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1. Main Points

The key points in this publication are:

Number of Households

The number of households in Scotland has been increasing steadily, by between 11,000 and 23,000 each year since 1991. Over the last year, there has been an increase of 20,000 households (just under one per cent). This takes the total to 2.3 million households in Scotland in 2006. [Table 1]

The increase in the number of households is mainly due to an increase in the number of dwellings (up by 19,000). The number of vacant dwellings and second homes has fallen (down by 290), as more of the existing housing stock is occupied. [Table 2 and Table 3]

Local Authority Areas

In every local authority area, the number of households has remained constant or increased over the last year, and over the last five years. The areas with the greatest increases over the last five years have been Aberdeenshire (8.7 per cent), West Lothian (8 per cent), Highland (7.5 per cent) and Perth and Kinross (7.3 per cent). The areas with the smallest change were Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire, with changes of less than one per cent over the five year period. [Table 1]

Vacant Dwellings and Second Homes

Since 2002, the number of vacant dwellings and second homes in Scotland has fallen each year. This may have been influenced by a change in Council Tax policy which gave councils discretion to reduce the Council Tax discount for second homes and long term empty properties. The trend continued between 2005 and 2006 with a small drop of 290. [Table 3]

In 2006, 101,000 dwellings in Scotland were vacant or second homes (one in every 24 dwellings). The areas with the highest proportion of vacant properties and second homes (between 7 and 13 per cent of all dwellings) are the island local authorities (Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland), Argyll and Bute, Highland, Dundee City and Scottish Borders. However, in all these areas the number of vacant dwellings and second homes has remained stable or dropped between 2001 and 2006. Local authority areas in the Central Belt of Scotland tend to have the lowest proportion of vacant dwellings and second homes. [Table 3 and Map 1]

The number of vacant dwellings is more likely to fluctuate between years, particularly in areas with high turnover, or large numbers of vacancies or holiday accommodation. Not all local authorities are able to provide separate figures for vacant properties and second homes, so the figures are combined in this publication.

Size of Households

Since 1991, Scotland's total population has not changed greatly. However, the number of households has continued to increase (by over 12 per cent since 1991), because the average household size is getting smaller, with more people living alone and in smaller households. [Table 5 and Chart 1]

