

Most Common Surnames in Scotland's registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths - Top Twenties for selected years

Information about the basis of the lists can be found on the Most Common Surnames page on the National Records of Scotland website.

Position *	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995
1	SMITH 2719	SMITH 2676	SMITH 2706	SMITH 2562	SMITH 2273
2	BROWN 1970	BROWN 1937	BROWN 1941	BROWN 1876	BROWN 1659
3	WILSON 1886	WILSON 1888	WILSON 1708	WILSON 1654	WILSON 1539
4	ROBERTSON 1796	CAMPBELL 1779	CAMPBELL 1632	STEWART 1535	THOMSON 1373
5	CAMPBELL 1749	THOMSON 1696	ROBERTSON 1606	THOMSON 1518	ROBERTSON 1370
6	STEWART 1675	ROBERTSON 1567	THOMSON 1578	CAMPBELL 1456	CAMPBELL 1361
7	THOMSON 1658	STEWART 1519	STEWART 1565	ROBERTSON 1443	STEWART 1278
8	ANDERSON 1511	ANDERSON 1506	ANDERSON 1404	ANDERSON 1414	ANDERSON 1187
9	SCOTT 1194	SCOTT 1160	SCOTT 1169	SCOTT 1097	MACDONALD 980
10	MACDONALD 1146	MACDONALD 1140	MURRAY 1113	MACDONALD 1051	SCOTT 963
11	REID 1115	MURRAY 1131	MACDONALD 1056	MURRAY 1019	REID 936
12	MURRAY 1114	REID 1050	REID 1053	REID 995	MURRAY 914
13	CLARK 1042	CLARK 1000	TAYLOR 988	TAYLOR 963	TAYLOR 877
14	TAYLOR 1016	TAYLOR 990	CLARK 969	CLARK 903	CLARK 826
15	ROSS 946	ROSS 938	YOUNG 949	YOUNG 834	MITCHELL 760
16	YOUNG 904	YOUNG 926	WATSON 892	ROSS 829	ROSS 746
17	PATERSON 903	PATERSON 891	WALKER 861	WATSON 815	WALKER 730
18	WATSON 888	WATSON 886	MORRISON 853	MORRISON 812	PATERSON 708
19	MITCHELL 869	WALKER 830	ROSS 840	MITCHELL 808	YOUNG 698
20	FRASER 852	HENDERSON 818 MORRISON 818	MITCHELL 832	WALKER 799	WATSON 696

Footnote

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Top Twenties for selected years (continued)

2000		2005		2010		2015		Position *
SMITH	2204	SMITH	2083	SMITH	2037	SMITH	1929	1
BROWN	1467	BROWN	1422	BROWN	1374	BROWN	1438	2
WILSON	1438	WILSON	1421	WILSON	1283	WILSON	1352	3
STEWART	1264	ROBERTSON	1188	CAMPBELL	1135	STEWART	1186	4
CAMPBELL	1251	THOMSON	1176	THOMSON	1103	THOMSON	1172	5
ROBERTSON	1167	CAMPBELL	1168	ROBERTSON	1091	ROBERTSON	1158	6
THOMSON	1163	STEWART	1143	STEWART	1084	CAMPBELL	1130	7
ANDERSON	1092	ANDERSON	1084	ANDERSON	1041	ANDERSON	1068	8
SCOTT	873	TAYLOR	866	REID	845	MURRAY	832	9
MACDONALD	871	MURRAY	862	SCOTT	817	MACDONALD	823	10
TAYLOR	848	MACDONALD	833	MURRAY	810	TAYLOR	794	11
REID	824	SCOTT	822	TAYLOR	801	SCOTT	779	12
MURRAY	802	CLARK	805	MACDONALD	785	REID	771	13
CLARK	792	REID	752	CLARK	642	CLARK	746	14
MITCHELL	723	ROSS	675	ROSS	639	YOUNG	639	15
WATSON	679	WALKER	667	YOUNG	639	MORRISON	623	16
WALKER	670	YOUNG	664	WATSON	637	WALKER	619	17
ROSS	657	PATERSON	661	MORRISON	626	ROSS	614	18
MORRISON	653	MITCHELL	654	WALKER	621	WATSON	595	19
YOUNG	625	MORRISON	637	MILLER	612	GRAHAM	571	20
				PATERSON	612			

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