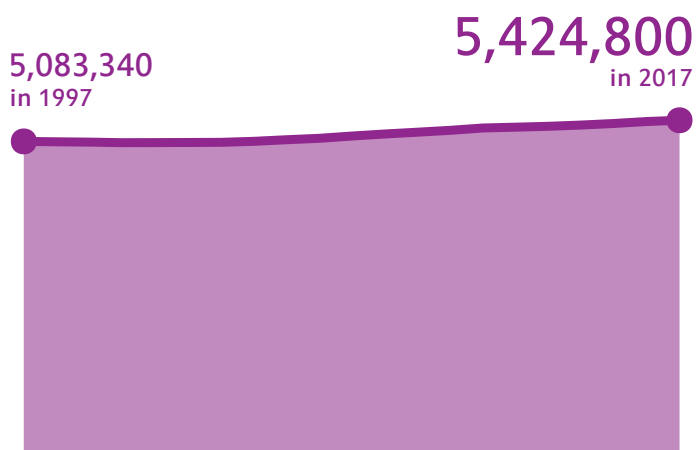


Scotland's population has increased in recent years

The latest estimate of Scotland's population (on 30 June 2017) is 5,424,800 – the highest ever and an increase of 20,100 people (0.4%) over the last year.

Since 1997, Scotland's population has increased by 6%.

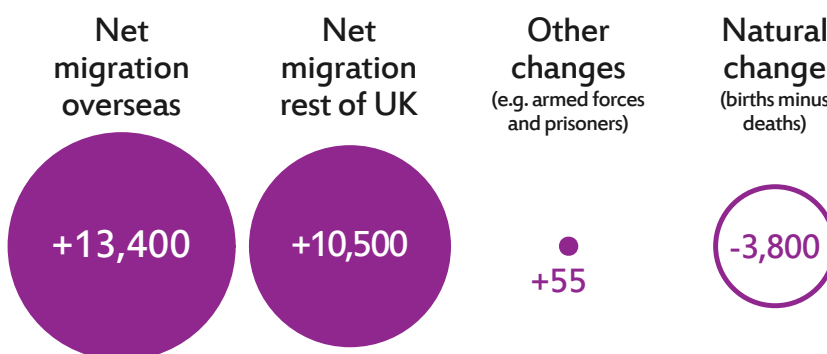
Number of people



The increase in Scotland's population has been driven by migration

In the year to 30 June 2017 there was a net gain of 13,400 from overseas and 10,500 people from the rest of the UK.

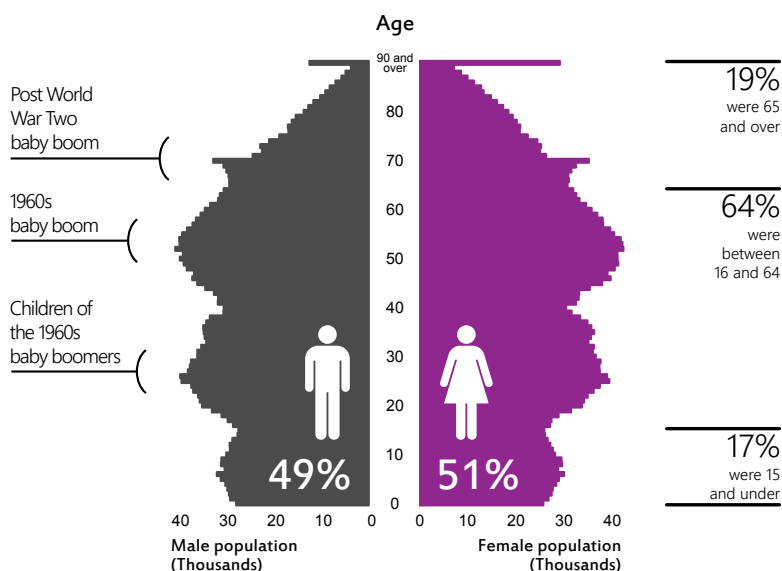
There were 3,800 more deaths than births and other changes (such as in the number of armed forces and prisoners) resulted in an increase of 55 people.



