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Background

Scotland's Census was carried out in March 2022. National Records of Scotland (NRS) have published a range of new statistics from Scotland's Census 2022. The releases include population, household numbers, ethnic group, language, religion and for the first time data relating to UK Armed Forces veterans. The census results are available on the Scotland's Census website <https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/>. Later in the year NRS will release census data on further topics including housing, employment, sexual orientation and health.

Census statistics represent the total population rather than just those who completed the questionnaire. Since the 2001 censuses, statistical modelling has been used across the United Kingdom to produce total population estimates from census responses.

As with all estimates, there is a level of uncertainty. This should therefore be considered when working with census estimates and interpreting small changes.

Population

On Census Day, 20 March 2022, the population of Scotland was estimated to be 5,436,600. This is the largest population ever recorded by Scotland's Census. The population of Scotland grew by 141,200 (2.7%) since the previous census in 2011. This is a slower rate of growth than between 2001 and 2011, when the population grew by 233,400 (4.6%).

The population of East Dunbartonshire in 2022 was 108,937, this was an increase of 3.7% (3,911) compared to the 2011 Census.

Total Population				
	2001 Census	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
East Dunbartonshire	108,243	105,026	108,937	+3.7%
Scotland	5,062,011	5,295,403	5,439,842	+2.7%

Source: 2022, 2011 and 2001 Censuses

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East Dunbartonshire's population is ageing. There was an increase of 4.6% in those aged 65 and over (5,839) compared to the 2011 Census. Those aged 16 to 64 decreased by -4.5% between the 2011 Census and the 2022 Census. People aged 65 and over outnumber people aged 15 and under.

East Dunbartonshire: Population							
	2001 Census		2011 Census		2022 Census		Percentage Difference between 2011 and 2022
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
0-15 years	22,045	20.4%	18,714	17.8%	19,221	17.6%	-0.2%
16 to 64 years	69,435	64.1%	65,884	62.7%	63,443	58.2%	-4.5%
65+ years	16,763	15.5%	20,428	19.5%	26,267	24.1%	+4.6%
75+ years	6,965	6.4%	9,451	9.0%	12,678	11.6%	+2.6%

Source: 2022, 2011 and 2001 Censuses

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Households

The table below shows the number of households in East Dunbartonshire and Scotland over the last few Censuses. In East Dunbartonshire, the number of households has increased by 6.9% (2,988) between 2011 and 2022.

Number of Households				
	2001 Census	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
East Dunbartonshire	42,206	43,473	46,461	+6.9%
Scotland	2,192,246	2,372,777	2,509,269	+5.8%

Source: 2022, 2011, 2001 Censuses

According to the 2022 Census the largest type of household size was two person households (34.2%), followed by one person households (30.1%), as shown in the table below.

Household Size – Census 2022		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
All occupied household spaces	46,461	2,509,269
One person	30.1%	37.1%
Two people	34.2%	34.1%
Three people	15.8%	13.9%
Four people	15.1%	10.7%
Five people	3.9%	3.2%
Six people	0.7%	0.8%
Seven people	0.1%	0.2%
Eight or more people	0.1%	0.1%

Source: 2022 Census

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In East Dunbartonshire, one person and two person households increased compared to the 2011 Census, by 1.7% and 1.3% respectively. One person households have increased by 5% since the 2001 Census. Households with three or more people have all seen a slight decrease between 2011 and 2022.

East Dunbartonshire: Household Size – Census 2022				
	2001	2011	2022	Difference between 2011 and 2022
All occupied household spaces	42,206	43,473	46,461	+6.9%
One person	25.1%	28.4%	30.1%	+1.7%
Two people	32.5%	32.9%	34.2%	+1.3%
Three people	16.1%	16.7%	15.8%	-0.9%
Four people	18.6%	16.0%	15.1%	-0.9%
Five people	5.9%	4.9%	3.9%	-1.0%
Six people	1.4%	0.9%	0.7%	-0.2%
Seven people	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%
Eight or more people	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	-

Source: 2022, 2011, 2001 Censuses

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Religion

Scotland's Census asked people what religion they belong to. This was a voluntary question, first used in 2001. In 2022, 6.2% of people did not answer the religion question. Percentages are calculated using the overall population, not just those who answered the religion question.

