Migration/Workplace Statistics

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After you've finished this unit, you will know how to:

- login to the system;
- select origins destinations and variables;
- refine your selections;
- extract data and download it to your PC;

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1 Introduction

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WICID is the Web-based Interface to Census Interaction Data. This software is at the heart of the Centre for Interaction Data Estimation and Research (CIDER), which is a Data Support Unit funded by the ESRC.

In the tutorial, you will learn how to login to the system, how to select origins, destinations and variables, how to refine your selections, how to extract data and how to download it for use on your own PC.

However, the tutorial begins with some introduction to census interaction data sets, the so-called migration and workplace statistics.

2 Migration/Workplace Statistics?

As well providing stock data on the counts of individuals or households with certain demographic and socio-economic characteristics of small areas (and aggregations thereof), the Census of Population in Britain collects data on *flows* of individuals between areas.

The two key data sets are known as:

- the Special Migration Statistics (SMS); and
- the Special Workplace Statistics (SWS).

2.1 Special Migration Statistics

Migration data from the Census are collectively known as the Special Migration Statistics (SMS). Data for different years are published in separate tables with different spatial aggregations and variables included.

Migration data from the Census are derived from the question asking the respondent's address one year prior to the census. If the address is different from the current one, the individual is deemed to have migrated and is counted as a migrant. The Census counts migrants rather than migrations. Migration data from the census does not account for temporary moves.

The SMS are data on flows of migrants in the 12-month period before the Census and these data are generated by the Census Offices from the answers to two questions (7 and 9) in the Census which, in 1991. In 2001 this data was generated from Question 14, see Figure 1:

Figure 1: 2001 Census - Question 14

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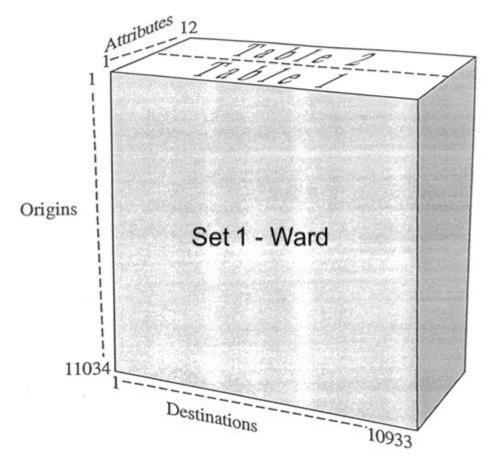
- a migrant is defined as a "person with usual address one year ago to that at the time of the Census":
- a migrant household is a household whose head is a migrant; and
- a wholly moving household is a household all of whose residents aged one and over were migrants.

There were two sets of SMS in 1991, known as SMS Sets 1 and 2. In 2001 there were three main sets of SMS data available at 3 geographical levels. These data sets get aggregated to different spatial scales and published in national and regional reports on Migration.

2.2 SMS Sets

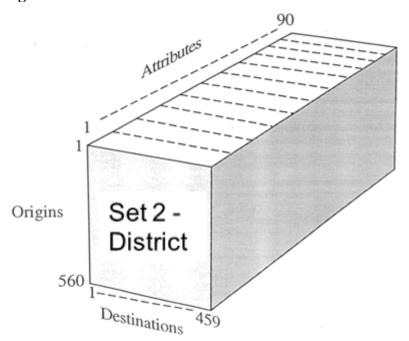
SMS Set 1 is the data set that contains flows between all the wards in Great Britain (10,933 in 1991) plus flows into these wards from places overseas. The data consists of 12 variables (attributes) organised in two tables as shown below:

Figure 2: SMS Set 1



SMS Set 2 is the data on migrant flows between local authority districts in Great Britain (459 in 1991) plus flows into these districts from places overseas. The data consists of 90 variables (attributes) organised in 11 tables as shown below:

Figure 3: SMS Set 2



Sets 1 and 2 are therefore very large data sets with matrices which may be sparsely populated. They are more complex than data sets of stock variables since they require the specification of areas of origin and areas of destination.

In 2001 the level 1, 2 and 3 SMS data contain flows between output areas, wards and local authority districts respectively. The same relationship between origins, destinations and attributes exists as in 1991, with the number of data set attributes decreasing as counts of origins and destinations increase. Wards and districts in 2001 do not correspond exactly with wards and districts in 1991.

2.3 Special Workplace Statistics

The SWS are data on the flows of individuals between their place of usual residence and their place of work. These data derived by the Census Offices from two questions (17 and 18) which, in 1991, were as follows:

Figure 4: 1991 Census - Questions 17 & 18

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In 1991, there were three sets of SWS:

- Set A provides counts of employed and self-employed persons by usual residence;
- Set B provides counts of employed and self-employed by workplace; and
- Set C provides counts of flows employed and self-employed between usual residence and workplace.

