

General Details

Dataset title: Most common non-UK countries of birth and non-British nationalities in Scotland, 2016
Time period of dataset: 2016
Geographic coverage: Scotland
Supplier: National Records of Scotland (NRS)
Department: Demographic Statistics, Population and Migration Statistics Branch

Methodology:

These country of birth estimates are published annually eight months after the reference period.

The data for this table is received from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The population estimates for country of birth are based on the Annual Population Survey (APS), which is the Labour Force Survey (LFS) plus various sample boosts which are included to enhance geographical coverage.

APS and LFS data were re-weighted in October 2014 and March 2015 respectively in line with the results of the 2011 Census. Population estimates by country of birth and nationality tables for the calendar years 2004 to 2013 were revised in light of the re-weighting exercise.

The LFS data used in the tables for 2003 and earlier years cover a period from March to February rather than January to December, and have not been subject to the reweighting applied to later years in light of the 2011 Census.

Confidence interval +/- is the upper(+) and lower(-) 95% confidence limits. It is defined as 1.96 x standard error.

Standard error is an estimate of the margin of error associated with a sample survey.

Some estimates are suppressed as they are not considered reliable for practical purposes. In these instances, the confidence interval will be higher than

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* excludes students in halls who do not have a UK resident parent.

* excludes people in most other types of communal establishments (for example hotels, boarding houses, hostels, mobile home sites, etc).

* is grossed to population estimates of those living in private households. An adjustment is made for those who live in some NHS accommodation and

The LFS weighting does not adjust for non-response bias by the country of birth variable.

For more information on how these estimates are produced go to the population by country of birth and nationality section within the estimates of special populations area of the National Records of Scotland website.

Population by country of birth, top five countries, year ending December 2016

EU countries of birth				Non-EU countries of birth			
				<i>thousands</i>			
	Country	estimate	CI +/-		Country	estimate	CI +/-
1	Poland	81	11	1	India	29	6
2	Republic of Ireland	26	6	2	Pakistan	24	6
3	Germany	20	5	3	China	20	5
4	Latvia	11	4	4	United States of America	18	5
5	Italy	9	4	5	Australia	13	4

Source: Annual Population Survey (APS), Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Notes

Estimates are based on the Annual Population Survey (APS) which is made up of wave 1 and wave 5 of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) plus annual sample boosts which are included primarily to enhance the geographical coverage. As some residents of communal establishments are excluded from the coverage of this survey the estimates in this table are different from the standard ONS mid-year population estimates, which cover all usual residents.

A more comprehensive estimate of the [UK population](#) can be found on the ONS website.

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Area codes, in nine character format, operative from 1 January 2011.

CI = confidence interval. CI is defined as: 1.96 x standard error. Estimate + CI and Estimate - CI are the upper and lower 95% confidence limits.

If the confidence interval is higher than the estimate, the estimate is not considered reliable for practical purposes. Where the lower confidence limit is below zero users should assume the estimate is above zero.

Population by nationality, top five nationalities, year ending December 2016

EU nationalities

		<i>thousands</i>	
	Country	estimate	CI +/-
1	Poland	91	12
2	Republic of Ireland	22	6
3	Latvia	11	4
4	Italy	9	4
5	Germany	8	3

Non-EU nationalities

		<i>thousands</i>	
	Country	estimate	CI +/-
1	India	17	5
2	China	14	4
3	United States of America	12	4
4	Pakistan	11	4
5	Australia	8	4

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