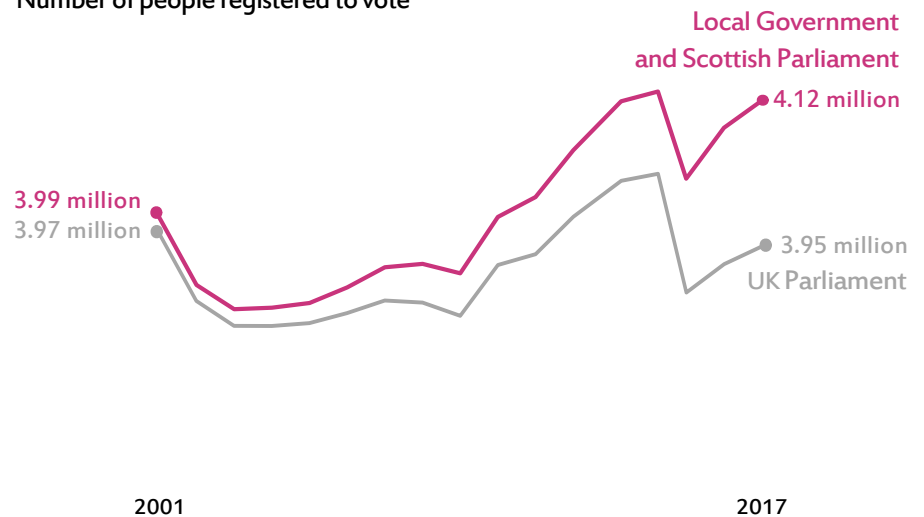


Electorates in Scotland have increased again in 2017

After a drop in numbers caused by the introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER) in 2015, the electorates have increased in each year since. The Local Government and Scottish Parliament electorate has almost returned to the level seen before IER, but the UK Parliament electorate in Scotland has increased at a slower rate.

Number of people registered to vote



Number of attainers remains similar to the previous year

Attainers are persons who will become old enough to vote in the coming year. Attainers for UK Parliament elections will turn 18 before December 2018, and attainers for Local Government and Scottish Parliament elections will turn 16 before December 2018. Since the voting age was lowered in Scotland, there have been more attainers for UK Parliament elections than for Local Government and Scottish Parliament elections.

Number of attainers



Most electoral wards see an increase to their electorate in 2017

Electoral wards are the sub-council level areas that are used to elect councillors for Local Government elections. There are a total of 354 electoral wards across Scotland. Between December 2016 and December 2017, the electorate for 69% of electoral wards (245 wards) increased. The electorate increased by less than 2% in 198 wards.

Change in electorate over previous year

