

# **Synthetic Population Catalyst**

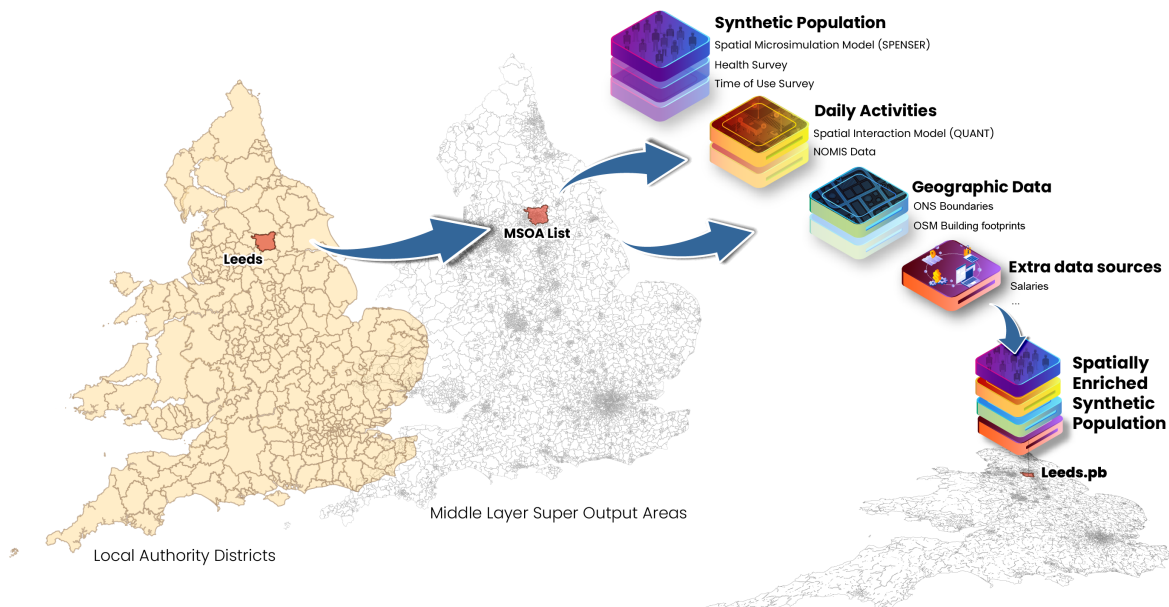
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# 1 Getting started



The Synthetic Population Catalyst (SPC) makes it easier for researchers to work with synthetic population data in England. It combines a variety of [data sources](#) and outputs a single file in [protocol buffer format](#), describing the population in a given study area. The data includes demographic, health, and daily activity data per person, and information about the venues where people conduct activities.

You can use SPC output to catalyze your own project. Rather than join together many [raw data sources](#) yourself and deal with missing and messy data, you can leverage SPC's effort and well-documented schema.

To get started:

1. [Download sample data for a county in England](#)
2. [Explore how to use the data](#)
3. If you need a different study area, [build](#) and then [run](#) SPC

You can also download this site as [a PDF](#) and find all code [on Github](#).

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# **Part I**

## **Using SPC**

## 2 SPC Outputs

You don't need to run SPC yourself. See [config/](#) for the list of MSOAs covered by each study area. If you want to run SPC for a different list of MSOAs, [see here](#).

One of the advantages of using SPC is that help researches to mimic the population characteristics and its iterations through multiples years (see for more details). So you can replicate what the population might look like across multiple periods of time. Initially check what country you would like to explore, then pick the year to get the outcome file. In case you want to explore it and see how does the data look like, and what attributes are included, load the output in our [SPC Explorer](#) and get inspired about the potential applications you could co-create using these outcomes.

- [England](#) (Available years: 2012, 2020, 2022, 2032 & 2039)
- [Wales](#) (Available years: 2012, 2020, 2022, 2032 & 2039)
- [Scotland](#) (Available years: 2012, 2020, 2022, 2032 & 2039)

We also included some special areas for your testing:

- [special/2012/northwest\\_transpennine.pb.gz](#)
- [special/2020/northwest\\_transpennine.pb.gz](#)
- [special/2022/northwest\\_transpennine.pb.gz](#)
- [special/2032/northwest\\_transpennine.pb.gz](#)
- [special/2039/northwest\\_transpennine.pb.gz](#)

### 2.1 Citing

If you use SPC code or data in your work, please cite using the [Zenodo DOI](#) (using the bottom-right tool to generate the citation).

### 2.2 Versioning

Over time, we may add more data to SPC or change the schema. Protocol buffers are designed to let combinations of new/old code and data files work together, but we don't intend to use this feature. We may make breaking changes, like deleting fields. We'll release a new version



of the schema and output data every time and document it here. You should depend on a specific version of the data output in your code, so new releases don't affect you until you decide to update.

- v1: released 25/04/2022, [schema](#)
- v1.1, released 27/05/2022, [schema](#)
  - added `pwkstat`, `salary_hourly`, `salary_yearly`, and `idp`
  - reorganized `Identifiers` and `Employment` attributes
  - non-breaking change added 02/08/2022: added `bmi_new` field
- v1.2, released 29/12/2022, [schema](#)
  - switched to `proto2` and made some fields optional
  - adjusted some numeric enum values to match ONS
- v2, released 09/03/2023, [schema](#)
  - new per-person and per-household fields
  - various changes to existing fields (adjusting enum number, removing the BMI enum, etc)
  - adding time-use diaries
  - expanding to Wales
  - adding multiple years of output
- v2.1, released XX/07/2023, [schema](#)
  - expanding to Scotland
  - adding special areas: Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Oxford, Oxford-Cambridge arc
  - adding previously missing LADs to their counties:
    - \* Greater London (E09000001)
    - \* Cornwall (E06000053)
    - \* Dorset (E06000058 & E06000059)
    - \* Buckinghamshire (E06000060)
    - \* Leicestershire (E07000135)
    - \* Suffolk (E07000244 & E07000245)
    - \* Somerset (E07000246)

### 3 Outputs for England (Counties)

The counties of England are in this context the lieutenancy areas, often referred to as ceremonial counties. There are officially 48 of them, although we have chosen to include the City of London within Greater London in our release. Check the year you would like to explore and pick the corresponding file based on the region you are interested. Remember if you want to explore the data you can load the output in our [SPC explorer](#)

- 2012:
  - [bedfordshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [berkshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [bristol.pb.gz](#)
  - [buckinghamshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [cambridgeshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [cheshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [cornwall.pb.gz](#)
  - [cumbria.pb.gz](#)
  - [England/2012/derbyshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [devon.pb.gz](#)
  - [durham.pb.gz](#)
  - [east-sussex.pb.gz](#)
  - [east-yorkshire-with-hull.pb.gz](#)
  - [essex.pb.gz](#)
  - [gloucestershire.pb.gz](#)
  - [greater-london.pb.gz](#)
  - [greater-manchester.pb.gz](#)
  - [hampshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [herefordshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [hertfordshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [isle-of-wight.pb.gz](#)
  - [kent.pb.gz](#)
  - [lancashire.pb.gz](#)
  - [leicestershire.pb.gz](#)
  - [lincolnshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [merseyside.pb.gz](#)
  - [norfolk.pb.gz](#)

- northamptonshire.pb.gz
- northumberland.pb.gz
- north-yorkshire.pb.gz
- nottinghamshire.pb.gz
- oxfordshire.pb.gz
- rutland.pb.gz
- shropshire.pb.gz
- somerset.pb.gz
- south-yorkshire.pb.gz
- staffordshire.pb.gz
- suffolk.pb.gz
- surrey.pb.gz
- tyne-and-wear.pb.gz
- warwickshire.pb.gz
- west-midlands.pb.gz
- west-sussex.pb.gz
- west-yorkshire.pb.gz
- wiltshire.pb.gz
- worcestershire.pb.gz

- 2020:

- bedfordshire.pb.gz
- berkshire.pb.gz
- bristol.pb.gz
- buckinghamshire.pb.gz
- cambridgeshire.pb.gz
- cheshire.pb.gz
- cornwall.pb.gz
- cumbria.pb.gz
- derbyshire.pb.gz
- devon.pb.gz
- durham.pb.gz
- east-sussex.pb.gz
- east-yorkshire-with-hull.pb.gz
- essex.pb.gz
- gloucestershire.pb.gz
- greater-london.pb.gz
- greater-manchester.pb.gz
- hampshire.pb.gz
- herefordshire.pb.gz
- hertfordshire.pb.gz
- isle-of-wight.pb.gz

- kent.pb.gz
- lancashire.pb.gz
- leicestershire.pb.gz
- lincolnshire.pb.gz
- merseyside.pb.gz
- norfolk.pb.gz
- northamptonshire.pb.gz
- northumberland.pb.gz
- north-yorkshire.pb.gz
- nottinghamshire.pb.gz
- oxfordshire.pb.gz
- rutland.pb.gz
- shropshire.pb.gz
- somerset.pb.gz
- south-yorkshire.pb.gz
- staffordshire.pb.gz
- suffolk.pb.gz
- surrey.pb.gz
- tyne-and-wear.pb.gz
- warwickshire.pb.gz
- west-midlands.pb.gz
- west-sussex.pb.gz
- west-yorkshire.pb.gz
- wiltshire.pb.gz
- worcestershire.pb.gz

- 2022:

- bedfordshire.pb.gz
- berkshire.pb.gz
- bristol.pb.gz
- buckinghamshire.pb.gz
- cambridgeshire.pb.gz
- cheshire.pb.gz
- cornwall.pb.gz
- cumbria.pb.gz
- derbyshire.pb.gz
- devon.pb.gz
- durham.pb.gz
- east-sussex.pb.gz
- east-yorkshire-with-hull.pb.gz
- essex.pb.gz
- gloucestershire.pb.gz

- [greater-london.pb.gz](#)
- [greater-manchester.pb.gz](#)
- [hampshire.pb.gz](#)
- [herefordshire.pb.gz](#)
- [hertfordshire.pb.gz](#)
- [isle-of-wight.pb.gz](#)
- [kent.pb.gz](#)
- [lancashire.pb.gz](#)
- [leicestershire.pb.gz](#)
- [lincolnshire.pb.gz](#)
- [merseyside.pb.gz](#)
- [norfolk.pb.gz](#)
- [northamptonshire.pb.gz](#)
- [northumberland.pb.gz](#)
- [north-yorkshire.pb.gz](#)
- [England/2022/nottinghamshire.pb.gz](#)
- [oxfordshire.pb.gz](#)
- [rutland.pb.gz](#)
- [shropshire.pb.gz](#)
- [somerset.pb.gz](#)
- [south-yorkshire.pb.gz](#)
- [staffordshire.pb.gz](#)
- [suffolk.pb.gz](#)
- [surrey.pb.gz](#)
- [tyne-and-wear.pb.gz](#)
- [warwickshire.pb.gz](#)
- [west-midlands.pb.gz](#)
- [west-sussex.pb.gz](#)
- [west-yorkshire.pb.gz](#)
- [wiltshire.pb.gz](#)
- [worcestershires.pb.gz](#)

- 2032:

- [bedfordshire.pb.gz](#)
- [berkshire.pb.gz](#)
- [bristol.pb.gz](#)
- [buckinghamshire.pb.gz](#)
- [cambridgeshire.pb.gz](#)
- [cheshire.pb.gz](#)
- [cornwall.pb.gz](#)
- [cumbria.pb.gz](#)
- [derbyshire.pb.gz](#)

- devon.pb.gz
- durham.pb.gz
- east-sussex.pb.gz
- east-yorkshire-with-hull.pb.gz
- essex.pb.gz
- gloucestershire.pb.gz
- greater-london.pb.gz
- greater-manchester.pb.gz
- hampshire.pb.gz
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- kent.pb.gz
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- leicestershire.pb.gz
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- north-yorkshire.pb.gz
- nottinghamshire.pb.gz
- oxfordshire.pb.gz
- rutland.pb.gz
- shropshire.pb.gz
- somerset.pb.gz
- south-yorkshire.pb.gz
- staffordshire.pb.gz
- suffolk.pb.gz
- surrey.pb.gz
- tyne-and-wear.pb.gz
- warwickshire.pb.gz
- west-midlands.pb.gz
- west-sussex.pb.gz
- west-yorkshire.pb.gz
- wiltshire.pb.gz
- worcestershire.pb.gz

- 2039:

