

CENSUS 2022 POPULATION & HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES

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Census 2022 - Background

Scotland's Census is the official count of every person and household in the country. There has been a Census every 10 years since 1801, except 1941. The 2021 Census in Scotland was moved to 2022 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2022 Census took place on 20 March 2022 and National Records of Scotland (NRS) has now published the first results.

The statistics released provide estimates of the total population (rounded) including a breakdown by five-year age groups at Scotland and local authority level, along with the total number of households.

At this stage, only a limited amount of data has been published at local authority level. No data for smaller areas is currently available, further data is scheduled for release throughout 2024.

Scotland

Population

The population of Scotland was estimated to be 5,436,600. This is the largest population ever recorded by Scotland's Census. The population grew by 141,200 (2.7%) since the previous Census in 2011. Since 2011 Scotland's population would have gotten smaller if it was not for migration as there were more deaths than births.

The gap between the number of people aged under 15 and those aged 65 and over in Scotland is now much higher than it was in the last Census. There are now over a quarter of a million more people aged 65 and over than those aged under 15.

Households

On Census Day there were 2,509,300 households in Scotland with at least one usual resident. This is an increase of 136,500 (5.8%) from the 2011 Census. The increase in the number of households (5.8%) is higher than the increase in the population (2.7%).

The population is ageing, and older people are more likely to live alone or in smaller households. There is a related trend towards smaller households and more households overall.

Most council areas had an increase in the number of households. The general pattern across council areas is that household numbers increased faster than the population since the last Census.

East Dunbartonshire

Population

The 2022 Census total population estimate for East Dunbartonshire is 109,000 an increase of 3.7% (3,900) from Census 2011. Most council areas in the central belt had increases in their populations. These increases were driven by migration from within Scotland and elsewhere.

East Dunbartonshire - Population			
	Census 2022	Census 2011	Difference between Census 2022-2011
All	109,000	105,000	3,900
Female	56,500	54,400	2,100
Male	52,400	50,600	1,800

Note: numbers may not sum due to rounding

The table below shows that in East Dunbartonshire, 16.5% of the total population are aged 0-14, 59.3% of the total population are aged 15-64 and 24.1% are aged 65 and over.

East Dunbartonshire has a higher proportion of the population aged 0-14 compared with Scotland as a whole (1.2% higher), a lower proportion of those aged 15-64 (5.3% lower) and a higher proportion of those aged 65 and over (4.0% higher).

Compared to Census 2011, East Dunbartonshire has seen a 4.9% decrease in the total population aged 15-64 and an increase of 4.7% in those aged 65 and over. The proportion of those aged 0-14 has remained relatively unchanged over this time period.

	% of total population aged 0-14	% of total population aged 15-64	% of population aged 65+
East Dunbartonshire 2022 Census	16.5%	59.3%	24.1%
East Dunbartonshire 2011 Census	16.4%	64.2%	19.4%
Scotland 2022 Census	15.3%	64.6%	20.1%
Scotland 2011 Census	16.1%	67.1%	16.8%

According to Census 2022, the percentage of the total population in East Dunbartonshire aged 75 and over is 11.6%, as shown in the table below. This is an increase of 2.6% since the 2011 Census and higher than Scotland as a whole, where the increase was 1.3% from the previous census. There are a higher number of females in this age group compared to males, this reflects the fact that on average females live longer.

	% of total population Aged 75+	% of total population Aged 85+
East Dunbartonshire 2022 Census	11.6%	3.4%
East Dunbartonshire 2011 Census	9.0%	2.1%
Scotland 2022 Census	9.0%	2.4%
Scotland 2011 Census	7.7%	2.0%

Households

Scotland's Census 2022 estimates the number of households in East Dunbartonshire to be 46,500. An increase of 3,000 (6.9%) compared to Census 2011.

Number of Households in East Dunbartonshire

Census 2022	Census 2011	Difference between Census 2022-2011
46,500	43,500	3,000

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Future Releases

National Records of Scotland will publish further results from the Census from spring 2024 onwards. This will include detailed population data which supports community planning.

In summer 2024, a series of topic data will be published, including data on ethnicity, religion, the labour market, education and housing. For the first time, it will also include information on armed forces veterans, sexual orientation and gender identity.

More information about the release schedule for Census data can be found [here](#).