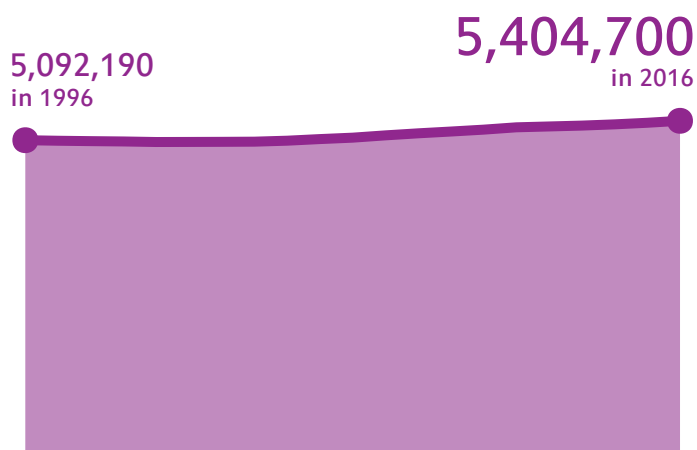


Scotland's population has increased in recent years

The latest estimate of Scotland's population (on 30 June 2016) is 5,404,700 – the highest ever and an increase of 31,700 people (0.6%) over the last year.

Since 1996, Scotland's population has increased by 6%.

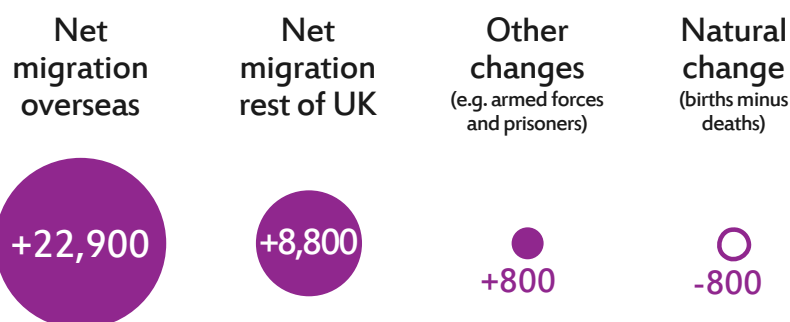
Number of people



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

In the year to 30 June 2016 there was a net gain of 22,900 from overseas and 8,800 people from the rest of the UK.

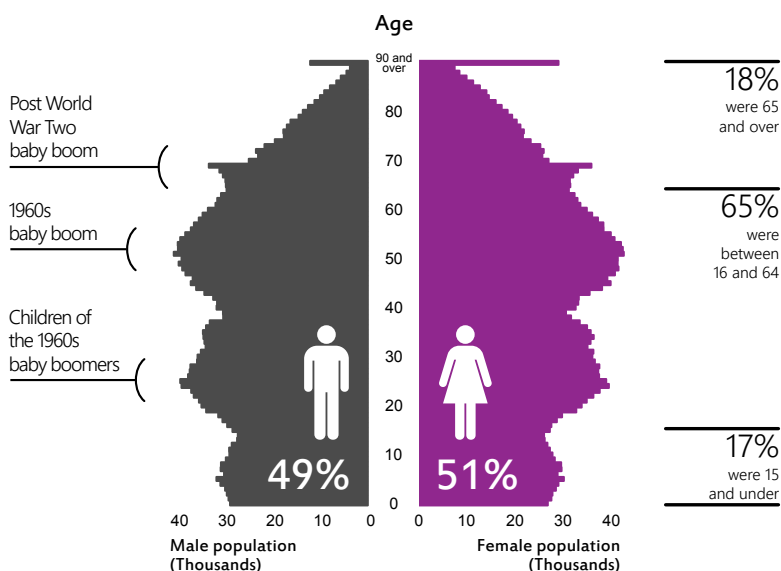
There were 800 more deaths than births and other changes (such as in the number of armed forces and prisoners) resulted in an increase of 800 people.