Set C is the origin-destination flow data and there are 274 variables arranged in 9 tables.

In 2001, there are three sets of SWS for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. As with the SMS these are levels 1, 2 and 3. There is also a comparable dataset for Scotland known as the Special Travel Statistics (STS) available at the same three levels, but with an additional set produced for postal sectors.

Figure 4a: 2001 Census - Question 33

33	What is the address of the place where you work in your main job?							
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	work?							
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	distance, of your usual journey to work.							
	Work mainly at or from home							
	Underground, metro, light rail, tram							

Train

Taxi

Ricycle

Bus, minibus or coach

Driving a car or van

Passenger in a car or van

Motor cycle, scooter or moped

2.4 Interaction Data Sets

WICID allows users to access the interaction data sets produced from the 1981, 1991 and 2001 Censuses.

Figure 5a shows an overview of the datasets and coverage. More detailed information regarding the Special Migration Statistics (figure 5b) and Special Workplace Statistics (figure 5c) are also shown.

Interaction Datasets

Dataset	Time period(s)	Coverage	
Special Migration Statistics (SMS)	1981, 1991, 2001	UK	
Special Workplace Statistics (SWS)	1981, 1991, 2001	UK	
Special Travel Statistics (STS)	2001	Scotland	
Commissioned Migration and Commuting data	2001	Dependent on dataset	
Patient register migration data	Annual Mid 1998-99 to 2007-08	England and Wales (whole UK estimated)	

Figure 5b: Special Migration Statistics (SMS)

Year	Tables	Base Geography	Notes
1981	Set 2 x 5	1981 ward	(re-estimated for 1991 wards by Boyle and Feng)
1991	Set 1 x 2	1991 ward	
	Set 2 x 12	1991 district	
	Table 100 x 2	1991 district	Flows adjusted to enumerate students at term-time address
2001	Level 1 x 10	2001 district	
	Level 2 x 5	2001 ward	
	Level 3 x 1	2001 output area	

Figure 5c: Special Workplace Statistics (SWS)

Year	Tables	Base Geography	Notes
1981	Set C x 5	1981 ward	(re-estimated for 1991 wards by Boyle and Feng)
1991	Set C x 9	1991 ward	
	Set A x 1	1991 ward	Origin only
	Set B x 1	1991 ward	Destination only
2001	Level 1 x 7	2001 district	
	Level 2 x 6	2001 ward	
	Level 3 x 1	2001 output area	
2001	STS	As SWS	Scotland only – same as SWS except includes flows to place of study

2.5 Why are the SMS and SWS Useful?

In the absence of a population registration system in Britain, the Special Migration Statistics are the most comprehensive set of data on internal migration and on immigration flows from overseas that are available. Other data sources such as the NHS central register of patients transferring between doctors and the International Passenger Survey, for example, both provide some migration data but not at the detailed spatial scale that the Census provides.

The SMS allow researchers to answer questions such as:

- What are the spatial patterns of population redistribution at different spatial scales across the country and within our cities and rural areas?
- What are the characteristics of migrants in terms of their age, sex, ethnic group, social class, employment status, level of qualification, housing tenure?
- What are the most important determinants of migration: employment opportunities, house prices, education, income levels, weather?
- How is migration influenced by policy?

In other words, good understanding of the patterns and process of migration allows better predictive models for using in evaluating regional development policies and projecting population distributions in the future.

The Special Workplace Statistics are the only comprehensive source of data on journey-to-work flows in Britain. They allow researchers to answer questions such as:

- What are the spatial patterns of commuting in our major towns and cities?
- How much long-distance commuting occurs?
- How do distances of commuting vary by mode of transport?

• What are the characteristics of those who commute?

In other words, the SWS data sets not only help us to have a good understanding of patterns of commuting, but they enable us to define functional regions or travel-to-work areas and to formulate polices to alleviate traffic congestion.

2.6 Migration and Commuting Patterns

There are a range of studies that can be carried out using these data sets. At the simplest level, this might involve creating maps of flows between selected areas. As examples, the maps below show (a) Most popular method of travel to work to London by Output Area and (b) Student flows to Leeds in 2001:

