



# **Data Processing**

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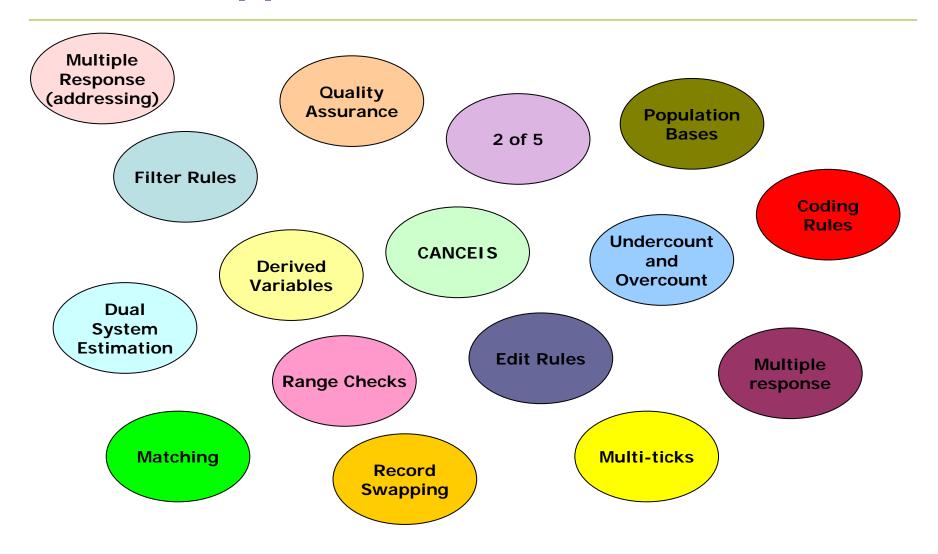
#### **Overview**

- What happens next?
  - An overview of processing
  - An overview of the timetable

 What does early analysis tell us about the quality of responses?

Data Processing

### What happens next



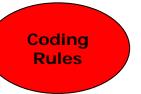
**Online Services** 

Data **Processing**  Estimating the **Population** 

Census **Outputs** 

### Capture and Coding

- Turning ticks and text into numbers
- What if people tick two boxes?
- Ticks AND text?



- What is your sex?
  - Male

Female

= 1 or 2

Multi-ticks

- What is your country of birth?
  - England → Go to 🚯
  - Wales → Go to 13
  - Scotland → Go to 13
  - Northern Ireland → Go to 13
  - Republic of Ireland
  - Elsewhere, write in the current name of country

= 000 - 992

### **Data Cleaning (1)**

Removing False Persons

Problem identified in 2001

- Created by crossings out
- Created by dirty questionnaires/scanners



#### Remove using "2 of 5" rule

 Name (from individual questions or household members table) or Date of birth

#### AND

 One of: Name (from individual questions), Date of Birth, Sex, Marital Status, or Name (from household members table)

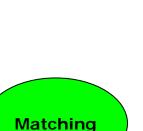
Introduction

### Data Cleaning (2)

- Multiple Responses from same household Several types:
  - Two or more questionnaires from same household

e.g.

- Two paper questionnaires returned
- Paper and Internet questionnaire returned
- Two or more responses for same person e.g.
  - Person on same questionnaire twice (or more!)
  - Person on HH and Individual questionnaire
  - Person on Paper and Internet questionnaire





Multiple

response

### Data Cleaning (3)

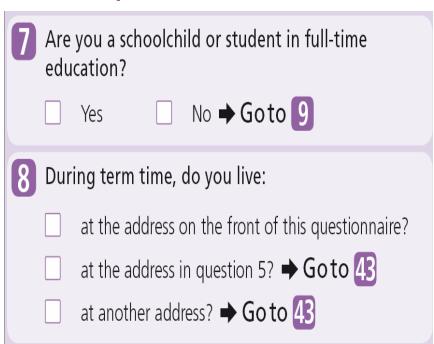
- Responses from different addresses but same household
  - Several types:
    - Different residential addresses for same household
      - e.g. Flat 1 and Flat A
    - Address on the CE and residential list



- Identifying multiple responses:
  - Some identified during the field operation;
  - Further fieldwork on-going between July and Sept
  - Further analysis of address lists

### Simple Processing

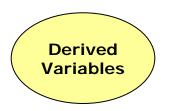
- Filter Rules
  - Identify incorrect / unnecessary responses
  - Prepare data for Edit and Imputation





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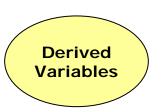
- First set of derived variables
  - Data required for processing



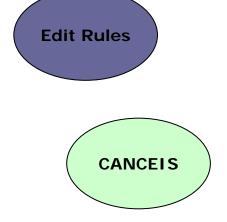
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### **Edit and Imputation**

 Resolves inconsistent responses e.g. Someone is 5 years old and Married



- Imputes missing responses
  - Based on similar "donor" records
    - Households/people with similar characteristics



