
Online workshop: Geographical Data Visualisation of UK Census Data.

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The UK Decennial Census of population

Questions for whole Household

Questions for indiv persons in Hh

Household Questionnaire
England
Office for National Statistics

Complete online
www.census.gov.uk
Your personal internet access code is:

OR fill in this paper questionnaire and post it back using the pre-paid envelope supplied.
If your address is incorrect or missing, enter your correct address here:

Declaration
I have completed this questionnaire to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____
Date: _____ Telephone number: _____

Where can you get help?
www.census.gov.uk
Census helpline 0300 0201 101
Text relay 18001 0300 0201 160

H1

Household questions - continued

H7 What type of accommodation is this?
A whole house or bungalow that is:
 detached
 semi-detached
 terraced (including end-terrace)
A flat, maisonette or apartment that is:
 in a purpose-built block of flats or tenement
 part of a converted or shared house (including bedstis)
 in a commercial building (for example, in an office building, hotel, or over a shop)
A mobile or temporary structure:
 a caravan or other mobile or temporary structure

H8 Is this household's accommodation self-contained?
Tick one box only
 This means that all the rooms, including the kitchen, bathroom and toilet, are behind a door that only this household can use
 Yes, all the rooms are behind a door that only this household can use
 No

H9 How many rooms are available for use only by this household?
Do NOT count:
• bathrooms
• toilets
• halls or landings
• rooms that can only be used for storage such as cupboards
Count all other rooms, for example:
• kitchens
• living rooms
• utility rooms
• bedrooms
• studies
• conservatories
If two rooms have been converted into one, count them as one room
 Number of rooms

H10 How many of these rooms are bedrooms?
Include all rooms built or converted for use as bedrooms, even if they are not currently used as bedrooms.
 Number of bedrooms

H11 What type of central heating does this accommodation have?
Tick all that apply, whether or not you use it
Central heating is a central system that generates heat for multiple rooms
 No central heating
 Gas
 Electric (including storage heaters)
 Oil
 Solid fuel (for example wood, coal)
 Other central heating

H12 Does your household own or rent this accommodation?
Tick one box only
 Owns outright → Go to **H14**
 Owns with a mortgage or loan → Go to **H14**
 Part owns and part rents (shared ownership)
 Rents (with or without housing benefit)
 Lives here rent free

H13 Who is your landlord?
Tick one box only
 Housing association, housing co-operative, charitable trust, registered social landlord
 Council (local authority)
 Private landlord or letting agency
 Employer of a household member
 Relative or friend of a household member
 Other

H14 In total, how many cars or vans are owned, or available for use, by members of this household?
Include any company car(s) or van(s) available for private use
 None
 1
 2
 3
 4 or more, write in number

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Person 1 - continued

P2 Answer the remaining questions for your main job or, if not working, your last main job.
Your main job is the job in which you usually work (worked) the most hours

P3 In your main job, are (were) you:
 an employee?
 self-employed or freelance without employees?
 self-employed with employees?

P4 What is (was) your full and specific job title?
For example, PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER, CAR MECHANIC, DISTRICT NURSE, STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
Do not state your grade or pay band

Postcode:

P5 Briefly describe what you do (did) in your main job.

P6 Do (did) you supervise any employees?
Supervision involves overseeing the work of other employees on a day-to-day basis
 Yes No

P7 At your workplace, what is (was) the main activity of your employer or business?
For example, PRIMARY EDUCATION, REPAIRING CARS, CONTRACT CATERING, COMPUTER SERVICING
If you are (were) a civil servant, write GOVERNMENT
If you are (were) a local government officer, write LOCAL GOVERNMENT and give the name of your department within the local authority

P8 In your main job, what is (was) the name of the organisation you work (worked) for?
If you are (were) self-employed in your own organisation, write in the business name

 No organisation, for example, self-employed, freelance, or work (worked) for a private individual

P9 If you had a job last week → Go to **P40**
If you didn't have a job last week → Go to **P43**

P40 In your main job, what is the address of your workplace?
If you work at or from home, on an offshore installation, or have no fixed workplace, tick one of the boxes below
If you report to a depot, write in the depot address

Postcode:

P41 How do you usually travel to work?
Tick one box only
Tick the box for the longest part, by distance, of your usual journey to work
 Work mainly at or from home
 Underground, metro, light rail, tram
 Train
 Bus, minibus or coach
 Taxi
 Motorcycle, scooter or moped
 Driving a car or van
 Passenger in a car or van
 Bicycle
 On foot
 Other

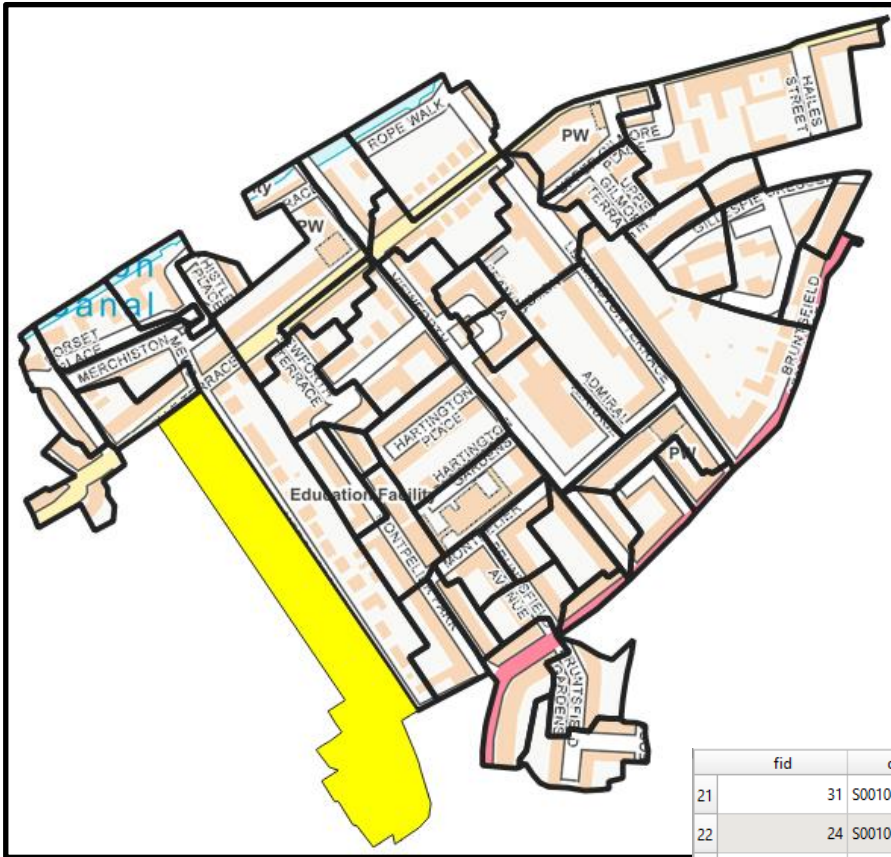
P42 In your main job, how many hours a week (including paid and unpaid overtime) do you usually work?
 15 or less
 16 - 30
 31 - 48
 49 or more

P43 There are no more questions for Person 1.
→ Go to questions for Person 2
OR If there are no more people in this household, → Go to the Visitor questions on the back page
OR If there are no visitors staying here overnight, → Go to the Declaration on the front page

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- 1971
- 1981
- 1991
- 2001
- 2011
- 2021 (2022)

