

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Household Projections for Scotland, 2018-based
Description	Forward projections of the number of households in Scotland up to 2043, based on the estimated population of Scotland in mid-2018.
Theme	Household Estimates and Projections
Topic	Household Projections
Format	Web pages, Excel workbooks, CSV files and PDF files
Data source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-based population projections for Scottish Areas; National Records of Scotland (NRS) • Estimates of Households and Dwellings in Scotland; NRS • Household reference person data: 2001 and 2011 Censuses • Communal establishment data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult care - Registered establishments (Care Inspectorate) and Care Home Census (Information Services Division, NHS Scotland) • Children’s care - Registered establishments (Care Inspectorate) and Looked After Children Statistics (Scottish Government) • Defence - Armed forces data collection (NRS), Regular Forces by Age and Sex (Defence Analytical Services and Advice) and 2011 Census • Hospitals - SMR01, SMR04 and Continuing Care Census (Information Services Division, NHS Scotland) • Hostels - 2011 Census • Hotels and boarding houses - Scotland’s Census 2011 • Prisons - Prison Statistics (Scottish Government) • Residential Schools - Education Analytical Services (Scottish Government) • Student Halls of Residence (Further education) – Scotland’s Census 2011 • Student Halls of Residence (Higher education) - Communal establishment address list (NRS) and Higher Education Statistics Agency. • Other establishments – Scotland’s Census 2011
Date that data is acquired	Late 2019 and throughout 2020
Publication Release date	29 September 2020
Frequency	Every second year
Timeframe of data and timeliness	Data as at mid-year 2018.
Continuity of data	Data available on website going back to 1996. Methodology has changed slightly from year to year up until 2012-based projections where significant changes were made to incorporate data from the 2011 Census and survey data. Further modifications were made to the methodology for the 2018-based projections. The method used is detailed in each publication.
Revisions statement	<p>Revisions and corrections to previously published estimates 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>Any corrections, the reason for them and their effects are highlighted</p>

	<p>on the first paragraph of both web and PDF versions of the publication.</p>
Concepts and definitions	<p>The 'Sources and methods' and 'Definitions and limitations of the household projections' sections of the latest 'Household projections for Scotland' will contain all relevant information.</p>
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	<p>Household projections are mainly used for informing council decisions about future housing need and service provision (such as waste collection and community care). They feed into development plans, including assessments of housing need and demand for the future. The projections are also used to help inform policy development and for answering requests for information from Ministers, councils, academics, other organisations and the general public.</p> <p>Household estimates and projections (Scotland and the UK) are used directly and indirectly in the production of certain statistics contained within the Annual Government Expenditure and Revenues Scotland (GERS) publication and the Quarterly National Accounts Scotland (QNAS) releases. They are used in QNAS as an auxiliary variable (alongside consumption data) in the production of Household Final Consumption Expenditure estimates by product. In turn, these expenditures inform the GERS publication in estimating revenues associated with consumption (e.g. VAT and duties).</p> <p>Some councils use information from the household projections, such as the proportion of people of each age group living in communal establishments, in producing local projections of future household numbers.</p>
Accuracy	<p>The household projections have limitations. A projection is a calculation showing what happens if particular assumptions are made. The household projections are trend-based and are not, therefore, policy-based forecasts of what the Government expects to happen. They are based on the population projections and, as a result, assumptions used for the population projections, such as future migration, fertility and mortality, will have an effect on the household projections. The household projections also rely on projecting trends in household formation from the 2001 and 2011 Censuses forward to 2043 (although in the principal projection these trends are projected forward to 2021 and then assumed to be stable for later years). No forecast is made of future changes that may alter these trends, such as economic and social change, as well as imbalances between housing supply and demand. In addition, projections for small groups are likely to be less reliable than those for larger groups as they are based on data from smaller numbers of people (or households). The uncertainty in the projections increases as they are taken further into the future.</p> <p>The 2018-based household projection report focuses on the 'principal projection', that is the projection based on the assumptions that we think are most likely to occur, but also includes sections on household projections prepared using alternative population projections. These variant projections reflect possible effects of uncertainty in the assumptions made about migration in the population projections.</p> <p>More information can be found in the 'Sources and methods' and</p>

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Completeness:	The published statistics provide projections for all 32 Council areas and Scotland as a whole, as well as for National Park and Strategic Development Plan areas.
Comparability	Household estimates and projections for other parts of the UK are available from the following sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England: Office for National Statistics • Wales: Welsh Government • Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency <p>There are many similarities between the projections, but also some subtle differences between methods. A UK-wide guide on the coherence and comparability of household projection methodologies across the UK can be found on the Office for National Statistics website.</p>
Accessibility	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.
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. <p>Excel and CSV versions of the publication tables are provided in 5 yearly intervals on the website. Excel versions of the tables with details for all years are also available on the website alongside detailed Council area and variant (low and high migration) projection tables</p>
Value type and unit of measure	Household projections are provided by Council, National Park and Strategic Development Plan area, by type of household (e.g., 1 adult male, 2 adult 1+ children) and by age of household reference person.
Official Statistics designation	National Statistics
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	Assessed by UK Statistics Authority, report can be found within the UK Statistics Authority – Assessments section on the National Records of Scotland website.
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