

Estimates of households and dwellings in Scotland, 2008

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Table 1: Household estimates for Scotland by local authority area, June 1991-2008

Local authority	1991	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Change 2007-2008		Change 2003-2008	
											Number	%	Number	%
Scotland	2,042,809	2,125,577	2,195,033	2,211,025	2,229,535	2,249,160	2,271,353	2,291,415	2,313,778	2,331,250	17,472	0.8%	101,715	4.6%
Aberdeen City	89,949	95,265	96,944	97,424	97,924	98,635	99,269	100,735	102,195	102,899	704	0.7%	4,975	5.1%
Aberdeenshire	80,473	87,077	90,902	92,317	93,727	95,597	97,401	98,774	100,191	101,516	1,325	1.3%	7,789	8.3%
Angus	43,806	46,066	46,948	47,175	47,591	48,122	48,625	49,091	49,565	49,974	409	0.8%	2,383	5.0%
Argyll & Bute	37,657	38,108	39,037	39,270	39,988	40,220	40,769	41,093	41,233	41,414	181	0.4%	1,426	3.6%
Clackmannanshire	18,857	19,916	20,572	20,747	20,979	21,296	21,610	21,937	22,316	22,624	308	1.4%	1,645	7.8%
Dumfries & Galloway	59,300	61,807	63,899	64,264	65,019	65,703	66,465	66,779	67,282	67,851	569	0.8%	2,832	4.4%
Dundee City	67,028	67,410	66,851	67,267	67,385	67,726	67,747	67,762	68,278	68,381	103	0.2%	996	1.5%
East Ayrshire	48,779	49,595	50,404	50,634	50,967	51,282	51,459	51,899	52,376	53,027	651	1.2%	2,060	4.0%
East Dunbartonshire	39,479	41,214	42,254	42,242	42,260	42,399	42,592	42,652	42,702	42,833	131	0.3%	573	1.4%
East Lothian	34,245	36,159	38,232	38,647	38,966	39,356	39,749	40,417	41,240	41,935	695	1.7%	2,969	7.6%
East Renfrewshire	32,212	33,749	35,024	35,164	35,329	35,431	35,512	35,532	35,636	35,636	0	0.0%	307	0.9%
Edinburgh, City of	188,714	197,067	204,956	206,361	207,552	209,094	211,731	213,633	216,524	217,654	1,130	0.5%	10,102	4.9%
Eilean Siar	10,980	11,270	11,283	11,224	11,302	11,381	11,486	11,597	11,706	11,816	110	0.9%	514	4.5%
Falkirk	56,780	59,480	62,689	63,534	64,394	65,391	65,879	66,651	67,379	67,808	429	0.6%	3,414	5.3%
Fife	138,659	144,037	150,530	151,760	152,888	154,072	155,890	156,919	158,175	159,475	1,300	0.8%	6,587	4.3%
Glasgow City	272,092	270,693	271,953	272,710	274,115	276,300	278,162	278,892	280,425	281,187	762	0.3%	7,072	2.6%
Highland	79,707	85,386	89,637	90,673	91,904	93,211	94,941	96,327	98,048	99,721	1,673	1.7%	7,817	8.5%
Inverclyde	36,407	36,341	36,698	36,569	36,558	36,692	36,692	36,691	36,588	36,562	-26	-0.1%	4	0.0%
Midlothian	29,988	31,267	32,939	33,032	33,142	33,282	33,422	33,698	33,909	34,211	302	0.9%	1,069	3.2%
Moray	32,662	34,631	35,870	36,230	36,513	36,980	37,484	37,997	38,521	38,815	294	0.8%	2,302	6.3%
North Ayrshire	54,443	56,885	58,781	59,256	59,692	59,833	60,321	60,840	61,044	61,504	460	0.8%	1,812	3.0%
North Lanarkshire	121,587	126,939	132,765	134,564	136,214	137,672	139,343	140,976	142,431	143,439	1,008	0.7%	7,225	5.3%
Orkney Isles	7,735	8,136	8,344	8,427	8,515	8,640	8,790	8,869	8,982	9,073	91	1.0%	558	6.6%
Perth & Kinross	51,692	55,577	58,370	58,943	59,885	60,804	61,613	62,625	63,233	64,354	1,121	1.8%	4,469	7.5%
Renfrewshire	70,537	74,055	75,773	76,329	76,947	76,751	77,012	77,549	78,182	78,753	571	0.7%	1,806	2.3%
Scottish Borders	43,473	45,550	47,463	47,976	48,506	49,067	49,534	50,034	50,705	51,270	565	1.1%	2,764	5.7%
Shetland	8,467	8,961	9,111	9,136	9,201	9,276	9,376	9,443	9,498	9,586	88	0.9%	385	4.2%
South Ayrshire	45,410	47,408	48,804	49,083	49,522	49,881	50,311	50,505	50,883	51,133	250	0.5%	1,611	3.3%
South Lanarkshire	116,407	122,600	126,626	127,576	128,411	129,620	131,065	132,975	134,555	135,547	992	0.7%	7,136	5.6%
Stirling	31,139	33,253	35,544	35,961	36,454	36,658	36,958	37,164	37,328	37,555	227	0.6%	1,101	3.0%
West Dunbartonshire	38,933	39,904	40,768	40,593	40,599	40,529	40,835	41,123	41,298	41,449	151	0.4%	850	2.1%
West Lothian	55,212	59,769	65,062	65,939	67,085	68,259	69,309	70,236	71,351	72,248	897	1.3%	5,163	7.7%

