

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Population Projections for Scotland's Strategic Development Plan Areas and National Parks (2010-based)
Description	Principal and variant population projections by sex, age and area
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Projections
Format	Excel workbooks, Comma Separated Value (CSV), and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files
Data source(s)	Base year population data from mid-year population estimates and small area population estimates National and Council area population projections data for national population, births, deaths and migration figures National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) and Community Health Index (CHI) for area specific age/sex distribution of migrants
Date that data is acquired	February
Publication Release date	12 July 2012
Frequency	Biennial
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The most recent mid-year estimate and small area estimate is used as the base year for the projections. Sub-national projections are also used. National Park (NP) and Strategic Development Plan (SDP) area projections are published following the sub-national population projections published in February.
Continuity of data	Population projections for these areas are only available for the base years 2006 and 2008. These projections are available on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.
Revisions statement	Projections are not subject to scheduled revision after the 2011 Census. 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 link.
Concepts and definitions	Information on methodology and assumptions is included within the publication. Further information on population projections methodology for the sub-national projections can be found on the NRS website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Projections are used for planning services and to estimate future need for services such as healthcare and education. They are used for environmental scanning and for land-use and transport models, and also for planning housing requirements within these areas and for producing household projections for these areas.

Accuracy	<p>The projections are trend-based, not policy-based. Many social and economic factors influence population change including policies adopted by both central and local government.</p> <p>Population projections are based on population estimates, and national and Council area population projections. There is limited accuracy of migration estimates as there is no comprehensive registration system in the UK. The projected total net migration figures inputted into the projection system are rounded to the nearest fifty migrants. All figures in the publication have been rounded to the nearest ten.</p>
Completeness	The published statistics are population projections for the two National Parks and four Strategic Development Plan areas in Scotland.
Comparability	These projections are consistent with the Council area projections produced by National Records of Scotland (NRS) and the national projections produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on behalf of NRS. Differences in the methodology for sub-national projections between countries in the UK should be considered when making any comparisons.
Accessibility	It is the policy of NRS to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines.
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 five year age group
Official Statistics designation	National Statistics
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics were assessed by the UK Statistics Authority and are designated as National Statistics subject to meeting the requirements set out in the assessment report .
Help email	<p>customer@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>There is also a contact form on the NRS website.</p>
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