

Using the 2011 Census to build a new geography for workplace statistics

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Abstract

In the United Kingdom, the 2001 Census was used to create a new geography for analysing statistics (Output Areas) based around consistent population, household and social thresholds. This has proved useful for statistics in the past decade but has presented problems when analysing workplace statistics, as workplaces were not included within the methodology for creating Output Areas. In response to this, the Office for National Statistics in partnership with the University of Southampton are looking to design a new geography specifically for the analysis of workplace statistics. The geography will use the Output Areas as a starting point and will split and merge them based around a series of target employee and business thresholds. This paper will detail the background to this project, the methodology to be employed and potential uses for the geography after the 2011 Census as well as additional geographic products which the Office for National Statistics are looking to produce as part of Census outputs.