

Population And Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee (Scotland)

Household estimates and projections branch update

1. Household estimates

We published the 2015 [estimates of households and dwellings](#) on 8 June. We were not able to publish data on type of property and number of rooms this year, but this was just a temporary issue that will not affect future years' data. We have now got data on type of property and number of rooms, as at July. It would be possible to try to match this to our data from January, and publish it. **We would like to know if PAMS members think it is worth us doing so.**

We have now added our small area household estimates data to statistics.gov.scot.

2. Household projections

The sub-national population projections were published on 27 October. This was later than usual, due to a review of the methods used. This has led to a corresponding delay in the household projections, which we are planning to publish at the end of January. In the past, we have published figures for council areas first, and then published figures for National Parks and Strategic Development Plan areas a few months later. This time, we are aiming to publish all these statistics at the same time, as was done for the population projections.

In the past, we have based the boundaries of National Parks and Strategic Development Plan areas on aggregations of data zones. However, the population projections review recommended basing them on aggregations of postcodes instead, to provide a better fit, so we are trying to do the same. This won't affect the figures for local authority areas, or for Scotland.

The population projections review had an impact on the sub-national population projections results. Therefore, we have run the revised 2012-based population projections through the household projections system to assess the impact of the changes on the household projections, before we produce the 2014-based household projections.

We are planning to publish household projections with the same variants as last time (high and low migration variants) based on the equivalent population projections variants.

We will hold a meeting of the Household Analysis Review Group (HARG) on 29 November, to discuss the household projections.

Any comments on anything in this paper would be very welcome.

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