

Population And Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee (Scotland)

Household estimates and projections branch update

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1. We are planning to publish estimates of households and dwellings in July. This is a few weeks later than initially planned, due to the impact of staff shortages last autumn, and also changes to the data zone boundaries.
2. We are planning to publish the small area statistics based on the new, 2011 data zone boundaries. This is leading to a few complications (though nothing too serious). For example, we normally publish some supporting information from the small area population estimates, but they will not be available in time. We also usually include some analysis by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), but the current SIMD is based on the old data zone boundaries. This means we can't produce breakdowns by SIMD (tables 4 and 8 in '[Estimates of Households and Dwellings, 2013](#)', on the National Records of Scotland(NRS) website) where the data is aggregated from 2011 Data Zones. We have two options. The first is to exclude the two SIMD tables from the publication this year. The Scottish Government plans to produce a SIMD2016 which will be based on the 2011 Data Zones, therefore we should be able to re-introduce them in the future. The second option is to include the tables but to use 2001 Data Zones as building blocks. We'd welcome any comments from PAMS committee members on which option they'd prefer.
3. We published [Household Projections for Strategic Development Plan areas and National Parks](#) on the NRS website on 26th November.
4. We are hoping to get approval for funding for a post to produce the 2014-based household projections, which are due to be published next summer.

Data visualisations and infographics

5. We have developed new standards / style guides for producing infographics, and we have started producing infographics to go alongside our main publications. Infographics we have published since the last PAMS meeting have included, both are:
 - [Births and deaths in Scotland, 2014](#), available on the NRS website
 - [Marriages and civil partnerships in Scotland, 2014](#), available on the NRS website (You can see these in the Annex to this paper)
 - Mid-year population estimates for Scotland, 2014
6. We have also produced interactive data visualisations on:
 - [Top 20 boys' names, 2002 - 2014](#), available on the Scotland's Census website
 - [Top 20 girls' names, 2002 - 2014](#), available on the Scotland's Census website
7. Any comments on these infographics and visualisations would very welcome.

Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends (RGAR)

At the last PAMS meeting, we asked about your uses of this publication, and discussed the option of shortening it to main points / infographics. We have just carried out a consultation on our demographic statistics, which included a question on this, but we haven't had time to analyse the results yet. As we didn't have time to collect and analyse people's views in time to inform a decision on this year's publication in August, we are planning to keep this year's publication in a similar format to last year's. We will make some improvements to the 'infographic supplement', which was published last year for the first time. We will then consider again the format of the publication, for next year.

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Births and deaths Scotland, 2014

The latest data from NRS shows statistics on registered births and deaths in Scotland in 2014.

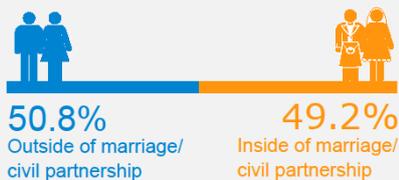


The number of live births has increased by 1.3% compared to 2013.



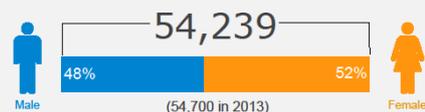
This is the lowest stillbirth rate ever recorded in Scotland.

Births outside of marriage/civil partnership



Births outside of marriage/civil partnership have decreased slightly compared to 2013 (51.4% in 2013). However, the long-term annual trends continue to show an increase in births to couples outside marriage/civil partnership.

Number of deaths



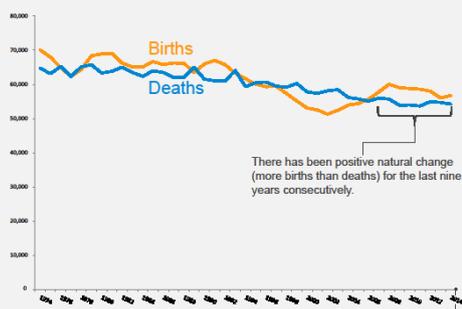
The number of deaths has decreased by 0.8% since 2013. This continues the long-term downward trend in the number of registered deaths in Scotland.

Infant Mortality



The infant mortality rate has increased slightly compared to 2013. However, long-term annual trends show that the infant mortality rate has decreased by two-thirds over the last 30 years.

Annual trends



Current levels of births and deaths are both relatively low in historical terms.

Marriages and civil partnerships Scotland, 2014

The latest data from NRS shows statistics on registered marriages and civil partnerships in Scotland in 2014.



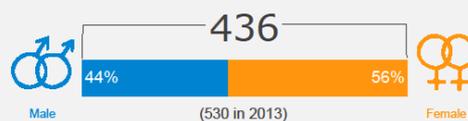
There were 1,523 (5.5%) more marriages registered in 2014 compared to 2013.

Same-sex marriages



97.8% of these were civil partnership conversions.

Civil partnerships



There were 94 (17.7%) fewer civil partnerships registered in 2014 compared to 2013.

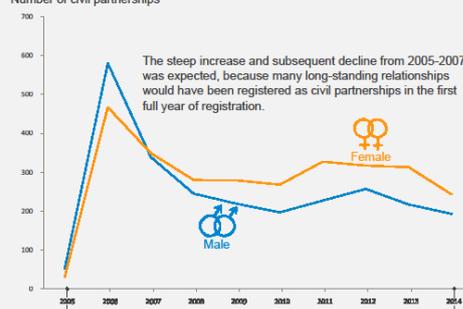
Annual trends



There has been a steady decline in registered marriages per year from over 40,000 marriages a year registered in the early 1970s to present day levels.

- The highest total recorded in recent years was 32,154 marriages in 2004.
- The 2009 total of 27,524 was the lowest recorded since Victorian times, and the lowest ever recorded was 19,655 in 1858.

Number of civil partnerships



The Civil Partnership Act 2004 came into force on December 5, 2005.

In 2014 there was a fall in the number of partnerships, to 436, with 193 male partnerships and 243 female partnerships.