Map 1: Percentage of Dwellings that were Vacant or Second Homes, 2006

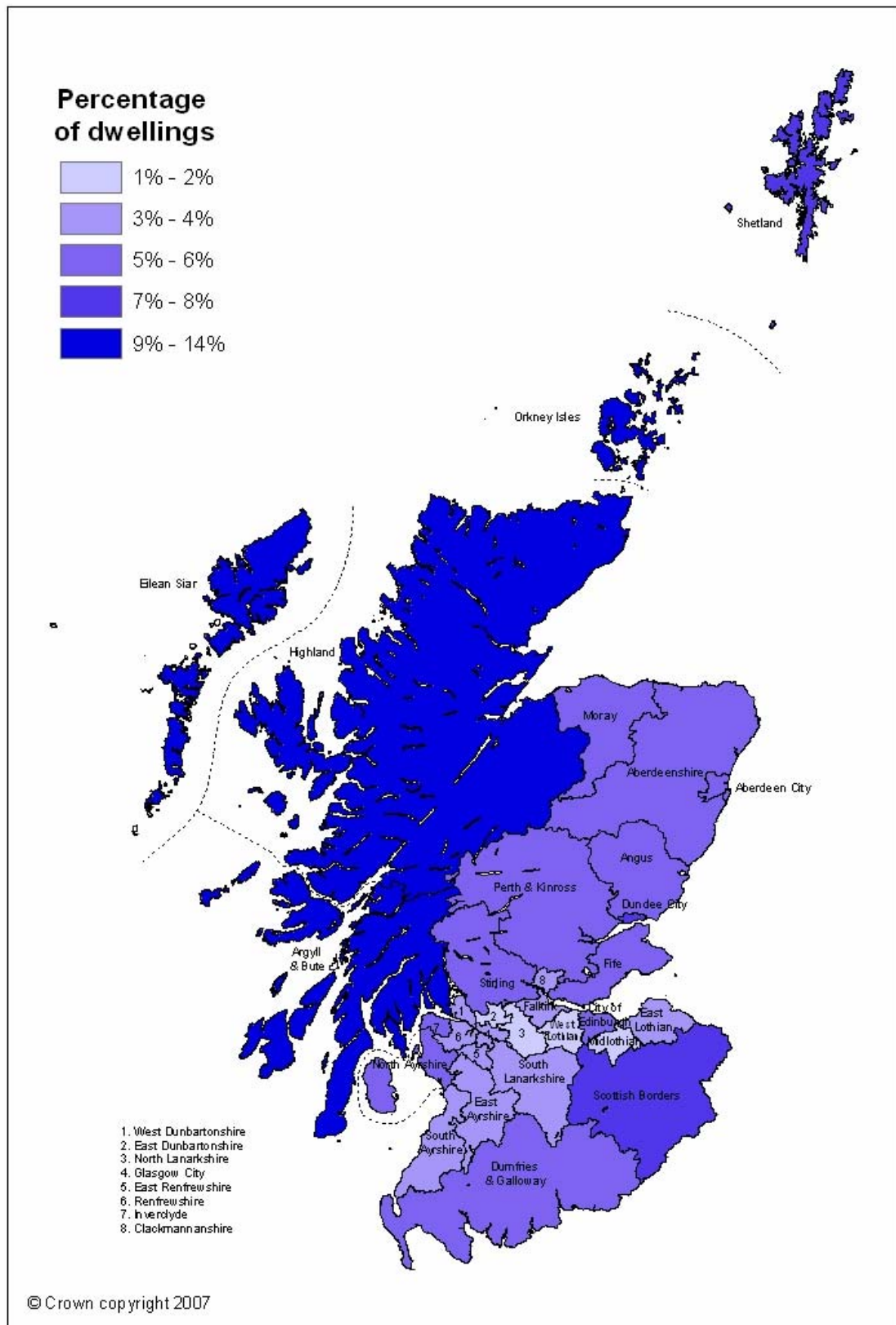
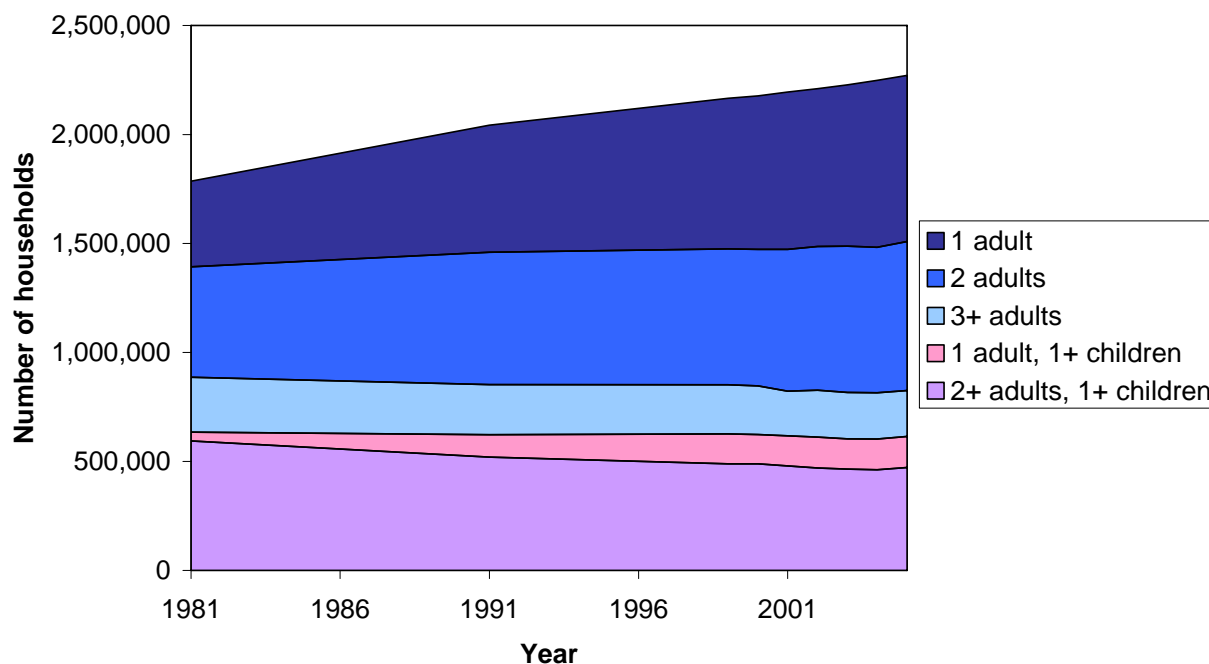


Chart 1: Change in Household Type, 1981-2005: Scotland



Sources: 1981: Census. 1991: Census and mid-year population estimates
1999-2005: Scottish Household Survey

2. Purpose of Household Estimates

Estimates of the number of households are mainly used for informing local authority decisions about housing need and service provision. They are also used as the denominator for other statistics, such as the percentage of households receiving benefits. Household estimates are used in the production of forward household projections for Scotland, every two years ([Household Projections](#) are available on this website).

