

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

**Household estimates and projections branch update – March 2012**

1. We had a useful meeting of the Household Analysis Review Group (HARG) in the April. Papers available within the [User Consultation, Groups and Seminars section](#) of the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website. Following discussion at this meeting and the last PAMS meeting, we have made a number of improvements to our publications.
2. We have improved the quality of our communal establishment statistics. This included changing the definition of long term residents in adult care communal establishments, as discussed at the last PAMS meeting.
3. We have included additional variants in our household projections publication, with a new household formation assumptions variant and a variant relating to the current economic downturn. Valerie Hale will be giving an overview of these variants at the Local Authority (LA) PAMS pre-meeting in the morning before the main PAMS meeting.
4. We have also done some detailed analytical work to investigate the feasibility of incorporating survey results into our household projections to update the trends. Following discussion at HARG, we concluded that this analysis was very interesting, but the approach does not offer a substantial improvement over our current projections methodology. [Paper 5 HARG 2012 \(5\)](#) describing this work has been published along with the other HARG papers on the NRS website.
5. We published '[Estimates of Households and Dwellings in Scotland, 2011](#)' and [2010-based household projections](#) on the NRS website in June.
6. We are planning to produce household projections for National Parks and Strategic Development Plan Areas in November.
7. We are working with other Demography and Census staff on the quality assurance of the 2011 census results.
8. Debbie Amabile will be starting a year's maternity leave in mid-November. Kim Reimann will be taking over the household estimates work while Debbie is away. Valerie Hale is now working part-time, three days a week. A new member of staff, Hugh Mackenzie, will be joining our team shortly, and he will be looking at ways of revising and reviewing the household projections once the 2011 census results become available.

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