

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Electoral Wards Population Estimates
Description	Local Government Electoral Wards Population Estimates, broken down by single year of age and sex.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Special area population estimates
Format	Excel workbooks
Data source(s)	Populations for electoral wards are based on Small Area Population (SAPE) estimates where each 2011 Data Zone has been assigned to a particular electoral ward. The population data refers to the 2022 electoral ward boundaries which resulted from a review that began in 2019.
Date that data is acquired	On finalisation of Small Area Population Estimates at 2011 Data Zone level each year, normally in July.
Publication Release date	1 September 2022
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the population as at 30 June each year. The electoral ward population estimates are published 14 months from this date.
Continuity of data	The population estimates for electoral wards in Scotland are available for each year from 2001 onwards for 2011 Data Zones.
Revisions statement	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.
Concepts and definitions	<p>Background information on the electoral wards can be found on the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland website.</p> <p>More general metadata on the Small Area Population Estimates publication can be found on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Electoral wards are the sub-national level areas represented by one or more councillors and are used in Local Government elections. The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland is responsible for carrying out reviews of the boundaries of local authorities and electoral wards. Further information is available of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland website.

Accuracy	Electoral ward population estimates are based on small area population estimates which are used to assign the 2011 Data Zone population estimates to a particular electoral ward. 2011 Data Zones do not fit exactly into electoral ward boundaries and are allocated on a 'best fit' basis. Where a data zone crosses the boundary of two or more electoral ward it is allocated to the one that contains the population-weighted centroid of the data zone.
Completeness	The estimated population of an electoral ward includes all those usually resident there, whatever their nationality. Students are treated as being resident at their term-time address. Members of United Kingdom (UK) and non-UK armed forces stationed in Scotland are included; UK forces stationed outside Scotland are excluded. Short-term international migrants are excluded.
Comparability	Time-series comparisons are appropriate.
Accessibility	It is the policy of the National Records of Scotland 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	The statistics are provided in Excel format. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.
Value type and unit of measure	Counts of persons, males and females by single-year of age.
Official Statistics designation	These statistics are defined as official statistics by the Statistics Regulation Service Act 2007 which is available on the legislation.gov.uk website. They are produced to robust professional standards of quality and reliability.
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