- bedfordshire.pb.gz
- berkshire.pb.gz
- bristol.pb.gz

- buckinghamshire.pb.gz
- cambridgeshire.pb.gz
- cheshire.pb.gz
- cornwall.pb.gz
- cumbria.pb.gz
- derbyshire.pb.gz
- devon.pb.gz
- durham.pb.gz
- east-sussex.pb.gz
- east-yorkshire-with-hull.pb.gz
- essex.pb.gz
- gloucestershire.pb.gz
- greater-london.pb.gz
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- suffolk.pb.gz
- surrey.pb.gz
- tyne-and-wear.pb.gz
- warwickshire.pb.gz
- west-midlands.pb.gz
- west-sussex.pb.gz
- west-yorkshire.pb.gz
- wiltshire.pb.gz
- worcestershire.pb.gz

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## 4 Outputs for Wales (ITL regions)

International Territorial Level (ITL) regions are a post-brexite renaming of the former Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) regions. In wales, the level 3 represents a grouping of the 22 unitary districts into 12 regions. Check the year you would like to explore and pick the corresponding file based on the region you are interested. Remember if you want to explore the data you can load the output in our [SPC explorer](#)

- 2012:
  - [bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot.pb.gz](#)
  - [cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan.pb.gz](#)
  - [central-valleys.pb.gz](#)
  - [conwy-and-denbighshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [flintshire-and-wrexham.pb.gz](#)
  - [gwent-valleys.pb.gz](#)
  - [gwynedd.pb.gz](#)
  - [isle-of-anglesey.pb.gz](#)
  - [monmouthshire-and-newport.pb.gz](#)
  - [powys.pb.gz](#)
  - [south-west-wales.pb.gz](#)
  - [swansea.pb.gz](#)
- 2020:
  - [bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot.pb.gz](#)
  - [cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan.pb.gz](#)
  - [central-valleys.pb.gz](#)
  - [conwy-and-denbighshire.pb.gz](#)
  - [flintshire-and-wrexham.pb.gz](#)
  - [gwent-valleys.pb.gz](#)
  - [gwynedd.pb.gz](#)
  - [isle-of-anglesey.pb.gz](#)
  - [monmouthshire-and-newport.pb.gz](#)
  - [powys.pb.gz](#)
  - [south-west-wales.pb.gz](#)
  - [Wales/2020/swansea.pb.gz](#)
- 2022:

- [Wales/2022/bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/central-valleys.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/conwy-and-denbighshire.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/flintshire-and-wrexham.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/gwent-valleys.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/gwynedd.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/isle-of-anglesey.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/monmouthshire-and-newport.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/powys.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/south-west-wales.pb.gz](#)
- [Wales/2022/swansea.pb.gz](#)

- 2032:

- [bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot.pb.gz](#)
- [cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan.pb.gz](#)
- [central-valleys.pb.gz](#)
- [conwy-and-denbighshire.pb.gz](#)
- [flintshire-and-wrexham.pb.gz](#)
- [gwent-valleys.pb.gz](#)
- [gwynedd.pb.gz](#)
- [isle-of-anglesey.pb.gz](#)
- [monmouthshire-and-newport.pb.gz](#)
- [powys.pb.gz](#)
- [south-west-wales.pb.gz](#)
- [swansea.pb.gz](#)

- 2039:

- [bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot.pb.gz](#)
- [cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan.pb.gz](#)
- [central-valleys.pb.gz](#)
- [conwy-and-denbighshire.pb.gz](#)
- [flintshire-and-wrexham.pb.gz](#)
- [gwent-valleys.pb.gz](#)
- [gwynedd.pb.gz](#)
- [isle-of-anglesey.pb.gz](#)
- [monmouthshire-and-newport.pb.gz](#)
- [powys.pb.gz](#)
- [south-west-wales.pb.gz](#)
- [swansea.pb.gz](#)

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## 5 Outputs for Scotland (Police Divisions)

Police divisions are a convenient grouping of unitary districts. Check the year you would like to explore and pick the corresponding file based on the region you are interested. Remember if you want to explore the data you can load the output in our [SPC explorer](#)

- 2012:
  - TBC soon
- 2020:
  - TBC soon
- 2022:
  - TBC soon
- 2032:
  - TBC soon
- 2039:
  - TBC soon

### 5.1 Citing

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## 6 Using the SPC output file

Once you [download](#) or [generate](#) an SPC output file for your study area, how do you use it? Each study area consists of one `.pb` or [protocol buffer file](#). This file efficiently encodes data following this [schema](#). [Read more](#) about what data is contained in the output.

You can read the “protobuf” (shorthand for a protocol buffer file) in any [supported language](#), and then extract and transform just the parts of the data you want for your model.

We have examples for Python below, but feel free to request other languages.

### 6.1 Javascript

We have a [web app](#) using Svelte to interactively explore SPC data. Its [source code](#) is great reference for how to use the proto output.

### 6.2 Python

To work with SPC protobufs in Python, you need two dependencies setup:

- The [protobuf](#) library
  - You can install system-wide with `pip install protobuf`
  - Or add as a dependency to a conda, poetry, etc environment
- The generated Python library, [synthpop\\_pb2.py](#)
  - You can download a copy of this file into your codebase, then `import synthpop_pb2`
  - You can also generate the file yourself, following the [docs](#): `protoc --python_out=python/synthpop.proto`

### 6.2.1 Converting to Pandas data-frames and CSV

The [schema](#) expresses relationships between people, households, and venues that can't all be captured by a simple 2D table. Nevertheless, you can extract per-person information and express as a dataframe or CSV file. See [this example Python script](#) for inspiration. You can try it out:

```
# Download a file
wget https://ramp0storage.blob.core.windows.net/spc-output/v1/rutland.pb.gz
# Uncompress
gunzip rutland.pb.gz
# Convert the .pb to JSON
python3 python/protobuf_to_csv.py --input_path data/output/rutland.pb
# View the output
less people.csv
```

### 6.2.2 Converting .pb file to JSON format

To interactively explore the data, viewing JSON is much easier. It shows the same structure as the protobuf, but in a human-readable text format. The example below uses a [small Python script](#):

```
# Download a file
wget https://ramp0storage.blob.core.windows.net/spc-output/v1/rutland.pb.gz
# Uncompress
gunzip rutland.pb.gz
# Convert the .pb to JSON
python3 python/protobuf_to_json.py data/output/rutland.pb > rutland.json
# View the output
less rutland.json
```

### 6.2.3 Converting to numpy arrays

The [ASPICS](#) project simulates the spread of COVID through a population. The code uses numpy, and [this script](#) converts the protobuf to a bunch of different numpy arrays.

Note the ASPICS code doesn't keep using the generated Python protobuf classes for the rest of the pipeline. Data frames and numpy arrays may be more familiar and appropriate. The protobuf is a format optimized for reading and writing; you don't need to use it throughout all of your model code.

## 6.2.4 Visualizing venues

Use [this script](#) to read a protobuf file, then draws a dot for every venue, color-coded by activity.



## 7 Installation

You only need to compile SPC to run for a custom set of MSOAs. Just [download existing output](#) if your study area matches what we provide.

### 7.1 Dependencies

- **Rust:** The latest stable version of Rust: <https://www.rust-lang.org/tools/install>

### 7.2 Compiling SPC

```
git clone https://github.com/alan-turing-institute/uatk-spc/  
cd uatk-spc  
# The next command will take a few minutes the first time you do it, to build external dep  
cargo build --release
```

### 7.3 Troubleshooting downloading

If you get an error `No such file or directory (os error 2)` it might be because a previous attempt to run SPC failed, and some necessary files were not fully downloaded. In these cases you could try deleting the `data/raw_data` directory and then running SPC again. It should automatically try to download the big files again.

If you have trouble downloading any of the large files, you can download them manually. The logs will contain a line such as `Downloading https://ramp0storage.blob.core.windows.net/nationaldata/ to data/raw_data/nationaldata/QUANT_RAMP_spc.tar.gz`. This tells you the URL to retrieve, and where to put the output file. Note that SPC won't attempt to download files if they already exist, so if you wind up with a partially downloaded file, you have to manually remove it.



## 8 Creating new study areas

If the area you want to model isn't [already generated](#), then you can follow this guide to run SPC on a custom area. You must first [compile SPC](#).

### 8.1 Specifying the area

SPC takes a newline-separated list of MSOAs in the `config/` directory as input, like [this](#). You can generate this list from a LAD (local authority district). From the main SPC directory, run `python scripts/select_msoas.py`. Refer to `data/raw_data/referencedata/lookUp.csv` (only available after running SPC once) for all geographies available.

This script will create a new file, `config/your_region.txt`.

### 8.2 Run SPC for the new area

From the main directory, just run:

```
cargo run --release -- config/your_region.txt
```

This will download some large files the first time. You'll wind up with `data/output/your_region.pb` as output, as well as lots of intermediate files in `data/raw_data/`. The next time you run this command (even on a different study area), it should go much faster.

### 8.3 (Optional) run SPC for lots of areas

If you want to run the program over lots of areas at once and are using Mac/Linux, you can use a `for` loop in a terminal to repeatedly run SPC over all files in the `config` directory. For example, this will run SPC on all `.txt` files in the `config` directory:

```
for file in config/*.csv; do cargo run --release -- config/$file; done
```

## 8.4 Using the output

After you generate the files, see [here](#) for how to use them in your project.

If you use SPC code or data in your work, please cite using the [Zenodo DOI](#) (using the bottom-right tool to generate the citation).

## **Part II**

# **Understanding SPC**

## 9 Data schema

### 9.1 Understanding the schema

Here are some helpful tips for understanding the [schema](#).

Each `.pb` file contains exactly one `Population` message. In contrast to datasets consisting of multiple `.csv` files, just a single file contains everything. Some of the fields in `Population` are lists (of people and households) or maps (of venues keyed by activity, or of MSOAs). Unlike a flat `.csv` table, there may be more lists embedded later. Each `Household` has a list of `members`, for example.

The different objects refer to each other, forming a graph structure. The protobuf uses `uint64` IDs to index into other lists. For example, if some household has `members = [3, 10]`, then those two people can be found at `population.people[3]` and `population.people[10]`. Each of them will have the same `household` ID, pointing back to something in the `population.households` list.

### 9.2 Flows: modelling daily activities

SPC models daily travel behavior of people as “flows.” Flows are broken down by by an [activity](#) – shopping/retail, attending primary or secondary school, working, or staying at home. For each activity type, a person has a list of venues where they may do that activity, weighted by a probability of going to that particular venue.

Note that `flows_per_activity` is stored in `InfoPerMSOA`, not `Person`. The flows for retail and school are only known at the MSOA level, not individually. So given a particular `Person` object, you first look up their household’s MSOA – `msoa = population.households[ person.household ].msoa` and then look up flows for that MSOA – `population.info_per_msoa[msoa].flows_per_activity`.

Each person has exactly 1 flow for home – it’s just `person.household` with probability 1. A person has 0 or 1 flows to work, based on the value of `person.workplace`.

This doesn’t mean that all people in the same MSOA share the same travel behavior. Each person has their own `activity_durations` field, based on time-use survey data. Even if two

people share the same set of places where they may go shopping, one person may spend much more time on that activity than another.

See the [ASPICS conversion script](#) for all of this in action – it has a function to collapse a person’s flows down into a single weighted list.

Note that per MSOA, very few venues are represented as destinations – 10 for retail and 5 for school. Only the most likely venues from QUANT are used.

## 9.3 Flow weights

How do you interpret the probabilities/weights for flows? If your model needs people to visit specific places each day, you could randomly sample a venue from the flows, weighting them appropriately. For retail, you may want to repeat this sampling every day of the simulation, so they visit different venues. For primary and secondary school, it may be more appropriate to sample once and store that for the simulation – a student probably doesn’t switch schools daily.

Alternatively, you can follow what ASPICS does. Every day, each person logically visits all possible venues, but their interaction there (possibly receiving or transmitting COVID) is weighted by the probability of each venue.

# 10 Modelling methods

The principles behind the generation of [SPENSER](#) population data and behind the modelling of trips to schools and retail by [QUANT](#) are detailed in

Lomax N et al. An Open-Source Model for Projecting Small Area Demographic and Land-Use Change. *Geographical analysis*, 54(3), 599-622 (2022). ([DOI](#))

and

Spooner F et al. A dynamic microsimulation model for epidemics. *Soc Sci Med.*, 291:114461 (2021). ([DOI](#))

The result of SPENSER is two separate datasets and a merging key: one dataset for individuals, accurate at MSOA level and containing the `sex`, `age` and `ethnicity` [fields](#); and one for households, accurate at OA level and containing the `OA11CD`, `HOUSE_nssec8`, `House_type`, `HOUSE_typeCommunal`, `HOUSE_NRooms`, `HOUSE_centralHeat`, `HOUSE_tenure` and `HOUSE_NCars` [fields](#) respectively.

## 10.1 Join with the Health Surveys and UK Time Used Survey

Once merged into one dataset according to the matching key, the SPENSER data is enriched with the Health Surveys and UK Time Used Survey.

