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No 1 - First Results from 2011 Census

National Records of Scotland (NRS) published the first results from the 2011 Census on Monday 17th December 2012. These show the estimated usually resident population for Scotland (by five year age bands and gender) and the estimated population of each local authority area. All figures are rounded to the nearest 1,000.

Scotland

The population of Scotland on Census day 2011 (27th March) was 5,295,000 – the highest ever figure. This is some 40,200 higher than the previous estimate by NRS for mid 2011 which was made before the Census results became available. There were 2,567,000 men (48.5% of the population) and 2,728,000 women (51.5%)

This shows an increase of 233,000 or 5% since 2001. Looking at age groups:

- There was a 6% increase in the number of pre-school children;
- The number of children aged 5-14 fell by 11%;
- The number aged over 65 increased by 11%;
- The number of very elderly aged 80+ increased by 19%.

These changes are in line with the changes shown for England and Wales when their Census results were released earlier in the year, as is the higher population than previously estimated.

Falkirk

The estimated population for the Falkirk Council area in the Census was **156,000**. This compares with the previous NRS mid year estimate of population of 154,380.

It also shows an increase of 10,800 or 7.4% compared to the figure in 2001 which is a higher rate of increase than in Scotland as a whole. At present there is no breakdown of the population by age or gender for local authorities.

Further information

Further information can be had from Research and Information Team or from the National Records of Scotland website: http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/en/censusresults/bulletin.html

Further Insights will be published as NRS release more 2011 Census data.

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