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2001 Census data update

A vast amount of data has been published this year, and ONS are reaching the end of the production of the Standard Area Statistics. This does not mean that we have received everything that has been planned - there are still a range of tables and datasets to come, and some that we already have are not yet complete.

The datasets that we have received recently include Census Area Statistics for Health Areas Part 2 and for Parliamentary Constituencies. The SASPAC Team are busy processing these. ONS issued a CD in August which included a long list of supplementary files and corrections to a range of datasets. Most of the errors which are included on this CD are ones that we have already corrected, but there are some tables which just have an extra variable and there are supposed to be some extra tables (we have not yet managed to find these). The Theme Table on migration of households is supposed to be available at ward level but is not on the CD.

The supplementary files and corrections will be included in the next full release of SASPAC, which is due mid to late October. Anything urgent will be circulated to Census Contacts as soon as we find it.

There are still other datasets to come, such as the district level special workplace and migration statistics. These are due to be released by the end of October. There are still tables missing from the ward level special migration statistics and, as yet, there is no date for their release except 'late 2004'. It is likely that similar tables (based on wholly moving households) will be missing from the district level data at this stage.

Super Output Areas

Some basic information about Super Output Areas (SOAs) for the uninitiated - England and Wales has three layers of SOA (lower, middle and upper) which, unlike wards, are of regular size and are not subject to regular boundary change. The layers are as follows:

Lower Layer SOAs

Lower Layer SOAs are built from groups of contiguous output areas (OAs) and are constrained by the boundaries of Standard Table (ST) wards (see below for explanation). They have been automatically generated to be as consistent in population size as possible, and typically contain from four to six OAs. There are 34,378 Lower Layer SOAs in England and Wales, of which 32,482 are in England and 1,896 are in Wales. The minimum population of Lower Layer SOAs is 1,000 and the mean is 1,500 (based on 2001 Census population figures).

Middle Layer SOAs

Middle Layer SOAs are built from groups of contiguous Lower Layer SOAs and are constrained by the boundaries of local authorities (LAs) as at the end of 2002. They were initially generated to be of consistent population size, but were subjected to modifications proposed by LAs and their strategic partners in a nationwide consultation. There are 7,193 Middle Layer SOAs in England and Wales, of which 6,780 are in England and 413 in Wales. The minimum population of Middle Layer SOAs is 5,000 and the mean is 7,200.

Note: Although not a true Middle Layer SOA (due to the population being too small), the Isles of Scilly has been given a code in the Middle Layer SOA list in order to give complete coverage of the country for data matching. SOA Middle Layer statistics should not, however, be released for the Isles of Scilly, only for the 7,193 real Middle Layer SOAs.

Upper Layer SOAs

The precise nature of Upper Layer SOAs has not yet been determined - they are likely to be defined in 2006. They will, however, consist of groups of contiguous Middle Layer SOAs, and a likely minimum size is 25,000 residents.

Standard Table (ST) Wards

Standard Table Wards are those used in the 2001 Census Standard Tables. They include all electoral wards/divisions laid down in statute at 31st December 2002, except that those with fewer than 1,000 residents or 400 households have been merged into neighbouring wards to protect data confidentiality. As they have the same minimum sizes as Lower Level SOAs, ST wards were an appropriate constraint for Lower Layer SOA boundaries.

We have received the boundaries of the Lower and Middle Layer SOAs and these can be distributed to members of the consortium. They are subject to the usual copyright restrictions. It is planned to release 2001 Census Key Statistics for the Lower Level SOAs, but they have not been received yet.

Origin-destination statistics

The output area and ward level special migration (SMS) and workplace statistics (SWS) are now available. They have been circulated as SASPAC system files. We think that they are of very dubious quality. A further Census Information Note will be published in the very near future concentrating on the quality issues associated with this data. A number of tables are currently missing from the SMS data.

Five commissioned tables have been received which are origin-destination statistics with the aggregations done by ONS for comparison with the SWS.

The district level SMS and SWS are due to be published (still with some migration tables missing) around the middle of October.

Commissioned tables

A large number of commissioned tables have been received, most of them commissioned by other people. A Census Information Note has been produced which concentrates solely on commissioned tables (CIN 2004-2). See this for further details.

Contact Eileen Howes if you want to commission anything or get copies of any table you think we might already have. Lots of extra data is available.

Census Analysis

A number of Briefings have been published since the last Census Information Note. At least one printed copy has been made available to members of the consortium, further copies of some reports are available on request. Some are also available to download from the 2001 Census extranet site. Reports containing even a small number of maps are often too big to download in this way and are available as pdf files on CD by request.

