

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Population Estimates by Urban Rural Classification
Description	Population estimates at 6- & 8-fold classifications by single year of age and sex
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Special Area Population Estimates
Format	Excel workbooks
Data source(s)	Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification for 6- & 8-fold, and data zone population estimates.
Date that data is acquired	On finalisation of small area population estimates at data zone level each year, normally in July.
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Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the publication as at 30 June each year and the Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification, version 2011-2012.
Continuity of data	Urban Rural Classification 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 Urban Rural Classification is available on the Scottish Government website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	The Urban Rural Classification aids in developing the Scottish Government's understanding of the population issues facing urban, rural and remote Scotland to reflect this in mainstream policy development.
Accuracy	<p>Data zones have been assigned to the 6- and 8-fold classifications 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). Further information can be found in the 'About this Publication' document within the latest Small Area Population Estimates publication 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 of urban or rural areas in, for example 2001, may not be the same as the estimates for 2001 shown here. Instead, the estimates available here show how the population in the 2011-2012 Urban Rural classification areas 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. Population Estimates by Urban Rural Classification are consistent with the mid-year and other estimates of the population in Scotland.
Value type and unit of measure	Counts of males and females by single year of age.
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 by UK Statistics Authority as part of the small area population estimates (SAPE) in May 2011. The report can be found within the UK Statistics Authority - Assessments section on the NRS website.
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