

User-centric Geographies

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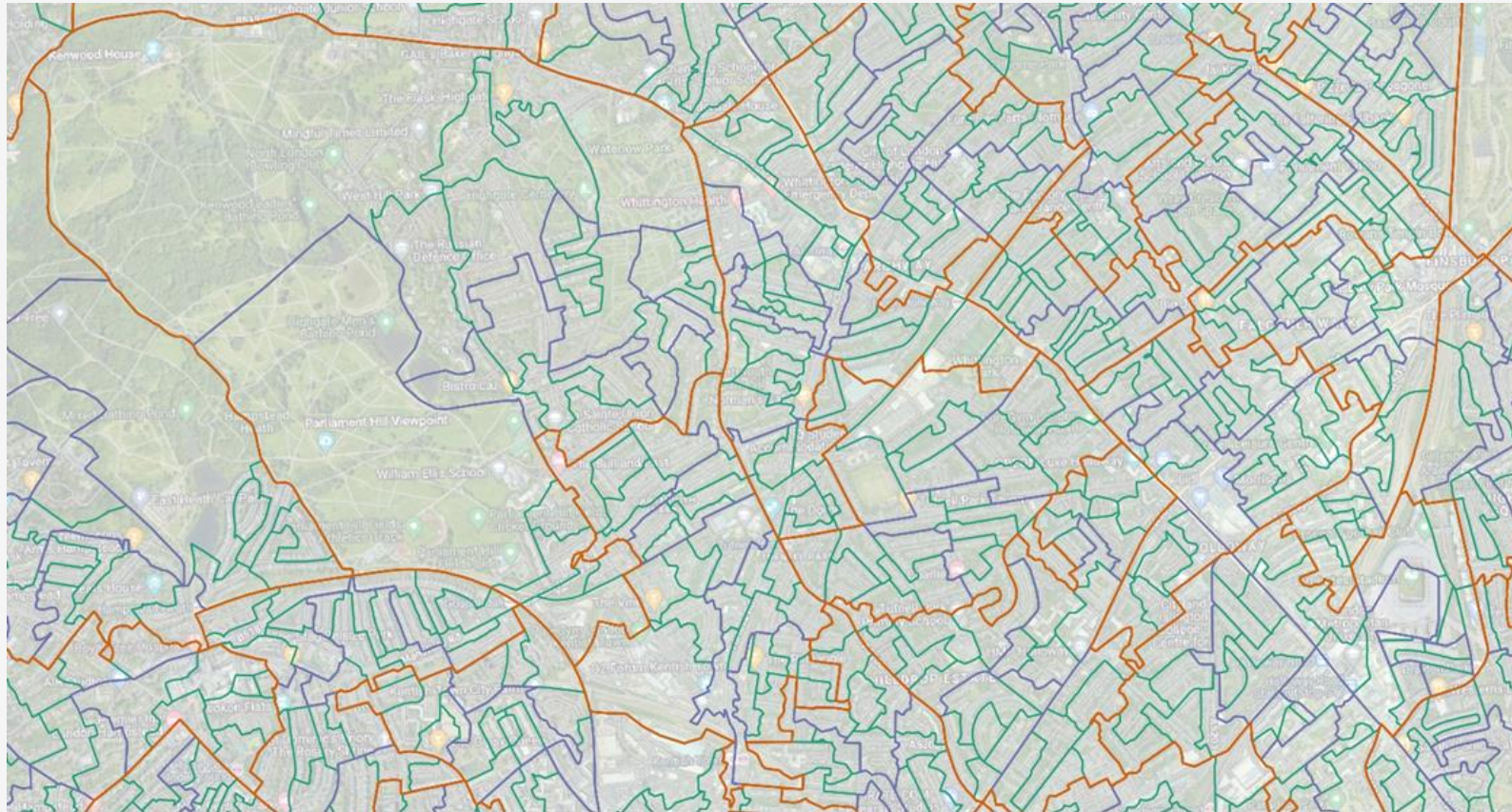
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Granular data - address



Small area geographies



Minimum thresholds

Thresholds	OAs	LSOAs (*~)	MSOAs (-)
England	100 people, 40 households	1,000 to 3,000 people	5,000 to 15,000 people 2,000 to 6,000 households
Wales		400 to 1,200 households	
Scotland	50 people, 20 households	500 to 1,000 people	2,500 to 6,000 people
Northern Ireland	100 people, 40 households	1,300 to 2,800 people	

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- In Scotland MSOAs are called Intermediate Zone

~ In Northern Ireland they only have a single Super Output Area (SOA) geography instead of LSOAs and MSOAs

