

Consultation on the National Records of Scotland Quarterly Releases for estimates of Population By Country of Birth and Nationality for Scottish Areas and Migration between Scotland and the rest of the UK

21 June 2012

Introduction

The National Records of Scotland (NRS), formerly General Register Office for Scotland (GROS), is reviewing its quarterly outputs for estimates of [Population by Country of Birth and Nationality](#) for Scottish areas and [Migration between Scotland and the Rest of the UK](#) to ensure they meet user requirements. Comments are requested on the proposed changes outlined in this document. Please email responses to customer@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk by 13 September 2012. All responses received will be used to help NRS determine the timing and content of future statistical outputs on population and migration. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is also currently reviewing some related outputs. The ONS consultation closes on 5 July and more information can be found on the [ONS website](#).

A wide-ranging NRS Demography Statistical Work Programme Consultation, which was carried out in light of the Government's 2010 Spending Review, was published on 1 December 2010 and finished on 9 February 2011. The [analysis of responses](#) received can be viewed on the NRS website. Responses relevant to population and migration received as part of the NRS Demography Statistical Work Programme Consultation will be considered alongside responses to this review.

A response to this consultation, key findings and planned changes to population and migration related outputs will be published on the NRS website in October 2012.

Topic and scope

NRS would like your views on two outputs:

1. Population by Country of Birth and Nationality

Estimates of the UK resident population by country of birth and nationality are derived from the Annual Population Survey (APS). Two tables are currently produced which are updated quarterly, these data change little from quarter to quarter.

We propose that the last quarterly release will be published in August 2012, and only annual data will be published in August each year thereafter. ONS are also proposing to move to publishing this information on an annual basis.

We would like to know:

Do you have any objections to this proposal? If so, what use do you make of the data published quarterly?

Are there any changes you would like made to how Population by Country of Birth and Nationality is presented on the NRS website?

2. Migration between Scotland and the rest of the UK

Migration between Scotland and the rest of the UK refers to people moving between Scotland and England, Wales or Northern Ireland. The main source of data used to produce NRS estimates of this sort of migration is GP registration information. Currently tables showing the total in-migration to Scotland and the total out-migration from Scotland are updated quarterly.

We propose that the last quarterly release will be published in November 2012, and only annual data will be published in July each year thereafter.

We would like to know:

Do you have any objections to this proposal? If so, what use do you make of the data published quarterly?

Are there any changes you would like made to how Migration between Scotland and the rest of the UK is presented on the NRS website?

Who we are seeking views from

We would particularly like to hear from regular users of our statistics. But anyone can respond and all views will be considered in full.

Duration

This consultation will be open from **21 June 2012** to **13 September 2012**.

The consultation period is 12 weeks.

Enquiries

Any enquiries should be made through NRS Customer Services:

Phone: 0131 314 4243

Email: customer@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Responding to this Consultation Paper

We are inviting written responses to this consultation paper by 13 September 2012. Please send your response with the completed Respondent Information Form (further information in 'Handling your Response' below) to:

Email: customer@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk or use the 'Submit by Email' button at the end of the form.

or

Post:

Population and Migration Statistics Branch

Demography Division

National Records of Scotland

Ladywell House

Ladywell Road

Edinburgh

EH12 7TF

We would be grateful if you would use the consultation questionnaire provided, or could clearly indicate in your response which questions or parts of the consultation paper you are responding to, as this will aid our analysis of the responses received.

This consultation, and all other National Records of Scotland consultation exercises, can be viewed online at [the consultation web pages](#) of the National Records of Scotland website.

Handling your response

We need to know how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are happy for your response to be made public. Please complete and return the Respondent Information Form which forms part of the consultation questionnaire, as this will ensure we treat your response appropriately. If you ask for your response not to be published we will regard it as confidential, and we will treat it accordingly.

All respondents should be aware that the National Records of Scotland is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

What happens next?

Following the closing date, all responses will be analysed and considered along with any other available evidence to help us reach a decision on quarterly migration outputs. We aim to issue a report on this consultation process in October 2012 and introduce any changes to the publication thereafter.

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public and after we have checked that they contain no potentially defamatory material, responses will be made available to the public in the NRS Statistical Library.

Comments and Complaints

If you have any comments about how this consultation exercise has been conducted, please send them to:

Address: Population and Migration Statistics Branch
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Ladywell House
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Edinburgh
EH12 7TF

Email: customer@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk

**Respondent Information Form:
National Records of Scotland Quarterly Migration Releases**

Interested parties are invited to respond using this template by 13 September 2012 via email or by post to:

Email: customer@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk or use the 'Submit by Email' button at the end of the form.

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We are also happy to discuss with groups or individuals.

Please enter a ✓ in the appropriate boxes to indicate your response.

1. Name	
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2. Please provide an email address and/or telephone number so that we are able to contact you if we need to clarify any points	
a) Email address	
b) Telephone number	

3. If you are representing a group or organisation, please provide details	
a) Organisation name	
b) Organisation address	

4. Please indicate the type of group or organisation (to assist in monitoring the range of users the consultation has reached)			
Central government department		Charity	
Government agency		International organisation	
Local government		Media	
Higher/further education		Other (please specify below)	
NHS			
Private/commercial organisation			

5. Response to Questions	
Topic of Consultation	
Publication of annual data only of Population by Country of Birth and Nationality, beginning August 2012.	
Q1.	Do you have any objections to this proposal? Y N
	If yes, please explain why and let us know of any use you currently make of the quarterly data?
Q2.	Are there any changes you would like made to how the data is presented on the NRS website? Y N
	If so what changes would you like to see made?
Topic of Consultation	
Publication of annual data only of Migration Between Scotland and the Rest of the UK, beginning July 2013 with the last quarterly publication in November 2012.	
Q1.	Do you have any objections to this proposal? Y N
	If yes, please explain why and let us know of any use you currently make of the quarterly data?
Q2.	Are there any changes you would like made to how the data is presented on the NRS website? Y N
	If so what changes would you like to see made?

6. Do you have any other comments on our population and migration figures? If you would like to comment please do so here:

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7. Are you content for your response to be made public on request?

Please enter a ✓ in the box to indicate your response:

Yes I am content for my response to be made public on request

No I want my response to remain confidential

Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis.

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my name and response available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name

If you wish to print and post your response please use the following address:

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Please submit your response by 13 September 2012.

Please note that if you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, among other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation but we cannot give assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on NRS.

NRS will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). In the majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties. Individual responses will not be acknowledged unless specifically requested.