An individual among those sharing the same 5-year age group (see code for details of age groups for under 18) and sex is drawn from the participants of the Health Survey. This adds the `id_HS`, `HEALTH_diabetes`, `HEALTH_bloodpressure`, `HEALTH_cvd`, `HEALTH_NMedecines`, `HEALTH_selfAssessed` and `HEALTH_lifeSat` [fields](#). This join is not spatially differentiated and other matching criteria (`ethnicity` and `nssec8`) were retained due to a lack of representativity inside the survey. The BMI field is the result of a more comprehensive modelling detailed [below](#).

Each individual that is not a head of household is assigned an `nssec8` category. This is done according to `nssec8` category distributions among the general population by sex and age groups according to ONS data ([DC6114EW](#) and [DC6206SC](#) datasets).

An individual among those sharing the same 5-year age group (see code for details of age groups for under 18), sex and `nssec8` category is drawn from the participants of the UK

Time Use Survey. This adds the `id_TUS_hh`, `id_TUS_p`, `pwkstat`, `soc2010`, `sic1d2007`, `sic2d2007`, `netPayWeekly` and `workedHoursWeekly` fields. Note that the `netPayWeekly` and `workedHoursWeekly` fields have a low response rate among participants of the survey. For that reason, we have added a much more detailed modelling of income, see [below](#), that includes spatial differences at region level.

## 10.2 BMI data

Body Mass Index (BMI) is calculated for each individual from the [Health Survey for England 2019](#) (access needs to be requested to the UK Data Service). This calculation is completely independent from the PSM to the HSE 2017, and therefore the new BMI values will not fit within the categories indicated by this earlier PSM. As the BMI variable is not necessarily independent from the other health variables (diabetes etc.), the new variable should only be used for studies where all other variables are considered equal. The new variable is continuous (a float).

According to the HSE 2019, the distribution of BMI values should follow figure 1. Socio-economic category was discarded for the modelling as it is not independent from the other variables and “mixed” and “other” ethnicities have been merged due to small sample sizes.

Figure 1. BMI per age. Columns represent ethnicity (White, Black, Asian, Other), and the rows sex (female, male).

The distribution for each age group is a gamma distribution. See figure 2.

Figure 2. Distribution of BMI values for white females aged 30-34.

Due to small sample sizes, the BMI is calculated for each individual depending on their age according to a gamma distribution whose mean is the mean for the corresponding age, sex and ethnicity (thick line in figure 1), but whose variance is only determined by the total variance by sex and ethnicity. The resulting BMI were validated for Bedfordshire, and correlations of 0.93 and 0.97 were found between the mean and variance of the modelled data compared to those for the reference HSE 2019 data. See figure 3. The distribution per age, as in figure 1, were also validated.

Figure 3. Modelled mean and variance compared to the reference mean and variance from the HSE 2019 data for each of the eight categories of figure 1.

The R codes for this modelling are [here](#).

## 10.3 Income data

This modelling is mainly based on the 2020 revised edition of the [Earnings and hours worked, region by occupation by four-digit SOC: ASHE Table 15](#) database from ONS. Some percentiles for employees' gross hourly salaries are provided for each full-time and part-time job according to their four-digit SOC classification per region, and separated by sex.

### 10.3.1 Methods

The data are far from complete (only about 15% of all possible values), especially for the highest deciles. We found that an order 3 polynomial fit was satisfactory for most categories (93.11%) to complete the partially filled SOCs. SOCs with too many missing values are given the value for the category that is immediately higher in the SOC hierarchy. Some jobs appear to have a 'ceiling' for the highest percentiles, making the polynomial fit fail. In that case, we have replaced the unknown values by the highest known value in the raw data (as there is no clear and systemic fit for these special cases). In addition, there is no information for the highest decile in all cases, which means that the highest salaries are underestimated (and exceptionally high salaries cannot be obtained). The result of this phase is four tables {male full-time, male part-time, female full-time, female part-time} containing the coefficients of the fitted order 3 polynomial, with an optional ceiling percentile when relevant.

A percentile is chosen randomly (uniformly) for each individual, and the salary is then deduced according to their full-time/part-time status, region, sex and SOC category. A basic hourly salary column is added to the unprocessed SPC data, as well as a corresponding annual salary based on their estimated hours worked per day, according to the Time Use Survey matching. In addition, we repeat this process for all individuals that are categorised as 'Self-employed' or 'Employee unspecified' by the Time Use Survey matching, as if they were full time employees. These values are recorded in the columns `IncomeHAsIf` and `IncomeYAsIf`. We noticed that a high number of employees were given no worked hours by the Time Use Survey. We have added to the `IncomeYAsIf` column an estimation of their annual salary based on [Table 15.9a: Paid hours worked - Total 2020](#), and also depending on the same four variables as above (full-time/part-time status, region, sex and SOC category).

In addition, [age data](#) are made available by ONS. Part of the differences that can be observed between different age groups are already taken into account through the fact that the SOC category can evolve during a career. To take into account that dependence, we first run the above method without weighing by age. The results are shown in the age validation section below. The residual impact of age alone is then added to the model in the following way. When the percentile is drawn for a specific individual, it is morphed to fit within the usual percentage range accessible to that age category. The function that operates this morphing is inferred beforehand and takes into account the salary distribution per age computed by the previous non-age weighted iteration of the modelling (see figure - TBA - for a more detailed description of this function).



The R codes for this modelling are [here](#).

The methods are validated in the next section. Since it is not possible to optimise every criterion at once, this next section can also be used as a reference to re-adjust some values to match exactly the ONS estimated means for one particular criterion of interest.

### 10.3.2 Comparison to reference values from ONS

We compare the results of the modelling to the raw datasets from ONS.

- Mod for modelled
- M for male
- F for female
- H for hourly gross salary
- Y for annual gross salary
- FT for full-Time
- PT for part-Time
- Only individuals recorded as employees (i.e. not self-employed) are taken into account in this section.

#### Number of employees per sex and full-time/part-time classification

The numbers given by ONS vary from dataset to dataset and are reported by ONS as indicative only. For the modelled values, we give the total number of individuals with a non-zero salary in each category.

Variable	All	FT	PT	M	M	M PT	F	F FT	F PT
					FT				
ONS tot	22-26k	16-19k	6-8k	11-13k	9-11k	1.5-2k	11-13k	6.5-7.5k	4.5-5.5k
Mod tot	23.1k	18.5k	4.6k	11.8k	11k	0.8k	11.3k	7.5k	3.8k
H									
Mod tot	17.6k	14.8k	2.8k	9.4k	8.9k	0.5k	8.2k	5.9k	2.3k
Y									

A significant number of individuals listed as working either full or part time have 0 effective worked hours per day according to the Time Use Survey matching. In those cases, an hourly salary is modelled depending on their SOC, region and sex, as for any other employee, but the annual salary will be displayed as 0. It is possible to estimate the likely true number of hours worked from the same ONS dataset (Table 15.9a: Paid hours worked - Total 2020), also depending on their sex, soc and region. This calculation has been added to the “As If” column.

#### Hourly gross salary per sex and full-time/part-time classification

Variable	All	FT	PT	M	M FT	M PT	F	F FT	F PT
ONS mean	17.63	18.32	13.93	18.81	19.12	14.69	16.19	17.08	13.68
ONS median	13.71	15.15	10.38	14.84	15.58	10.12	12.58	14.42	10.47
Mod mean	16.45	17.19	13.45	17.50	17.84	12.75	15.35	16.23	13.60
Mod median	13.55	14.46	10.23	14.27	14.72	9.16	12.79	14.12	10.51

The median values are quite close to the ONS values, but the mean values are always lower. This is expected, see the description of the modelling above.

### Annual gross salary per sex and full-time/part-time classification

Only values > 0 are retained for these calculations.

Variable	All	FT	PT	M	M FT	M PT	F	F FT	F PT
ONS mean	31,646	38,552	13,819	38,421	42,072	14,796	24,871	33,253	13,512
ONS median	25,886	31,487	11,240	31,393	33,915	10,883	20,614	28,002	4,743
Mod mean	34,317	36,595	22,257	37,574	38,496	20,698	30,594	33,729	22,585
Mod median	28,713	30,942	17,928	31,404	32,382	17,382	25,875	29,028	18,137

The average salary for part-time employees is correct when values equal to 0 are taken into account. This suggests that the total number of hours worked for part-time employees is correct, but the way they are distributed among individuals is not. It could be due to the TUS taking a snapshot of the situation during a particular week, rather than averaging their data over the year. It appears that the TUS matching also overestimates the average number of hours worked for female employees.

### Regional differences (hourly gross salary)

Region	East		North		South		West		Yorkshire and The Humber
	East	Mid-lands	London	East	West	East	West	Mid-lands	
ONS mean	16.74	15.87	23.78	15.69	16.36	17.88	16.36	16.34	15.76
ONS median	13.28	12.65	18.30	12.40	12.90	14.33	12.74	12.92	12.46
Mod mean	16.67	15.29	19.39	15.05	15.22	17.34	15.92	15.47	14.41

Region	East	East Mid- lands	London	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Mid- lands	Yorkshire and The Humber
Mod me- dian	13.69	12.79	16.25	12.42	12.44	14.84	13.35	12.64	12.44

The pearson correlations for mean and median between the modelled and raw values are 0.92 and 0.93.

### Hourly gross salary per one-digit SOC

1d SOC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ONS mean	26.77	23.38	18.29	13.42	13.35	10.87	10.94	12.23	10.77
ONS median	20.96	21.34	15.66	11.54	12.04	10.08	9.52	10.93	9.22
Mod mean	21.52	22.14	16.00	12.76	12.55	10.49	10.50	12.05	9.87
Mod median	17.22	20.66	14.12	11.46	11.34	9.71	9.59	10.82	9.12

1. Managers, directors and senior officials
2. Professional occupations
3. Associate professional and technical occupations
4. Administrative and secretarial occupations
5. Skilled trades occupations
6. Caring, leisure and other service occupations
7. Sales and customer service occupations
8. Process, plant and machine operatives
9. Elementary occupations.

The Pearson correlations for mean and median between the modelled and raw values are 0.98 and 0.98.

### Hourly gross salary per age

The reference for this table is: [Table 6.5a Hourly pay - Gross 2020](#)

Table before weighting by age:

Age	16-17	18-21	22-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
ONS mean	7.21	9.59	14.09	18.13	20.04	19.12	16.32
ONS median	6.36	9.00	12.26	15.08	15.89	14.39	12.17
Mod mean	12.77	14.96	16.33	16.93	16.83	16.66	16.29
Mod median	10.93	12.71	13.88	14.02	13.96	13.85	13.65

The Pearson correlations for mean and median between the modelled and raw values are 0.92 and 0.92.

Table after weighting by age:

Age	16-17	18-21	22-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
ONS mean	7.21	9.59	14.09	18.13	20.04	19.12	16.32
ONS median	6.36	9.00	12.26	15.08	15.89	14.39	12.17
Mod mean	9.05	11.15	14.87	17.35	17.96	17.47	15.41
Mod median	8.20	9.51	12.86	14.41	14.78	14.43	12.56

The Pearson correlations for mean and median between the modelled and raw values are 0.99 and 0.99.

## 10.4 Commuting flows

In order to distribute each individual of the population to a unique physical workplace, we first created a population of all individual workplaces in England, based on a combination of the Nomis UK Business Counts 2020 dataset and the Nomis Business register and Employment Survey 2015 (see [Data sources](#)). The first dataset gives the number of individual workplace counts per industry, using the SIC 2007 industry classification, with imprecise size (i.e. number of employees) bands at MSOA level. The second dataset gives the total number of jobs available at LSOA level per SIC 2007 industry category. We found that the distribution of workplace sizes follows closely a simple  $1/x$  distribution, allowing us to draw for each workplace a size within their band, with sum constraints given by the total number of jobs available, according to the second dataset. The R codes to create the list of all workplaces can be found [here](#).

The workplace ‘population’ and individual population are then levelled for each SIC 2007 category by removing the exceeding part of whichever dataset lists more items. This takes into account that people and business companies are likely to over-report their working availability (e.g. part time and seasonal contracts are not counted differently than full time contracts, jobseekers or people on maternity leave might report the SIC of their last job). This process can be controlled by a threshold in the parameter file that defines the maximal total proportion of workers or jobs that can be removed. If the two datasets cannot be levelled accordingly, the categories are dropped and the datasets are levelled globally. Tests in the West Yorkshire area have shown that when the level 1 SIC, containing 21 unique categories, is used, 90% of the volume of commuting flows were recovered compared to the Nomis commuting OD matrices at MSOA level.

