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## Foreword

*Focus on London 2003* brings together a mass of information about London and Londoners, which will be of immense interest to those who live in, work in, or visit this city. This edition updates *Focus on London 2000* and will help in understanding and highlighting long-term trends, as well as emerging issues in the capital.

London's status as a global city means that it has been affected by many events since 2000, and the intervening period has seen much change. The city has experienced the initial effects of various ambitious Millennium projects, and of the new policies and work programmes introduced by its new regional government structures. International economic disturbances and increased political migration, following the events of 11 September 2001 and the wars in the Middle East, have also impacted on the capital and its people. Some of these effects can be seen in the statistics contained in this publication, but others, such as the impact of congestion charging, will become clearer over the coming years.

This volume is the first to be produced by a partnership between the Greater London Authority, the Government Office for London, the London Development Agency and the Office for National Statistics. The editors warmly thank colleagues in all four organisations, and more widely, those who have contributed to *Focus on London 2003* and to the previous editions.

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# Introduction

*Focus on London 2003* has been produced by the Office for National Statistics, the Greater London Authority, the Government Office for London and the London Development Agency, who have worked together to produce a comprehensive picture of life in our capital city. This is a new partnership, bringing in the London bodies that have been created as part of changes to the structure of London Government. These changes have taken place since the last volume was published in 2000.

The twelve chapters cover a wide range of demographic, social, industrial and economic statistics. In addition, they briefly describe the evolution of London and the challenges facing it, and also its current political organisation. Changes over recent years are examined, and set against national, European and other comparators as appropriate. Differences between the Inner and Outer areas and between the individual boroughs are highlighted.

Some key facts and figures are provided at the beginning of the main chapters and the commentary is illustrated with tables, charts and maps. More detailed reference tables, many at borough level, are contained in the Appendix towards the back of the book. There is also a technical Notes and Definitions section which explains some of the terms used and provides additional background information on sources and concepts.

Following the 2001 Census, and subsequent revisions to population estimates and projections, many of the data sources used have either been recently revised or will be revised over the coming months. Where series are consistent with the new population estimates this has been indicated. However, where the data have not yet been adjusted to be in line with the 2001 Census, users should note that the series are likely to be revised. In order to assess the likely impact, ONS has provided estimates for 2001 based on the previous methodology for comparison. The differences between estimates based on the previous methodology and the published 2001 mid-year estimates, produced after the 2001 Census, are shown in the table below. More information is available in the Notes and Definitions section. One particular cause of the revision is that the Census has revealed that the UK as a whole has 800,000 fewer young men than previously thought. The impact of this revision is particularly noticeable for males in London. For this reason, where figures have not yet been revised, users need to take care in interpreting them.

Table

## 2001 mid-year population estimates: comparison<sup>1</sup> between estimates based on pre-2001 Census methodology and those based on 2001 Census

	Percentage differences		
	All	Males	Females
Inner London	5.2	8.7	1.8
Outer London	2.2	5.4	-0.8
London	3.4	6.7	0.2
England and Wales	1.5	2.6	0.5

<sup>1</sup> Where the result is a positive difference, the pre-2001 Census estimate is higher than the new published estimate.  
Source: Office for National Statistics

Most of the data from the book are available as downloadable Excel files from the National Statistics website.

*Focus on London 2003* is aimed at both general and specialist readers. It provides information that is detailed, but not exhaustive, in the areas covered. Sources are given at the foot of each table, chart and map. Readers who would like further information will find a list of references and further reading at the back of the book, followed by a list of contact points in the relevant Government Departments and outside organisations.

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# Boundaries

## Regional geography

The primary regional classification used in *Focus on London* is the London Government Office Region (GOR). The Government Offices for the Regions were established in England in 1994 and are now the standard regional geography for statistical analyses, replacing the old Standard Statistical Regions.

Data on the economy commonly use the Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics (NUTS). This is a five level hierarchy that provides a geographical breakdown of the European Union's economic territory for statistical purposes. A map showing the NUTS 3 level boundaries is shown in Figure A5.1 in the appendix. GOR boundaries are identical with NUTS 1 level, used for regional accounts data in Chapter 5 – Economy.

## Local Authority geography

Following the abolition of the Greater London Council (GLC) in 1986 the boroughs became single-tier authorities, but Greater London was still widely recognised, especially for statistical and mapping purposes. However, in 2000, a two-tier structure was re-established when the new Greater London Authority adopted responsibility for a range of citywide policy areas.

Within London, there are 32 boroughs, with a status similar to metropolitan districts, and also the City of London, which is a City Corporation with a number of additional roles.

The 33 areas can be combined into Inner and Outer London using the NUTS 2 level classification. However, it should be noted that alternative Inner and Outer London definitions also exist, for example the one based on the former Inner London Education Authority. Where other definitions are used these are indicated on the tables and figures.

Ward boundaries change frequently. Where data are shown at ward level, the year indicates which boundary set has been used.

# The London boroughs





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