

Scottish Church Census: Population and Sunday Church Attendance by Council, 1984-2025E

Council	Population					Church Attendance					Attendance as % of Pop				
	1984	1994	2002	2016	2025	1984	1994	2002	2016	2025	1984	1994	2002	2016	2025
Aberdeen City	200,060	215,740	210,990	230,820	243,290	19,750	19,260	16,180	13,050	12,370	9.9	8.9	7.7	5.7	5.1
Aberdeenshire	191,700	222,990	227,400	262,500	282,100	29,190	26,710	21,690	22,040	21,530	15.2	12.0	9.5	8.4	7.6
Angus	107,540	110,660	108,240	117,140	122,970	10,680	9,830	7,390	5,490	4,430	9.9	8.9	6.8	4.7	3.6
Argyll & Bute	92,620	91,780	91,390	87,070	91,280	9,730 ¹	8,140 ¹	6,790 ¹	4,650	3,600	10.5	8.9	7.4 ¹	5.3	3.9
Clackmannanshire	45,980	46,320	47,860	51,470	53,900	7,550 ¹	5,800 ¹	4,830 ¹	2,590	1,560	16.4	12.5	10.1	5.0	2.9
Dumfries & Galloway	142,050	146,220	148,080	149,980	153,350	20,230	16,570	12,800	6,820	4,020	14.2	11.3	8.6	4.6	2.6
Dundee City	140,860	145,250	144,410	148,510	152,810	20,620	17,750	14,030	9,470	7,150	14.6	12.2	9.7	6.4	4.7
East Ayrshire	123,680	122,710	121,630	122,310	124,700	20,340 ¹	15,920 ¹	13,610 ¹	8,120	5,560	16.4	13.0	11.2	6.6	4.5
East Dunbartonshire	108,990	111,570	108,270	107,180	106,520	23,870	18,830	14,260	8,020	4,640	21.9	16.9	13.2	7.5	4.4
East Lothian	84,780	88,560	92,920	103,260	109,470	10,580 ¹	8,490 ¹	7,070 ¹	4,630	3,380	12.5	9.6	7.6	4.5	3.1
East Renfrewshire	96,280	93,360	91,210	93,130	92,860	17,580 ¹	15,140 ¹	12,210 ¹	7,460	5,360	18.3	16.2	13.4	8.0	5.8
Edinburgh City	425,740	436,600	450,910	500,580	530,330	53,210	50,430	40,670	32,420	28,590	12.5	11.6	9.0	6.5	5.4
Eilean Siar	30,880	29,810	29,070	27,130	26,910	21,090 ¹	17,510 ¹	16,120 ¹	12,020	10,240	68.3	58.7 ¹	55.5 ¹	44.3	38.1
Falkirk	139,350	140,390	146,080	158,780	166,970	21,740	17,790	14,100	8,420	5,610	15.6	12.7	9.7	5.3	3.4
Fife	345,040	347,210	351,940	368,830	382,400	40,600	33,660	28,040	17,440	12,610	11.8	9.7	8.0	4.7	3.3
Glasgow City	654,150	608,890	585,000	608,820	628,470	145,230	98,960	82,750	60,890	42,640	22.2	16.3	14.1	10.0	6.8
Highland	200,830	206,400	209,560	234,590	245,920	42,150 ¹	34,290 ¹	29,410 ¹	22,530	18,590	21.0	16.6	14.0	9.6	7.6
Inverclyde	98,720	93,090	83,930	79,660	79,190	22,280	18,640	14,340	8,250	5,300	22.6	20.0	17.1	10.4	6.7
Midlothian	71,900	75,110	78,800	87,570	92,830	9,890 ¹	7,930 ¹	6,600 ¹	4,210	3,010	13.8	10.6	8.4	4.8	3.2
Moray	71,670	83,370	87,310	95,710	100,960	12,790	11,170	9,170	6,450	5,160	17.8	13.4	10.5	6.7	5.1
North Ayrshire	137,920	136,830	135,620	136,410	139,080	21,920 ¹	17,150 ¹	14,670 ¹	8,980	6,260	15.9	12.5	10.8	6.6	4.5
North Lanarkshire	324,130	325,970	322,240	338,950	351,930	77,800	60,400	52,360	30,250	20,320	24.0	18.5	16.2	8.9	5.8
Orkney Islands	18,410	19,540	19,210	21,710	23,160	2,840	2,920	2,480	2,100	2,000	15.4	14.9	12.9	9.7	8.6
Perth & Kinross	134,760	135,420	135,090	150,240	159,320	17,200	15,970	13,520	10,390	9,110	12.8	11.8	10.0	6.9	5.7
Renfrewshire	180,850	175,340	171,310	174,920	182,140	41,220 ¹	35,500 ¹	28,650 ¹	18,690	14,010	22.8	20.2	16.7	10.7	7.7
Scottish Borders	97,330	104,100	107,910	114,260	118,950	13,250	12,090	9,730	6,910	5,630	13.6	11.6	9.0	6.0	4.7
Shetland Islands	22,800	22,570	21,850	23,250	24,240	3,700	3,130	2,890	2,110	1,800	16.2	13.9	13.2	9.1	7.4
South Ayrshire	113,890	112,980	112,000	112,630	114,820	21,100 ¹	16,510 ¹	14,110 ¹	8,300	5,620	18.5	14.6	12.6	7.4	4.9
South Lanarkshire	329,990	305,970	303,330	316,880	328,120	43,940	37,480	28,870	17,610	12,070	13.3	12.2	9.5	5.6	3.7
Stirling	83,110	83,720	86,510	93,020	97,410	14,600 ¹	11,220 ¹	9,350 ¹	5,050	3,050	17.6	13.4	10.8	5.4	3.1
West Dunbartonshire	91,830	93,160	93,750	89,770	89,890	19,380	12,300	10,470	5,580	2,600	21.1	13.2	11.2	6.2	2.9
West Lothian	141,510	145,060	161,010	178,920	189,670	17,650	13,630	10,970	8,570	6,680	12.5	9.4	6.8	4.8	3.5
TOTAL	5,049,350	5,076,690	5,084,830	5,386,000	5,605,960	853,700	691,120	570,130	389,510	294,500	16.9	13.6	11.2	7.2	5.3

¹ Estimate Source: The various Scottish Church Censuses

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