1. Figures for 1991 to 2001 are based on the number of households recorded in the 1991 and 2001 Censuses, and the mid-year population estimates.

2. Figures for 2002 onwards are based on the number of occupied dwellings (Table 9), adjusted to the number of households recorded in the 2001 Census, and adjusted from September to June.

Table 2: Number of dwellings in Scotland by local authority area, September 2001-2008

Local authority	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Change 2007-2008		Change 2003-2008	
									Number	%	Number	%
Scotland	2,320,642	2,338,324	2,356,176	2,376,915	2,396,782	2,416,071	2,440,596	2,460,883	20,287	0.8%	104,707	4.4%
Aberdeen City	105,030	105,675	106,280	106,754	107,670	108,618	109,425	110,084	659	0.6%	3,804	3.6%
Aberdeenshire	97,014	98,380	99,654	101,357	102,864	104,226	105,503	106,850	1,347	1.3%	7,196	7.2%
Angus	50,313	50,607	51,051	51,550	51,989	52,346	52,870	53,402	532	1.0%	2,351	4.6%
Argyll & Bute	44,556	44,857	45,123	45,246	45,512	45,794	45,932	46,306	374	0.8%	1,183	2.6%
Clackmannanshire	21,252	21,534	21,682	22,076	22,443	22,770	23,132	23,374	242	1.0%	1,692	7.8%
Dumfries & Galloway	67,607	67,967	68,497	69,242	69,880	70,501	71,115	71,778	663	0.9%	3,281	4.8%
Dundee City	71,740	72,109	72,297	72,210	71,790	72,165	72,736	73,068	332	0.5%	771	1.1%
East Ayrshire	52,983	53,312	53,499	53,677	53,842	54,231	54,848	55,717	869	1.6%	2,218	4.1%
East Dunbartonshire	42,910	42,906	42,968	43,140	43,405	43,521	43,723	43,990	267	0.6%	1,022	2.4%
East Lothian	39,712	40,105	40,561	40,957	41,441	42,145	42,949	43,749	800	1.9%	3,188	7.9%
East Renfrewshire	36,039	36,346	36,445	36,671	36,728	36,781	36,659	36,751	92	0.3%	306	0.8%
Edinburgh, City of	216,594	218,285	219,239	221,536	223,693	226,247	228,523	230,051	1,528	0.7%	10,812	4.9%
Eilean Siar	13,462	13,522	13,630	13,682	13,676	13,759	13,893	14,006	113	0.8%	376	2.8%
Falkirk	64,625	65,433	66,478	67,444	68,295	68,911	69,543	70,040	497	0.7%	3,562	5.4%
Fife	157,349	158,711	160,268	161,694	163,313	164,592	166,085	167,661	1,576	0.9%	7,393	4.6%
Glasgow City	288,462	289,157	290,740	293,075	294,819	295,295	298,831	299,941	1,110	0.4%	9,201	3.2%
Highland ¹	98,398	99,712	101,017	102,481	103,940	105,049	106,918	108,438	1,520	1.4%	7,421	7.3%
Inverclyde	39,204	39,290	39,453	39,659	39,376	39,136	39,174	39,285	111	0.3%	-168	-0.4%
Midlothian	33,285	33,350	33,500	33,669	33,795	34,144	34,408	34,840	432	1.3%	1,340	4.0%
Moray	38,861	39,123	39,416	39,774	40,179	40,607	41,172	41,544	372	0.9%	2,128	5.4%
North Ayrshire	62,321	62,809	63,195	63,697	64,130	64,609	65,270	65,913	643	1.0%	2,718	4.3%
North Lanarkshire	136,941	138,343	139,606	140,864	142,679	144,337	145,621	146,740	1,119	0.8%	7,134	5.1%
Orkney Isles	9,237	9,354	9,423	9,548	9,642	9,726	9,880	10,039	159	1.6%	616	6.5%
Perth & Kinross	62,573	63,270	64,139	65,021	65,608	66,252	67,010	67,896	886	1.3%	3,757	5.9%
Renfrewshire	80,747	80,781	80,580	80,579	80,632	81,020	81,749	82,059	310	0.4%	1,479	1.8%
Scottish Borders	51,279	51,803	52,327	52,833	53,252	53,912	54,588	55,179	591	1.1%	2,852	5.5%
Shetland	9,959	10,014	10,052	10,120	10,157	10,219	10,313	10,403	90	0.9%	351	3.5%
South Ayrshire	50,754	51,237	51,642	52,047	52,391	52,665	53,069	53,209	140	0.3%	1,567	3.0%
South Lanarkshire	130,836	132,464	133,822	135,488	136,862	138,527	140,112	141,534	1,422	1.0%	7,712	5.8%
Stirling	36,835	37,167	37,566	37,815	38,198	38,316	38,582	38,984	402	1.0%	1,418	3.8%
West Dunbartonshire	43,437	43,535	43,694	43,505	43,827	43,880	43,982	44,104	122	0.3%	410	0.9%
West Lothian	66,327	67,166	68,332	69,504	70,754	71,770	72,981	73,948	967	1.3%	5,616	8.2%

