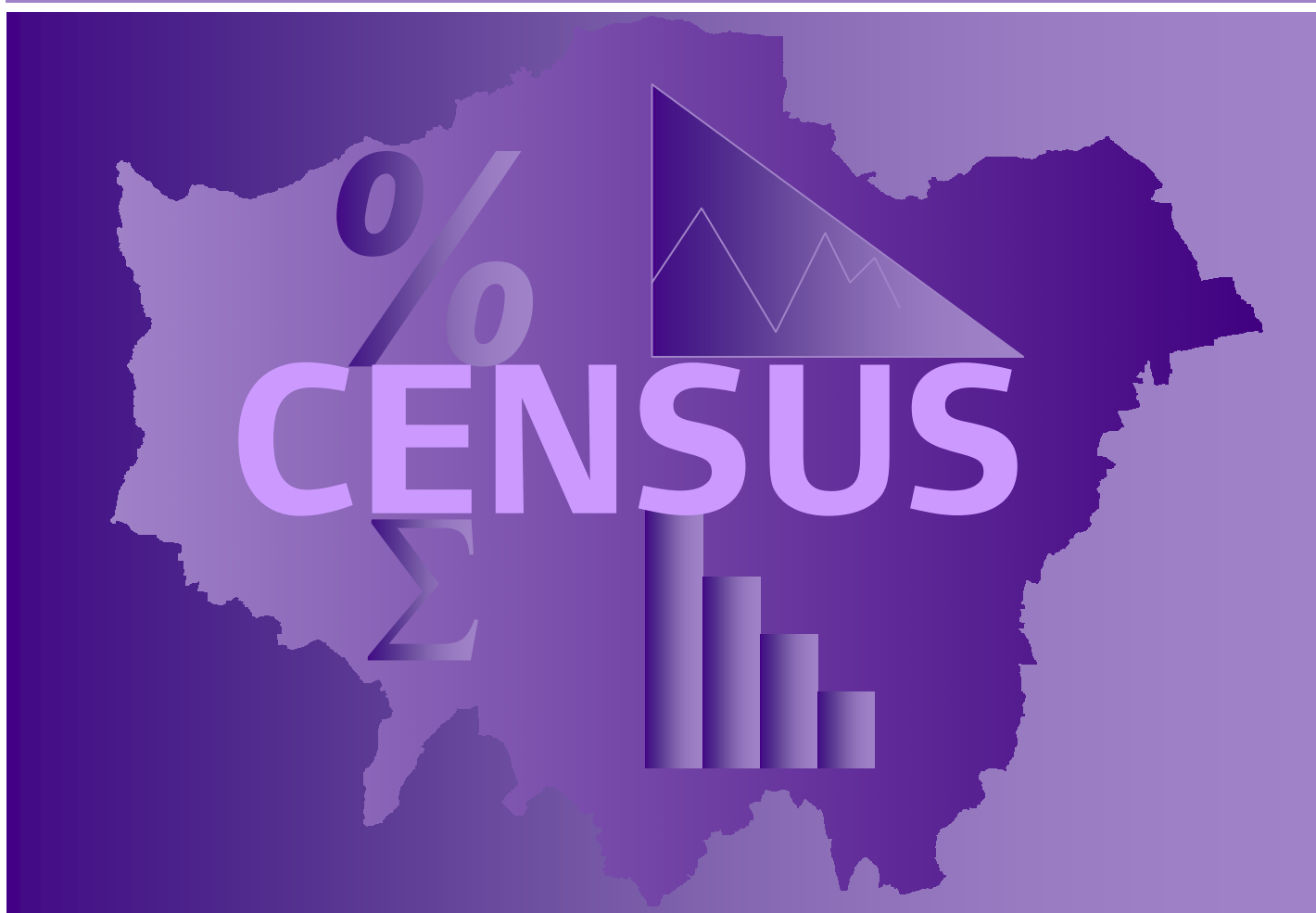


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GLA News

The GLA is currently consulting on reorganisation plans, with DMAG likely to be part of a department called Communities and Intelligence. There will be further news on this later this year.