Processed Output Census Data



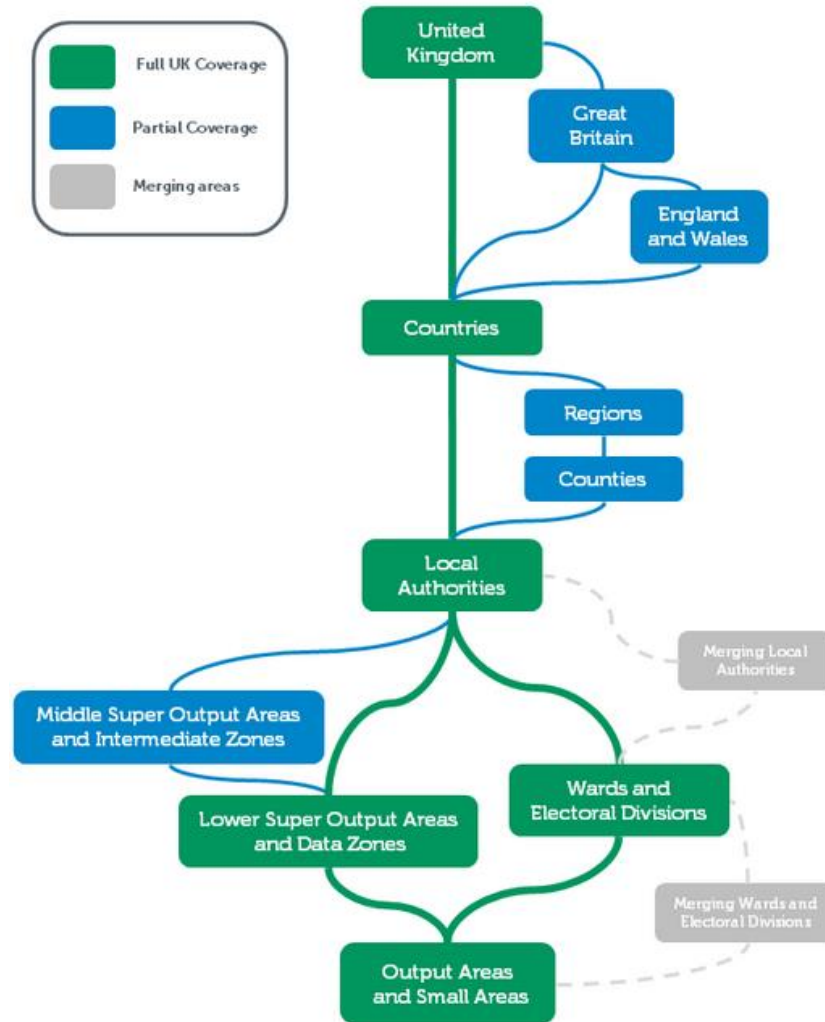
- Information submitted by census form on census night is processed into aggregate output tables
- Univariate and Multivariate tables
- Data output as counts of people or households
- Data output at different levels of geography grouping together larger groups of population
- Smallest level of geography is the Census Output Area (as here)
- Output Areas are a synthetic geography especially created for the publication of census data

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22	24 S00106918	110	69	60	50	0	67
23	25 S00104904	73	54	29	44	0	53
24	26 S00104922	113	41	53	60	9	6
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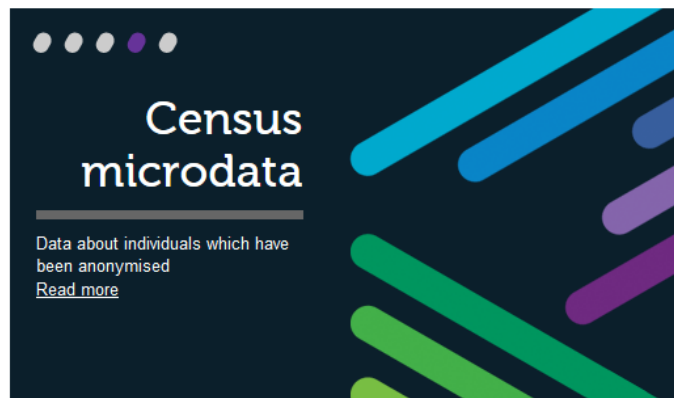
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Census Output Geography Hierarchy



Census data available through the UK Data Service

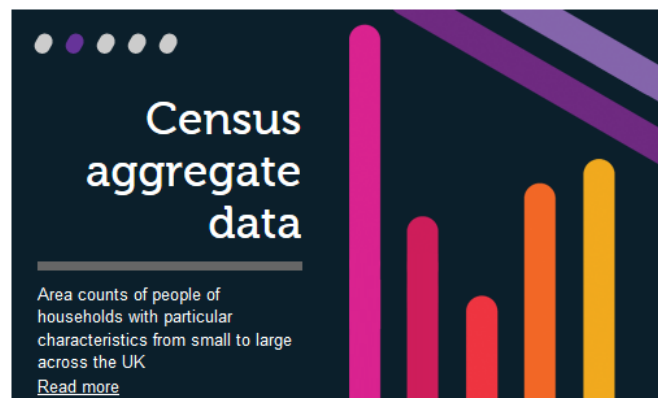


Census microdata

Data about individuals which have been anonymised

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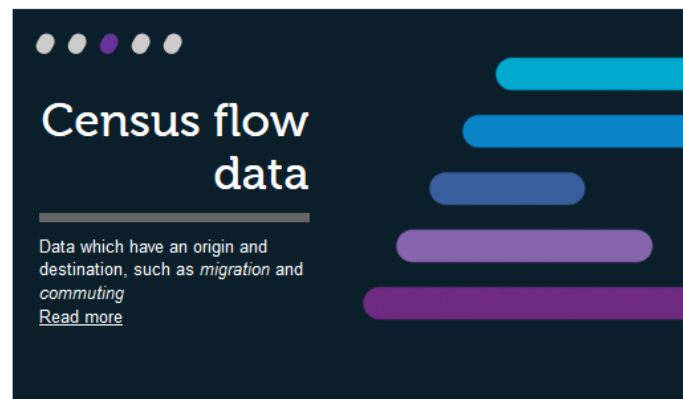


Census aggregate data

Area counts of people of households with particular characteristics from small to large across the UK

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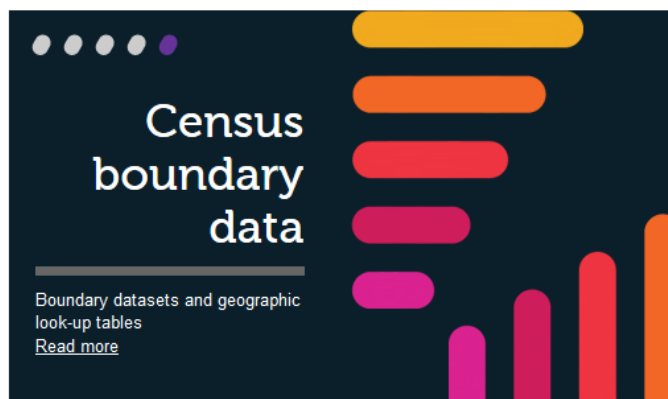