3. Description of the Method Used

Household estimates for 2001-2006 are based on information from Council Tax billing systems. These systems contain information on each dwelling in Scotland (Table 2), and dwellings entitled to certain discounts because they are vacant or second homes (Table 3). This makes it possible to produce figures on the number of occupied dwellings in each local authority area (Table 4).

This information is provided by each council to the Scottish Executive's Local Government Finance Statistics Branch each September, on the form [CTAXBASE](#) which can be found on the Scottish Executive's website. The figures contained in Tables 1-4 are based on these figures.

The number of occupied dwellings based on Council Tax figures (Table 4) is not exactly the same as the number of households recorded in the Census, due to differences in the way that certain types of dwellings are treated. These include shared dwellings, some communal establishments, some holiday accommodation, and dwellings occupied entirely by adults who are 'disregarded' for the purpose of paying Council Tax – such as people who are severely mentally impaired. Therefore, the figures for 2001 are adjusted to the 2001 Census results, to obtain an estimate of the number of households, and the figures for the more recent years are adjusted by the same amount (Table 1). The

figures in Table 1 are also adjusted from September to June, to provide comparable figures with the estimates from 1991-2001 (see paragraph below). This means that the change in the number of occupied dwellings each year will not exactly match the change in the number of households, though the trends over time will be consistent.

Council Tax was introduced in the early 1990s, so a different source must be used to provide household estimates going back to 1991. Household estimates for 1991 to 2001 are based on population estimates (Table 1). This involves taking each year's mid-year population estimate, as published by GROS, subtracting the number of people living in communal establishments, and using information on the number of households of each type, from the 1991 and 2001 Censuses, to estimate the number of households.

Council Tax systems contain little information about the type of household, so the Scottish Household Survey is used to estimate the number of households of each type, in Scotland as a whole (Table 5 and Chart 1). The sample size of this survey is not large enough to provide reliable information on each household type in each local authority area.

A detailed description of the method and sources used can be found in the publication '[Household estimates for Scotland by local authority 1991-2004](#)'.

4. Definitions

The following definitions are used in this publication:

- **Household:** The 2001 Census definition of a household is used - one person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address with common housekeeping (that is, sharing either a living room or sitting room or at least one meal a day). This excludes people living in communal establishments.
- **Private Household Population:** The population living in private households, i.e., people not living in communal establishments. We produce [Population Estimates](#) which are available on our website.
- **Communal Establishment:** An establishment providing managed residential accommodation, such as a hospital, care home, prison, barracks or student hall of residence. 'Managed' means full-time or part-time supervision of the accommodation.
- **Dwelling:** A dwelling is a self-contained unit of accommodation, such as a house or flat. This does not include free-standing lock-ups or garages.
- **Vacant Dwelling:** Dwellings that are exempt from paying Council Tax because they are unoccupied, and dwellings entitled to a second home or long-term empty property discount. This includes self-catering holiday accommodation available to let for up to 140 days per year.
- **Occupied Dwelling:** All dwellings, minus those that are vacant or second homes.

Table 1: Household estimates for Scotland by local authority area, June 1991-2006¹⁻⁴