2011 Census update

Regional Champions

ONS has finally announced the list of Regional Champions. London's regional Champion is Barry Quirk, Chief Executive of the London Borough of Lewisham. There are ten Regional Champions and they are senior executives from local authorities and work with ONS to:

- create awareness of the 2011 Census amongst local authorities and their strategic partners and community groups
- build relationships with local authorities and community groups to build partnerships, collaborative communication activities and effective support plans
- share best practice across regions and with other Regional Champions, providing expertise, advice and guidance to help resolve difficulties LAs may encounter in supporting ONS to deliver an effective Census

Census Liaison Managers (CLMs) and Assistant Census Liaison Managers (ACLMs)

All local authorities have been asked to appoint a Census Liaison Manager and Assistant Liaison Manager. Around 60 per cent have now made these appointments.

Public Administration Select Committee

The Public Administration Select Committee (PASC) has asked for written submissions to inform an evidence session that has been arranged with 'the people responsible for conducting the 2011 Census in England and Wales'.

PASC will be investigating :

- whether the census project is proceeding in a timely and cost-effective way, and
- whether the process being adopted will produce information about the population which is sufficiently reliable, relevant and useful

Written submissions should be received by Thursday 11th June and should be sent by email to pasc@parliament.uk.

Outstanding issues for London

1. Coverage - after the problems with the population count in 2001 this remains a very high priority for London.

2. Disclosure control - policy needs to allow two geographies and to allow local government and other users to get access to the data they need.

3. Geography - depends upon SDC policy, need administrative geography as well as statistical. We find it astounding that at this stage of planning there is still no commitment from ONS to produce data for administrative areas. These include local authority districts, electoral wards, parishes and communities. Councils have statutory duties based on these areas and we have built a business case for the questions in the census and the data derived from them. We have co-operated at many levels with ONS and supported them as much as we possibly can. We are expected to provide substantial resources over the next few years supporting the 2011 Census and think the least we can expect is to get the data that we need.

The ONS geography consultation questionnaire did not ask users what their preferred geography for the census output was. It asked a range of questions like 'if we produced x would you use it?' to which we would normally answer yes because we try to make the most of all available data. It did not ask what our preferred geography was or what we actually wanted or needed. We feel, and have already told ONS this, that the questionnaire was designed to produce the answers that ONS wanted and not to actually ask us directly what geography we wanted. We feel that the consultation was flawed as a result of this.

4. Licencing - there may be a need to provide data to trusted users with a specific need for it via special licence arrangements. The current special licence arrangements, while a big step forward, are too bureaucratic and onerous on both sides to work smoothly when the census data is published. LAs need to be sure they can get the data they need for the geography they need. They should be treated as serious and trusted users of data with a recognised need for data that is fit for purpose. This may need to have specific licence arrangements to ensure that we get the data we need. London's need for detailed population data may well be unique, as is its population. We will need detailed cross-tabulations of characteristics such as ethnic group, country of birth, national identity, passports held etc.

Output Working Group

The newly set up Output Working Group has had its first meeting at ONS in Titchfield. This meeting discussed its own terms of reference and what all those present thought were the most important issues for the group to deal with. There were many suggestions including defining a set of standard tables for 2011 as this is likely to be a very time consuming process. A further meeting is scheduled for 21st July 2009, also in Titchfield.

Output Consultation

ONS will be having a further round of consultation in the autumn n output. They will also be holding a series of roadshows. More details will be circulated when we have them.

2001 Census data

Commissioned tables

A large number of commissioned tables have been produced and are all freely available on

request from ONS. The GLA holds copies of all these tables. Any that contain ward or district level information for London or England and Wales are being converted into SASPAC system files and made available to all SASPAC users on the website *SASPAC.org.uk*. Alternatively they are available from any member of the Census Team. More tables will be converted into SASPAC system files as and when we have the time to process them. Progress might be slower than previously with the Census Team reduced by one person but we will continue to process them and make them available.

SASPAC

Hopefully everyone has now received an email regarding the SASPAC User Survey. This is your opportunity to tell us what you think of the software and, more importantly, how you would like to see it develop in preparation for the 2011 Census results.