The employees for each workplace are drawn according to the ‘universal law of visitation’, see

Schläpfer M et al. The universal visitation law of human mobility. Nature 593, 522–527 (2021). ([DOI](#))

This framework predicts that visitors to any destination follow a simple

$$(r,f) = K / (rf)^2$$

distribution, where  $(r,f)$  is the density of visitors coming from a distance  $r$  with frequency  $f$  and  $K$  is a balancing constant depending on the specific area. In the context of commuting, it can be assumed that  $f = 1$ . Additionally, we only need to weigh potential employees against each other, which removes the necessity to compute explicitly  $K$ . In the West Yorkshire test, we found a Pearson coefficient of 0.7 between the predicted flows when aggregated at MSOA level and the OD matrix at MSOA level available from Nomis.

# 11 Data sources

The original data are provided at different scales, which define their level of accuracy. For simplicity, the outputs of SPC are geolocated at Output Area (OA) level, although this scale may not be relevant to all indicators. The 2011 OAs are a geographical unit created for census collection and are designed to be relatively homogeneous, with an average size between 120 and 129 households.

The data from Open Street Map (OSM) is downloaded directly from <https://www.openstreetmap.org>. Everything else is hosted through local copies inside one Azure repository that interacts automatically with the model. We describe below the content of this repository and indicate the raw source used for each indicator. It is divided into utilities, county level data and national data. To recreate the content of this repository from raw sources, please refer to [this part of the code](#).

## 11.1 Utility data

### [lookUp-GB.csv.gz](#)

The look-up table links different geographies of Great Britain together. It is used internally by the model, but can also help the user define their own study area. The following are standard denominations, compatible with ONS fields of the same name. They are based on ONS [lookups](#). See ONS documentation for more details.

- OA11CD: Output area codes for the 2011 census (120 to 129 households)
- LSOA11CD & LSOA11NM: Lower-layer Super Output Areas (about 2000 individuals), replaced by Intermediary Zones for Scotland
- MSOA11CD,MSOA11NM: Middle-layer Super Output Areas (about 8000 individuals), replaced by Data Zones for Scotland
- LAD20CD, LAD20NM: Local Authority Districts (314 for England, 22 for Wales and 32 for Scotland)
- ITL321CD, ITL321NM, ITL221CD, ITL221NM, ITL121CD & ITL121NM: International Territorial Level, replacing pre-Brexit NUTS European divisions.
- RGN20CD & RGN20NM: Regions of England (NA for other Wales and Scotland)
- Country: England, Wales or Scotland

In addition,

- “AzureRef”: Name of the geographical unit for the County level data folder inside Azure (Lieutenancy Areas – a.k.a. Ceremonial Counties – for England, Scottish Police Divisions and ITL321NM for Wales) For Wales: ITL321NM
- “GoogleMob” & “OSM” are alternate spellings used by Google and OSM for their data releases.

## 11.2 County level data

Files in this section are grouped by country (England, Wales and Scotland), then date (2012, 2020, 2022, 2032, 2039). The format of a path to an individual file is:

```
https://ramp0storage.blob.core.windows.net/countydata-v2-1/[country]/[date]/pop_[area_name].
```

As of July 2023, England contains 5 series of 47 files, Wales 5 series of 12 files and Scotland 5 series of 13 files

### pop\_.csv.gz

The data is mainly based on the [2011 UK census](#), the UK [Time Use Survey 2014-15](#) and the health surveys of GB ([England](#), [Wales](#), [Scotland](#)). The SPENSER (Synthetic Population Estimation and Scenario Projection) microsimulation model ([ref](#)) distributes individuals from the census with MSOA scale constraints into synthetic households with OA constraints. It is able to project this synthetic population in the future according to estimates from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). These data were enriched with some of the content of the other datasets mentioned (the rest of which can be added *a posteriori* from the identifiers provided). The data have also been complemented with a modelling of BMI and salaries. The methods used to join the different datasets are explained in the [methods](#).

The fields currently contained are detailed [here](#). They are:

- **pid**: Unique person identifier at GB level within SPC
- **hid**: Unique household identifier at GB level within SPC
- **OA11CD**: Output Area code of the individual’s home (ONS, 2011 boundaries)
- **sex**: Sex assigned at birth (DC1117EW, census 2011)
- **age**: Age in years (DC1117EW, census 2011)
- **ethnicity**: Based on self-report (aggregated from DC2101EW, census 2011)
- **nssec8**: National Statistics Socio-economic classification (see methods)
- **HOUSE\_nssec8**: National Statistics Socio-economic classification of the reference person of the household (LC4605, census 2011)

- **House\_type**: Type of accommodation (based on LC4402EW, census 2011)
- **HOUSE\_typeCommunal**: Type of communal establishment (based on QS420, census 2011)
- **HOUSE\_NRooms**: Number of rooms in the accommodation (LC4404EW, census 2011)
- **HOUSE\_centralHeat**: Presence of central heating (based on LC4402EW, census 2011)
- **HOUSE\_tenure**: Tenure (based on LC4402EW, census 2011)
- **HOUSE\_NCars**: Number of cars (derived from LC4202EW by SPENSER team, census 2011)
- **id\_HS**: unique identifier within the Health Survey (aggregated from the Health surveys from England, Wales and Scotland)
- **HEALTH\_diabetes**: for Scotland and England, has doctor diagnosed diabetes; for Wales, diabetes currently treated (derived from HSE, HSW, SHS)
- **HEALTH\_bloodpressure**: for Scotland and England, Doctor diagnosed high blood pressure; for Wales, high blood pressure currently treated (derived from HSE, HSW, SHS)
- **HEALTH\_cvd**: for England, cardiovascular medication taken in the last 7 days; for Scotland, had cardiovascular condition excluding diabetes / blood pressure; for Wales, any heart condition excluding high blood pressure (derived from HSE, HSW, SHS)
- **HEALTH\_Nmedecines**: Number of prescribed medications (derived from HSE, HSW, SHS)
- **HEALTH\_selfAssessed**: Self assessed general health (derived from HSE, HSW, SHS)
- **HEALTH\_lifeSat**: how satisfied with life nowadays? (derived from HSE, HSW, SHS)
- **HEALTH\_bmi**: BMI (see methods)
- **id\_TUS\_hh**: serial household identifier field in the UK Time Use Survey 2015
- **id\_TUS\_p**: pnun person identifier field in the UK Time Use Survey 2015
- **pwkstat**: Employment status (derived from UK TUS 2015)
- **soc2010**: Standard Occupational Classification (derived from UK TUS 2015)
- **sic1d2007**: Standard Industry Classification of economic activities 2007, 1st level (derived from UK TUS 2015)
- **sic2d2007**: Standard Industry Classification of economic activities 2007, 2nd level (derived from UK TUS 2015)
- **netPayWeekly**: Weekly take home pay after all deductions (derived from UK TUS 2015)
- **workedHoursWeekly**: Number of hours per week usually worked in main job or business (derived from UK TUS 2015)
- **incomeH**: Hourly gross salary for full-time and part-time employees (see methods)
- **incomeY**: Yearly gross salary for full-time and part-time employees (see methods)
- **incomeHAsIf**: Hourly gross salary for employees with self employed/other employees as employees of the same industry and with mean hourly worked for the industry when the number of hours is missing (see methods)
- **incomeYAsIf**: Yearly gross salary for employees with self employed/other employees as employees of the same industry and with mean hourly worked for the industry when the number of hours is missing (see methods)
- **ESport**: Relative probability weight to attend a sport fixture (Experimental, WIP)
- **ERugby**: Relative probability weight to attend a Rugby fixture (Experimental, WIP)
- **EConcertM**: Relative probability weight to attend a concert primarily targeting young males (Experimental, WIP)



- **EConcertF**: Relative probability weight to attend a concert primarily targeting young females (Experimental, WIP)
- **EConcertMS**: Relative probability weight to attend a concert primarily targeting middle-aged males (Experimental, WIP)
- **EConcertMS**: Relative probability weight to attend a concert primarily targeting middle-aged females (Experimental, WIP)
- **EMuseum**: Relative probability weight to visit a museum (Experimental, WIP)
- **easting**: X coordinate of the OA centroid in the British National Grid coordinate system (epsg:27700, source: ONS)
- **northing**: Y coordinate of the OA centroid in the British National Grid coordinate system (epsg:27700, source: ONS)
- **lng**: X coordinate of the OA centroid in the Longitude/Latitude coordinate system (epsg:4326, derived from ONS)
- **lat**: Y coordinate of the OA centroid in the Longitude/Latitude coordinate system (epsg:4326, derived from ONS)

## 11.3 National data

### [businessRegistry.csv.gz](#)

Contains a breakdown of all business units (i.e. a single workplace) in Great Britain at LSOA scale, estimated by the project contributors from two nomis datasets: [UK Business Counts - local units by industry and employment size band 2020](#) and [Business Register and Employment Survey 2015](#). Each item contains the **size** of the unit and its main **sic1d07** code in reference to standard [Industrial Classification of Economic Activities 2007](#) (number corresponding to the letter in alphabetical order). It is used to compute commuting flows.

### GIS/

Contains three GIS datasets of GB in GeoJson format taken from [ONS boundaries](#):

- [OA\\_2011\\_Pop20.geojson](#) at OA level
- [LSOA\\_2011\\_Pop20.geojson](#) at LSOA level
- [MSOA\\_2011\\_Pop20.geojson](#) at MSA level

### [QUANT\\_RAMP\\_spc.tar.gz](#)

See: Milton R, Batty M, Dennett A, dedicated [RAMP Spatial Interaction Model GitHub repository](#). It is used to compute the flows towards schools and retail.

### **[timeAtHomeIncreaseCTY.csv.gz](#)**

This file is a subset from [Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports](#), cropped to GB. It describes the daily reduction in mobility, averaged at county level, due to lockdown and other COVID-19 restrictions between the 15th of February 2020 and 15th of October 2022. Missing values have been replaced by the national average. These values can be used directly to reduce `pnothome` and increase `phometot` (and their sub-categories) to simulate more accurately the period.

### **[diariesRef.csv.gz](#)**

Contains diaries taken from the UK TUS that can be distributed to the population on a daily basis. They contain weekend days and weekday days. A full description of the fields can be found [here](#).

# **Part III**

## **Advanced**

# 12 Developer guide

## 12.1 Updating the docs

The site is built with [Quarto](#). You can iterate on it locally: `cd docs; quarto preview`

## 12.2 Code hygiene

We use automated tools to format the code.

```
cargo fmt

# Format Markdown docs
prettier --write *.md
prettier --write docs/*.qmd --parser markdown
```

Install [prettier](#) for Markdown.

## 12.3 Some tips for working with Rust

There are two equivalent ways to rebuild and then run the code. First:

```
cargo run --release -- devon
```

The `--` separates arguments to `cargo`, the Rust build tool, and arguments to the program itself. The second way:

```
cargo build --release
./target/release/aspics devon
```

You can build the code in two ways – **debug** and **release**. There's a simple tradeoff – debug mode is fast to build, but slow to run. Release mode is slow to build, but fast to run. For the ASPICS codebase, since the input data is so large and the codebase so small, I'd recommend always using `--release`. If you want to use debug mode, just omit the flag.

If you're working on the Rust code outside of an IDE like [VSCode](#), then you can check if the code compiles much faster by doing `cargo check`.

## 12.4 Docker

We provide a Dockerfile in case it's helpful for running, but don't recommend using it. If you want to, then assuming you have Docker setup:

```
docker build -t spc .  
docker run --mount type=bind,source="$(pwd)"/data,target=/spc/data -t spc /spc/target/rele
```

This will make the `data` directory in your directory available to the Docker image, where it'll download the large input files and produce the final output.

# 13 Code walkthrough

SPC is implemented in [Rust](#), and its code can be found [here](#). This is an unusual implementation choice in the data science world, so this page has some notes about it.

## 13.1 Generally useful techniques

The code-base makes use of some techniques that may be generally applicable to other projects, independent of the language chosen.

### 13.1.1 Split code into two stages

Agent-based models and spatial interaction models require some kind of input. Often the effort to transform external data into this input can exceed that of the simulation component. Cleanly separating the two problems has some advantages:

- iterate on the simulation faster, without processing raw data every run
- reuse the prepared input for future projects
- force thinking about the data model needed by the simulation, and transform the external data into that form

SPC is exactly this first stage, originally split from [ASPICS](#) when further uses of the same population data were identified.

