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East Midlands riding high in recycling tables *Regional Trends 40*

Households in the East Midlands recycled 388kg of household waste per household in 2005/06, the second largest amount in England, according to the latest edition of *Regional Trends*, issued today by the Office for National Statistics. The UK average for recycling household waste was 323kg.

The 40th anniversary edition of *Regional Trends* also shows that in the second quarter of 2007 the employment rate in the East Midlands was 76 per cent of people of working age, compared with the UK rate of 74 per cent.

In 2006, the East Midlands had a population of 4.4 million according to the mid-year population estimates. The resident population increased by 175,000 (4.2 per cent) between 2001 and 2006. This was the largest percentage increase of all the UK's regions for this time period. Over the 25 years between 1981 and 2006 the population increased by 13 per cent. The largest percentage increase was in South Northamptonshire, with an increase of 38 per cent during this period.

Regional Trends is an annual report which paints a statistical picture of areas within the UK, to assist in understanding the complex relationships between locations and the people who live there. The information gathered aids decision-making at local, national and European level.

Other key statistics for the East Midlands from *Regional Trends* include:

- Infant mortality in the East Midlands in 2005 was lower than the UK average, with 4.7 deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 live births, compared with a national figure of 5.1.

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- In 2006, fewer people travelled to work by train in the East Midlands than in most other regions – 1.2 per cent, compared with 4.3 per cent for Great Britain as a whole.
- 15 per cent of classes in maintained primary schools in the East Midlands had over 30 pupils, compared with 11 per cent for Great Britain as a whole. This was the highest for any region in 2006/07.

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1. All the data presented in Regional Trends have been released previously and are brought together in Regional Trends.
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