

CENSUS OUTPUTS FOR THE NEW DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREAS (DEA2014)

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Guidance Note

Outputs from the 2011 Census are based primarily on the boundaries of the local government structures in place on Census Day 2011; namely, 26 Local Government Districts (LGD1992), composed of 582 electoral wards, and grouped in turn into 101 District Electoral Areas (DEAs). The use of these boundaries, which were also the basis for outputs from the 2001 Census, is discussed in the paper 'Policy for main geographic outputs from the 2011 Census'¹, and has been implicit in the 'Census 2011 Output Prospectus'².

In recognition of the new local government structures, based on 11 LGDs, and composed of 462 electoral wards (grouped into 80 DEAs), Census Office published 2011 Census Key Statistics for the new LGDs (LGD2014) on 30 January 2014. To assist the new Councils with additional responsibilities such as community planning, NISRA published Key Statistics for the new DEAs (DEA2014) on Tuesday 8 March 2016 through the [NINIS website](#).

The production of exact Census counts on two separate geographic bases would introduce the risk of the disclosure through the differencing of statistical aggregates. Accordingly, in keeping with the approach to the new LGDs, 2011 Census statistics for the new DEAs have been approximated using the aggregation of already-published statistics for the existing Small Area geography (SA2011). Although NISRA published 2011 Census outputs for the actual DEA2014 boundaries on 30 July 2015, these were restricted to population (by age group) and household estimates to reduce the risk of disclosure.

¹ Policy for main geographic outputs from the 2011 Census is available from:
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/census/2011/methodology/geographic-outputs.pdf>

² Census 2011 Output Prospectus is available from:
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/census/2011/results/output-prospectus.html>

A look-up table that allocates each Small Area to one of the new DEAs³ is available on the NISRA website. This table also enables users to gauge the extent to which the exact and approximated 2011 counts for population and households agree. Further information is contained in 'Technical Guidance on production of official statistics for new administrative geographies'⁴.

³ Census 2011 Small Area (SA2011) to new District Electoral Areas (DEA2014) look-up table is available from: <http://www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/geography/DEA14-Lookup.xls>

⁴ Technical Guidance on production of official statistics for new administrative geographies: <http://www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/geography/DEA14-Guidance.pdf>