

Household Analysis Review Group (HARG)

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Small area household projections

Introduction

This paper provides an update in relation to plans (or rather lack of them) to produce updated small area household projections.

Issue

Population projections (on which the household projections are based) have previously been produced at small area geographies. Corresponding [small area household projections](#) were also produced (for the 2012-based household projections) using the local government electoral ward geographies.

The NRS Population Statistics team recently consulted users and decided not to produce updated small area population projections. Instead they will facilitate users in downloading and using small area population estimates so that they may do their own local projections.

Since our household projections are based on population projections it will not be possible for us to produce updated small area household projections. We also do not think we have sufficient local knowledge, e.g. in relation to planned local housing developments, to produce meaningful projections for small areas. However, we would be happy to consider what advice and support NRS can provide to organisations and others interested in developing their own local household projections.

Summary

While NRS has no plans to produce updated small area household projections, we would welcome advice on how we can best support users who are interested in producing such projections.

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