Most popular method of travel to work in London by output area

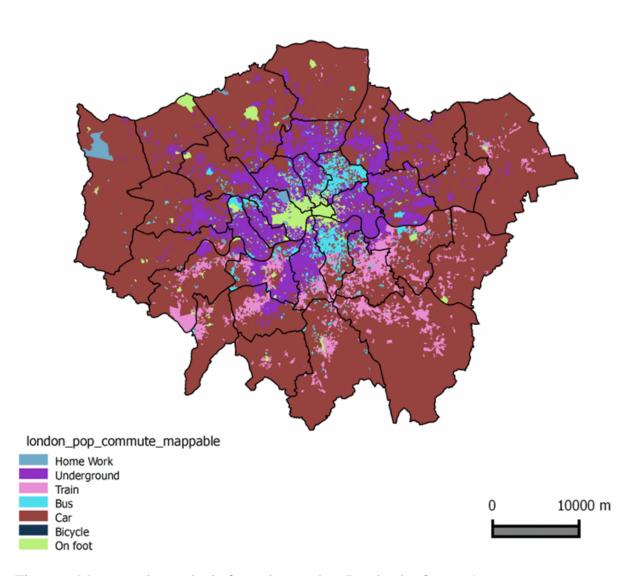


Figure 6: Most popular method of travel to work to London by Output Area

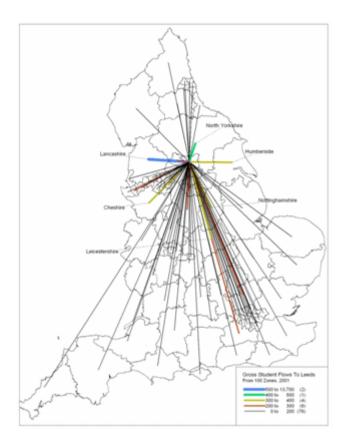


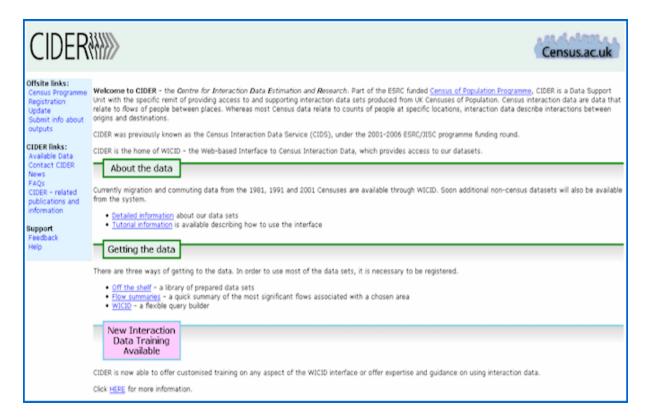
Figure 7: Student flows to Leeds

Examples of more sophisticated analysis might include:

- Comparing patterns of net migration for districts by age group or ethnicity;
- Comparing male and female commuting flows for one city by social class;
- Identifying changes in flow patterns between 1991 and 2001;
- Computing indices of regional connectivity, migration efficiency or migration concentration;
- Calibrating spatial interaction models of migration or commuting flows;
- Using statistical models to link migration or commuting flows with explanatory variables.

3 Running WICID

In order to run WICID, you must access the Centre for Interaction Data Estimation and Research (CIDER) website at: http://cider.census.ac.uk/ website. [Note: This link opens in a new window]



Note that there are four options. If you want to extract interaction flow data, you must be a registered user and clicking 'Registration' will provide you with details of how to do this and links to the Census.ac.uk web pages.

The 'Related publications and information' option will provide details of recent presentations about WICID and other news, whilst the 'Contact CIDER' option allows you to email any one of the members of the project team.

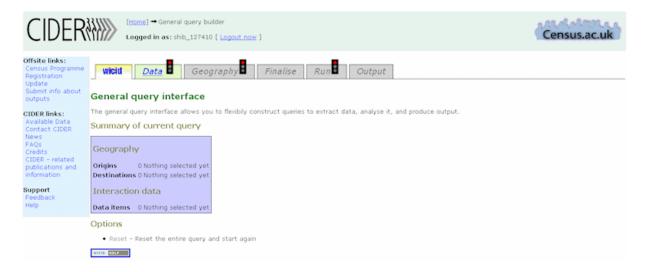
Click 'WICID' to start using the data extraction system.

3.1 Logging into WICID

You can login via the UK Federation (Shibboleth). You will need to select your institution, and then enter your institutional username and password



Once you have successfully logged in, you will be taken to the WICID homepage.



3.2 WICID Help System and Feedback

You will have noted on the side navigation of the WICID homepage that there are two links.



The Feedback link gives your comments on the WICID interface or about the system in general. It also allows you to ask questions.

The Help link gives access to the Help system and a window will open that allow you to scroll through the Help pages and select that section that you require.

3.3 The General Query Interface

Users begin their query building at this page. Origin and destination geographies and data variables have to be selected, although the system requires that users select a dataset before they can select geographies.

A traffic light metaphor is used to indicate that selection is complete and data can be outputted. Initially the lights are red but when origins, destinations and data variables have been selected for which counts are available, the lights should have turned to green.



3.4 Geographical Areas

Census data are available at different levels within England, Wales and Scotland. No data from the 1981 and 1991 Censuses are available for Northern Ireland.