### 13.1.2 Explicit data schema

Dynamically typed languages like Python don't force you to explicitly list the shape of input data. It's common to read CSV files with `pandas`, filter and transform the data, and use that throughout the program. This can be quick to start prototyping, but is hard to maintain longer-term. Investing in the process of writing down types:

- makes it easier for somebody new to understand your system – they can first focus on **what** you're modeling, instead of how that's built up from raw data sources
- clarifies what data actually matters to your system; you don't carry forward unnecessary input

- makes it impossible to express invalid states
  - One example is [here](#) – per person and activity, there’s a list of venues the person may visit, along with a probability of going there. If the list of venues and list of probabilities are stored as separate lists or columns, then their length may not match.
- reuse the prepared input for future projects

There’s a variety of techniques for expressing strongly typed data:

- [protocol buffers](#) or [flatbuffers](#)
- [JSON schemas](#)
- [Python data classes](#) and [optional type hints](#)
- [statically typed languages like Rust](#)

### 13.1.3 Type-safe IDs

Say your data model has many different objects, each with their own ID – people, households, venues, etc. You might store these in a list and use the index as an ID. This is fine, but nothing stops you from confusing IDs and accidentally passing in venue 5 to a function instead of household 5. In Rust, it’s easy to create “wrapper types” like [this](#) and let the compiler prevent these mistakes.

This technique is also useful when preparing external data. [GTFS data](#) describing public transit routes and timetables contains many string IDs – shapes, trips, stops, routes. As soon as you read the raw input, you can [store the strings in more precise types](#) that prevent mixing up a stop ID and route ID.

### 13.1.4 Idempotent data preparation

If you’re iterating on your initialisation pipeline’s code, you probably don’t want to download a 2GB external file every single run. A common approach is to first test if a file exists and don’t download it again if so. In practice, you may also need to handle unzipping files, showing a progress bar while downloading, and printing clear error messages. This codebase has some [common code](#) for doing this in Rust. We intend to publish a separate library to more easily call in your own code.

### 13.1.5 Logging with structure

It's typical to print information as a complex pipeline runs, for the user to track progress and debug problems. But without any sort of organization, it's hard to follow what steps take a long time or encounter problems. What if your logs could show the logical structure of your pipeline and help you understand where time is spent?

```
[192.30s] [get_info_per_msoa] Loading buildings from data/raw_data/countydata/OSM/west-yorkshire-latest-free/
[192.64s] [get_info_per_msoa] Found 474,207 buildings from data/raw_data/countydata/OSM/west-yorkshire-latest-free/gis
osm_buildings_a_free_1.shp
[192.70s] [get_info_per_msoa] Matching 474,207 points to 299 polygons. Building R-Tree...
[194.22s] [calculate_lockdown_per_day] Calculating per-day lockdown values
[194.24s] [load_events] Loading events data
[194.25s] [initialisation] By the end, Memory usage: 1.53GiB
[200.89s] [Writing snapshot] Merging flows for all activities

212.24s      initialisation WestYorkshireLarge
31.18ms      grab_raw_data
192.04s      creating population
8.20s        read_individual_time_use_and_health_data
4.35s        Reading "data/raw_data/countydata/tus_hse_west-yorkshire.csv"
3.83s        Creating households
152.38s      create_commuting_flows
8.30s        setup_venue_flows Retail
6.59s        Copying flows to people Retail
7.47s        setup_venue_flows Nightclub
6.63s        Copying flows to people Nightclub
8.68s        setup_venue_flows PrimarySchool
6.58s        Copying flows to people PrimarySchool
7.00s        setup_venue_flows SecondarySchool
6.50s        Copying flows to people SecondarySchool
2.03s        get_info_per_msoa
24.48ms      calculate_lockdown_per_day
251.20µs     load_events "model_parameters/eventDataConcerts.csv"
1.07s        Writing population to "data/processed_data/WestYorkshireLarge/rust_cache.bin"
16.93s       Writing snapshot
```

The screenshot above shows a summary printed at the end of a long pipeline run. It's immediately obvious that the slowest step is creating commuting flows.

This codebase uses the [tracing](#) framework for logging, with a [custom piece](#) to draw the tree. (We'll publish this as a separate library once it's more polished.) The tracing framework is hard to understand, but the main conceptual leap over regular logging frameworks is the concept of a **span**. When your code starts one logical step, you call a method to create a new span, and when it finishes, you close that span. Spans can be nested in any way – `create_commuting_flows` happens within the larger step of `creating population`.

### 13.1.6 Determinism

Given the same inputs, your code should always produce identical output, no matter where it's run or how many times. Otherwise, debugging problems becomes very tedious, and it's more difficult to make conclusions from results. Of course, many projects have a stochastic element – but this should be controlled by a random number generator (RNG) seed, which is part of the input. You vary the seed and repeat the program, then reason about the distribution of results.



Aside from organizing your code to let a single RNG seed influence everything, another possible source of non-determinism is iteration order. In Rust, a `HashMap` could have different order every time it's used, so we use a `BTreeMap` instead when this matters. In Python, dictionaries are ordered. Be sure to check for your language.

## 13.2 Protocol buffers

SPC uses protocol buffers v2 for output. This has some advantages explained the “explicit data schema” section above.

Note that we chose proto2 instead of proto3, because proto3 doesn't support [required fields](#). This is done to allow schemas to evolve better over time, but this isn't a feature SPC makes use of. There's no need to have new code work with old data, or vice versa – if the schema is updated, downstream code should adapt accordingly and use the updated input files.

Note also that protocol buffers don't easily support type-safe wrappers around numeric IDs, so downstream code has to be careful not to mix up household, venue, and person IDs. For this reason, SPC internally doesn't use the auto-generated protobuf code until the very end of the pipeline. It's always possible to be more precise with native Rust types, and convert to the less strict types later.

## 13.3 An example of the power of static type checking

Imagine we want to add a new activity type to represent people going to university and higher education. SPC already has activities for primary and secondary school, so we'll probably want to follow those as a guide. In any language, we could search the codebase for relevant terms to get a sense of what to update. In languages like Python without an up-front compilation step, if we fail to update something or write blatantly incorrect code (such as making a typo in variable names or passing a list where a string was expected), we only find out when that code happens to run. In pipelines with many steps and large input files, it could be a while before we reach the problematic code.

Let's walk through the same exercise for SPC's Rust code. We start by adding a new `University` case to the [Activity enum](#). If we try to compile the code here (with `cargo check` or an IDE), we immediately get 4 errors.

```

error[E0004]: non-exhaustive patterns: `University` not covered
--> src/init/quant.rs:38:44
38 |         let (population_csv, prob_sij) = match activity {
    |                                           ^^^^^^^^^ pattern `University` not covered
    |
    = help: ensure that all possible cases are being handled, possibly by adding wildcards or more
match arms
    = note: the matched value is of type `Activity`
    ::: src/lib.rs:129:1
129 | / pub enum Activity {
130 | |     Retail,
131 | |     PrimarySchool,
132 | |     SecondarySchool,
    | |     ...
135 | |     University,
    | |     ----- not covered
136 | | }
    | |_- `Activity` defined here

```

Three of the errors are in the QUANT module. The first is [here](#). It's immediately clear that for retail and primary/secondary school, we read in two files from QUANT representing venues where these activities take place and the probability of going to each venue. Even if we were unfamiliar with this codebase, the compiler has told us one thing we'll need to figure out, and where to wire it up.

```

error[E0004]: non-exhaustive patterns: `University` not covered
--> src/protobuf.rs:135:11
135 |         match activity {
    |             ^^^^^^^^^ pattern `University` not covered
    |
    = help: ensure that all possible cases are being handled, possibly by adding wildcards or more
match arms
    = note: the matched value is of type `Activity`
    ::: src/lib.rs:129:1
129 | / pub enum Activity {
130 | |     Retail,
131 | |     PrimarySchool,
132 | |     SecondarySchool,
    | |     ...
135 | |     University,
    | |     ----- not covered
136 | | }
    | |_- `Activity` defined here

```

The other error is in the [code that writes the protobuf output](#). Similarly, we need a way to represent university activities in the protobuf scheme.

Extending an unfamiliar code-base backed by compiler errors is a very guided experience. If you wanted to add more demographic attributes to people or energy use information to households, you don't need to guess all of the places in the code you'll need to update. You can just add the field, then let the compiler tell you all places where those objects get created.

# 14 Performance

The following tables summarizes the resources SPC needs to run in different areas.

year	study_area	num_msoas	households	people	file_size	time	commuting	memory_usage
2012	England/bedfordshire	74	245,166	647,272	256.91 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	848.99 MiB
2020	England/bedfordshire	74	272,875	674,044	271.73 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	922.86 MiB
2022	England/bedfordshire	74	309,706	703,582	277.82 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	929.78 MiB
2032	England/bedfordshire	74	309,706	703,582	277.82 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	929.78 MiB
2039	England/bedfordshire	74	329,061	715,797	278.47 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	927.74 MiB
2012	England/berkshire	107	342,167	890,543	356.08 MiB	10 seconds	4 seconds	1.06 GiB
2020	England/berkshire	107	365,905	918,258	373.39 MiB	10 seconds	4 seconds	1.10 GiB
2022	England/berkshire	107	394,446	941,655	368.41 MiB	10 seconds	4 seconds	1.08 GiB
2032	England/berkshire	107	394,446	941,655	368.41 MiB	10 seconds	4 seconds	1.08 GiB
2039	England/berkshire	107	408,604	949,986	367.25 MiB	10 seconds	4 seconds	1.07 GiB
2012	England/bristol	55	182,299	448,233	173.75 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	527.15 MiB
2020	England/bristol	55	196,940	470,039	184.00 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	547.40 MiB
2022	England/bristol	55	216,197	503,014	192.51 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	559.70 MiB

year	study_area	num_msoas	households	people	file_size	time	commuting	memory_usage
2032	England/bristol	55	216,197	503,014	192.51 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	559.70 MiB
2039	England/bristol	55	227,770	521,371	199.73 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	573.32 MiB
2012	England/buckinghamshire99	99	301,486	786,221	314.40 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1007.27 MiB
2020	England/buckinghamshire99	99	327,554	816,518	331.16 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1.02 GiB
2022	England/buckinghamshire99	99	333,801	824,863	334.87 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1.03 GiB
2032	England/buckinghamshire99	99	363,840	844,684	331.67 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1.01 GiB
2039	England/buckinghamshire99	99	381,583	855,739	332.20 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1.01 GiB
2012	England/cambridgeshire	98	327,257	832,980	323.39 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1013.07 MiB
2020	England/cambridgeshire	98	348,522	863,250	341.20 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1.03 GiB
2022	England/cambridgeshire	98	377,634	907,166	348.79 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1.03 GiB
2032	England/cambridgeshire	98	377,634	907,166	348.79 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1.03 GiB
2039	England/cambridgeshire	98	392,478	924,170	351.43 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1.04 GiB
2012	England/cheshire	139	441,084	1,042,064	402.31 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.13 GiB
2020	England/cheshire	139	464,134	1,070,597	416.52 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.46 GiB
2022	England/cheshire	139	489,476	1,125,198	425.44 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB
2032	England/cheshire	139	489,476	1,125,198	425.44 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB
2039	England/cheshire	139	501,501	1,149,514	431.28 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.48 GiB
2012	England/cornwall	74	233,710	551,951	208.93 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	744.32 MiB

year	study_area	num_msoas	as_households	people	file_size	time	commuting	memory_usage
2020	England/cornwall	74	248,145	579,460	220.51 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	766.20 MiB
2022	England/cornwall	74	251,934	590,365	224.28 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	773.13 MiB
2032	England/cornwall	74	271,147	636,573	234.01 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	829.51 MiB
2039	England/cornwall	74	281,563	660,164	240.35 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	839.16 MiB
2012	England/cumbria	64	222,586	498,624	188.07 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	547.25 MiB
2020	England/cumbria	64	226,893	499,873	188.76 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	548.43 MiB
2022	England/cumbria	64	230,206	499,840	183.22 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	533.91 MiB
2032	England/cumbria	64	230,206	499,840	183.22 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	533.91 MiB
2039	England/cumbria	64	231,202	498,475	181.62 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	530.88 MiB
2012	England/derbyshire	131	436,276	1,035,356	697.76 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.12 GiB
2020	England/derbyshire	131	459,743	1,064,406	609.77 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.44 GiB
2022	England/derbyshire	131	489,764	1,122,078	619.53 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.45 GiB
2032	England/derbyshire	131	489,764	1,122,078	619.53 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.45 GiB
2039	England/derbyshire	131	505,314	1,152,518	629.02 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB
2012	England/devon	156	494,106	1,165,952	638.76 MiB	13 seconds	4 seconds	1.49 GiB
2020	England/devon	156	523,033	1,212,387	659.60 MiB	13 seconds	4 seconds	1.53 GiB

