

**Data: 2011 Output Areas (rural areas and small towns, only), population potential and Sparsely Populated Area definition, Scotland.**

**RD341\_WP1\_Population\_Potential\_data.csv**

Description and metadata:

This table shows the number of people who lived (in 2011) within 30 minutes travel from the 13,814 Output Areas in rural areas and small towns in Scotland. As described in the working paper and summary above, this measure of population potential was used to define a sparsely populated area (SPA) within Scotland.

The data sources and methods used in the analysis are fully described in the working paper. The lookup table has four columns:

1. code - 2011 Output Area code.

2. ur8name - Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification 2013-2014. Information from Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification 2013-2014 Lookup Files: lookup table for 2011 Output Areas. Download: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0046/00464793.zip> © Crown copyright. Contains public sector information licensed under the Open Government Licence v3.0.

- AST = Accessible Small Town

- RST = Remote Small Town

- VRST = Very Remote Small Town

- AR = Accessible Rural

- RR = Remote Rural

- VRR = Very Remote Rural

3. pp30mins - Population potential (number of people). Population data used in the analysis: 2011 Census data. © Crown copyright. Data supplied by National Records of Scotland / Source: Office for National Statistics. Contains public sector information licensed under the Open Government Licence v3.0.

4. spaflag - Categorical variable showing whether or not the Output Area was classified by the researchers as being within the SPA, or not. This was done using a threshold of 10,000 people.