

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

2001 Census and Web Dissemination: 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 progress has been made:
 - a. Further Census tables at multi-member ward level have been placed on the Warehouse section of the SCROL website - http://www.scrol.gov.uk/scrol/warehouse/NewWards_All.jsp. The following tables are now on the website:
 Key Statistics tables, published on 4th April.
 Univariate tables, published 2nd May.
 Standard tables, published 31st August.
 Theme tables, published 31st October.
 - b. Tables covering ethnicity and/or religion were initially excluded from the SCROL website. On 1st October, to coincide with the Commission for Equality and Human Rights (CEHR) coming into being, these tables at local authority and NHS Board area level were placed on the Warehouse section of SCROL. They can be accessed via: http://www.scrol.gov.uk/scrol/warehouse/NewWards_ER_All.jsp.
 - c. The 2006 Registrar General's Annual Report was published on 27th July. As with the previous year's report, the data behind each of the charts in both the general Chapter 1 and the topical Chapter 2 has been made available on the Web. They can be found at <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/annual-report-publications/rgs-annual-review-2006/list-of-figures-chapter-1.html> and <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/annual-report-publications/rgs-annual-review-2006/list-of-figures-chapter-2.html>.
 - d. The occasional paper on migrating moving households and moving groups was published on Thursday 28th June. The paper contains a wide variety of analyses, mainly at Scotland level but also at local authority and urban/rural area level. There is also a section which looks at movers into and out of Scotland's four largest cities. The report can be accessed at: <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/occpapers/scotlands-census-2001-statistics-on-moving-housholds-and-moving-groups/index.html>.
 - e. A new "time series" page has been placed on the Web giving information, for a series of years, on population, births and deaths at both Council and NHS Board area level, as well as households at Council level. This page can be accessed at <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/time-series-datasets.html>. The page as it currently stands is just intended to be a starting point and we intend to add further material over the next few months. Any views on what extra material it would be useful to add to this page would be welcome.

- f. Progress has been made with changes to the 2001 Census section of the GROS website. The first phase, of removing pages which are either out of date or are no longer required, is currently underway with a number of old Census Updates having been removed from the site.
- g. In consultation with colleagues in The Scottish Government, we have agreed suitable Travel to Work Areas (TTWAs) for Scotland. These areas, which are built up from datazones / super output areas, have now been finalised for the whole of the UK and were released by ONS on 31st October. The following link provides more details : http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/bulletins/bulletin2007_08.asp. Data at TTWA level can be obtained on request from GROS Statistics Customer Services.
- h. Statistics Customer Services continue to receive requests for commissioned output. In the six months to the end of September 2007, around 330 requests for information were received, just over half of which were Census related. The exercise of fully updating the list on the GROS website of the commissioned tables is currently being worked on.

Plans

3. GROS plan the following:
 - a. Work is in progress to put the remaining Census tables at multi-member ward level onto the Warehouse section of the SCROL website. The following outputs are planned:
 Census Area Statistics tables – 28th November 2007
 Census Area Statistics Theme tables – 28th November 2007
 Travel and migration and other remaining tables are still currently planned for February 2008.
 - b. Work is also being progressed with preparing the ethnicity and religion tables at all geographies for going onto the Analyser section of the SCROL website.
 - c. The remaining tables at Westminster Parliamentary Constituency level (the migration and travel tables) to go onto SCROL Analyser.
 - d. In the more medium-term, we would also like to offer customers datazone level geography in SCROL as well as the facility to pick “Scotland” as a geography.
 - e. Further improvements are planned to the GROS website. The main change planned is for the 2001 Census section, which a lot of old pages will be taken out of and which will be given a neater and clearer structure. We anticipate that this work will be completed by the end of 2007. Work has been delayed on the assessing of a possible interactive tabulation software package for the Web – this is unlikely to be started before the end of 2007. We have, however, responded to this delay by placing some time series data on the website (see earlier note 2.e.)
 - f. It has been decided to produce around six or so short factsheets per year. These factsheets provide summary information on a particular demographic topic from the most recent already published data. They will be produced both in paper format (4 pages of text/charts on a folded piece of A3) and for going onto the GROS website. A factsheet is currently being prepared on mid-year population estimates.
 - g. There has been some progress on the issue of providing access to the Controlled Access Microdata (“unsafe”) SARs in Scotland. Analytical colleagues in The Scottish Government have produced a business case for the establishment of a laboratory in Scotland with remote access to ONS’ microdata laboratory. The analysts have had meetings with their IT colleagues (who need to approve the business case) and have been given different technical options. The current situation is that the analysts will shortly be recommending which is the best of these options. It is hoped that progress can be made fairly soon thereafter.
 - h. To continue to provide tables commissioned by users.

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