

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Life Expectancy for Administrative Areas within Scotland 2010-2012 including revised estimates for 200-2002 to 2008-2010
Description	Annual publication of life expectancy at birth estimates for administrative (Council and NHS Board) areas. This release also includes revised life expectancy estimates for 2000-2002 to 2008-2010.
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
Date that data is acquired	August/September
Publication Release date	16 April 2014 The release of the 2010-2012 life expectancy estimates and the revision to 2000-2002 to 2008-2010 were delayed due to the revision of 2002 to 2010 mid-year population estimates following the 2011 Census.
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 2000-2002 onwards. Council and NHS Board areas have changed during these timescales.
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 for 2000-2002 to 2008-2010 have been revised to use the revised mid-year population estimates for 2002 to 2010 published in December 2013 in the calculation.
Concepts and definitions	Further information on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) Life Expectancy for Administrative Areas within Scotland 2010-2012 including revised estimates for 2000-2002 to 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 Life Expectancy for Scotland: Methodology Guide on the NRS website.
Completeness:	Life expectancies for administrative 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 and NHS Board areas. Further information can be found in section 8.3 of the Life Expectancy for Administrative Areas within Scotland 2010-2012 publication on the NRS website. 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 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 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. Further information can be found within the UK Statistics Authority – Assessments section of the NRS website.
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