DMAG Briefing 2004/2, February 2004, Eileen Howes

London's Workers Part 1: 2001 Census results - initial statistics on workers in London giving the size of London's workforce, numbers of commuters, full-time and part-time working and occupation of London's workers.

DMAG Briefing 2004/6, February 2004, Gareth Piggott

Londoners' qualifications: Analysis of 2001 Census data - a fairly substantial Briefing looking at all aspects of qualification levels in London which can be quantified from the Census.

DMAG Briefing 2004/11, April 2004, Eileen Howes

2001 Census Profiles: The Irish in London - the first in the series of Census profiles being produced. Despite the limitations of the data in counting the number of Irish people, the Census data provides us with some very interesting, and in some instances shocking, facts about the Irish people who were identified. The interesting facts are about the age structure and high levels of qualifications, while the shocking facts are mainly about health.

DMAG Briefing 2004/12, April 2004, Gareth Piggott

2001 Census: Health in London - Age standardised rates - this Briefing is a development of the work done in the Health Indicators Briefing produced by Gareth in 2003. It meets the requests for age-standardised rates to reflect the different age structure in London compared with anywhere else in the country.

DMAG Briefing 2004/14, September 2004, Eileen Howes

Census Information Note 2004-1 - the first CIN of the year, a bit late but there will be an avalanche of them in the next three months.

DMAG Briefing 2004/16, August 2004, Gareth Piggott

2001 Census Profiles: Bangladeshis in London - this is the second profile in the series and provides a range of detail about Bangladeshis in London. This Briefing also includes change between 1991 and 2001, which is possible because Bangladeshi was included as an ethnic group in both the 1991 and 2001 Censuses.

DMAG Briefing 2004/22, September 2004, Gareth Piggott

Census Information Note 2004-2 - the second Census Information Note of the month (we said there would be an avalanche). This one is all about commissioned tables.

Work in progress

Briefings on which a substantial amount of work has already been done:

DMAG Briefing 2004/23, October 2004, Giorgio Finella
Census Information Note 2004-3 based solely on quality of origin-destination data.

DMAG Briefing 2004/19, October 2004, Eileen Howes
2001 Census Profiles: Muslims in London - this is another profile in the series and provides a range of detail about Muslims in London.

DMAG Briefing 2004/xx, November 2004, Bill Armstrong
2001 Census: A Ward Atlas of London - all the maps and tables are complete. A large amount of desk top publishing is under way.

DMAG Briefing 2004/xx, December 2004, Gareth Piggott
2001 Census Profiles: Pakistanis in London - this is another profile in the series and provides a range of detail about Pakistanis in London. This Briefing also includes change between 1991 and 2001, which is possible because Pakistani was included as an ethnic group in both the 1991 and 2001 Censuses.

Berkshire Briefing 2004/xx, December 2004
Workers in Berkshire (based on the same information as London's Workers Part 1). This is still awaiting the release of a commissioned table - Theme Table 10 for the former county of Berkshire. Much of the other data has been prepared.

Ethnicity (Marian Storkey), November 2004
This is an overview of ethnic group, religion and country of birth and the relationships between them. An almost final draft has been completed and is awaiting any final amendments.

Other Briefings planned:

2001 Census Key Statistics: Housing summary (Eileen Howes)
2001 Census Key Statistics: Housing summary for Berkshire (Eileen Howes)
London's Workers Part 2 (Eileen Howes)
Economic activity (Giorgio Finella)
2001 Census Profiles of other groups

2001 Census: labour market data, - on economic activity, unemployment, full-time and part-time working, self-employment, hours worked, industry, occupation, NS-SEC, means of travel to work etc

Suggested topics for future briefings:

Migration - John Hollis
1991/2001 comparability on a range of issues
Country of birth
Households and work

Means of travel to work and car ownership
Employment - NS-SEC, Social grade/occupation/industry
Unemployment
Children (0-4,5-13,14-18)
Older people
Working age people
Household deprivation classifications
Students
Communal establishments
Working at home
Overseas migration
More on household variables - step-children, families, relationship within household

Technical briefings planned

Licensing and copyright, dissemination, click-use license - an update
Quality of data

Any comments and suggestions are welcome. This timetable will be developed further when the timetable for release of data and the demand for particular topics become clearer. Contact Eileen Howes for more details or if you have any suggested topics.

Extranet

The GLA's extranet is available to all registered users. Anyone who does not have access and wants to register can do so on-line at <https://extranet.london.gov.uk/>.

The SASPAC website is available on <http://www.saspac.org.uk>. This website contains the latest information about SASPAC and has some data which can be downloaded.

