

Table 3: Average household size^{1,2} for Scotland by council area, June 2001 to 2016

Council area	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change 2006 to 2016	
																	Number	%
Scotland	2.27	2.25	2.23	2.22	2.21	2.20	2.19	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.19	2.18	2.18	2.17	2.17	2.16	-0.03	-1.5%
Aberdeen City	2.13	2.10	2.08	2.05	2.04	2.02	2.01	2.01	2.03	2.05	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.09	2.10	2.07	0.05	2.6%
Aberdeenshire	2.47	2.45	2.44	2.42	2.41	2.41	2.41	2.40	2.40	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.38	2.38	2.37	2.35	-0.06	-2.4%
Angus	2.27	2.26	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.21	2.21	2.22	2.20	2.19	2.19	2.17	2.16	-0.08	-3.5%
Argyll and Bute	2.24	2.23	2.20	2.19	2.16	2.17	2.17	2.15	2.15	2.13	2.14	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.06	2.06	-0.10	-4.8%
City of Edinburgh	2.14	2.11	2.09	2.07	2.06	2.05	2.04	2.03	2.04	2.05	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.10	2.11	0.06	3.1%
Clackmannanshire	2.29	2.28	2.25	2.25	2.24	2.22	2.23	2.23	2.21	2.21	2.22	2.20	2.19	2.16	2.16	2.15	-0.07	-3.1%
Dumfries and Galloway	2.28	2.27	2.25	2.24	2.23	2.22	2.22	2.21	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.18	2.16	2.15	2.14	2.13	-0.09	-4.1%
Dundee City	2.13	2.10	2.09	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.05	2.04	2.03	2.04	2.05	2.06	2.06	2.05	2.06	2.05	-0.02	-1.1%
East Ayrshire	2.35	2.34	2.32	2.31	2.31	2.29	2.28	2.26	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.24	2.22	2.22	2.21	2.21	-0.08	-3.7%
East Dunbartonshire	2.53	2.51	2.50	2.48	2.46	2.44	2.43	2.42	2.41	2.41	2.40	2.40	2.39	2.38	2.36	2.36	-0.09	-3.6%
East Lothian	2.33	2.33	2.32	2.31	2.30	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	-0.01	-0.4%
East Renfrewshire	2.53	2.53	2.51	2.49	2.48	2.47	2.46	2.45	2.44	2.43	2.42	2.41	2.41	2.41	2.41	2.42	-0.05	-2.2%
Falkirk	2.29	2.27	2.25	2.24	2.25	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.22	2.22	-0.03	-1.1%
Fife	2.28	2.27	2.26	2.25	2.24	2.24	2.23	2.22	2.21	2.21	2.22	2.21	2.21	2.19	2.19	2.19	-0.05	-2.3%
Glasgow City	2.08	2.07	2.04	2.01	1.99	1.98	1.98	1.98	2.00	2.01	2.02	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.04	0.06	3.1%
Highland	2.29	2.28	2.27	2.27	2.26	2.26	2.25	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.22	2.19	2.17	2.16	2.15	-0.11	-4.9%
Inverclyde	2.26	2.25	2.24	2.21	2.20	2.18	2.17	2.16	2.15	2.14	2.13	2.12	2.10	2.09	2.09	2.07	-0.11	-5.0%
Midlothian	2.43	2.43	2.40	2.40	2.38	2.37	2.37	2.38	2.36	2.34	2.35	2.34	2.33	2.33	2.33	2.32	-0.05	-2.0%
Moray	2.37	2.36	2.37	2.35	2.33	2.31	2.30	2.31	2.31	2.30	2.28	2.24	2.26	2.24	2.24	2.24	-0.08	-3.3%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	2.32	2.31	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.27	2.25	2.23	2.22	2.20	2.17	2.13	2.09	2.08	2.06	2.05	-0.22	-9.6%
North Ayrshire	2.29	2.27	2.26	2.25	2.24	2.22	2.22	2.21	2.19	2.19	2.19	2.18	2.16	2.15	2.13	2.12	-0.10	-4.5%
North Lanarkshire	2.40	2.37	2.35	2.34	2.32	2.31	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.29	2.28	2.27	2.26	2.25	2.24	-0.07	-2.9%
Orkney Islands	2.28	2.26	2.25	2.24	2.22	2.22	2.21	2.20	2.18	2.18	2.17	2.16	2.15	2.13	2.12	2.11	-0.11	-5.1%
Perth and Kinross	2.24	2.22	2.20	2.18	2.17	2.16	2.17	2.16	2.17	2.18	2.19	2.20	2.18	2.19	2.18	2.18	0.02	0.8%
Renfrewshire	2.26	2.23	2.20	2.20	2.18	2.16	2.15	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.10	2.09	2.07	2.07	-0.09	-4.4%
Scottish Borders	2.22	2.21	2.20	2.20	2.19	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.17	2.15	2.15	2.13	2.13	2.12	2.11	2.11	-0.08	-3.6%
Shetland Islands	2.38	2.37	2.35	2.35	2.34	2.32	2.32	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.28	2.27	2.27	2.25	2.24	-0.08	-3.5%
South Ayrshire	2.26	2.24	2.22	2.21	2.20	2.20	2.19	2.18	2.18	2.17	2.17	2.16	2.16	2.14	2.14	2.14	-0.06	-2.7%
South Lanarkshire	2.36	2.34	2.33	2.33	2.31	2.29	2.27	2.26	2.25	2.24	2.23	2.22	2.21	2.19	2.18	2.18	-0.11	-4.8%
Stirling	2.36	2.34	2.32	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.28	2.27	2.28	2.28	2.29	2.28	2.27	2.28	2.29	-0.01	-0.3%
West Dunbartonshire	2.27	2.27	2.25	2.24	2.21	2.19	2.18	2.16	2.16	2.14	2.14	2.13	2.12	2.10	2.09	2.09	-0.10	-4.6%
West Lothian	2.43	2.41	2.39	2.38	2.36	2.36	2.35	2.35	2.36	2.35	2.36	2.36	2.35	2.34	2.33	2.33	-0.03	-1.3%

Footnotes

Average household size is calculated in two stages:

- The proportion of the population living in communal establishments is used to remove the people living in communal establishments (this is not living in households) from the mid-year population estimate to give the number of people living in households for each year.
- The estimated number of people living in households is divided by the mid-year household estimate to give the average household size.

Communal establishment rates for 2002 to 2010 are estimated from the rates from Scotland's Census 2001 and 2011 Census rates. The communal establishment rates from the Scotland's Census 2011 are used from 2012 onwards.

1) Average household sizes are rounded to two decimal places.

2) Average household sizes will differ from estimates published in Scotland's Census 2001 and 2011, as the rates are calculated based on mid-year estimates at June of each year, not at census day.

Source: Mid-year household and population estimates and Scotland's Census 2001 and 2011. Please note that figures calculating the change over time use unrounded figures.

Please go to the 'Background Information' section for more information.