



Newsletter

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Keeping stakeholders informed

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Introduction

Welcome to the July edition of the census newsletter. We are keeping you informed about progress to deliver the 2011 Census outputs and the communication activities supporting them. Key points to note are:

- The publication schedule for data outputs has been amended following consultation
- Local characteristics on ethnicity, identity, language and religion are scheduled for publication at the end of July while those for health and unpaid care will be available at the end of August
- A new online index is available to help locate census statistical tables
- A new round of consultation starts soon on the future of the census
- The 2011 Census community on the LGA Knowledge Hub is closing
- Contact details for future Census Newsletters are changing

Data releases since the last newsletter

16 May 2013	Detailed characteristics for local authorities in England and Wales Topics: Migration, ethnicity, identity, language, religion, unpaid care and health. Geographies: Local authority level.
28 June 2013	Detailed Characteristics on housing for local authorities in England and Wales Key Statistics and Quick Statistics for built-up areas in England and Wales Population and household estimates for postcodes in England and Wales
12 July 2013	Further detailed characteristics for regions of England and Wales. MSOA and merged ward tables for the detailed characteristics tables released on 16 May and 28 June 2013. Topics: Migration, ethnicity, identity, language, religion, unpaid care, housing and health.

Census outputs and associated supporting information can be found via:

ONS website (www.ons.gov.uk/census)
Neighbourhood Statistics website (www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk)
NOMIS website (www.nomisweb.co.uk).

A spreadsheet (at <http://tinyurl.com/csug43g>) will guide you through what is available at which level of geography and where the information can be found.

Publication schedule for census data releases

ONS recently carried out a review of all tables planned for the remaining release 3 outputs (Detailed Characteristics (DC) tables), and release 4 (Local Characteristics (LC) tables). As a result, the DC and LC tables will not now be published consecutively as originally planned. In order to better meet users' needs, the two products will be interspersed by topic. In addition, some tables have been redesigned to improve the comparability and usability of the information across topics – for example, the standardisation of ages.

The outputs prospectus has been updated to reflect these changes. The re-ordering and intended publication schedule is set out below. This plan is provisional and some of the products may move as we continue to balance priorities of need, timeliness and confidentiality.

31 July 2013	UK Population estimates by single year of age and sex for local authorities
	England and Wales Local Characteristics on ethnicity, identity, language and religion for output areas.

Future releases:

August	Demography (DC), Health (LC)
September	Communal establishments (DC), Migration (LC)
October	Alternate populations
November	Labour market (DC), Qualifications (DC)
December	Housing (LC), Demography (LC)
January	Labour market (LC), Qualifications (LC)
February	Travel to work (DC), Armed forces (DC)
April & onwards	TBC – UK multivariate, small populations and theme tables

The final content of each release, and the design of accompanying tables, will be published on the ONS website, when available, and can be found at <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/release-plans-for-2011-census-statistics/fourth-release-of-2011-census-statistics/fourth-release-tables/index.html>

Index of census topics and tables

An online index of topics and tables is available to help users to locate the information they are looking for. The index has been produced to run on Microsoft Excel version 2003 and above. In order for this to run successfully, you will need to have macros enabled on your PC.

If you know the table number you want, the new index will describe its content, the geographies for which it is available and provide a link to the website (ONS, NeSS or NOMIS) on which it is located. Searching by topic will return a list of all tables under that

topic heading enabling you to browse the table descriptions before selecting which ones to view.

The index can be found at: www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-data-catalogue/2011-census-index-of-tables-and-topics.zip

Census management

Ian Cope has been appointed Director of Population and Demography. His remit includes the 2011 Census, Beyond 2011 and Population and Vital Statistics.

Roma Chappell leaves her role as Deputy Director, Census on 1 August. She will be replaced by Claire Stretch, currently Project Director, Web Data Access.

