

Weekly Data on Births and Deaths Registered in Scotland

Notes

1. The information presented is based on the date of registration, not the date on which the event occurred. This is consistent with all routine data published by the National Records of Scotland (NRS) e.g. in the Registrar General's [Annual Reports](#). (Further information on date of registration *versus* date of occurrence is given below.)
2. The figures shown for the latest year (or two) will be provisional, pending the publication of the final figures for each calendar year in the following summer (e.g. the final figures for 2007 were published in summer 2008). All provisional data are shown in italics.
3. Further weekly data will be added, and previously-published weekly data may be revised, every quarter. Table 1 should be updated whenever another edition of the quarterly ['Births, Deaths and Other Vital Events'](#) statistical release is published.
4. For the purposes of these statistics, each week starts on a Sunday. Because a calendar year does not contain exactly 52 weeks, what appears in Table 1 as the first week of a year will sometimes consist of the last few days of the previous calendar year plus the first few days of the new calendar year. For example, for the purpose of these statistics, the first week of 2008 started on Sunday 30 December 2007, so the figures for that week include all births and deaths which were registered between Sunday 30 December 2007 and Saturday 5 January 2008, inclusive. Similarly, for the purpose of these statistics, the last week of 2007 started on Sunday 23 December 2007 and finished on Saturday 29 December 2007. As a result, it is very unlikely that any totals of the figures given here will agree exactly with what is published in 'Births, Deaths and Other Vital Events', formally known as 'Births, Marriages and Deaths'. (For example, the period covered by what Table 1 shown as weeks 1 to 52 of a given year will differ slightly from that calendar year). NB: in the weekly figures published prior to September 2009, weeks were defined as starting on Mondays. However, with effect from the figures published in September 2009, weeks are defined as starting on Sundays, because that is the basis of the "registration week" code that is held within the Vital Events computer system. The weekly figures that were published previously have been revised accordingly.