

Population and Migration Statistics Committee (PAMS) (Scotland)

Population And Migration Statistics Update

Introduction

This paper summarises the recent work on population statistics. PAMS is asked to note the paper and other comments. Written comments will also be welcome. Please contact 'Customer Service – Statistics' using our [Contact Form](#).

Staffing

No changes to report at the moment.

Publications

Publications since the last PAMS meeting are:

- Quarterly migration release with Office for National Statistics ((ONS) 26 May 2011)
- Migration Tables update for mid-2010 (28 July 2011)
- 3 chapters for the Annual Report (5 August 2011)
- Quarterly migration release with ONS (25 August 2011)
- Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) and Special Area Population Estimates – Special Area Estimates published earlier (30 August 2011)
- Local Area Migration 2010 – new spreadsheet to replace the 9 Local Area Migration reports (31 August 2011)
- Centenarians, 2002-2010 (29 September 2011)
- Life Expectancy, 2008-2010 – new combined publication (19 October 2011)
- Projected Population of Scotland, 2010-based (26 October 2011)

Future publications if we have resources include:

- Quarterly migration release with ONS (24 November 2011)
- Sub-National Population Projections for Administrative Areas – including all additional variants (29 February 2012)
- Quarterly migration release with ONS (February 2012)
- Settlement and Locality Population Estimates (Summer 2012)
- Population Clock – equivalent clocks will be placed on the ONS and Northern Ireland Statistics Research Agency (NISRA) websites.
(POSTPONED: most likely after the 2011 Mid Year Estimates (MYE), some time in late 2012).

Population Projections (2010 based)

Work has started on the 2010-based Sub-national Population Projections for Scottish Areas. A letter with the first draft of the migration assumptions will shortly be sent to Council and NHS Board Chief Executives and copied to PAMS members for reply by 30 November 2011. We are aiming, dependant on resource, to publish these projections, including the new variants on 29 February 2012.

As Census data is delayed there will not be a 2011 Census based set of interim population projections. The next set of national and sub-national projections will be 2012-based.

POPGROUP User Group

The next meeting will be on 25 January at 1pm in Ladywell House. We are still looking for a volunteer to present their work using POPGROUP so please get in touch if you would like to do this.

Update on IPMS Programme

[Current and historic updates](#) on the ONS Improving Population and Migration Statistics Programme which we are involved in are available on the ONS website.

UK Statistics Authority Assessment

The UK Statistics Authority published our Assessment report [Statistics on Population and Demography in Scotland](#) on 10 May 2011. The report is positive with several areas of good practice highlighted and can be found on the UK Statistics Authority website.

We submitted a report to them in August, in response to their requirements and suggestions. As some of the requirements can only be met with input from ONS, Welsh Government, and NISRA we are aiming to complete joint papers by the end of December which is when requirements for the other countries outputs need to be met.

Feedback on new or combined outputs

Since the last PAMS meeting NRS have produced some new products (published on their website) and would be grateful for your feedback.

- New migration spreadsheet to replace the 9 Local Area Migration reports, can be found in [Local Area Migration](#) section.
- New SAPE booklet providing commentary on data zone population estimates and estimates for special areas can be found in [Mid-2010 Small Area Population Estimates Scotland](#) section.
- New combined Life Expectancy report can be found within the [Life Expectancy for Areas in Scotland, 2008-2010](#) which is held within Life Expectancy within Scottish Areas section.

Other work and knock-on effects of Census delays

If we have the resource we will:

- Be helping our colleagues in Census division with the quality assurance of the 2011 Census.
- Develop revision methodologies for rebasing the population estimates when the Census results become available.
- Progress development work looking at the use of the NHSCR.

Given the delays to Census data, should we publish a 2011 mid-year estimate rolled forward from 2010 in April as usual, resources permitting?

Views from PAMS on any of the above points are welcome.

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