Census flow data

Data which have an origin and destination, such as *migration* and *commuting*

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Census boundary data

Boundary datasets and geographic look-up tables

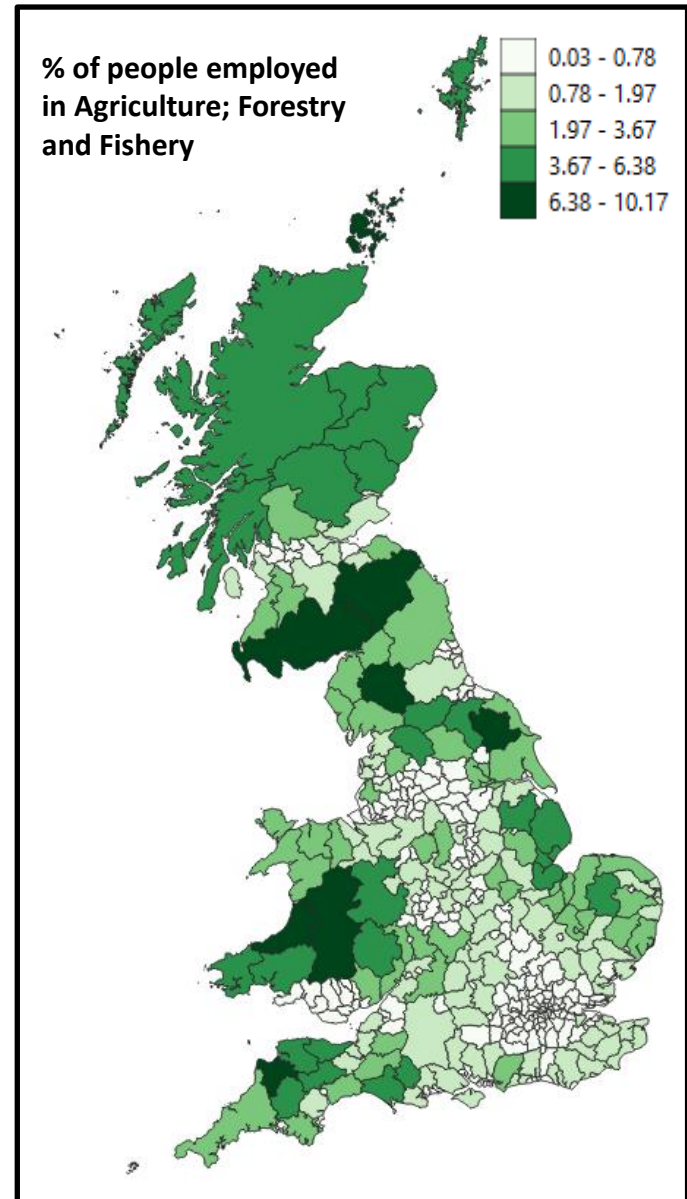
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Visualising Census Data: Choropleth Maps

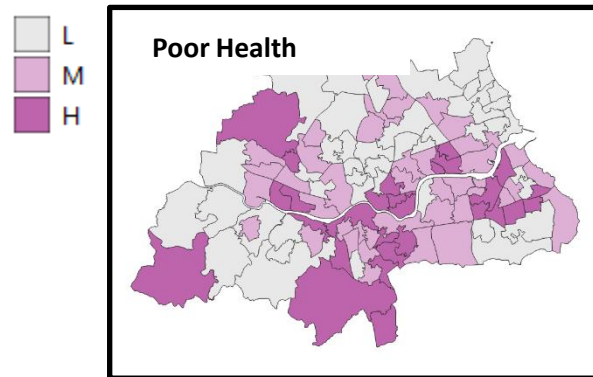
Choropleth maps

- Polygons are shaded in proportion to the measurement of the statistical variable being displayed on the map.
- Choropleth maps provide an easy way to visualize how a measurement varies across a geographic area or to show the level of variability within a region.

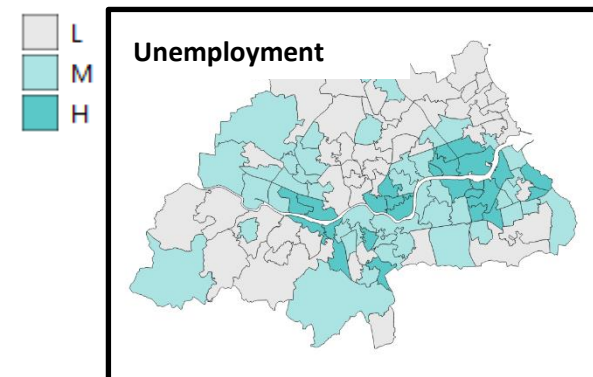


Bivariate Choropleth Maps

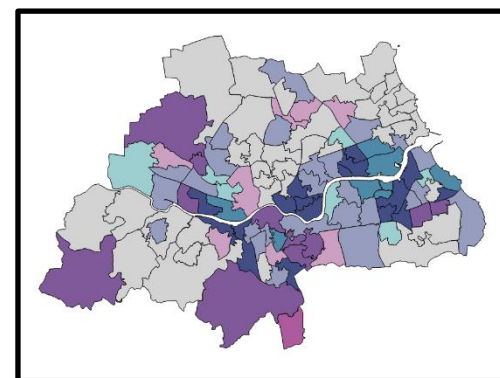
- Most Choropleth maps display a single variable and are known as univariate Choropleth maps.
- Bivariate Choropleth maps combine data from 2 variables
- For Newcastle and Tyneside combine into a single map variables from the census on poor health and unemployment.



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Limitations of Choropleth Maps

- Choropleth maps imply that the population is distributed uniformly across the extent of the polygon (census zone).
- In reality this is not the case

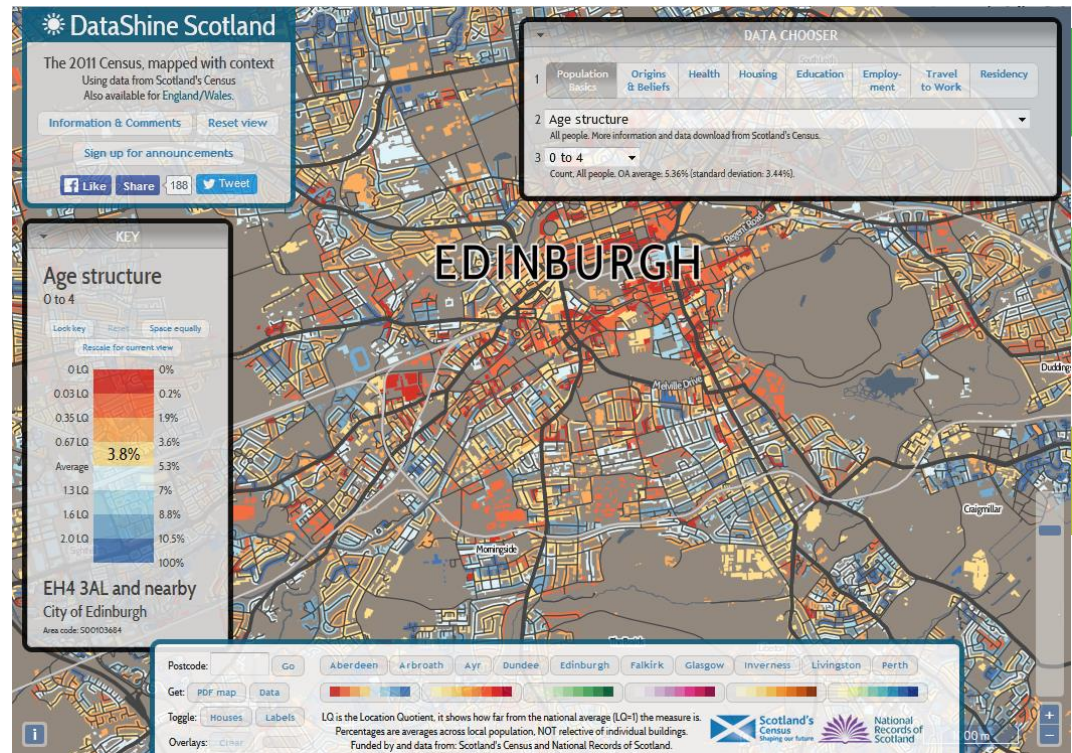
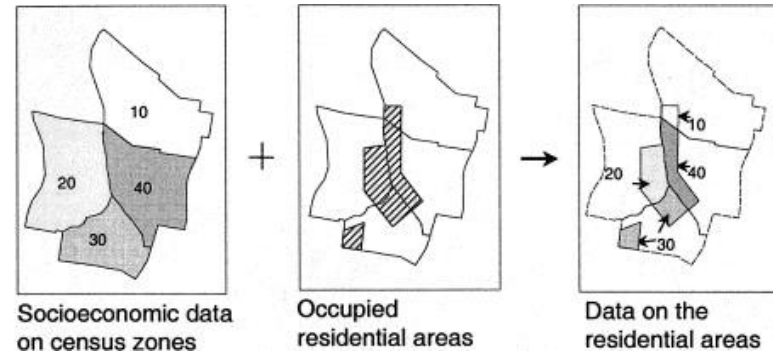


