

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Local Area Migration
Description	<p>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 National Records of Scotland (NRS), as well as data from other organisations such as Office for National Statistics (ONS), Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). The majority of statistics published in this release have already been published elsewhere (such as in Mid-Year Estimates, in the Migration Tables etc.) with the exception of the population estimates by country of birth and nationality which are released today (24 August 2017) for the first time.</p>
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Migration
Format	Excel workbook
Data source(s)	<p>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, Pupil Census, Vital Events Reference Tables, Department for Work and Pensions National Insurance Number data, the Annual Population Survey (APS).</p>
Date that data is acquired	Continuously
Publication Release date	24 August 2017
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	<p>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.</p>
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</p>

	<p>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 (this is 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. As a sample survey with around 150 migrant contacts for Scotland between mid-2015 and mid-2016, there is a significant degree of uncertainty surrounding the estimates, due to the size of the sample.</p> <p>A summary of the strengths and weaknesses of each indicator can be found in the spread sheet.</p>
Completeness	<p>The headline migration estimates are published for the total of all people moving from one area to another. Migration flows between NHS Board areas and broad geographical areas (within Scotland, rest of the UK and overseas) are split by sex. Migration flows between Scotland and broad geographical areas are split by age-group. Migration flows to all areas (total migration) for administrative areas are split by sex. Net migration to all areas for council areas is split by single year of age, averaged over a three year period.</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 only, as the majority of estimates have already been released in other formats, and the purpose this release is to allow users to compare indicators and local areas directly.</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	Assessed by UK Statistics Authority, the report can be found within the UK Statistics Authority – Assessments section on the National Records of Scotland website.
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