For the first time in Scotland's Census, the majority of people said they had no religion. In 2022, 51.1% of people had no religion. In East Dunbartonshire 43.3% of the population stated they had no religion, as show in the table below.

Religion – Census 2022		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
No religion	43.3%	51.1%
Religion not stated	6.6%	6.2%
Church of Scotland	23.4%	20.4%
Roman Catholic	18.9%	13.3%
Other Christian	4.4%	5.1%
Buddhist	0.2%	0.3%
Hindu	0.8%	0.6%
Jewish	0.05%	0.1%
Muslim	1.3%	2.2%
Sikh	0.8%	0.2%
Pagan	0.2%	0.4%
Other religion	0.2%	0.2%

Source: *Census 2022*

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The table below shows religion over time for East Dunbartonshire. Those who reported they had no religion has nearly doubled since the 2001 Census (22% in 2001 to 43% in 2022).

East Dunbartonshire: Religion				
	2001 Census	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
No religion	22.0%	28.2%	43.3%	+15.1%
Religion not stated/not answered	4.3%	6.4%	6.6%	+0.2%
Church of Scotland	43.1%	35.6%	23.4%	-12.2%
Roman Catholic	22.5%	22.3%	18.9%	-3.4%
Other Christian	5.6%	4.6%	4.4%	-0.2%
Buddhist	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	+0.1%
Hindu	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	+0.2%
Jewish	0.04%	0.06%	0.05%	-0.01
Muslim	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%	+0.3%
Sikh	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	-0.1%
Pagan	n/a	n/a	0.2%	-
Other religion	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	-

Source: *2022, 2011 and 2001 Censuses*

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Ethnic Group

Scotland's Census asked people to choose the option that best described their ethnic group or background. The majority of people in Scotland chose 'Scottish' (77.7%) or 'Other British' (9.4%) within the White category.

In East Dunbartonshire, 83.4% of the population identified as 'Scottish' and 'Other British' (6.8%) within the White category. 4.3% of the population in East Dunbartonshire chose 'Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British' that best described their ethnic group or background.

Ethnic Group – Census 2022		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
White: Total	93.4%	92.9%
White: Scottish	83.4%	77.7%
White: Other British	6.8%	9.4%
White: Polish	0.3%	1.7%
White: Gypsy/Traveller	0.01%	0.06%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Group	1.1%	1.1%
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British: Total	4.3%	3.9%
African: Total	0.4%	1.1%
Caribbean or Black: Total	0.1%	0.1%
Other Ethnic Groups: Total	0.7%	1.0%

Source: Census 2022

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The table below shows changes in ethnic groups over time in East Dunbartonshire. Caution should be used when comparing 2001 Census data as some groupings are not an exact match to the previous Censuses.

East Dunbartonshire: Ethnic Group– Census 2022				
	2001	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
White: Total	96.9%	95.8%	93.4%	-2.4%
White: Scottish	89.8%	88.6%	83.4%	-5.2%
White: Other British	4.7%	4.8%	6.8%	+2.0%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Group		0.4%	1.1%	+0.7%
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British: Total	2.6%	3.3%	4.3%	+1.0%
African: Total	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	+0.2%
Caribbean or Black: Total	0.02%	0.1%	0.1%	-
Other Ethnic Groups: Total	0.2%	0.3%	0.7%	+0.4%

Source: Census 2022,2011,2001

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Country of Birth

Population change is driven by births, deaths and migration (people moving into or out of Scotland). The increase in Scotland's minority ethnic population is partly explained by people moving to Scotland from overseas between 2011 and 2022. The percentage of people born outside the UK increased between 2011 and 2022. An increasing share of births in Scotland are to mothers born outside the UK.

