



Demographic Information

Demographic Information Note 1/02

Demographic and other statistical news

This note is the first of an occasional series giving brief information on various items of possible interest to recipients of these notes. In particular, it summarises on this page the latest position on how and when the results of the 2001 Census will be disseminated.

Progress on the 2001 Census results

Processing of the Census forms is currently under way. The Census database will be edited and modified as appropriate to ensure that it is as comprehensive and reliable as possible. All output will be modified to protect against disclosure of information about identifiable individuals. The Census Offices intend to release the main results through a variety of media over a six-month period, scheduled to start around the end of this year. There will be reports to Parliament presenting the results (at local authority level) in a succinct printed form, supplemented by more detailed results on CD-ROMs. Electronic versions will be freely available at the same time through the National Statistics web site.

The more detailed local area statistics (giving results for wards, parishes and the smaller 'output areas') will be issued, under the arrangements of the Census Access project, as an integrated set of statistics, geography and metadata free in effect to end users. These will be available from early 2003 in freestanding electronic media. Census statistics down to output area level will become accessible to all users without charge through the Neighbourhood Statistics service on the National Statistics web site.

We will ensure that census users in Norfolk are kept up to date about the progress of the 2001 Census operations, what data will be available and how it can be accessed. This will be publicised through future Demographic Information Notes, and through a 'what's new' feature on the soon to be launched Demographic Service pages on the County Council's web site.



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Population estimates for mid-2001 this year

The Registrar General's population estimates for mid-2001 are expected to be released in August 2002, and will be derived from the results of the 2001 Census. We will be making our own interim mid-2001 small area estimates next year using the Registrar General's figures. These will be revised as appropriate after the detailed Census results are released in late 2002 or early 2003.

Online launch of the 1901 Census

The full online service for 1901 Census records, including transcriptions and census images, is currently available to personal callers at all libraries in Norfolk. Because of unexpectedly large demand, the widely publicised online service provided by the Public Record Office for general internet access has been withdrawn pending technical evaluation. Anyone wishing to use this service should check on www.pro.gov.uk/census for the latest position.

Facilities for local research into family history (including census returns) are now focused on the Norfolk Heritage Centre, at The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich (Tel: 01603 774740, email norfolk.studies.lib@norfolk.gov.uk) This incorporates Norfolk Studies and a duplicate Norfolk Records Office microfilm search room. The Norfolk Record Office is at Gildengate House, Anglia Square, Norwich (Tel: 01603 761349, email norfrec.nro@norfolk.gov.uk).

Neighbourhood Statistics service will take the 2001 Census results

Neighbourhood Statistics (NeSS), launched in February 2001, is being developed by the Office for National Statistics in partnership with central and local government and others. It is the outcome of the consultation report of Policy Action Team 18: "Better Information", published in April 2000 as part of the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal. PAT 18 examined a number of Government initiatives for which small area information was used to construct and implement their programmes. A growing catalogue of data sets available at local authority level (and in many cases, also at ward level) has been provided so they can be widely used to assess the conditions in local areas, to target resources effectively, and provide a baseline against which future progress can be monitored.

The data sets presently available cover economic deprivation: education, skills and training; health; work; indices of deprivation; population and vital statistics; and parliamentary electorates. The site can be searched for ward or local authority data in various ways including postcode search, clickable maps and drop-down menus. Visit the site at www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood/home.asp

By 2004, the intention is that NeSS will deliver internet access, with powerful map-based functionality, to a wide range of Census data for output areas.

Stamp duty exemption introduced for disadvantaged areas

On 27 November 2001 the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced the Government's intention to abolish stamp duty on the purchase of property (up to £150,000) in certain designated disadvantaged areas in the UK.

The wards qualifying for stamp duty relief are, in England, the 15 per cent with the highest scores on the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000 (IMD 2000), as published by the former DETR in 'Regeneration Research Summary, Indices of Deprivation 2000', August 2000. A link to all the qualifying wards can be found at www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/so/disadvantaged.htm

The following table lists the 19 qualifying wards in Norfolk.

Table 1 Stamp duty exempt wards

Ward code	Ward name	District	IMD 2000 score	National rank of IMD 2000	Norfolk rank of IMD 2000
33UBGG	Thetford-Abbey	Breckland	41.68	1,011	16
33UDFS	Regent	Great Yarmouth	77.30	19	1
33UDFP	Nelson	Great Yarmouth	74.33	37	2
33UDFQ	Northgate	Great Yarmouth	53.15	461	5
33UDFJ	Lichfield and Cobholm	Great Yarmouth	49.82	568	6
33UDFM	Magdalen West	Great Yarmouth	49.42	589	7
33UDFL	Magdalen East	Great Yarmouth	47.52	673	10
33UDFE	Claydon	Great Yarmouth	47.06	699	11
33UDFX	Yarmouth North	Great Yarmouth	42.78	945	15
33UEFW	Lynn North	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	66.33	139	3
33UEGE	St. Margarets	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	48.87	609	8
33UEFQ	Gaywood South	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	46.60	723	12
33UEFX	Lynn South West	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	43.35	912	13
33UEFU	Lynn Central	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	39.59	1151	19
33UGFK	Mile Cross	Norwich	58.84	288	4
33UGFJ	Mancroft	Norwich	48.27	638	9
33UGFB	Catton Grove	Norwich	42.99	930	14
33UGFA	Bowthorpe	Norwich	40.23	1,103	17
33UGFH	Lakenham	Norwich	39.92	1,123	18

Source: 'Regeneration Research Summary, Indices of Deprivation 2000', DETR, August 2000; Inland Revenue

The table shows, for each ward, the IMD 2000 score and its rank within Norfolk and within England. For example, the ward ranked 1 is Regent Ward in Great Yarmouth, which has a score of 77.3. It ranks 19 out of the 8,444 wards in England. The ward ranked 19 in Norfolk, Lynn Central, ranked 1,151 in England.

