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**Useful resources for local data    Overview** This resource pulls together details of accessible local data on population and housing, outlining what is available and where it can be accessed. This data can be used in conjunction with existing local data and knowledge to help to understand the composition of different local areas.

**Population Office for National Statistics: Mid-year population estimates** Each year the Office for National Statistics (ONS) publish official estimates of the population for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. These estimates are published in June and are a National Statistics release. These releases contain national and sub-national mid-year population estimates by administrative area, age, sex and components of population change. These are useful for understanding the composition of your local population, how it differs from national averages and, because historic data is available, whether there are any clear trends visible.

**Office for National Statistics: nomis Census 2011 Tables** This is a tool that allows you to construct tables of data collected through the 2011 Census for different areas (eg region, local authority, ward). The levels of geography are shown across the top of the page (from National and getting smaller as you go across). This data is useful for understanding the range of demographics in different local areas – both compared to other local authorities and within a single local authority. Boundary changes over time do unfortunately mean that wards as named in this data may not always correspond with the current structure of wards.

**Higher Education Student Statistics: UK, 2018/19 – Where students come from and go to study** These statistics present the number of Higher Education students at each University and their domicile (judged using permanent home address prior to study). The data can be split by country and region.

This can be used to help to understand the potential number of eligible electors at each Higher Education establishment.

**Housing Dwelling Stock Estimates** These statistics are produced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and provide estimates of the number of dwellings by tenure for each nation in Great Britain and by tenure and local authority in England. These are useful for making comparisons looking at other local authorities with similar structures to see if there are lessons that can be shared in carrying out canvass and registration activity.

**Dwelling stock by tenure (England)** **Dwelling stock by tenure (Wales)**

**Dwelling stock by tenure (Scotland)** **Dwelling stock by tenure and district (England)**

**National Records Scotland - Estimates of household and dwellings in Scotland** These statistics present statistics around the number of dwellings in Scotland split by Council Area and estimates of household composition in Scottish Households. These statistics are useful for understanding the current composition of households in council areas and the trends in terms of changes over time. For example, the number of households increasing faster than the size of the population in Scotland.

**Estimates of households and dwellings in Scotland, 2018** 2018 report 2018 tables

**Council Tax: Stock of Properties** These statistics for England and Wales present counts of properties by property type and Council Tax band. These are presented by local authority so are useful for identifying other areas with similar structures to see if there are lessons that can be shared in carrying out canvass and registration activity in similar areas. The counts are calculated from domestic property data for England and Wales extracted from the Valuation Office Agency's (VOA) administrative database as at 31 March 2019.

**Council Tax: Stock of Properties, 2019: Background Information Table** with property type and CT band