Accessing NISRA Population Level Section 75 Data

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Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

NISRA is an Agency of the Department of Finance and is the principal source of statistics and social research on Northern Ireland. These statistics and research inform public policy as well as academic and private sector research and improves understanding by producing and disseminating high quality, trusted and meaningful statistics and research.

NISRA has statisticians in a wide range of Government Departments and Non-Departmental Public Bodies, as well as Local Councils to assist the policy process and delivery of their objectives and actions. Statistics produced by NISRA comply with the UK Statistics Authority’s Code of Practice for Statistics. This code contains three pillars: Trustworthiness, Quality and Value, and together these pillars underpin public confidence in statistics.

All Official Statistics produced by NISRA can be accessed from the NISRA website and are organised for publications purposes into a number of themes:
Departmental Websites

Additionally statistics can be accessed through the Government Department’s own website.

In terms of Section 75 categories, each Department’s statistics are dis-aggregated at different levels, depending on the availability of data. The NISRA website or each Department’s own website will give specific details on what information is available, additionally you can contact the statisticians in each Department for advice/support.

TIP – You can email info@nisra.gov.uk for advice on datasets. We will try to answer your query or signpost you to the relevant source.
Programme for Government

The draft Programme for Government Framework was prepared by the Executive was consulted on during 2016 and uses an outcomes-based approach. These outcomes are things with which people can identify, such as living longer and healthier lives or getting good jobs - and which are designed to stay in place for a generation rather than a single Assembly term, and which define if we are progressing as a society.

The framework has been used as the basis for the Outcomes Delivery Plan which sets out the actions that departments will take during 2018-19 to give effect to the previous Executive’s stated objectives of Improving wellbeing - by tackling disadvantage and driving economic growth.

The outcomes are supported by 49 indicators. These indicators will show how we are performing in relation to the outcomes and will provide a basis to monitor progress and take appropriate corrective action. Progress on the outcomes and indicators can be viewed using our Outcomes Viewer.

Further information is available on the NISRA website.

Section 75

Statistics on some Section 75 categories are also available on the NINIS website – see section below.
Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS)

Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS) is a service provided by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA). NINIS provides access to statistical and locational information relating to small areas across Northern Ireland as well as NI as a whole. Information is available across 11 statistical themes as well as Census 2011, Deprivation, Making Life Better and Neighbourhood Renewal. The NINIS website contains datasets for statistical and administrative geographies; area profiles providing statistical snapshots of your area; and mapping facilities that enable statistics to be interpreted readily in a spatial context as well as other data visualisation tools.

This guide outlines the main features, functions of the NINIS website and highlights data which may be of interest to the Equality Commission or policymakers, to assist in the screening and EQIA process and the development of policy.

NINIS Homepage

The NINIS homepage can be accessed on the NINIS website. Below is an overview of some the functionality available from the NINIS home page directly.
1. The navigation bar is available from every page within NINIS. Use it to quickly navigate between different sections of the website.
2. Quick search for area profiles and datasets using postcodes, street names, keywords (e.g. births) or your own search term.
3. The help menu gives access to user guides and Frequently Asked Questions.
4. View the most recent news items by clicking on each link or view all news items recorded.
5. View most recent Tweets from NISRA by clicking on each link or select ‘View on Twitter’ to see all Tweets. You can also register for one of our workshops to learn more about using the website.
6. Keep abreast of the latest developments with the website by following us Twitter @NISRA or NISRA Facebook, sign up for the regular E-Zine or set up an RSS feed. You can also register for one of our workshops to learn more about using the website.
7. Find NINIS contact details or the FAQ section with no fuss by using the quick links supplied.
8. Click to access datasets under each theme or ‘View all datasets and interactive content.’
**Statistical Themes**

NINIS currently houses a vast number of datasets and maps which are updated on a regular basis. Datasets are available across many years, and can be downloaded for a range of geographic levels from Small Areas through to Northern Ireland level.

In the vast majority of cases, the information hosted on the website has been sourced from NISRA branches within other government departments and has been quality assured prior to issue. The datasets are classified under a variety of statistical themes as can be seen from the main homepage:

- Agriculture and Environment
- Business and Energy
- Children, Education and Skills
- Crime and Justice
- Economy
- Government
- Health and Social Care
- Labour Market
- People and Places
- Population
- Travel and Transport
- Deprivation
- Making Life Better
- Neighbourhood Renewal
- Census 2011
NINIS Datasets

Data on the site can be viewed within all popular browsers. Data visualisation is also possible within your browser such as mapping and creating charts. Alternatively, the datasets are available for download into PDF, csv and xls formats.

All datasets include Metadata which provides further contextual information on the data such as the original source of the data and an abstract describing the data contained. Users are advised to read the metadata.

TIP - Metadata may be useful to see how the data is broken down and indicate whether it might be of use to your particular screening of a policy.

To help users locate data on NINIS, a website theme taxonomy has been produced:

Users can also view a full list of datasets available on NINIS – shown on homepage and FAQs.
Section 75 related Datasets

NINIS is primarily an area based system and the focus of the NINIS team within NISRA is to provide easy access to sub-NI statistics; some of the datasets do however contain Section 75 information and these are highlighted below.

