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Population of Scotland. The population spread among the six main cities, life expectancy and birth rate.

Population	Around 5.2 million
Scotland's cities	Glasgow 592,820 Edinburgh 486,120 Aberdeen 217,120 Dundee 144,290 Inverness 56,660 Stirling 89,850
	(National Records of Scotland 2011)

Birth rate	11.3 births per 1,000 population
Death rate	10.3 deaths per 1,000 population
Net migration rate	4.1 migrant(s) per 1,000 population
Population growth rate	0.54% (between 2009 and 2010)

Life expectancy at birth	female: 80.1 yrs male: 75.3 yrs
	(For those born around 2008)

Literacy	99%
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Scottish Economy. Information on Scottish industry, labour force and export markets.

GVA	£102 billion (2009)
GVA (per head)	£19,744 (2009)
Currency	Pound sterling (GBP)
Labour Force	2.49 million (2010)
Scotland's Top Five Export Industries (£billions)	Food and drink Chemicals Business services Electrical and instrument engineering Mechanical engineering (2009 Global Connections Survey, Scottish Government)
Top Five Export Destinations (£billions)	USA Netherlands France Germany Belgium (2009 Global Connections Survey, Scottish Government)

The Scottish Government

<http://www.scotland.org/about-scotland/government-timeline>

The devolved government for Scotland is responsible for most of the issues of day-to-day concern to the people of Scotland, including health, education, justice, rural affairs, and transport.

The Scottish Government was known as the Scottish Executive when it was established in 1999 following the first elections to the Scottish Parliament. The current administration was formed after elections in May 2011.

The Government's Purpose

To focus government and public services on creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth.

The elections for the fourth term of the Scottish Parliament took place on May 5, 2011. The SNP won a majority of the 129 seats and on May 18 Alex Salmond MSP was re-elected First Minister by MSPs.

Ministers in the new administration

There are nine Cabinet Secretaries (Cabinet Ministers) including the First Minister and 10 Ministers who report to a Cabinet Secretary.

- [Ministerial responsibilities](#)
Including the two Law Officers (Lord Advocate and Solicitor General for Scotland), this makes a total of 21 Ministers.

Cabinet Portfolios

The new administration has nine Cabinet portfolios:

- First Minister
- Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
- Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Justice
- Rural Affairs and Environment
- Culture and External Affairs
- Parliamentary Business and Government Strategy
- Infrastructure and Capital Investment