

STATISTICS PRESS RELEASE

NORTHERN IRELAND CENSUS 2001 – SMALL AREA DATA

KEY STATISTICS FOR CENSUS OUTPUT AREAS



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The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) today released further information from the 2001 Census. The latest release is the first for Census Output Areas, the smallest geographical unit of analysis. For the purposes of reporting the Census, Northern Ireland has been divided into 5,022 such areas, each with a population of about 300 people. Today's release provides Key Statistics, incorporating counts and percentages, based on individual Census questions, for each Census Output Area. Because of the volume of information involved the release is being made via electronic media only. The results can be accessed through the NISRA website at www.nisra.gov.uk and will be available for purchase shortly on CD-ROM. A revised version of Key Statistics at ward level has also been released. Further details are available on the NISRA website.

As with all Census outputs, today's release was made possible by the co-operation of members of the public in responding to the Census; the commitment of the Census field staff in delivering and collecting forms; and the assistance of many other people and organisations throughout all aspects of the Census. The Registrar General would like to thank all those who have contributed to this work.

NOTES TO EDITORS

- 1) This is the fifth release of data from the 2001 Census of Population. The previous releases of information from the 2001 Census have been:
 - September 2002 - Population Report and Mid-Year Estimates;
 - December 2002 - Key Statistics for Local Government Districts, Area Boards, Parliamentary Constituencies, NUTS Level III areas and Wards;
 - March 2003 - Standard Tables for Northern Ireland;
 - April 2003 - Standard Tables for Local Government Districts, Area Boards, Parliamentary Constituencies and NUTS Level III areas. (This information was released electronically through the NISRA web site).

- 2) Today's release of output area data is being made available in electronic form and is accessible via the NISRA website www.nisra.gov.uk. A range of complementary maps is included for geographical reference purposes along with supporting information to enable users to understand and make best use of the data. This includes the Output Prospectus that details the timetable for further releases, a Glossary Document defining 2001 Census output terms and a Classification Document detailing how the responses to individual questions were classified.

- 3) A CD-ROM package containing the complete range of Key Statistics at the various geographical levels will be available for purchase shortly from Census Customer Services, NISRA, McAuley House, 2-14 Castle Street, Belfast, BT1 1SA (Telephone: 028 90348160, Email: census.nisra@dfpni.gov.uk). Further information on the availability of the CD ROM will be posted on the NISRA website.

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