Census analysis papers

Analysis papers provide additional comment on census data by pulling out the key stories; adding context; comparing areas and regions; and explaining trends over time. Analysis papers published since the last newsletter are listed below. All papers can be found at <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/analysis/index.html>

16 May 2013	What does the census tell us about religion in 2011? The gender gap in unpaid care provision Detailed country of birth and nationality
5 June 2013	170 years of industry in England and Wales 2011
28 June 2013	Home ownership and renting in England & Wales Characteristics of built up areas
17 July 2013	Ethnic variations in general health and unpaid care provision

Knowledge Hub

Following a review of the level of use of the 2011 Census community on the LGA Knowledge Hub and consultation with members of the census advisory groups, it has been decided to withdraw from use of this community. In future, comments and opinions will be shared on StatsUserNet (www.statsusernet.org.uk). Please note that this only relates to the 2011 Census community.

Beyond 2011

The next round of Beyond 2011 publications (newsletter, progress report and options report) is due out in late July and will provide an update on research over the past six months and give details of the two lead options emerging from the programme.

Work is also continuing to improve ONS understanding of the data requirements of different users in order to ascertain exactly which statistics are needed. In addition to the specific variables and geography levels that are required, the team is keen to hear about the ways in which the statistics are used to support organisations' activities. The requirements of some sectors have been recorded in a series of 'user statements' and draft versions of these are published on the ONS website for comments. Current draft statements cover:

- The five core functions of local authorities - children's services/education, health & social care, housing, planning and transport.
- A general 'other local authority' statement to cover functions not in the five core statements
- A statement prepared by the Greater London Authority on 'what is different in London'
- A statement on the charities and voluntary sector

Additional statements are planned on genealogy and Eurostat in the near future.

All statements can be found at <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/what-we-do/programmes---projects/beyond-2011/user-statements/index.html>. Comments can be made directly to the Beyond 2011 team (email address below) or via the Beyond 2011 community on www.StatsUserNet.org.uk

A second round of public consultation and accompanying events will begin in September. Details will be published on the Beyond 2011 pages of the ONS website. To be added to the mailing list, please contact beyond2011@ons.gsi.gov.uk.

Voluntary sector use of census data

With the 2011 Census output programme publishing very significant volumes of data, ONS is promoting the value of the statistics throughout England and Wales. Special attention is to be given to supporting the voluntary sector in making best use of the data to meet their needs.

A series of tools is being trialled that will enable community groups to find, access, and download data required to support their understanding of their community and to assist in the use of census data to support funding application. More details will be available in the near future.

CensusAtSchool

A suite of educational resources is now available to help 11-16 year olds to use census statistics.

Worksheets, questionnaires, an online quiz and a census 'Top Trumps' card game are accompanied by teachers' notes, all designed to help students to explore the census pages of the ONS website and make use of the data visualisation and comparator tools. Each topic features starter questions plus additional material that can be used by teachers to extend the lesson and take a more in-depth look at the results.

The resources are:

- Introductory lesson – What is a census?
- England and Wales have data - population, ethnicity, religion
- Should I stay or should I go? University
- Should I stay or should I go? Give us a job!
- Online multiple choice census quiz

With the end of the school year now upon us, schools will be planning next year's curriculum. The resources have been widely promoted on the CensusAtSchool website and also on the TES Connect and Association of Teachers of Mathematics websites. Further promotion of the resources is planned for September 2013.

The resources have been developed by the 2011 Census benefits realisation team working with the RSS Centre for Statistical Education and can be found at www.censusatschool.org.uk/2011-census-resources/2013-resources

Census advisory group meetings

The latest round of census advisory group meetings took place in March. 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>

Neighbourhood Statistics (NeSS)

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

Official labour market statistics (Nomis)

- <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

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

The 2011 Census Communications and Stakeholder Management Team will cease to exist at the end of July as the 2011 Census project winds down and the publication of census data becomes 'business as usual'. Future editions of the Census Newsletter will be compiled by Census Customer Services.

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 and StatUserNet websites. Please send your suggestions to census.customerservices@ons.gov.uk

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