

The VLI integrates data collected at the neighbourhood level to form an overall composite index value of vulnerability for a locality. As residential neighbourhoods are the focus of the analysis, census output areas (OAs) are used. These are the smallest geographical unit in England and Wales that reliable data are collected at.
the unit of analysis when the data and geographic boundaries are reliable.

Household and population data for each OA need to be sourced for the analysis. A further six variables (datasets) collected at the OA (or LSOA) level - are required to calculate the VLI: counts