

Table 1: Household estimates for Scotland by council area, June 1991 to 2016^{1,2,3}

Council area	1991	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change 2015 to 2016		Change 2006 to 2016	
																		Number	%	Number	%
Scotland	2,042,809	2,194,564	2,211,430	2,230,797	2,251,262	2,274,283	2,295,185	2,318,966	2,337,967	2,351,780	2,364,850	2,376,424	2,387,211	2,401,788	2,418,335	2,433,956	2,451,869	17,913	0.7%	156,683	6.8%
Aberdeen City	89,949	96,948	97,393	97,857	98,526	99,120	100,521	101,916	102,577	103,077	103,285	103,423	103,934	105,047	105,287	105,311	106,749	1,438	1.4%	6,228	6.2%
Aberdeenshire	80,473	90,887	92,328	93,763	95,658	97,490	98,892	100,340	101,696	102,839	104,017	105,006	106,018	107,128	108,381	109,631	110,296	665	0.6%	11,404	11.5%
Angus	43,806	46,945	47,264	47,772	48,396	48,993	49,556	50,128	50,639	51,109	51,436	51,738	52,109	52,413	52,692	53,142	53,333	191	0.4%	3,776	7.6%
Argyll and Bute	37,657	39,028	39,135	39,728	39,828	40,245	40,433	40,437	40,481	40,353	40,401	40,427	40,514	40,934	40,857	40,938	41,040	102	0.2%	606	1.5%
City of Edinburgh	188,714	204,994	206,592	207,981	209,720	212,548	214,651	217,740	219,085	220,422	222,062	224,041	224,875	227,222	229,792	230,831	232,885	2,054	0.9%	18,234	8.5%
Clackmannanshire	18,857	20,568	20,729	20,947	21,251	21,550	21,862	22,225	22,517	22,727	22,815	22,796	22,881	22,978	23,217	23,333	23,401	68	0.3%	1,539	7.0%
Dumfries and Galloway	59,300	63,888	64,195	64,892	65,515	66,215	66,469	66,909	67,414	67,662	67,845	68,058	68,364	68,682	68,818	68,999	69,202	203	0.3%	2,733	4.1%
Dundee City	67,028	66,854	67,133	67,109	67,310	67,188	67,060	68,011	68,594	69,067	69,105	69,150	69,263	69,500	69,610	69,534	69,635	101	0.1%	2,575	3.8%
East Ayrshire	48,779	50,399	50,639	50,981	51,305	51,494	51,941	52,425	53,079	53,519	53,793	53,927	54,143	54,453	54,401	54,570	54,748	178	0.3%	2,807	5.4%
East Dunbartonshire	39,479	42,251	42,271	42,321	42,492	42,716	42,809	42,892	43,055	43,170	43,298	43,491	43,778	44,102	44,504	45,008	45,350	342	0.8%	2,541	5.9%
East Lothian	34,245	38,227	38,623	38,924	39,294	39,668	40,313	41,112	41,783	42,211	42,602	42,997	43,429	43,682	43,981	44,384	44,749	365	0.8%	4,436	11.0%
East Renfrewshire	32,212	35,024	35,274	35,550	35,764	35,957	36,090	36,307	36,420	36,698	37,011	37,300	37,575	37,804	38,048	38,270	38,581	310	0.8%	2,491	6.9%
Falkirk	56,780	62,688	63,521	64,369	65,354	65,833	66,593	67,310	67,730	68,136	68,559	68,870	69,230	69,443	69,693	70,431	71,072	641	0.9%	4,478	6.7%
Fife	138,659	150,516	151,679	152,739	153,854	155,600	156,558	157,742	158,967	159,790	160,618	161,089	161,845	162,200	163,958	164,705	165,833	1,129	0.7%	9,275	5.9%
Glasgow City	272,092	271,968	273,058	274,786	277,282	279,466	280,541	282,409	283,521	284,431	285,240	285,924	286,134	286,792	288,137	290,694	293,595	2,900	1.0%	13,054	4.7%
Highland	79,707	89,618	90,625	91,825	93,099	94,792	96,143	97,825	99,459	100,610	101,506	102,378	103,317	104,445	105,711	106,834	107,573	739	0.7%	11,429	11.9%
Inverclyde	36,407	36,691	36,655	36,736	36,961	37,053	37,144	37,133	37,198	37,323	37,320	37,340	37,299	37,337	37,384	37,426	37,586	160	0.4%	442	1.2%
Midlothian	29,988	32,934	32,974	33,030	33,116	33,200	33,421	33,575	33,819	34,366	34,754	35,089	35,540	36,009	36,602	37,069	37,766	696	1.9%	4,345	13.0%
Moray	32,662	35,868	36,290	36,637	37,167	37,736	38,316	38,909	39,274	39,486	39,813	40,155	40,492	40,839	41,288	41,641	41,961	320	0.8%	3,646	9.5%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	10,980	11,276	11,257	11,372	11,488	11,629	11,779	11,926	12,075	12,193	12,358	12,589	12,749	12,924	12,920	12,968	12,951	-17	-0.1%	1,172	10.0%
