

**Table 8.1****Divorces, by ground, Scotland, 1981 to 2008\*, under the Divorce (Scotland) Act 1976 and Family Law (Scotland) Act 2008**

Year	Total	Ground for divorce								Nullity of marriage	Not <sup>3</sup> Stated
		Adultery	Behaviour	Desertion	Non-cohabitation		Separation <sup>1</sup>		Other <sup>2</sup> grounds		
					2 years and consent	5 years	1 year and consent	2 years			
1981	<b>9,881</b>	1,703	4,133	230	2,438	1,369	-	-	2	6	...
1982	<b>11,284</b>	1,873	4,814	244	2,812	1,524	-	-	5	12	...
1983	<b>13,238</b>	1,789	4,674	200	4,214	2,350	-	-	8	3	...
1984	<b>11,915</b>	1,415	4,351	142	4,250	1,741	-	-	7	9	...
1985	<b>13,365</b>	1,760	5,021	120	4,662	1,785	-	-	15	2	...
1986	<b>12,841</b>	1,573	4,548	129	4,866	1,701	-	-	15	9	...
1987	<b>12,123</b>	1,532	4,171	79	4,730	1,596	-	-	11	4	...
1988	<b>11,473</b>	1,311	3,565	82	4,876	1,622	-	-	12	5	...
1989	<b>11,634</b>	1,284	3,519	100	5,074	1,629	-	-	22	6	...
1990	<b>12,281</b>	1,228	3,847	68	5,367	1,763	-	-	2	5	1
1991	<b>12,400</b>	1,198	3,692	82	5,506	1,918	-	-	-	4	...
1992	<b>12,487</b>	1,137	3,410	58	5,826	2,053	-	-	-	3	...
1993	<b>13,292</b>	1,143	3,908	58	6,008	2,163	-	-	2	10	...
1994	<b>12,601</b>	1,046	3,544	101	5,862	2,039	-	-	1	8	...
1995	<b>12,292</b>	965	3,224	72	5,852	2,173	-	-	-	6	...
1996	<b>12,313</b>	941	3,188	62	5,836	2,283	-	-	2	1	...
1997	<b>12,241</b>	909	3,093	32	5,774	2,427	-	-	4	2	...
1998	<b>12,354</b>	827	2,989	28	6,111	2,394	-	-	4	1	...
1999	<b>11,872</b>	774	2,612	19	5,909	2,554	-	-	-	4	...
2000	<b>11,139</b>	610	2,103	33	5,874	2,517	-	-	2	-	...
2001	<b>10,651</b>	470	1,636	25	5,959	2,560	-	-	1	-	...
2002	<b>10,859</b>	432	1,653	42	6,103	2,609	-	-	19	1	...
2003	<b>10,863</b>	399	1,527	22	5,980	2,932	-	-	2	1	...
2004	<b>11,275</b>	412	1,562	15	6,138	3,141	-	-	4	1	2
2005	<b>10,911</b>	329	1,334	17	5,968	3,254	-	-	4	2	3
2006	<b>13,075</b>	262	1,217	16	3,982	1,920	1,480	4,169	28	-	...
2007	<b>12,810</b>	127	873	6	939	177	3,024	7,637	25	2	...
2008	<b>11,474</b>	94	796	17	916	130	2,976	6,342	18	-	185

Note<sup>1</sup> The Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 was introduced on 4 May 2006

Note<sup>2</sup> Other grounds include a small number of dissolutions (not Civil Partnership dissolutions)

Note<sup>3</sup> For cases processed before Autumn 2008, where the grounds were not stated they were allocated to one of the other categories.

\* Figures for 1985 onwards have been revised from those published previously. For most years the revisions are slight: the exceptions are 1993 and 1994 - see the "Points to Note on the Divorce Statistics"