Adding Value to the Census

How to get hold of Census results /
The ONS Area Classifications

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Data to decisions



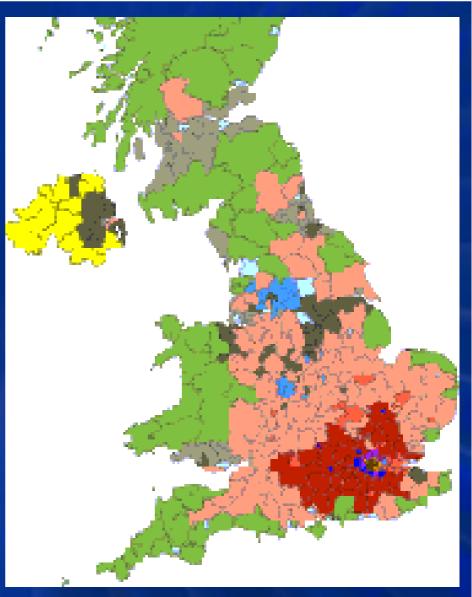
To the Householder, Joint Householders or members of the household aged 16 or over

The Census is a count every ten years of all people and households in the country. Census information is used by central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to allocate resources and plan services for everyone. The Office for National Statistics conducts the Census in England and Wales.

Completing your form

What you have to do

- Your household should blue ink. A household
 - · one person living all
 - a group of people (i the same address w sharing either a livin least one meal a day



The Census delivers

- uniquely detailed information on local areas/small groups
- a rich set of multi-variate measures
 - relating one condition to another
- benchmarks and denominators for other datasets
- data to manipulate for derived analyses
- a precise and flexible geography to underpin the statistics
 - links to other data through postcodes

....through Census Access (with NeSS)....

How to get hold of Census results

- topics covered
- output geography
- results and delivery
- access and terms
- issues
 - a newcomer's guide

Key topics

<u>People</u>

- demographics
- ethnicity
- employment
- social group/grade
- qualifications
- + workplace

..... but not income

Households

- tenure
- accommodation type
- car availability
- composition

People + h/holds

migration

Output geography

Postcode based Output Area building bricks

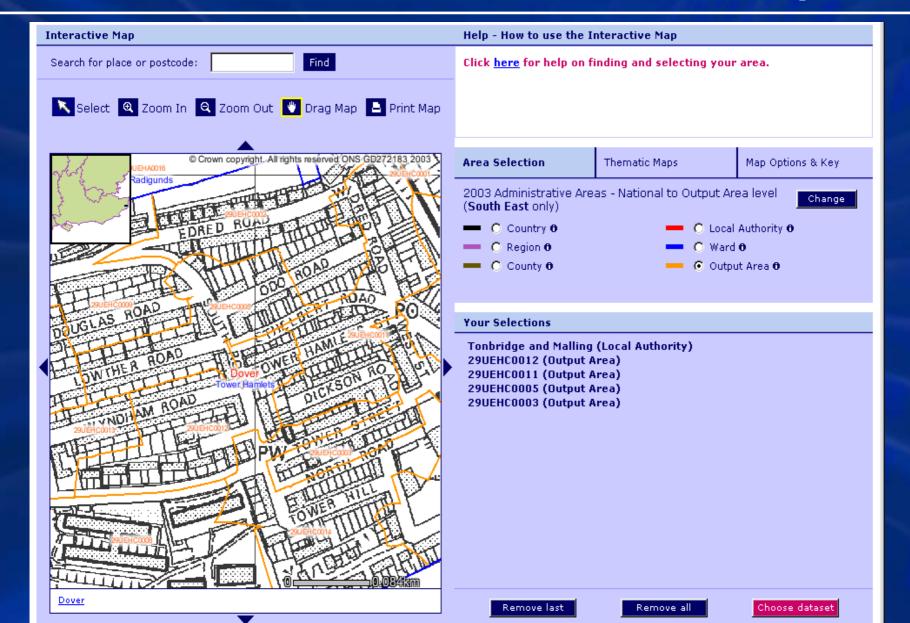
1m co-ordinate referenced / postcoded records

postcode polygons automatic zoning

OAs, objective and systematic delivers

boundaries for GIS / OA - postcode look up

OAs on the Web: NeSS Interactive map



Census results for small areas:

the basic package for OAs and above

- Key Statistics (375 counts for 175,434 OAs)
 - cover all topics in summary
- Census Area Statistics (CAS) (15K counts)
 - details for single variables ('univariate')
 - cross-tabulations showing relationships