SASPAC Software User Survey

Welcome to the SASPAC user survey. The survey consists of 27 questions, split into 5 sections and should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

With planning for the 2011 Census well underway, the Census Offices are beginning to think about how to deliver the outputs to users. With this in mind, the SASPAC team would like to give users the opportunity to comment on their experience of the software and voice any comments/thoughts they may have on future developments.

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1. Personal details:

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The survey is available online at:

<http://www.saspac.org/Survey.html>

and the deadline for submission is 30 June 2009. The survey should take approximately 20

minutes to complete and all responses will remain confidential and not attributed to individuals. With your support, the SASPAC team are committed to ensure the software develops in line with user requirements and continues to be a success - please take the time to complete the survey and help us achieve this.

The annual Mid-Year Population Estimates for Local Authorities (2001 - 2007) are now available in SASPAC. These are estimates of the resident population by single year of age and sex, published by the Census Offices. An updated version of SASPAC (v9.06) and these datasets can be downloaded from:

<http://www.saspac.org/MYE.html>

To access these datasets users will need to update to SASPAC v9.06. All the necessary files and guidance on how to do this can be found in User Guidance Note GE-07 - also available from the above link. It is expected that ward level MYE will also be made available - via SASPAC and the above link - in due course. Please contact the helpdesk if there are any datasets you would specifically like to see in SASPAC in the future.

The SASPAC team are busy developing a 'proof of concept' tool that interrogates the datasets provided on ONS' Neighbourhood Statistics website via their Data Exchange service (<http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/Info.do?page=nde.htm>). The Census Offices are currently investigating these technologies as a method to deliver the 2011 Census results. SASPAC hope to be able to make a test version of this available to interested users over the summer.

As always, please feel free to contact the SASPAC helpdesk (info@saspac.org / 020 7983 4348) for more details relating to any of the above.

Briefings and analysis

The following Briefings are in production:

DMAG Briefing on *The 2001 Census Consortium and Information Scheme* by Eileen Howes, will give details of the history of the Census Consortium, how it was set up and why we think it was value for money. It will also introduce details of our plans for a 2011 Census Consortium.

Housing tenure change 1961 to 2001 by Eileen Howes - this Briefing will provide data on housing tenure from five Censuses and a series of maps showing how each tenure has changed over the last 40 years. The 1961 Census data is based on the London boroughs as they were created in 1964 and not on those current at the time of the 1961 Census.

Future planned Briefings:

Historical Census Data for London by Eileen Howes and Richard Cameron, makes use of Census data going back to 1911 for London and has population totals going back to the first Census in 1801. The project is making use of a number of websites which have been set up through academic projects and which have provided much easier access to the early Censuses than has been the case until recently.

There will be a further Briefing about industry in London by Richard Cameron.

Training

Bill Armstrong is running a series of SASPAC and Census Training courses, the dates are usually driven by demand. There will be further training sessions between 14th and 25th September 2009.

Please contact Bill Armstrong if you would like any further information.

Census extranet

The Census extranet has been a little neglected of late since Giorgio left the Census Team. The GLA extranet is about to undergo some changes and we hope to review and update the content of the Census extranet soon. Meanwhile we apologise for it not being as up to date as we would like although there is still a lot of information available via the extranet. We will also review our other contact lists at the same time.

You need a User ID and password to access it. These can be obtained by going to the site at:
<https://extranet.london.gov.uk/>

Some information and data is also available from the SASPAC website at:

<http://www.saspac.org>

Minutes of the Census Users' Group meetings will appear on the Extranet, as do these Census Information Notes and other relevant papers and publications.

Paycheck data

From April 2008 boroughs who want the Paycheck data have been asked to pay a share of the cost as the Census budget is no longer in a position to pay the whole cost for the boroughs. Invoices are currently being sent out to those boroughs who have the PayCheck data. The cost is £500 plus VAT per borough per year for which each borough gets both the standard and equivalised datasets for their own borough. The GLA is still paying a large part of the cost and we think that this is good value for money for the boroughs. This arrangement will be in place for one more financial year, 2009/10. The conditions of use of this data are important - they will be distributed again with the latest data. Please check with either the GLA or with CACI before publishing any data. Lovedeep Vaid, from DMAG's Social Exclusion Team, produced a Briefing analysing the data for London before he left the GLA, DMAG Briefing 2008-33, PayCheck 2008.