1. Figures for Highland for 2008 were adjusted to exclude 1,688 dwellings which had been included in error in the past, as they had been transferred from the Council Tax system to the Non-Domestic Rates system. These dwellings are mainly caravans and holiday lets, which were let out for more than 140 days per year, so were classed as businesses rather than dwellings. In previous years, these dwellings were included in these figures as vacant dwellings (which are unoccupied and exempt from paying Council Tax)

Figures from previous years have been adjusted by the same amount, to provide consistency over time.

Table 3: Characteristics of dwellings by urban-rural classification, 2008

		Large urban areas	Other urban areas	Accessible small towns	Remote small towns	Accessible rural areas	Remote rural areas
Council Tax band of dwelling ¹	Bands A-C	63%	68%	63%	69%	48%	57%
	Bands D-E	25%	23%	25%	23%	31%	30%
	Bands F-H	12%	9%	12%	7%	21%	13%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Dwelling type	Flats	60%	32%	24%	26%	11%	8%
	Terraced	16%	28%	26%	24%	19%	13%
	Semi-detached	15%	21%	25%	25%	25%	23%
	Detached	9%	18%	24%	24%	45%	54%
	Unknown	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Number of rooms per dwelling	1-3 rooms	51%	42%	39%	38%	28%	26%
	4-6 rooms	44%	54%	55%	50%	58%	56%
	7 or more rooms	4%	4%	6%	6%	13%	10%
	Unknown	1%	0%	1%	6%	1%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Median number of rooms per dwelling		3	4	4	4	4	4
Dwellings per hectare		10.68	4.91	1.74	1.15	0.14	0.03
Population, by age group ²	0-15 (children)	17%	19%	19%	18%	19%	18%
	16-59/64 (working age)	65%	62%	61%	58%	61%	59%
	60/65+ (pensionable age)	18%	19%	20%	24%	20%	23%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

1. Each dwelling is placed in one of eight Council Tax bands (A to H), with dwellings in band H being the most expensive.

2. Working age includes males aged 16 to 64 and females aged 16 to 59, pensionable age includes males aged 65+ and females aged 60+. Source: GROS 2007 mid-year population estimates.

