

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

2001 Census: Progress and plans

Action for committee

1. The Committee is asked to note progress and plans and comment as appropriate

Progress

2. Since the last meeting of the committee, the following products have been released:
 - a. Ward, postcode sector and local authority level tables from the origin-destination statistics: migration, travel (origins in Scotland), workplace (origins elsewhere in GB).
 - b. Evaluation reports on data capture and coding, disclosure control and the cost of the Census.
 - c. The UK Definitions Volume.
 - d. The individual (3%) sample of anonymised records (SAR).
 - e. A further 100 or so requests for commissioned output. So far some 200 requests have been met with some including as many as 50 tables.

Plans

3. Progress on releasing the remaining products of the Standard Area Statistics has been held up while we deal with a number of further minor errors in certain tables. We regret that dates announced in PAMS(04)02 have not been met.
4. GROS plan to
 - a. Reissue SCROL CDs1-7 with those tables identified as in error replaced by corrected versions. Tables known to contain errors are at <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/grosweb/grosweb.nsf/pages/census-known-errors>. Customers who were issued with the original CDs will get replacement CDs 4-5 by the end of December 2004 and the rest in January 2005. The date for all CDs was August 2004 in PAMS(04)02.
 - b. Combine the contents of SCROL CDs1-7 into a single product, the SCROL DVD. It is now likely that the DVD product will be spread over 2 discs – tables on one will be in SuperTABLE format and on the other in comma separated value format. The expected month for release for the DVD is now January 2005 (September 2004 in PAMS(04)02).
 - c. Release the remaining part of the Origin-Destination Statistics product (Ward, postcode sector and local authority level migration tables for moving groups) in December 2004. Note: migrants are assigned to the same moving group if they belonged to the same

household at the time of the Census and they had the same address (actually the same UK postcode or non-UK country) one year previously.

- d. To produce, with ONS and NISRA, a household (1%) SAR, and a 5% SAR, with a sub-Scotland geography – subject to the successful outcome of disclosure checks. We are considering whether to release a second 3% individual SAR with more detail in certain variables to compensate for the late removal of the religion data in the version already released (para 2d). There are issues to be resolved about the risk of disclosure in these products, but it is hoped to have released these during the first half of 2005.
- e. Subject to various criteria being met, to allow controlled access to ‘unsafe’ SARs. These SARs are similar to those made public but with more statistical detail in variables such as ethnicity and occupation, and with more geographic detail.
- f. To continue to provide on the GROS website further material to help users to take a view on the quality of the Census results.
- g. To continue to provide tables commissioned by users.
- h. To publish further analyses from the 2001 Census. Work is in progress on an Occasional Paper on Migration and a report on Gaelic.