

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Life Tables for Scotland, 2015-2017
Description	Annual publication of 'life tables for Scotland'
Theme	Vital Events
Topic	Life Expectancy
Format	Excel workbooks, Comma Separated Value (CSV) files and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files
Data source(s)	Deaths from the civil registration system The Registrar General's Mid-year population estimates
Date that data is acquired	September
Publication Release date	25 September 2018
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates are based on the mortality probabilities indicated by the death records for the three years prior to the date of publication.
Continuity of data	<p>Historical life expectancy estimates are available as follows:</p> <p>Life expectancy by single year of age from 1980-1982</p> <p>Decennial life tables from 1929-1931 to 2000-2002 (graduated period life tables)</p>
Revisions statement	<p>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.</p> <p>The life expectancy estimates for previous years used in this publication were calculated using corrected mid-year population estimates for 2012, 2013 and 2014 which were published by NRS in April 2016</p> <p>Life expectancy estimates between 2001 and 2010 were revised after the 2011 Census.</p> <p>Revisions will also be carried out in accordance with the Revisions policy for population, migration and life events statistics available on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) website.</p>
Concepts and definitions	Further information can be found in the Life tables for Scotland publication on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.

Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Used in monitoring and investigating health inequality issues within Scotland, setting public health targets, informing pensions policy, research and teaching.
Accuracy	<p>Life expectancy at birth is an estimate which is subject to a margin of error. The accuracy of the results can be indicated by calculating a confidence interval within which the true underlying life expectancy would be expected to lie. Further information is available from the methodology section of the NRS website.</p> <p>The National Records of Scotland (NRS) have published research papers assessing the quality of the administrative data sources that are used in the production of mid-year population estimates. Mid-year population estimates are an important input in calculating life expectancy estimates. For more information go to the Research for the 2021 Census section of the NRS website.</p> <p>The quality of deaths data which are part of the inputs in computing life expectancy estimates is available on the Vital Events section of the NRS website.</p>
Completeness	Life expectancies are presented at selected age by sex
Comparability	Time-series comparisons are appropriate with Life tables back to 1980-1982
Accessibility	It is the policy of the National Records of Scotland (NRS) 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, CSV and PDF formats. They are designed to be consistent and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate. Notations used within the tables and charts are given in footnotes.
Value type and unit of measure	Estimated (speculative) lifespan in years.
Official Statistics designation	These statistics were assessed by the UK Statistics Authority and have been designated as National Statistics.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics were assessed in May 2011 using the UK Statistics Authority Assessment of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics (PDF document) available from the UK Statistics Authority website.
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