Table 4: Characteristics of dwellings by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) decile, 2008

		Most deprived								Least deprived	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Council Tax band of dwelling ¹	Bands A-C	94%	90%	86%	80%	72%	62%	50%	37%	24%	13%
	Bands D-E	5%	8%	12%	16%	22%	28%	35%	43%	50%	46%
	Bands F-H	1%	2%	2%	4%	6%	10%	15%	20%	26%	42%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Dwelling type	Flats	71%	55%	49%	43%	33%	27%	24%	23%	22%	28%
	Terraced	16%	27%	29%	28%	28%	23%	17%	15%	11%	10%
	Semi-detached	10%	14%	15%	18%	19%	22%	24%	25%	28%	26%
	Detached	2%	3%	6%	11%	19%	28%	34%	36%	38%	36%
	Unknown	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number of rooms per dwelling	1- 3 rooms	64%	56%	54%	48%	43%	37%	35%	30%	27%	22%
	4-6 rooms	34%	42%	44%	48%	50%	54%	55%	58%	62%	63%
	7 or more rooms	0%	1%	2%	2%	4%	6%	9%	10%	11%	15%
	Unknown	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Median number of rooms per dwelling		3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
Dwellings per hectare		14.99	5.15	0.85	0.39	0.14	0.12	0.13	0.32	0.77	5.01
Population, by age group ²	0-15 (children)	21%	18%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	18%	18%	18%
	16-59/64 (working age)	62%	62%	62%	63%	62%	62%	62%	63%	64%	63%
	60/65+ (pensionable age)	17%	19%	20%	20%	21%	20%	21%	19%	18%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

1. Each dwelling is placed in one of eight Council Tax bands (A to H), with dwellings in band H being the most expensive.

2. Working age includes males aged 16 to 64 and females aged 16 to 59, pensionable age includes males aged 65+ and females aged 60+.

Source: GROS 2007 mid-year population estimates.

Table 5: Characteristics of dwellings by local authority area, 2008

Local Authority	Council Tax band of dwelling ¹ (% of total dwellings)				Dwelling type (% of total dwellings)						Number of rooms per dwelling (% of total dwellings)					Median number of rooms per dwelling	Dwellings per hectare
	Bands A-C	Bands D-E	Bands F-H	Total	Flats	Terraced	Semi-detached	Detached	Unknown	Total	1-3 rooms	4-6 rooms	7 or more rooms	Unknown	Total		
Scotland	62%	26%	12%	100%	38%	21%	20%	21%	1%	100%	42%	50%	6%	1%	100%	4	0.32
Aberdeen City	61%	24%	14%	100%	54%	18%	17%	11%	0%	100%	55%	39%	6%	0%	100%	3	5.91
Aberdeenshire	46%	33%	21%	100%	12%	12%	30%	46%	0%	100%	28%	55%	16%	0%	100%	4	0.17
Angus	64%	28%	8%	100%	26%	22%	20%	32%	0%	100%	43%	48%	9%	0%	100%	4	0.25
Argyll & Bute	58%	28%	14%	100%	32%	15%	19%	34%	1%	100%	35%	52%	11%	3%	100%	4	0.07
Clackmannanshire	66%	23%	11%	100%	27%	26%	24%	23%	1%	100%	49%	48%	3%	1%	100%	4	1.48
Dumfries & Galloway ²	63%	27%	10%	100%	15%	27%	25%	33%	0%	100%	37%	62%	*	1%	100%	4	0.11
Dundee City	75%	20%	4%	100%	54%	18%	18%	10%	0%	100%	57%	39%	4%	0%	100%	3	12.21
East Ayrshire	73%	21%	6%	100%	26%	27%	29%	19%	0%	100%	37%	59%	4%	0%	100%	4	0.44
East Dunbartonshire	30%	41%	29%	100%	20%	16%	34%	30%	0%	100%	27%	64%	8%	1%	100%	4	2.52
East Lothian	56%	25%	19%	100%	28%	27%	24%	21%	0%	100%	37%	55%	8%	0%	100%	4	0.65
East Renfrewshire	28%	38%	33%	100%	25%	17%	30%	28%	0%	100%	29%	62%	9%	0%	100%	4	2.11
Edinburgh, City of	48%	32%	20%	100%	67%	12%	10%	10%	0%	100%	49%	45%	6%	0%	100%	4	8.72
Eilean Siar	81%	18%	1%	100%	5%	10%	14%	64%	7%	100%	25%	62%	5%	8%	100%	4	0.05
Falkirk	68%	23%	10%	100%	31%	25%	24%	19%	1%	100%	48%	49%	3%	1%	100%	4	2.36
Fife	66%	24%	11%	100%	28%	28%	21%	22%	1%	100%	45%	51%	4%	1%	100%	4	1.27
Glasgow City	72%	22%	6%	100%	74%	11%	11%	3%	1%	100%	57%	38%	3%	3%	100%	3	16.83
Highland	59%	30%	11%	100%	12%	19%	24%	41%	4%	100%	32%	55%	8%	5%	100%	4	0.04
Inverclyde	75%	16%	8%	100%	53%	19%	17%	11%	0%	100%	44%	52%	4%	0%	100%	4	2.41
Midlothian	65%	23%	11%	100%	23%	33%	25%	19%	0%	100%	32%	62%	5%	0%	100%	4	0.99
Moray	68%	26%	6%	100%	13%	20%	31%	36%	0%	100%	31%	57%	12%	0%	100%	4	0.19
North Ayrshire	71%	22%	7%	100%	28%	31%	21%	20%	0%	100%	35%	61%	4%	1%	100%	4	0.75
North Lanarkshire	74%	20%	6%	100%	34%	31%	20%	15%	0%	100%	39%	57%	4%	0%	100%	4	3.11
Orkney Islands	72%	25%	2%	100%	7%	10%	21%	62%	0%	100%	40%	55%	5%	0%	100%	4	0.10
Perth & Kinross	51%	30%	18%	100%	26%	15%	21%	37%	0%	100%	40%	49%	11%	0%	100%	4	0.13
Renfrewshire	64%	25%	11%	100%	44%	22%	19%	14%	0%	100%	45%	51%	3%	0%	100%	4	3.15
Scottish Borders	64%	21%	15%	100%	29%	22%	21%	28%	1%	100%	44%	48%	7%	1%	100%	4	0.12
Shetland Islands ³	71%	26%	2%	100%	8%	8%	27%	58%	0%	100%	*	*	*	100%	100%	*	0.07
South Ayrshire	53%	32%	14%	100%	27%	23%	25%	25%	0%	100%	36%	57%	8%	0%	100%	4	0.43
South Lanarkshire	64%	25%	11%	100%	31%	29%	20%	20%	0%	100%	36%	57%	6%	0%	100%	4	0.80
Stirling	48%	26%	26%	100%	28%	19%	22%	30%	1%	100%	40%	51%	8%	1%	100%	4	0.18
West Dunbartonshire	74%	21%	5%	100%	53%	20%	19%	8%	0%	100%	52%	44%	2%	3%	100%	3	2.77
West Lothian	69%	21%	10%	100%	22%	34%	21%	23%	0%	100%	31%	63%	6%	0%	100%	4	1.73

