

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Household Projections for Scotland, 2010-based
Description	Forward projections of the number of households in Scotland up to 2035, based on the estimated population of Scotland in mid-2010.
Theme	Household Estimates and Projections
Topic	Household Projections
Format	Web pages, Excel workbooks, CSV files and PDF files
Data source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010-based population projections for Scottish Areas; National Records of Scotland (NRS) • Estimates of Households and Dwellings in Scotland; NRS • Head of household data; 1991 and 2001 censuses • Communal establishment data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult care - Registered establishments (Care Inspectorate) and Care Home Census (Information Services Division, NHS Scotland) • Children's care - Registered establishments (Care Inspectorate) and Looked After Children Statistics (Scottish Government) • Defence - Armed forces data collection (NRS) and Regular Forces by Age and Sex (Defence Analytical Services and Advice) • Hospitals - SMR01, SMR04 and Continuing Care Census (Information Services Division, NHS Scotland) • Hostels - 2001 census • Hotels and boarding houses - 2001 census • Prisons - Prison Statistics (Scottish Government) • Residential Schools - Education Analytical Services (Scottish Government) • Student Halls of Residence - Communal establishment address list and further education data collection (NRS), Higher Education Statistics Agency. • Other establishments - 2001 census
Date that data is acquired	Throughout 2011 and early 2012
Publication Release date	14 June 2012
Frequency	Every second year
Timeframe of data and timeliness	<p>Data as at mid-year 2010.</p> <p>Released to coincide with publication of Estimates of households and dwellings in Scotland, 2011</p>
Continuity of data	Data available on website going back to 1996. Methodology has changed slightly from year to year and is detailed in each publication.
Revisions statement	<p>Revisions and corrections to previously published estimates are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government Statistician Group corporate policy statement on revisions and corrections.</p> <p>Any revisions, the reason for them and their effects are highlighted on the first paragraph of both web and PDF versions of the publication.</p>
Concepts and definitions	The 'Sources and methods' and 'Definitions and limitations of the household projections' sections of the latest Household projections for Scotland will contain all relevant information.

<p>Relevance and key uses of the statistics</p>	<p>Household projections are mainly used for informing local authority decisions about future housing need and service provision (such as waste collection and community care). The projections feed into the local authorities' development plans, including assessments of housing need and demand for the future. The projections are used to help inform policy development and for answering requests for information by Ministers, local authorities, academics, other organisations and the general public.</p> <p>Household estimates and projections (Scotland and the UK) are used directly and indirectly in the production of certain statistics contained within the Scottish Government's Annual Government Expenditure and Revenues Scotland (GERS) publication and the quarterly Scottish National Accounts Project (SNAP) releases. They are used in SNAP as an auxiliary variable (alongside consumption data) in the production of Household Final Consumption Expenditure estimates by product. In turn, these expenditures inform the GERS publication in estimating revenues associated with consumption (e.g. VAT and duties). They are also used to estimate the expected distribution of Council Tax income.</p> <p>Some local authorities use information from the household projections, such as the proportion of people of each age group living in communal establishments, in producing local projections of future household numbers.</p>
<p>Accuracy</p>	<p>The household projections have limitations. A projection is a calculation showing what happens if particular assumptions are made. The household projections are based on the population projections and, as a result, assumptions used for the population projections, such as future migration, fertility and mortality, will have an effect on the household projections. The household projections also rely on projecting trends in household formation from the 1991 and 2001 censuses to 2035 and are not policy-based forecasts of what the Scottish Government expects to happen. They do not take into account social and economic factors that have changed since 2001, including imbalances between housing supply and demand, affordability and policies adopted by both central and local government. In addition, projections for small groups are likely to be less reliable than those for larger groups as they are based on data from smaller numbers of people (or households).</p> <p>The 2010-based household projection report focuses on the 'principal projection', that is the projection based on the assumptions that we think are most likely to occur, but also includes sections on household projections prepared using alternative assumptions. These variant projections reflect possible effects of uncertainty in the assumptions made during the population and household projections.</p> <p>More information can be found in the 'Sources and methods' and 'Definitions and limitations of the household projections' sections of the latest Household projections for Scotland.</p>
<p>Completeness:</p>	<p>The published statistics provide projections for all 32 local authorities and at Scotland level.</p>
<p>Comparability</p>	<p>Household estimates and projections for other parts of the UK are available from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● England: Department for Communities and Local Government ● Wales: Welsh Assembly Government

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency <p>There are many similarities between the projections, but also some subtle differences between methods. A joint report containing a broad comparison of the household projection methodologies across the UK can be found on the Welsh Government website.</p>
Accessibility	It is the policy of National Records of Scotland (NRS) to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines.
Coherence and clarity	<p>The statistics are provided in Excel, PDF and CSV formats. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.</p> <p>PDF versions are provided in 5 yearly intervals and there is an Excel version with details for all years on the website.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	Household projections are provided by local authority area, by type of household (e.g., 1 adult male, 2 adult 1+ children) and by age of head of household.
Official Statistics designation	National Statistics.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	The UK Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics (available on the UK Statistics Authority website).
Help email	<p>customer@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>There is also a contact form on the NRS website</p>
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