

## Comparator Sources

The following comparator sources are currently being investigated for use in Census Quality Assurance.

### Person Level

Source	Geography	Comparisons
2001 Census	Any	Variable distributions. Population counts and sub-groups.
Rolled forward mid-year estimates	Data zone/ Local Authority (LA)	Population counts. Key demographic indicators (e.g. age/sex ratios, fertility and mortality rates).
NHS Central Register	Data zone / LA	Population by age and sex. Key demographic indicators.
Birth Registration Data	Output area / data zone / LA	Population aged under 1. Key demographic indicators.
Pension Age Client Group	Data zone / LA	Person counts by age and sex for population aged 60/65+
Child Benefit Data	Data zone / LA	Population aged 16 and under by age and sex.
Schools Census Data	Data zone / LA	Population aged 16 and under by age and sex. Possible use of other variables.
Higher Education Students Data	Data zone / LA	Student population by age and sex.
Home Armed Forces Data (DASA)	LA	Home armed forces population by age and sex.
Armed Forces Data from Demography Division Survey	By base	Armed forces population by age and sex.
Prisoner data	By prison or data zone / LA	Person counts and variable distributions.
Traveller numbers	LA	Person counts by age.
Homelessness data	Investigating	Person counts.

<b>Source</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Comparisons</b>
Annual Population Survey	LA	Labour market variables.
International Passenger Survey	Scotland	Migration.
Neighbourhood Statistics	LA/ data zone	Various demographic and topic comparisons.
Scottish Longitudinal Study	Investigating	Possibly age/sex ratios and linkage to asses over/under count.
Commercial sources (e.g. Gemserv)	Investigating	Possibly demographic comparisons.
Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)/Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) data	Investigating access	Investigating. Possibly demographic comparisons.
Scottish Household Survey	Data zone	Variable distributions.

### **Household Level**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Comparisons</b>
2001 Census	Any	Household counts and variable distributions.
Assessors' Portal	Individual properties.	Household counts and address register/ placeholder checks.
Council Tax Data	Data zone	Household counts, vacant dwellings, second homes, single-person households, exemptions.
Electoral Register	Postcode / Individual	Household counts, numbers of adults in households. Address register/ placeholder checks.
Housing Association and Local Authority Properties	Investigating	Household question on tenancy.
Scottish Household Survey	Data zone	Household level variable distributions

Note that the use of some of these sources is subject to analysis and access for this purpose being agreed.

**Your comments are sought on the use of these sources and additional sources that may be considered.**