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# 2011 Census Data Link to the LSs: The Potential for Policy and Influence

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# The 2011 Census: Why should anyone care anyway?

- New questions
- Plus.....most of the old ones
- And people want to know about the results...
- The value of the Census data are increased by their use within the Longitudinal Studies of the UK
- The talk looks more at **why** there is a potential for influence, **how** this might be achieved, and also considers **who** might be influenced



# The 2011 Census and LSs: Why potential for influence

- These studies have temporal depth
- Large sample sizes – less vulnerable to attrition
- Supported by dedicated teams
- Funded by the ESRC
- Backed by the UK Statistical Agencies

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# The 2011 Census and LSs: Why there is a potential for influence

- The 2011 data also have potential for influence because their linkage to the LSs will be taking place in the context of a truly UK-wide resource
- It is taking place in the context of increased administrative linkage across the UK within ESRC investments
- And... the experience of the LSs has provided some of the experience and knowledge to underpin investments like the ADRCs



# The 2011 Census and LSs: How there is a potential for influence

- How the LSs will exert influence is to some extent determined by the 'why'
- But the 'How' is also far more than this – data will not influence others simply by being there
- The '**How**' and the '**Who**' will be shaped by the strategies to engage users and customers for the research; by the plans of the LS support units to disseminate research findings

# The 2011 Census and LSs: How there is a potential for influence

- Collective plans via CALLS Hub to maintain and extend the user base
- Collectively, the LS Support Units are currently also engaging with the UK policy community and developing data resources
- Within the specific national remit of each LS support, there are also plans to promote outreach and influence



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What we created and what it contains

Information about the variables we hold

How to use the SLS for your research

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New email addresses - LSCS and SLS-DSU

Contact details for the Longitudinal Studies Centre Scotland (LSCS) and Scottish Longitudinal Study Development Support Unit (SLS-DSU) have now changed! In addition... [Read more...](#)

Christmas closure dates for the LS Units

The Research Support Units will be closed over the festive period as follows: [ONS LS - The Support Unit at CeLSIUS](#)



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How the NILS was created  
Detailed information about the study  
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Read the latest NILS output

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Due to high demand extra tickets now available for the UK Longitudinal Studies Linkage Launch. Further info at [calls.ac.uk/event-entryuk...](#)

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[Mark McCann @Mark\\_ICOR](#) 7 Nov

Pleased to be the new chairperson for the Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Research User Group. New data & researchers on the horizon!

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CALLS - HUB comprises of three Longitudinal Study units:

# CeLSIUS

Centre for Longitudinal Study Information & User Support

## QUICK DATA DICTIONARY SEARCH

Keyword

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Run a refined search to build a list of variables for use in your project application form.

Welcome to the website for the Census & Administrative data Longitudinal Studies Hub (CALLS-Hub).

Here you can find out more information about the three UK census-based longitudinal studies (LSs) and their support units [CeLSIUS](#), [SLS-DSU](#), [NILS-RSU](#)

- What data do the LSs hold?
- How to apply to use LS data in your research
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Speakers announced for UK LS 2011 Census Linkage Launch

Announcing the list of speakers for the Census 2011 launch event, to be held on Thursday 6th March 2014 at... [Read more...](#)



# The 2011 Census and LSs: How there is a potential for influence

- Plans in England & Wales
- Plans in Scotland
- Plans in Northern Ireland
- But... future challenges
  - Achieving full UK-wide analyses
  - Coping with changing environment for the provision of official statistics in the UK

# Conclusion

- The LSs (together with their links to 2011 Census) have a continued potential for influence into the future because
  - They have temporal depth (can cover long stretches of life courses)
  - Have large sample sizes
  - Allow comparisons within the UK
  - They are resources where data are permanently linked

# Conclusion

- Continued potential for influence into the future because
  - Fuller links with administrative data will add more value to the linkages that already exist
  - Or 2021 Census data?
- Care will be needed in developing (and protecting) these valuable resources for the future



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