

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Population Estimates for Scotland Mid-2002 to Mid-2010 revised following the 2011 Census
Description	Revised population estimates by sex, age and administrative areas, Scotland, 2002 to 2010
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Population Estimates
Format	Excel workbooks, PDF and HTML
Data source(s)	<p>Births and deaths from the civil registration system.</p> <p>International migration from Long Term International Migration (LTIM) provided by Office for National Statistics (ONS). This uses International Passenger Survey (IPS) data allocated to Scotland using the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and also includes data on asylum seekers.</p> <p>Migration within the UK and distribution of international migrants within Scotland uses the National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) and the Community Health Index (CHI).</p> <p>Armed forces data from the 2011 Census and our collection of armed forces numbers in Scotland.</p> <p>Prisoner data is obtained from Scottish Government prison statistics.</p> <p>Information from the 2011 Census supplied by the Census Division within National Records of Scotland (NRS) was used to revise the estimates over the decade.</p> <p>Quality assurance uses electoral statistics, school census, dwelling counts and household size, national insurance number allocations to overseas nationals and the Pension Age Claimant database from Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).</p>
Date that data is acquired	Base data was published in August 2013 in the 'Mid-2011 and Mid-2012 population estimates for Scotland' bulletin
Publication Release date	17 December 2013
Frequency	Once every decade after new census results
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The revised estimates refer to the population as at 30 June each year. The revisions to the previously published estimates happen as soon as possible after base data has been processed. These estimates were published four months after the mid-2011 population was available.
Continuity of data	Scotland level mid-year estimates are available back to 1855. Council and NHS Board area mid-year population estimates are available for the period from 1981 to 2001 based on the council boundaries introduced in 1995. The rebased estimates from 2002 to 2010 and the mid-2011 and mid-2012 population estimates are based on the current boundaries updated in 2011. However, NHS Board boundaries have changed over the years with the dissolution of Argyll & Clyde NHS Board with the Argyll & Clyde Council area part going to Highland NHS board and rest going to create Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS board.

Revisions statement	<p>Revising population estimates after a census is a key part of the methodology for mid-year population estimates.</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 on the Scottish Government website.</p>
Concepts and definitions	<p>The notes and definitions for this publication can be found at the end of the Population Estimates for Scotland Mid-2002 to Mid-2010 revised following the 2011 Census on the NRS website.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	<p>These statistics are used for the allocation of government funds to Scotland, Council and NHS Board areas. They are used for a wide range of things. They are a main component of many other statistics such as population projections and are used as the denominator for per capita statistics. They are also used to measure progress towards the Scottish Government's Population Purpose Target and more information is available on the Scotland Performs section of their website.</p>
Accuracy	<p>These revised population estimates are rebased using results from the 2011 Census. The methodology for mid-year population estimates uses information on births, deaths and migration. Births and deaths are estimated using data from the civil registration system, which is considered to be virtually complete. Migration is more difficult to estimate because there is no comprehensive registration system in the UK. Migration is derived from the National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) and Community Health Index (CHI) for migration within the UK, and from the International Passenger Survey (IPS) for international migration.</p> <p>The sample size for Scotland for the IPS is small, so estimates derived from this survey are subject to large sampling and non-sampling errors. National Records of Scotland (NRS) is conducting an on-going exercise to improve the quality of population estimates and also their key component migration. NRS contribute to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Improving Migration and Population Statistics programme (details available on their website).</p>
Completeness:	<p>The estimated population of an area includes all those usually resident there, whatever their nationality. Students are treated as being resident at their term-time address. Members of UK and non-UK armed forces stationed in Scotland are included; UK forces stationed outside Scotland are excluded. Short-term international migrants are excluded.</p>
Comparability	<p>Time-series comparisons are appropriate. They are comparable with population estimates from the rest of the UK and most countries around the world.</p>

Accessibility	It is the policy of NRS to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available in the Accessibility section of the NRS website
Coherence and clarity	<p>The statistics are provided in Excel, PDF and CSV format. They are designed to be consistent and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate. The spreadsheets have been designed to make it easier to use the estimates in the way users want.</p> <p>The methodology is that used by many countries across the world with small changes to account for different data inputs.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	Counts of males and females by single-year of age.
Official Statistics designation	National Statistics.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	Assessed by the UK Statistics Authority, report can be found within the UK Statistics Authority - Assessments section on the National Records of Scotland website. The UK Statistics Authority will hold another assessment in 2014.
Help email	<p>customer@gro-scotland.qsi.gov.uk</p> <p>There is also a contact form on the NRS website.</p>
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