SASPAC

SASPAC is continually being updated to handle the new datasets that have become available over the summer. The most recent version (7.09) is available for downloading from the SASPAC website (www.saspac.org) along with ancillary files required for full operation of the new software. This version now allows full on-screen searching and selection of the origin/destination datasets, although only the output area and ward level datasets are currently available. The district level datasets are scheduled for delivery in mid-October.

All the available data is now being built into a consolidated set of datasets so that there will be one fully up-to-date set of data available to users. These datasets will include the corrections recently supplied by ONS, as well as all the tables released as part of the first and second tranches over the last year or so. As the complete database will occupy some 4 Gigabytes, it is planned that distribution will be by DVD unless specific requests are received for CDs.

A further element of work during the summer has been the enhancement of SASPAC to output

XML format files for use with the Geowise supplied add-on that will allow users to publish web output using SVG technology. This work is ongoing, and further information on the release of the product will shortly be made available.

A series of regional meetings (2 of which will be in London) is being planned and further information on these will be circulated as soon as available.

PayCheck data for 2004

The GLA has agreed to buy the Paycheck data for 2001 Census output areas from CACI on behalf of the boroughs for a three-year period. Boroughs do not have to pay any extra for this. This gives a very distinct cost advantage, allows the boroughs to have both output area and postcode data and saves us the trouble of having to approach boroughs individually to get enough boroughs wanting to participate and to cover the cost. This way it will be available to all boroughs and will save us a lot of effort. Some boroughs will not have had this data before. For their benefit, and as a reminder to those who have previously had this data, it consists of gross household income in 20 income bands for all output areas and postcodes in London. It is modelled data, based on at least 4 million lifestyle questionnaires and the 2001 Census. It has previously been modelled using the 1991 Census data.

Extending the license which enables the GLA to disseminate PayCheck to all London boroughs will be £12,210 for single year. This works out to be approximately £370 per borough. Typically a local authority licensing Paycheck individually would have license fees of £1675 for an annual license. Most of CACI's public sector clients now license PayCheck on a 3-year license. Extending the current agreement for 3-years will reduce the annual license fees to £10,990 per annum (£333 per Borough). In addition to providing cost savings of £3660 over the license term, the principal advantage of a multi-year license is that we will provide automatic annual updates.

Training

SASPAC and Census training sessions are run by Bill Armstrong and are available to all full members of the consortium. The next sessions are to be held from 29th November to 17th December 2004. Bill Armstrong will e-mail all Census Contacts with the details.

All bookings should be made through Bill Armstrong.

Census Users' Group Meetings

The next meeting is being held at 2.30pm on Thursday 9th December 2004 in Committee Room 5 at City Hall. Please note the later start time, due to availability of the room. The minutes of the last 3 meetings, held on 11th December 2003, 4th March 2004 and 3rd June 2004, are in Appendix 1. They are all included because this is the first Census Information Note of 2004. We hope the CINs will be a little more regular in the future.

E-mail addresses of main Census Contacts

Appendix 2 gives the name and e-mail address of the main Census Contact in each borough and other relevant organisation. Please check that we have the right person listed and that the e-mail address is correct. We also have a wider circulation list for the Census Information Notes, so if you know of anyone else in your authority who would like to receive them please let us have their e-mail address.

Appendix 1

Minutes of Census Users' Group Meeting held on 3rd June 2004

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2. 2001 Census data - distribution of OA to OA workplace and migration data plus other tables

A CD was distributed containing all the previously released standard datasets at a London level including all the new and re-released data from May 2004. The latest frameworks and framework data files were also included. These should replace all earlier versions.

The latest version of SASPAC 7.03 was on the CD. This is required for using but not searching the SMS and SWS datasets.

The double geography data, also known as Origin - Destination was released as SASPAC system files at Output Area (OA) level. Two tables are available at OA level, one for workplace and one for migration.

Note: The OA table for Special Workplace Statistics (SWS) is for all movements within England and Wales while the Special Migration Statistics (SMS) table is for UK.

Smaller files with only movements into and out of London for Workplace and Migration are also included on the CD.

To help with defining areas with the Origin-Destination datasets an Excel spreadsheet indicating first and last OAs in all areas in the country is on the CD, SASPAC does not have the capacity to show every OA nationally.

SASPAC double geography training is essential to aid users in understanding and using these datasets.

The CD also contained some previously released commissioned tables. Of particular interest are two tables, SCT23 - SCT Country of Birth for London and SCT21 - SCT Theme Table on Residents by COB, both tables have been commissioned at regional levels for 172 countries of birth.

This CD only contained Census tables for London, the SASPAC team will be releasing a DVD of all the Census tables for England and Wales in due course.

