

Table 5: Second homes in each council area, September 2006 to 2016¹

Council area	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Percentage of dwellings in 2016
Scotland	34,546	33,407	33,399	35,106	35,797	36,788	38,249	35,404	28,469	27,317	26,140	1.0%
Aberdeen City	1,701	1,552	1,839	2,077	2,268	2,428	2,496	2,411	1,238	1,151	1,175	1.0%
Aberdeenshire	1,406	1,374	1,274	1,299	1,274	1,227	1,279	1,166	1,162	1,314	1,201	1.0%
Angus	429	434	429	446	437	469	751	808	772	543	534	1.0%
Argyll and Bute	3,655	3,781	3,860	4,033	3,983	3,937	3,915	2,961	3,379	3,431	3,394	7.1%
City of Edinburgh	3,459	3,574	3,926	4,556	4,589	4,687	5,802	4,310	2,317	2,279	2,320	1.0%
Clackmannanshire	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	32	62	58	0.2%
Dumfries and Galloway	1,746	1,736	1,772	1,781	1,811	1,798	1,796	1,778	1,868	2,190	1,484	2.0%
Dundee City	1,495	462	627	730	818	960	1,004	1,005	976	264	321	0.4%
East Ayrshire	153	154	213	290	313	329	176	158	136	126	129	0.2%
East Dunbartonshire	146	168	198	189	245	240	211	202	198	120	139	0.3%
East Lothian	246	238	258	260	507	529	532	541	550	543	527	1.1%
East Renfrewshire	*	*	*	*	*	*	181	181	159	126	108	0.3%
Falkirk	550	497	530	558	614	648	638	549	449	440	234	0.3%
Fife	3,678	4,494	3,631	3,757	3,748	4,051	3,958	4,101	2,098	2,201	2,236	1.3%
Glasgow City	1,041	1,066	1,245	1,344	1,292	1,408	1,528	905	823	474	479	0.2%
Highland	5,835	4,754	4,639	4,594	4,603	4,580	4,520	4,427	4,280	4,189	4,132	3.5%
Inverclyde	243	222	216	225	263	317	279	197	204	210	110	0.3%
Midlothian	91	137	156	194	60	42	38	34	36	33	34	0.1%
Moray	574	579	577	550	554	573	584	618	660	715	758	1.7%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	843	864	862	902	979	921	886	908	776	743	768	5.3%
North Ayrshire	1,543	1,623	1,551	1,541	1,483	1,498	1,514	1,493	1,492	1,535	1,683	2.5%
North Lanarkshire	319	284	283	321	326	316	327	45	80	89	75	0.0%
Orkney Islands	369	367	421	440	445	471	496	503	380	394	392	3.5%
Perth and Kinross	1,759	1,936	1,727	1,859	2,000	2,053	2,056	1,985	1,224	1,218	1,217	1.7%
Renfrewshire	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	385	484	253	182	0.2%
Scottish Borders	1,032	1,033	1,049	1,012	994	1,040	1,032	1,149	1,186	1,275	1,036	1.8%
Shetland Islands	169	160	147	146	144	146	138	153	164	157	163	1.5%
South Ayrshire	679	639	661	495	445	477	452	469	459	467	478	0.9%
South Lanarkshire	561	443	412	435	424	445	470	489	120	160	189	0.1%
Stirling	630	647	669	475	435	378	369	524	412	416	415	1.0%
West Dunbartonshire	131	123	144	214	257	268	296	330	84	99	81	0.2%
West Lothian	63	66	83	383	486	552	525	619	271	100	88	0.1%

Footnote

1) The numbers can fluctuate a lot from year to year within a council area due to changes in the definition of empty and second homes, changes to the charges payable on these types of property, and reviews of vacant and second homes carried out by councils. In particular, 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.

* Separate figures were not available on second homes and vacant dwellings in these years, so all such properties were grouped under 'vacant dwellings', shown in Table 6.

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.