

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Population Estimates of Scottish Island Regions
Description	Population estimates of Scottish Island Regions by single year of age and sex
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Other Area Population Estimates
Format	Interactive visualisation and Excel workbooks
Data source(s)	Population estimates for Scottish Island Regions are based on Small Area Population estimates (SAPE). The Scottish Island Regions 2021 geographies are aggregations of the relevant 2011 Data Zone boundaries.
Date that data is acquired	On finalisation of small area population estimates at data zone level each year, normally in summer.
Publication Release date	20 June 2023
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the publication as at 30 June each year and the Scottish Island Regions 2021 geography.
Continuity of data	Population estimates are available for each year from 2001 onwards.
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.
Concepts and definitions	Background information on Scottish Islands Regions is available on the Scottish Government website .
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Grouping islands together into Scottish Island Regions enables us to show how the population is changing in different groups of islands.
Accuracy	2011 Data Zones have been assigned to either mainland Scotland or a Scottish Island Region based upon the location of its population-weighted centroid. The figures are based on adding up data zone population estimates from the Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE).

	<p>More general metadata on the Small Area Population Estimates publication can be found on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.</p> <p>Although the populations are tabulated in units, this does not imply accuracy to that level. The data are presented in units for the convenience of users wishing to compile non-standard aggregations without encountering rounding problems.</p>
Completeness	The estimated population of an area includes all those usually resident there, whatever their nationality. Students are treated as being resident at their term-time address. Members of UK and non-UK armed forces stationed in Scotland are included; UK forces stationed outside Scotland are excluded. Short-term international migrants are excluded.
Comparability	The population estimates available here show how the population of Scottish Island Regions, based on aggregating the 2011 Data Zone boundaries, have changed over time.
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 format. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate historical data where appropriate.
Value type and unit of measure	Counts of females and males by single year of age.
Official Statistics designation	The small area population estimates, which are aggregated to produce these statistics, are designated as National Statistics by the UK Statistics Authority. The Letter of Confirmation as National Statistics can be found on the UK Statistics Authority website.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics have not been assessed by UK Statistics Authority. However, the Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) which feed into these statistics were assessed in July 2015. The report can be found within the UK Statistic Authority - Assessments section on the UKSA website.
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