The basic Census geographies for internal interaction data are:

- Output areas
- Wards
- Districts
- Counties
- Regions
- Countries

These geographies vary slightly between Censuses. For example output areas only exist from 2001, and boundaries for wards and districts do not remain comparable between Census years.

Other aggregations of output areas, wards or districts are available for some data sets such as:

- Lower/middle layer super output areas
- 1997 parliamentary constituencies
- Family Health Service Authorities

There are further geographies for origins of immigration flows:

- Foreign origins
- Broad groups of foreign origins

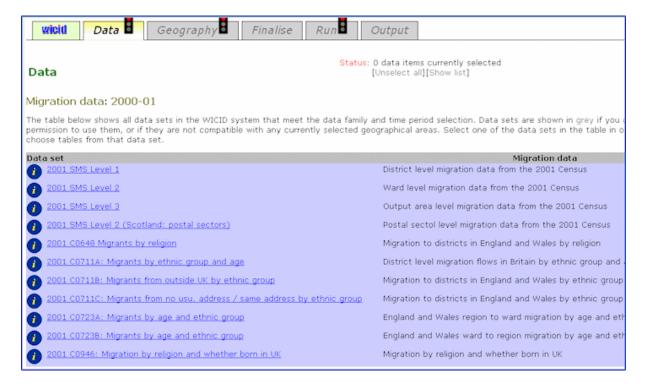
Various other geographies exist, with a selection of other foreign and miscellaneous origin categories, district classifications and geographies common between 1991 and 2001 available to users.

3.5 Variable Selection

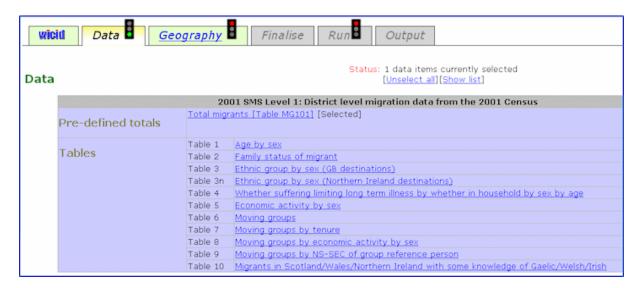
The next step in the tutorial is to select the variables that you want to extract data for. From the General query interface, select *Data* and this will identify a set of optional general selection tools. These are explained below:

General selection tools Quick selection Some data sets include predefined totals - total migrants for example - that can be easy Select by dataset This method allows you to select cells within tables as described in published document and table Select by variable This method allows you to select from a list of variables; you will then be presented with

In this example, we will use the *Select by dataset and table* option, and then *Migration data*, then *2000-01*. Clicking this gives a list of all the data sets available:

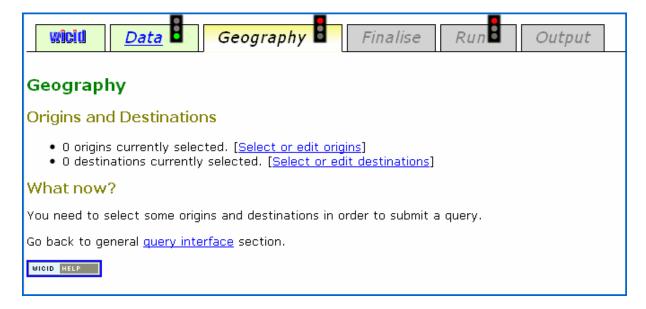


We want migration flows from the London to other regions in 2001, so select **2001 SMS Level 1** to generate a page of tables available and select **Total migrants** (Note that [Selected] will appear when clicked, and the Data tab will change to a green light):



3.6 Geography Selection Methods

If Geography is selected from the General query interface, you will be asked to choose between the selection of origins and destinations:



Click Select or edit origins

There are a number of general selection tools that are specified in the list below:

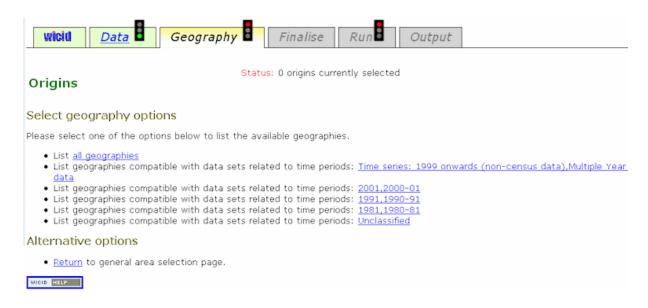
General	General selection tools				
Quick selection	This method allows you to select all areas in a particular geography in one go.				
Copy selection	Set origins to be the same as currently selected destinations, or vice versa.				
Type-in box	This method allows you to select areas by typing their sequence numbers, OPCS co- or names into a text box. It is quick if you already know the OPCS codes of areas in which you are interested, or if you want to search the whole country by placename.				
<u>List</u> selection	This method shows a list of all areas in your selected geography. It is useful if you not know the code numbers to use the type-in method; but the list is cumbersome geographies that have a large number of components.				
<u>Map</u> selection	This method allows you to select areas via a map interface.				