 Makes sure output database is complete

### **Coverage Estimation and Adjustment**

- Census Coverage Survey matched to census database
  - Automatic and clerical

**Undercount** and Overcount

- Used to estimate:
  - Missed households
  - Incomplete households

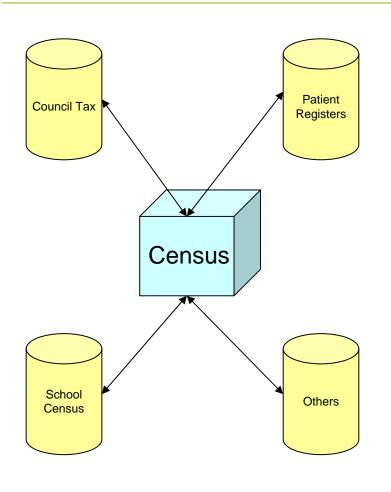


- Creates records for missing people
  - back through Edit and Imputation



(More on this later)

### **Quality Assurance**



- High Level
  - Census compared to other data sources
    - Number of properties/people
    - People in specific groups
  - Not directly comparable
    - Definitional differences
    - Timeliness

Quality Assurance

- Detail
  - Does it look plausible?
  - Identify processing problems

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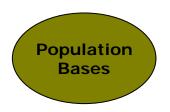
#### **Disclosure Control**

- Need to ensure outputs are confidential
  - Can't identify individuals
- Record swapping
  - Done successfully in 2001
  - Identify similar households and swap between areas
  - Mainly within LAs
  - Tables add up!
  - i.e. no post-tabular disclosure control

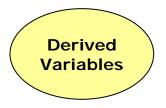


### **Outputs**

- Main outputs for "usually resident" population
  - Everyone in UK for 12 months or more



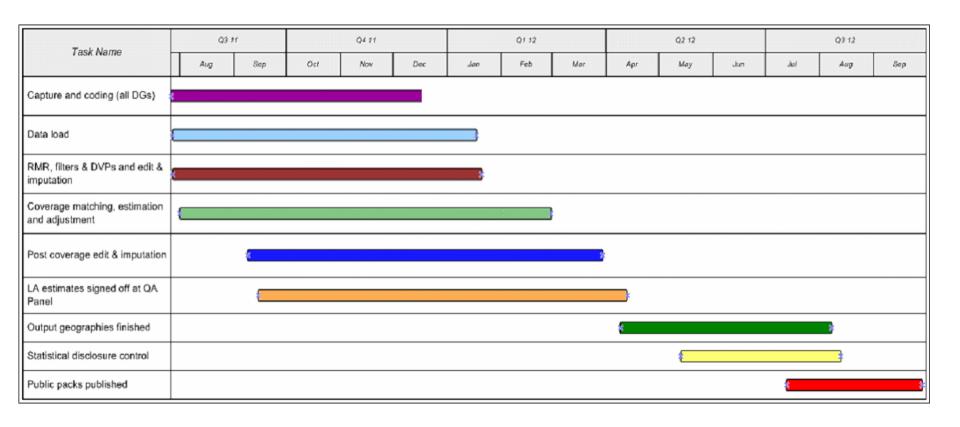
- Some additional outputs on other bases
  - Daytime population
  - Out of term population



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# **Processing timeline**

### Timeline - key processing stages



### Capture and coding – delivery



What have we seen so far?



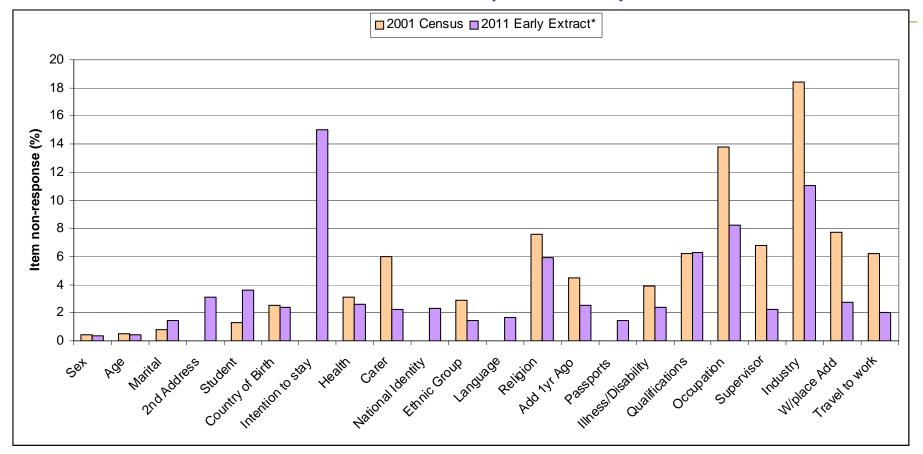
## Capture and coding - Accuracy

Question	Target	Achieved (so far)
Sex	99.5%	99.96%
Year of Birth	99.95%	100%
Country of Birth	96%	99.86%
Religion	96%	99.09%
Ethnic Group	96%	98.96%
Language	96%	99.51%
Industry	88%	93.21%
Occupation	88%	93.87%
Workplace Address	85%	92.55%
Second Address	96%	98.8%

**Online Services** 

Data **Processing** 

### How well answered (so far)?



KPI 9: No question with greater than 19% non-response  $\checkmark$ 

Obj 4: 70% of questions below 5% non-response



Provisional estimates of item non-response

### Early assessment of progress and quality ...

- Some small problems identified during processing but relatively minor
  - Formatting difficulties
  - Some small coding inaccuracies
- Good quality respondent data
  - Item non-response low, new questions working well
- Processing and quality is an improvement over 2001 (So far!)