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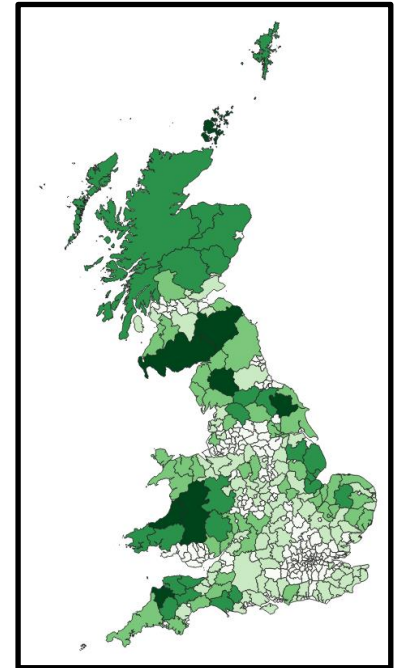
Masked Choropleth Maps

- Dasymetric Maps modify traditional Choropleth maps using additional land use datasets to present a more realistic distribution of the variable.
- DataShine is a form of dasymetric mapping where a layer of Ordnance Survey buildings is used to mask the census areas
- This helps with the problem of the choropleth implying that population is uniformly distributed across polygons



Guidance on constructing choropleth maps from UK census data

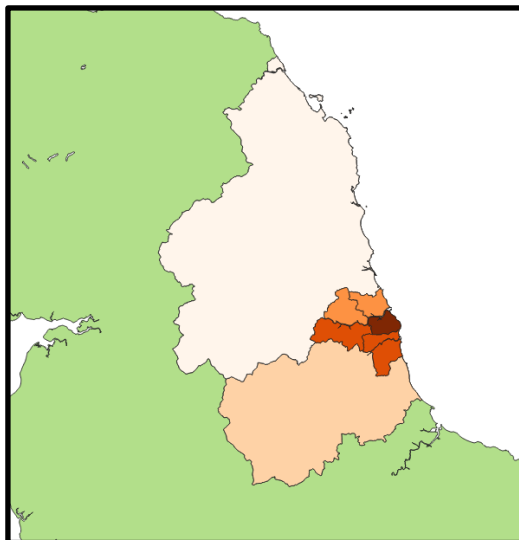
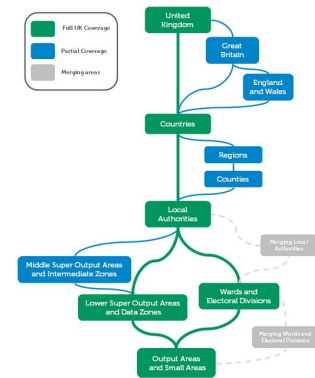
- Choose Output Census Geography
- Standardise Census Variables
- Choose Classification Method
- Choose Colour Ramp



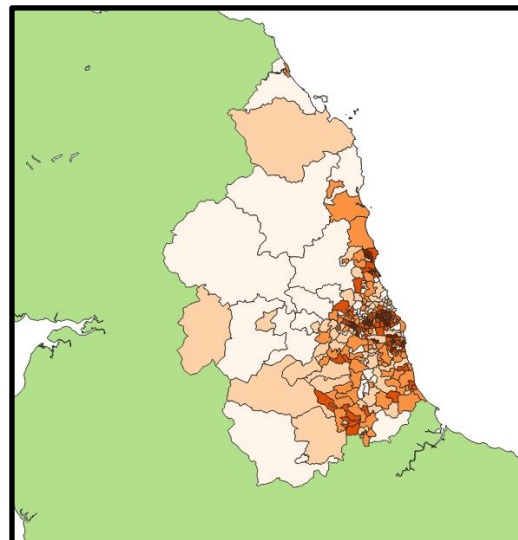
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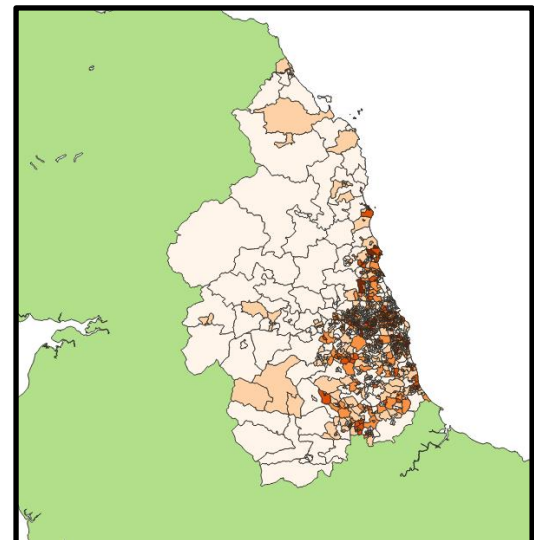
- UK Census Data is available at different levels of output geography.
- Disclosure control means that not all census variables are available at all levels
- Mapping / analysing data at different levels of output geography may lead to different insights



Local Authority



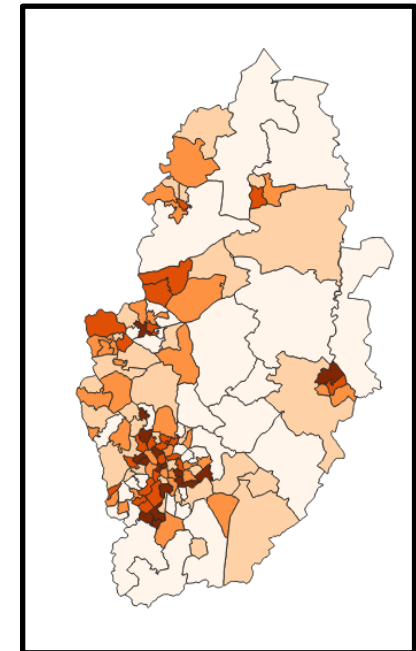
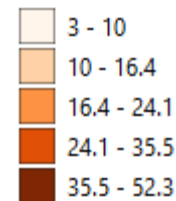
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Standardise Census Variables

- Displaying raw counts of census variables (people or households) as a choropleth map should be avoided
- High counts are just where people are
- Instead the counts should be standardised (normalised) to allow values in one area to be compared with another.
- Option 1 – Standardise the census variable being mapped by **dividing it by the total geographic area**. This expresses the variable as a density.
- Option 2 – Standardise the census variable being mapped **by dividing it by the total population size** (people or households) in that area.

