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Keeping stakeholders informed

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Introduction

Welcome to the January edition of the census newsletter. We aim to keep you informed about progress to deliver the 2011 Census outputs and the communication activities to support these. The key points to note from this newsletter are:

- All of the Key and Quick Statistics tables for output area, ward, parish and parliamentary constituency geographies (for England and Wales) will be published on 30 January 2013 (Release 2.2).
- ONS Geography to release additional products for the 30 January 2013 release.
- On 19 February 2013 (Release 2.3) Key and Quick Statistics for the remaining geographies, such as national parks and health areas together with postcode estimates by sex and for the number of households, will be issued.

Second release of 2011 Census data

On 11 December 2012, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published a set of Key and Quick Statistics tables, at local authority level, via the ONS website. The release included statistical bulletins for England and Wales, and for Wales, together with reference information and methodological documentation. Analyses in the form of 'short stories' covering international migration, ethnicity and national identity, religion, and the labour market were also published.

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census/key-statistics-for-local-authorities-in-england-and-wales/index.html>

On 30 January 2013, we will issue all of the Key and Quick Statistics tables for output area, ward, parish and parliamentary constituency geographies. These outputs will be accompanied by a statistical bulletin and census analysis, including podcasts and 'short stories' (see page 4).

The ONS website, NeSS and NOMIS will all be used to host release 2.2 census material. Details will be published in the census prospectus in advance of the release

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/index.html>

Release 2 description and table layouts are available from

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/release-plans-for-2011-census-statistics/second-release-of-2011-census-statistics/index.html>

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More 2011 Census geography products to be released

In October 2012, ONS released the first release of 2011 Census geography products for electronic download from

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/geography/products/census/index.html>

On January 30 2013, ONS will release additional 2011 Census geography products, for electronic download.

The January 2013 geography release includes:

- Digital boundaries: workplace zones (a new small geography built around where people work as recorded in the 2011 Census), 2011 output areas and super output areas, now available as generalised boundaries, in Shape and Mid/Mif formats.
- Standard area measurements for the 2011 output and super output areas.
- Lookups: output area to a number of output geographies showing how well each "best-fits", expressed as a percentage.

Details of the January geography data release can be found at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/new-developments-for-2011-census-results/2011-census-geography/2011-census-geography-prospectus/index.html>

What short stories are planned for the second release?

| | Wave 1 (already published) | Wave 2 (30th January) | Wave 3 (throughout February and March) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Population & Demography | International Migration | | |
| | | Families | |
| Culture | Ethnicity & Identity | | |
| | | | |
| | Religion | | |
| | | | Language |
| Labour Market | Comparison of LFS and Census* | | |
| | | | Occupation & Industry |
| | | | Economic Activity |
| | | | Housing |
| Health & Caring | | General Health | |
| | | Disability | |
| | | | Unpaid Care |
| Regional | | | (Mode of) Travel to Work |
| | | | National Parks** |

* published in the format of a report

** would cover a number of different topics for national parks. May be linked to the 2.3 release.

Bulk data

Bulk data products are provided in a bespoke CSV format designed for an automated load into systems which allow users to interrogate and manipulate the data. They are not designed for use in desktop spreadsheet tools.

Each release of statistics from the 2011 Census will be available in bulk data format and can be requested from [Census Customer Services](#). The data is supplied on DVD and is free, although a charge may apply if a user requests multiple copies at the same time.

Release 2.2 - Key Statistics and Quick Statistics for output areas and wards in England and Wales - 30 January 2013

Bulk data from this release will be posted after 9:30am on 30 January 2013 and users should receive them within two days. If users require the products sooner, the data can be given to a courier at 9:30am on the day of release, from the ONS office at Titchfield in Hampshire. Users should make their own courier arrangements and inform Census Customer Services accordingly.

In advance of this release, ONS are distributing the supporting information associated with the bulk data (the DESC, META and CODE files) to enable systems to be made ready to receive the data.

Users who have already registered to receive bulk products will receive the supporting information via email by the 25 January 2013.

If you would like to register to receive bulk data products please contact Census Customer Services (census.customer.services@ons.gsi.gov.uk).

More information on bulk data is available at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/new-developments-for-2011-census-results/data-access-and-dissemination/bulk-data/index.html>

United Kingdom population estimates

The total UK population estimate: 63,181,775.

