

## NEIGHBOURHOOD STATISTICS

- 1 Each SCOTSTAT Committee is asked to consider Neighbourhood Statistics at its meetings – in particular to consider progress on developing data items that fall within its area of responsibility.
2. Small Area Population Estimates is the key data item falling under the PAMS theme and progress is the subject of a separate paper.
3. Current thinking on the supply of GROS data for Neighbourhood Statistics is given below.

To supply to Neighbourhood Statistics by end March 2003 (hopefully by December 2002) as follows:

Census day population by sex and 5 year age group (0-4, 5-9.....85-89, 90+, all ages) for wards - 40 counts x 1222 wards = 48,880

Census day population by sex and 5 year age group (0-4, 5-9.....85-89, 90+, all ages) for postcode sectors - 40 counts x 950 sectors= 38,000

This data could also be provided for parliamentary constituencies, if required - 40 counts x 72 constituencies - more if list member constituencies wanted in addition.

Census results will contain counts of total males, total females and total households by postcode unit - 3 counts x 139,000 postcodes, but it is not clear that these will be required by Neighbourhood Statistics since they would not be updateable annually.

We do not plan to produce any mid-2001 small area population estimates, to avoid the confusion of having 2 separate sets of small area estimates so close in time.

Additionally, we could provide our experimental SAPE for 1999 and 2000 if required. The estimates can be available quickly for wards and postcode sectors by sex and 5 year age group, and constituency level estimates could easily be created for both years. Information on the experimental 1999 and 2000 estimates can be found at: <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/grosweb/grosweb.nsf/pages/00sape>

After March 2003, we intend to provide annual small area population estimates for Census Output Areas. The first set of estimates will be for mid-2002, and should be available in April 2003. These will be updated annually, each April. However, until further research is completed we are not in a position to say what degree of age sex breakdown, if any, will be considered to be fit for purpose. For sizing purposes you could assume a maximum annual figure of of 40 counts x 40,000 output areas = 160,000 , but this is likely to be high for both counts and output areas. It may be that the level of age/sex detail that we can supply for neighbourhoods (once defined) will be greater than what would be acceptable for output areas.

GROS is awaiting further advice from Neighbourhood Statistics on what may be required from vital events data before offering any sizing information for that aspect.

**4. PAMS is invited to note the current position on Neighbourhood Statistics and comment on any omissions relevant to its area of responsibility.**

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