Local authority	1991	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Change 2005-2006		Change 2001-2006	
									Number	%	Number	%
Scotland	2,042,809	2,125,577	2,195,033	2,210,212	2,227,676	2,248,746	2,271,353	2,291,575	20,223	0.9%	96,542	4.4%
Aberdeen City	89,949	95,265	96,944	97,424	97,924	98,635	99,269	100,735	1,466	1.5%	3,791	3.9%
Aberdeenshire	80,473	87,077	90,902	92,317	93,727	95,597	97,401	98,774	1,373	1.4%	7,872	8.7%
Angus	43,806	46,066	46,948	47,175	47,591	48,122	48,625	49,091	466	1.0%	2,143	4.6%
Argyll & Bute	37,657	38,108	39,037	39,270	39,988	40,220	40,769	41,093	324	0.8%	2,057	5.3%
Clackmannanshire	18,857	19,916	20,572	20,747	20,979	21,296	21,610	21,937	327	1.5%	1,365	6.6%
Dumfries & Galloway	59,300	61,807	63,899	64,264	65,019	65,703	66,465	66,779	314	0.5%	2,880	4.5%
Dundee City	67,028	67,410	66,851	67,267	67,385	67,726	67,747	67,762	15	0.0%	911	1.4%
East Ayrshire	48,779	49,595	50,404	50,634	50,967	51,282	51,459	51,899	440	0.9%	1,495	3.0%
East Dunbartonshire	39,479	41,214	42,254	42,242	42,260	42,399	42,592	42,812	221	0.5%	559	1.3%
East Lothian	34,245	36,159	38,232	38,647	38,966	39,356	39,749	40,417	667	1.7%	2,185	5.7%
East Renfrewshire	32,212	33,749	35,024	35,164	35,329	35,431	35,512	35,532	20	0.1%	508	1.5%
Edinburgh, City of	188,714	197,067	204,956	206,361	207,552	209,094	211,731	213,633	1,902	0.9%	8,677	4.2%
Eilean Siar	10,980	11,270	11,283	11,224	11,302	11,381	11,486	11,597	111	1.0%	314	2.8%
Falkirk	56,780	59,480	62,689	63,534	64,394	65,391	65,879	66,651	772	1.2%	3,962	6.3%
Fife	138,659	144,037	150,530	151,760	152,888	154,072	155,890	156,919	1,029	0.7%	6,389	4.2%
Glasgow City	272,092	270,693	271,953	272,710	274,115	276,300	278,162	278,892	730	0.3%	6,939	2.6%
Highland	79,707	85,386	89,637	90,673	91,904	93,211	94,941	96,327	1,386	1.5%	6,691	7.5%
Inverclyde	36,407	36,341	36,698	36,569	36,558	36,692	36,692	36,691	-1	0.0%	-8	0.0%
Midlothian	29,988	31,267	32,939	33,032	33,142	33,282	33,422	33,698	276	0.8%	759	2.3%
Moray	32,662	34,631	35,870	36,230	36,513	36,980	37,484	37,997	513	1.4%	2,126	5.9%
North Ayrshire	54,443	56,885	58,781	58,443	57,833	59,419	60,321	60,840	519	0.9%	2,059	3.5%
North Lanarkshire	121,587	126,939	132,765	134,564	136,214	137,672	139,343	140,976	1,633	1.2%	8,211	6.2%
Orkney Isles	7,735	8,136	8,344	8,427	8,515	8,640	8,790	8,869	78	0.9%	525	6.3%
Perth & Kinross	51,692	55,577	58,370	58,943	59,885	60,804	61,613	62,625	1,012	1.6%	4,255	7.3%
Renfrewshire	70,537	74,055	75,773	76,329	76,947	76,751	77,012	77,549	536	0.7%	1,776	2.3%
Scottish Borders	43,473	45,550	47,463	47,976	48,506	49,067	49,534	50,034	500	1.0%	2,571	5.4%
Shetland	8,467	8,961	9,111	9,136	9,201	9,276	9,376	9,443	67	0.7%	332	3.6%
South Ayrshire	45,410	47,408	48,804	49,083	49,522	49,881	50,311	50,505	194	0.4%	1,701	3.5%
South Lanarkshire	116,407	122,600	126,626	127,576	128,411	129,620	131,065	132,975	1,910	1.5%	6,349	5.0%
Stirling	31,139	33,253	35,544	35,961	36,454	36,658	36,958	37,164	206	0.6%	1,620	4.6%
West Dunbartonshire	38,933	39,904	40,768	40,593	40,599	40,529	40,835	41,123	288	0.7%	355	0.9%
West Lothian	55,212	59,769	65,062	65,939	67,085	68,259	69,309	70,236	927	1.3%	5,174	8.0%

1. Figures for 1991 to 2001 are based on the number of households recorded in the 1991 and 2001 Censuses, and the mid-year population estimates.