* Information not available

1. Each dwelling is placed in one of eight Council Tax bands (A to H), with dwellings in band H being the most expensive.
2. For Dumfries and Galloway, no separate information is available on dwellings with more than 6 rooms.
3. No information is available on the number of rooms in a dwelling in Shetland Islands.

Table 6: Characteristics of dwellings by Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) area and National Park, 2008

		SDPA area				National Park		Scotland
		Glasgow and Clyde Valley	Aberdeen City and Shire	SESplan	TAYplan	Cairngorms	LLTNP ¹	
Council Tax band of dwelling ²	Bands A-C	66%	54%	59%	61%	46%	36%	62%
	Bands D-E	24%	28%	26%	27%	34%	37%	26%
	Bands F-H	10%	17%	15%	11%	20%	27%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Dwelling type	Flats	50%	34%	43%	34%	10%	14%	38%
	Terraced	20%	15%	23%	19%	13%	13%	21%
	Semi-detached	18%	23%	17%	20%	23%	26%	20%
	Detached	12%	28%	17%	26%	51%	46%	21%
	Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Number of rooms per dwelling	1-3 rooms	45%	42%	44%	46%	32%	32%	42%
	4-6 rooms	49%	47%	51%	46%	53%	55%	50%
	7 or more rooms	4%	11%	5%	8%	12%	11%	6%
	Unknown	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Median number of rooms per dwelling ³		4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dwellings per hectare		2.51	0.41	0.81	0.28	0.02	0.04	0.31
Population, by age group ³	0-15 (children)	18%	18%	18%	17%	17%	16%	18%
	16-59/64 (working age)	64%	64%	64%	61%	59%	60%	63%
	60/65+ (pensionable age)	18%	18%	18%	22%	25%	24%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

1. LLTNP is the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

2. Each dwelling is placed in one of eight Council Tax bands (A to H), with dwellings in band H being the most expensive.