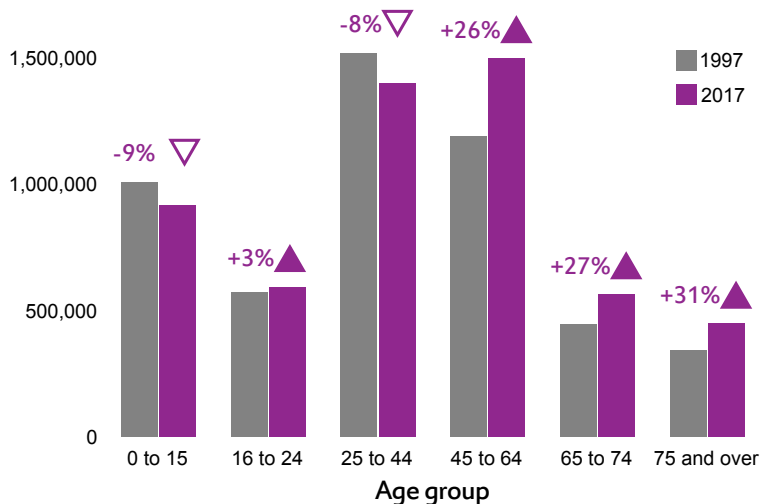
In 2017, just under one in five people (19%) in Scotland were aged 65 and over

People aged under 16 made up 17% of the population and 64% of people were aged 16 to 64.

There were more females than males - especially amongst people aged 75 and over due to the longer life expectancy of females.



Number of people

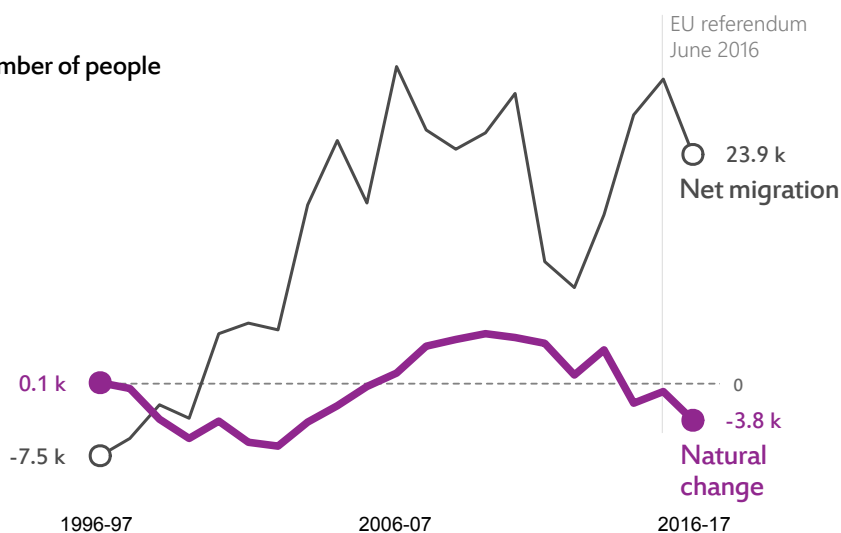


Scotland's population is ageing

The increase in the population of older age groups has been much higher than younger age groups over the last 20 years.

The largest increase has been in the 75 and over age group (+31%) whereas the population of children aged 0 to 15 has decreased the most (-9%).

Number of people

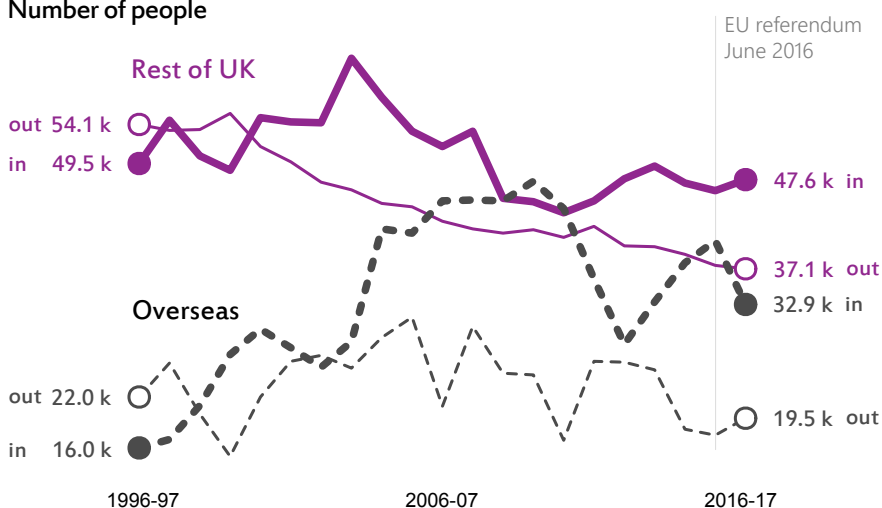


Since 2000 Scotland's population increase has mostly been due to positive net migration

In the year to 30 June 2017:

- 23,900 more people came to Scotland than left (net migration)
- There were 3,800 more deaths than births (natural change)

