

About this publication	Description
Publication title	UK International Territorial Level (ITL) Population Estimates
Description	Mid-year population estimates of UK International Territorial Levels (ITL) for areas in Scotland, broken down by single year of age and sex.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Special area population estimates
Format	Excel workbook
Data source(s)	<p>Population estimates for International Territorial Levels (ITL) are based on Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) at 2011 Data Zone level, where each data zone has been assigned to a particular ITL area.</p> <p>These statistics are based on the 2021 International Territorial Levels.</p> <p>Within ITL 3 areas there are smaller "local administrative units" (LAUs) known as LAU 1. The LAU 1 areas act as a building block to ITL areas. The LAU 1 statistics are based on 2019 LAUs.</p>
Date that data is acquired	On finalisation of Small Area Population Estimates at 2011 Data Zone level, normally in July each year.
Publication Release date	1 September 2022
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the population as at 30 June each year. The ITL population estimates are published 14 months from this date.
Continuity of data	The population estimates for ITL areas in Scotland are available for each year from 2001 onwards for 2011 Data Zones.
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	An overview of the ITL are available at the ONS website . NRS publishes population estimates for ITL level 2, ITL level 3, and Local Administrative Units (LAU). The LAU 1 areas act as a building block to ITL areas.

Relevance and key uses of the statistics	<p>The ITL replaces the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) which was used to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics for the European Union(EU).</p> <p>As of 1 January 2021, following the UK leaving the EU and the European Statistical System, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has developed a domestic statistical classification framework for the UK: International Territorial Levels. This has replaced the Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) geographies for the UK that were operational when the UK was a member of the European Union. This geographic system allows continued alignment with international standards in line with the Government Statistical Service's international strategy.</p>
Accuracy	<p>The ITL population estimates are based on small area population estimates which are used to assign the 2011 Data Zone population estimates to a particular ITL area. Data zones may not fit exactly into ITL boundaries, in which case they are allocated on a 'best fit' basis using the population-weighted centroid of the data zone.</p>
Completeness	<p>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.</p>
Comparability	<p>Time-series comparisons are appropriate.</p>
Accessibility	<p>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.</p>
Coherence and clarity	<p>ITL tables are provided in Excel format. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	<p>Counts of males and females by single year of age.</p>
Official Statistics designation	<p>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.</p>
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	<p>These statistics were assessed by UK Statistics Authority as part of the Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) in July 2016. The report can be found within the UK Statistic</p>

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