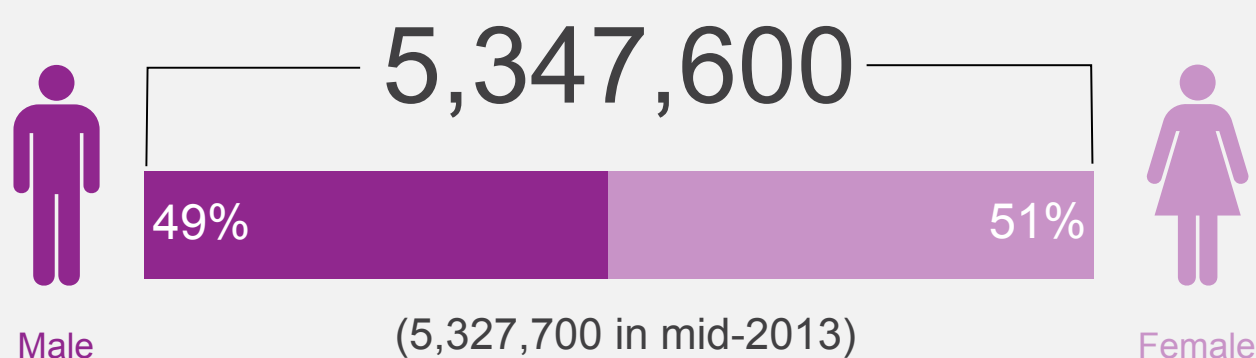


Mid-year Population Estimates Scotland, 2014

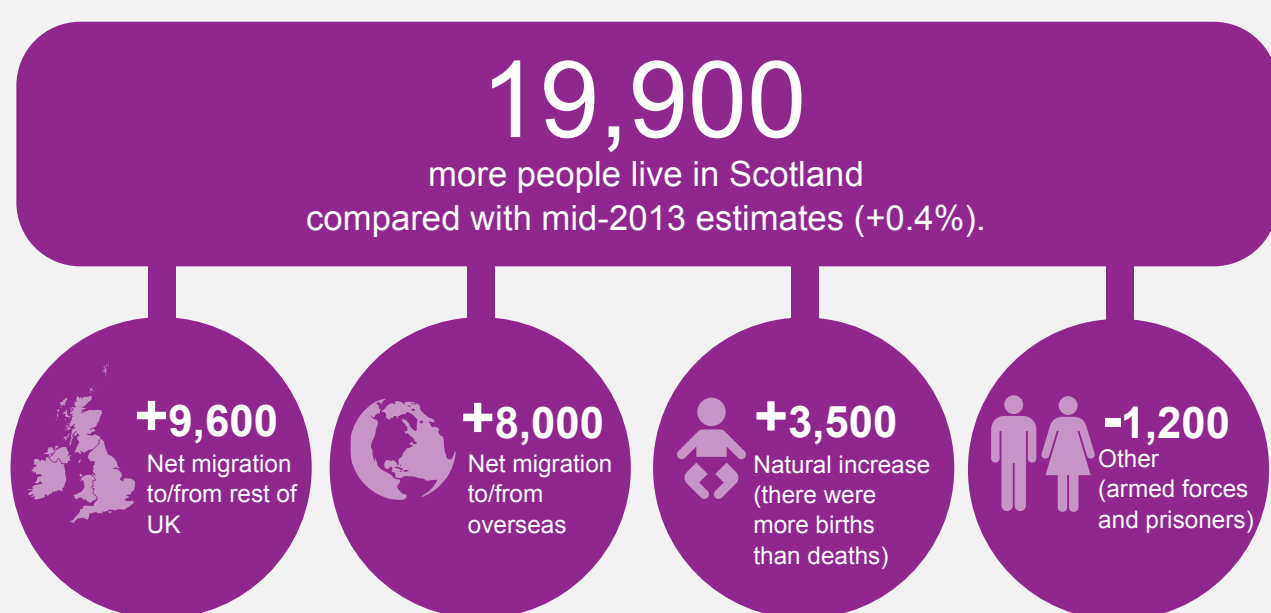
The latest data from the National Records of Scotland (NRS) shows the population of Scotland was at its highest ever level in 2014.

