

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Mid-2022 Small Area Population Estimates for 2011 Data Zones
Description	Annual publication of population estimates at 2011 Data Zone level, by age and sex.
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Population Estimates
Format	Excel workbooks and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF)
Data source(s)	Data on migration, births, deaths, armed forces, 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. No separate data collection is done for small area population estimates, although administrative data is obtained for quality assurance purposes (for example, communal establishment data, dwelling and household counts).
Date that data is acquired	On completion of the mid-year population estimates (MYE) for Scotland and local authority areas.
Publication Release date	21 November 2024
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the population as at 30 June each year. The 2022 estimates cover a timeframe between Census Day 2022 (20 March 2022) and 30 June 2022. The small area population estimates are usually published around fourteen months after this date.
Continuity of data	Population estimates are based on the census rolled forward each year to account for births, deaths and migration. Previously published small area population estimates for 2011 to 2021 were based on the 2011 Census. As is normal, over time these estimates gradually drifted from the actual population counts. The 2022 figures being published are the first small area population estimates to be based on Scotland's Census 2022. The 2022 figures are therefore not directly comparable with figures published for previous years and,

	as a result, this publication does not present any time series comparisons.
Revisions statement	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 this is available on the Scottish Government website.
Concepts and definitions	Background information on 2011 Data Zones is available on the Scottish Government website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Small area population estimates are used in a variety of applications. For example, in the calculation of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.
Accuracy	<p>The 2022 small area population estimates are based on the 2022 census applying information on births, deaths and migration. Births and deaths are estimated using data from the civil registration system, which is considered to be virtually complete. While the data is based on the 2022 census, the data zones remain those produced in 2011.</p> <p>Migration is the most difficult part of the population estimates to estimate, as migratory moves are not registered in the UK, either at the national or local level. The best proxy data available on a consistent basis, such as patient registers and other administrative data, are used to estimate migration.</p>
Completeness:	The estimated population of an area includes all those usually resident there, whatever their nationality. Students are treated as being resident at their term-time address. Members of UK and non-UK armed forces stationed in Scotland are included; UK forces stationed outside Scotland are excluded. Short-term international migrants are excluded.
Comparability	The 2022 figures are the first set based on Scotland's Census 2022 and are therefore not currently comparable with figures published for previous years. NRS will conduct a rebasing exercise to revise the annual small area population estimates for 2011 to 2021 in light of the 2022 census results. Once this is published, an updated comparable time series will be provided.

Accessibility	It is the policy of the National Records of Scotland (NRS) 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 and PDF format. The small area estimates are consistent with the higher level mid-year estimates for council areas and Scotland.
Value type and unit of measure	Counts of persons, males and females by single year of age.
Official Statistics designation	Accredited Official Statistics.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	The UK Statistics Authority (UKSA) has designated this publication as Accredited Official Statistics, in line with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.
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