

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Scottish Parliamentary Constituency (SPC) Population Estimates
Description	Scottish Parliamentary Constituency 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 SPCs are based on Small Area Population (SAPE) estimates where each 2011 Data Zone has been assigned to a particular SPC.
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	24 August 2021
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the population as at 30 June each year. The SPC population estimates are published 14 months from this date.
Continuity of data	The population estimates for SPCs 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	<p>Background information on the Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies can be found on the Boundary Commission for Scotland website.</p> <p>Further information on data zone population estimates can be found in the 'About this Publication' document within the latest Small Area Population Estimates publication on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Scottish parliamentary constituencies are the areas used to elect Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs), which is the devolved legislative chamber for Scotland and is located in Holyrood, Edinburgh. The SPC population estimates allow MSPs to monitor e.g. population change within their constituencies.

Accuracy	SPC population estimates are based on small area population estimates which are used to assign the 2011 Data Zone population estimates to a particular SPC area. 2011 Data Zones do not fit exactly into SPC boundaries and are allocated on a 'best fit' basis. Where a data zone crosses the boundary of two or more constituencies it is allocated to the one that contains the population-weighted centroid of the data zone.
Completeness	The estimated population of a constituency 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 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 2015. The report can be found within the UK Statistic Authority - Assessments section on the UKSA website.
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