

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.