



Evidence guide

This document has been designed to provide links to web based sources of information that can be used to find evidence at regional and sub regional levels and gives a brief description of what the website aims to provide.

Understanding Geography:

An important aspect of data is the geography that it is published at. The geography of the UK is very complex. In order to understand the terminology - and hence look for data at the right geographical level - the ONS publishes a guide to UK geography.

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/default.asp>

National websites providing access to regional and sub-regional data:

This section shows the links to websites that have national coverage but also provide information at much lower geographies

Neighbourhood Statistics Service – NeSS

The ONS Neighbourhood Statistics website provides statistics on various themes by different layers of geography. There are profiles of Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA) geography which relate to approximately 1500 residents. You can also:

- Download data
- Create your own geography
- Create tables and maps

<http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/>

Audit Commission

The Audit Commission gives a profile of the quality of life and public services of a given local authority, including BVPI and PSA targets. You can choose to have trends and where the particular indicator is in relation to the rest of the country. Profiles can be sorted by LAA block or by the ten quality of life themes.

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/>

FTI

FTI is a web-based system for monitoring progress towards Public Service Agreement Floor Targets. FTI enables users to examine performance at the national, regional and local authority levels. IT has comparators for all LAs with NRF areas and data are easily downloaded

<http://www.fti.neighbourhood.gov.uk/>

Data4renewal

This website signposts does not contain data but links to, and descriptions of, datasets relating to the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.

<http://www.data4nr.net/introduction/>

Specifically themed websites:

These sites are dedicated to one area of statistics

Benefits

DWP tab tool - This Tool allows you to download National Statistics published from the Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS), with some available at LSOA.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

Labour market - NOMIS

The Nomis website provides statistics specifically about the labour market and has economic profiles of local authority areas.

<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

Education

DFES - The Department for Education and skills website features a range of key education statistics about specific geographical areas

www.dfes.gov.uk/inyourarea

DFES – research and statistics a lot of the publications on this site give regional and sub regional breakdowns, particularly for Statistical First Releases which usually have Excel spreadsheets with the data

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/>

LSC - GO to the Learning Skills council for statistics about training and apprenticeships

www.lsc.gov.uk/Regions/SouthWest

HESA -The Education Skills Agency is the central source for all statistics relating to higher education

www.hesa.ac.uk/products/adhoc/home.htm

Crime

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The Home Office crime and disorder reduction partnerships are useful sources of information of crime/disorder statistics

www.crimereduction.gov.uk/regions/regions07.htm

Local police force

Your local police force may publish figures

www.police.uk/forces/default.asp

Health

Public Health Observatories, the NHS and DH produce LA level Community Health profiles – this is the central link

www.communityhealthprofiles.info

Housing

Communities and Local Government publish statistics and research about housing issues.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1165366>

Local housing dept - Carries information on local council housing stock

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/DG_4003649

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency provides maps, statistics and contact information for local areas on topics such as flooding flood risk, rivers, costal waters, pollution and waste.

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/maps/

Deprivation

Download data and find out more about the IMD.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1128444>

Sector Skills

The Sector Skills Development Agency (SSDA) have a Sector Skills Matrix which provides a range of economic, employment and skills data by sector. Using national sources, it provides comparable data for 27 industry categories and 14 more aggregate sector groups. It also provides the same data by SSC. You have to register in order to look at the profiles or download the data. <http://www.ssdamatrix.org.uk/default.asp>

Other Website links

Association of Regional Observatories	Greater London Authority (GLA)
Children's & Young People's Unit	Home Office (HO)
Central and Local Government Information Partnership (CLIP)	Information for Local Government from Central Government
Commission for Racial Equality (CRE)	Learning and Skills Council
Crime Statistics	Local Government Association
Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)	Learning and Skills Council
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)	Local Government Information Unit
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (defra)	National Drugs Strategy Website
Department of Health (DH)	National Housing Federation
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)	New Deal Website
Department for Transport (DfT)	Sport England
Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	Sure Start
Further Education Development Agency (FEDA)	Sustainable Development - The Government's Approach
Geodemographics Knowledge Base	Welsh Assembly Statistical Directorate
	Welsh Assembly - StatsWales

Regional website

Intelligence East Midlands (IEM).

Aims to improve access to regional research and intelligence
<http://www.eastmidlandsobservatory.org.uk/>

empho

The East Midlands Public Health Authority <http://www.empho.org.uk/> which includes outputs on [New release of Small Area Health Data for the East Midlands](#) and the newly released [Health Profiles](#) while offering an overall view of public health intelligence.

hi4em

Housing Intelligence for the East Midlands - is a project funded by the Regional Housing Group of the East Midlands Regional Assembly and supported by G.O.E.M. - Government Office East Midlands. It provides access to sources, display and map a wide range of data relating to private sector housing conditions in the region. The data provided will support Local Authorities working to meet the Government's target of ensuring that 70% of vulnerable households, in their own home or privately rented accommodation, are living in decent homes by 2010.

<http://www.hi4em.org.uk/>

Other tools/products that could help.

Area classifications

The 2001 Area Classification is used to group together geographic areas according to key characteristics common to the population in that grouping. These groupings are called clusters, and are derived using census data.

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/methodology_by_theme/area_classification/

Rural and Urban Classifications

A new joint project was therefore set up to produce a harmonised classification of both urban and rural areas for England and Wales. The Office for National Statistics (ONS), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), DCLG, the Countryside Agency (CA) and National Assembly for Wales (NAW) sponsored the project.

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/nrudp.asp>

Renewal.net

Provide a range of toolkits

<http://www.renewal.net/Toolkits.asp>

One of which is:

ONS Neighbourhood Statistics Analysis Toolkit

The Neighbourhood Statistics Analysis Toolkit is suitable for anyone using Neighbourhood Statistics to carry out research. It will help you plan your work and choose appropriate data, and apply the appropriate statistical techniques for the circumstances. The aim is to help you get the very best out of the data, giving you the best chance of reaching meaningful and influential conclusions.

[Download the toolkit from Renewal.net](#)

Indicator Catalogue:

Neighbourhood Statistics update an indicator catalogue each month. This provides information about all indicators on the NeSS website

<http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/Info.do?page=IndicatorsAnalysis.htm>

GiGateway

GiGateway is a free web service aimed at increasing awareness of and access to geospatial information in the UK. It offers assistance and guidance on the collection of metadata to national and international standards and purpose built software, all at no cost. If you have a postcode this site can tell you all the geographies within which that postcode lies.

<http://www.gigateway.org.uk/>