

Subject: Request for information about Romanians in Scotland.

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Information requested:

The most accurate and up to date information about Romanians in Scotland for the years 2000 to 2020, including breakdowns by local areas, sex and age.

NRS Response:

1) “The numbers of non-national migrants [by country of origin and/or nationality] every year between the period of 2000 to 2020.”

The Annual Population Survey (APS), which is conducted by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), provides population estimates by both country of birth and nationality. National Records of Scotland (NRS) publishes Scottish population estimates by country of birth and nationality from the APS on the [NRS website](#). This includes summary information on the number of non-British nationals and non-UK born living in each council area across Scotland. For more detailed information by individual country, such as Romania, this can be accessed on the [ONS website](#). The most recent year the data is available for is 2019. Data is available for calendar years from 2004, and from 2016 onwards also for the mid-year period (01 July to 30 June); please note that estimates prior to 2004 are from March to February.

In the most recent [dataset](#) covering the time period from January to December 2019, there are estimated to be 12,000 Romanian-born people living in Scotland (Table B, cell CO406); the estimate for Romanian nationals living in Scotland is 13,000 (Table D, cell CA406). Overall in 2019, there were estimated to be 502,000 non-UK born people and 388,000 non-British nationals living in Scotland. Estimates for earlier years can be found by accessing the [ONS datasets](#) for each respective year.

Please note that, as the APS is a sample survey, confidence intervals are presented alongside the estimates. These provide a measure of sampling variability and indicate the range of values in which the actual figures are likely to fall.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide you with information if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

2) “Where they settle in **Scotland** on an annual period - we understand this can be at a NUTS 3 region/county level. But we are also looking for even smaller areas.”

Data on non-UK born and non-British nationals living in Scotland's council areas, split by EU/non-EU can be found on the [NRS website](#). NRS have started reporting this breakdown from 2016 onward; breakdowns by UK/non-UK or British/non-British only can be found under 'Data' [here](#) for a longer time series (Tables 1a/1b for country of birth, and Tables 2a/2b for nationality). These estimates are also based on the APS and are therefore subject to sampling variability and presented alongside confidence intervals.

As the APS is a sample survey, estimates of the number of Romanians by where they settle (such as council area) are not published. Additional analysis beyond what is published may be possible from APS microdata, subject to the data being reliable. Requests for bespoke analysis relating to Scotland can be sent to lmstats@gov.scot and for the UK as a whole to pop.info@ons.gov.uk.

Alternatively, a copy of available data from Scotland's Census 2011 is attached. This shows the number of Romanian born citizens living in each council area in Scotland in 2011.

3) "Gender distribution between male and female, and age distribution if available."

Attached is a copy of summary information on the number of non-British nationals and non-UK born living in Scotland in the years 2016 to 2019 by sex, and by broad age groups. Estimates for Romanians are included separately in the tables. This information has been produced from Annual Population Survey (APS) microdata held by the Scottish Government.

ONS publish some information by age for those aged 16-64, which can be accessed [here](#) (Tables 1.2 and 2.2). This includes estimates for non-UK born and non-British nationals in Scotland, by broad country groupings.