North Ayrshire	54,443	58,775	59,284	59,756	59,936	60,460	61,015	61,260	61,758	62,107	62,341	62,474	62,519	62,613	62,802	63,189	63,440	251	0.4%	2,424	4.0%
North Lanarkshire	121,587	132,755	134,602	136,304	137,815	139,541	141,229	142,742	143,810	144,331	145,361	146,148	146,905	147,554	148,610	149,282	150,364	1,082	0.7%	9,135	6.5%
Orkney Islands	7,735	8,339	8,457	8,582	8,744	8,934	9,052	9,206	9,338	9,514	9,659	9,761	9,859	9,945	10,042	10,146	10,256	110	1.1%	1,204	13.3%
Perth and Kinross	51,692	58,364	58,929	59,862	60,772	61,572	62,575	63,174	64,284	64,575	64,693	64,905	65,194	65,616	66,035	66,545	67,101	556	0.8%	4,527	7.2%
Renfrewshire	70,537	75,380	76,147	76,978	77,002	77,483	78,239	79,096	79,894	80,394	80,649	80,903	80,924	81,787	82,385	83,245	84,025	780	0.9%	5,786	7.4%
Scottish Borders	43,473	47,452	47,988	48,543	49,128	49,621	50,147	50,844	51,436	51,834	52,206	52,485	52,671	52,934	53,157	53,351	53,787	436	0.8%	3,641	7.3%
Shetland Islands	8,467	9,109	9,139	9,209	9,290	9,395	9,468	9,529	9,622	9,764	9,884	9,973	10,080	10,135	10,166	10,235	10,283	48	0.5%	816	8.6%
South Ayrshire	45,410	48,802	49,045	49,446	49,767	50,158	50,316	50,654	50,866	50,952	51,184	51,364	51,515	51,654	51,874	51,912	51,923	11	0.0%	1,607	3.2%
South Lanarkshire	116,407	126,638	127,691	128,633	129,946	131,494	133,504	135,190	136,298	137,259	138,219	139,308	140,225	141,129	142,286	143,313	144,148	835	0.6%	10,645	8.0%
Stirling	31,139	35,546	35,904	36,339	36,481	36,718	36,860	36,958	37,120	37,288	37,480	37,644	37,876	38,056	38,310	38,665	38,951	286	0.7%	2,092	5.7%
West Dunbartonshire	38,933	40,767	40,655	40,719	40,708	41,062	41,399	41,628	41,833	41,913	42,076	42,115	42,106	42,097	42,353	42,571	42,657	86	0.2%	1,258	3.0%
West Lothian	55,212	65,064	65,951	67,107	68,291	69,352	70,291	71,416	72,326	72,659	73,261	73,554	73,847	74,335	75,035	75,782	76,630	848	1.1%	6,339	9.0%

Footnotes
1) In 2013 legislation was introduced to allow councils to increase the Council Tax payable on certain types of long-term empty property. As a result, from 2013 onwards, many councils have carried out reviews of properties classed as vacant or second homes, with some being re-classified as occupied. The legislation also changed the definitions of such properties. In addition there have been some issues with how properties affected by the new charges are recorded. All of this has had an impact on the estimated number of households in this table for many council areas, and for Scotland as a whole. This makes it difficult to determine whether changes since 2012 are a result of real differences 'on-the-ground' or simply reflect the re-classification of properties.
2) Figures for 1991, 2001 and 2011 are based on the number of households recorded in Scotland's Census 1991, 2001 and 2011, and the mid-year population estimates.
3) Figures for 2002 onwards are based on the number of occupied dwellings (Table 4), adjusted from September to June. They are then adjusted by an amount calculated from the differences in 2001 and in 2011 between the number of occupied dwellings and the number of households recorded in the census.
Source: Council Tax base Return 2016 and National Records of Scotland 2016 neighbourhood level collection of Council Tax information.
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