3. Quality of OA to OA matrix data

Eileen and Giorgio gave a presentation explaining some of the anomalies encountered in trying to use the Special Workplace Statistics (SWS). The presentation will be available on the

extranet shortly.

The effect of disclosure control on the OA data is concerning. ONS have rounded two thirds of ones to zero and one third to three. They have also rounded one third to twos to zero and two thirds to three. This represents a large proportion of the data at this level. Adding up OA flows into wards shows up huge differences when comparing with data in single geography standard tables. The difference in total workers was over 88,000 between the SWS table and Theme Table 10. Boroughs should make up their own minds regarding the usability of the data.

ONS say that they were working with a confidence interval of +/- 5%. In London many wards are above this threshold. Of the 624 wards in London (excluding the city of London), 126 ward totals are outside of this range, this represents around 20 per cent of London wards.

When looking at individual modes of transport the number of wards outside the +/-5% confidence interval increases to nearer 50 per cent. The largest errors seem to be in the most frequent forms of transport rather than the least used as one might expect.

The GLA have asked ONS to investigate if the dataset is correct.

ONS suggested the data in 2001 was no worse than that supplied in 1991. The GLA would suggest that this sort of comment is not helpful in the production of 2001 origin - destination datasets as 1991 was a 10 per cent sample and this is 100 per cent coded data with imputation of missing data. The University of Leeds are also looking into the accuracy of this data separately.

The ward level double geography data is expected to arrive in June/July 2004 and should contain less rounding. The district level data is expected in the autumn.

Users suggested that the GLA commission tables that show flows from London wards to London boroughs (and vice versa), plus ward to counties in the South East and East regions and then all other regions. This should contain less rounding.

Bill Armstrong explained how in table ST129 - Distance and method travelled to work, the column 'works mainly at home' of the table included people whose place of work was also their home address. However in the rows (i.e. method of travel to work), includes people who work mainly from home, people who have no fixed workplace or work off-shore. For example, it is possible to get people who work mainly from home who get a train to work. Bill also explained that people who live at another address during the week and have a family elsewhere were deemed to live with their family as their main residence, this could go some way to explain why over 35,000 people walk over 60km to work.

4. Commissioned tables

A list of the tables released by ONS since the last meeting was distributed. A new release of tables occurred today, 3 June 2004 and will be included in the next CIN. Of the six GLA commissioned tables at ward level ONS have rejected five. ONS did offer Inner and Outer

London to which the GLA declined.

Eileen explained that in discussions with ONS the GLA had quoted the 1999 GLA Act and the duties placed on the GLA to produce policies and strategies that need the information being requested. Further negotiations are continuing with ONS. At a recent BURISA meeting ONS undertook to arrange a meeting to provide an explanation of disclosure control, nothing has been arranged to date.

Suggestions raised included:

- Can London Boroughs attempt to get data under a "Chancellor of the Exchequer's Notice" as Labour Force data is currently distributed.
- Explain that London boroughs target publicity material to the country of birth of their residents at ward level so more detailed information helps to ensure targeting is robust.

The GLA will take these suggestions forward in future discussions with ONS, if anyone has any other anecdotal examples they would be gratefully appreciated.

5. DMAG Briefings and analysis

Since the last meeting Gareth has produced Qualifications in London and Age Standardised Health rates.

Eileen gave a presentation of the first 2001 Census profile, the Irish in London, produced for the Irish workshop which took place in April 2004. The report is currently in draft and is likely to be published soon after the elections. Gareth gave a presentation of the Bangladeshi profile that will also be released shortly. Eileen provided insight into the Muslim profile that she is currently working on.

It was suggested that any maps showing countries of birth should list the countries included in any groupings.

6. SASPAC - new version to be distributed, to interrogate SWS and SMS

The search facility in SASPAC 7.03 still does not contain frameworks for OA double geography tables. Frameworks and pdf versions of the table layouts are also on the CD.

Alan Lewis gave a presentation of SASPAC 7.03 and how it can be used to interrogate the latest origin destination data. He showed users how to print table SWS301 (the only table available at OA level in the SWS series) and how to create desire line maps. The saspac.org.uk website will be updated and will have the latest census tables layout pdf available to download.

7. Training - double geography, bookings being taken

Bill's training courses run from the 14 June to 2 July, there are still 4 places remaining on the Origin-Destination training course on the 25 June. The next training course will begin 20 September to 8 October.

8. Any other business

Extranet Website

The GLA have had problems with their new content management system (CMS). The Census Team were told the website would be unavailable to add /amend content for a couple of weeks in late December 2003 and have not had access since. The problems are now resolved and Gareth and Giorgio are being trained in the next few weeks. The Census Team would like to thank users for their patience during this transitional period.