The table below shows that the majority of the population in East Dunbartonshire reported their country of birth was the United Kingdom (93.8%).

Country of Birth – Census 2022		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
United Kingdom: Total	93.8%	89.8%
Scotland	86.6%	79.4%
England	6.2%	9.3%
Wales	0.3%	0.3%
Northern Ireland	0.7%	0.7%
Europe: EU Member Countries in March 2022: Total	1.7%	4.3%
Europe: Non EU Countries: Total	0.2%	0.3%
Africa: Total	0.8%	1.3%
Middle East and Asia: Total	2.6%	3.0%
The Americas and the Caribbean: Total	0.7%	0.9%
Antarctica and Oceania: Total	0.2%	0.3%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Census 2022

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Country of birth over time for East Dunbartonshire is shown in the table below. The majority of the population was born in the UK. It should be noted that changes in EU members and accession states between 2011 and 2022 will affect the number of countries which make up certain categories when comparing the results between censuses.

East Dunbartonshire: Country of Birth – Census 2022				
	2001 Census	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
United Kingdom: Total	96.3%	95.7%	93.8%	-1.9%
Europe: EU Member Countries in March 2022: Total	n/a	n/a	1.7%	n/a
Europe: EU Countries: Member	n/a	0.6%	n/a	n/a

East Dunbartonshire: Country of Birth – Census 2022

	2001 Census	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
Countries in March 2001				
Europe: Accession Countries April 2001 to March 2011	n/a	0.2%	n/a	n/a
EU Countries (2001 Census)	0.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Europe: Non-EU Countries: Total (2022 Census)	n/a	n/a	0.2%	n/a
Europe: Non-EU Countries: Total (2011 Census)	n/a	0.2%	n/a	n/a
Non-EU Countries in Western Europe (2001 Census)	0.06%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eastern Europe (2001 Census)	0.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa: Total	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%	+0.3%
Middle East and Asia: Total	1.5%	1.8%	2.6%	+0.8%
The Americas and the Caribbean: Total	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	+0.2%
Antarctica and Oceania: Total	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	+0.1%
Other	0.03%	0.0%	0.0%	-

Source: Census 2022, 2011, 2001

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British Sign Language

The census included a new question on the use of British Sign Language (BSL) in 2022. This means there is no comparable data for previous censuses. The new question asked whether people could use BSL. In the previous census information on BSL use was only collected through the question “Do you use a language other than English at home?”

Scotland’s Census found that 117,300 people across Scotland can use BSL, 2.2% of people aged 3 and over. In East Dunbartonshire, 1.6% of the population reported they were a BSL user.

British Sign Language – Census 2022		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
British Sign Language User	1.6%	2.2%
Not a British Sign Language User	98.4%	97.8%

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English Language Skills

The table below shows the English language skills reported in the 2022 Census for East Dunbartonshire and Scotland as a whole. 95% of the population of East Dunbartonshire reported that they can speak, read and write English.

English Language Skills - Census 2022 (all people aged 3 and over)		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
Speaks, reads and writes English	95.23%	94.18%
Understands spoken English only	0.27%	0.37%
Speaks but does not read or write English	2.93%	2.98%
Speaks and reads but does not write English	0.6%	0.88%
Reads but does not speak or write English	0.07%	0.13%
Writes but does not speak or read English	0.0%	0.02%
Reads and writes but does not speak English	0.07%	0.15%
Other combinations of skills in English	0.09%	0.14%
Limited English skills	0.65%	0.98%
No skills in English	0.09%	0.17%

Source: 2022 Census

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There is no data for English language skills in 2001 as the language question was updated in 2011 to ask about English and Scots language. The table below shows English language skills in East Dunbartonshire in 2011 and 2022 Censuses.