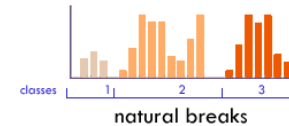
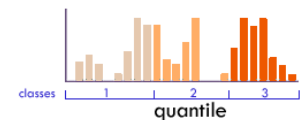
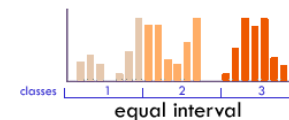
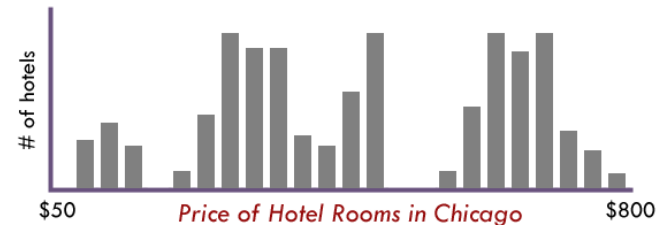
Households living in terraced housing as % of all households



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Choose Data Classification Method.

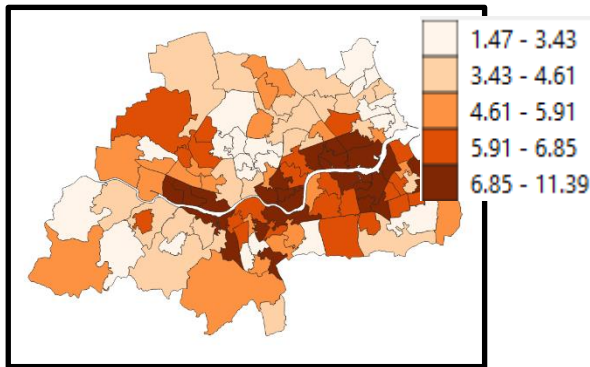
- When we construct a choropleth map we perform a classification
- Classification takes a large number of observations and groups them into a smaller number of data ranges or classes.
- A form of generalisation
- This makes it easier to spot patterns and understand the data compared with looking at all the variance of the data at once.
- Different classification methods are available. Some methods include:
 - Quantile
 - Equal Interval
 - Natural Breaks
 - Manual



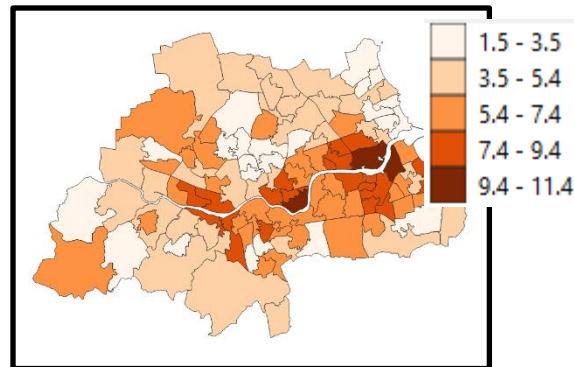
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- Applying to the same data, different classification methods or selecting a different number of classes leads to different choropleth maps.

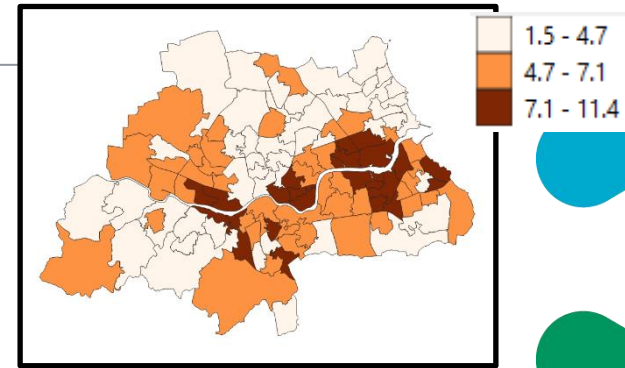
% Unemployment recorded in 2011 census by MSOA for Newcastle; Gateshead; North and South Shields



