

Table 9: Occupied and vacant dwellings in each local authority area, September 2010

	Total number of dwellings	Occupied dwellings	Vacant dwellings ⁵	Second homes ⁴	Dwellings with a single adult discount	Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions'	Occupied dwellings	Vacant dwellings ⁴	Second homes ⁴	Dwellings with a single adult discount	Dwellings with 'occupied exemptions'	Number of data zones in the LA
Scotland	2,488,496	2,382,847	69,852	35,797	941,915	65,732	96%	2.8%	1.4%	38%	2.6%	6,505
Aberdeen City	110,968	106,490	2,210	2,268	43,960	7,240	96%	2.0%	2.0%	40%	6.5%	267
Aberdeenshire	109,552	104,496	3,782	1,274	31,758	851	95%	3.5%	1.2%	29%	0.8%	301
Angus	54,060	51,134	2,489	437	19,669	547	95%	4.6%	0.8%	36%	1.0%	142
Argyll & Bute	46,679	41,249	1,447	3,983	15,447	1,141	88%	3.1%	8.5%	33%	2.4%	122
Clackmannanshire ¹	23,670	22,959	711	0	9,196	302	97%	3.0%	0.0%	39%	1.3%	64
Dumfries & Galloway	72,421	68,435	2,175	1,811	24,863	800	94%	3.0%	2.5%	34%	1.1%	193
Dundee City ²	74,015	69,687	3,510	818	32,109	4,923	94%	4.7%	1.1%	43%	6.7%	179
East Ayrshire	56,398	54,858	1,227	313	21,260	545	97%	2.2%	0.6%	38%	1.0%	154
East Dunbartonshire	44,184	43,284	655	245	13,926	416	98%	1.5%	0.6%	32%	0.9%	127
East Lothian	44,544	43,100	937	507	15,341	552	97%	2.1%	1.1%	34%	1.2%	120
East Renfrewshire ^{1,3}	37,063	36,373	690	0	12,091	489	98%	1.9%	0.0%	33%	1.3%	120
Edinburgh, City of	233,068	223,328	5,151	4,589	91,754	15,237	96%	2.2%	2.0%	39%	6.5%	549
Eilean Siar	14,258	12,363	916	979	4,785	67	87%	6.4%	6.9%	34%	0.5%	36
Falkirk	71,010	69,208	1,188	614	26,098	628	97%	1.7%	0.9%	37%	0.9%	197
Fife	169,435	161,416	4,271	3,748	62,646	3,287	95%	2.5%	2.2%	37%	1.9%	453
Glasgow City	299,160	288,488	9,380	1,292	141,705	15,080	96%	3.1%	0.4%	47%	5.0%	694
Highland ⁴	110,788	102,958	3,227	4,603	37,271	1,186	93%	2.9%	4.2%	34%	1.1%	292
Inverclyde	39,377	36,815	2,299	263	15,631	559	93%	5.8%	0.7%	40%	1.4%	110
Midlothian	35,986	35,265	661	60	12,239	569	98%	1.8%	0.2%	34%	1.6%	112
Moray	42,241	39,918	1,769	554	13,886	1,500	95%	4.2%	1.3%	33%	3.6%	116

North Ayrshire	66,461	62,891	2,087	1,483	25,320	666	95%	3.1%	2.2%	38%	1.0%	179
North Lanarkshire	148,553	145,919	2,308	326	53,055	1,074	98%	1.6%	0.2%	36%	0.7%	418
Orkney Islands	10,265	9,372	448	445	3,350	87	91%	4.4%	4.3%	33%	0.8%	27
Perth & Kinross	68,788	64,865	1,923	2,000	23,534	749	94%	2.8%	2.9%	34%	1.1%	175
Renfrewshire ¹	82,760	79,741	3,019	0	34,465	1,483	96%	3.6%	0.0%	42%	1.8%	214
Scottish Borders	56,129	52,434	2,701	994	20,066	687	93%	4.8%	1.8%	36%	1.2%	130
Shetland Islands	10,621	9,972	505	144	3,470	121	94%	4.8%	1.4%	33%	1.1%	30
South Ayrshire	53,788	52,119	1,224	445	19,837	700	97%	2.3%	0.8%	37%	1.3%	147
South Lanarkshire	143,470	139,560	3,486	424	55,303	1,885	97%	2.4%	0.3%	39%	1.3%	398
Stirling	39,246	37,723	1,088	435	13,085	1,238	96%	2.8%	1.1%	33%	3.2%	110
West Dunbartonshire	44,415	43,021	1,137	257	17,281	424	97%	2.6%	0.6%	39%	1.0%	118
West Lothian	75,123	73,406	1,231	486	27,514	699	98%	1.6%	0.6%	37%	0.9%	211

1. Clackmannanshire, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire cannot separately identify vacant dwellings which are classed as long-term empty and second homes, as they receive the same Council Tax discount. Therefore, the total figures have been included under 'vacant dwellings'.

2. 2010 figures for occupied and vacant dwellings in Dundee are not directly comparable with previously published figures for 2007, 2008 and 2009. This is because of a clarification of how certain council tax exemption categories are recorded. Earlier years are unaffected by this change. For 2007, 2008 and 2009 726, 1,328 and 900 dwellings respectively would move from the 'vacant dwellings' to 'occupied dwellings' categories as a result of this change.

3. In previous years separate figures have been provided for vacant dwellings and second homes in East Renfrewshire. However the second homes figure should have been included in the 'vacant dwellings' total due to issues with separately identifying such dwellings. For 2009 this would give a figure of 709 vacant dwellings in East Renfrewshire, 1.9% of all dwellings in the council area.

4. Figures for 2010 exclude 432 dwellings which had been transferred from the Council Tax system to the Non-Domestic Rates system in Highland. These dwellings were mainly caravans and holiday lets, which were let out for more than 140 days per year, are now classed as businesses rather than dwellings.

5. There can be variations in the ways that some local authorities classify vacant properties and second homes between different years. This can have a small effect on the percentages of dwellings which are vacant or second homes each year.

Source: Council tax base return 2010 and 2010 neighbourhood level collection of council tax information.:

See Sources, Methods and Definitions for more information.