East Dunbartonshire: English Language Skills (all people aged 3 and over)			
	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
Speaks, reads and writes English	94.9%	95.2%	+0.3%
Understands spoken English only	1.5%	0.3%	-1.2%
Speaks but does not read or write English	2.6%	2.9%	+0.3%
Speaks and reads but does not write English	0.6%	0.6%	-
Reads but does not speak or write English	0.03%	0.07%	+0.04%
Writes but does not speak or read English	n/a	0.0%	n/a
Reads and writes but does not speak English	n/a	0.07%	n/a
Other combinations of skills in English	0.35%	0.09%	-0.26%
Limited English skills	n/a	0.65%	n/a
No skills in English	0.09%	0.09%	-

Source: 2022 and 2011 Census

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Gaelic Language Skills

Scotland's Census 2022 found that 2.5% of people aged 3 and over in Scotland had some skills in Gaelic. In Na h-Eileanan Siar the majority had some Gaelic skills (57.2%). In East Dunbartonshire, a small percentage of the population aged 3 and over had some skills in Gaelic.

Gaelic Language Skills - Census 2022 (all people aged 3 and over)		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
No skills in Gaelic	98.23%	97.54%
Understands but does not speak, read or write Gaelic	0.57%	0.88%
Speaks, reads and writes Gaelic	0.65%	0.83%
Speaks but does not read or write Gaelic	0.23%	0.34%
Speaks and reads but does not write Gaelic	0.1%	0.14%
Reads but does not speak or write Gaelic	0.18%	0.2%
Other combination of skills in Gaelic	0.04%	0.06%

Source: 2022 Census

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Gaelic language skills in East Dunbartonshire have remained consistent as shown in the table below.

East Dunbartonshire: Gaelic Language Skills				
	2001 Census	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
No skills in Gaelic	98.6%	98.7%	98.2%	-0.5%
Understands but does not speak, read or write Gaelic	0.5%	0.34%	0.57%	+0.23%
Speaks, reads and writes Gaelic	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	+0.2%
Speaks but does not read or write Gaelic	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	-0.1%
Speaks and reads but does not write Gaelic	0.1%	0.08%	0.1%	+0.02%
Reads but does not speak or write Gaelic	0.1%	0.05%	0.2%	+0.15%
Other combination of skills in Gaelic	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%	+0.01%

Source: 2022, 2011, 2001 Censuses

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Scots Language Skills

The percentage of the population with Scots language skills was higher in the north east of Scotland. Aberdeenshire had the highest percentage with some Scots skills (64.1%) and Na h-Eileanan Siar had the lowest (30.7%). In East Dunbartonshire, 16.3% of the population aged over 3 reported they could speak, read and write Scots.

Scots Language Skills - Census 2022 (all people aged 3 and over)		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
No skills in Scots	64.1%	53.8%
Understands but does not speak, read or write Scots	11.7%	13.6%
Speaks, reads and writes Scots	16.3%	22.2%
Speaks but does not read or write Scots	1.9%	3.3%
Speaks and reads but does not write Scots	2.0%	3.0%
Reads but does not speak or write Scots	3.8%	3.7%
Other combination of skills in Scots	0.3%	0.4%

Source: Census 2022 (Please note number may not add due to rounding)

The question about Scots language skills was asked for the first time in the 2011 Census. The percentage of people in East Dunbartonshire who understand but do not speak, read or write Scots has increased from 4.7% in 2011 to 11.7% in 2022.

East Dunbartonshire: Scots Language Skills (all people aged 3 and over)			
	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
No skills in Scots	71.9%	64.1%	-7.8%
Understands but does not speak, read or write Scots	4.7%	11.7%	+7.0%
Speaks, reads and writes Scots	16.4%	16.3%	-0.1%
Speaks but does not read or write Scots	2.2%	1.9%	-0.3%
Speaks and reads but does not write Scots	2.0%	2.0%	-
Reads but does not speak or write Scots	2.4%	3.8%	+1.4%
Other combination of skills in Scots	0.2%	0.3%	+0.1%

Source: 2022 and 2011 Census

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National Identity

In Scotland as a whole, the percentage of people who said Scottish was their only national identity increased from the previous Census (from 62.4% to 65.5%). The percentage who said their only national identity was British also increased (from 8.4% to 13.9%). The percentage who said they felt Scottish and British decreased (from 18.3% to 8.2%). The majority of the population in East Dunbartonshire reported Scottish was their only national identity (64.4%).