year	study_area	num_msoas	households	people	file_size	time commuting	memory usage
2022	England/devon	156	567,011	1,304,874	78.87 MiB	14 seconds	4 seconds 1.64 GiB
2032	England/devon	156	567,011	1,304,874	78.87 MiB	14 seconds	5 seconds 1.64 GiB
2039	England/devon	156	589,178	1,342,774	88.39 MiB	14 seconds	5 seconds 1.66 GiB
2012	England/dorset	95	328,906	761,766	285.99 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 931.64 MiB
2020	England/dorset	95	345,862	777,887	295.20 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 951.30 MiB
2022	England/dorset	95	350,392	782,725	296.83 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 955.86 MiB
2032	England/dorset	95	375,160	802,953	294.92 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 945.43 MiB
2039	England/dorset	95	389,694	810,856	294.90 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 945.59 MiB
2012	England/durham	117	390,472	911,601	349.81 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1.03 GiB
2020	England/durham	117	407,828	930,184	359.62 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1.05 GiB
2022	England/durham	117	425,611	952,801	356.65 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1.03 GiB
2032	England/durham	117	425,611	952,801	356.65 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1.03 GiB
2039	England/durham	117	434,593	959,555	357.69 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1.04 GiB
2012	England/east-sussex	102	355,257	827,703	313.77 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 987.24 MiB
2020	England/east-sussex	102	380,894	853,970	324.07 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1006.06 MiB
2022	England/east-sussex	102	423,181	895,907	329.61 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1008.52 MiB
2032	England/east-sussex	102	423,181	895,907	329.61 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1008.52 MiB
2039	England/east-sussex	102	446,000	915,014	335.50 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds 1020.68 MiB
2012	England/east-yorkshire-with-hull	75	255,848	593,271	227.51 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds 778.67 MiB

year	study_area	num_msoas	households	people	file_size	time	commuting	memory_usage
2020	England/east-yorkshire-with-hull	75	262,609	602,286	233.16 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	834.96 MiB
2022	England/east-yorkshire-with-hull	75	272,805	613,721	230.36 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	824.41 MiB
2032	England/east-yorkshire-with-hull	75	272,805	613,721	230.36 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	824.42 MiB
2039	England/east-yorkshire-with-hull	75	277,770	617,357	230.47 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	824.92 MiB
2012	England/essex	211	722,974	1,786,310	90.86 MiB	19 seconds	9 seconds	2.06 GiB
2020	England/essex	211	773,454	1,857,205	726.11 MiB	20 seconds	9 seconds	2.13 GiB
2022	England/essex	211	858,552	1,981,997	761.49 MiB	21 seconds	9 seconds	2.19 GiB
2032	England/essex	211	858,552	1,981,997	761.49 MiB	21 seconds	10 seconds	2.19 GiB
2039	England/essex	211	906,640	2,042,407	777.80 MiB	22 seconds	10 seconds	2.21 GiB
2012	England/gloucestershire	107	365,240	889,836	344.21 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.02 GiB
2020	England/gloucestershire	107	392,643	933,909	362.94 MiB	11 seconds	3 seconds	1.06 GiB
2022	England/gloucestershire	107	432,216	1,025,073	389.60 MiB	11 seconds	3 seconds	1.10 GiB
2032	England/gloucestershire	107	432,216	1,025,073	389.60 MiB	11 seconds	3 seconds	1.10 GiB
2039	England/gloucestershire	107	453,383	1,068,484	403.92 MiB	11 seconds	3 seconds	1.43 GiB
2012	England/greater-london	983	3,287,651	8,587,953	3.28 GiB	5 minutes	4 minutes	11.80 GiB

year	study_area	num_msoas	households	people	file_size	time commuting	memory usage
2020	England/greater-london	983	3,578,616	8,992,493.48 GiB	5 min- utes	4 minutes	12.22 GiB
2022	England/greater-london	983	3,645,459	9,105,919.53 GiB	5 min- utes	4 minutes	12.31 GiB
2032	England/greater-london	983	4,001,897	9,461,273.55 GiB	5 min- utes	5 minutes	12.26 GiB
2039	England/greater-london	983	4,233,367	9,697,960.59 GiB	6 min- utes	5 minutes	12.96 GiB
2012	England/greater-manchester	346	1,128,371	2,745,451.05 GiB	40 sec- onds	26 seconds	3.56 GiB
2020	England/greater-manchester	346	1,192,547	2,840,431.10 GiB	41 sec- onds	27 seconds	3.66 GiB
2022	England/greater-manchester	346	1,272,689	2,974,954.13 GiB	43 sec- onds	27 seconds	3.69 GiB
2032	England/greater-manchester	346	1,272,689	2,974,954.13 GiB	43 sec- onds	28 seconds	3.69 GiB
2039	England/greater-manchester	346	1,319,090	3,049,727.15 GiB	45 sec- onds	29 seconds	3.73 GiB
2012	England/hampshire	225	733,611	1,810,516.19 MiB	21 sec- onds	10 seconds	2.07 GiB
2020	England/hampshire	225	777,116	1,861,257.78 MiB	21 sec- onds	10 seconds	2.12 GiB
2022	England/hampshire	225	836,451	1,931,667.13 MiB	21 sec- onds	10 seconds	2.12 GiB
2032	England/hampshire	225	836,451	1,931,667.13 MiB	21 sec- onds	10 seconds	2.12 GiB



year	study_area	num_msoas	households	people	file_size	time commuting	memory usage
2039	England/hampshire	225	867,417	1,960,197	35.66 MiB	22 sec- onds 10 seconds	2.13 GiB
2012	England/herfordshire	23	79,083	188,362	72.22 MiB	3 sec- onds	234.79 MiB
2020	England/herfordshire	23	83,238	195,194	74.72 MiB	3 sec- onds	239.26 MiB
2022	England/herfordshire	23	89,574	209,784	77.64 MiB	3 sec- onds	242.72 MiB
2032	England/herfordshire	23	89,574	209,784	77.64 MiB	3 sec- onds	242.72 MiB
2039	England/herfordshire	23	92,605	216,508	79.44 MiB	3 sec- onds	245.59 MiB
2012	England/hertfordshire	153	457,276	1,160,154	58.74 MiB	13 sec- onds 5 seconds	1.56 GiB
2020	England/hertfordshire	153	494,661	1,190,043	77.27 MiB	13 sec- onds 5 seconds	1.59 GiB
2022	England/hertfordshire	153	546,573	1,219,124	76.65 MiB	13 sec- onds 5 seconds	1.67 GiB
2032	England/hertfordshire	153	546,573	1,219,124	76.65 MiB	13 sec- onds 5 seconds	1.67 GiB
2039	England/hertfordshire	153	575,179	1,233,573	77.07 MiB	13 sec- onds 5 seconds	1.67 GiB
2012	England/isle-of-wight	18	61,636	139,732	53.88 MiB	3 sec- onds	188.67 MiB
2020	England/isle-of-wight	18	65,140	143,268	54.99 MiB	3 sec- onds	190.34 MiB
2022	England/isle-of-wight	18	70,496	151,582	55.55 MiB	3 sec- onds	200.88 MiB
2032	England/isle-of-wight	18	70,496	151,582	55.55 MiB	3 sec- onds	200.88 MiB
2039	England/isle-of-wight	18	72,968	154,841	56.14 MiB	3 sec- onds	202.02 MiB
2012	England/kent	220	718,544	1,793,702	200.26 MiB	19 sec- onds 8 seconds	2.08 GiB

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2020	England/kent	220	781,933	1,873,451	737.36 MiB	20 seconds	2.15 GiB
2022	England/kent	220	875,515	2,008,857	773.40 MiB	20 seconds	2.21 GiB
2032	England/kent	220	875,515	2,008,857	773.40 MiB	20 seconds	2.21 GiB
2039	England/kent	220	926,571	2,069,087	788.63 MiB	21 seconds	2.23 GiB
2012	England/lancashire	191	619,861	1,476,469	72.04 MiB	16 seconds	1.83 GiB
2020	England/lancashire	191	640,196	1,511,896	89.88 MiB	16 seconds	1.87 GiB
2022	England/lancashire	191	663,637	1,567,396	94.59 MiB	16 seconds	1.87 GiB
2032	England/lancashire	191	663,637	1,567,396	94.59 MiB	16 seconds	1.87 GiB
2039	England/lancashire	191	674,387	1,591,906	100.12 MiB	17 seconds	1.88 GiB
2012	England/leicestershire	120	391,605	1,014,483	94.46 MiB	10 seconds	1.12 GiB
2020	England/leicestershire	120	418,618	1,073,842	119.67 MiB	11 seconds	1.47 GiB
2022	England/leicestershire	120	424,923	1,092,677	126.66 MiB	11 seconds	1.49 GiB
2032	England/leicestershire	120	460,335	1,178,746	149.47 MiB	12 seconds	1.52 GiB

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2039	England/leicestershire	120	482,373	1,225,824	464.68 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.55 GiB
2012	England/lincolnshire	134	449,394	1,064,403	303.11 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.43 GiB
2020	England/lincolnshire	134	475,646	1,098,403	319.38 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.46 GiB
2022	England/lincolnshire	134	507,295	1,152,299	27.62 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB
2032	England/lincolnshire	134	507,295	1,152,299	27.62 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB
2039	England/lincolnshire	134	523,548	1,172,923	30.89 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB
2012	England/merseyside	184	603,483	1,399,209	33.99 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds	1.75 GiB
2020	England/merseyside	184	632,617	1,435,755	53.36 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds	1.79 GiB
2022	England/merseyside	184	665,766	1,498,518	70.24 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds	1.82 GiB
2032	England/merseyside	184	665,766	1,498,518	70.24 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds	1.82 GiB
2039	England/merseyside	184	685,165	1,528,037	77.51 MiB	15 seconds	6 seconds	1.83 GiB
2012	England/norfolk	110	374,491	882,793	333.12 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1017.08 MiB
2020	England/norfolk	110	397,770	916,799	348.46 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.02 GiB

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2022	England/norfolk	110	432,187	982,755	362.33 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.04 GiB
2032	England/norfolk	110	432,187	982,755	362.33 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.04 GiB
2039	England/norfolk	110	450,068	1,013,213	371.44 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.06 GiB
2012	England/north-yorkshire	138	460,050	1,085,067	413.12 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.45 GiB
2020	England/north-yorkshire	138	478,639	1,107,923	423.25 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB
2022	England/north-yorkshire	138	499,392	1,134,723	420.66 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.45 GiB
2032	England/north-yorkshire	138	499,392	1,134,723	420.66 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.45 GiB
2039	England/north-yorkshire	138	509,099	1,143,894	421.58 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.46 GiB
2012	England/northamptonshire	101	289,575	720,263	284.41 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds	941.24 MiB
2020	England/northamptonshire	101	316,553	762,382	304.38 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds	981.06 MiB
2022	England/northamptonshire	101	352,529	828,003	320.83 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1005.56 MiB
2032	England/northamptonshire	101	352,529	828,003	320.83 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1005.56 MiB
2039	England/northamptonshire	101	370,555	855,812	328.05 MiB	9 seconds	3 seconds	1016.77 MiB
2012	England/northumberland	40	138,928	315,894	120.67 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	423.02 MiB
2020	England/northumberland	40	143,516	322,616	121.95 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	423.78 MiB
2022	England/northumberland	40	148,792	333,456	122.08 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	421.39 MiB

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2032	England/northumberland	40	148,792	333,456	122.08 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	421.39 MiB
2039	England/northumberland	40	150,259	337,186	122.26 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	421.38 MiB
2012	England/nottinghamshire	138	460,022	1,123,004	132.55 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.49 GiB
2020	England/nottinghamshire	138	486,163	1,169,489	153.88 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.53 GiB
2022	England/nottinghamshire	138	522,944	1,248,804	173.55 MiB	12 seconds	5 seconds	1.56 GiB
2032	England/nottinghamshire	138	522,944	1,248,804	173.55 MiB	12 seconds	5 seconds	1.56 GiB
2039	England/nottinghamshire	138	543,291	1,281,814	182.41 MiB	13 seconds	5 seconds	1.66 GiB
2012	England/oxfordshire	86	261,235	671,997	260.47 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	852.78 MiB
2020	England/oxfordshire	86	274,908	695,490	271.66 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	918.84 MiB
2022	England/oxfordshire	86	293,368	729,866	275.44 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	919.28 MiB
2032	England/oxfordshire	86	293,368	729,866	275.44 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds	919.28 MiB
2039	England/oxfordshire	86	303,035	743,227	277.55 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds	922.13 MiB
2012	England/rutland	5	14,912	38,314	16.37 MiB	2 seconds	1 second	53.95 MiB
2020	England/rutland	5	16,698	40,381	17.09 MiB	2 seconds	1 second	57.84 MiB
2022	England/rutland	5	18,198	44,193	18.26 MiB	2 seconds	1 second	59.97 MiB
2032	England/rutland	5	18,198	44,193	18.26 MiB	2 seconds	1 second	59.97 MiB
2039	England/rutland	5	18,914	45,659	18.71 MiB	2 seconds	1 second	61.09 MiB
2012	England/shropshire	62	197,768	483,414	186.37 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	550.90 MiB

