

SCOTTISH NEIGHBOURHOOD STATISTICS - INTERNET SITE UPDATE

STATISTICAL PUBLICATION NOTICE

Highlights of the May 2007 Update

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

The main highlights of the May update include Childhood Obesity data added to the site for the first time. Scottish Drug Misuse Database data at local authority level has been included for 2006, while Cancer Registrations and Immunisation data for the latest period have also been added at data zone level. Examination Results, Tariff Scores and Pupil Profile data has been added at various geographies for 2006. Births and Deaths data has been included at intermediate geography level from 1999-2005 and Council Tax Band Dwellings data has been added for 2006 at data zone level, including more detailed information on house type and number of rooms.

The indicators and further information on the update is available at www.sns.gov.uk.

Geography changes to the site

Two geography boundary changes have also been incorporated into this publication, which are as follows:

Community Health Partnership (CHP) – Approval has been given for the merger of the 2 Edinburgh CHP's – Edinburgh North and Edinburgh South. The change came into effect on 1 April 2007 and the new CHP will be called the Edinburgh Health Partnership.

Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies (SPC) – It has recently been brought to our attention that the data zone to Scottish Parliamentary Boundaries look-ups used in SNS showed 3 data zones (S01002533, S01002534 and S01002539) falling into the Falkirk West SPC rather than the Falkirk East SPC. We have now updated the SNS website appropriately.

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. John Fraser at the Scottish Executive can be contacted on 0131 244 0442 or 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/scotstat.