- In <u>Section 3.7</u>, we see how to use the **List selection** tool
- in <u>Section 3.8</u>, use of the **Map selection** tool is outlined.

The example we use in what follows involves the selection of total migrants flows from the South East to other standard regions.

3.7 Choosing by List Selection

Click on List geographies compatible with data sets related to time periods: 2001,2000-01



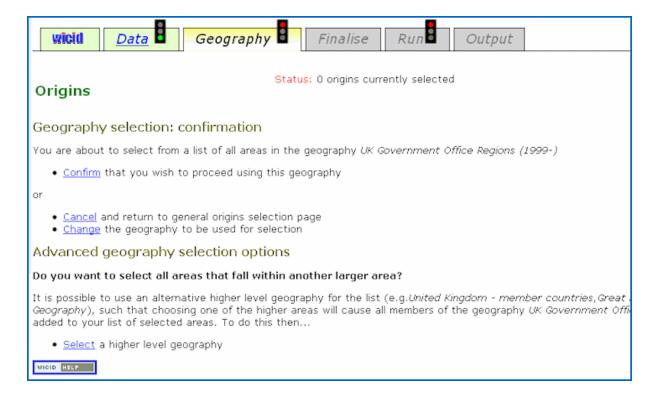
Lets select *UK Government Office Regions (1999-)* from the following list:

Geography selection

Please selection the geography that you want to use for your selection.

Geography Main Geographies	Number of areas
UK Government Office Regions (1999-)	12
UK interaction data districts 2001	426
UK interaction data wards 2001 [†]	10608
UK Output Areas 2001 [†]	223060
UK Standard Table Wards 2001 [†]	10558
CIDS 1991/2001 common geography - 'districts'	417
CIDS 1991/2001 common geography - 'intermediate'	218
CIDS 1991/2001 common geography - '100 zones'	100
CIDS 1991/2001 common geography - 'city regions'	47
United Kingdom - member countries	4
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2
Scottish postal sectors (2001 SMS and STS)	859
Lower Layer Super Output Areas [†]	41773
Middle Layer Super Output Areas [†]	9319
2001OA Classification - Group [†]	21
20010A Classification - Subgroup [†]	52
2001 UK districts (including NI districts) [†]	434
2001 UK Local Authority Classification *	6
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UK North and South Geography [†]	2
United Kingdom	1
2001 GB Districts plus Northern Ireland	409

You should now see the following page:



Click Confirm

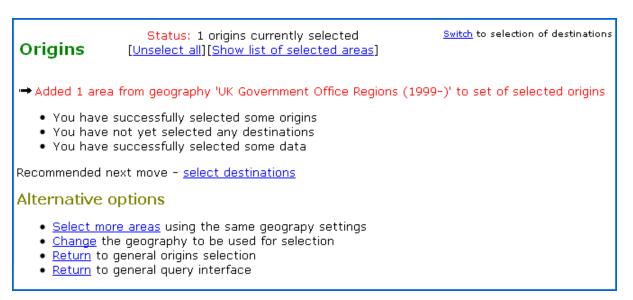
Other options allow you to cancel the selection or change the geography.

There is also an advanced geography selection option that allows the user to select all the areas at a selected lower level within one or more higher level zones, e.g. all the wards in one district.

Once the geography is confirmed, a list of the relevant zones appears and the user ticks those required (London in this example) and click on *Add chosen areas*:

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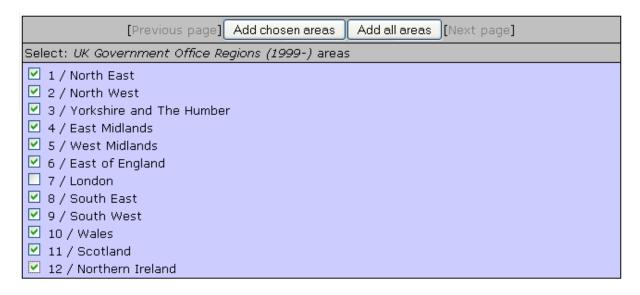
A screen now appears confirming your selection, now follow the link to select destinations



Once selected, follow this route:

- List selection
- All geographies
- UK Government Office Regions (1999-)
- Confirm

Select all geographies except for London, and then the *Add chosen areas* icon:



The system will respond indicating that destinations have been selected as follows and suggesting that the recommended next move is to produce the output:

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→ Added 11 areas from geography 'UK Government Office Regions (1999-)' to set of selected destinations