3. Working age includes males aged 16 to 64 and females aged 16 to 59, pensionable age includes males aged 65+ and females aged 60+.

Source: GROS 2007 mid-year population estimates.

Section 4.6 describes the areas covered by each SDPA area

Section 4.7 describes the areas covered by each National Park area

Table 7: Occupied and vacant dwellings in each data zone, by urban-rural classification, 2008

	Large urban areas	Other urban areas	Accessible small towns	Remote small towns	Accessible rural areas	Remote rural areas
% Occupied dwellings ¹	96%	97%	97%	95%	96%	88%
% Vacant dwellings ²	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%
% Second homes ³	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	7%
% Dwellings with a single adult discount ⁴	42%	38%	36%	38%	28%	29%
% Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' ⁵	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%

1. Occupied dwellings are the total number of dwellings, minus vacant dwellings and second homes.

2. Vacant dwellings include unoccupied dwellings that are exempt from Council Tax, and dwellings subject to a long-term empty property discount.

3. Second homes include dwellings subject to second home discount (including holiday homes and self-catering accommodation available to let for less than 140 days per year)

4. Dwellings with a single adult discount include dwellings with a single adult, or one adult living with one or more children, or adults who are 'disregarded' for Council Tax purposes.

5. Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' include dwellings which are occupied but exempt from Council Tax. This mainly comprises dwellings only occupied by students, and armed forces accommodation. It also includes dwellings which are the sole residence only of people aged under 18 or severely mentally impaired persons, trial flats used by registered housing associations, and prisons.

Table 8: Occupied and vacant dwellings in each data zone, by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) decile, 2008

	Most deprived								Least deprived	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
% Occupied dwellings ¹	94%	96%	96%	96%	95%	95%	95%	96%	97%	97%
% Vacant dwellings ²	6%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
% Second homes ³	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
% Dwellings with a single adult discount ⁴	52%	46%	44%	41%	38%	34%	32%	30%	29%	28%
% Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' ⁵	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%

1. Occupied dwellings are the total number of dwellings, minus vacant dwellings and second homes.

2. Vacant dwellings include unoccupied dwellings that are exempt from Council Tax, and dwellings subject to a long-term empty property discount.

3. Second homes include dwellings subject to second home discount (including holiday homes and self-catering accommodation available to let for less than 140 days per year)

4. Dwellings with a single adult discount include dwellings with a single adult, or one adult living with one or more children, or adults who are 'disregarded' for Council Tax purposes

5. Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' include dwellings which are occupied but exempt from Council Tax. This mainly comprises dwellings only occupied by students, and armed forces accommodation. It also includes dwellings which are the sole residence only of people aged under 18 or severely mentally impaired persons, trial flats used by registered housing associations, and prisons.