ONS announcement of more errors

On Wednesday 26 May ONS announced that an error has been found in the 2001 Census figures on economic activity and the National Statistics - Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC), resulting in a significant shortfall in the number of people allocated to the 'never worked' category. The error is present in tables for all area levels, but is restricted to the 65-74 age group. Correcting the individual records and retabulating has been ruled out on practicality grounds. It would involve a complete rerun of the Census processing.

ONS are advising customer to use economically active/inactive figures for under 65 or to combine the 'never worked' and 'not classifiable for other reasons' categories when analysing NS-SeC.

The GLA will commission all NS-SeC tables for London for ages 16 to pensionable age and this will avoid confusion with ONS coding errors of 65-74 year olds.

ONS also admitted to errors in Table PCP03 in the postcode profiles.

Production of CIN

Eileen informed users at the meeting that a Census Information Note (CIN) would be produced in the near future.

SASPAC Consortium

Eileen told the group that the Consortium membership of the SASPAC support scheme would run out in March 2005. SASPAC has many evolutions to come, more data yet to be released, commissioned tables, improved search functions, Geowise (web authoring software), free SASPAC training places at each session etc. Eileen proposed that an extension for three years could be arranged from the Consortium budget rather than individual authorities being asked to contribute. This would allow for economies of scale and avoid authorities each receiving and invoice and having to find the money. This was agreed.

Add-ons to SASPAC

Dave Kirby, a developer has created a piece of software to translate saspac print files into excel spreadsheets has asked if he can come to a census user group to demonstrate this product. As this is not endorsed by GLA the users were asked if they had any objections, none were stated and Dave will be invited to the next CUG.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on 30th September 2004.

Attendance at Census User's Group meeting - 3rd June 2004

GLA	Eileen Howes
	Giorgio Finella
	Gareth Piggott
	Alan Lewis
	Bill Armstrong
Transport for London	Simon Cooper
Metropolitan Police	Paul Wright
London Development Agency	-
London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority	-
Corporation of London	-
Barking and Dagenham	Chris Sale
Barnet	Peter Keeble
Bexley	-
Brent	Rachael Dye
Bromley	-
Camden	Neil Storer
Croydon	Peter Gunn-Wilkinson
Ealing	-
Enfield	Colin Rumsey
Greenwich	-
Hackney	Nina Emamy
Hammersmith and Fulham	Alan Brooks
Haringey	Ambrose Quashie
Harrow	Sue Kaminska
Havering	-
Hillingdon	-
Hounslow	Bill Martin
Islington	Robin Hall/Tania Steber
Kensington and Chelsea	Colleen Devereux
Kingston upon Thames	Peter Brunton
Lambeth	Georges Sen-Gupta/Barbara Barker
Lewisham	Alec MacDonald
Merton	-
Newham	Michelle von Ahn
Redbridge	Mary-Ann Hester
Richmond upon Thames	Fiona O'Toole
Southwark	Martin Cook
Sutton	-
Tower Hamlets	-
Waltham Forest	Brenda de Mendonca/Teresa Tuttle
Wandsworth	Christine Pollard
Westminster	Adam Taylor
ALG	James Gleeson
London Health Observatory	Joseph Callanan
Berkshire	Bryan Lyttle
Reading	Caroline Hancock
<i>Apologies</i>	
Havering	Paul Ekers
Kensington and Chelsea	Roger Morgan

Minutes of Census Users' Group Meeting held on 4th March 2004

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising from last meeting that were not covered by the Agenda.

2. 2001 Census - update on published data

Data from the National Report parts 1 and 2 were converted into SASPAC system files, copied to a CD and distributed to Census contacts in February.

Data for Standard Theme Table 010 were also converted to a SASPAC system file and copied onto the same CD. TT010 gives 'single geography' data by area of residence and area of workplace.

Table layouts are sent out as 'pdf' and 'framework' files. Anyone who asks will also get the layouts as a 'framework data' file.

Key statistics for parishes will be published on 16th March.

Standard Table numbers 129, 130 and 131 may not be available for wards because of disclosure problems.

In April, the Office for National Statistics will be publishing data on the working population by their means of travel to work. The data are 'double geography' because they will tabulate the workers by their area of residence and workplace. The data will be at output area level for both residence and workplace.

3. Commissioned Tables

There were questions about restrictions on the use of commissioned tables. Users need to have a Distribution Licence if they want to pass commissioned tables on to anyone outside their authority. The conditions of use are different from those applying to other standard datasets.

EH and GF ran through the commissioned tables produced for the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and the Multi Source Topic Reports (MSTR), now known as the 'Focus On ...' series. The list of initial GLA tables requested by the consortium were detailed in the appendices of CIN 2003-4. EH reiterated that the commissioning process will continue indefinitely and requests will be accepted well into the future.