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2020	England/shropshire	62	211,035	508,233	195.85 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	568.56 MiB
2022	England/shropshire	62	228,285	558,755	207.37 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	740.52 MiB
2032	England/shropshire	62	228,285	558,755	207.37 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	740.52 MiB
2039	England/shropshire	62	236,015	581,476	213.31 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	749.75 MiB
2012	England/somerset	124	392,224	938,968	359.26 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.05 GiB
2020	England/somerset	124	421,693	979,526	376.56 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.08 GiB
2022	England/somerset	124	428,543	993,364	381.41 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.09 GiB
2032	England/somerset	124	463,526	1,054,163	394.38 MiB	11 seconds	3 seconds	1.41 GiB
2039	England/somerset	124	484,587	1,087,596	404.50 MiB	11 seconds	3 seconds	1.43 GiB
2012	England/south-yorkshire	172	566,664	1,372,435	528.13 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds	1.75 GiB
2020	England/south-yorkshire	172	597,694	1,418,846	548.61 MiB	15 seconds	6 seconds	1.79 GiB
2022	England/south-yorkshire	172	637,411	1,493,545	563.93 MiB	15 seconds	6 seconds	1.81 GiB
2032	England/south-yorkshire	172	637,411	1,493,545	563.93 MiB	15 seconds	6 seconds	1.81 GiB
2039	England/south-yorkshire	172	659,843	1,531,313	575.33 MiB	15 seconds	6 seconds	1.83 GiB
2012	England/staffordshire	143	464,441	1,111,144	425.33 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB

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2020	England/staffordshire	143	486,645	1,139,752	237.56 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds 1.49 GiB
2022	England/staffordshire	143	510,634	1,188,857	444.92 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds 1.50 GiB
2032	England/staffordshire	143	510,634	1,188,857	444.92 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds 1.50 GiB
2039	England/staffordshire	143	522,882	1,215,006	53.00 MiB	12 seconds	4 seconds 1.52 GiB
2012	England/suffolk	90	312,178	746,863	285.39 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 933.65 MiB
2020	England/suffolk	90	331,778	766,023	294.07 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 950.73 MiB
2022	England/suffolk	90	336,599	773,019	296.48 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 956.16 MiB
2032	England/suffolk	90	360,555	800,189	298.09 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 952.75 MiB
2039	England/suffolk	90	375,536	817,179	302.95 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds 963.06 MiB
2012	England/surrey	151	458,108	1,168,112	256.56 MiB	14 seconds	7 seconds 1.55 GiB
2020	England/surrey	151	480,930	1,195,509	72.95 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds 1.58 GiB
2022	England/surrey	151	518,720	1,214,557	67.08 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds 1.56 GiB
2032	England/surrey	151	518,720	1,214,557	67.08 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds 1.56 GiB
2039	England/surrey	151	538,941	1,221,227	64.76 MiB	14 seconds	6 seconds 1.64 GiB
2012	England/tyne-and-wear	145	483,909	1,119,030	27.37 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds 1.47 GiB

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2020	England/tyne-and-wear	145	501,383	1,143,194	39.11 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.50 GiB
2022	England/tyne-and-wear	145	521,777	1,168,078	40.06 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.49 GiB
2032	England/tyne-and-wear	145	521,777	1,168,078	40.06 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.49 GiB
2039	England/tyne-and-wear	145	532,652	1,177,340	41.39 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.58 GiB
2012	England/warwickshire	108	361,467	896,673	347.46 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.03 GiB
2020	England/warwickshire	108	392,639	958,833	373.64 MiB	10 seconds	3 seconds	1.08 GiB
2022	England/warwickshire	108	432,682	1,061,955	405.97 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.44 GiB
2032	England/warwickshire	108	432,682	1,061,955	405.97 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.44 GiB
2039	England/warwickshire	108	454,732	1,112,230	424.11 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.47 GiB
2012	England/west-midlands	314	958,034	2,477,399	990.28 MiB	33 seconds	19 seconds	3.24 GiB
2020	England/west-midlands	314	1,002,273	2,572,395	1.01 GiB	34 seconds	19 seconds	3.33 GiB
2022	England/west-midlands	314	1,046,146	2,664,228	1.04 GiB	35 seconds	20 seconds	3.37 GiB
2032	England/west-midlands	314	1,079,612	2,706,242	1.04 GiB	36 seconds	21 seconds	3.55 GiB



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2039	England/west-midlands	314	1,128,890	2,787,990	10.07 GiB	38 sec-onds	22 seconds	3.59 GiB
2012	England/west-sussex	100	348,766	836,646	321.38 MiB	9 sec-onds	3 seconds	1004.51 MiB
2020	England/west-sussex	100	375,837	871,029	337.97 MiB	9 sec-onds	3 seconds	1.01 GiB
2022	England/west-sussex	100	419,347	931,573	350.32 MiB	9 sec-onds	3 seconds	1.03 GiB
2032	England/west-sussex	100	419,347	931,573	350.32 MiB	9 sec-onds	3 seconds	1.03 GiB
2039	England/west-sussex	100	442,292	958,567	356.98 MiB	9 sec-onds	3 seconds	1.04 GiB
2012	England/west-yorkshire	299	921,242	2,271,838	93.92 MiB	29 sec-onds	15 seconds	3.05 GiB
2020	England/west-yorkshire	299	963,460	2,339,939	130.52 MiB	29 sec-onds	16 seconds	3.12 GiB
2022	England/west-yorkshire	299	1,021,830	2,434,902	145.81 MiB	30 sec-onds	16 seconds	3.13 GiB
2032	England/west-yorkshire	299	1,021,830	2,434,902	145.81 MiB	30 sec-onds	16 seconds	3.13 GiB
2039	England/west-yorkshire	299	1,053,859	2,481,358	157.44 MiB	31 sec-onds	16 seconds	3.32 GiB
2012	England/wiltshire	89	285,600	704,491	274.63 MiB	7 sec-onds	2 seconds	921.03 MiB
2020	England/wiltshire	89	309,159	735,088	288.25 MiB	8 sec-onds	2 seconds	947.38 MiB
2022	England/wiltshire	89	335,400	774,105	292.74 MiB	8 sec-onds	2 seconds	949.12 MiB
2032	England/wiltshire	89	335,400	774,105	292.74 MiB	8 sec-onds	2 seconds	949.12 MiB
2039	England/wiltshire	89	348,866	792,075	296.45 MiB	8 sec-onds	2 seconds	955.03 MiB
2012	England/worcestershire	85	240,958	578,628	221.50 MiB	6 sec-onds	2 seconds	770.52 MiB

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2020	England/worcestershire	85	255,594	601,116	231.62 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	790.33 MiB
2022	England/worcestershire	85	274,309	644,922	242.01 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	849.75 MiB
2032	England/worcestershire	85	274,309	644,922	242.01 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	849.75 MiB
2039	England/worcestershire	85	283,275	666,303	248.40 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	861.28 MiB
2012	Scotland/argyll-and-west-dunbartonshire	41	82,845	176,560	74.08 MiB	11 seconds	1 second	238.90 MiB
2020	Scotland/argyll-and-west-dunbartonshire	41	85,066	174,197	73.18 MiB	11 seconds	1 second	236.56 MiB
2022	Scotland/argyll-and-west-dunbartonshire	41	85,263	172,737	72.59 MiB	11 seconds	1 second	235.57 MiB
2032	Scotland/argyll-and-west-dunbartonshire	41	85,398	165,068	67.76 MiB	11 seconds	1 second	224.69 MiB
2039	Scotland/argyll-and-west-dunbartonshire	41	84,758	159,196	65.25 MiB	11 seconds	1 second	219.77 MiB
2012	Scotland/ayrshire	93	168,387	370,588	146.33 MiB	9 seconds	1 second	483.77 MiB
2020	Scotland/ayrshire	93	133,922	283,894	112.46 MiB	8 seconds	1 second	416.08 MiB
2022	Scotland/ayrshire	93	173,199	367,016	143.70 MiB	9 seconds	1 second	476.04 MiB
2032	Scotland/ayrshire	93	174,290	356,750	137.29 MiB	9 seconds	1 second	462.30 MiB
2039	Scotland/ayrshire	93	173,349	347,174	133.28 MiB	9 seconds	1 second	455.01 MiB
2012	Scotland/dumfries-and-galloway	40	68,416	149,648	61.42 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	217.04 MiB
2020	Scotland/dumfries-and-galloway	40	70,212	148,123	60.21 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	213.17 MiB
2022	Scotland/dumfries-and-galloway	40	70,455	147,351	59.47 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	211.49 MiB
2032	Scotland/dumfries-and-galloway	40	70,840	142,418	56.10 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	204.07 MiB

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2039	Scotland/dumfries-and-galloway	40	70,668	138,573	54.77 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	202.05 MiB
2012	Scotland/edinburgh	111	225,093	497,378	186.98 MiB	7 seconds	2 seconds	555.70 MiB
2020	Scotland/edinburgh	111	242,994	525,476	198.41 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds	732.84 MiB
2022	Scotland/edinburgh	111	248,491	532,384	200.96 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds	738.35 MiB
2032	Scotland/edinburgh	111	273,234	562,902	207.62 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds	791.61 MiB
2039	Scotland/edinburgh	111	288,360	578,847	210.49 MiB	8 seconds	2 seconds	793.17 MiB
2012	Scotland/fife	104	162,121	368,038	145.78 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	484.35 MiB
2020	Scotland/fife	104	159,563	371,896	147.05 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	486.65 MiB
2022	Scotland/fife	104	159,580	371,743	146.38 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	485.15 MiB
2032	Scotland/fife	104	166,255	370,447	141.66 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	472.29 MiB
2039	Scotland/fife	104	169,335	366,438	138.24 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	463.01 MiB
2012	Scotland/forth-valley	78	130,141	302,504	121.15 MiB	8 seconds	1 second	414.67 MiB
2020	Scotland/forth-valley	78	136,735	308,153	122.32 MiB	8 seconds	1 second	436.38 MiB
2022	Scotland/forth-valley	78	138,447	310,297	122.89 MiB	8 seconds	1 second	437.80 MiB
2032	Scotland/forth-valley	78	146,138	318,438	122.93 MiB	8 seconds	1 second	435.84 MiB
2039	Scotland/forth-valley	78	150,069	322,395	123.80 MiB	8 seconds	1 second	436.43 MiB
2012	Scotland/greater-glasgow	184	368,013	805,502	306.63 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	985.47 MiB
2020	Scotland/greater-glasgow	184	382,846	836,875	320.55 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1013.11 MiB
2022	Scotland/greater-glasgow	184	388,050	842,636	322.55 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1017.20 MiB

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2032	Scotland/greater-glasgow	184	411,534	866,464	327.49 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1.00 GiB
2039	Scotland/greater-glasgow	184	427,529	880,981	329.51 MiB	11 seconds	4 seconds	1023.96 MiB
2012	Scotland/highlands-and-islands	78	136,249	305,988	140.72 MiB	56 seconds	1 second	451.01 MiB
2020	Scotland/highlands-and-islands	78	144,639	307,886	140.39 MiB	57 seconds	1 second	447.70 MiB
2022	Scotland/highlands-and-islands	78	145,837	307,923	139.70 MiB	57 seconds	1 second	445.96 MiB
2032	Scotland/highlands-and-islands	78	149,761	305,422	135.12 MiB	56 seconds	1 second	434.37 MiB
2039	Scotland/highlands-and-islands	78	150,652	301,591	133.25 MiB	56 seconds	1 second	430.68 MiB
2012	Scotland/lanarkshire	160	287,147	654,563	258.58 MiB	11 seconds	2 seconds	903.22 MiB
2020	Scotland/lanarkshire	160	302,111	661,042	261.24 MiB	11 seconds	2 seconds	906.74 MiB
2022	Scotland/lanarkshire	160	305,554	662,692	261.37 MiB	11 seconds	2 seconds	907.35 MiB
2032	Scotland/lanarkshire	160	318,581	667,589	257.31 MiB	11 seconds	2 seconds	895.50 MiB
2039	Scotland/lanarkshire	160	324,614	666,795	254.59 MiB	11 seconds	2 seconds	887.40 MiB
2012	Scotland/north-east	132	250,789	587,273	228.59 MiB	14 seconds	2 seconds	795.80 MiB