Table 9: Occupied and vacant dwellings in each local authority area, 2008

	Total number of dwellings	Occupied dwellings ¹	Vacant dwellings ²	Second homes ³	Dwellings with a single adult discount ⁴	Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' ⁵	Occupied dwellings ¹	Vacant dwellings ²	Second homes ³	Dwellings with a single adult discount ⁴	Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' ⁵	Number of data zones in the LA
Scotland	2,460,883	2,357,450	69,933	33,500	929,246	60,782	96%	2.8%	1.4%	38%	2.5%	6,505
Aberdeen City	110,084	105,786	2,459	1,839	45,127	7,025	96%	2.2%	1.7%	41%	6.4%	267
Aberdeenshire	106,850	102,268	3,308	1,274	31,118	831	96%	3.1%	1.2%	29%	0.8%	301
Angus	53,402	50,581	2,392	429	19,446	459	95%	4.5%	0.8%	36%	0.9%	142
Argyll & Bute	46,306	41,045	1,401	3,860	14,972	1,085	89%	3.0%	8.3%	32%	2.3%	122
Clackmannanshire ⁶	23,374	22,672	702	0	9,142	279	97%	3.0%	0.0%	39%	1.2%	64
Dumfries & Galloway	71,778	67,942	2,064	1,772	24,790	751	95%	2.9%	2.5%	35%	1.0%	193
Dundee City	73,068	67,647	4,794	627	31,587	4,467	93%	6.6%	0.9%	43%	6.1%	179
East Ayrshire	55,717	54,255	1,249	213	19,731	504	97%	2.2%	0.4%	35%	0.9%	154
East Dunbartonshire	43,990	43,116	676	198	13,918	383	98%	1.5%	0.5%	32%	0.9%	127
East Lothian	43,749	42,285	1,206	258	14,647	587	97%	2.8%	0.6%	33%	1.3%	120
East Renfrewshire	36,751	35,969	681	101	11,366	399	98%	1.9%	0.3%	31%	1.1%	120
Edinburgh, City of	230,051	220,617	5,508	3,926	91,596	13,964	96%	2.4%	1.7%	40%	6.1%	549
Eilean Siar	14,006	12,156	988	862	5,035	81	87%	7.1%	6.2%	36%	0.6%	36
Falkirk	70,040	68,347	1,163	530	25,401	599	98%	1.7%	0.8%	36%	0.9%	197
Fife	167,661	159,687	4,343	3,631	61,964	2,481	95%	2.6%	2.2%	37%	1.5%	453
Glasgow City	299,941	287,495	11,201	1,245	144,276	13,169	96%	3.7%	0.4%	48%	4.4%	694
Highland ⁷	108,438	100,994	2,805	4,639	36,258	1,097	93%	2.6%	4.3%	33%	1.0%	292
Inverclyde	39,285	36,901	2,168	216	15,843	513	94%	5.5%	0.5%	40%	1.3%	110
Midlothian	34,840	34,193	491	156	11,520	527	98%	1.4%	0.4%	33%	1.5%	112
Moray	41,544	39,515	1,452	577	13,787	1,827	95%	3.5%	1.4%	33%	4.4%	116
North Ayrshire	65,913	62,462	1,900	1,551	26,166	692	95%	2.9%	2.4%	40%	1.0%	179
North Lanarkshire	146,740	144,449	2,008	283	52,471	1,277	98%	1.4%	0.2%	36%	0.9%	418
Orkney Islands	10,039	9,135	483	421	3,179	73	91%	4.8%	4.2%	32%	0.7%	27
Perth & Kinross	67,896	64,666	1,503	1,727	22,793	938	95%	2.2%	2.5%	34%	1.4%	175
Renfrewshire ⁶	82,059	79,553	2,506	0	32,689	1,350	97%	3.1%	0.0%	40%	1.6%	214
Scottish Borders	55,179	51,758	2,372	1,049	19,296	627	94%	4.3%	1.9%	35%	1.1%	130
Shetland Islands ⁸	10,403	9,723	533	147	3,396	110	93%	5.1%	1.4%	33%	1.1%	30
South Ayrshire	53,209	51,704	844	661	19,220	749	97%	1.6%	1.2%	36%	1.4%	147
South Lanarkshire	141,534	137,885	3,237	412	52,774	1,804	97%	2.3%	0.3%	37%	1.3%	398
Stirling	38,984	37,225	1,090	669	12,877	1,165	95%	2.8%	1.7%	33%	3.0%	110
West Dunbartonshire	44,104	42,895	1,065	144	16,867	325	97%	2.4%	0.3%	38%	0.7%	118
West Lothian	73,948	72,524	1,341	83	25,994	644	98%	1.8%	0.1%	35%	0.9%	211

1. Occupied dwellings are the total number of dwellings, minus vacant dwellings and second homes.

2. Vacant dwellings include unoccupied dwellings that are exempt from Council Tax, and dwellings subject to a long-term empty property discount.

3. Second homes include dwellings subject to a 'second home' Council Tax discount (including holiday homes and self-catering accommodation available to let for less than 140 days per year)

4. Dwellings with a 'single adult' Council Tax discount include dwellings with a single adult, or one adult living with one or more children, or with adults who are 'disregarded' for Council Tax purposes.

5. Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' include dwellings which are occupied but exempt from Council Tax. This mainly comprises dwellings only occupied by students, and armed forces accommodation. It also includes dwellings which are the sole residence only of people aged under 18 or severely mentally impaired persons, trial flats used by registered housing associations, and prisons.

6. Clackmannanshire and Renfrewshire cannot separately identify vacant dwellings and second homes, as they receive the same Council Tax discount. Therefore, the total figures have been included under 'vacant dwellings'.

7. Figures for Highland on 'total dwellings' and 'vacant dwellings' were adjusted to exclude 1,688 dwellings which had been included in error in the past, as they had been transferred from the Council Tax system to the Non-Domestic Rates system. These dwellings are mainly caravans and holiday lets, which were let out for more than 140 days per year, so were classed as businesses rather than dwellings. In previous years, these dwellings were included in these figures as vacant dwellings (which are unoccupied and exempt from paying Council Tax).

