

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Life Expectancy in Scottish Parliamentary Constituency Areas, 2013-2015
Description	Life expectancy at birth estimates for Scottish Parliamentary Constituency areas.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Life Expectancy
Format	Excel workbooks, Comma Separated Value (CSV) or Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files.
Data source(s)	Deaths from the civil registration system. The Registrar General's small area population estimates.
Date that data is acquired	August/September
Publication Release date	28 March 2017
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates are based on the mortality probabilities indicated by the death records for the three years prior to the year of publication. For example, the 2013-2015 estimates were produced in March 2017.
Continuity of data	Scottish Parliamentary Constituency boundaries were re-drawn in 2011. Estimates are available from 2001-2003 and they are all based on the boundaries drawn in 2011. In previous publications, life expectancy was calculated in age groups up to 85 years. The final age group was for people aged 85 years and older. From the 2013-2015 publication, we have moved the final age group to include people aged 90 years and older. This improves the estimates and is in line with changes by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).
Revisions statement	Revisions and corrections to previously published statistics are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government Statistician Group corporate policy statement on revisions and corrections , a copy of which is available on the Scottish Government website. The estimates used in the 2013-2015 publication were calculated using corrected small area population estimates for 2013 and 2014 which were published by National Records of Scotland (NRS) in August 2016. Life expectancy estimates between 2001 and 2010 were revised after the 2011 Census.

	<p>Revisions will also be carried out in accordance with the Revisions policy for population, migration and life events statistics available on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) website.</p>
Concepts and definitions	<p>Definitions are given in the metadata page which can be found on the NRS website.</p> <p>Background information on the Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies can be found on the Boundary Commission for Scotland website.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	For monitoring the health inequality gap between Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies.
Accuracy	<p>Life expectancy at birth is an estimate which is subject to a margin of error. The accuracy of the results can be indicated by calculating a confidence interval within which the true underlying life expectancy would be expected to lie. Further metadata information is available from the Life Expectancy for Scotland: Methodology Guide on the NRS website.</p> <p>The National Records of Scotland (NRS) have published research papers assessing the quality of the administrative data sources that are used in the production of mid-year population estimates. Mid-year population estimates are an important input in calculating life expectancy estimates. For more information go to the Research for the 2021 Census section of the NRS website.</p> <p>The quality of deaths data which are part of the inputs in computing life expectancy estimates is available on the Vital Events section of the NRS website</p>
Completeness:	Estimates are provided for life expectancy at birth. Life expectancy at other ages is not available.
Comparability	Due to the nature of the statistics, it is not appropriate to compare them from one year to the next. Comparison can be made across constituencies.
Accessibility	It is the policy of National Records of Scotland (NRS) to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available on our website.
Coherence and clarity	The statistics are provided in Excel, CSV and PDF format. They are designed to be consistent and incorporate historical data where appropriate. Notations used within the tables and charts are given in footnotes.
Value type and unit of measure	Estimated (speculative) lifespan in years.

Official Statistics designation	These statistics were assessed by the UK Statistics Authority and are designated as National Statistics subject to meeting the requirements set out in the assessment report.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics were assessed in May 2011. The report can be found within the UK Statistics Authority - Assessments section on the NRS website.
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