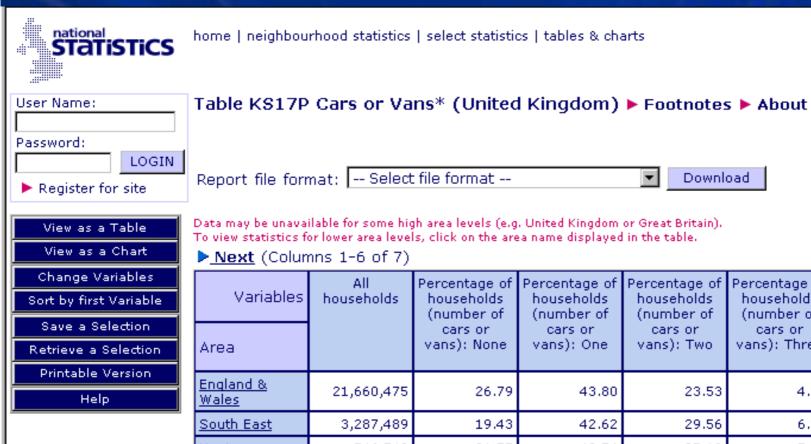
Plus much more detail for larger areas

Choice of access

- printed reports and print on demand
 - for reference
- Website, including NeSS
 - for quick results, raster maps, links
- bulk electronic, including CDs/DVDs
 - for in-depth analyses, vector boundaries
- intermediaries, adding value
 - for multi sources and support

Full choice for every end user/organisation

Comparisons: % values



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Data may be unavailable for some high area levels (e.g. United Kingdom or Great Britain). To view statistics for lower area levels, click on the area name displayed in the table.

	Variables	All households	Percentage of households (number of	1				
	Area		cars or vans): None	cars or vans): One	cars or vans): Two	cars or vans): Three	cars or vans): Four or more	
	England & Wales	21,660,475	26.79	43.80	23.53	4.51	1.38	
	South East	3,287,489	19.43	42.62	29.56	6.29	2.10	
	<u>Kent</u>	546,742	21.57	43.54	27.18	5.78	1.92	
	<u>Tunbridge</u> <u>Wells</u>	42,695	18.70	43.09	29.41	6.49	2.31	

Download

Access and terms

- NeSS is the main Web gateway to Census standard area statistics
- no charge for access via NeSS
- material cost recovered for free-standing output
- on acceptance of conditions, unrestricted use granted by ONS
- re-use and publication require one free click-use licence per organisation
- distribution licence for value-added supply and sub-licensing

.....free in effect

Current issues

- coverage 'One number Census' imputation;
 local hot spots confidence intervals published
- revision of 2001 estimates no change to Census figures
- quality question response rates down missing data imputed, no 'not stated'
- disclosure protection small cell adjustment
- variability within UK common core of results
- rescheduling main results available by Sept 03
- are users ready? help from ONS and intermediaries

Responsible use of Census results

- * counts in tables are best estimates*
 - variability comes from: respondents / capture / edit and imputation topping up (the ONC) / disclosure protection
 - errors vary by topic and area
- use largest possible counts
- look for patterns, not exceptions
- allow for variability, use quality indicators
- consider use of approved suppliers

2001 Census Output - headlines

- main results released from February 2003
- in succinct reports to Parliament
- these, and detailed local results, available free from the National Statistics On-line Website
- many are part of NeSS
- every Census topic is covered in a consistent and comparable way
- complete sets of detailed results are being supplied as a priority
- complemented by commentaries and by services to provide customised output

The 2001 Census/NeSS

Opportunities.....

- , rich source for benchmarking, comparisons, and indepth research
- , output geography for GIS analysis and visualisation
- , dissemination under terms to encourage maximum, joined up, use and value adding

For public and private sectors

2001 Census Output Prospectus

www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/op.asp

- links to topic content and final table specifications
- a catalogue with direct links to results
- updates notified by Census News
- links to prospectuses for Scotland and Northern Ireland
- products and information from Census.customerservices@ons.gov.uk

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