

## A simple guide to RSN online spreadsheets – What effect the rural to urban migration of youth

The analysis of data relating to the migration of young people from rural to urban areas presents data on percentage of population being full-time students, the percentage of households comprising only full-time students, and data showing the relative difference in proportion of populations in the age groups 15 to 19, and 20 to 24. Comparing the urban to rural classification averages for each of these datasets demonstrates that urban areas are extracting talented young people from the rural economy, undoubtedly due the disparity of opportunities for young adults between the two area types.

All data comes from Census 2011 statistical releases, and the analysis allows the user to select the member authority for which a comparison to the rural/urban classification averages would be of interest.

To select the authority for which the analysis is required, please follow the instructions below.

Using the mouse, select the cell containing a local authority name.

Once this cell is highlighted, a grey square with a blue triangle will appear to the right of the cell.

The screenshot shows the RSN online spreadsheet interface. On the left, a dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of local authorities: Oxfordshire, Purbeck, Ribbles Valley, Richmondshire, Rother, Rugby, Rutland, and Ryedale. The 'Oxfordshire' option is highlighted in blue. To the right of the dropdown, a grey square with a blue triangle is visible. Below the dropdown, there are three bar charts comparing Oxfordshire to urban and rural averages. The first chart is titled 'Percentage of population being full-time students' and shows bars for Oxfordshire, Major Urban, Large Urban, Other Urban, Significant Rural, Rural 50, and Rural 25. The second chart is titled 'Percentage of households containing only full-time students' and shows bars for the same categories. The third chart is titled 'Difference between percentages of population in age groups 15-19 and 20-24 (taken from England average difference between those two groups)' and shows bars for the same categories. The y-axis for all charts ranges from -1.0% to 2.0%.

Clicking on the grey square presents the full list of authorities to choose from and a scroll bar to the right to move up and down the list.

I hope this helps. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact

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