2. Figures for 2002 to 2006 are based on the number of occupied dwellings (Table 4), adjusted to the number of households recorded in the 2001 Census.

3. The number of occupied dwellings recorded in Table 4 is not exactly the same as the number of households recorded in the Census, due to the way that some dwellings are treated. This includes shared dwellings, communal establishments, some holiday accommodation and dwellings occupied entirely by adults who are 'disregarded' for Council Tax purposes. Therefore, the figures are adjusted to the 2001 Census results to produce these household estimates.

4. The figures are also adjusted from September to June for comparative purposes. This means that the yearly change in the number of households recorded in this table will not exactly match the change in the number of occupied dwellings recorded in Table 4, but the trends over time will be consistent.

Table 2: Number of dwellings in Scotland by local authority area, September 2001-2006¹⁻³

Local authority	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Change 2005-2006		Change 2001-2006	
							Number	%	Number	%
Scotland	2,322,844	2,340,546	2,358,415	2,378,603	2,398,470	2,417,759	19,289	0.8%	94,915	4.1%
Aberdeen City	105,030	105,675	106,280	106,754	107,670	108,618	948	0.9%	3,588	3.4%
Aberdeenshire	97,014	98,380	99,654	101,357	102,864	104,226	1,362	1.3%	7,212	7.4%
Angus	50,313	50,607	51,051	51,550	51,989	52,346	357	0.7%	2,033	4.0%
Argyll & Bute	44,556	44,857	45,123	45,246	45,512	45,794	282	0.6%	1,238	2.8%
Clackmannanshire	21,252	21,534	21,682	22,076	22,443	22,770	327	1.5%	1,518	7.1%
Dumfries & Galloway	67,607	67,967	68,497	69,242	69,880	70,501	621	0.9%	2,894	4.3%
Dundee City	71,740	72,109	72,297	72,210	71,790	72,165	375	0.5%	425	0.6%
East Ayrshire	52,983	53,312	53,499	53,677	53,842	54,231	389	0.7%	1,248	2.4%
East Dunbartonshire	42,910	42,906	42,968	43,140	43,405	43,521	116	0.3%	611	1.4%
East Lothian	39,712	40,105	40,561	40,957	41,441	42,145	704	1.7%	2,433	6.1%
East Renfrewshire	36,039	36,346	36,445	36,671	36,728	36,781	53	0.1%	742	2.1%
Edinburgh, City of	216,594	218,285	219,239	221,536	223,693	226,247	2,554	1.1%	9,653	4.5%
Eilean Siar	13,462	13,522	13,630	13,682	13,676	13,759	83	0.6%	297	2.2%
Falkirk	64,625	65,433	66,478	67,444	68,295	68,911	616	0.9%	4,286	6.6%
Fife	157,349	158,711	160,268	161,694	163,313	164,592	1,279	0.8%	7,243	4.6%
Glasgow City	288,462	289,157	290,740	293,075	294,819	295,295	476	0.2%	6,833	2.4%
Highland	100,086	101,400	102,705	104,169	105,628	106,737	1,109	1.0%	6,651	6.6%
Inverclyde	39,204	39,290	39,453	39,659	39,376	39,136	-240	-0.6%	-68	-0.2%
Midlothian	33,285	33,350	33,500	33,669	33,795	34,144	349	1.0%	859	2.6%
Moray	38,861	39,123	39,416	39,774	40,179	40,607	428	1.1%	1,746	4.5%
North Ayrshire	62,321	62,809	63,195	63,697	64,130	64,609	479	0.7%	2,288	3.7%
North Lanarkshire	136,941	138,343	139,606	140,864	142,679	144,337	1,658	1.2%	7,396	5.4%
Orkney Isles	9,751	9,888	9,974	9,548	9,642	9,726	84	0.9%	-25	-0.3%
Perth & Kinross	62,573	63,270	64,139	65,021	65,608	66,252	644	1.0%	3,679	5.9%
Renfrewshire	80,747	80,781	80,580	80,579	80,632	81,020	388	0.5%	273	0.3%
Scottish Borders	51,279	51,803	52,327	52,833	53,252	53,912	660	1.2%	2,633	5.1%
Shetland	9,959	10,014	10,052	10,120	10,157	10,219	62	0.6%	260	2.6%
South Ayrshire	50,754	51,237	51,642	52,047	52,391	52,665	274	0.5%	1,911	3.8%
South Lanarkshire	130,836	132,464	133,822	135,488	136,862	138,527	1,665	1.2%	7,691	5.9%
Stirling	36,835	37,167	37,566	37,815	38,198	38,316	118	0.3%	1,481	4.0%
West Dunbartonshire	43,437	43,535	43,694	43,505	43,827	43,880	53	0.1%	443	1.0%
West Lothian	66,327	67,166	68,332	69,504	70,754	71,770	1,016	1.4%	5,443	8.2%

