

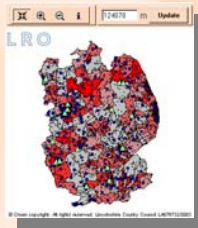
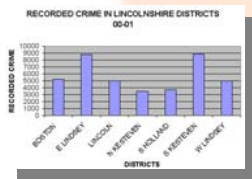
**Do you need quick and easy access to data and information about Lincolnshire?**

**Would you like to view, download and print relevant information in the form of reports, data sets and maps?**

**Could you benefit from further information, links and contacts to assist you in your data searches?**

**Did you know that the Lincolnshire Research Observatory can provide you with all of this and more?..**

The LRO website allows you to chart, map and compare data at a variety of geographic levels. You can also access information on the 2001 Census in Lincolnshire, including recently published results.



The LRO aims to become the premiere location for information on the County.

*"This is an excellent source of research based material. Ideal for teaching purposes"*

*"I have registered as a new user today. The range of material is impressive"*

Visit the Lincolnshire Research Observatory website today to **register for free** or for further information on using and supporting the LRO contact Nicola Culliford 01522 550563/ email: [nicola.culliford@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.culliford@lincolnshire.gov.uk)



# The Lincolnshire Research Observatory

## Understanding our Background and Objectives and Using the LRO Website



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## What is the LRO?

The Lincolnshire Research Observatory (LRO) is a partnership of County organisations with the aim of sharing and improving access to quality information on Lincolnshire.

The increasing number of organisations becoming involved in the partnership is leading to an ever widening range of available information and is facilitating a better understanding of the social, economic, health and environmental issues impacting on the County.

Continued support from the European Social Fund has provided the LRO with a dedicated staff resource to assist in both the engagement of new partners and the maintenance of the LRO website.

The objectives and activities of the partnership are overseen by the LRO steering group who meet at regular intervals to ensure that the priorities and outputs of the partnership and site are achieved.

**For information on the LRO Partnership and steering group, including details of represented organisations and minutes from recent meetings, select the *About the LRO* tab on the LRO site homepage.**

## Inputting Data onto the LRO Website

Once provided with an input password, reports, maps and data sets can be uploaded to the LRO Website from any PC with Internet Explorer and internet access. Members of the LRO team can offer advice on the type of data that would be suitable to disseminate on the site and can also provide a training service to individuals within an organisation who have been nominated to input and update this information. **It is important that the quality and accuracy of information shared through the site remains the responsibility of the inputting organisation to allow users to have confidence in the material they access.**

## Further Information

For any further information on the LRO partnership or website email: **LRO @lincolnshire.gov.uk** or select the **contact us** facility on the LRO website.

To discuss the provision of data to the LRO website or to arrange a presentation of the LRO within your organisation contact Nicola Culliford on **01522 550563** or Email: **Nicola.culliford@lincolnshire.gov.uk**

Other Useful Contacts...

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### JUPITER in Lincolnshire

Email: [Natasha.purdy@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:Natasha.purdy@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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### 2001 Census in Lincolnshire/Employer Survey

Email: [Katy.Thomas@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:Katy.Thomas@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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### Skills Forecasting

Email: [LRO@Lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:LRO@Lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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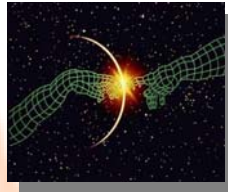
[www.Research-Lincs.org.uk](http://www.Research-Lincs.org.uk)

## JUPITER in Lincolnshire and the 2001 Census

Recent developments to the LRO website have facilitated the provision of a wider range of local data to site users, and increased security measures have allowed this to be restricted to individual users where appropriate. Key sources of data now being made available via the site include:

### Jupiter in Lincolnshire

Driven by the Home Office to provide support to the seven Crime Reduction Partnerships in the County, the Jupiter team are dedicated crime analysts mapping complex data, which will be used to assist in the formation of crime and disorder reduction strategies. This data is stored in a secure area on the site and registered users can apply for access via the 'Group Memberships' link under 'My Profile' on the LRO site.



