

About this publication	Description
Publication title	2008-based Population Projections for Scottish Areas
Description	Population projections for Scottish council and NHS board areas, by sex, age and administrative area.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Projections
Format	Excel workbooks, CSV, HTML, and PDF files
Data source(s)	<p>Base year population data from mid-year population estimates</p> <p>National population projections data for national population, births and migration totals</p> <p>National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) and Community Health Index (CHI) for area specific age/sex distribution of migrants</p>
Date that data is acquired	October
Publication Release date	3 February 2010
Frequency	Biennial
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The most recent mid-year estimate is used as the base year for the projections. Sub-national projections are published following the national population projections in October.
Continuity of data	Data is available on the GROS website going back to the 2000-based sub-national population projections, and limited data is available for 1994-based projections. However, NHS board areas changed slightly between the 2004-based and the 2006-based projections and the 2000-based and earlier projections do not take account of revisions to the population estimates after the 2001 Census.
Revisions statement	<p>Projections are not subject to scheduled revision after the 2011 Census.</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 via the following link: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/NatStats</p> <p>On 9 October 2008 the high migration variant population projections (2006-based) were revised. The small revisions applied to Table 6 and Figures 10a and 10b only.</p> <p>On 27 September 2007 the 2006-based sub-national projections were revised after the Mid-year population estimates for 2003-2006 were revised for the 6 Council areas of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee City, Moray and Perth & Kinross.</p>
Concepts and definitions	<p>Further information on the Population Projections Scotland "Methodology and assumptions" can be found via the following link: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/files2/stats/population-projections/2008-based-pop-proj-scottish-areas/j1153306.htm</p>

Relevance and key uses of the statistics	They are used for planning services and to estimate future need for services such as healthcare and education. The projections are used for planning housing requirements across the country and for producing household projections for Scottish areas. They are also used by the Scottish Government Local Government Finance department to administer funds throughout Scotland.
Accuracy	The sub-national projections are trend-based, not policy-based. Many social and economic factors influence population change including policies adopted by both central and local government. Population projections are based on population estimates and national population projections. There is limited accuracy of migration estimates as there is no comprehensive registration system in the UK. The projected net migration figures are rounded to the nearest fifty migrants.
Completeness	The published statistics are population projections for each council and NHS board area in Scotland
Comparability	The sub-national projections are consistent with the national projections produced by Office for National Statistics (ONS) on behalf of the General Register for Scotland (GROS) for Scotland. The methodology for sub-national projections differs between each country in the UK making comparisons across administrative areas within the UK difficult. For further information please see the section on comparability in the Office for National Statistics paper - sub-national projections at: http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_population/snpp-2008/SNPP_guidance_for_users.pdf
Accessibility	It is the policy of GROS to make its web site and products accessible according to published guidelines. For further details, please see: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/accessibility.html
Coherence and clarity	The statistics are provided in Excel, PDF and CSV 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	National Statistics (legacy designation)
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	Awaiting assessment by UK Statistics Authority
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