



Paper Title: Household Estimates and Projections update

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Aims	To update PAMS members on the latest developments relating to household estimates, household projections, Electoral Register statistics and other branch updates
What is required from PAMS members	To review the paper and give feedback on the updates.

Population And Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee (Scotland)

Household Estimates and Projections branch update

Branch staffing

1. Graham Galloway left the branch at the start of May to take up a new post in Scottish Government on promotion. Clare Leadbetter has joined the branch to replace Graham.

Household and dwelling estimates

2. The mid-2019 [estimates of households and dwellings in Scotland](#) are due to be published on 18 June. As with the previous year's publication, these will include updated statistics on occupied dwellings, vacant dwellings (split into unoccupied exemptions and long-term empty properties), second homes and trends in household types. The publication will also include analysis using the latest versions of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and Scottish Government Urban Rural classifications. It will be accompanied by an updated infographic (to illustrate the key findings) and an interactive data visualisations (to enable viewing of key charts of data for selectable choice of councils and years).

A Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) between National Records of Scotland and the Scottish Assessors to enable us to access and publish summaries of the relevant data on dwellings has still to be finalised. In the interim, the 2019 estimates will include a breakdown of the dwellings by council tax band at council and data zone level, as this is information that is effectively already in the public domain via the Assessors Portal. Release of data on other characteristics of dwellings - dwelling type and number of rooms - will have to wait for the DSA to be in place.

Small area household and dwelling estimates

3. The small area (2011 data zone) household and dwelling estimates data for 2019 are also due for release on 18 June, both on the [NRS website](#) and on [statistics.gov.scot](#). (There may be a short delay in adding this data to statistics.gov.scot due to the release processes involved.) This data will include updated information on unoccupied exemptions (e.g. dwellings that are new builds not yet occupied, undergoing repair or awaiting demolition) and long-term empty properties. (This additional detailed breakdown of unoccupied properties was released for the first time in December 2019 to meet user demand for it.) An app to enable visualisation of the small area data through an interactive map is also planned for release.

Dwellings estimates for 2011 Data Zones are available for each year back to 2014. Work to compile a back series of dwellings estimates for 2011 Data Zones for years prior to 2014 has been put on hold for the time being due to other priorities. However, it is hoped to resume work on this later in the year.

Household projections

4. Work to develop the next (2018-based) set of household projections is underway. Publication of these projections was originally planned for July but has now been rescheduled for September. This is to allow sufficient time to properly test some methodological improvements following a comparison review of the methodology used by ONS in the household projections for England, and to consult the Household Analysis Review Group (HARG) about this.

Two proposed improvements are:

- to calculate headship rates using census data on 'household reference persons' rather than the traditional and slightly outdated 'head of household' concept;
- to drop the 1991-2001 component from the past trend data used in the projections, as this period is now judged to not carry much weight in making projections over the period to 2043.

Electoral Register statistics

5. The latest set of [electoral register statistics](#) (relating to December 2019) was published on 24 April. These figures showed a slight increase in the electoral roll between December 2018 and December 2019. The aim for the next data collection (due in December 2020) will be to collect additional information to reflect the extension of the electoral franchise in Scottish elections to qualifying foreign nationals and to prisoners serving sentences of 12 months or less.

Cross-government housing statistics group

6. The Cross-Government Housing Statistics Group (CGHSG) - formed in early 2018 – has continued its work to review the quality, coherence and accessibility of official housing statistics across the UK.

Recent publications which stem from the work of the CGHSG include:

- the [GSS interactive landscape of UK housing and planning statistics](#) - an interactive tool, where users can: search and filter existing publications from governments and departments; and explore the over-arching statistical landscape in which these publications exist (Feb 2020);
- the latest update of the [GSS interactive homelessness tool](#); (Feb 2020)
- a report and statistical article on the topic of [affordable housing](#). (Nov 2019)"

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