Census 2011

NINIS is the home of the Census 2011 results. The most recent Census took place on 27th March 2011. This was the same date as the rest of the United Kingdom to help produce consistent results for the UK as a whole as well as for each country.

The census is unique as it provides important information on the population and nature of Northern Ireland as well as small areas and population groups.

Each phase of the census release was disseminated via the NINIS website and each dataset is available to download individually or all datasets are available in bulk download files.

Census 2021

The next Census will take place in 2021. The 2021 Census will be predominantly online, supported and quality assured by administrative data. Information on Northern Ireland's next census, including consultation plans are available on the [NISRA website 2021 Census page](#).
The Census 2011 is a useful source for some Section 75 information. Census 2011 statistics are found under the Census 2011 theme and the following datasets may be of particular interest:

- Age (single year, 5 year age bands, broad age bands)
- Gender (sex)
- Marital/Civil Partnership Status (+ living arrangements)
- Religion (or religion brought up in)
- Racial Group
  - Country of Birth
  - Ethnic Group
  - Main Language
  - Proficiency in English
  - National Identity
- Dependants/Provision of unpaid care
- Disability
  - Long term health problem or disability
  - Adaptation to accommodation

There are gaps in information relating to:
(i) Sexual Orientation and
(ii) Political Opinion.
To access the Census Statistics, click on the Census 2011 button on the home page.

Depending on the field required you can then filter on the appropriate subset. The age/sex information for example is found under ‘Demography’. In this example the subset ‘Ethnicity, Identity, language and Religion’ has been selected. You can also select the relevant geography; in this example the datasets available for NI have been displayed. After clicking Apply, you can then click on the spreadsheet icon under the Type tab to access whichever dataset you are interested in, for example on ‘Country of Birth by Ethnic Group by Age by Sex’.

Given the wealth of data available from the Census, useful links have been provided to assist with accessing Census statistics. If you know the Census table ID you can just enter this into the NINIS search box e.g. KS212NI.
### Search results

Your search for "KS212NI" returned 5 results

View dataset by selecting the dataset title. Click on Title to sort results alphabetically. Click on Subset to view other datasets within that subset.

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</tbody>
</table>
Useful links for accessing Census 2011 statistics

Standard Tables and Commissioned Tables

The NISRA website contains information on all Standard and Commissioned tables produced by the Census Team. The spreadsheet containing information on the standard tables produced, allows you to view a list of all the standard tables produced from Census 2011, in table identifier order, by clicking on the List of Tables tabs. Alternatively, you can identify tables of interest by entering the topics of interest (e.g. age, ethnic group) in cells B8-B11. The relevant tables will be listed, along with information on the geography for which the table is available. You can also find the table ID to enter into the search box on NINIS.

As well as the standard tables produce, additional 2011 Census commissioned outputs are produced in response to user requests.

TIP - If you would like to request a commissioned output email census@nisra.gov.uk

Supporting Documentation

A selection of reports and documents relating to the 2011 Census results including methodology, definitions and output classifications are available on the NISRA website on the Supporting Information page.
Datasets of Interest

The following datasets are also available on NINIS and may be of interest as they contain some Section 75 data:

- Population Estimates by Age and Gender
- Newcomers (Education)
- Crime - Incidents with a hate motivation (homophobic, racist, sectarian)
- Benefits Data
  - Disability Living Allowance
  - Incapacity Benefit
  - Attendance Allowance
  - Multiple Disability Benefit Recipients
- Election Results (may give indication of political opinion)
- Employment Data by Disability and Age
- Cars (Licensed) with a Disability referenced Tax Code
- Disease Prevalence
- NI Life and Times Survey
- NI Multiple Deprivation Measures 2017
  - Health and Disability deprivation

These datasets can be accessed by browsing the relevant theme or you can also use the Advanced Data Search Option. In the example below, Disease Prevalence has been entered as a search term, only data under the Health and Social Care theme has been requested and we have asked for all words to match. The advanced data search also allows you to select specific years and geographies.
TIP - You may be able to find some of the datasets by Section 75 categories by searching by keyword. The advanced search also allows you to search for ‘all’ or ‘any words’.
Difference between Census and Population Estimates

The Census provides detailed information on the population at a single point in time so for Census 2011 this was on the 27\textsuperscript{th} March 2011. In the years in between the Censuses, NISRA produce Population Estimates which show how the population is changing year on year. These are called mid-year population estimates and are an estimate of the population on 30\textsuperscript{th} June each year.
The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures 2017 (NIMDM 2017) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across Northern Ireland. It updates and replaces the NIMDM 2010 as the official measure of deprivation in Northern Ireland.

The NINIS website provides information on the latest deprivation measures and users can search by postcode, address or area name to obtain an area profile based on NIMDM 2017, download all datasets of information and also thematically map the data.

Further information is available on the NISRA website on Northern Ireland Deprivation Measures.

Customised NINIS

The Neighbourhood Renewal and Making Life Better areas of the NINIS website have been customised to suit the needs of NINIS customers.