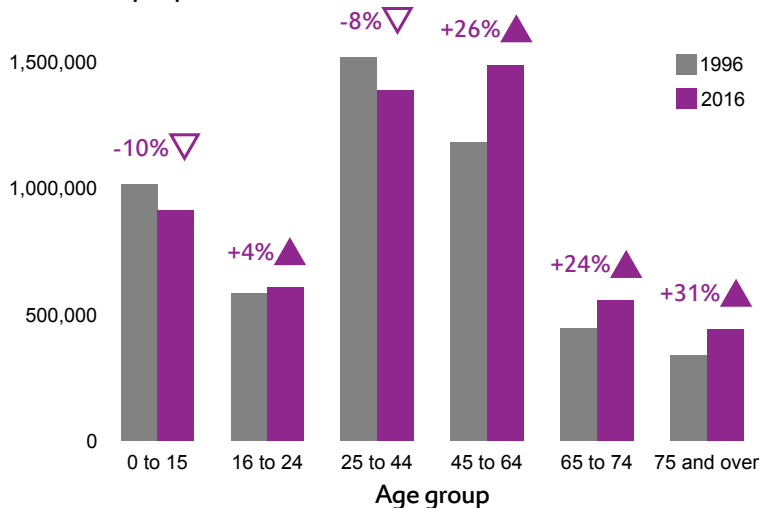
In 2016, 18% of the Scottish population were aged 65 and over

People aged under 16 made up 17% of the population and 65% of people were aged 16 to 64.

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



Number of people

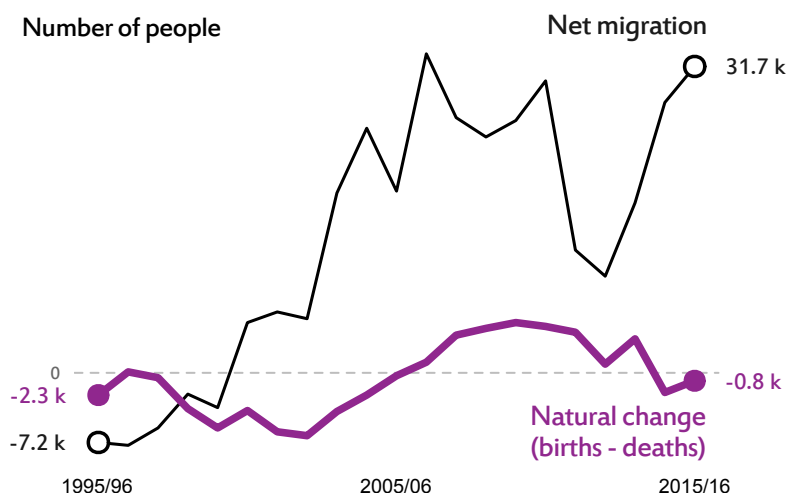


Scotland's population is ageing

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 0 to 15 age group has decreased in population the most (-10%).

Number of people

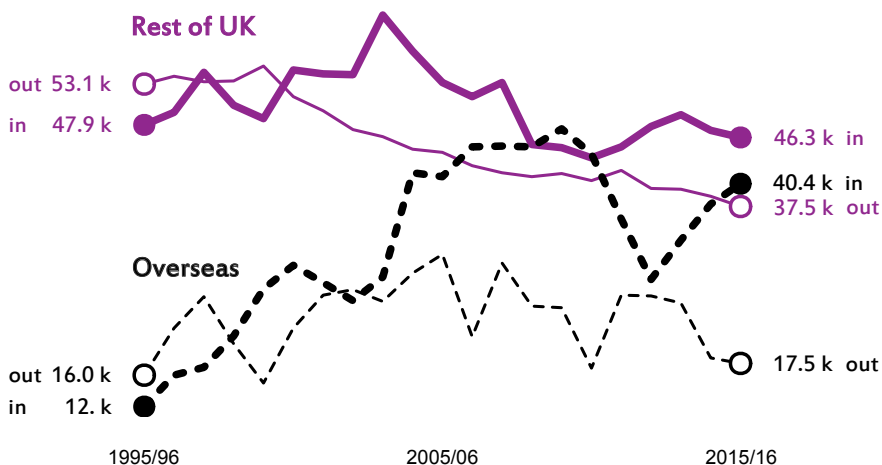


Since 2000 Scotland's population increase has mostly been due to net migration

In the year to 30 June 2016:

- 31,700 more people came to Scotland than left (net migration)
- There were 800 more deaths than births (natural change)

