

Table 4: Dwellings by occupancy in each council area, September 2016

	Total number of dwellings	Occupied dwellings ¹	Vacant dwellings ¹	Second homes ¹	Dwellings with a single adult discount	Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions'	Occupied dwellings ¹	Vacant dwellings ¹	Second homes ¹	Dwellings with a single adult discount	Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions'
Scotland	2,575,667	2,470,475	79,052	26,140	963,297	75,629	95.9%	3.1%	1.0%	37.4%	2.9%
Aberdeen City	115,080	110,421	3,484	1,175	42,903	6,857	96.0%	3.0%	1.0%	37.3%	6.0%
Aberdeenshire	116,421	110,622	4,598	1,201	34,104	1,267	95.0%	3.9%	1.0%	29.3%	1.1%
Angus	55,872	52,898	2,440	534	20,500	566	94.7%	4.4%	1.0%	36.7%	1.0%
Argyll and Bute	47,780	42,012	2,374	3,394	15,387	1,214	87.9%	5.0%	7.1%	32.2%	2.5%
City of Edinburgh	244,131	234,149	7,662	2,320	93,557	15,835	95.9%	3.1%	1.0%	38.3%	6.5%
Clackmannanshire	24,221	23,562	601	58	9,115	287	97.3%	2.5%	0.2%	37.6%	1.2%
Dumfries and Galloway	74,453	69,858	3,111	1,484	26,070	786	93.8%	4.2%	2.0%	35.0%	1.1%
Dundee City	74,026	70,389	3,316	321	32,146	5,275	95.1%	4.5%	0.4%	43.4%	7.1%
East Ayrshire	57,873	55,799	1,945	129	21,927	565	96.4%	3.4%	0.2%	37.9%	1.0%
East Dunbartonshire	46,026	45,339	548	139	14,553	457	98.5%	1.2%	0.3%	31.6%	1.0%
East Lothian	46,672	45,275	870	527	15,700	628	97.0%	1.9%	1.1%	33.6%	1.3%
East Renfrewshire	38,389	37,825	456	108	11,743	470	98.5%	1.2%	0.3%	30.6%	1.2%
Falkirk	73,767	71,779	1,754	234	27,585	706	97.3%	2.4%	0.3%	37.4%	1.0%
Fife	174,528	166,804	5,488	2,236	65,046	3,754	95.6%	3.1%	1.3%	37.3%	2.2%
Glasgow City	306,000	297,064	8,457	479	137,698	20,627	97.1%	2.8%	0.2%	45.0%	6.7%
Highland	116,453	109,076	3,245	4,132	38,198	1,516	93.7%	2.8%	3.5%	32.8%	1.3%
Inverclyde	38,835	37,049	1,676	110	15,353	540	95.4%	4.3%	0.3%	39.5%	1.4%
Midlothian	39,297	38,453	810	34	12,467	635	97.9%	2.1%	0.1%	31.7%	1.6%
Moray	44,454	41,997	1,699	758	15,202	1,618	94.5%	3.8%	1.7%	34.2%	3.6%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	14,599	12,877	954	768	4,890	108	88.2%	6.5%	5.3%	33.5%	0.7%
North Ayrshire	67,800	63,960	2,157	1,683	27,179	737	94.3%	3.2%	2.5%	40.1%	1.1%
North Lanarkshire	153,388	150,885	2,428	75	58,063	1,567	98.4%	1.6%	0.0%	37.9%	1.0%
Orkney Islands	11,063	9,912	759	392	3,633	112	89.6%	6.9%	3.5%	32.8%	1.0%
Perth and Kinross	71,347	67,371	2,759	1,217	24,794	937	94.4%	3.9%	1.7%	34.8%	1.3%
Renfrewshire	85,724	82,995	2,547	182	34,951	2,406	96.8%	3.0%	0.2%	40.8%	2.8%
Scottish Borders	57,940	54,020	2,884	1,036	20,456	645	93.2%	5.0%	1.8%	35.3%	1.1%
Shetland Islands	11,109	10,230	716	163	3,431	99	92.1%	6.4%	1.5%	30.9%	0.9%
South Ayrshire	54,942	52,847	1,617	478	19,794	633	96.2%	2.9%	0.9%	36.0%	1.2%
South Lanarkshire	148,771	145,398	3,184	189	57,724	1,824	97.7%	2.1%	0.1%	38.8%	1.2%
Stirling	40,998	39,271	1,312	415	13,578	1,711	95.8%	3.2%	1.0%	33.1%	4.2%
West Dunbartonshire	45,104	43,539	1,484	81	17,843	388	96.5%	3.3%	0.2%	39.6%	0.9%
West Lothian	78,604	76,799	1,717	88	27,707	859	97.7%	2.2%	0.1%	35.2%	1.1%

Footnote

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. Therefore any changes over time in the numbers and percentages of occupied dwellings, vacant dwellings and second homes should be treated with caution as they may be a result of the issues associated with the 2013 legislation rather than real differences.

Source: Council Tax base return 2016 and National Records of Scotland 2016 neighbourhood level collection of council tax information.

Please go to the 'Background Information' section for more information. Please note that figures might not add up to 100 per cent exactly, due to rounding.