Making Life Better is the strategic framework for public health. It is designed to provide direction for policies and actions to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Northern Ireland to reduce inequalities in health.

NINIS provides statistical data for each of the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (NRAs) across Northern Ireland. Under the Governments People and Place Strategy, 36 neighbourhoods across Northern Ireland have been designated as areas that are experiencing the highest levels of deprivation.
NINIS Area Profiles

An area profile provides a statistical summary of a given area. The information has been grouped into a number of broad categories and covers things such as key information from the most recent census, e.g. demography and ethnicity etc., geography information, deprivation measure information and statistics used by Making Life Better.

Area Profiles are currently available for the following topics:

- Population Estimates
- Age-friendly
- Census 2011
- Geography
- Economy
- Making Life Better
- Deprivation
- Neighbourhood Renewal

Area Profiles can be accessed by typing a postcode into the search box on the homepage or by selecting ‘Area Profile’ on the navigation bar which opens an ‘Area Profile’ search page.

Clicking on the Area Profile tab will open the area profile search page as shown below.
In the Area Profiles search page, enter a postcode, street or area name in the search box and select the geography (e.g. LGD2014) in the geography drop down. View a profile for the relevant area by clicking on the search results.
Below is an example of an Area Profile. It provides a statistical snapshot of the area you have selected. You can navigate between geographies and themes by clicking on the tabs at the top of the area profile.
NINIS Interactive Content

A comprehensive suite of interactive content is available on the NINIS website and includes population pyramids and interactive maps. These offer powerful data visualisation tools to aid research and flexibility in data dissemination.

**Interactive maps** provide a robust mapping tool that can be used to compare information across different areas. These maps are available for a wide range of geographies and indicators.

**Population pyramids** provide a graphical means to compare population distributions between different locations and genders.

**Infographics** are produced for key releases and are available under Interactive Content. They are a useful way of summarizing and presenting data.

To access any of the interactive content available on NINIS, hover over ‘Interactive Content’ on the navigation bar and select from a range of themes which will appear in the dropdown menu. These themes mirror those of the statistics menu.
Infographics

Infographics are available under specific themes within the Interactive Content menu option.

‘Northern Ireland as 100 people’ (pdf 1,264KB) infographic displays some key equality information for NI from Census 2011:

Similar infographics are available for Local Councils which includes the NINIS interactive map for people (pdf 4,682KB) and the NINIS interactive map for household’s (pdf 4,625KB).
The population of Northern Ireland at mid-2041 is projected to be **2.003 million**

The proportion of older people (aged 65+) will increase to 24.5% by mid-2041, overtaking that of children (aged 0-15) by mid-2028.

Between mid-2016 and mid-2041, the Northern Ireland population is projected to grow by 7.6%, compared to 11.2% for the rest of the UK.

Between mid-2016 and mid-2041, the population is projected to increase by 141,300 people, primarily due to natural change.

![Graph showing population growth](image)

**2016**
- 1.862m
- Natural Change: +127,300
- Migration: +14,000
- 2.003m

**2041**
- 2.003m
- Natural Change: +127,300
- Migration: +14,000

*Figures may not always add up to 100% due to rounding*

*Source: NI Population Projections (2016-based)*

[www.nisra.gov.uk/population](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/population)
Age Friendly Profile for Northern Ireland

Population (2016)
- 21.2% aged 60+
- 2.0% aged 85+

Life Expectancy (2011-2013)
- 78.1 years (men)
- 82.4 years (women)

Population Projections (2014-based)
- 608,493 aged 60+

Recorded Crime victim aged 60+ (2016/17)
- 6,894 offences
- 20.7% of these offences involved violence against the person

74% of persons aged 65+ years living in households with access to a car or van (2011)

Disease Prevalence (2017)
- 13,807 with dementia
- 5,077 with osteoporosis (all ages)

Long-term Conditions age 65+ (2011)
- 102,612 mobility or dexterity difficulty
- 73,874 long-term pain or discomfort
- 57,464 chronic illness

Benefits age 65+ (2016)
- 21,820 carers allowance claimants
- 76,200 pension credit recipients
- 34,780 housing benefit claimants

Sample of data from Age Friendly profile is displayed.
Full Age Friendly profile for each Local Government District is available on www.nisra.gov.uk/niris

78,101 aged 65+ live alone (2011)

9.3% economically active age 65+ (2011)

10.7% age 65+ undertake voluntary work (2011)

53% of persons aged 60+ have never accessed the internet (2016)

4.5% age 65+ live in communal establishments (2011)

12.3% age 65+ provide unpaid care (2011)

168 persons aged 60+ years killed or seriously injured in Road Traffic Collisions (2016)
NINIS Help

A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is available on NINIS to assist users under ‘Help’ on the right hand side of the navigation bar or via the quick links on the bottom menu bar. Users can also view a more detailed user guide in the Help section on the NINIS website.

Keeping up to date with NINIS

You can keep up to date with NINIS developments and latest data available by signing up to our E-Zines, following us on twitter or liking us on facebook. These can all be accessed via the buttons on the bottom menu bar. You can also contact the NISRA Customer Services team via telephone or email.

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