

| About this publication | Description |
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| Publication title | Projected Population of Scotland (2008-based) |
| Description | Population projections for Scotland, by sex and single year of age. |
| Theme | Population and Migration |
| Topic | Projections |
| Format | Excel workbooks, CSV, HTML, and PDF files |
| Data source(s) | <p>Base year population data is taken from the latest mid-year population estimates.</p> <p>Past trends in fertility, mortality, life expectancy and migration are used for setting assumptions for the projections.</p> <p>Cross-border migration assumptions are derived from the average of moves recorded through the National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) system over the last 10 years. The international migration assumption is based largely on International Passenger Survey data (IPS).</p> |
| Date that data is acquired | Ongoing. |
| Publication Release date | 21 October 2009 |
| Frequency | Biennial |
| Timeframe of data and timeliness | The most recent mid-year estimate is used as the base year for the projections. National projections for Scotland are published on the same day as the national population projections for the UK produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). |
| Continuity of data | Data is available on the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) website going back to the 2001-based national population projections, and limited data is available for 1994-based projections. On the Government Actuary Department's website historic data back to the 1971-based Scotland population projections is available. Data from each set of projections is based on a different base population. |
| 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 via the following link: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/NatStats</p> |
| Concepts and definitions | <p>Further information on GROS Projected Population of Scotland can be found within "The base population and assumptions used in the projections" via the following link: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/files2/stats/projected-population-of-scotland-2008-based/projected-population-of-scotland-2008-based-publication/j1125004.htm</p> |

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| Relevance and key uses of the statistics | The primary purpose of the projections is to provide an estimate of the future population of Scotland as a common framework for use in national planning in a number of different fields such as education and health. They also provide a basis for the sub-national population projections of Scotland. |
| Accuracy | The assumptions about future patterns in fertility, mortality and migration are based on analysis of past trends. The final decisions on assumptions take into account the views of a range of groups who are consulted including a UK expert advisory panel and key users in Scotland. There is limited accuracy of migration estimates as there is no comprehensive registration system in the UK. |
| Completeness | The published statistics are population projections at Scotland level, including components of change, and variant projections. |
| Comparability | Population projections of Scotland are comparable with national projections for other countries within the UK and Europe. Some comparisons are made within the publication with other UK and European countries. |
| Accessibility | It is the policy of General Register Office For Scotland (GROS) to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available at: http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/accessibility.html |
| Coherence and clarity | The statistics are provided in Excel, PDF and CSV formats. 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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