There are likely to be a very large number of commissioned tables. Those tables commissioned by organisations other than the GLA will be numbered SCT001, SCT002 onwards (Specially Commissioned Tables), while GLA commissioned tables will be numbered from GLA001.

Commissioned tables already received are in Excel format and are too large and sometimes confusing to distribute to the boroughs as they are. Some just repeat data that is already in the standard datasets. Those which add anything useful will be converted into SASPAC system files

and distributed. Any commissioned tables already received (in Excel format) can be provided to users at any time upon request.

Three of these SCTs have already been turned into system files by Census Team and are on the CD distributed at the meeting. Other tables will be processed, prioritising those tables that go down to ward level first.

Requests for six GLA commissioned tables have been submitted to ONS although there has been no further news since then.

It was made clear that tables would continue to be commissioned and that members of the consortium should pass requests for commissioned tables to Eileen Howes.

The level of geography requested will generally be as low as possible, but that disclosure may become an issue. Ward level will be the norm for all tables if possible.

There was a request for community forum area data and also for 2001 data based on 1991 boundaries.

4. DMAG briefings

Two more briefings are now available:

- a. London's Workers Part I, 2004/2 and
- b. Londoners Qualifications, 2004/6.

Gareth gave a presentation on the contents of the latter briefing.

All the briefings produced so far can be copied/forwarded by users if they wish.

A request was made that Briefings be sent to libraries. EH said she would speak to Rob Lewis on this matter.

Users requested that briefings be made available from the GLA extranet. Some briefings are simply too large to download and this was not always possible. This will be kept under review, but where Briefings contain large numbers of maps this will not be possible. EH suggested the GLA could add abstracts of all briefings to the main website but would not be able to add actual briefings and that CDs containing pdfs of briefings could be sent out upon request.

5. SASPAC

The SASPAC website (www.SASPAC.org) will have user notes added to it, and updates and changes will be put onto the site. Table layouts will also be added to the site because printing these is not practical.

The next version of SASPAC is scheduled to appear when ONS have finalised the table layouts for the 'double geography' data sets, ie. the Special Workplace Statistics and the Special Migration Statistics. As well as being able to search tables in these data sets, the new version will have two further enhancements. Firstly, users may create 'svg' (scalable vector graphics) files, which will allow web compatible pages to be created to put onto an intranet. Secondly,

with reference to Specially Commissioned Tables, users may create their own 'search tables' facility.

6. Training

The dates of the next training session will be 14 June to 2 July 2004. There may also be training with origin/destination data but this depends on availability. The next training session will start on 20th September, and it is almost certain there will be double geography training.

7. Paycheck Data

17 boroughs have so far expressed an interest in entering a consortium that will cost in the region of £510 for this new data. The GLA will go ahead with this purchase on their behalf. Other boroughs can join the consortium if they wish at the same price.

New Paycheck data for enumeration districts were distributed to the boroughs in the consortium. The GLA have also received the data for unit postcodes but the files do not contain a borough reference. The GLA has requested that CACI re-release the data with a borough reference. When they have been received, they will be sent to the boroughs in the consortium. CACI say they will produce data for Output Areas, but we are not sure when.

8. Any Other Business

An interest was expressed in purchasing the boundaries of unit postcodes. The GLA has a version of these boundaries but is not allowed to pass them.

ONS intend to produce definitions of 'Super Output Areas'. The lowest level SOAs have already been defined and Hywel Davies will contact ONS for more information.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3rd June 2004.

Attendance at Census User's Group meeting - 4th March 2004

GLA	Eileen Howes
	Bill Armstrong
	Gareth Piggott
	Giorgio Finella
	Hywel Davies
LDA	James Sloan
TfL	Hannah Shrimpton
Met Police	
ALG	James Gleeson
LHO	Giovanna Maria Polato/Joseph Callanan
LFEPA	Phil Jefferies
Corporation of London	
Barking and Dagenham	Chris Sale
Barnet	Peter Keeble
Bexley	
Brent	John McRae
Bromley	Doug Ogilvie
Camden	Neil Storer
Croydon	Nigel Edwards
Ealing	
Enfield	Colin Rumsey
Greenwich	Emma Williams
Hackney	Claudine Edwards /Nina Emamy
Hammersmith and Fulham	Alan Brooks
Haringey	
Harrow	Sue Kaminska
Havering	
Hillingdon	
Hounslow	Bill Martin
Islington	Robin Hall
Kensington and Chelsea	Roger Morgan/Colleen Devereux
Kingston upon Thames	Peter Brunton
Lambeth	Georges Sen-Gupta
Lewisham	Alec MacDonald
Merton	Elizabeth Charles Soomer
Newham	
Redbridge	Mary-Ann Hester
Richmond upon Thames	
Southwark	Martin Cook
Sutton	
Tower Hamlets	Juanita Haynes
Waltham Forest	Brenda de Mendonca
Wandsworth	Christine Pollard
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Minutes of Census Users' Group Meeting held on 11th December 2003

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising from last meeting that were not covered by the Agenda.