The number of qualifying wards in each Region is as follows. In addition there are 361 in Wales and 237 in Northern Ireland (qualifying areas in Scotland are defined on a postcode basis).

Region	Number of qualifying wards	Total number of wards	% qualifying
East	55	1,192	4.6
East Midlands	128	924	13.9
London	233	785	29.7
North East	208	504	41.3
North West	283	1,007	28.1
South East	60	1,583	3.8
South West	55	1,152	4.8
West Midlands	116	789	14.7
Yorkshire and the Humber	123	508	24.2
Total	1,261	8,444	14.9

Settlement population estimates will soon be available

We are currently in the process of making population estimates for mid-2000 for a number of the smaller settlements in Norfolk. Residential address points (extracted from OS AddressPointTM) have been used as a proxy for distributing the published parish or ward population estimates (whichever are smaller), thus giving an estimate of population in settlements where boundaries can be defined. These estimates will feature in a forthcoming Demographic Information Note.

Demographic Service soon to have its own web pages

A Demographic Service web site is currently under construction. When up and running it will include the latest news on the 2001 Census; population estimates (County, District, ward, parish, settlement and urban area figures); 1991 Census area profiles (County, Districts) to view or download; and all Demographic Information Notes (DINs) published from 1997 to view or download. A selection of Norfolk boundary maps will also be available, including ward, parish and parliamentary constituency boundaries.

We aim to make the site as useful as possible by including links to various important demographic sites, a frequently asked questions feature and regular updates with latest news. We intend to make DINs available on the site at the same time as they are produced in paper form, and to encourage as many users as possible to obtain their demographic information direct from the web site.

Norfolk Data Observatory goes ahead

Norfolk Data Observatory is an internet-based geographical information system, being developed by partner organisations within Norfolk's *Shaping the Future Norfolk Research Network Group*. Partners include Norfolk Learning and Skills Council, District Councils, colleges of further and higher education, the Employment Service, Norfolk Learning Partnership and Norfolk Careers Service.

The aim of the Data Observatory is to provide increased accessibility to a wide range of socio-economic information for the analysis of learning and skills requirements. It is intended to provide a repository for both national and local data sets, allowing sharing, analysis and comparison of information to inform resource allocation, decision making, fund bidding and development of research strategies. It currently has 26 data sets at ward or postcode sector level including population estimates, DETR indices of deprivation 2000, destination of year 11 school leavers and participation rates in post-16 education and training.

It offers the capability to:

- map indicators across the County or within a District;
- rank indicators across the County or within a District;
- select and highlight records in a data set according to chosen criteria; and
- copy maps into Word or PowerPoint and extracts of data sets into Excel.

Anyone working for one of the partner organisations, and wishing to explore what is on offer through the Norfolk Data Observatory, should contact Jonathan Reeve, Labour Market & Management Information Manager, Norfolk Careers Services:

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New household estimates available

Mid-year household estimates for England and local authority areas for 2000 were released by DTLR in November 2001. The Norfolk estimate for mid-2000 of 345,000 households is in line with the County Council's own figure of 345,400 (produced for the Norfolk 2025 conference held in November 2000, using our 1996-based county projections). The summary report is available at www.housing.dtlr.gov.uk/research/hss/011/

National and sub-national government projections timetable

The Government Actuary's Department released new 2000-based population projections for the UK and constituent countries in November 2001. 2002-based projections will be produced in December 2003, to be followed by sub-national population and household projections in 2004.

Demographic Information Notes produced in 2001

We produced five DINs in 2001:

DIN 1/01	Indices of Deprivation 2000 – the results for Norfolk
DIN 2/01	Norfolk Demographic Update 2000
DIN 3/01	Mid-1999 small area dwelling estimates
DIN 4/01	Mid-2000 population estimates for Norfolk
DIN 5/01	Mid-2000 small area estimates for Norfolk

We intend to publish, early in 2002, DINs on mid-2000 population estimates for settlements, a demographic update for 2001, and mid-2000 dwelling estimates.

Deprivation report has been well received

After a good deal of interest and a reprint, we still have available copies of the April 2001 report *Deprivation in Norfolk 2000*, an analysis of the Norfolk position at district and at ward level as shown by the DETR Index of Local Deprivation 2000. The report includes several colour maps, tables and the scores and ranks of all Norfolk wards on the index of multiple deprivation and the six ward-level domain indices. The report costs £10 plus postage.

Further information?

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