### The 2001 Census

Work is currently being undertaken to add value to the vast amount of census data becoming available from the Office of National Statistics. As further national figures are released a **Census Atlas of Lincolnshire** will be produced to map key local results and provide a template for future census data. Further information about the 2001 Census in Lincolnshire can be found via the 'census' link on the LRO homepage.



## Further Site Development

Through a range of consultation methods including feedback from users of the site, the LRO continues to develop activities and site features in order to support a move towards adding value and intelligence to local data. Outputs from the recent **Lincolnshire Employer Survey** and **Skills Forecasting Project**, will provide a valuable source of data to be disseminated via an interactive toolkit on the LRO website. A number of additional toolkits are being developed to further assist users in understanding and using data from key sources including the 2004 Indices of Deprivation.

## Our Background and Objectives

Established in December 1999 to examine the need for a single point of access to information held on the County, the LRO considered both priorities and strategies for data sharing and provision. After consultation with over 60 countywide organisations, many of whom have become key partners, it was decided that the primary objectives of the LRO should be to:

- ◆ Act as a **single point of reference** for information on the County
- ◆ Improve the **availability and use** of this information
- ◆ Raise the levels of **expertise and capacity** amongst partners
- ◆ **Reduce the duplication of effort** and research fatigue
- ◆ Provide a **seamless approach** to data provision

## The LRO Website

Originally launched in April 2001, the LRO website acts as the front end of the LRO partnership, providing electronic and interactive access to data and information on key socio-economic issues. Users can gather and present data using a variety of techniques, and can benefit from a selection of reports, analysis and further information provided by a range of local and regional agencies.



## Accessing and Using the Site

Becoming a registered user on the site allows access to a wider range of available material and also provides the facility to receive email notification when relevant information has been updated or input onto the site. Registration is free and users are provided with a secure password to allow them access to the site.

### To register as a user:

- ◆ Log on to **www.research-lincs.org.uk** and enter the site under the **visitors** button
- ◆ Select the **Registration** option and follow the steps on screen.
- ◆ Following authorisation, your password will be forwarded to you by email.

## Information Available on the LRO Website

The LRO website contains information in a variety of different formats:

### Documents and Saved Maps

There are over 130 documents, reports and static maps on the site, which provide information on a range of local issues. These include frequently requested documents such as:

- ◆ **Quality of Life in Lincolnshire**
- ◆ **Drivers for Change**
- ◆ **Local results from the 2001 Census**

Documents and maps can be viewed or downloaded from the site along with contact details for further information.



### Datasets

Over 200 data sets are held on the site, holding statistics down to low geographic level. Following selection, this data can be downloaded, charted or mapped online.

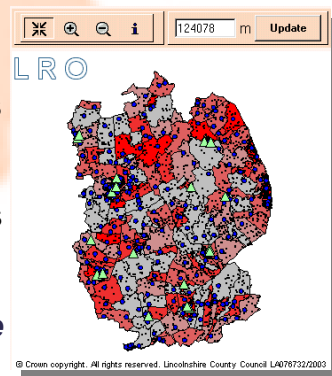


Documents, maps and data can be accessed via the 'search' tab on the LRO homepage.

### Advanced Mapping Facility

A recently enhanced mapping facility, allows users to overlay and compare multiple datasets as well as selecting to map static layers from a selection of boundaries, locations and services.

This facility can be accessed using the **Online Mapping** link on the LRO website.



## Performing a Search

User friendly wizards will help you to search for documents and saved maps or datasets on the LRO website.

To perform a search select the 'Search' tab from the LRO homepage

- ◆ Select **Documents and Saved Maps** to search for reports, analysis and static maps.
- ◆ Select **Data and Data Mapping** to search for and present a range of local datasets
- ◆ Select **Full Site Search** to enter one or more keyword you are interested in finding further information on. This will return any site material relevant to your keywords.

You can also save any completed searches that you may wish to access in the future. Simply select the **Save Search** option on the search results page.

## Additional Site Features

The LRO website site also has an area that provides **useful links to further contacts and information sources** in order to facilitate a seamless approach to searching for information.

In addition, there is a **research calendar** where partners can post details of activities being undertaken to share and promote best Practice in research.

The **About the LRO** area of the site houses general information on the LRO partnership and steering group as well as copies of user manuals, information flyers and steering group minutes.

