

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #328

### Urban - Rural indicator - combining England & Wales with Scotland, and Northern Ireland

12/04/2014 04:40 PM - Andy Ross

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<b>Description</b>			
Dear user support			
Do you know of a way of combining the urban rural categories of a_ur01ind-c_ur01ind for England & Wales with those for Scotland, and Northern Ireland that goes beyond a simple urban/rural dichotomous measure? For example a three or four level measure that provides a greater understanding of the variability of local context?			
Has anyone done this successfully, or is it always necessary to stratify by country when analysing the data beyond the urban/rural dichotomy?			
Many thanks in advance!			
Andy			

#### History

##### #1 - 12/04/2014 05:16 PM - Redmine Admin

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There does not seem to be an official UK-wide classification (cf. devolved IMD debate). Rural statistics department at DEFRA or the authors of the new 2011 classification for England-Wales could be leads to follow? Will leave open for now in case of other user feedback. From a different angle - we are releasing lookups to OAC01 and will be releasing lookups to OAC11- both with some discrimination of rural communities.  
Jakob

##### #2 - 12/04/2014 06:31 PM - Andy Ross

Many thanks for such a prompt response Jakob! I will do that. Could you also let me know where I can find further detail on those lookups you mention, and when are you hoping to release these?

All best wishes

Andy

##### #3 - 12/12/2014 12:16 PM - Redmine Admin

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The geographical lookup tables will be released 28 Jan 2015.  
Jakob

##### #4 - 12/18/2014 09:15 AM - Redmine Admin

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