

About these publications	Description
Publication title	Local Area Migration
Description	This interactive spreadsheet is designed to allow users to compare various migration indicators for local areas (council areas and health boards). It contains official migration statistics published by NRS, as well as data from other organisations such as ONS, DWP and the Home Office. All of the statistics published in this spreadsheet have been published already; the purpose of this release is to bring all of these indicators together and give users the ability to compare across areas and also compare trends across indicators.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Migration
Format	Excel workbook
Data source(s)	National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR), Community Health Index (CHI), International Passenger Survey (IPS), Labour Force Survey (LFS), Long Term International Migration (LTIM), Home Office asylum seeker and refugee data, Home Office citizenship data, Pupil Census, Vital Events Reference Tables, Department for Work and Pensions National Insurance Number data, Annual Population Survey (APS).
Date that data is acquired	Continuously
Publication Release date	22 August 2019
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The migration estimates relate to mid-year (1 July to 30 June) moves. This data is usually published one year after the end of the data time frame. Some of the data in this publication also refers to a calendar year (1 January to 31 December) period. The comparison sheets and data tables will state explicitly which period they are referring to.
Continuity of data	<p>Fundamental changes were introduced to the IPS sample design at the beginning of 2009 to make the survey more focused on identifying migrants. These changes included a re-organisation of the times and frequency of sampling travellers. As a result of these methodological changes, the LTIM back series was revised. A new method for allocating international out migration was implemented for mid-2012 data. More details of the changes can be found in our Methodology guide on our website.</p> <p>Migration estimates for 2002 to 2011 were revised in February 2014 to take account of information from the 2011 Census. These revisions took into account the methodological changes introduced in mid-2012 data.</p>

	<p>New NHS Board areas came into force in April 2014. These new NHS Board areas have been used for 2011/12 data onwards, with the pre-2006 NHS Board areas being used for data up to and including 2010/11.</p> <p>Argyll and Clyde Health Board was dissolved on April 2006 but for continuity, migration estimates up to and including 2010/11 are produced for Argyll and Clyde, and the pre-2006 Greater Glasgow and Highland NHS Board areas.</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 mid-year population estimates for 2002 to 2010 were revised following the 2011 Census and were published in December 2013. Overseas and total net migration was revised for Scotland, NHS Board and Council areas.</p> <p>The mid-year population estimates for 2012 to 2014 were corrected following an error in the age distribution of migrants uncovered in 2015. Overseas, rest of UK and within Scotland migration figures were corrected for Scotland, NHS Board and Council areas.</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	<p>Further information on the National Records of Scotland Migration Statistics can be found on the Methodology page within the migration section of the NRS website.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	<p>Migration is a key component of population change, so these estimates have a wide range of users including National and Local Government, health service providers, the third sector and commercial organisations.</p> <p>The Local Area Migration spreadsheet provides users with access to a range of migration data from different sources in a single interactive tool. This enables users to compare migration patterns for councils or NHS board areas, and to compare different sources of migration data.</p>
Accuracy	<p>Internal (i.e. within UK) migration estimates are based on General Practitioner (GP) registrations and are considered reasonably accurate for most groups. They may be less accurate for some groups such as young men, as they tend not to register with a GP immediately on moving.</p>

	<p>International migration estimates are based largely on the IPS. There is a significant degree of uncertainty surrounding the estimates, due to the small size of the sample.</p> <p>A summary of the strengths and weaknesses of each indicator can be found in the spreadsheet.</p>
Completeness	<p>The headline migration estimates are published for the total of all people moving from one area to another. The data in this publication does not split persons by sex, but does have indicators of migration by age (0-15, 16-64 and 65+).</p> <p>Some of the indicators in this publication do not include or sample specific parts of the population. The data from DWP on National Insurance Numbers is only applicable to persons aged 16 or over, and data from the Home Office on citizenships includes persons aged 18 or over. The Annual Population Survey (used for migrant stock estimates) population totals include only those living in private households and omits those living in most types of communal establishments.</p>
Comparability	<p>The internal and international migration estimates are comparable with those from the rest of the UK. The United Nations (UN) definition of an international migrant (someone that changes country of residence for 12 months or more) is used and so international migration estimates should be comparable with other countries.</p>
Accessibility	<p>It is the policy of the National Records of Scotland to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available in the Accessibility section of the NRS website.</p>
Coherence and clarity	<p>The statistics are provided in Excel format, as all of these statistics have already been released in other formats, and the purpose this release is to allow users to compare indicators and local areas directly. An interactive visualisation is also available.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	<p>Counts of people.</p>
Official Statistics designation	<p>Migration estimates between Scotland and the rest of the UK, LTIM estimates of international migration to and from Scotland, and population estimates by country of birth and nationality are designated national statistics. Other migration estimates are official statistics.</p>
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	<p>Assessed by UK Statistics Authority, the report can be found within the UK Statistics Authority – Assessments section on the National Records of Scotland website.</p>
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