

Scottish Postcode Directory

Postcode Index – 1991 Census Counts

We have applied a fix to correct the anomaly in the Postcode Index where the 1991 Census Counts did not match those published at the time of the 1991 Census.

This fix takes affect from the 2016/1 version of the Scottish Postcode Directory.

Background

An anomaly was discovered on the Postcode Index regarding the 1991 Census Counts. When summation was applied to either the 1991 Census Household or Population counts held on the Postcode Index, they were totalling over the published 1991 Census Counts for Scotland.

Resolution

The published 1991 Census Index was used as the building brick, which was compared against the Postcode Index to identify any mismatches.

There were 151 records on the Postcode Index that did not match the published 1991 Census Index. Of these:

- One hundred and forty five postcode records were split for Census, however the split parts did not appear on the Postcode Index;
- one postcode record (TD15 1SZ) was un-split for Census; and
- five postcode records didn't match a Census postcode.

For the 145 split postcodes the Census counts have been added to the whole postcode record on the Postcode Index.

The Census counts for the un-split postcode have been added to split postcode TD15 1SZA, which is a Scotland/England border split.

Of the five postcode records that didn't match a Census postcode,

- Census counts for Shipping postcode SH25 0SAA and English postcode TD9 0TJA have been excluded from the Postcode Index;
- Census counts for Large User postcode KY12 0SUB have been added to the Small User link postcode KY12 0XT; and
- The two remaining Large User postcodes KY12 0SU and KY16 9AB had no Census counts attached to them.

Small User table

Census counts for Shipping postcode SH25 0SAA and English postcode TD9 0TJA have been excluded from the Postcode Index.

The fields affected are CensusHouseholdCount1991 and CensusPopulationCount1991

Users are reminded to add in the excluded counts (provided below) when doing any summations that involve the 1991 Census Counts at Scotland level.

	Population	Household
SH25 0SAA	247	0
TD9 0TJA	2	1