

Household Statistics

Household Estimates

1. The mid-2000 estimates were published in the housing quarterly trends bulletin on 26 March. Local authorities were consulted regarding the inputs to the estimates and comments were taken on board in producing the final figures.

Household Projections

2. The production of the 2000-based household projections is currently underway. The projections are due to be published in August 2002. Although no change to the basic methodology from last time is being implemented, members of HARG are being consulted on the combination of Census years to use from projecting the headship rates. HARG members will also be consulted on the method to use for any final adjustments to the projections needed prior to publication. Consultation with HARG members will take place over the course of this month; the group will meet on 30 May to finalise the details of how the projections will be derived.

Other work of Review Group

3. Progress since the November meeting of PAMS:

3.1 All local authorities have now been consulted on the need for and uses made of household projections and estimates. Responses from councils have been summarised. The paper summarising can be found on the HARG page of the SE website: link as follows: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/housing/harg/meeting3_20020503.asp

3.2 On the basis of the comments some minor changes are being implemented to the way in which household statistics are being produced/ disseminated. These short term changes agreed are as follows:

- Household estimates will be rounded to the nearest 10 (rather than 100)
- Local Authorities will be consulted on the base year estimate for communal establishments to be used in the 200-based household projections
- HARG will be consulted on the Census years to use for the projections and the final adjustments prior to publishing
- Household Projections [for every council/ household type/ age group and projection year] will be posted to the Web on the date of publication – rather than just posting the publication there
- Consideration will be given to producing old District Council level projections as a matter of course [assuming GROS will be producing district council level population projections]

3.3 A note of longer term changes is being prepared for the next meeting of the group

3.4 Jan Freeke and Stephen Fraser are drafting a questionnaire to go to non-local authority users of projections and estimates, and is anticipated that the questionnaire will be issued at some point over the summer.

3.5 The group has started to consider the data which will be required from the 2001 Census results for the re-basing household estimates and producing future household projections. The different way in which students have been counted in the 2001 Census will mean that data (either from 2001 or earlier Census') will need customising.

3.6 The alternative method of using the council tax register for the production of household estimates is still under consideration. Household estimates were derived from the council tax register for each of the years 1996 to 1999 for each council area. Comparisons with the official estimates revealed that for most councils the two sets of figures tend to track quite well, but there are some anomalies; some of which (e.g. Glasgow in 1999, Aberdeen City in 1996) appear to be because of inconsistencies in the council tax data. However, for some councils there can be quite large differences between the two totals; possibly explained by the differences in CTax coverage discussed in the paper put to the HARG group in June 2001. Now that both the council tax figures for 2000 and the official 2000 estimates are available, further comparisons will be made for the next HARG meeting at the end of the month. Once the household figures from the 2001 Census are available (next March) they will be compared with the household estimate derived from the 2001 council tax register; and after this a decision on whether to use the register will be made.

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