

# **SCOTTISH NEIGHBOURHOOD STATISTICS - INTERNET SITE UPDATE**

## **STATISTICAL PUBLICATION NOTICE**

### **Highlights of the November 2007 Update**

The latest quarterly update of the Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics (SNS) internet site and database was carried out today.

The main highlights of this update include new Small Area Population Estimates data at data zone level for 2006. Benefits data is added for 2007 Q1 at data zone level with new Attendance Allowance data from 2002-2007 being added to the site. Also, revised data on Businesses in Manufacturing, Construction and Services Industries at local authority level for 2004 and new data for 2005 has been added.

Please note that the Small Area Population Estimates for 2003-2005 have been revised for data zones in six local authorities - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee, Moray and Perth & Kinross - following revisions in estimates at local authority level.

The indicators and further information on the update is available at [www.sns.gov.uk](http://www.sns.gov.uk).

### **Background about Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics**

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics is the Scottish Government's on-going programme to improve the availability, consistency and accessibility of small area statistics in Scotland. The SNS internet site provides statistics about local communities and makes use of the data zone small area geography which contains on average 750 residents.

Local communities can be expressed in terms of groups of these data zones, and the internet site contains a wide range of socio-economic statistics describing the characteristics of these communities. New socio-economic data is added on a quarterly basis and this will allow change in the circumstances of local communities to be better understood.

This information is being used to inform the Scottish Government's approach to improving the quality of life for people living in Scotland and especially in the most disadvantaged areas. The information is also invaluable to Community Planning Partnerships and public sector agencies where the availability of up-to-date high quality information is crucial to the way in which services are developed and delivered and issues of local concern are addressed. It will also help community groups bring together information to support grant applications.

### **Contact us to improve Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics**

We would welcome any comments or suggestions that would help us to improve Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics. Matt Perkins or John Fraser at the Scottish Government can be contacted on 0131 244 0442 or [neighbourhood.statistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.statistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk). If you would like to be consulted about new or existing statistical collections or to receive notification of forthcoming statistical publications, please register your statistical interest on the Scottish Government ScotStat internet site at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/scotstat/home](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/scotstat/home).