

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Population Projections for Scottish Areas (2014-based)
Description	Principal and variant population projections by age and sex for council, NHS Board, Strategic Development Plan and National Park areas
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Projections
Format	Excel workbooks, Comma Separated Value (CSV), and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files
Data source(s)	<p>Base year population data from mid-year population estimates. Data on migration, births, deaths, armed forces, asylum seekers and prisoners at data zone level are obtained or derived from the corresponding data collected for the mid-year estimates for Scotland and local authority areas.</p> <p>National population projections data.</p>
Date that data is acquired	October 2015
Publication Release date	27 October 2016
Frequency	Biennial
Timeframe of data and timeliness	<p>The 2014 mid-year estimate is used as the base year for the projections. Sub-national projections are published following the national population projections in October or November. National Park and Strategic Development Plan areas projections were previously published separately, following the sub-national population projections, and are now part of the same publication.</p>
Continuity of data	<p>Data is available on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website going back to the 2000-based sub-national population projections, and limited, revised data is available for 1994-based projections, for council and NHS Board areas. The boundaries of the NHS Board areas changed between the 2012-based and 2010-based projections, a change to NHS Board areas also occurred between the 2004-based and the 2006-based projections.</p> <p>Population projections for Strategic Development Plan and National Park areas are only available for the base years 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012.</p> <p>The 2012-based and earlier projections do not take account of revisions to the populations estimates after we became aware of errors mainly affecting the age distribution of the mid-year population estimates for 2002-2014. The 2010-based and earlier projections do not take account of revisions to the population estimates after the 2011 Census. More information on changes to the NHS area boundaries can be found in the background notes to the publication.</p>

Revisions statement	<p>Projections are not subject to scheduled revision.</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 on the Scottish Government website.</p> <p>Where applicable, revisions will also be carried out in accordance with the revisions policy for population, migration and life events statistics available on the Office for National Statistics website.</p> <p>On 30 July 2014 the high migration variant population projections (2012-based) were revised. The revisions applied to Table 6 and the high migration detailed tables.</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 six council areas of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee City, Moray and Perth & Kinross.</p>
Concepts and definitions	<p>Further information on the Population Projections for Scottish Areas can be found in the methodology section on the National Records for Scotland website.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	<p>Projections are used for planning services and to estimate future need for services such as healthcare and education. They are used for environmental scanning, land-use and transport models, 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.</p>
Accuracy	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Completeness	<p>The published statistics are population projections for each council, NHS Board, Strategic Development Plan and National Park area in Scotland.</p>

Comparability	<p>The sub-national projections are consistent with the national projections produced by Office for National Statistics (ONS) on behalf of the National Records of Scotland (NRS).</p> <p>The methodology for sub-national projections differs between each country in the UK making comparisons across administrative areas within the UK difficult.</p> <p>For further information please see the comparability paper published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS): Subnational Population Projections for Other UK Countries, which is available in the methodology section of the Sub-National Population Projections on the National Records of Scotland website.</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, PDF and CSV format. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	<p>Counts of males and females by single-year of age</p>
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UK Statistics Authority Assessment	<p>Assessed by UK Statistics Authority, the report can be found within the UK Statistics Authority website.</p>
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