1. Total number of dwellings in Council Tax valuation list (excluding free-standing lock-ups), as provided by councils.

2. Figures include vacant dwellings and second homes.

3. In some cases, the number of dwellings recorded in Council Tax systems can differ from the 2001 Census due to different definitions used. For example, Council Tax systems will only include a caravan if it is someone's main residence, but some caravan parks were included in the 2001 Census.

Table 3: Vacant dwellings and second homes in Scotland by local authority area, September 2001-2006¹⁻²

Local authority	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Percentage vacant (2006) ³	Change 2005-2006		Change 2001-2006	
								Number	%	Number	%
Scotland	104,003	106,463	106,312	104,668	101,734	101,445	4.2%	-289	-0.3%	-2,558	-2.5%
Aberdeen City	5,304	5,443	5,550	5,259	5,574	4,840	4.5%	-734	-13.2%	-464	-8.7%
Aberdeenshire	5,508	5,322	5,222	4,931	4,681	4,766	4.6%	85	1.8%	-742	-13.5%
Angus	2,813	2,876	2,857	2,808	2,756	2,653	5.1%	-103	-3.7%	-160	-5.7%
Argyll & Bute	5,955	5,960	5,402	5,442	5,042	5,085	11.1%	43	0.9%	-870	-14.6%
Clackmannanshire	671	774	677	735	794	789	3.5%	-5	-0.6%	118	17.6%
Dumfries & Galloway	3,753	3,693	3,384	3,484	3,331	3,757	5.3%	426	12.8%	4	0.1%
Dundee City	5,631	5,507	5,671	5,163	4,822	5,159	7.1%	337	7.0%	-472	-8.4%
East Ayrshire	1,437	1,571	1,390	1,267	1,286	1,161	2.1%	-125	-9.7%	-276	-19.2%
East Dunbartonshire	410	445	475	482	547	437	1.0%	-110	-20.1%	27	6.6%
East Lothian	1,220	1,175	1,342	1,323	1,419	1,386	3.3%	-33	-2.3%	166	13.6%
East Renfrewshire	636	846	763	907	883	931	2.5%	48	5.4%	295	46.4%
Edinburgh, City of	8,596	9,020	8,803	9,465	8,734	9,633	4.3%	899	10.3%	1,037	12.1%
Eilean Siar	1,865	2,014	2,002	1,985	1,866	1,838	13.4%	-28	-1.5%	-27	-1.4%
Falkirk	1,525	1,445	1,637	1,570	2,069	1,808	2.6%	-261	-12.6%	283	18.6%
Fife	6,655	6,801	7,252	7,474	7,122	7,607	4.6%	485	6.8%	952	14.3%
Glasgow City ⁴	10,395	10,395	10,395	10,395	10,395	10,395	3.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Highland	9,419	9,631	9,673	9,819	9,444	9,279	8.7%	-165	-1.7%	-140	-1.5%
Inverclyde	2,111	2,447	2,561	2,612	2,368	2,120	5.4%	-248	-10.5%	9	0.4%
Midlothian	487	480	510	534	522	560	1.6%	38	7.3%	73	15.0%
Moray	2,367	2,241	2,278	2,116	2,021	1,933	4.8%	-88	-4.4%	-434	-18.3%
North Ayrshire	2,674	3,675	4,695	3,056	2,897	2,875	4.4%	-22	-0.8%	201	7.5%
North Lanarkshire	3,162	2,679	2,350	2,184	2,266	2,316	1.6%	50	2.2%	-846	-26.8%
Orkney Isles	1,368	1,406	1,406	846	785	810	8.3%	25	3.2%	-558	-40.8%
Perth & Kinross	4,125	4,178	4,030	4,018	3,817	3,393	5.1%	-424	-11.1%	-732	-17.7%
Renfrewshire	4,410	3,672	2,891	3,281	2,909	2,733	3.4%	-176	-6.1%	-1,677	-38.0%
Scottish Borders	3,402	3,344	3,350	3,285	3,263	3,408	6.3%	145	4.4%	6	0.2%
Shetland	839	884	844	837	768	773	7.6%	5	0.7%	-66	-7.9%
South Ayrshire	1,449	1,641	1,570	1,645	1,534	1,679	3.2%	145	9.5%	230	15.9%
South Lanarkshire	1,997	2,703	3,247	3,605	3,500	3,147	2.3%	-353	-10.1%	1,150	57.6%
Stirling	1,680	1,601	1,486	1,608	1,648	1,594	4.2%	-54	-3.3%	-86	-5.1%
West Dunbartonshire	1,182	1,605	1,675	1,596	1,508	1,304	3.0%	-204	-13.5%	122	10.3%
West Lothian	957	989	924	936	1,163	1,276	1.8%	113	9.7%	319	33.3%