On 17 December ONS published population estimates from the 2011 Censuses for the UK-England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. A single landing page enables users to find data, metadata, and analysis from the four UK countries. The material available from this page will gradually build up in 2013 to supply comprehensive UK coverage:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/uk-census/index.html>

Media reporting of Release 2.1 on 11th December 2012

Release 2.1 on 11 December 2012 was well reported in the media:

- National print media – Over 160 articles in all major publications including 3 pages in the *Sun* and substantial coverage in the *Guardian*
- Regional print media – Over 150 articles in 85 papers, from Cornwall to Northumberland, reporting on a range of themes inspired by local issues
- Broadcast TV media – Reported on all national TV news channels. BBC News 24 hourly all day
- Radio – 40 stations carried total of 3.5 hours of interviews, potential audience reach of 6.5 million
- Social media – ONS's busiest day in all of 2012
- Online coverage – BBC News website top story all day and a live news feed on the Guardian website

Census related articles continue to appear regularly in national and regional

Future releases of 2011 Census data

Plans for further releases can be found here:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/release-plans-for-2011-census-statistics/index.html>

ONS is making good progress in the development of an application programme interface (API) and a data explorer to help users access, explore and exploit ONS data more effectively. ONS plan to make these tools available for later releases of 2011 Census data, and tutorials will be held in late spring to help technical and data users understand how to use them. We will inform you about the dates for these as soon as they are known.

Local authority census benefits survey

Local authority census liaison managers and assistant census liaison managers were sent a survey on 10 January 2013 by the 2011 Census Benefits Realisation Team and the Beyond 2011 Team. This is designed to help ONS evaluate the benefits to local authorities gained from the 2011 Census data and to develop the case for the continued production of the small area data (i.e. wards, output areas, etc.) widely across local authorities.

There is still time for local authorities to complete this survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RMXVZ99>

ONS will be happy to receive completed surveys even after the 8 February deadline

GLA's Census Information Scheme

The Greater London Authority's Census Information Scheme has been making good use of the recent census releases. A series of interactive maps and data visualisations are available through the London Datastore (<http://data.london.gov.uk/census>) and provide a regional context for local authorities in London to analyse their own census statistics. The Datastore also provides links to external census resources and methodology papers. These tools are designed to complement the national-level analysis provided by the ONS.

If you have any census related links or articles that readers may find useful, please contact the editorial team (details at the bottom of this newsletter).

Key Statistics versus Quick Statistics – what's the difference?

Quick Statistics

Quick Statistics tables contain statistics which refer to one variable and its response categories from a census question. Quick Statistics are available for output area and higher geographies. An example is the number of people who report 'Very good', 'Good', 'Fair', 'Bad' and 'Very bad' health status, reported by output area. Health is the variable and the five options are the response categories, or values that the variable can take. Quick Statistics tables will form the majority of the statistics released between November 2012 and February 2013.

Key Statistics

Key Statistics tables provide summary figures that cover the full range of results from the census. They are presented in a tabular format, with figures as both numbers and percentages, to allow comparison across different areas.

Other definitions are available from the census glossary:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-user-guide/glossary/index.html>

There is a list of census frequently asked questions:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-user-guide/faqs/index.html>

Census advisory group meetings

ONS met with the members of its census advisory groups in November 2012 to listen to their views and feedback. Further details about the groups, including membership, agendas, minutes and papers, are available on the ONS website at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/consultations--users-and-local-partners/user-and-advisory-groups/index.html>

Useful census websites

2011 Census prospectus

- <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/index.html>

ONS Interactive Content

- <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/interactive/index.html>

Publication Hub

- <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/index.html>

Neighbourhood Statistics (NeSS)

- <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/>

HM Treasury – using ONS Graphs and Charts

- http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/junebudget_diagrams.htm

BBC Page – Displaying table of ONS data

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-14731757>

Government website with ONS info – all together in one searchable website

- <http://data.gov.uk/publisher/office-for-national-statistics>

Department of Health – reference to ONS

- <http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Statistics/index.htm>

Tools/resources for people wanting to use data and infographics

- <http://dailytekk.com/2012/02/27/over-100-incredible-infographic-tools-and-resources/>

Next edition

If you have any suggestions for articles in future newsletters, please let us know. In the meantime, we will continue to upload relevant information onto the ONS, StatUserNet and knowledge hub websites. Please send your suggestions to SMC.team@ons.gsi.gov.uk

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