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1. Introduction

The National Statistics Address Lookup (NSAL) Version Notes contain specific information about each 12-weekly release of the address lookup, including details of recent changes that have impacted on the data. Various annexes and tables provide more detailed supporting information. ONS Geography also supplies a User Guide that contains descriptions of the NSAL and its contents along with information about the methodologies used, data quality and limitations. Both documents are included with the data as .pdf files.

2. News

2.1 A new product

Ordnance Survey (OS) has recently allowed the 'open' use of the Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) from their AddressBase[®] product and the NSAL is designed to compliment this. This is the first, 'proper' release of the NSAL, with minor presentational changes made after the release of the trial edition in March.

2.2 Geography updates on the NSAL

The OA lookups that serve as inputs to each release of the NSAL are updated at the end of each year. Therefore, the first release of the NSAL in a given year will generally be the first to reflect any geography changes in the previous year. This release contains 2014 LAD, ward and LAU2 codes.

3. UPRN currency

The NSAL contains UPRNs within GB (excluding Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man). They are current to the previous six weeks and include both current and previous UPRNs.

The UPRN data in this release of the NSAL relate to AddressBase[®] Epoch 32 with an OS refresh date of 21 May 2015.

The content of the NSAL is broken down by region, with each being supplied as a separate file (with a file each for Wales and Scotland).

Table 1 shows the number of UPRNs in each of the regions and the file sizes.

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Table 1**Number of UPRNs and indicative file size by region**

| Region | UPRN count | File size (MB) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| North East | 1,556,241 | 292.4 |
| North West | 4,166,570 | 782.8 |
| Yorkshire and The Humber | 3,292,331 | 618.5 |
| East Midlands | 2,664,181 | 500.5 |
| West Midlands | 3,183,198 | 598.0 |
| East of England | 3,463,395 | 650.7 |
| London | 4,659,543 | 875.4 |
| South East | 4,971,680 | 934.0 |
| South West | 3,354,024 | 630.1 |
| Wales | 1,874,603 | 352.2 |
| Scotland | 3,496,113 | 656.8 |
| All | 36,681,879 | 6891.6 |