

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Healthy Life Expectancy for Areas in Scotland, 2015-2017
Description	<p>Publication of healthy life expectancy estimates for Scotland, Council areas and NHS boards.</p> <p>Also including estimates for special areas in Scotland (urban/rural and deprivation using SIMD 2016).</p>
Theme	Vital events
Topic	Life Expectancy
Format	Excel workbooks and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files
Data source(s)	<p>Deaths from the civil registration system</p> <p>The Registrar General's Mid-year population estimates</p> <p>The Registrar General's Small area population estimates</p> <p>The Scottish Government's Urban Rural classification</p> <p>The Scottish Government's Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) classification</p> <p>Annual Population survey</p> <p>Scotland's Census 2011</p>
Date that data is acquired	October
Publication Release date	27 February 2019
Frequency	One off. In the future these data will form part of the annual 'life expectancy in Scottish areas' publication
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates are based on the mortality probabilities indicated by the death records for the three years prior to the date of publication. For example, the 2015-2017 estimates were published in December 2018.
Continuity of data	This is the first time that National Records of Scotland (NRS) has published these data. A time series for healthy life expectancy at Scotland and council area level is available on the ONS website.
Revisions statement	<p>Revisions and corrections to previously published statistics are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government Statistician Group corporate policy statement on <a href="#">revisions and corrections</a>, a copy of which is available on the Scottish Government website.</p> <p>Life expectancy estimates between 2001 and 2010 were revised after the 2011 Census and have been corrected again in 2018.</p>

	Revisions will also be carried out in accordance with the <a href="#">Revisions policy for population, migration and life events statistics</a> available on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) website.
Concepts and definitions	Further information can be found in the Healthy Life Expectancy for areas in Scotland, 2015-2017 publication on the NRS website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	Used in monitoring and investigating health inequality issues within Scotland, setting public health targets, informing pensions policy, research and teaching.
Accuracy	<p>Healthy life expectancy at birth is an estimate which is subject to a margin of error. The accuracy of the results can be indicated by calculating a confidence interval within which the true underlying life expectancy would be expected to lie. Further information is available from the <a href="#">methodology section</a> of the NRS website.</p> <p>The National Records of Scotland have published research papers assessing the quality of the administrative data sources that are used in the production of mid-year population estimates. Mid-year population estimates are an important input in calculating life expectancy estimates. For more information go to the <a href="#">Research for the 2021 Census</a> section of the NRS website.</p> <p>The quality of deaths data which are part of the inputs in computing life expectancy estimates is available on the <a href="#">Vital Events section</a> of the NRS website.</p>
Completeness	Healthy life expectancies are available for grouped ages (like the life expectancy estimates for Scottish areas) rather than at single years of age (as are found at the Scotland level in the National Life Tables).
Comparability	These healthy life expectancy estimates are comparable to those produced by ONS for the UK, constituent countries and local areas. They are also comparable with the life expectancy estimates published in the 'Life expectancy in Scottish areas' NRS publication.
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 <a href="#">Accessibility</a> section of the NRS website.
Coherence and clarity	The statistics are provided in Excel, CSV and PDF formats. They are designed to be consistent and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate. Notations used within the tables and charts are given in footnotes.

Value type and unit of measure	Estimated (speculative) lifespan in years.
Official Statistics designation	These statistics were assessed by the UK Statistics Authority and have been designated as National Statistics.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics were assessed in May 2011 using the UK Statistics Authority <a href="#">Assessment of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics</a> (PDF document) available from the UK Statistics Authority website.
Help email	<a href="mailto:statisticscustomerservices@nrscotland.gov.uk">statisticscustomerservices@nrscotland.gov.uk</a> There is also a <a href="#">contact form</a> on the NRS website.
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