

About these publications	Description
Publication title	Migration Statistics (various tables)
Description	<p>These statistics provide more detail on the migration component of population change for Scotland, council and NHS Board areas, as calculated for the mid-year population estimates. The migration estimates are broken down by age, sex, origin and destination under four broad categories: total migration to or from an area, migration within Scotland, migration between Scotland and the rest of the UK, migration between Scotland and overseas.</p>
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Migration
Format	Excel workbooks and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document (PDF) files
Data source(s)	National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR), Community Health Index (CHI), International Passenger Survey (IPS), Labour Force Survey (LFS), Long Term International Migration (LTIM), Home Office asylum seekers data.
Date that data is acquired	Continuously
Publication Release date	20 July 2016
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The migration estimates relate to mid-year (1 July to 30 June) moves. This data is usually published one year after the end of the data timeframe.
Continuity of data	<p>Fundamental changes were introduced to the IPS sample design at the beginning of 2009 to make the survey more focused on identifying migrants. These changes included a re-organisation of the times and frequency of sampling travellers. As a result of these methodological changes, the LTIM back series was revised. A new method for allocating international out migration was implemented for mid-2012 data. More details of the changes can be found in our Methodology guide on our website.</p> <p>Migration estimates for 2002 to 2011 were revised in February 2014 to take account of information from the 2011 Census. These revisions took into account the methodological changes introduced in mid-2012 data.</p> <p>New NHS Board areas came into force in April 2014. These new NHS Board areas have been used for 2011/12 data onwards, with the pre-2006 NHS Board areas being used for data up to and including 2010/11.</p>

	<p>Argyll and Clyde Health Board was dissolved on April 2006 but for continuity, migration estimates up to and including 2010/11 are produced for Argyll and Clyde, and the pre-2006 Greater Glasgow and Highland NHS Board areas.</p>
Revisions statement	<p>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.</p> <p>The mid-year population estimates for 2002 to 2010 were revised following the 2011 Census and were published in December 2013. Overseas and total net migration was revised for Scotland, NHS Board and council areas.</p> <p>The mid-year population estimates for 2012 to 2014 were corrected following an error in the age distribution of migrants uncovered in 2015. Overseas, rest of UK and within Scotland migration figures were corrected for Scotland, NHS Board and council areas.</p> <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>Further information on the National Records of Scotland Migration Statistics can be found on the Methodology page within the migration section of the NRS website.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	<p>Migration is a key component of population change so these estimates have a wide range of users including National and Local Government, health service providers, the third sector and commercial organisations.</p>
Accuracy	<p>Internal (this is within UK) migration estimates are based on General Practitioner (GP) registrations and are considered reasonably accurate for most groups. They may be less accurate for some groups such as young men, as they tend not to register with a GP immediately on moving.</p> <p>International migration estimates are based largely on the IPS. As a sample survey with around 220 migrant contacts for Scotland between mid-2014 and mid-2015, there is a degree of uncertainty surrounding the estimates.</p>

Completeness	Estimates are published for the total of all people moving from one area to another. Migration flows between NHS Board areas and broad geographical areas (within Scotland, rest of the UK and overseas) are split by sex. Migration flows between Scotland and broad geographical areas are split by age-group. Migration flows to all areas (total migration) for administrative areas are split by sex. Net migration to all areas for council areas is split by single year of age, averaged over a three year period.
Comparability	The internal and international migration estimates are comparable with those from the rest of the UK. The United Nations (UN) definition of an international migrant (someone that changes country of residence for 12 months or more) is used and so international migration estimates should be comparable with other countries.
Accessibility	It is the policy of the National Records of Scotland to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available in the Accessibility section of the NRS website.
Coherence and clarity	The statistics are provided in Excel and PDF and formats. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.
Value type and unit of measure	Counts of people.
Official Statistics designation	Migration estimates between Scotland and the rest of the UK and the LTIM estimate of international migration to and from Scotland are designated national statistics, other migration estimates are official statistics.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	Assessed by UK Statistics Authority, the report can be found within the UK Statistics Authority – Assessments section on the National Records of Scotland website.
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