Scotland's Population, mid-2014



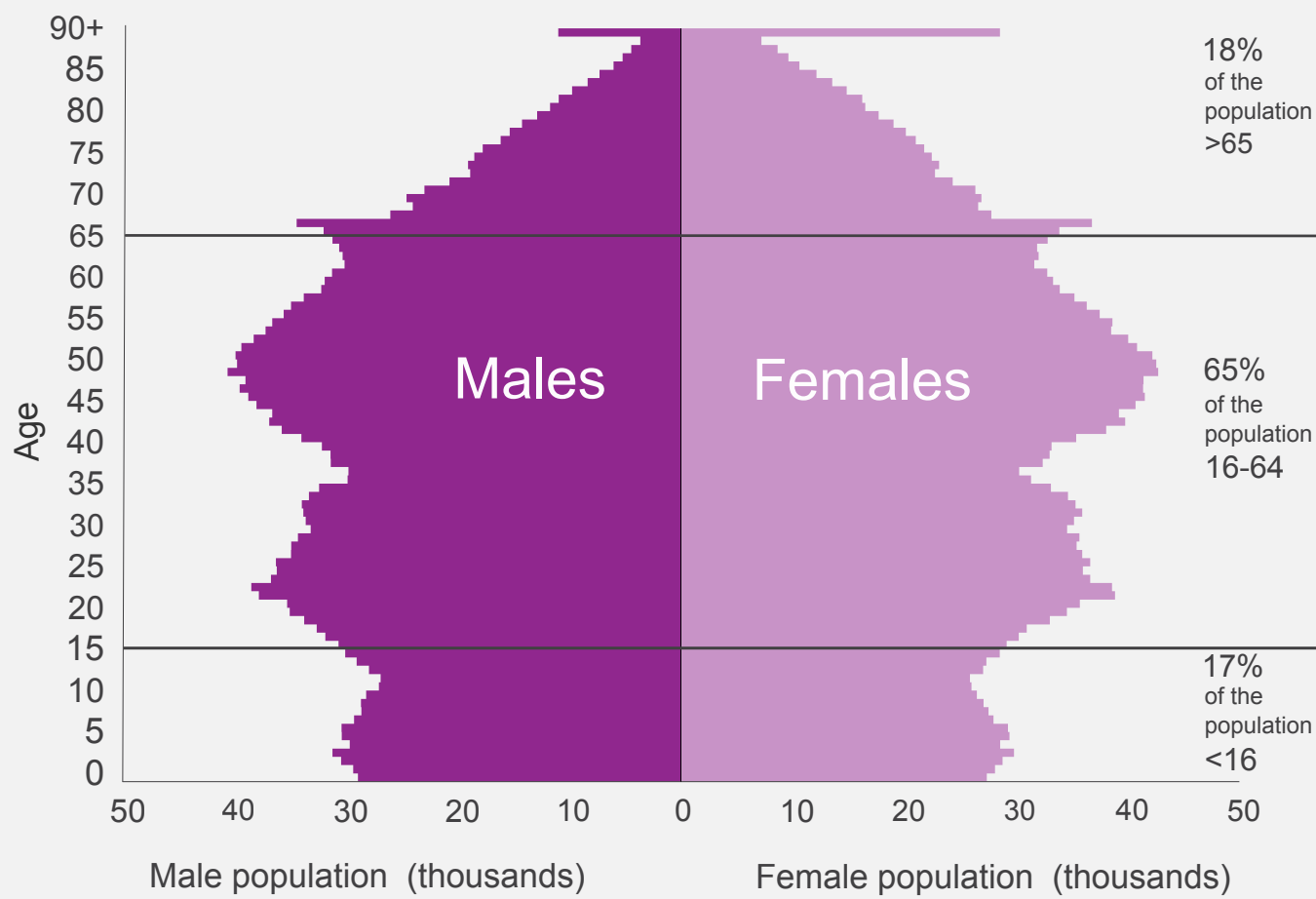
Scotland's population increased by 19,900 (+0.4%) compared with mid-2013. This is the highest ever estimated population.

