

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics (NUTS) Population Estimates
Description	Mid-year population estimates for Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics (NUTS) areas in Scotland, broken down by single year of age and sex.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Special area population estimates
Format	Excel workbook
Data source(s)	Population estimates for NUTS areas are based on Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) at 2011 Data Zone level, where each data zone has been assigned to a particular NUTS area.
Date that data is acquired	On finalisation of Small Area Population Estimates at 2011 Data Zone level, normally in July each year.
Publication Release date	27 August 2020
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the population as at 30 June each year. The NUTS population estimates are published 14 months from this date.
Continuity of data	The population estimates for NUTS areas in Scotland are available for each year from 2002 up to 2014 for 2001 Data Zones, and 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	An Introduction to the NUTS and the Statistical Regions of Europe is available from the Eurostat website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	The purpose of the NUTS regional structure is to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics for the European Union (EU). It is used for various policy purposes, the most important of which is for the allocation of Objective 1 structural funding whereby if any NUTS2 region has a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per head less than 75 per cent of the EU average it is entitled to financial support.

Accuracy	The NUTS population estimates are based on small area population estimates which are used to assign the 2011 Data Zone population estimates to a particular NUTS area. Data zones may not fit exactly into NUTS boundaries, in which case they are allocated on a 'best fit' basis using the population-weighted centroid of the data zone.
Completeness	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.
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	All NUTS tables 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 males and females by single year of age.
Official Statistics designation	These statistics are designated as National Statistics by the UK Statistics Authority. The Letter of Confirmation as National Statistics can be found on the UK Statistics Authority website.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics were assessed by UK Statistics Authority as part of the Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) in July 2016. The report can be found within the UK Statistic Authority - Assessments section on the UKSA website.
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