2. 2001 Census - update on published data

Data released so far by ONS and subsequently turned into SASPAC files were summarised for users.

3. Standard data still to come

There are migration and workplace tables missing from the standard output received so far. There are also a few other tables missing following the re-release of data, such as Theme table TT09. We have no dates for their release.

ONS still states disclosure issues as the key reason for the delays we are currently experiencing in relation to migration, workplace and origin/destination tables.

A question was raised as to whether people with Chancellor of the Exchequer's notices might be able to access data that ONS consider to be disclosive. EH said she would put this to ONS. There are also issues with data processing for migration data, relating to where people lived one year ago.

4. Commissioned tables

There were questions about restrictions on the use of commissioned tables. Users need to have a Distribution Licence if they want to pass commissioned tables on to anyone outside their authority. The conditions of use are different from those applying to other standard datasets.

EH and GF ran through the commissioned tables produced for the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and the Multi Source Topic Reports (MSTR), now known as the 'Focus On ...' series. The list of initial GLA tables requested by the consortium were detailed in the appendices of CIN 2003-4. EH reiterated that the commissioning process will continue indefinitely and requests will be accepted well into the future.

There are likely to be a very large number of commissioned tables. Those tables commissioned by organisations other than the GLA will be numbered SCT001, SCT002 onwards (Specially Commissioned Tables), while GLA commissioned tables will be numbered from GLA001.

Commissioned tables already received are in Excel format and are too large and sometimes confusing to distribute to the boroughs as they are. Some just repeat data that is already in the standard datasets. Those which add anything useful will be converted into SASPAC system files and distributed. Any commissioned tables already received (in Excel format) can be provided to users at any time upon request.

Three of these SCTs have already been turned into system files by Census Team and are on the CD distributed at the meeting. Other tables will be processed, prioritising those tables that go

down to ward level first.

Requests for six GLA commissioned tables have been submitted to ONS although there has been no further news since then.

It was made clear that tables would continue to be commissioned and that members of the consortium should pass requests for commissioned tables to Eileen Howes.

The level of geography requested will generally be as low as possible, but that disclosure may become an issue. Ward level will be the norm for all tables if possible.

There was a request for community forum area data and also for 2001 data based on 1991 boundaries.

5. DMAG briefings

EH summarised all the briefings produced since the last CUG. DMAG Briefing 2003/22 'Mapping Diversity' has not been sent out yet, but is being printed. All the briefings produced so far in 2003 are on the CD given out at the meeting and can be copied/forwarded by users if they wish. Further copies of the CD can be produced by the census contacts using the census laptops.

A request was made that Briefings be sent to libraries. EH said she would speak to Rob Lewis on this matter.

Users requested that briefings be made available from the GLA extranet. Some briefings are simply too large to download and this was not always possible. This will be kept under review, but where Briefings contain large numbers of maps this will not be possible. EH suggested the GLA could add abstracts of all briefings to the main website but would not be able to add actual briefings and that CDs containing pdfs of briefings could be sent out upon request.

Marian Storkey has begun to produce a report on ethnicity/religion/country of birth from the Census data. This may be released chapter by chapter as stand-alone briefings.

There was a request for GLA to produce a briefing on White Other ethnic group.

6. SASPAC

Version 7 has been distributed with system files on 4 CDs to replace all previous files.

The SASPAC website (www.SASPAC.org) will have user notes added to it soon, and updates and changes will be put onto the site. Table layouts will also be added to the site because printing these is not practical.

There will be a new SASPAC manual provided in pdf format.

A note will also be produced explaining how to get round problem with new zones when looking at percentages.

7. Training

The dates of the next training sessions will be 16 February to 5 March 2004 and 14 June to 2 July 2004. Bill Armstrong hopes to add in training with origin/destination data but this depends on availability of this. Any training questions should go to Bill.

Boroughs advised that any further training outside of GLA would cost in the region of £850 + VAT per day.

8. Paycheck Data

New Paycheck data for postcodes/EDs was published by CACI in September. CACI say they will produce data for Output Areas, but we are not sure when.

