

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. Final versions of SCROL CDs1-6 with those tables identified as in error replaced by corrected versions. CD7 was found to be incorrect after it had been sent for production. It is available for distribution with a supplementary CD containing the correct version of the erroneous tables.
 - b. A 'beta version' of bulk supply of Area Statistics was issued extended to include tables on migration and travel.
 - c. Key Statistics and Univariate tables for the new Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies have been placed on the main GROS website (<http://www.gros-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/census/censushm/scotcen/scotcen2/westminster-parliamentary-constituencies-2005/index.html>)
 - d. The final set of tables of the origin-destination statistics: migration tables on 'moving groups' for the selected area levels.
 - e. An evaluation report on Geography: Address Matching Research has been placed on the main GROS website
 - f. A revised version of the individual (3%) sample of anonymised records (SAR) that, unlike the first version, includes a variable on religion.
 - g. A more detailed version of the individual SAR can be accessed in a 'microdata laboratory' from which only 'safe' aggregated results may be removed. Such SARs are similar to those made public but with more statistical detail in variables such as ethnicity and occupation, and with more geographic detail.
 - h. Since the last meeting of PAMS, a further 100 or so requests for commissioned output. So far some 300 requests have been met with some including as many as 50 tables.

Plans

3. Progress on releasing the remaining products (SCROL DVD and final bulk supply) of the Standard Area Statistics has been further held up. Production of tables for Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies has been given priority. We regret that dates announced in PAMS(04)11 have not been met.

4. GROS plan to
- a. Release the SCROL DVD which 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 June 2005.
 - b. The final version of Area Statistics in bulk supply format is now expected in June. Supplementary items of bulk supply being considered or being developed are ‘numbers’ versions of Key Statistics Tables, migration and travel tables for ‘higher areas’, tables for 2005 Scottish Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies.
 - c. Tables for 2005 Scottish Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies will also be put on the SCROL website to replace tables for the 1995 areas. This is expected in August. In the meantime tables will be added to the main website (see 2c above) with Standard Tables next in line.
 - d. To produce, with ONS and NISRA, a 5% SAR with a sub-Scotland geography – subject to the successful outcome of disclosure checks.
 - e. The planned household SAR is now likely to go ahead *without* Scottish data because the risk of disclosure of Scottish data in is considered unacceptably high. It is possible that for some users this gap will be filled by the creation of the Scottish Longitudinal Study or by access to a detailed UK household SAR in the microdata laboratory (next item).
 - f. To allow controlled access to further ‘unsafe’ SARs. The next item to be added to the laboratory is a household SAR including Scottish data. The Census Offices are also working towards providing access to these special versions of the SARs at GROS (Ladywell House). This won’t be before September.
 - g. To continue to provide on the GROS website further material to help users to take a view on the quality of the Census results.
 - h. To continue to provide tables commissioned by users.
 - i. To publish further analyses from the 2001 Census. Work is in progress on a report on Gaelic and an Occasional Paper on Travel.

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