

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Electoral Statistics – Scotland 2nd March 2015
Description	Annual summary data on the Electoral Register, available for various electoral geographies and voter eligibilities.
Theme	Population and Migration
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Format	Excel workbooks, CSV files and PDF files
Data source(s)	Local Electoral Registration Officers
Date that data is acquired	March 2015
Publication Release date	16 April 2015
Frequency	Annual. Normally the reference date for this publication is 1 December, but the reference date for this year has been revised to 2 March 2015. This change has been made to facilitate the introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER).
Timeframe of data and timeliness	Data as at 2 March 2015. No delays, released to coincide with publication of UK data by Office for National Statistics (ONS).
Continuity of data	Data available on website going back to 1996. However, relevant geographies for Westminster Constituencies and Electoral Wards have changed substantially since then. Therefore continuity is limited to national and Council area totals.
Revisions statement	Electoral statistics are collected by the 15 Electoral Registration Offices as a result of the annual canvass. Whilst the Register is dynamic through a process called ‘rolling registration’ throughout the year, the data we publish shows the state of the register at a point in time. It is therefore unlikely that the numbers will change in that context. Given the timing of the release, there is also sufficient opportunity to incorporate any possible changes which may emerge into the final publication. 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	Further information on the National Records of Scotland’s Electoral Statistics can be found in the Background document within the Electoral Statistics – Scotland 2 March 2014 section on the NRS website.

Relevance and key uses of the statistics	The Electoral Register is a key element of the maintenance of democracy in the UK. The vast majority of the population are recorded on the Register, and for that reason it provides an important comparator for inter-censal population estimates.
Accuracy	Responsibility for maintenance of the Electoral Register lies with local authorities, and much effort is put into ensuring that the register is as accurate as possible. However, it should be noted that these statistics summarise the register, and not necessarily the entitlement to vote.
Completeness	The published statistics are a summary of the complete Electoral Register as at 2 March 2015.
Comparability	Electoral Statistics for Scotland are published to allow comparison with the other home countries where possible.
Accessibility	It is the policy of 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, PDF and CSV formats. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.
Value type and unit of measure	All electoral statistics are provided on the basis of the count of eligible people on the Electoral Register.
Official Statistics designation	National Statistics
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	Assessed by UK Statistics Authority in 2011.
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