

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Life Expectancy for areas in Scotland, 2008-2010
Description	Annual publication of life expectancy at birth estimates for administrative (Council and NHS Board) areas and special (Urban/Rural, deprivation and Community Health Partnership (CHP)) areas in Scotland.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Life Expectancy
Format	Excel workbooks, CSV files and PDF files
Data source(s)	Deaths from the civil registration system The Registrar General's Mid-year population estimates The Registrar General's Small area population estimates The Scottish Government's Urban/Rural classification The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2009
Date that data is acquired	August/September
Publication Release date	19 October 2011
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates are based on the mortality probabilities indicated by the death records for the 3 years prior to the date of publication. For example, the 2008-2010 estimates were published in October 2011.
Continuity of data	Historical life expectancy estimates are available as follows: -for Council areas from 1991-1993 onwards -for NHS Board areas from 1981-1983 onwards -for Community Health Partnership(CHP) areas from 1997-1999 onwards -for Urban/Rural and deprivation areas from 2004-2006 onwards Council, NHS Board and CHP areas have changed during these timescales, as has the Urban/Rural classification and SIMD.
Revisions statement	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. Life expectancy at birth estimates for Council and NHS Board areas may be revised after the 2011 Census, dependent on the scale of any revisions to the population estimates.
Concepts and definitions	Further information on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) Life Expectancy for areas in Scotland, 2008-2010 publication can be found on the NRS website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Used in monitoring and investigating health inequality issues within Scotland and in setting public health targets.
Accuracy	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.
Completeness:	Life expectancies for administrative and special areas are presented in the form of abridged life tables, which mean that estimates are available for grouped years instead of a single year of age.
Comparability	Time-series comparisons are appropriate at Council, NHS Board and Community Health Partnership level. The suitability of time-series comparisons for Urban/Rural and deprivation areas is dependent upon the objective as the areas have changed over time. Further information can be found in section 8.3 of this publication . Due to the differences between complete (single year of age) and abridged (grouped years) life tables, abridged life tables for Scotland are calculated and presented alongside the sub-national estimates for use as a comparator.
Accessibility	It is the policy of National Records of Scotland (NRS) to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available on our 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 are designated as National Statistics subject to meeting the requirements set out in the assessment report.
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 .
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