17 boroughs have so far expressed an interest in entering a consortium that will cost in the region of £510 for this new data. The GLA will go ahead with this purchase on the behalf of the boroughs. Other boroughs can join the consortium if they wish at the same price.

There was a question about the top income bands, for some London boroughs these are not considered to be high enough.

9. Any Other Business

The contents of the Christmas CD were summarised. It contains three commissioned tables, 2003 Briefings and three excel files. The Excel files contain response rates, Census area codes and Census table numbers with cell ranges.

Further UV tables have recently been added to the extranet and users were made aware of this.

Westminster is awaiting an ONS scoping document after the investigation following the Census, this is expected in January. Census tables will not change, though mid-year estimates probably will.

Wandsworth are amongst other national districts also meeting with ONS over this issue.

Reliability of Output Area data was questioned. EH said that scores (1-4) for each OA are available giving the level of imputation at OA level. ONS are producing a report on error ranges. This may help further.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4th March 2004.

Attendance at Census User's Group meeting 11th December 2003

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	Giorgio Finella
	Hywel Davies
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LHO	Giovanna Mario Polato
ALG	James Gleeson
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Bexley	
Brent	John McRae
Bromley	Doug Ogilvie
Camden	Neil Storer
Croydon	
Ealing	
Enfield	Colin Rumsey
Greenwich	Emma Williams
Hackney	Claudine Edwards
Hammersmith and Fulham	Alan Brooks
Haringey	Bob Dawes
Harrow	Sue Kaminska
Havering	Paul Ekers
Hillingdon	
Hounslow	
Islington	
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Lambeth	
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Merton	
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DMAG 2002/5	2001 Census: First results and implications for the London Plan	John Hollis
DMAG 2002/6	2001 Census: First population statistics	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2002/8	2001 Census: First population statistics - <i>London Plan Sub Regions</i>	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2002/9	Census Information Note 2002-1	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2002/12	Census Information Note 2002-2, 2001 Census: response rates	Rachel Leaser
DMAG 2003/5	Census Information Note CIN 2003-1	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2003/7	2001 Census Key Statistics: Initial summary of results	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2003/8	2001 Census Key Statistics: Household variables	John Hollis
DMAG 2003/9	2001 Census Key Statistics: Ethnicity, religion and country of birth	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2003/10	Household Forecasts based on 2001 Census Key Statistics	John Hollis
DMAG 2003/11	2001 Census: Copyright and Licensing for Census users	Rachel Leaser /Hywel Davies
DMAG 2003/13	2001 Census Key Statistics: Means of travel to work	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2003/14	2001 Census Key Statistics: People, Families and Households	Rachel Leaser
DMAG 2003/15	Census Information Note CIN 2003-2	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2003/16	2001 Census Key Statistics: Health Indicators	Gareth Piggott Baljit Bains
DMAG 2003/21	Workless Households with dependent children in London: Output area maps	Declan Gaffney/ Bill Armstrong
DMAG 2003/22	Mapping Diversity: 2001 Census results	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2003/23	2001 Census: Ethnic Groups in London and other districts	Eileen Howes/ Giorgio Finella
DMAG 2003/25	Integrating the 2001 Census into the GLA Demographic Models	John Hollis
DMAG 2003/26	Unemployment in London: 2001 Census results	Lorna Spence
DMAG 2004/2	London's Workers Part 1: 2001 Census results	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2004/11	2001 Census Profiles: The Irish in London	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2004/12	Health in London Age-standardised Rates	Gareth Piggott
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DMAG 2004/2	London's Workers Part 1: 2001 Census results	Eileen Howes
DMAG 2004/3	Borough Demographic Profiles	Georgia Hay
DMAG 2004/4	DMAG Annual Review 2003	Jackie Maguire/ Rob Lewis
DMAG 2004/5	2003 Round Demographic Projections	John Hollis
DMAG 2004/6	Londoners' Qualifications: Analysis of 2001 Census data	Gareth Piggott
DMAG 2004/7	The Parliamentary General Election, 2001	Michael Minors/ Dennis Grenham/ Jackie Maguire
DMAG 2004/8	Constituency Demographic Profiles	Georgia Hay
DMAG 2004/9	Measuring Unemployment	Lorna Spence
DMAG 2004/10	Measures of Income	Rachel Leeser/ Lorna Spence
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DMAG 2004/17	London Plan Sub-Regional Demographic Profiles	Georgia Hay
DMAG 2004/18	Indices of Deprivation 2004	Rachel Leeser
DMAG 2004/20	ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates: 2001 and 2002 (revised) and 2003	John Hollis/ Georgia Hay
DMAG 2004/22	Census Information Note 2004-2	Gareth Piggott
DMAG 2004/23	Census Information Note 2004-3	Giorgio Finella

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