard tables are now final specifications, whilst the Census Area Statistics are 'open' for a final round of consultation. Together these statistics form the comprehensive package of 'core' Standard Area Statistics, to be delivered to users as part of the Census Access Project in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the SCROL project (Scottish Census Results Output Library) in Scotland.
- 3 The documentation currently being circulated includes final specifications for the proposed Key Statistics and Standard Tables and the concluding set of proposals for the Census Area Statistics (CAS). **Advisory Group members are invited to provide any further comments on the CAS by 16 November. This will be the last opportunity to comments on these tables.**
- 4 There are plans to conduct further consultation on 'topic' output not included in the area statistics. Once the scope of the topic output is clear and disclosure control measures for customised output are established, the services for ad-hoc output will be discussed with Advisory Groups and potential customers.

Standard Area Statistics documentation

- 5 The revised Standard Area Statistics, and associated documentation, are presented in a number of separate but related booklets.

Key Statistics (final specifications)

- 6 These refer to areas throughout the UK (with separate reports for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to be laid before the respective legislatures with detailed results in electronic supplements, and accessible for the UK as a whole through the Census Offices' website).

Standard Tables (final specifications)

- 7 These comprise set of 169 tables that provide the 'core' of pre-planned output. The tables will be available electronically from National to ward level. They include 23 Theme Tables each providing consistent information on a particular set of categories, for example, dependent children or communal establishments.

Census Area Statistics (concluding consultations)

- 8 The latest proposal is a set of 118 tables that provide some 6,000 counts for a variety of geographic area levels from Output Area (OA), which will contain approximately 250 people (130 in Scotland), across the UK, through to the

National level. The CAS now include a set of 68 Univariate tables providing some 700 counts for more detailed classifications of the main Census topics.

Output Data Classifications (final version)

- 9 This key document has been significantly revised since it was first issued in Spring 1999. It provides comprehensive information on 2001 Census definitions, concepts and classifications that will be available for both the Standard and customised/commissioned output.

Origin-Destination Statistics – Discussion Paper and Tables (final proposals)

- 10 Advisory Group Paper AG(00)17 provided a summary of the consultation on the development of a dataset of Special Migration and Special Workplace Statistics. These products are *not* currently within the scope of the Census Access project for England, Wales or Northern Ireland or of SCROL in Scotland, but they may be included if the costs of producing them and associated dissemination software could be contained within the budgets for the projects.

Standard Area Statistics Discussion Papers

- 11 The *Standard Area Statistics Discussion Paper (UK)* provides details of the standard area statistics dataset products, the Census Access and Neighbourhood Statistics Projects, Output Geography and arrangements for the final phase of consultation on the Census Area Statistics (CAS).
- 12 **Advisory Group members are asked to note that, throughout the Discussion Paper, users are invited to comment on various issues that have been highlighted, namely:**
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- 13 There is also a separate Discussion Paper produced specifically for users of Scottish output. It raises issues relating to Scottish output and gives users a further opportunity to comment on these issues also by 16 November 2001.

Arrangements for the concluding round of consultation

- 14 The documentation described above and a further and final invitation to comment on the CAS through a simple *pro forma* are being sent out to all

Advisory Group members and all organisations in the UK who responded to the first, second or third rounds of consultations. It also being sent to all County Councils, Regional Health Offices, Public Health Observatories and central government departments. In total, approximately 900 organisations in England and Wales, 200 in Scotland and 100 in Northern Ireland will receive copies of the documentation.

- 15 **Advisory Group members have this final an opportunity provide further comments on the CAS by 16 November.**

Output timetable

- 16 The Census White Paper (paragraph 159) states that “*the main national and local results will be released to a pre-announced timetable, as speedily as possible, over a short period of time – in effect concurrently – once processing is complete and the total population of the country has been determined*”.
- 17 The timetable is expected to be announced when output production systems have been fully rehearsed and tested. However, the Census organisations have the following targets for the production of the main national and local results from the 2001 Census.

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

- 18 *Mid year estimates* for 2001 based on ONC results, giving populations by age and gender for England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a whole, and for local and health authorities - *August 2002*.
- 19 Key Statistics for areas throughout England and Wales and Northern Ireland laid before their respective legislatures with detailed results in electronic supplements, and accessible through the National Statistics website - *early December 2002*.
- 20 *Main national and local results* (Standard Tables and Census Area Statistics) delivered in ‘concurrent’ tranches – *first half of 2003* (in England completed in the *second quarter of 2003* for delivery through Census Access/Neighbourhood Statistics Service (NeSS), and to DTLR for SSA purposes).
- 21 In the *Discussion Paper* (see paragraph 11 above), users are asked to indicate their preferences for the way the tranches of results are arranged for the release of the 2001 Census output.

