

Beyond 2011 project

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What is the Beyond 2011 project?

- The system for providing population and socio-demographic statistics for the UK has, like many other countries, been built around a census of the whole population.
 - become more expensive
 - challenging to conduct
 - more complex family structures
 - increasingly mobile population
 - response rate issue
- Beyond 2011 project created

How does it relate to work across UK?

- Formally established in Scotland in September 2011
 - assess alternative options for producing demographic statistics, including the use of administrative data sources.
- Working with Office for National Statistics and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, who are also carrying out parallel work.



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The system for providing population and socio-demographic statistics for the UK has, like many other countries, been built around a census of the whole population.

In recent times the census has become more expensive and challenging to conduct, especially with the increasingly mobile population. National Records of Scotland is investigating alternative ways of meeting information needs for population statistics. This page contains links to information relating to this work.

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The section provides background information on the Beyond 2011 project and the reasons we are looking at alternative methods for producing population and socio-demographic statistics for Scotland.

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Providing population and socio-demographic information on the UK has, like many other countries, been a major focus of the whole population.

The census has become more expensive and more difficult to conduct, especially with the increasingly changing National Records of Scotland and the need for alternative ways of meeting information needs on statistics. This page contains links to other pages on this work.

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Options for the future?
This page contains information on consultations and events that we are holding as part of the Beyond 2011 project.

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The Office for National Statistics is currently taking a fresh look at options for the production of population and small area socio-demographic statistics for England and Wales. The Beyond 2011 Programme has been established to carry out research on the options and to recommend the best way forward to meet future user needs.

Beyond 2011 is considering a range of options including census, survey and administrative data solutions. Since 'census-type' solutions are already relatively well understood most of the research is focussing on how surveys can be supplemented by better re-use of 'administrative' data already collected from the public.

The final recommendation, which will be made in 2014, will balance user needs, cost, benefit, statistical quality, and the public acceptability of all of the options. The results will have implications for all population-based statistics in England and Wales and, potentially, for the statistical system as a whole

These pages provide a summary of the work of the Beyond 2011 Programme and

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Census options

Traditional Census (long form to everyone)

Rolling Census (over 5/10 year period)

Short Form (everyone), Long form (Sample)

Headcount + Annual Survey (US model)

Administrative data options

Aggregate analysis

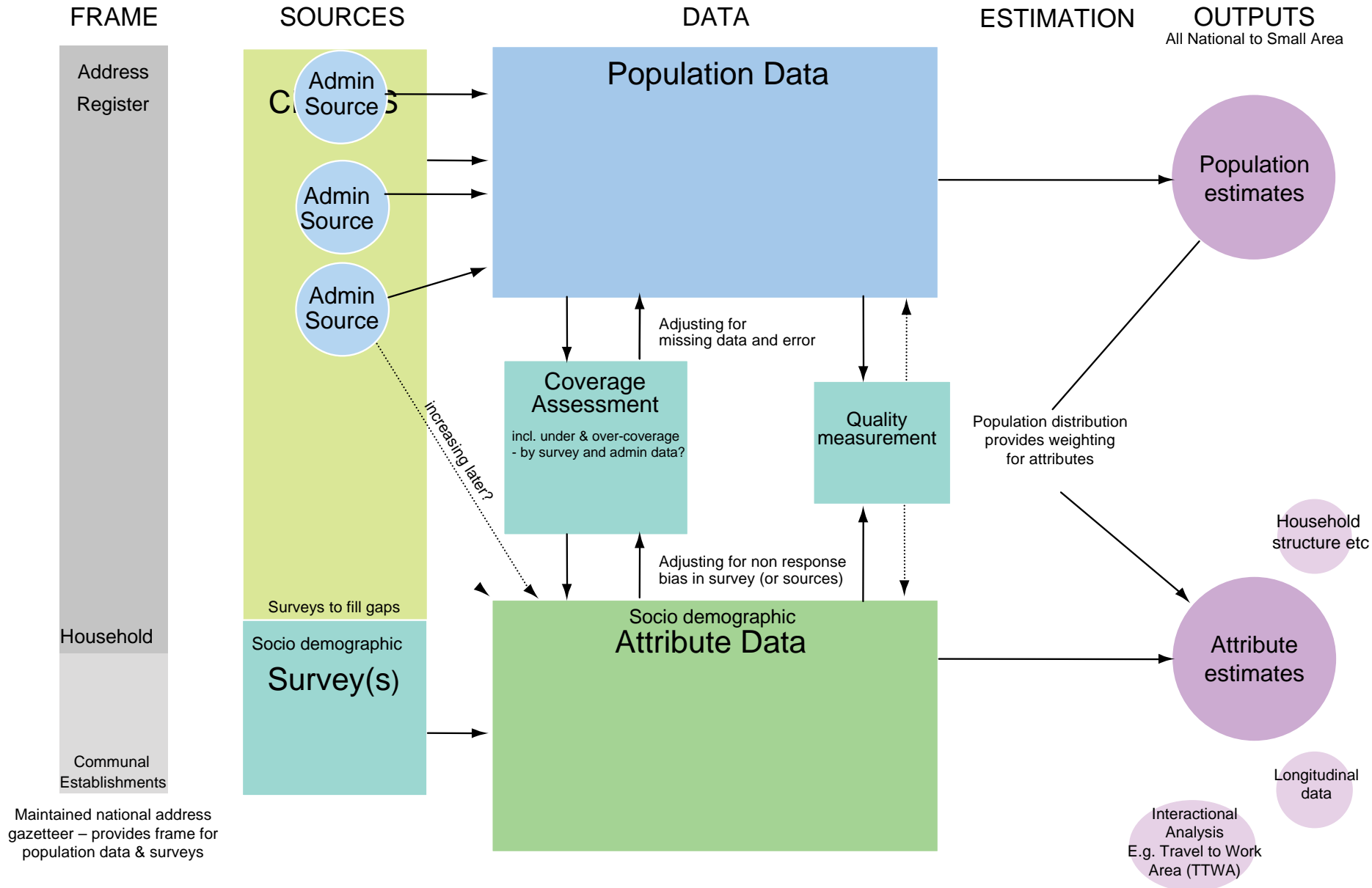
(Intermediate) Sample linkage e.g. 1% of postcodes

