

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

## **STATISTICAL PUBLICATION NOTICE**

### **Highlights of the August 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 Historic Small Area Population Estimates data at data zone level for the years 1996 to 2000 and dwellings data for 2006. Data on the proportion of first-time mothers at data zone level is also included for the first time. Benefits data is added for 2006 Q4 at data zone level and highest qualifications of working age people and job related training data at local authority level for 2005 and 2006 along with age and sex based unemployment monthly snapshots for 2002-2007.

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 Executive'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 Executive'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 Executive 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 Executive ScotStat internet site at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/scotstat/home](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/scotstat/home).