

## General Details

**Dataset title:** Population by country of birth and nationality in Scotland  
**Time period of dataset:** 2004 to 2016  
**Geographic coverage:** Scotland, council areas  
**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 per cent 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 the estimate.

It should be noted that the LFS:-

\* 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 halls of residence whose parents live in the UK. For this reason the sum of the UK and non-UK country of birth estimates may not agree with the published population estimate.

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.

**Table 5: Population by Country of Birth in Scotland, 2004-2016 (Thousands)**

Year	UK-Born		Non-UK born		Of Non-UK Born			
	Population	CI+/-	Population	CI+/-	EU	CI+/-	Non-EU	CI+/-
2004	4,813	67	203	14	68	8	134	11
2005	4,819	66	221	14	79	8	142	11
2006	4,833	67	227	15	83	9	144	12
2007	4,840	68	254	16	106	10	148	12
2008	4,838	70	288	17	125	11	163	13
2009	4,834	72	319	19	132	12	187	14
2010	4,859	73	323	19	143	12	180	14
2011	4,880	76	339	20	153	14	185	15
2012	4,858	76	374	21	164	14	210	16
2013	4,892	77	353	21	175	15	178	15
2014	4,882	78	381	22	181	15	200	16
2015	4,881	80	393	23	190	16	203	16
2016	4,838	84	457	26	218	18	239	19

**Notes**

Totals may not sum due to rounding

CI = Confidence interval

Data refers to calendar years of the reference period.

More information on this table can be found on the metadata. sheet.

Source: Annual Population Survey (APS)/Labour Force Survey (LFS), Office for National Statistics (ONS).

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**Table 5: Population by Nationality in Scotland, 2004-2016 (Thousands)**

Year	British		Non-British		Of Non-British Nationality			
	Population	CI+/-	Population	CI+/-	EU	CI+/-	Non-EU	CI+/-
2004	4,889	67	126	11	52	7	74	8
2005	4,903	67	137	11	59	7	78	8
2006	4,923	68	134	11	61	8	73	8
2007	4,925	69	169	13	79	9	90	9
2008	4,927	71	196	14	101	10	95	10
2009	4,924	73	229	16	112	11	117	11
2010	4,937	73	245	16	132	12	113	11
2011	4,961	77	257	18	144	13	113	12
2012	4,951	77	281	18	152	14	129	12
2013	4,981	78	264	18	167	14	97	11
2014	4,981	79	282	19	173	15	109	12
2015	4,980	81	295	20	181	16	113	12
2016	4,958	85	337	22	209	17	128	14

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