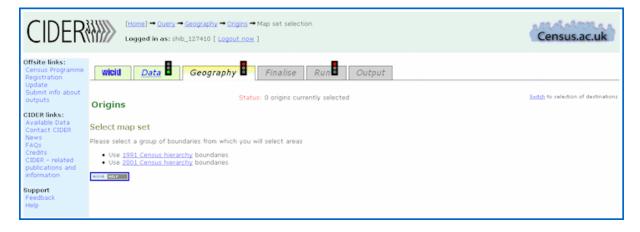
• You have successfully selected some origins
• You have successfully selected some destinations
• You have successfully selected some data

Recommended next move - produce output
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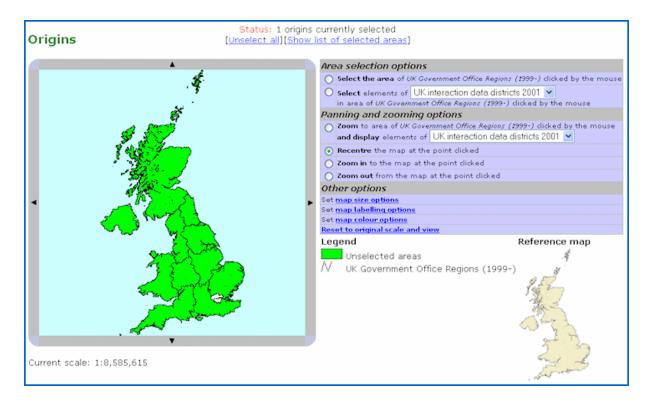
The next section (3.8) shows you how to do the above using the Map selection. If you prefer, you can move straight on to <u>Section 3.9</u>.

3.8 Choosing by Map Selection

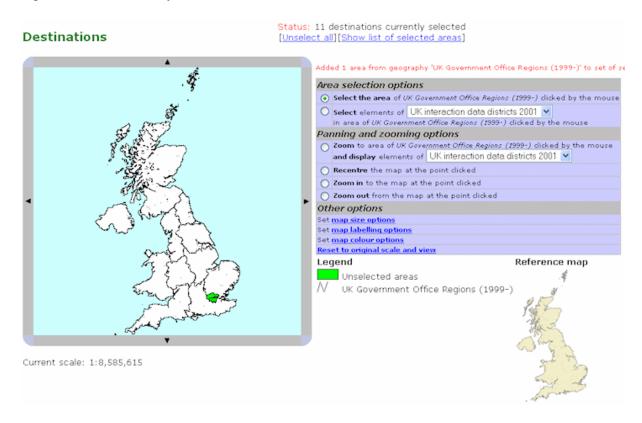
An alternative method of selecting zones is via the Map selection tool. First of all select *2001 Census hierarchy*



Simply click the region required from the map and this zone will be added to the selection. In this example, the only origin selected is London.



Click the **Switch** to destinations link (right hand side of the screen) and select the nine other regions in the same way:

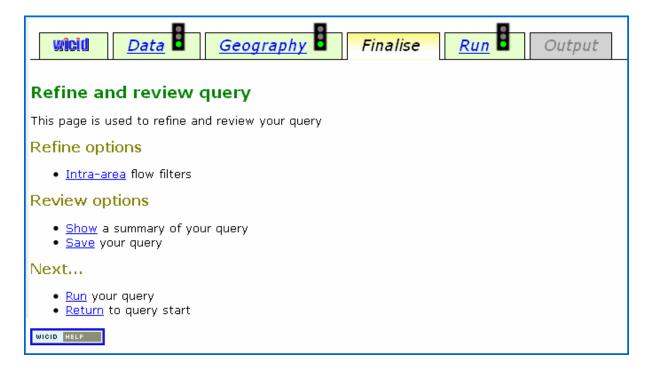


The status field above the map will indicate how many zones have been selected and there are various options available for selection and display.

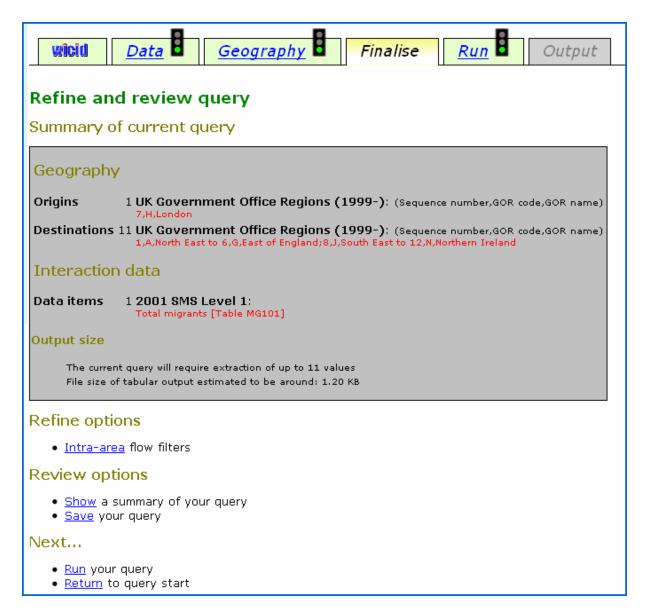
3.9 Finalise

At this stage, your origins and destinations have been selected and the data variable or variables have been specified

The next step is to click on the *Finalise* tab.