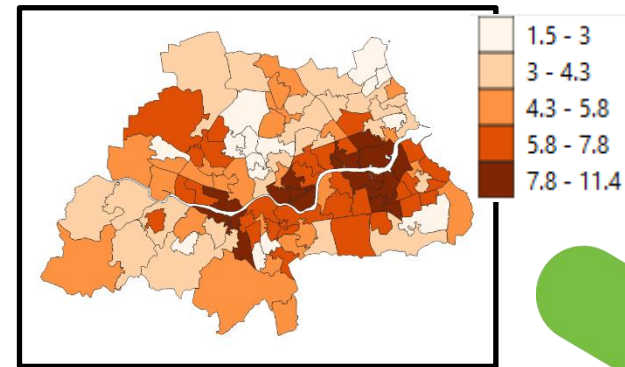
5 Classes - Quintiles



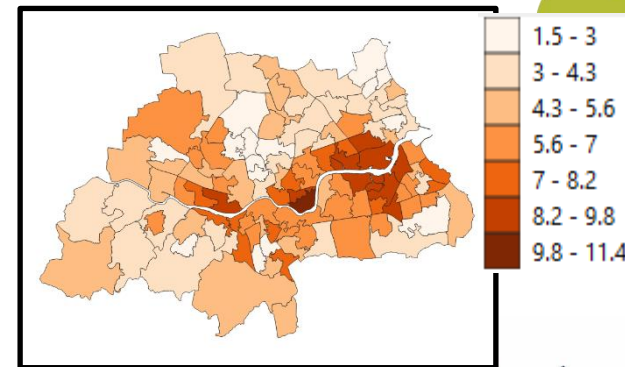
5 Classes – Equal Interval



3 Classes – Natural Breaks



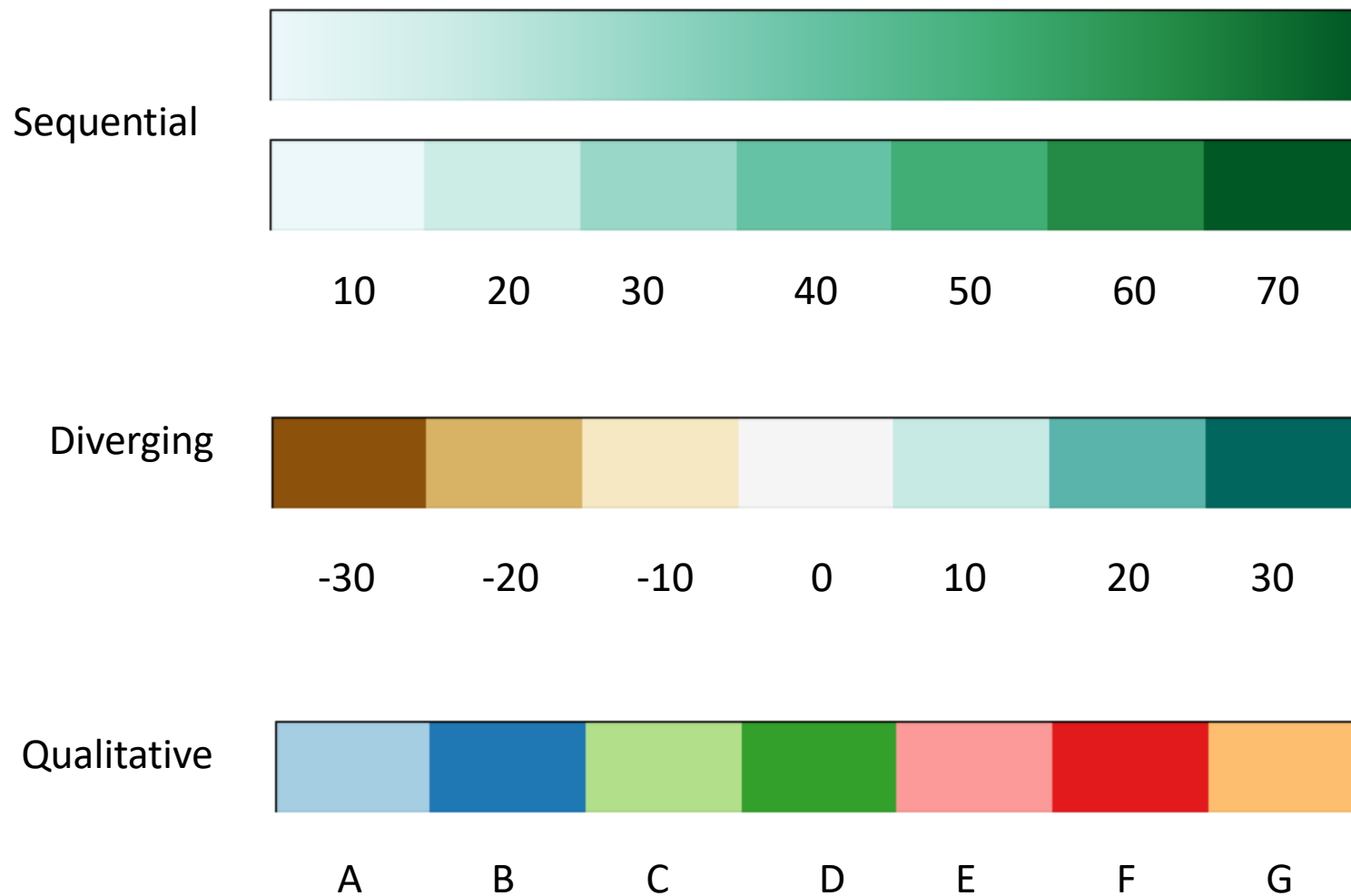
5 Classes – Natural Breaks



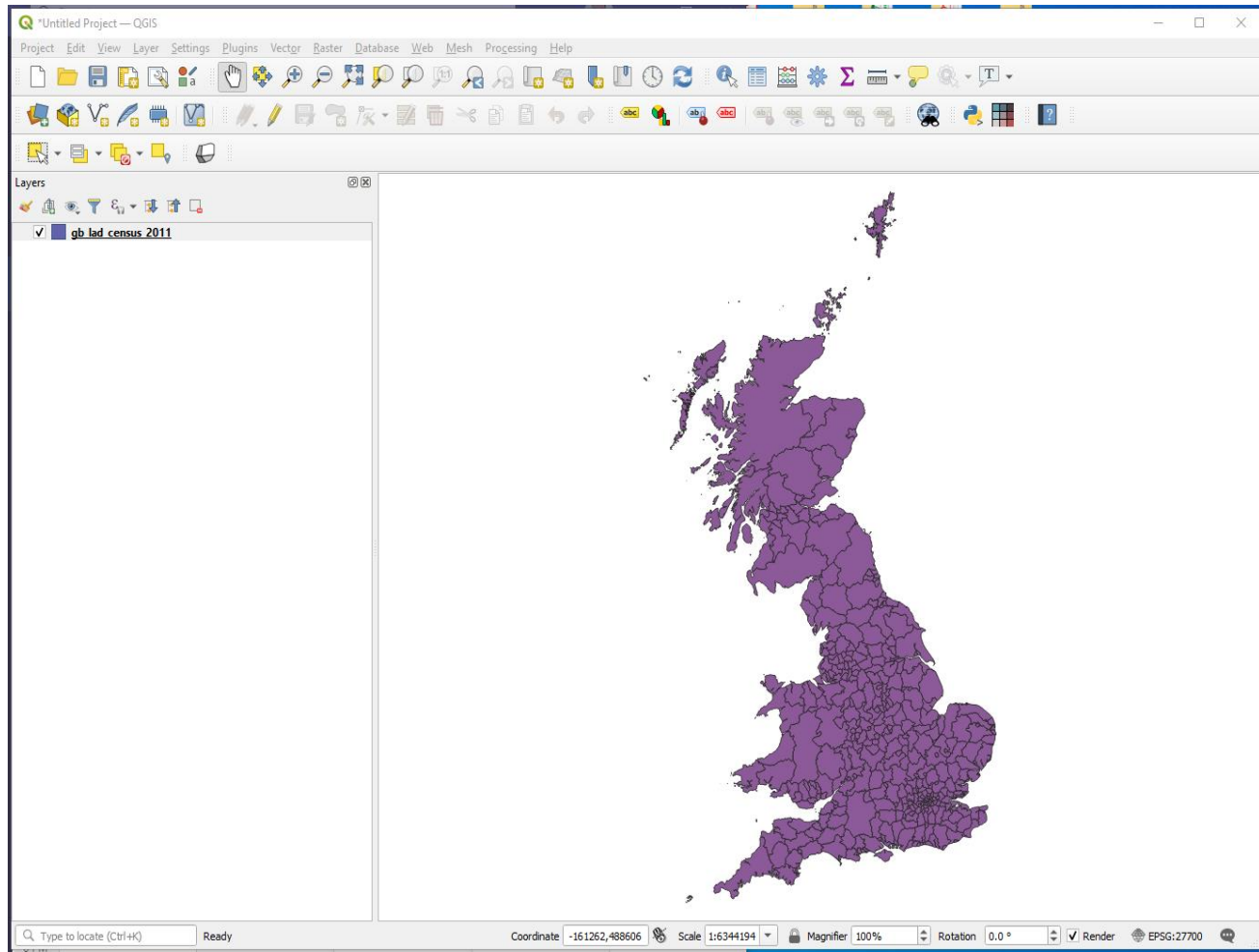
7 Classes – Natural Breaks

No classification method is right or wrong. Choice of classification method should be based on the characteristics of the data and an aim to avoid constructing misleading maps.

Choose Colour Ramp



QGIS Desktop GIS Application



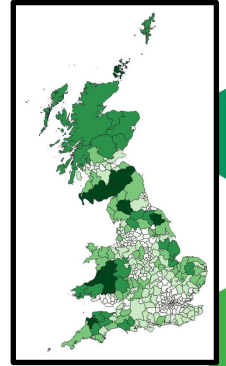
<https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download.html>

QGIS Hands-on Session 1 - Choropleth

If you have not done so already go to:

<https://bit.ly/3luopw2>

and download the Census_DataViz_Training_Pack.zip file to your working folder.