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)

Not all councils can produce separate figures for second homes and empty dwellings, so the figures are combined here.

- 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.
- 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.

4. In 2006, Glasgow City Council Financial Services moved to a new software system for Council Tax. This has resulted in a lack of consistency between the figures on the number of dwellings entitled to discounts and exemptions for 2006, and the figures for earlier years. In order to overcome this problem, the number of discounts and exemptions in 2001-2005 were adjusted to be equal to the figures for 2006. This is in line with other available data, which show little change in the number of vacancies in Glasgow in 2001-2006.

Table 4: Occupied dwellings in Scotland by local authority area, September 2001-2006¹⁻²

Local authority	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Percentage	Change 2005-2006		Change 2001-2006	
							occupied (2006) ³	Number	%	Number	%
Scotland	2,218,841	2,234,083	2,252,103	2,273,935	2,296,736	2,316,314	95.8%	19,578	0.8%	97,473	4.4%
Aberdeen City	99,726	100,232	100,730	101,495	102,096	103,778	95.5%	1,682	1.6%	4,052	4.1%
Aberdeenshire	91,506	93,058	94,432	96,426	98,183	99,460	95.4%	1,277	1.3%	7,954	8.7%
Angus	47,500	47,731	48,194	48,742	49,233	49,693	94.9%	460	0.9%	2,193	4.6%
Argyll & Bute	38,601	38,897	39,721	39,804	40,470	40,709	88.9%	239	0.6%	2,108	5.5%
Clackmannanshire	20,581	20,760	21,005	21,341	21,649	21,981	96.5%	332	1.5%	1,400	6.8%
Dumfries & Galloway	63,854	64,274	65,113	65,758	66,549	66,744	94.7%	195	0.3%	2,890	4.5%
Dundee City	66,109	66,602	66,626	67,047	66,968	67,006	92.9%	38	0.1%	897	1.4%
East Ayrshire	51,546	51,741	52,109	52,410	52,556	53,070	97.9%	514	1.0%	1,524	3.0%
East Dunbartonshire	42,500	42,461	42,493	42,658	42,858	43,084	99.0%	226	0.5%	584	1.4%
East Lothian	38,492	38,930	39,219	39,634	40,022	40,759	96.7%	737	1.8%	2,267	5.9%
East Renfrewshire	35,403	35,500	35,682	35,764	35,845	35,850	97.5%	5	0.0%	447	1.3%
Edinburgh, City of	207,998	209,265	210,436	212,071	214,959	216,614	95.7%	1,655	0.8%	8,616	4.1%
Eilean Siar	11,597	11,508	11,628	11,697	11,810	11,921	86.6%	111	0.9%	324	2.8%
Falkirk	63,100	63,988	64,841	65,874	66,226	67,103	97.4%	877	1.3%	4,003	6.3%
Fife	150,694	151,910	153,016	154,220	156,191	156,985	95.4%	794	0.5%	6,291	4.2%
Glasgow City	278,067	278,762	280,345	282,680	284,424	284,900	96.5%	476	0.2%	6,833	2.5%
Highland	90,667	91,769	93,032	94,350	96,184	97,458	91.3%	1,274	1.3%	6,791	7.5%
Inverclyde	37,093	36,843	36,892	37,047	37,008	37,016	94.6%	8	0.0%	-77	-0.2%
Midlothian	32,798	32,870	32,990	33,135	33,273	33,584	98.4%	311	0.9%	786	2.4%
Moray	36,494	36,882	37,138	37,658	38,158	38,674	95.2%	516	1.3%	2,180	6.0%
North Ayrshire	59,647	59,134	58,500	60,641	61,233	61,734	95.6%	501	0.8%	2,087	3.5%
North Lanarkshire	133,779	135,664	137,256	138,680	140,413	142,021	98.4%	1,608	1.1%	8,242	6.2%
Orkney Isles	8,383	8,482	8,568	8,702	8,857	8,916	91.7%	59	0.7%	533	6.4%
Perth & Kinross	58,448	59,092	60,109	61,003	61,791	62,859	94.9%	1,068	1.7%	4,411	7.5%
Renfrewshire	76,337	77,109	77,689	77,298	77,723	78,287	96.6%	564	0.7%	1,950	2.6%
Scottish Borders	47,877	48,459	48,977	49,548	49,989	50,504	93.7%	515	1.0%	2,627	5.5%
Shetland	9,120	9,130	9,208	9,283	9,389	9,446	92.4%	57	0.6%	326	3.6%
South Ayrshire	49,305	49,596	50,072	50,402	50,857	50,986	96.8%	129	0.3%	1,681	3.4%
South Lanarkshire	128,839	129,761	130,575	131,883	133,362	135,380	97.7%	2,018	1.5%	6,541	5.1%
Stirling	35,155	35,566	36,080	36,207	36,550	36,722	95.8%	172	0.5%	1,567	4.5%
West Dunbartonshire	42,255	41,930	42,019	41,909	42,319	42,576	97.0%	257	0.6%	321	0.8%
West Lothian	65,370	66,177	67,408	68,568	69,591	70,494	98.2%	903	1.3%	5,124	7.8%

