

<b>About this publication</b>	<b>Description</b>
Publication title	Marital Status Population Estimates
Description	Population estimates of Scotland broken down by marital status, single year of age and sex.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Special Populations
Format	Excel workbooks
Data source(s)	Mid-year population estimates (including data on internal and international migration, asylum seekers, prisoners and armed forces). Deaths, divorces, marriages and survivor data from civil registration system.
Date that data is acquired	Ongoing throughout the year.
Publication Release date	6 October 2009
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the population as at 30 June each year. The estimates tend to be released at least 12 months after this date.
Continuity of data	Marital status population estimates are available for the period since 2001.
Revisions statement	<p>The estimates will be revised back to 2001 following the scheduled revision of the mid-year population estimates after the 2011 Census.</p> <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 via the following link: <a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/NatStats">http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/NatStats</a></p>
Concepts and definitions	<p>Population estimates on which these statistics are based, are available via the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/files2/stats/gros-mid-2008-population-estimates-scotland-population-estimates-by-sex-age-and-administrative-area/j1075017.htm">http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/files2/stats/gros-mid-2008-population-estimates-scotland-population-estimates-by-sex-age-and-administrative-area/j1075017.htm</a></p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	These statistics are used by the Department for Work and Pensions for forecasting future pensions spending.

Accuracy	For marriages, divorces and deaths that take place in Scotland, the data can be regarded as virtually complete. The marital status estimates do not take account of Scottish residents marrying abroad. The marital status of migrants to Scotland are estimated based on proportions from the 2001 Census. The accuracy of the estimates is also limited by the accuracy of the population estimates.
Completeness:	Scottish residents marrying abroad are not included. Civil partnerships are not included.
Comparability	Time-series comparisons are appropriate.
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: <a href="http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/accessibility.html">http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/accessibility.html</a>
Coherence and clarity	The statistics are provided in Excel , PDF and CSV format. They are designed to be consistent and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.  The methodology is the same as that used by Office for National Statistics (ONS) except that Scottish residents marrying abroad are not included as well as some changes in the mid-year estimates method to account for different data inputs.
Value type and unit of measure	Counts of males and females by single-year of age.
Official Statistics designation	Official Statistics
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	Awaiting assessment by UK Statistics Authority.
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