

Table 3: Vacant dwellings and second homes in Scotland by local authority area<sup>1,2</sup>, September 2001-2005

Council	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Percentage vacant (2005) <sup>3</sup>	Change 2004-2005		Change 2001-2005	
							Number	%	Number	%
Aberdeen City	5,304	5,443	5,550	5,259	5,574	5.2%	315	6.0%	270	5.1%
Aberdeenshire	5,508	5,322	5,222	4,931	4,681	4.6%	-250	-5.1%	-827	-15.0%
Angus	2,813	2,876	2,857	2,808	2,756	5.3%	-52	-1.9%	-57	-2.0%
Argyll & Bute	5,955	5,960	5,402	5,442	5,042	11.1%	-400	-7.4%	-913	-15.3%
Clackmannanshire	671	774	677	735	794	3.5%	59	8.0%	123	18.3%
Dumfries & Galloway	3,753	3,693	3,384	3,484	3,331	4.8%	-153	-4.4%	-422	-11.2%
Dundee City	5,631	5,507	5,671	5,163	4,822	6.7%	-341	-6.6%	-809	-14.4%
East Ayrshire	1,437	1,571	1,390	1,267	1,286	2.4%	19	1.5%	-151	-10.5%
East Dunbartonshire	410	445	475	482	547	1.3%	65	13.5%	137	33.4%
East Lothian	1,220	1,175	1,342	1,323	1,419	3.4%	96	7.3%	199	16.3%
East Renfrewshire	636	846	763	907	883	2.4%	-24	-2.6%	247	38.8%
Edinburgh, City of	8,596	9,020	8,803	9,465	8,734	3.9%	-731	-7.7%	138	1.6%
Eilean Siar	1,865	2,014	2,002	1,985	1,866	13.6%	-119	-6.0%	1	0.1%
Falkirk	1,525	1,445	1,637	1,570	2,069	3.0%	499	31.8%	544	35.7%
Fife	6,655	6,801	7,252	7,474	7,122	4.4%	-352	-4.7%	467	7.0%
Glasgow City	12,438	13,538	15,460	15,318	15,911	5.4%	593	3.9%	3,473	27.9%
Highland	9,419	9,631	9,673	9,819	9,444	8.9%	-375	-3.8%	25	0.3%
Inverclyde	2,111	2,447	2,561	2,612	2,368	6.0%	-244	-9.3%	257	12.2%
Midlothian	487	480	510	534	522	1.5%	-12	-2.2%	35	7.2%
Moray	2,367	2,241	2,278	2,116	2,021	5.0%	-95	-4.5%	-346	-14.6%
North Ayrshire	2,674	3,675	4,695	3,056	2,897	4.5%	-159	-5.2%	223	8.3%
North Lanarkshire	3,162	2,679	2,350	2,184	2,266	1.6%	82	3.8%	-896	-28.3%
Orkney Isles	1,368	1,406	1,406	846	785	8.1%	-61	-7.2%	-583	-42.6%
Perth & Kinross	4,125	4,178	4,030	4,018	3,817	5.8%	-201	-5.0%	-308	-7.5%
Renfrewshire	4,410	3,672	2,891	3,281	2,909	3.6%	-372	-11.3%	-1,501	-34.0%
Scottish Borders	3,402	3,344	3,350	3,285	3,263	6.1%	-22	-0.7%	-139	-4.1%
Shetland	839	884	844	837	768	7.6%	-69	-8.2%	-71	-8.5%
South Ayrshire	1,449	1,641	1,570	1,645	1,534	2.9%	-111	-6.7%	85	5.9%
South Lanarkshire	1,997	2,703	3,247	3,605	3,500	2.6%	-105	-2.9%	1,503	75.3%
Stirling	1,680	1,601	1,486	1,608	1,648	4.3%	40	2.5%	-32	-1.9%
West Dunbartonshire	1,182	1,605	1,675	1,596	1,508	3.4%	-88	-5.5%	326	27.6%
West Lothian	957	989	924	936	1,163	1.6%	227	24.3%	206	21.5%
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>106,046</b>	<b>109,606</b>	<b>111,377</b>	<b>109,591</b>	<b>107,250</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>-2,341</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

1. Figures include:

- Unoccupied dwellings that are exempt from Council Tax
- Dwellings subject to second home or long-term empty property discount (including holiday homes and self-catering accommodation available to let for less than 140 days per year)
- Dwellings occupied entirely by adults who are 'disregarded' for the purpose of paying Council Tax, such as adults who are severely mentally impaired.

2. The figures recorded here may fluctuate for two main reasons:

- Self-catering holiday accommodation available to let for less than 140 days per year will be included here. If it is let for more than this, it will be included on the non-domestic rates valuation roll instead. This means that it is possible for properties to move between being recorded as an unoccupied dwelling or a business.
- There can be delays in the information on Council Tax systems being updated, which are most likely to affect the information on any discounts, such as vacancy status. This is most likely to lead to fluctuations in areas with high turnover, or high levels of vacancies or second homes.

3. The percentage of dwellings recorded in Table 2.