

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Life Expectancy in Intermediate Zones, 2003-2007
Description	Biennial publication of life expectancy at birth estimates for intermediate zones within Scotland
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Life Expectancy
Format	Excel workbook
Data source(s)	Deaths from the civil registration system. The General Registrar's small area population estimates.
Date that data is acquired	August/September
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Frequency	Biennial
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates are based on the mortality probabilities indicated by the death records for the 5 years prior to the year of publication. For example, the 2005-2009 based estimates will be published in 2010
Continuity of data	Estimates are available for the period 1994-1998, 1996-2000, 1999-2004, 2001-2005 from the Scottish Public Health Observatory and for the period 2003-2007 from the General Register Office for Scotland(GROS)) and are based on the same areas.
Revisions statement	Estimates are not subject to scheduled revision after the 2011 Census. 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 via the following link: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/NatStats
Concepts and definitions	Further information on the GROS Life Expectancy in Intermediate Zones, 2003-2007 can be found via the following link: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/life-expectancy/life-expectancy-in-intermediate-zones-2003-2007.html
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	For monitoring the inequality gap between areas within Scotland; and for identifying, at a very low level, the areas with the poorest health.

Accuracy	<p>Life expectancy at birth, like most statistics, is an estimate which is subject to a margin of error. The accuracy of the results can be indicated by calculating a confidence interval which provides a range of values within which the true underlying life expectancy would lie with 95% probability. Further information is available via the following link: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/life-expectancy/life-expectancy-in-intermediate-zones-2003-2007.html</p>
Completeness:	<p>Estimates are only given for life expectancy at birth, life expectancy at other ages is not available.</p> <p>To avoid the least robust situations, life expectancy for a sex and area is not presented where the 5-year total population for that sex was less than 5,000 people; and/or there were fewer than 40 deaths for that sex over the 5-year period. Excluding records means that some extreme LE estimates are excluded from the full range for intermediate geography within Scotland. It is therefore not possible to state which intermediate geography or locally defined area in Scotland has the highest or lowest life expectancy.</p>
Comparability	<p>Time-series comparisons are suitable; however, as small numbers are involved these estimates are subject to random fluctuations in the number of deaths and the age at death, as a result conclusions about time trends for any specific small area may not be reliable.</p> <p>Comparison can be made across intermediate zones; however, if a small area has a low life expectancy at birth, there may be particular reasons for this. For example, the area may include nursing homes, hostels or other long-term care establishments which may serve people with poorer than average health and lower life expectancy, and many of these people may have come from other parts of Scotland.</p>
Accessibility	<p>It is the policy of General Register Office For Scotland (GROS) to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available at: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/accessibility.html</p>
Coherence and clarity	<p>The statistics are provided in Excel formats. They are designed to be consistent and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.</p> <p>Further information regarding this publication can be found via the following link: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/life-expectancy/life-expectancy-in-intermediate-zones-2003-2007.html</p>

Value type and unit of measure	Estimated (speculative) lifespan in years.
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UK Statistics Authority Assessment	Awaiting assessment by UK Statistics Authority.
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