Unzip the contents of the Census_DataViz_Training_Pack.zip file

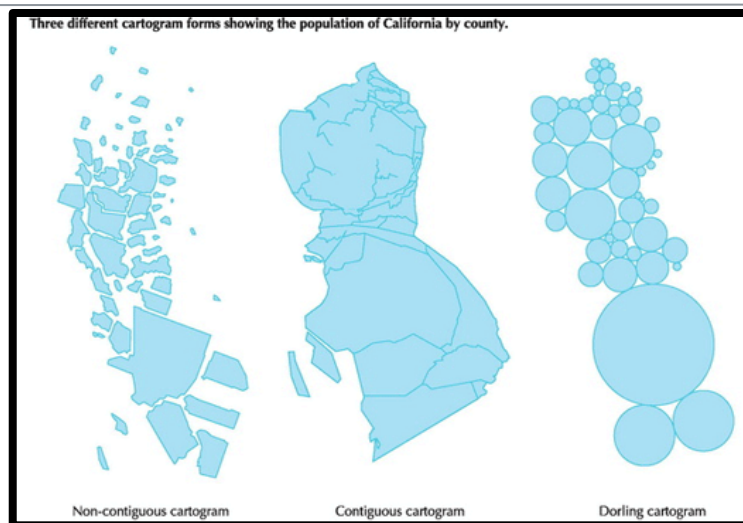
This contains training data and PDFs of all of the workbooks we will be using for the hands-on sessions.

qgis-choropleth-workbook.pdf is the first workbook we will use.

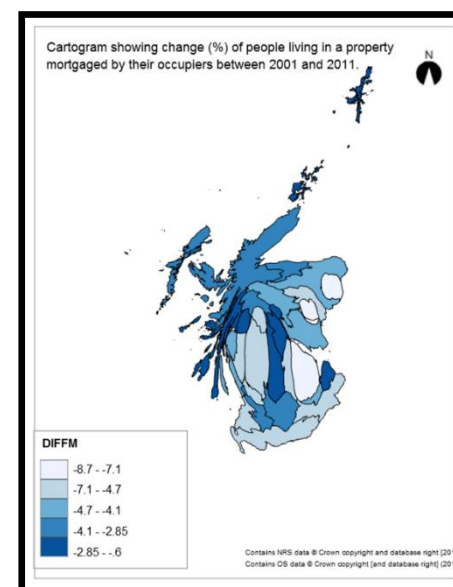
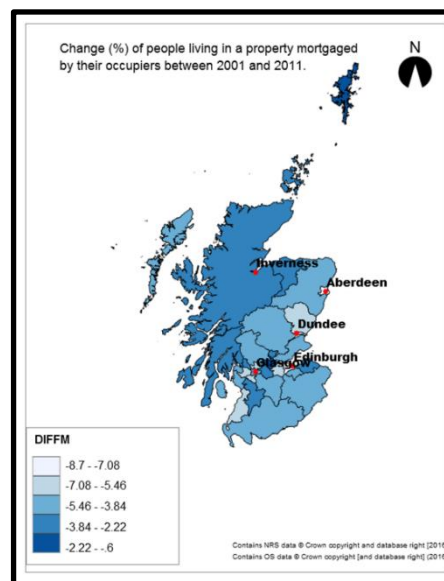
Visualising Census Data: Cartograms

Cartograms

- A cartogram is a special form of map projection where polygon areas are drawn in proportion to the variable being mapped rather than the land area of the polygon
- Different types of Cartogram:
 - Non-contiguous Cartograms
 - Contiguous Cartograms
 - Dorling Cartograms
- Cartograms help avoid the problems of census areas with large populations but covering a small area being hidden by census areas with small populations but covering much larger areas

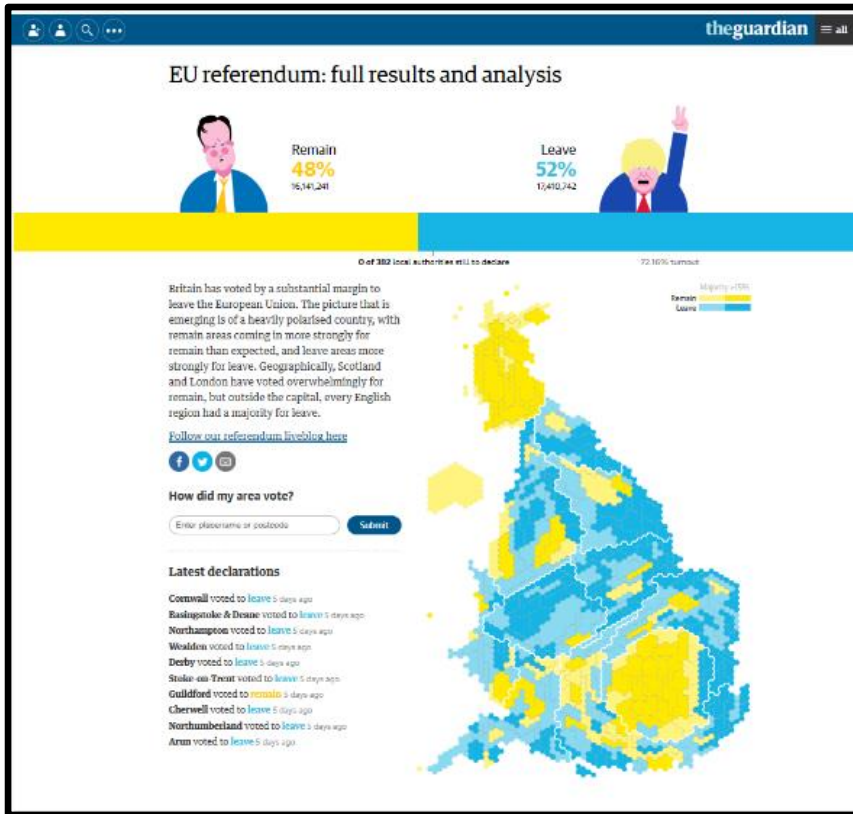


<http://googlemapsmania.blogspot.com/2018/04/californias-century-of-growth.html>

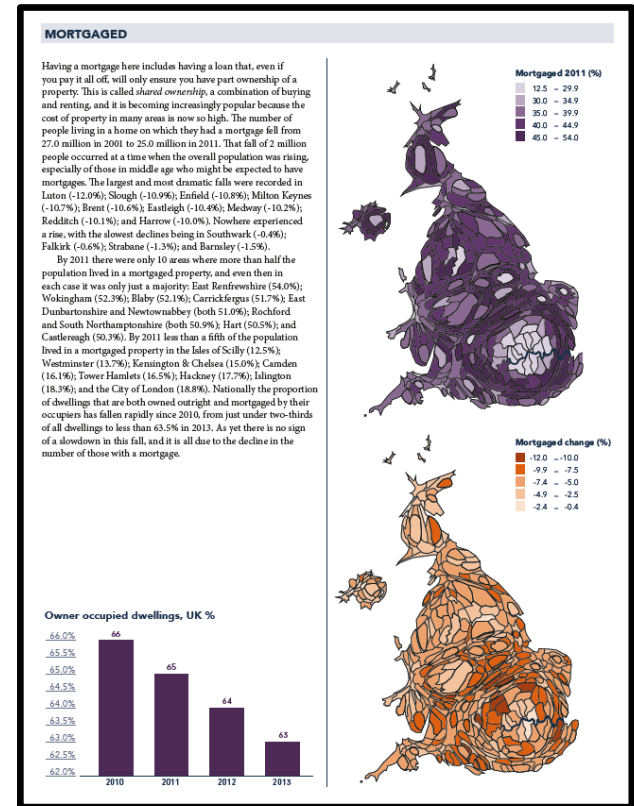
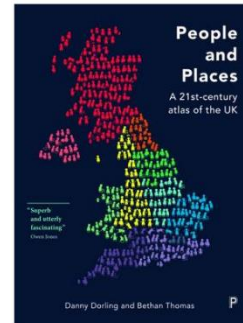


