

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Population estimates by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)
Description	Mid-year population estimates for SIMD deciles by single year of age and sex
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Special Area Population Estimates
Format	Excel workbook
Data source(s)	Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020v2 rank, and Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) at 2011 Data Zone level.
Date that data is acquired	SIMD2020v2 rankings were published in April 2020. The population estimates are available on finalisation of the Small Area Population Estimates at 2011 Data Zone level, normally in July each year.
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Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the population as at 30 June each year and the latest available SIMD rank.
Continuity of data	Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020v2 population estimates are available for each year from 2001 onwards.
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	Background information on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020v2 is available on the Scottish Government website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation presents a picture of multiple deprivation across Scotland by identifying small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland in a consistent way. The SIMD allows more effective targeting of policies at areas with high concentrations of multiple deprivation.

Accuracy	<p>Each SIMD decile contains 10 per cent of Scotland's datazones. So, for example, decile 1 is made up of the 698 most deprived datazones in Scotland according to SIMD 2020v2. The figures are based on adding up data zone population estimates from the Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE).</p> <p>More general information on the accuracy of SAPE can be found in the metadata document on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.</p> <p>Although the populations are tabulated in units, this does not imply accuracy to that level. The data are presented in units for the convenience of users wishing to compile non-standard aggregations without encountering rounding problems.</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>Levels of deprivation in an area change over time. The most deprived data zones in SIMD 2020v2 may not have been the most deprived data zones in, for example, 2011. These SIMD population estimates show how the populations in the SIMD 2020v2 deciles have changed over time.</p>
Accessibility	<p>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.</p>
Coherence and clarity	<p>The statistics are provided in Excel format. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate. The estimates are consistent with the mid-year and small area population estimates.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	<p>Counts of males and females by single year of age, and SIMD decile.</p>
Official Statistics designation	<p>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.</p>
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	<p>These statistics were assessed by UK Statistics Authority as part of the Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) in July 2015. The report can be found within the UK Statistic Authority - Assessments section on the UKSA website.</p>
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