Click on the "*Show* a summary of your query" link. This will generate the summary as follows:

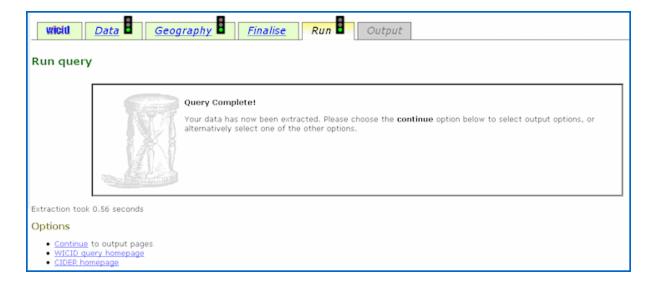


From here you can start again to rebuild your query from scratch, modify the data by clicking on any of the tabs again or go on to extract the data.

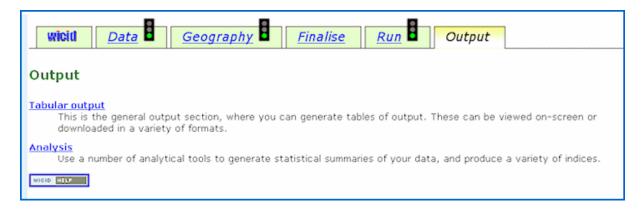
The system has various modification facilities that allow new variables to be created form variables selected, but these functions are not demonstrated here.

3.10 Data Extraction

You will have already have reviewed your query when you clicked the Finalise table. The traffic lights should have turned green so the query can now be run, click on the *Run* tab:



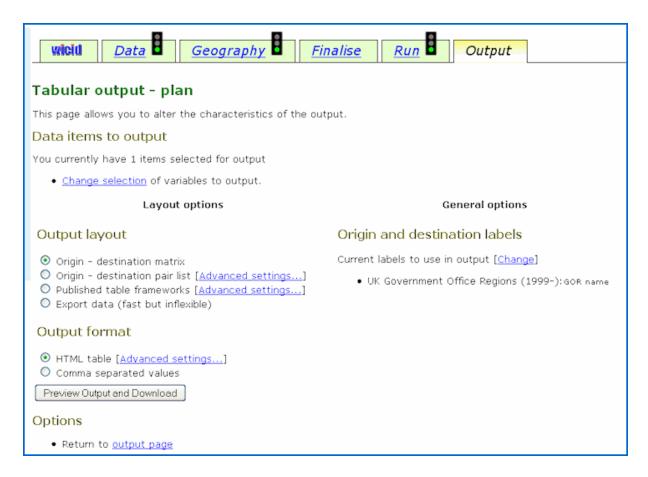
Click *Continue* to go to the output pages:



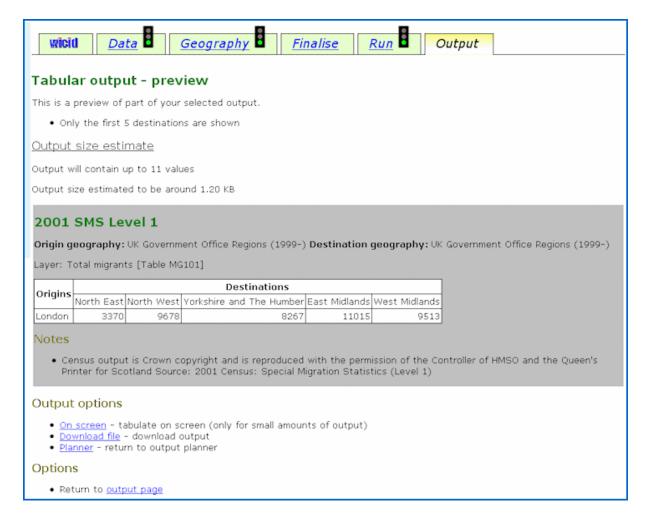
Now click Tabular output

3.11 Planning Your Output

At this stage, you can plan the layout, format and labelling of your output using the output planner:



Click *Preview Output and Download* to see the first 5 counts extracted:



The options available are as follows:

Output options

- On screen tabulate on screen (only for small amounts of output)
- Download file download output
- Planner return to output planner

3.12 Downloading the Data

Clicking on the *Download file* link will create a default filename:



Clicking on the Download now button will enable you to navigate to a directory of your choice and rename the file as you wish.