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2020	Scotland/north-east	132	267,964	586,245	230.01 MiB	14 seconds	2 seconds	841.08 MiB
2022	Scotland/north-east	132	271,745	587,957	230.81 MiB	14 seconds	2 seconds	842.86 MiB
2032	Scotland/north-east	132	287,988	594,876	228.56 MiB	14 seconds	2 seconds	836.51 MiB
2039	Scotland/north-east	132	297,440	594,445	226.47 MiB	14 seconds	2 seconds	830.82 MiB
2012	Scotland/renfrewshire-and-inverclyde	55	119,057	254,125	99.98 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	293.66 MiB
2020	Scotland/renfrewshire-and-inverclyde	55	124,460	256,040	100.44 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	293.33 MiB
2022	Scotland/renfrewshire-and-inverclyde	55	125,450	256,087	100.34 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	293.55 MiB
2032	Scotland/renfrewshire-and-inverclyde	55	129,185	255,008	97.93 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	287.17 MiB
2039	Scotland/renfrewshire-and-inverclyde	55	131,507	252,677	96.59 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	306.43 MiB
2012	Scotland/tayside	92	186,890	414,921	162.38 MiB	10 seconds	1 second	513.43 MiB
2020	Scotland/tayside	92	195,140	416,793	162.39 MiB	10 seconds	1 second	510.25 MiB
2022	Scotland/tayside	92	197,192	416,846	162.22 MiB	10 seconds	1 second	510.05 MiB
2032	Scotland/tayside	92	205,693	415,175	158.45 MiB	10 seconds	1 second	501.29 MiB
2039	Scotland/tayside	92	210,290	411,445	156.35 MiB	10 seconds	1 second	497.39 MiB
2012	Scotland/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders	111	205,879	482,896	194.90 MiB	12 seconds	2 seconds	580.86 MiB

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2020	Scotland/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders	111	223,446	501,223	201.50 MiB	12 seconds	2 seconds	590.52 MiB
2022	Scotland/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders	111	227,783	507,880	203.76 MiB	12 seconds	2 seconds	595.27 MiB
2032	Scotland/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders	111	246,603	537,145	210.28 MiB	12 seconds	2 seconds	761.01 MiB
2039	Scotland/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders	111	257,299	552,545	214.47 MiB	12 seconds	2 seconds	767.17 MiB
2012	Wales/bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot	38	119,725	283,159	108.22 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	382.14 MiB
2020	Wales/bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot	38	123,909	289,896	111.11 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	387.34 MiB
2022	Wales/bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot	38	124,921	292,227	111.51 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	387.62 MiB
2032	Wales/bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot	38	128,601	301,529	113.58 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	390.72 MiB
2039	Wales/bridgend-and-neath-port-talbot	38	129,740	307,260	114.33 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	391.18 MiB
2012	Wales/cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan	63	199,208	484,182	187.22 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	558.11 MiB
2020	Wales/cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan	63	214,676	499,272	194.75 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	572.81 MiB
2022	Wales/cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan	63	218,981	502,763	196.15 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	575.96 MiB
2032	Wales/cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan	63	240,112	522,526	199.47 MiB	5 seconds	1 second	577.76 MiB
2039	Wales/cardiff-and-vale-of-glamorgan	63	254,162	531,549	201.86 MiB	6 seconds	1 second	737.22 MiB
2012	Wales/central-valleys	38	124,691	296,581	115.15 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	396.09 MiB
2020	Wales/central-valleys	38	130,072	301,907	117.77 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	400.86 MiB
2022	Wales/central-valleys	38	131,383	303,557	118.40 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	424.36 MiB
2032	Wales/central-valleys	38	136,404	310,032	118.04 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	421.02 MiB

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2039	Wales/central-valleys	38	138,735	314,703	119.17 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 422.91 MiB
2012	Wales/conwy-and-denbighshire	30	92,732	211,205	80.51 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 251.37 MiB
2020	Wales/conwy-and-denbighshire	30	95,314	213,302	81.57 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 253.52 MiB
2022	Wales/conwy-and-denbighshire	30	95,881	214,182	81.86 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 254.11 MiB
2032	Wales/conwy-and-denbighshire	30	97,683	218,122	81.12 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 251.06 MiB
2039	Wales/conwy-and-denbighshire	30	97,687	220,933	80.93 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 249.66 MiB
2012	Wales/flintshire-and-wrexham	38	122,180	288,696	113.33 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 393.53 MiB
2020	Wales/flintshire-and-wrexham	38	127,660	292,056	114.59 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 395.17 MiB
2022	Wales/flintshire-and-wrexham	38	129,007	292,644	115.04 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 396.45 MiB
2032	Wales/flintshire-and-wrexham	38	134,527	292,817	112.38 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 410.81 MiB
2039	Wales/flintshire-and-wrexham	38	136,425	293,540	112.23 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 410.67 MiB
2012	Wales/gwent-valleys	46	144,178	341,543	132.18 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 450.92 MiB
2020	Wales/gwent-valleys	46	148,386	344,566	132.84 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 450.78 MiB
2022	Wales/gwent-valleys	46	149,374	345,498	132.73 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 450.12 MiB
2032	Wales/gwent-valleys	46	151,842	347,976	130.51 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 442.75 MiB
2039	Wales/gwent-valleys	46	151,729	350,397	130.60 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 442.92 MiB
2012	Wales/gwynedd	17	52,926	122,595	48.30 MiB	3 seconds	1 second 141.40 MiB
2020	Wales/gwynedd	17	55,064	124,569	49.30 MiB	3 seconds	1 second 143.64 MiB
2022	Wales/gwynedd	17	55,683	125,030	49.22 MiB	3 seconds	1 second 143.38 MiB
2032	Wales/gwynedd	17	58,372	128,844	49.83 MiB	3 seconds	1 second 143.73 MiB

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2039	Wales/gwynedd	17	59,746	130,948	50.66 MiB	3 sec- onds	1 second	145.55 MiB
2012	Wales/isle-of-anglesey	9	30,797	69,919	27.65 MiB	3 sec- onds	1 second	96.69 MiB
2020	Wales/isle-of-anglesey	9	31,366	69,845	27.85 MiB	3 sec- onds	1 second	97.28 MiB
2022	Wales/isle-of-anglesey	9	31,488	69,864	27.91 MiB	3 sec- onds	1 second	97.60 MiB
2032	Wales/isle-of-anglesey	9	31,601	69,502	27.10 MiB	3 sec- onds	1 second	95.40 MiB
2039	Wales/isle-of-anglesey	9	31,337	69,423	26.91 MiB	3 sec- onds	1 second	95.26 MiB
2012	Wales/monmouthshire- and-newport	31	100,402	240,491	94.45 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	280.30 MiB
2020	Wales/monmouthshire- and-newport	31	104,394	250,185	98.12 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	286.88 MiB
2022	Wales/monmouthshire- and-newport	31	105,481	253,282	99.28 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	288.93 MiB
2032	Wales/monmouthshire- and-newport	31	109,752	265,785	102.22 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	371.30 MiB
2039	Wales/monmouthshire- and-newport	31	111,246	273,319	103.91 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	373.72 MiB
2012	Wales/powys	19	59,028	132,725	51.23 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	184.96 MiB
2020	Wales/powys	19	59,972	132,328	50.62 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	183.27 MiB
2022	Wales/powys	19	60,190	132,467	50.48 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	182.78 MiB
2032	Wales/powys	19	59,586	133,010	49.65 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	180.54 MiB
2039	Wales/powys	19	57,969	133,514	49.37 MiB	4 sec- onds	1 second	179.70 MiB
2012	Wales/south-west- wales	50	165,004	383,260	145.80 MiB	5 sec- onds	1 second	474.24 MiB
2020	Wales/south-west- wales	50	170,327	385,937	146.54 MiB	5 sec- onds	1 second	474.39 MiB
2022	Wales/south-west- wales	50	171,623	386,901	147.01 MiB	5 sec- onds	1 second	476.02 MiB
2032	Wales/south-west- wales	50	175,897	392,107	145.21 MiB	5 sec- onds	1 second	469.23 MiB



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2039	Wales/south-west-wales	50	176,482	394,303	144.54 MiB	5 seconds	1 second 467.40 MiB
2012	Wales/swansea	31	104,423	242,128	93.14 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 276.08 MiB
2020	Wales/swansea	31	110,304	247,820	95.76 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 281.31 MiB
2022	Wales/swansea	31	111,940	249,098	96.15 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 282.09 MiB
2032	Wales/swansea	31	119,141	257,653	98.32 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 285.46 MiB
2039	Wales/swansea	31	123,450	262,306	99.97 MiB	4 seconds	1 second 366.54 MiB
2012	special/birmingham	132	410,243	1,104,216	450.75 MiB	14 seconds	5 seconds 1.55 GiB
2020	special/birmingham	132	429,124	1,148,426	470.60 MiB	14 seconds	5 seconds 1.59 GiB
2022	special/birmingham	132	434,527	1,156,702	473.72 MiB	15 seconds	5 seconds 1.59 GiB
2032	special/birmingham	132	467,993	1,198,716	479.63 MiB	15 seconds	5 seconds 1.59 GiB
2039	special/birmingham	132	492,029	1,230,214	489.58 MiB	16 seconds	5 seconds 1.61 GiB
2012	special/liverpool	61	207,217	479,774	182.06 MiB	7 seconds	1 second 538.83 MiB
2020	special/liverpool	61	224,431	503,264	193.74 MiB	7 seconds	1 second 562.01 MiB
2022	special/liverpool	61	241,366	536,264	206.67 MiB	7 seconds	1 second 742.97 MiB
2032	special/liverpool	61	241,366	536,264	206.67 MiB	7 seconds	1 second 742.97 MiB
2039	special/liverpool	61	251,435	549,857	211.22 MiB	7 seconds	1 second 751.45 MiB
2012	special/manchester	57	204,775	525,548	207.38 MiB	10 seconds	2 seconds 752.26 MiB

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2020	special/manchester	57	220,664	551,613	221.09 MiB	10 seconds	2 seconds	780.27 MiB
2022	special/manchester	57	241,262	576,313	226.35 MiB	10 seconds	2 seconds	785.85 MiB
2032	special/manchester	57	241,262	576,313	226.35 MiB	10 seconds	2 seconds	785.84 MiB
2039	special/manchester	57	253,464	589,904	230.46 MiB	11 seconds	2 seconds	793.05 MiB
2012	special/northwest_transpocline	829	2,653,096	6,416,497	7.45 GiB	3 minutes	2 minutes	7.74 GiB
2020	special/northwest_transpocline	829	2,788,624	6,616,117	7.56 GiB	3 minutes	2 minutes	7.95 GiB
2022	special/northwest_transpocline	829	2,960,285	6,908,372	7.62 GiB	3 minutes	2 minutes	8.02 GiB
2032	special/northwest_transpocline	829	2,960,285	6,908,372	7.62 GiB	3 minutes	2 minutes	8.02 GiB
2039	special/northwest_transpocline	829	3,058,114	7,059,122	7.66 GiB	3 minutes	2 minutes	8.09 GiB
2012	special/oxford	18	55,081	154,065	61.14 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	207.79 MiB
2020	special/oxford	18	55,235	153,045	61.53 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	208.41 MiB
2022	special/oxford	18	56,840	149,534	58.11 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	199.69 MiB
2032	special/oxford	18	56,840	149,534	58.11 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	199.69 MiB
2039	special/oxford	18	58,038	147,239	56.67 MiB	4 seconds	1 second	196.62 MiB
2012	special/oxford_cambridge353c	353	1,112,235	2,828,466	6.08 GiB	40 seconds	21 seconds	3.61 GiB

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2020	special/oxford_cambridge353c	1,199,021	2,950,743	1.14	41	21	3.73	
				GiB	sec- onds	seconds	GiB	
2022	special/oxford_cambridge353c	1,296,471	3,107,289	1.17	43	22	3.77	
				GiB	sec- onds	seconds	GiB	
2032	special/oxford_cambridge353c	1,314,402	3,122,071	1.17	43	22	3.76	
				GiB	sec- onds	seconds	GiB	
2039	special/oxford_cambridge353c	1,372,547	3,189,664	1.18	44	23	3.78	
				GiB	sec- onds	seconds	GiB	

Notes:

- `pb_file_size` refers to the size of the uncompressed protobuf file in `data/output/`
- The total `runtime` is usually dominated by matching workers to businesses, so `commuting_runtime` gives a breakdown
- Measuring memory usage of Linux processes isn't straightforward, so `memory_usage` should just be a guide
- These measurements were all taken on one developer's laptop, and they don't represent multiple runs. This table just aims to give a general sense of how long running takes.
  - That machine has 10 cores, which matters for the parallelized commuting calculation.
- The time *usually* doesn't include downloading or decompressing raw data. For some areas, it might!
- `scripts/collect_stats.py` produces the table above