

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Population Estimates by Urban Rural Classification
Description	Population estimates at 6-fold & 8-fold classifications by single year of age and sex
Theme	Population and Migration
Topic	Special Area Population Estimates
Format	Excel workbooks
Data source(s)	Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification for 6- & 8-fold, and 2011 Data Zone population estimates.
Date that data is acquired	On finalisation of small area population estimates at data zone level each year, normally in July.
Publication Release date	24 August 2021
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	The estimates refer to the publication as at 30 June each year and the Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification, version 2016.
Continuity of data	Urban Rural Classification population estimates are available for each year from 2002 up to 2014 for 2001 Data Zones, and from 2001 onwards for 2011 Data Zones.
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 which is available on the <a href="#">Scottish Government</a> website.
Concepts and definitions	Background information on <a href="#">Urban Rural Classification</a> is available on the Scottish Government website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	The Urban Rural Classification aids in developing the Scottish Government's understanding of the population issues facing urban, rural and remote Scotland to reflect this in mainstream policy development.
Accuracy	<p>2011 Data Zones have been assigned to the 6- and 8-fold classifications based upon the location of its population-weighted centroid. The figures are based on adding up data zone population estimates from the Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE).</p> <p>Further information can be found in the 'About this Publication' document within the latest <a href="#">Small Area Population Estimates</a> publication on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.</p> <p>Although the populations are tabulated in units, this does not</p>

	imply accuracy to that level. The data are presented in units for the convenience of users wishing to compile non-standard aggregations without encountering rounding problems.
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 population of urban or rural areas in, for example 2011, may not be the same as the estimates for 2011 shown here. Instead, the estimates available here show how the population in the 2016 Urban Rural classifications have changed over time.
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 <a href="#">Accessibility</a> section of the NRS website.
Coherence and clarity	<p>The statistics are provided in Excel format. They are designed to be consistent, and incorporate historical data where appropriate.</p> <p>Population Estimates by Urban Rural Classification are consistent with the mid-year and other estimates of the population in Scotland.</p>
Value type and unit of measure	Counts of males and females by single year of age.
Official Statistics designation	These statistics are designated as National Statistics by the UK Statistics Authority. The Letter of Confirmation as National Statistics can be found on the <a href="#">UK Statistics Authority</a> website.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics were assessed by UK Statistics Authority as part of the Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) in July 2015. The report can be found within the <a href="#">UK Statistic Authority - Assessments</a> section on the UKSA website.
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