Number of people



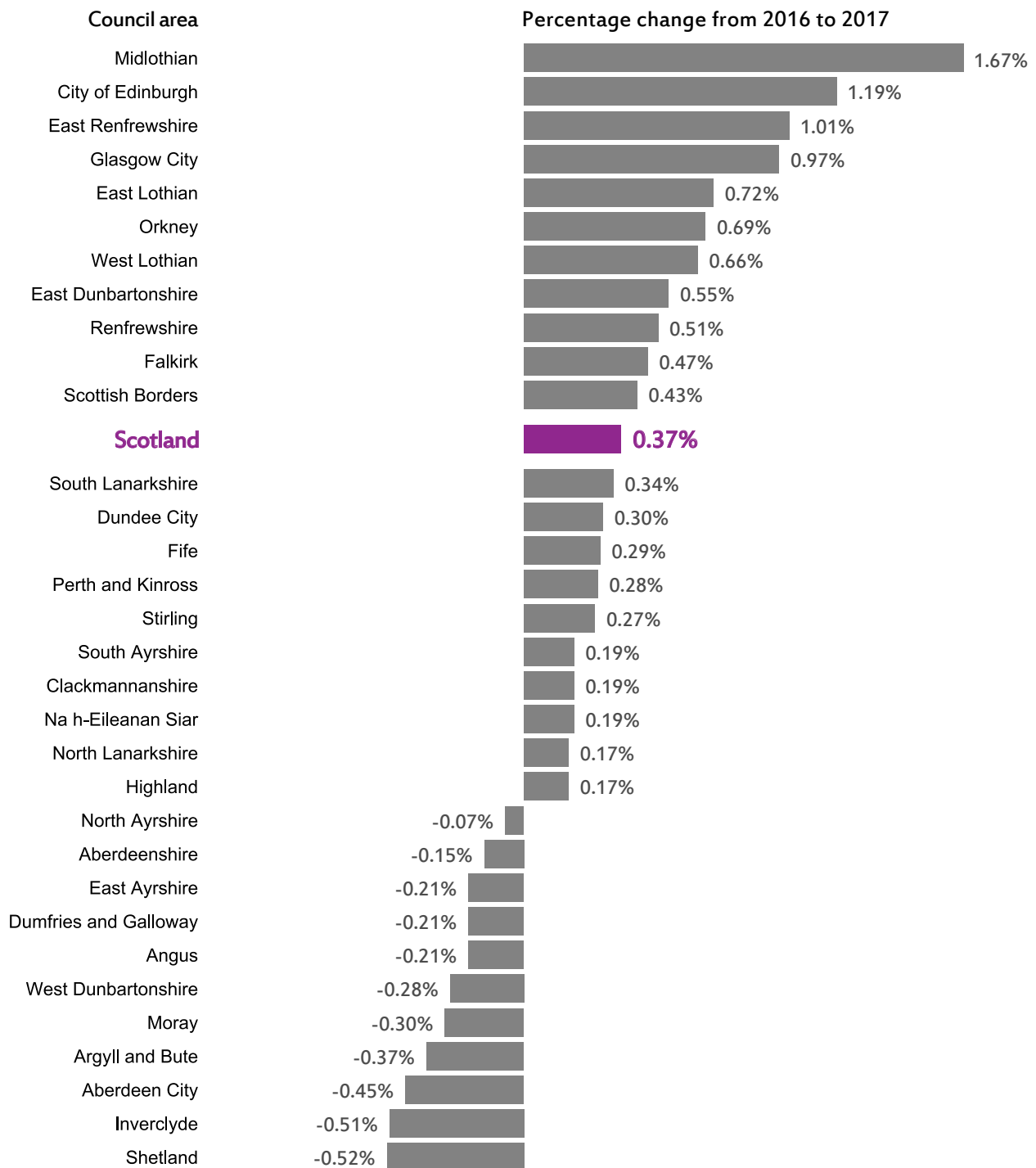
Over the last year, the number of people moving to Scotland from the rest of UK has increased whereas the number coming from overseas has decreased

In the year to 30 June 2017:

- 47,600 more people came to Scotland from the rest of the UK (up from 46,300 the previous year)
- 32,900 arrived from overseas (down from 40,400 the previous year)

The level of population change varies across Scotland's council areas

Over the last year, two thirds of Scotland's council areas (21 councils) increased in population while one third (11 councils) experienced a population decrease.



There is more information on Scotland's council areas in the interactive data visualisation accompanying the mid-2017 population estimates which is available from the NRS website (<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/stats-at-a-glance/infographics-and-visualisations#data>)