

**Population And Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee
(Scotland)**

Household estimates and projections branch update

1. We are planning to publish household estimates for 2013, and 2012-based household projections, on 30th July.
2. We have done a lot of work to review the way that we produce household projections, and to consider the best way of incorporating the 2011 Census data into our projections. Based on this, we have decided that a weighted method using three censuses (1991, 2001 and 2011) would be preferred to using two censuses, as it should provide a more robust fit of existing data for projections, and also of trends over time.
3. To do this, we plan to combine headship rates projected from the 1991 and 2001 Censuses with headship rates projected from the 2001 and 2011 Censuses. The weights will be chosen to minimise the difference between the projected distribution of household types and distribution of household types in the 2012 Scottish Household Survey data. The reason for this is that in previous projections, the total number of households was adjusted using the household estimates but there were no adjustments made to household types, doing so should improve the accuracy of the results between censuses.
4. We are planning to produce two sets of variant household projections: high migration and low migration.
5. We have consulted with PAMS members on the communal establishment figures for use in the household projections.

NRS: Household estimates and projections branch
May 2014