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Foreword

Results from the Census are made possible by the co-operation of the public in responding to the Census; by the hard work of the Census field-staff; and by the assistance of many other people and organisations that have supported all aspects of the Census. The Registrars General would like to thank all those who have contributed to the Census.

1 Introduction

Summary

1.1 This Report provides definitions and other explanatory information for published results from the censuses held in 2001 in England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. It is hoped that the presentation of such information in a single comprehensive volume will assist the reader in understanding and using the results of the 2001 Census.

1.2 The Report contains nine chapters. Chapter two provides a summary of the methodology and processes underlying the production of the 2001 Census results. Chapter three discusses and defines the various population bases used in 2001 Census output. Chapter four summarises changes between 1991 and 2001 in the information collected by the Census. Chapter five consists of a glossary of terms and definitions used throughout the published Census results. Chapter six provides more detailed information on the classifications used in presenting the results. Chapter seven provides information on filter questions used on the 2001 Census form. Chapter eight provides information on the published tables of Census results, including indexes of all the tables by topic and keyword. Chapter nine provides reference maps for the administrative areas for which census results are produced. Other supporting information, including more detailed information on the 2001 Census methodology and specimen copies of the Census forms, is available on the websites of the Census Offices as detailed below.

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