
Integrated data for Population and Household statistics – ONS's plans for whole system change

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Abstract

ONS is currently exploring the potential of using linked administrative data to produce outputs on the population that are traditionally based on a full population Census. Our aim is to have administrative data at the core of the population statistics system by 2020, and recent legislation, the Digital Economy Act (2017), underpins this change. In addition to these plans, ONS is also transforming how data traditionally collected via large scale household surveys are sourced. With response rates falling and concerns about increasing respondent burden, the value for money offered by surveys is arguably decreasing. We are taking the opportunity the transformation of the population statistics system affords, to change the entire framework for household data acquisition. Administrative data are also a key feature of this vision however there remain a need for residual survey collection particularly coverage and characteristic surveys within the future population statistics system. Therefore, the transformation of both the population and household statistics systems is being integrated. This presentation outlines some of the specific work we are doing in both areas and how we are also working together to deliver a single integrated data framework.