Why has Scotland's population increased?



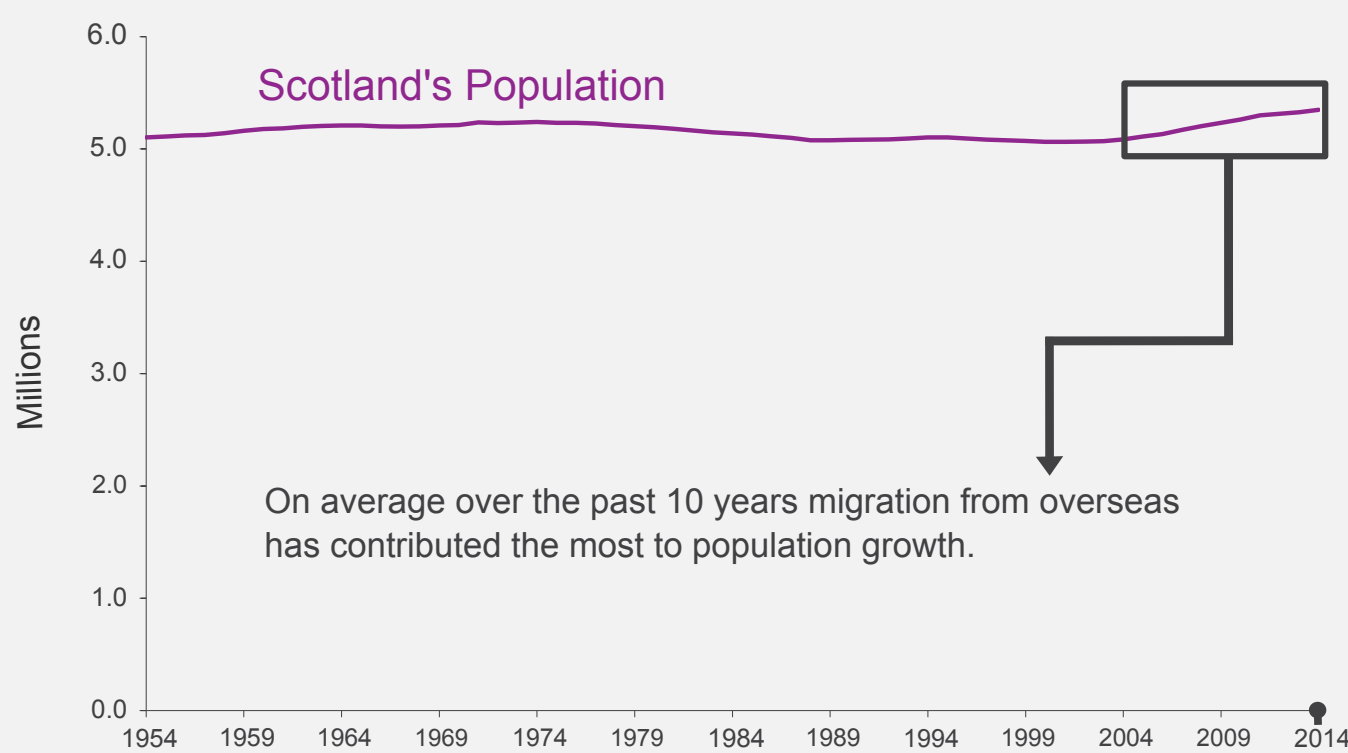
Net migration from the rest of the UK to Scotland contributed the most to population growth in the year to mid-2014.

Estimated population by age and sex



Amongst the oldest people the higher number of females reflects the longer life expectancy for females, partly as a result of the higher male mortality rate during the Second World War.

Population Change 1954-2014



Scotland's population has remained around five million over the last 60 years. The highest ever estimated population was recorded in 2014.