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Crown copyright and licensing issues for Census information

Standard Census data

Census data has been made freely available (at the point of use) due to two initiatives, the Census Access Project and wider policies to make core Government information available as widely as possible. This follows the principles of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Census Access Project was an initiative from ONS working with central Government Departments, the NHS, local government and the academic sector. In essence, these organisations clubbed together to purchase the standard set of statistics at all geographical levels for public use in a user-friendly accessible way. This includes all the major standard datasets (Key Statistics, Standard Tables, Census Area Statistics, Origin-Destination Statistics) being released from the 2001 Census, together with various parts of the geographical data needed to interpret the Census statistics, such as boundary information for the Output Areas.

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There are two significant exceptions to the material covered by the Click-Use Licence that are likely to affect the majority of Census Users. The first relates to geographical material and the second relates to Census data outside of the standard datasets, including commissioned tables and certain specific outputs such as the Samples of Anonymised Records (SARs). The copyright issues relating to each of these are dealt with separately below.

Census data outside the standard datasets

Any datasets specially commissioned by the GLA on behalf of the consortium will be covered by the GLA's Distribution Licence. The GLA will give all consortium members permission to re-use and publish this data. Other organisations wishing to obtain the data for their own use should be referred to the GLA, although consortium members would be free to apply for their own Distribution Licence if they so wish.

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An Approved Suppliers Scheme is being established to assure the continued quality of value-added services which compliment the output of the Census organisations. This is designed for major re-suppliers of Census data and value-added products and will only be granted to organisations reaching specified standards of expertise. There would be a charge for this type of licence.

The Samples of Anonymised Records are a different type of Census output and when the 2001 set are issued, the terms and conditions of their use will be made clear. The 1991 set was

purchased by the academic sector and a specific licence covered their use by organisations outside this sector. A similar arrangement is expected for the new set of SARs. Similarly, there are separate additional terms and conditions for use of data from the Longitudinal Study, which is also managed by the academic sector, but is available for use by other organisations and 2001 Census data is expected to be added.

Geographical data

Information originating from Ordnance Survey is some of the data excluded from the Click-Use Licence. This includes most of the boundary information associated with the use of Census data. Special arrangements have been made regarding the Output Area boundaries and a separate form of words will be needed for use with maps. These arrangements have yet to be finalised.

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Summary

We recommend that all members of the consortium purchase arranged by the GLA have, at this stage, a Click-Use Licence. This allows users to publish reports and profiles using Census and other data and to include data on intranets and web sites.

When passing the standard data to third parties, they should be advised to obtain a Click-Use Licence for themselves if they wish to publish any reports including Census data.

Anyone wishing to re-use commissioned tables should be referred to the GLA.

As many reports are likely to contain maps, this briefing will be updated as soon as the terms and conditions of use for the Output Area boundary data are available.

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