

# **POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)**

## **SCOTSTAT BOARD REQUESTS**

### **COMMITTEE WORK PLANS**

The ScotStat Board wants a Committee workplan and a report of Committee work by end May. It has been reported that the Board wants to see the value of the Committee over and above that which would happen in its absence.

The Committee is invited to indicate what work it feels needs to be done and to identify in particular work that is not included in the Population and Migration Statistics Plan.

The Committee is also invited to indicate how it feels that such items of work should be pursued.

The attached annex C is a report that was sent to the SCOTSTAT Board for the February meeting.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT KEY STATISTICS**

The ScotStat Board has requested that a list of key statistics and targets be compiled from each Committee, probably by electronic collection from Committee members.

Annex B is a template that members should use to enter items and return them to the Secretary before Easter if possible please.

Annex C is a quick attempt to suggest Demographic items for inclusion. It is not felt that the request will produce as many entries in the Population and Migration field as in other subject areas. However, members are encouraged to include items that are crucial to their own work and if they wish to do so can stray beyond population and migration. Few of our data items feature as government targets except as the denominator in rates per head.

**Members are invited to consider Annex B and offer additional items via Annex A.**

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Population total	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS	Ethnicity only available from census	
Population, age, sex	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Working age population	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Pensionable age population	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Children	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Dependency ratio	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Migrants	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		Poor quality international data, especially emigrants
Births	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Deaths	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Crude birth rate	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Total fertility rate	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Crude death rate	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS	Need for agreed method of standardisation - European, UK, Scotland pop	
Standardised mortality ratios	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Life expectancy	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		
Scottish % of UK pop	KS	GROS/ONS	Pop & Mig	NS	Projections are not forecasts	
Projected population year x	KS	GROS	Pop & Mig	NS		

There are no specific milestones or performance indicators for this theme  
 Population or other demographic denominators may be used in performance measures for other themes

**POPULATION AND MIGRATION COMMITTEE  
INTERIM REPORT TO SCOTSTAT BOARD ON 2002/03 ACTIVITY**

1. The last formal meeting of the group was in May 2002. The group prefers for the present to arrange meetings which take account of the Census cycle. The next meeting will be held probably in March 2003, after the Census results have been released in the early spring.
2. The autumn 2002 meeting was replaced by a seminar to present the first results of the 2001 Census and to explain the adjustments that were made to the raw Census counts. Generally the results were well received, although Glasgow City Council have expressed concern that the population there was not as high as they had expected.
3. For the most part these first population results have led to a welcome debate about the implications of the results for Scotland – a slowly falling population, an ageing population with falling numbers of children and a shift of population from west to east.
4. The Census results have cast doubt about the adjustments for under-enumeration made after the 1991 Census and have created a need to revise the population time series for the period 1982-2000 (due by February 2003). In the interim there are difficulties in interpreting trends but data for 2000 on both the new and old basis has been produced to alleviate this. A particular concern has been the effect on population projections for council areas, since the 3 year financial settlements make use of these and they are now not based on the most up to date information about migration trends. The more detailed Census results due in 2003 will provide additional information on migration. Updated population projections for council areas are not due until early 2004 although steps are now being taken to advance this to late 2003.
5. The inadequacy of intercensal estimates of migration has been highlighted by the Census results. Subject to further Census evidence, it is believed that the main problem lies with international migration, particularly emigration. A National Statistics Quality Review of International Migration data has been initiated at UK level. In Scotland work is ongoing to make use of the Community Health Index data to improve internal migration estimates.
6. Other areas of effort have been concentrated on:
  - Revising the programme of 2001 Census Area Tables following consultation and the development of dissemination mechanisms.
  - Developing the methodology for small area population estimates to be used for Neighbourhood Statistics after 2001 Census data.
7. Census Users have also indicated that they wish to ensure that the Census data is used to identify pockets of deprivation and that the Scottish Executive devote effort to this in addition to any work on continuous non Census based deprivation measures.
8. A key element in our future work programme will be consideration of future options for meeting the type of data collected by a Census, whether by a 2011 Census or by other means.

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(Members should note that this is a note of work carried out by GRO and not work of the committee).