

# General Register Office for Scotland Publication Scheme

## 2. About the General Register Office for Scotland

The General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) is headed by the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland, Duncan Macniven. We administer the registration of events such as births, deaths, marriages, civil partnerships, divorces, dissolutions of civil partnerships and adoptions, and are responsible for the statutes relating to the formalities of marriage civil partnerships and conduct of civil marriages and civil partnerships. We are the main source of Scottish family history records. We take the decennial census of Scotland's population and prepare and publish demographic and other statistics for central and local Government, for medical research, and for the private sector. We also maintain for the Scottish Executive the National Health Service Central Register. The Registrar General has a statutory duty to report each year on various statistical matters. This annual report ([The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends](#)) is then laid before The Scottish Parliament by the First Minister.