8. Figures for Shetland Islands on 'vacant dwellings' were adjusted to exclude 123 dwellings which had been included in error in this category in the past. The total number of dwellings was not affected.

Table 10: Occupied and vacant dwellings by Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) area and National Park, 2008

	SDPA area				National Park		Scotland
	Glasgow and Clyde Valley	Aberdeen City and Shire	SESplan	TAYplan	Cairngorms	LLTNP ¹	
Total number of dwellings	833,420	215,038	570,839	228,955	9,200	6,927	2,460,883
% Occupied dwellings ²	97%	96%	96%	94%	84%	90%	96%
% Vacant dwellings ³	2.8%	2.6%	2.5%	4.2%	3.6%	2.4%	2.8%
% Second homes ⁴	0.3%	1.3%	1.2%	2.2%	12.7%	7.4%	1.4%
% Dwellings with a single adult discount ⁵	41%	35%	37%	37%	30%	28%	38%
% Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' ⁶	2.3%	3.7%	2.9%	3.6%	0.4%	0.7%	2.5%

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2. Occupied dwellings are the total number of dwellings, minus vacant dwellings and second homes.

3. Vacant dwellings include unoccupied dwellings that are exempt from Council Tax, and dwellings subject to a long-term empty property discount.

4. Second homes include dwellings subject to second home discount (including holiday homes and self-catering accommodation available to let for less than 140 days per year)

5. Dwellings with a single adult discount include dwellings subject to a discount of 25%. This may include, for example, dwellings with a single adult, or one adult living with one or more children, or adults who are 'disregarded' for Council Tax purposes.

6. Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions' include dwellings which are occupied but exempt from Council Tax. This mainly comprises dwellings only occupied by students, and armed forces accommodation. It also includes dwellings which are the sole residence only of people aged under 18 or severely mentally impaired persons, trial flats used by registered housing associations, and prisons.

Section 4.6 describes the areas covered by each SDPA area

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Table 11: Estimates of the number of households by household type, Scotland, 1981-2007

Household size	Household type	1981	1991	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 02-07	
											Number	%
All households		1,786,000	2,043,000	2,195,000	2,211,000	2,230,000	2,249,000	2,271,000	2,291,000	2,314,000	103,000	5%
1 person households	1 adult: male	119,000	221,000	306,000	310,000	320,000	332,000	321,000	342,000	339,000	29,000	9%
	1 adult: female	274,000	362,000	416,000	414,000	421,000	434,000	442,000	435,000	432,000	18,000	4%
2 person households	2 adults	507,000	607,000	651,000	659,000	671,000	668,000	683,000	695,000	725,000	65,000	10%
	1 adult, 1 child	20,000	52,000	76,000	80,000	78,000	85,000	86,000	85,000	82,000	3,000	3%
3+ person households	1 adult, 2+ children	21,000	51,000	62,000	63,000	61,000	56,000	57,000	53,000	59,000	-3,000	-5%
	2+ adults, 1+ children	595,000	520,000	479,000	470,000	465,000	462,000	472,000	467,000	465,000	-5,000	-1%
	3+ adults	251,000	230,000	205,000	215,000	213,000	212,000	210,000	215,000	211,000	-4,000	-2%

Percentage of households by household type

Household size	Household type	1981	1991	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All households		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
1 person households	1 adult: male	7%	11%	14%	14%	14%	15%	14%	15%	15%
	1 adult: female	15%	18%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%
2 person households	2 adults	28%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	31%
	1 adult, 1 child	1%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
3+ person households	1 adult, 2+ children	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%
	2+ adults, 1+ children	33%	25%	22%	21%	21%	21%	21%	20%	20%
	3+ adults	14%	11%	9%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	9%

1. The figures for 1981 are from the Census. For the 1981 Census, households with children just included children aged 0-15; for the 1991 and 2001 Censuses, the definition of a dependent child also included those aged 16-18 in full time education.

2. The figures for 1991 are from the Census and mid-year population estimates (Table 1)

3. The figures for 2001 onwards are from the Scottish Household Survey (SHS). These figures are adjusted to each year's household estimates (Table 1), and adjusted to the 2001 Census to adjust for any under- or over-count in the SHS.

The SHS has a sample size of around 15,000 households per year. More information about it is available from www.scotland.gov.uk/shs

4. Figures are rounded to the nearest 1,000.