Number of people



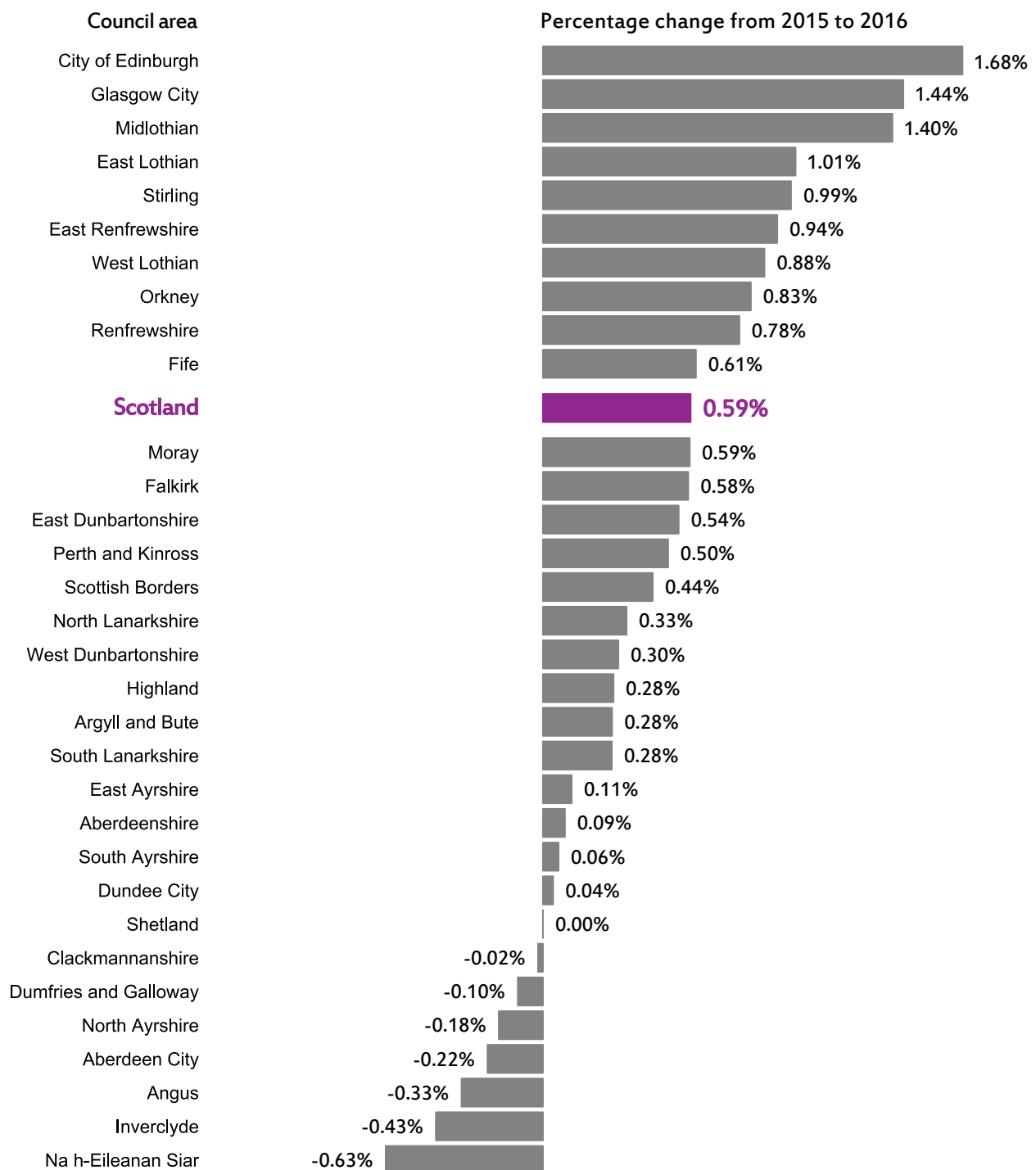
More migrants came to Scotland from the rest of the UK than from overseas

Migration to Scotland from the rest of the UK has been higher than migration from overseas in every year except for the two years to mid-2010 and mid-2011.

46,300 people came to Scotland from the rest of the UK and 40,400 arrived from overseas in the year to mid-2016.

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

While the population of Scotland has increased by 0.59% over the last year, there have been variations in the level of population change across Scotland's council areas.



There is more information on Scotland's council areas in the interactive data visualisation accompanying the 2016 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>)