

Subject: Request for information on Scottish population estimates for lower super output areas.

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Information requested:

Scottish population estimates for lower super output areas (LSOAs) broken down by sex and five or single year of age.

NRS Response:

All of the information requested is available from the Small Area Population Estimates published on National Records of Scotland website at <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/population/population-estimates/2011-based-special-area-population-estimates/small-area-population-estimates/time-series>.

Please note that these population estimates are for data zones which are the Scottish small area statistical geography and the Scottish equivalent of LSOAs. The main difference between the geographies being that LSOAs were designed to have a population of between 1,000 and 3,000 people, whereas data zones were designed to have between 500 and 1,000 people. More [information about data zones](#) is available on the Scottish Government website. The latest mid-2019 Small Area Population Estimates relate to the population as at 30 June 2019.

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