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Household and Dwelling Estimates 2018

Summary Statistics		
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	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
Number of households	46,023	2,477,275
Number of dwellings	46,721	2,615,185
Household Size (number of people per household)	2.34	2.15
% dwellings - flats	21%	38%
% dwellings - terraced	15%	20%
% dwellings - semi-detached	33%	20%
% dwellings - detached	31%	21%
% dwellings - unknown	0%	1%

Background

National Records of Scotland (NRS) publish Estimates of Household and Dwellings on an annual basis.

The estimates are used for a range of purposes by Councils, the Scottish Government other organisations and researchers. Statistics about dwellings and households are used mainly for informing council decisions about housing need and the provision of services (including housing, planning, waste collection and community care). They feed into the Development Plans produced by councils and other Planning Authorities, which include assessment of housing need and demand both at present and for the future.

A 'dwelling' refers to accommodation itself, for example, a house or a flat. A 'household' refers to the people living together in that dwelling. The number of dwellings will not necessarily equal the number of households in an area, because some dwellings are vacant or second homes, and some dwellings contain more than one household. Communal establishments, such as care homes and student halls of residence, are not included in the definition of a household. Household estimates come from Council Tax records.

Household and dwelling estimates are drawn from administrative data sources relating to Council Tax. There are limitations in using administrative sources to produce statistics. Small differences can arise in the definitions used for various categories of households/dwellings in the administrative systems. It is also possible that not all information held on the systems is up to date. For example, councils may not be notified immediately of a change in the circumstances of a household which affects eligibility for Council Tax discount for exemption. Furthermore, it may take time for changes as a result of new building or demolition to be recorded.

Household and Dwelling Estimates for Scotland

In 2018, there were 2.48 million households in Scotland, an increase of around 283,000 households (13%) over the last 17 years. The growth in households is due to increasing population, increasing number of dwellings and decreasing average number of people per household. The number of households has risen faster than the population. This is because

of changes in the way people are living. The average number of people per household has fallen.

One person households are now the most common type of household (36%) in Scotland. This is partly due to Scotland's ageing population, as older people are more likely to live alone or in smaller households. The average household size has fallen from 2.18 people per household in 2008 to 2.15 people per household in 2018.

Household and Dwelling Estimates for Council Areas

The level of household growth varies across Scotland's council areas. Over the last year, the number of households has increased in every council area except Inverclyde and Na h-Eileanan Siar, which had a very small decrease. There were 46,023 households in East Dunbartonshire in 2018, an increase of 332 households (0.7%) since 2017. Over the last ten years there has been an increase of 2,968 households (6.9%) in East Dunbartonshire.

The total number of dwellings increased in all council areas between 2017 and 2018 apart from Na h-Eileanan Siar. In East Dunbartonshire there were 46,721 dwellings in 2018, an increase of 291 dwellings (0.6%) since 2017. The number of dwellings increased in East Dunbartonshire by 2,731 dwellings (6.2%) over the last ten years.

Average Household Size

In 2018, the average household size varied from 2.01 people per household in Argyll and Bute to 2.42 people per household in East Renfrewshire. In East Dunbartonshire the average household size in 2018 was 2.34 people per household, a -3.2% decrease over the last ten years.

Vacant Dwellings and Second Homes

In East Dunbartonshire, 0.2% of dwellings were second homes (71 dwellings) in 2018, lower than Scotland as a whole (1.0%). There were 633 vacant dwellings in East Dunbartonshire (1.4%), also lower than the Scottish average of 3.2%.

Characteristics of Dwellings

In East Dunbartonshire, 41% of dwellings were in Council Tax bands D-E, 31% were in bands F-H and 28% were in bands A-C. A higher proportion of dwellings across Scotland were in bands A-C (60%) and a lower proportion in bands D-E (27%) and F-H (13%) when compared to East Dunbartonshire.

In 2018, 33% of dwellings in East Dunbartonshire were semi-detached, 31% detached, 21% flats and 15% were terraced. In Scotland as a whole, the highest proportion of dwellings were flats (38%), followed by detached (21%) and semi-detached and terraced both 20%.

Further Information

Further information, along with the Estimates of Households and Dwellings 2018 document can be found on the National Records of Scotland website

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data>