

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Life Expectancy in Special Areas (Urban/Rural, Deprivation and Community Health Partnership (CHP)) within Scotland, 2006-2008
Description	Annual publications of life expectancy statistics for Special (Urban/Rural, Deprivation and Community Health Partnership) areas within Scotland, by age and sex.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Life Expectancy
Format	Excel workbooks, CSV files and PDF files
Data source(s)	Life Expectancy in special areas:- Deaths from the civil registration system. The General Registrar's small area population estimates. Scottish Government's Urban-Rural classification Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation
Date that data is acquired	Data for Life Expectancy in special areas is collected in August/September
Publication Release date	Published 25 March 2010 Corrected 16 September 2010 (This publication was previously released in March of each year but as of mid-2010 it will be released in November).
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 year of publication. For example, the 2006-2008 based estimates for administrative areas were published in August 2009, 3 months after the 2008 mid-year population estimates are released.
Continuity of data	Life Expectancy estimates for Urban/Rural and deprivation areas are available back to 2004-2006, however urban/rural areas and deprivation areas have changed during this time. Life Expectancy estimates for Community Health Partnership areas are available back to 1996-98, and boundaries have not changed during this time.
Revisions statement	Life Expectancy in special areas 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 General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) Life Expectancy for Administrative Areas within Scotland, 2006-2008 can be found via the following link: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/files2/stats/life-expectancy-for-administrative-areas-within-scotland-2006-2008/j1114403.htm

Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Used in the monitoring and investigating health inequality issues within Scotland, and in setting public health targets.
Accuracy	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 can be found via the following link: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/files2/stats/life-expectancy-for-administrative-areas-within-scotland-2006-2008/j1114404.htm
Completeness:	Life Expectancy in special areas is presented in the form of an abridged life table, which means that estimates are available for grouped years instead of single year of age.
Comparability	Time-series comparisons are appropriate at Community Health Partnership level. The suitability of time-series comparisons for Urban/Rural and Deprivation areas is dependent upon the objective because the areas have changed over time. Please see page 9 of http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/files2/stats/life-expectancy-special-areas/06-08-le-special-areas.pdf Because of 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 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
Coherence and clarity	The statistics are provided in Excel, PDF and CSV formats. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate. Definitions of notations used within the life tables are given in footnotes.
Value type and unit of measure	Estimated (speculative) lifespan in years.
Official Statistics designation	Life Expectancy in special areas are official statistics (legacy designation, awaiting assessment by UK Statistics Authority)
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	Awaiting assessment by UK Statistics Authority.
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