4 Examples

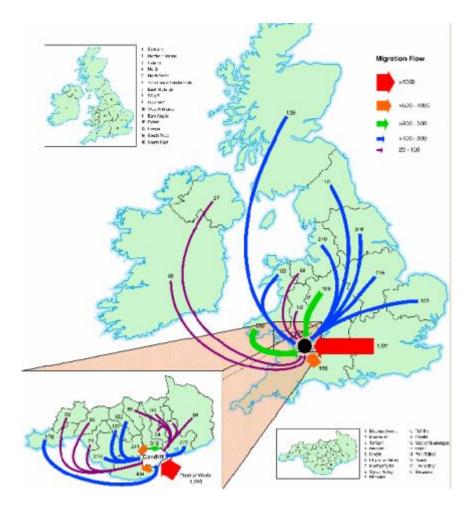
- Example 1
- Example 2

4.1 Example 1

Extract the total in-migration flows to Cardiff district in 1990-91, from other districts of South Wales, other counties of Wales, other regions of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic and the rest of the world.

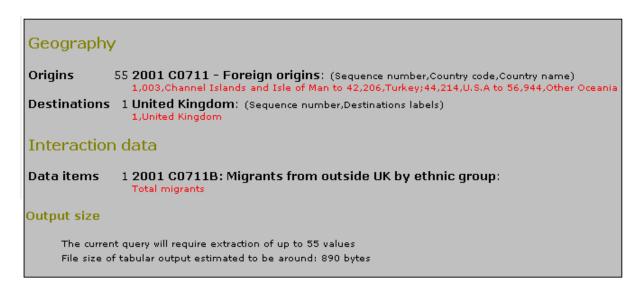
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Origins	33 GB Districts 1991: (Sequence number, District name, OPCS/ONS code) 379, Blaenau Gwent, 6088 to 383, Torfaen, 508x;389, Cynon Valley 52TD to 394, Taff-Ely, 52TJ;396, Cardiff, 54TN to 403, Swanses, 55TT GB Counties 1991: (Sequence number, County name, OPCS/ONS code) 48, Clwyd, 46 to 49, Dyfed, 49,51, Gwynedd, 51;53, Powys, 53 GB Standard Regions 1991: (Sequence number, Standard Region name) 1, North to 6, North West; 10, Scotland 1991SMS Foreign origins: (Sequence number, Country name, OPCS/ONS code) 1, Northern Ireland, 504 to 2, Irish Republic, 505 1991SMS Misc. origin totals: (Sequence number, Origin label, OPCS/ONS code) 3, Total inflow from overseas, 333333				
Destinations	1 GB Districts 1991: (Sequence number, District name, OPCS/ONS code) 398, Cardiff 54TN				
Data					
Variables	1 1991 SMS Set 2: Total migrants				
Handling of special cases					
1991 SMS Set 2 Flows of migrants from unstated origins left unselected					

These can be mapped as follows:

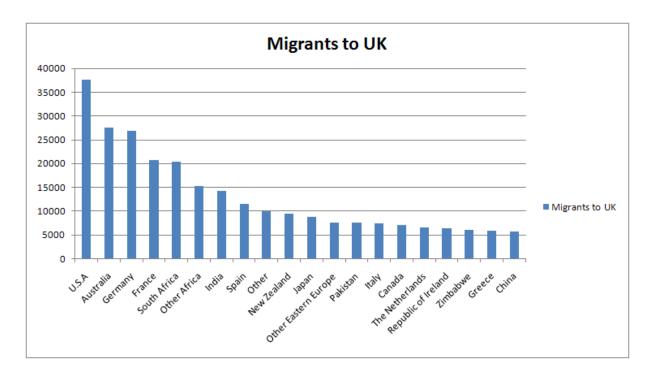


4.2 Example 2

Extract the flows of migrants to the UK in 2001.



The top 20 can be graphed as follows:



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Source: 2001 Commissioned table C0711B: Migrants from outside UK by ethnic group

5 Doing It Yourself

Congratulations, you have now worked through the tutorial.

Here are a few suggested data extractions for you to try yourself:

- 1. Select your home local authority district and build a query to extract the migration flows into that district for males and females in 2000-01 from all other districts in the UK.
- 2. Build a query to extract the same data for 1990-91 and compare the counts with those for 2000-01.
- 3. Construct a query to extract immigration data from foreign origins into this district in 2000-01.
- 4. Select a major provincial city and extract the commuting flows between the wards that make up that city.
- 5. Identify from the previous query which ward or wards constitute the city centre in terms of jobs (e.g. City and Holbeck and University wards in Leeds), and extract the commuting flows to these destinations from other wards by (a) mode of transport or (b) social class.

You may be required to put together a report from what you have done. The report should contain copies of the queries that you have constructed, the data files that you have extracted and any graphs and maps that you have used to display the data.