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The compulsory registration of births began on July 1st, 1837. However, according to the Office for National Statistics (UK), registration of births was incomplete until 1874.

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Civilian deaths only. War-related deaths are excluded from the statistics for the periods 1914-1920 and 1939-1950.

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Civilian population only. The military population (regular army and conscripts) has been excluded from the population statistics for the periods 1912-1920 and 1939-1950.

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Revised inter-censal mid-year population estimates based on the 2001 census.

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In 1968, substantial jumps are found in the population counts at age 34 among males and at age 49 among females for which we have no explanation; they may indicate potential errors in the official data.

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Data are provided by year of registration.

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Revised inter-censal mid-year population estimates based on the 2011 census.

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Post-censal mid-year population estimates based on the 2011 census.

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Corrected official post-censal mid-year population estimates based on the 2011 census. The errors were found in the previously published population estimates for 2012 to 2014 “because of an issue with an input data set used in the calculation of the mid-year estimates, as well as minor unrelated processing errors”. Therefore, the National Records of Scotland published corrected population estimates which replace the previously released data for these years.

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The monthly number of registrations shown for 2020 does not reflect the actual number of births in many of those months. During the second half of March 2020 most registration offices closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and most birth registrations were postponed. During late June 2020, registration of births restarted.