

Evaluating the performance of coverage assessment and adjustment for the 2011 Census: what can we learn for the future?

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The key results of the 2011 Census for England and Wales have now been released and broadly speaking accepted by the user community. These results incorporate a comprehensive set of adjustments for coverage errors that built on the methodology developed for the 2001 Census. However, the UK is now considering the possibility that the 2011 Censuses will be the last traditional censuses for the UK; and the Office for National Statistics is exploring survey and administrative based options to replace the decennial census as part of its 'Beyond 2011' programme. Therefore, in this presentation we discuss results from evaluating the coverage assessment and adjustment of the 2011 Census but with a focus on what we can learn in relation to the Beyond 2011 programme and a future without a traditional census.

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