Census Users' Group Meetings

Meetings are held quarterly. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2009 are in Appendix 1. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th June 2009 at 2pm in Committee Room 4 at City Hall.

Dates have also been arranged for three subsequent meetings. They are on:

Tuesday 15th September 2009 at 2.30pm in Committee Room 4 at City Hall

Wednesday 9th December 2009 at 2pm in Committee Room 3 at City Hall

Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 2pm in Committee Room 3 at City Hall

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. If you know of anyone else in your organisation who would like to receive Census Information Notes please let us have their e-mail address.

Minutes of Census Users' Group (CUG) Meeting, 10th March 2009

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2008 were presented; any comments should be emailed to EH.

2. GLA News

There was no further news on the reorganisation of the GLA. Lovedeep Vaid from the Social Inclusion team had left the GLA at the end of 2008, and Rachel Leaser had extended her hours temporarily to three and a half days a week.

3. 2011 Census developments

John Hollis (JH) went through the recent activity on the 2011 Census:

The Census white paper was published on Thursday 11 December. Parliamentary discussion will start shortly: ONS have contacted Select Committee chairs and interested MPs.

Census Regional Champions were announced on 23 January with Barry Quirk, Chief Executive of Lewisham confirmed as Regional Champion for London.

Census Regional Champions and ONS wrote to local authorities in England and Wales asking for support in planning the 2011 Census. The letter to lower and single tier authorities including London boroughs asked each authority to support the development of the Census address register; and to appoint by April 2009 a Census Liaison Manager and Assistant Census Liaison Manager. The letter to counties was copied to the GLA, and Barry Quirk would meet Leo Boland on 18 March. There would also be a London Census event in spring 2009.

The Contract for recruitment, payroll and training of staff for the Census would be announced before the end of March [it was announced on 19 March that the contract for both the 2009 test and 2011 Census had been awarded to Capita.] A contract for the Census communication and PR campaign was due by the end of February [It was announced on 13 March that the Contract had been awarded to Bray Leino.] Contracts for post out and post back of forms would also be announced shortly.

On Output consultation, the on-line consultation had seen limited participation and ONS did not seem to be pushing it forward. An Output User Council was being set up including representatives from local and regional government. JH, EH, AL and Jenny Boag from Falkirk Council had been invited to join the group. A first meeting was planned for 8 April, and an output roadshow event for September.

EH and JH would meet with Barry Quirk on 18 March. Topics would include disclosure control,

output geography, particularly the status of wards. Other meetings coming up included UKCDMAC on 24 March, the Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion Academic Advisory group 21 April, SARs user group 23 April, Diversity Advisory group 2 June and CLIP Census subgroup on 3 June. Several Census events were planned after April, 'Beyond 2011' on 7 May, 'New data, linkage and outputs' on 13 May, and 'Producing the numbers' on 1 June. All three would be hosted at the RSS.

4. Report on Newham's preparations for the October 2009 Dress Rehearsal

Michelle von Ahn (MVA) explained that Newham had been chosen for the test as it had high numbers of hard to count households. On address checking, most discrepancies between the lists had been resolved and only around a hundred addresses required checking on the ground. This was however possibly because ONS did not choose the hardest to count areas -those containing concentrations of students, large households and HMOs. Since the rehearsal would cover about 40 per cent of Newham, it appeared that this choice of areas was deliberate. Mary-Ann Hestor suggested that ONS were trying to get a mix of hard and easy areas.

There was discussion about whether boroughs would get the benefit from address checking to improve their LLPGs. JH said there was an ongoing issue of licensing data from Ordnance Survey and Royal Mail.

MVA said that ONS had asked for detailed profiles of the rehearsal areas. Neil Storer commented that these had been provided for the 2007 Census test in Camden, but had not proved to be very useful to collectors. Beyond that they had little contact with ONS.

