

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Population and household projections for Scottish sub-council areas (2012-based).
Description	Population projections by age and sex and household projections by age group and household type at sub-council area level, from 2012 to 2037.
Theme	Population and Migration.
Topic	Population and Household Projections.
Format	Web pages, Excel workbooks, and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document (PDF) files.
Data source(s)	<p>Population projections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-year population estimates, National Records of Scotland (NRS) from 2001-2012. Base year population data is taken from the 2012 mid-year population estimate.</li> <li>• Births and deaths data (NRS) 2001-2012.</li> <li>• Past trends in fertility, mortality, life expectancy and migration are used for setting assumptions for the projections.</li> <li>• 2012-based population projections for Scottish Areas (NRS).</li> <li>• Student data from the 2011 Census.</li> <li>• Prisons - Prison Statistics (Scottish Government).</li> <li>• Defence - Armed forces data collection, Regular Forces by Age and Sex (Station Commanders returns and 2011 Census).</li> </ul> <p>Household projections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2012-based population projections at sub-council area level (NRS).</li> <li>• Household projections for Scotland, 2012-based at council area level (NRS).</li> <li>• Head of household data ('headship rates') at sub-council area level - 1991, 2001 and 2011 Censuses</li> <li>• Household type distribution at national level - 2012 Scottish Household Survey.</li> <li>• Communal establishment data at sub-council area level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult care - Registered establishments (Care Inspectorate) and Care Home Census (Information Services Division, NHS Scotland).</li> <li>• Children's care - Registered establishments (Care Inspectorate) and Looked After Children Statistics (Scottish Government).</li> <li>• Defence - Armed forces data collection (NRS), Regular Forces by Age and Sex (Defence Analytical Services and Advice) and 2011 Census.</li> <li>• Hospitals - SMR01, SMR04 and Continuing Care Census (Information Services Division, NHS Scotland).</li> <li>• Hostels - 2011 Census.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Date that data is acquired	Second half of 2015.
Publication Release date	23 March 2016.
Frequency	One-off.
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The 2012 mid-year estimate is used as the base year for the projections, as this was the latest year for which sub-national projections were produced.
Continuity of data	This is the first publication for which sub-council area projections have been attempted for the whole of Scotland. Previously, there was a <a href="#">project</a> (PDF document) which produced sub-council area projections for Fife.
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 <a href="#">Scottish Government</a> website.</p>
Concepts and definitions	Further information on NRS population and household projections for Scottish sub-council areas can be found within the background section of the <a href="#">publication</a> on the NRS website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	The primary purpose of the projections is to provide an estimate of the future population and household numbers in sub-council areas in Scotland. These are developmental statistics and are suitable as a reference for future work in this area. There are still issues with producing small area projections and this project has helped to develop a better understanding of them.
Accuracy	<p>These statistics are designated as Experimental Statistics: data being developed. There are issues with producing projections for small areas and they should be treated with caution as they have some limitations.</p> <p>Small areas can experience large changes year-on-year which are then projected to continue, but these changes may be highly unlikely.</p> <p>The assumptions for the population projections about future patterns in fertility, mortality and migration are based on analysis of past trends. Each sub-council area is given a differential to the national projection for fertility and mortality</p>

	<p>and recent migration is taken as a five year average and is then assumed for the projection period.</p> <p>Projections have limitations. For more information on the uses and limitations of projections please refer to the <a href="#">uses and limitations</a> section on the NRS website.</p> <p>Errors mainly affecting the age distribution of the mid-year population estimates that feed into the projections were found in October 2015. More information can be found in the <a href="#">Population projections section</a> of the NRS website.</p> <p>The household projections are based on the population projections and also incorporate trends in household formation.</p> <p>The projections reflect past policy changes and trends in house-building, but they do not incorporate information on planned future policy changes or house-building. These projections are not, therefore, forecasts of what the government expects to happen.</p> <p>The uncertainty in the projections increases as they are taken further into the future and projections for smaller areas are generally less reliable than projections for larger areas. For these projections particular care should be taken when using the projections after 2026.</p>
Completeness	<p>The published statistics are population and household projections at Scottish sub-council area level. They include population projections by age and sex, and household projections by age group and household type, at sub-council area level. Although the population projections are published by single year of age and sex and the household projections published for small sub groups they should not be taken to be accurate to this level. They have been published in this detail to allow easy aggregation to larger groupings.</p>
Comparability	<p>There is limited comparability with other projections as this is the first time sub-council area projections have been done for the whole of Scotland. The chosen geography for these projections varies between councils, so caution must be exercised when comparing areas in different councils. It should, however, be possible to reasonably compare areas within the same council area.</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 <a href="#">Accessibility</a> section of the NRS website.</p>
Coherence and clarity	<p>The statistics are provided in Excel and PDF format. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	<p>For the population projection: counts of persons, males and females by single-year of age.</p> <p>For the household projection: counts of households, by age groups and types of household.</p>

Official Statistics designation	These statistics are designated as Experimental Statistics: data being developed.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These population and household projections for Scottish sub-council areas are new and have not been assessed by the UK Statistics Authority.
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