

Table 3: Vacant dwellings and second homes in Scotland by local authority area<sup>1,2</sup>, September 2001-2006

Local authority	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Percentage vacant (2006) <sup>3</sup>	Change 2005-2006		Change 2001-2006	
								Number	%	Number	%
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>104,003</b>	<b>106,463</b>	<b>106,312</b>	<b>104,668</b>	<b>101,734</b>	<b>101,445</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>-289</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>-2,558</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>
Aberdeen City	5,304	5,443	5,550	5,259	5,574	4,840	4.5%	-734	-13.2%	-464	-8.7%
Aberdeenshire	5,508	5,322	5,222	4,931	4,681	4,766	4.6%	85	1.8%	-742	-13.5%
Angus	2,813	2,876	2,857	2,808	2,756	2,653	5.1%	-103	-3.7%	-160	-5.7%
Argyll & Bute	5,955	5,960	5,402	5,442	5,042	5,085	11.1%	43	0.9%	-870	-14.6%
Clackmannanshire	671	774	677	735	794	789	3.5%	-5	-0.6%	118	17.6%
Dumfries & Galloway	3,753	3,693	3,384	3,484	3,331	3,757	5.3%	426	12.8%	4	0.1%
Dundee City	5,631	5,507	5,671	5,163	4,822	5,159	7.1%	337	7.0%	-472	-8.4%
East Ayrshire	1,437	1,571	1,390	1,267	1,286	1,161	2.1%	-125	-9.7%	-276	-19.2%
East Dunbartonshire	410	445	475	482	547	437	1.0%	-110	-20.1%	27	6.6%
East Lothian	1,220	1,175	1,342	1,323	1,419	1,386	3.3%	-33	-2.3%	166	13.6%
East Renfrewshire	636	846	763	907	883	931	2.5%	48	5.4%	295	46.4%
Edinburgh, City of	8,596	9,020	8,803	9,465	8,734	9,633	4.3%	899	10.3%	1,037	12.1%
Eilean Siar	1,865	2,014	2,002	1,985	1,866	1,838	13.4%	-28	-1.5%	-27	-1.4%
Falkirk	1,525	1,445	1,637	1,570	2,069	1,808	2.6%	-261	-12.6%	283	18.6%
Fife	6,655	6,801	7,252	7,474	7,122	7,607	4.6%	485	6.8%	952	14.3%
Glasgow City <sup>4</sup>	10,395	10,395	10,395	10,395	10,395	10,395	3.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Highland	9,419	9,631	9,673	9,819	9,444	9,279	8.7%	-165	-1.7%	-140	-1.5%
Inverclyde	2,111	2,447	2,561	2,612	2,368	2,120	5.4%	-248	-10.5%	9	0.4%
Midlothian	487	480	510	534	522	560	1.6%	38	7.3%	73	15.0%
Moray	2,367	2,241	2,278	2,116	2,021	1,933	4.8%	-88	-4.4%	-434	-18.3%
North Ayrshire	2,674	3,675	4,695	3,056	2,897	2,875	4.4%	-22	-0.8%	201	7.5%
North Lanarkshire	3,162	2,679	2,350	2,184	2,266	2,316	1.6%	50	2.2%	-846	-26.8%
Orkney Isles	1,368	1,406	1,406	846	785	810	8.3%	25	3.2%	-558	-40.8%
Perth & Kinross	4,125	4,178	4,030	4,018	3,817	3,393	5.1%	-424	-11.1%	-732	-17.7%
Renfrewshire	4,410	3,672	2,891	3,281	2,909	2,733	3.4%	-176	-6.1%	-1,677	-38.0%
Scottish Borders	3,402	3,344	3,350	3,285	3,263	3,408	6.3%	145	4.4%	6	0.2%
Shetland	839	884	844	837	768	773	7.6%	5	0.7%	-66	-7.9%
South Ayrshire	1,449	1,641	1,570	1,645	1,534	1,679	3.2%	145	9.5%	230	15.9%
South Lanarkshire	1,997	2,703	3,247	3,605	3,500	3,147	2.3%	-353	-10.1%	1,150	57.6%
Stirling	1,680	1,601	1,486	1,608	1,648	1,594	4.2%	-54	-3.3%	-86	-5.1%
West Dunbartonshire	1,182	1,605	1,675	1,596	1,508	1,304	3.0%	-204	-13.5%	122	10.3%
West Lothian	957	989	924	936	1,163	1,276	1.8%	113	9.7%	319	33.3%

1. Figures include:

- Unoccupied dwellings that are exempt from Council Tax
- Dwellings subject to second home or long-term empty property discount (including holiday homes and self-catering accommodation available to let for less than 140 days per year)

Not all councils can produce separate figures for second homes and empty dwellings, so the figures are combined here.

- Dwellings occupied entirely by adults who are 'disregarded' for the purpose of paying Council Tax, such as adults who are severely mentally impaired.

2. The figures recorded here may fluctuate for two main reasons:

- Self-catering holiday accommodation available to let for less than 140 days per year will be included here. If it is let for more than this, it will be included on the non-domestic rates valuation roll instead.
- There can be delays in the information on Council Tax systems being updated, which are most likely to affect the information on any discounts, such as vacancy status.

This is most likely to lead to fluctuations in areas with high turnover, or high levels of vacancies or second homes.

3. The percentage of dwellings recorded in Table 2.

4. In 2006, Glasgow City Council Financial Services moved to a new software system for Council Tax. This has resulted in a lack of consistency between the figures on the number of dwellings entitled to discounts and exemptions for 2006, and the figures for earlier years. In order to overcome this problem, the number of discounts and exemptions in 2001-2005 were adjusted to be equal to the figures for 2006. This is in line with other available data, which show little change in the number of vacancies in Glasgow in 2001-2006.