National Identity - Census 2022		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
Scottish identity only	64.4%	65.5%
British identity only	16.5%	13.9%
Scottish and British identities only	12.1%	8.2%
Scottish and any other identities	1.9%	2.0%
English identity only	1.2%	2.3%
Any other combination of UK identities (UK only)	0.9%	1.2%
Other identity only	2.8%	6.5%
Other identity and at least one UK identity	0.2%	0.3%

Source: 2022 Census

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The question on national identity was first asked in the 2011 Census. The percentage of people in East Dunbartonshire who reported Scottish was their only national identity increased from 60.2% in the 2011 Census to 64.4% in the 2022 Census.

East Dunbartonshire: National Identity			
	2011 Census	2022 Census	Difference between 2011 and 2022
Scottish identity only	60.2%	64.4%	+4.2%
British identity only	8.7%	16.5%	+7.8%
Scottish and British identities only	24.7%	12.1%	-12.6%
Scottish and any other identities	1.9%	1.9%	-
English identity only	1.1%	1.2%	+0.1%
Any other combination of UK identities (UK only)	1.4%	0.9%	-0.5%
Other identity only	1.8%	2.8%	+1.0%
Other identity and at least one UK identity	0.2%	0.2%	-

Source: 2022 and 2011 Census

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UK Armed Forces Veterans

It is the first time census data has been collected on veterans living in the country, with a total of 176,100 UK Armed Forces veterans living in Scotland at the last census. The figure means 3.9% of people aged 16 and over in Scotland at the time of the census had previously served in the UK Armed Forces. In East Dunbartonshire, 3% of the population aged 16 and over had previously served in the UK Armed Forces.

UK Armed Forces Veterans – Census 2022		
	East Dunbartonshire	Scotland
All people aged 16 and over	89,717	4,548,589
UK Armed Forces Veterans	3.0%	3.9%
Not a UK Armed Forces Veterans	97.0%	96.1%

Source: Census 2022

Please note numbers may not add due to rounding

The table below shows UK Armed Forces veterans living in East Dunbartonshire by age. The largest proportion of UK Armed Forces veterans who previously served in regular Armed Forces were aged 80 and over (11.86%).

East Dunbartonshire: UK Armed Forces				
	Yes, previously served, Reserve Armed Forces	Yes, previously served, Regular Armed Forces	Yes, previously served, Regular Armed Forces and Reserve Armed Forces	No
Total	0.85%	2.01%	0.17%	97.0%
16 to 19	0.05%	0.05%	0.0%	99.9%
20 to 24	0.08%	0.13%	0.02%	99.8%
25 to 29	0.29%	0.70%	0.20%	99.0%
30 to 34	0.49%	0.85%	0.04%	98.7%
35 to 39	0.46%	0.97%	0.03%	98.5%
40 to 44	0.42%	0.93%	0.07%	98.6%
45 to 49	0.55%	1.13%	0.12%	98.2%
50 to 54	1.07%	1.76%	0.17%	97.0%
55 to 59	1.22%	1.47%	0.17%	97.2%
60 to 64	0.87%	1.55%	0.21%	97.4%
65 to 69	0.78%	1.54%	0.21%	97.6%
70 to 74	0.99%	1.10%	0.23%	97.7%
75 to 79	1.38%	1.34%	0.10%	97.1%
80 and over	2.41%	11.86%	0.78%	84.9%

Source: Census 2022

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Further Information

Further information can be found on the Scotland's Census website

<https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/>. National Records of Scotland will publish further outputs from Scotland's Census 2022 in phases throughout the rest of the year.