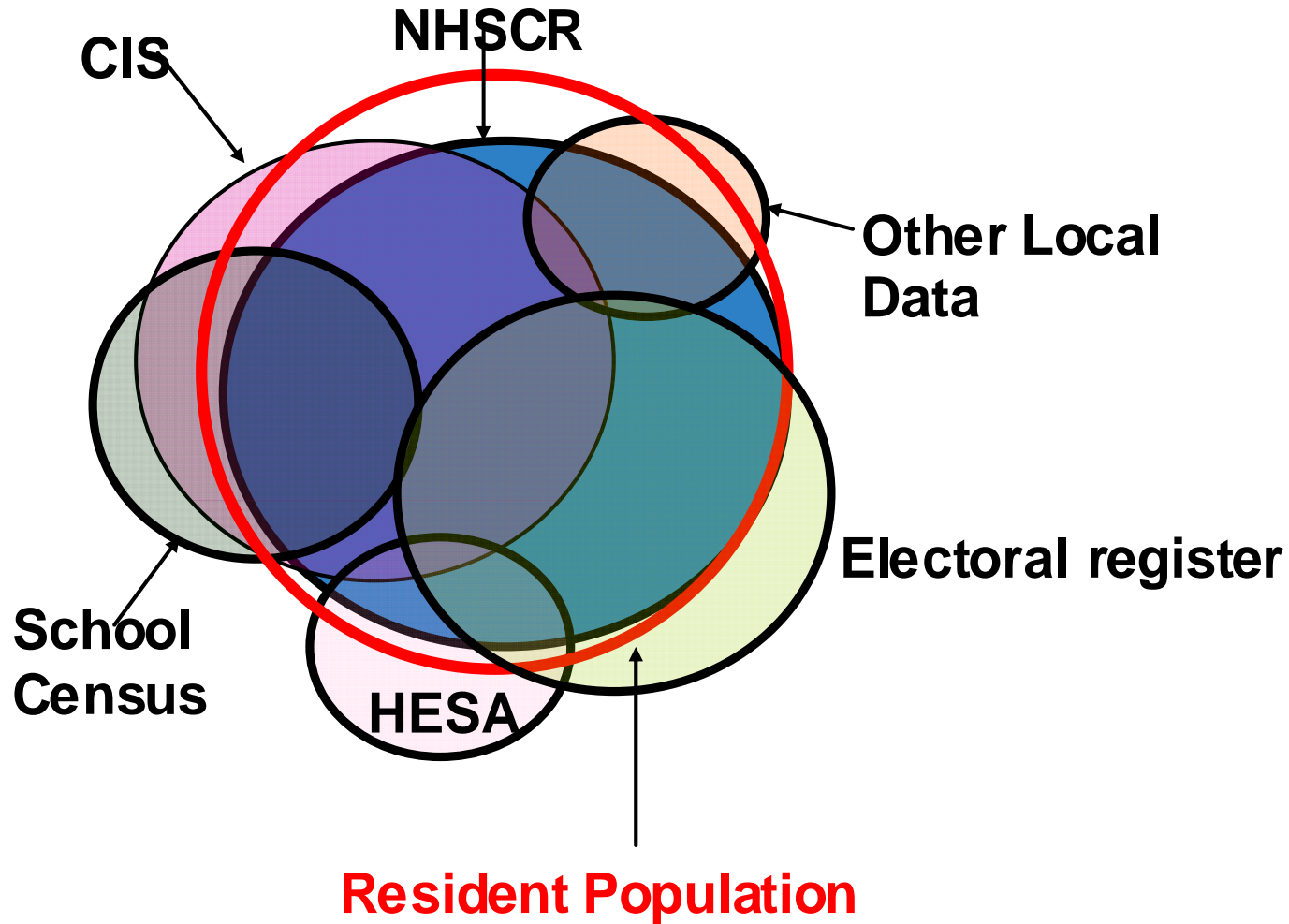
100% linkage to create 'statistical population spine'

Survey option(s)

Address register + Survey

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CIS – Customer Information System

NHSCR – National Health Service Central Register

HESA – Higher Education Statistics Agency

Criteria for options

- Fitness for purpose i.e. ability to meet user requirements in terms of:
 - Accuracy
 - Frequency of the outputs e.g. annually
 - Timeliness
 - Level of geographic detail at which outputs can be produced
 - Local Authority etc
 - Consistency and comparability of the outputs across time or geographic areas
 - Ability to meet legal requirements
- Cost
 - total cost and cost profile over time
- Technical feasibility
- Risk
- Public burden and public acceptability

Milestones

- Series of user engagement sessions
 - User need, already started
 - Views on options, starting later
- Research on going re alternatives
- Two formal consultations
 - User needs
 - Views on options
- Options paper to Minsters

Structure of today

Workshop discussion

- Split into two groups
 - ‘1’s and ‘2’s
- Discuss current uses of census
- Discuss how changes to a census would potential impact on future work
- Discuss your needs
- Feedback to group