5. SASPAC update

AL had produced Census Area Statistics and Census Area Statistics Theme tables at Lower SOA level by aggregating data from OAs. Also, the latest Indices of Multiple Deprivation had been loaded into SASPAC. A CD was available at the meeting containing these data and a latest version of SASPAC, 9.05. System files for Key Statistics and Univariate Statistics at LSOA were also included on the CD. SASPAC continued to work with ONS on the NESS data exchange proof of concept. The eventual aim of this project would be to stream Census and non-Census data straight from NESS. Finally, AL would soon be sending out a SASPAC user survey to find out how people use the software and how they would like to see it developed for 2011.

6. DMAG briefings and analysis

The briefing on the 2001 Consortium and Information Scheme was the next to be produced as a first stage to proposing a scheme for 2011. The briefing would set out the process of arranging the 2001 Scheme and detail how it had represented value for money for the boroughs. MVA commented that it had been useful to build flexibility into the payments so that boroughs could pay over three years. Juanita Haynes said that it was important to alert

census contacts when the proposal was to go London Councils so they could brief colleagues as necessary.

Although it was not certain what software and hardware requirements would be for accessing 2011 data, it was likely that laptops computers would be included in the Consortium so that every borough would have consistent tools for accessing data. For this reason, it was important that the laptops were set up in the same way and all had the same software loaded.

7. Training Update

BA had already emailed contacts with details of the training offered in May: a beginners' course and a version 9.0 update course featuring geowise and google maps. After this, it was planned to hold the next sessions in September.

8. Paycheck data

EH would chase up progress on Paycheck invoices since some boroughs would need to pay these before the end of the financial year.

9. Any other Business

EH told the group about the Time Capsule project to produce a series of short films linked to various aspects of the 2011 Census. The filmmaker Tom Whitemore was interested in contacting organisations involved in the Census, EH could pass on his details to anyone who wanted them.

10. Dates of future meetings

The next meeting will be 9th June 2009. Dates for the rest of 2009 are 15th September and 9th December.

Attendance at the Census Users' Group Meeting, 10th March 2009

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Barking and Dagenham	Phil Canham
Barnet	Sam Markey
Bexley	
Brent	David Roberts
Bromley	
Camden	Neil Storer
Croydon	David Carlisle
Ealing	
Enfield	Colin Rumsey
Greenwich	Janelle Foster
Hackney	Nina Emamy
Hammersmith and Fulham	
Haringey	
Harrow	
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Hillingdon	
Hounslow	
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Kingston upon Thames	
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Merton	
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Richmond upon Thames	
Southwark	
Sutton	
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Waltham Forest	Mary-Ann Hestor
Wandsworth	Christine Pollard
Westminster	Siân Melhuish
TFL	Mike Collop
Metropolitan Police	
LDA	
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2009-02	GLA 2008 Round Projections	John Hollis and Jessica Chamberlain
2009-03	Greater London Demographic Review 2007	John Hollis
2009-04	Census Information Note 2009-1	Eileen Howes
2009-05	Census Information Note 2009-2	Eileen Howes

Recent DMAG Briefings 2008:

2008-04	Council Tax Analysis	Elizabeth Williams
2008-05	A Profile of Londoners by Country of Birth	Lorna Spence
2008-06	Claimant Count Model 2008: Technical Note	Lorna Spence
2008-07	GLA 2007 Round Demographic Projections	John Hollis
2008-08	Greater London Authority Constituency Profiles	Elizabeth Williams & Caroline Hall
2008-09	Family Resources Survey 2005/06: Results for London	Lovedeep Vaid
2008-10	London Borough Migration 2001-06	John Hollis
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2008-12	Demography Team Workplan 2008/09	John Hollis
2008-13	Education Team Workplan 2008/09	David Ewens
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2008-26	London council by-election results	Gareth Piggott
2008-27	Social Selection Sorting 2	David Ewens
2008-28	Summary of Social Trends 2008	Elizabeth Williams
2008-29	Children in Benefit Families 2007	Lovedeep Vaid
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2008-31	Child Poverty in London	Social Exclusion Data Team
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2008-33	PayCheck 2008	Lovedeep Vaid
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