1. All dwellings (Table 2), minus the number of vacant dwellings and second homes (Table 3)

2. The number of occupied dwellings is not equivalent to the number of households. These figures are adjusted to produce the household estimates shown in Table 1. The footnotes to Table 1 summarise the differences between the two sets of figures.

3. The percentage of dwellings recorded in Table 2.

Table 5: Estimates of the number of households by household type, Scotland, 1981-2005¹⁻⁴

Household size	Household type	1981	1991	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Change 99-05	
											Number	%
1 person households	1 adult: male	119,000	221,000	285,000	295,000	306,000	310,000	319,000	332,000	321,000	37,000	13%
	1 adult: female	274,000	362,000	406,000	409,000	416,000	414,000	421,000	434,000	442,000	36,000	9%
2 person households	2 adults	507,000	607,000	624,000	626,000	651,000	659,000	671,000	668,000	683,000	59,000	10%
	1 adult, 1 child	20,000	52,000	74,000	77,000	76,000	80,000	78,000	85,000	86,000	12,000	16%
3+ person households	1 adult, 2+ children	21,000	51,000	63,000	56,000	62,000	63,000	61,000	56,000	57,000	-6,000	-9%
	2+ adults, 1+ children	595,000	520,000	489,000	489,000	479,000	470,000	465,000	462,000	472,000	-18,000	-4%
	3+ adults	251,000	230,000	225,000	224,000	205,000	215,000	213,000	212,000	210,000	-15,000	-6%
All households		1,786,000	2,043,000	2,166,000	2,177,000	2,195,000	2,210,000	2,228,000	2,249,000	2,271,000	106,000	5%

Percentage of households by household type

Household size	Household type	1981	1991	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1 person households	1 adult: male	7%	11%	13%	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	14%
	1 adult: female	15%	18%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%
2 person households	2 adults	28%	30%	29%	29%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
	1 adult, 1 child	1%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
3+ person households	1 adult, 2+ children	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
	2+ adults, 1+ children	33%	25%	23%	22%	22%	21%	21%	21%	21%
	3+ adults	14%	11%	10%	10%	9%	10%	10%	9%	9%
All households		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

1 The figures for 1981 are from the Census. For the 1981 Census, households with children just included children aged 0-15; for the 1991 and 2001 Censuses, the definition of a dependent child also included those aged 16-18 in full time education.

2 The figures for 1991 are from the Census and mid-year population estimates (Table 1)

3 The figures for 1999-2005 are from the Scottish Household Survey (SHS). These figures are adjusted to each year's household estimates (Table 1), and adjusted to the 2001 Census to adjust for any under- or over-count in the SHS.

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