Cartograms in the wild

Brexit Cartograms

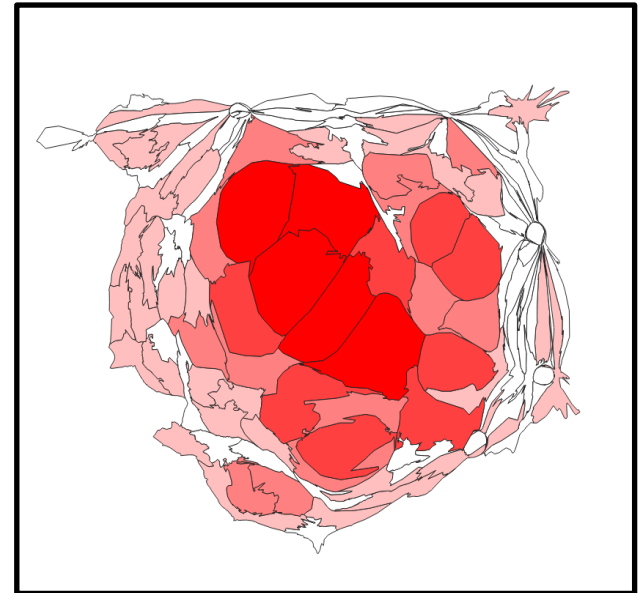


Census Cartograms



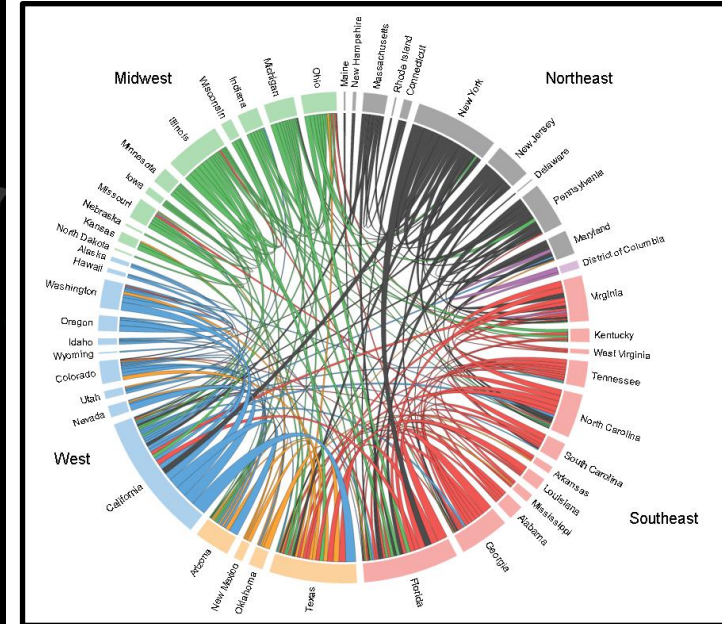
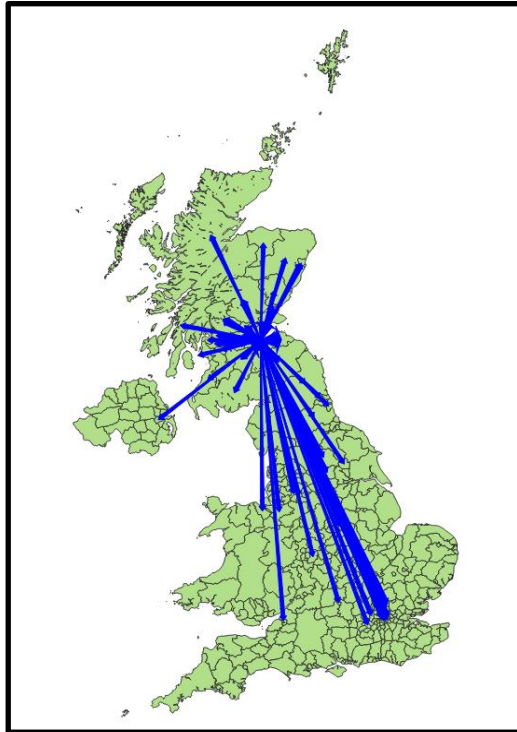
QGIS Hands-on Session 2 - Cartogram

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Visualising Census Data: Flow Maps

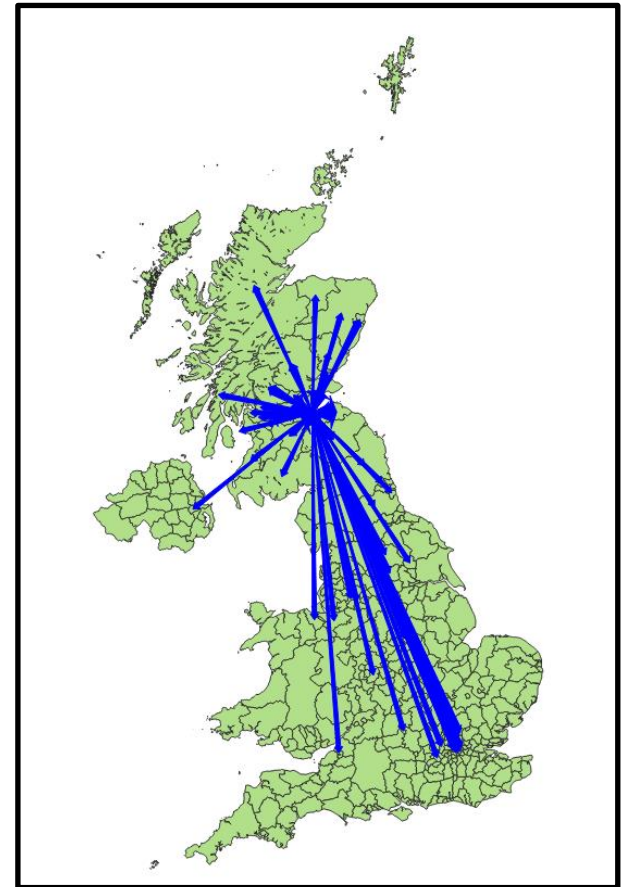
Visualising Census Flow Data



- Flow Map – flows between zones shown as weighted arrows. Direction of arrow = direction of flow. Thicker the arrow = more volume of flow.
- Advanced Flow Map – visualise flow for an entire country using advanced graphic techniques. Brighter areas = more flow.
- Chord Diagram – alternative to flow maps. Criticism of flow maps is that using geography leads to cluttering.

QGIS Hands-on Session 3 – Creating Flow Map from census flow data using QGIS

- **qgis-flow-map-workbook.pdf** is the third workbook we are using
- This session uses data provided in the **Census_Training_Data\FlowMap** folder
- Follow the first 4 sections of the workbook. Don't do the Extra bits in Appendix 1 and 2 at the end.



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5 minute Break

Exploring Tableau Public to create maps, other visualisations, and a dashboard

Tableau Hands-on Session

tableauintro2019.pdf is the Tableau Workbook.

First half of the workbook uses international data to introduce use of Tableau.
Second half of the workbook uses census data.

Tableau has changed since the **tableauintro2019.pdf** workbook was written.
When you get to section 2.4 of the **tableauintro2019.pdf** workbook refer to the **tableauintro2019_ammendment.pdf** (after this amended section continue to follow **tableauintro2019.pdf** for the rest of the exercise)

2.4 Adding boundaries

Double-click the percent-travel-gm box on the canvas:

Demos

Q & A.