Scotland

- 22 In Scotland, the first results of population by age and sex for Scotland as a whole and for council area and health board areas are planned to be made available in *August 2002*. More detailed standard output for smaller geographical areas, from other questions and cross-tabulations, are planned by *March 2003*.

Output Roadshow meetings

- 23 The current round of Roadshow meetings will introduce the documentation covering the revised proposals for the 2001 Census Standard Area Statistics, and explain the decision process behind the latest versions of the tables. Prototypes for delivering the output will be demonstrated. The meetings will also cover an update on how the Census is going, plans for consultation on Topic/Theme reports, commissioned tables, and the Census Access (SCROL in Scotland) project.
- 24 Users are being invited to attend one of the series of at least a dozen meetings being held throughout the UK during September/October. The agenda for each Roadshow meeting will cover:

Update on 2001 Census progress

- National response rates
- Census Coverage Survey
- Processing

Update on output proposals

- Standard Area Statistics (Key Statistics, Standard Tables, Census Area Statistics) – description of consultation documentation
- Classifications and Definitions
- Main points in Discussion Papers
- Origin-Destination Statistics
- Geography products
- Metadata
- Update on other output products – Topic-Theme reports, commissioned tables, SARs
- Terms and charges
- Timetable
- Next phases of consultation

Census Access (SCROL in Scotland) – latest

- Progress on dissemination/delivery mechanisms
- Synergy with Neighbourhood Statistics
- Finding from Census Access Questionnaire – what the users want!

Delivery mechanisms – prototypes/demonstrations

- Demonstrations of prototypes for delivering the Census data to users – SuperTable
- Demonstration of integrated product – statistics and metadata. This product will be available for users to take away on a CD-ROM and provide comments as part of the beta-testing initialia

Next steps

- Final questions on the day
 - Next steps for consultation on:
 - a) the Census Area Statistics (CAS)
 - b) Topic-Theme reports
 - c) commissioned tables
 - d) beta-testing prototypes
- 25 Meetings have been arranged for the dates and venues shown at Annex A. A typical meeting will run from 10.00 to 16.00 at each location with a break for lunch during which time users can see demonstrations of the types of electronic products that the Census organisations might supply. It will also offer an opportunity to discuss in more detail any points arising from the various presentations.
- 26 A special meeting for members of the Market Research Society and the commercial sector users is being held on 17 September at the University College London (UCL).
- 27 Further dates and venues will be organised if there is demand. In particular, a further meeting focusing on Census Geography will be organised at Southampton University during October or November if there is sufficient interest.
- 28 It is likely that NISRA will organise a meeting for users in Northern Ireland in October.
- 29 The meetings are open to all, but in order to ensure participants have the revised consultation documentation in advance and to make best possible use of the accommodation available, which at some venues is of limited size, attendance is by prior arrangement with the Census Offices. The Census Offices may suggest a restriction in the numbers attending from any one organisation whilst taking account of the variety of interest within the organisation, and it would be helpful if larger organisations arranged their response with this point in mind.

30 **Advisory Group members are invited to attend one of the above Roadshow meetings**, and can still do so by:

- E-mailing or telephoning the respective Census organisation (see below); or
- Completing and returning the attached (pdf) reply slip to the appropriate address.

Confirmation and details of the particular event, including an agenda for the day, will be forwarded on receipt of the reply slip or following an e-mail or telephone call.

31 A copy of the reply slip is also available on the Internet (www.statistics.gov.uk).

32 Please send your request to attend and/or reply to:

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ANNEX A

Dates and venues for 2001 Census Roadshow meetings

Date	Region	Venue
7 September	South East	Greater London Authority (former LRC building, Black Prince Road, SE1 7SZ)
11 September	North West	Manchester University
12 September	North East	The Town Hall, Darlington
13 September	Yorkshire and Humberside	School of Geography, Leeds University
21 September	South East	Greater London Authority (former LRC building, Black Prince Road, SE1 7SZ)
24 September	Wales	Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells
26 September	South West	Hotel du Vin, Bristol
27 September	East Midlands	GOR Regional Office, Nottingham
4 October	Scotland	Jarvis Ingram Hotel, Glasgow
9 October	Scotland	Thistle Caledonian Hotel, Aberdeen
11 October	Scotland	Thistle Hotel, Edinburgh