2011 average population sizes

Population	OAs	LSOAs (*~)	MSOAs (→)
England	309	1,614	7,806
Wales	305	1,605	7,472
Scotland	114	759	4,140
Northern Ireland	399	2,035	

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Population-weighted centroids



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Government Statistical Service - Strategy

GSS subnational data strategy

Owner: Subnational Statistics and Analysis Division

Approver: National Statistician

Who this is for: Producers and users of subnational data and statistics

Type: Strategy

Contact: Subnational@ons.gov.uk

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User-defined flexible areas

Ambition 1: Produce more timely, granular and harmonised subnational statistics

The demand for subnational statistics is increasing. Statistics at granular levels of geography are essential to understand the issues affecting local areas, ensuring the best evidence base to enable good decision making and monitoring of the impact of policies.

Feedback from local stakeholders indicates a need for more data at lower-level and user-defined flexible areas, to meet planning and policy needs. This includes more timely and accurate estimates of the size of the population broken down by demographics for small, local areas, and small area statistics that can help them to understand relationships between the outcomes people experience, such as their health, education or job, and their characteristics, for example their ethnicity or disability.

The case study on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Health Index describes how a new experimental statistic has been created to provide a single value to measure health for each local authority in England that can be tracked over time and compared between different areas.

What are we doing in ONS?

Office for National Statistics **census2021**

Build a custom area profile ALPHA

Find an area or postcode

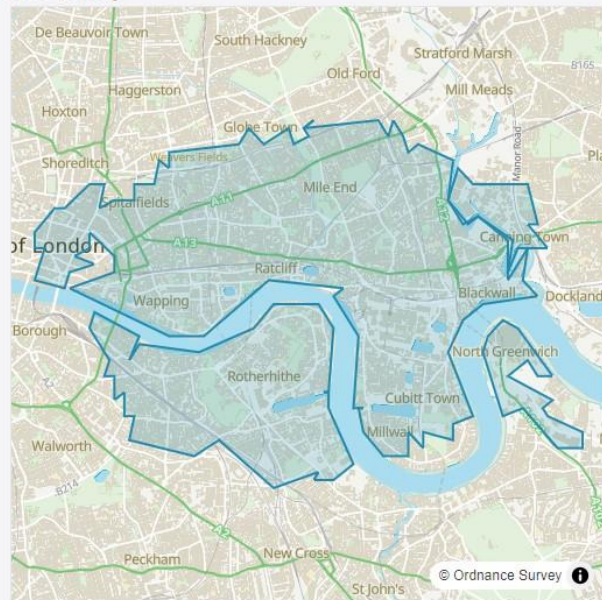
Pan and zoom mode
Explore the map to find a location of interest, then select a drawing tool from the menu.

No areas selected

The screenshot shows a web-based interface for creating a custom area profile. At the top, it identifies the user as 'ALPHA' and the tool as 'Build a custom area profile'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Pan and zoom mode' instruction box. The main area is a detailed map of London, showing the River Thames and various districts. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 1 km. The map is overlaid with a grid of small areas, likely representing the 'small areas' used in the census. The interface is clean and professional, with a dark blue header and a light-colored map area.

Build a custom area profile ALPHA[< Edit area](#)**Name your area****Profile preview****Area Name****Area Profiles** Include Map**Select topics**

- Hours worked
- Total Population
- Age profile
- Economic activity
- Highest qualification
- Housing tenure

[Show 7 more](#)**Area map****Population****14,874****56,075,912** in England and Wales**Hours worked**

Area Name

|(England and Wales)

15 hours or less **7%** (10%)16 to 30 hours **15%** (20%)31 to 48 hours **61%** (58%)49 or more hours **18%** (14%)

Source: Census 2011 data. Office for National Statistics | Build a custom area profile

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Considerations.....

- Top-down data granularity
- Educating users
- Defining the scope of work
- Variability in small area geographies globally



Three concepts.....

- Geography Products (Small Area Estimation/Geographies, Population Weighted Centroids)
- User Demand / Policy (Demand for disaggregated data)
- Technical (Dashboards, Select & build technology)

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What should the Expert Group do?

Building the Team
Leadership
Task Team Members
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Grounding the Theory (Geography Products, Use-Demand Policy, Technical)
A <u>globally agreed</u> definitions of User-Centric Geographies
Methodologies that <u>ensure</u> privacy and confidentiality
Implementing “Common Geographies”
Position Paper on User Centric Geographies

Guidance
National Examples
Concerns
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**Thank you
Questions?**

