

Transport Scotland: Statistics Team Update

This paper sets out the actions taken by Transport Analytical Services, Statistics Team over the past 12 months and our proposed work plan for 2015/16.

1. Background

Transport Analytical Services sits within Finance, Corporate and Analytical Services Directorate of Transport Scotland. It aims to support the delivery of the Scottish Government's purpose and priorities through the provision of high quality evidence and advice. Transport Statistics are a part of this team, currently consisting of one Statistician Team Leader, one Assistant Statistician and two Statistical Administrators.

The main areas of work of the Transport Statistics team are:

- Road accidents and road casualties
- Personal transport
- Modes of transport.

The work of Transport Statistics forms one programme within the Transport Analytical Services work plan. Other programmes in the wider plan include monitoring and evaluation of ferry services, appraisal and evaluation of infrastructure investment business case development, reducing emissions from transport and a research programme.

The work of Transport Statistics also provides updates to three of the National indicators set out in the Scottish Government National Performance Framework.

2. Developments over the past 12 months

In 2014/15 we:

- Continued to publish Key Reported Road Casualties (KRRCS) in June and Reported Road Casualties Scotland (RRCS) publication in October.
- Combined the SHS travel diary publication with TATIS in a new publication so all SHS data is released at the same time in late August.
- Included an article focussing on pedal and motor cycle casualties in RRCS.
- Included a series of infographics for each chapter of Scottish Transport Statistics and separated out notes and sources from commentary and tables.
- Replaced the Transport Fact Card with an interactive data browser: <http://bit.ly/1JFYZCR>
- Supported the publication of the Mobile phone and Seatbelt Usage Survey 2014 by Transport Analytical Services
- Supported the 'STATS19 form design research project' conducted by TRL on behalf of Transport Scotland.

The team also provide advice and support to policy and operational colleagues from within Transport Scotland and other public bodies as required. We also respond to a number of requests for information from members of the public and other stakeholders.

3. Provisional Planned work for 2015/16

In 2015/16 we aim to:

- Continue our work to improve the impact and reach of our statistics, through improved communication methods.
- Take forward a data linkage pilot study, looking at STATS19 data and NHS Scotland health records to answer research questions around:
 - Under-reporting of road accidents
 - How serious is serious
 - Patterns in outcomes for child casualties in Scotland
- Consult users on recent changes to our publications, in particular, our modernisation programme.
- We will review the rail chapter of STS and look to seek feedback and improve the online data browser which replaced the Fact Card.
- Review and look to improve the statistics content on the Transport Scotland website.
- Continue to work with Police Scotland and other stakeholder to improve the data quality of road accident and casualty statistics.
- Continue to support Sustrans in the production of the Hands Up Survey and related matters regarding the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.
- Publish 'data under development' covering annualised estimates of personal travel and seek user feedback on these.
- We will continue to provide advice and support to users of our statistics as required.

4. Forthcoming Publications

- **Transport and Travel in Scotland 2014**

Presents findings from the 2014 Scottish Household Survey and the Travel Diary; covering personal travel behaviours and patterns in Scotland.

Publication date: 26 August 2015

- **Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2014**

Provides final figures for the number of road accidents and casualties reported to police in Scotland for the calendar year 2015 alongside more detailed analyses of STATS19 data.

Publication date: October 2015 (exact date to be confirmed)

- **Scottish Transport Statistics 2015 (number 34)**

Annual compendium publication bringing together many of the transport related statistics published in the previous 12 months.

- Publication date: February 2016 (exact date to be confirmed)

- **Key Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2015**

Provides provisional headline information on road accidents and casualties reported to the police in Scotland for the calendar year 2015.

Publication date: June 2016 (exact date to be confirmed)

5. Feedback

We are always happy to take feedback from our stakeholders on the outputs from the team and our proposed work plan for the coming year. Any comments can be emailed to: Transtat@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk