



2004 Mid-Year Population Estimates

Stirling Council Area

Stirling
By
Numbers

June 2005

Stirling's population at **30th June 2004** is estimated at **86,370**, representing **no change** on the **2003** estimate of **86,370**. These estimates, by General Register Office for Scotland (GROS), were released in late April 2005.

Two factors comprise the GROS estimate:

- An estimated net in-migration of 46 people into the Stirling Council area.
- A "natural" decrease in population with deaths outnumbering births by 46 over the year.

Scotland's population is estimated to have increased by **0.4%** (21,000 people) to **5,078,400** over the corresponding period. Again, this is largely due to net in-migration outstripping a natural decrease in resident population at the national level over the year.

The population estimate for the Forth Valley Health Board area is **281,764**, representing a **0.7% increase** on the 2003 estimate. In addition to Stirling, this increase is derived from 1.2% and 1.1% estimated increases in Clackmannanshire and Falkirk Council areas, respectively.

As in the previous 2 years, the 2004 mid-year estimates used the Community Health Index (CHI) for estimating migration at council area level. The CHI holds records of people registered with a NHS doctor in Scotland. The records provided to GROS contain the postcode of the patient's address, which enables migration to be estimated for council areas by matching patient records from extracts taken a year apart.

Ignoring migration, the natural annual decline in population (deaths greater than births) in Stirling is 0.05% of total population. This is less of a decline than for Scotland as a whole (0.08%) but more than for the Forth Valley Health Board area (0.03%). The latter is due mainly to slightly fewer births per head of population in Stirling, compared to the Forth Valley as a whole.

To put these figures into a wider context, brief analysis of the most recent Register of Sasines (2003) indicates that people from outwith Stirling Council area purchase just over 50% of new build houses in the Stirling Council area. Of sales of all properties, 828 (35%) were to people from outside the Council area. In the same period, however, 1220 properties in Scotland but outside Stirling Council area were purchased by Stirling Council residents, not including any purchases elsewhere in the UK. 60% of these purchases are in Falkirk, Clackmannanshire or Glasgow, but some of these may not be residences but letting or investment properties. There is evidence of a healthy flow of in-migrants moving into new build properties that is matched by an out-migration from Stirling to surrounding areas.

The tables below indicate the 2004 estimates by sex and age band. As in Scotland, there are estimated to be a higher number of females than males in the population, chiefly due to their longer life expectancy (Table 1). This is confirmed in the age structure Table 2 where the 75+ age group make up 9% of all females and only 5% of males. The age structure of Stirling is estimated to be very close to that of Scotland as a whole, with the exception of a slightly smaller number of people in 25-44 age range.

Table 1: Mid-Year Estimate of Population, by Sex, Stirling and Scotland 2004

	Stirling		Scotland	
	Nos.	%	Nos.	%
Males	41,222	47.7%	2,446,248	48.2%
Females	45,148	52.3%	2,632,152	51.8%
Total	86,370		5,078,400	

Table 2: Mid-Year Estimate of Population by Age Band Stirling Council Area and Scotland 2004

Age	Male		Stirling Female		All		Scotland All	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	2377	6%	2256	5%	4633	5%	263122	5%
5-11	3805	9%	3650	8%	7455	9%	414128	8%
12-15	2312	6%	2253	5%	4565	5%	258206	5%
16-24	5314	13%	5269	12%	10583	12%	589821	12%
25-44	10628	26%	12134	27%	22762	26%	1431352	28%
45-64	10997	27%	11412	25%	22409	26%	1295217	26%
65-74	3584	9%	4201	9%	7785	9%	455076	9%
75-84	1796	4%	2937	7%	4733	5%	286232	6%
85+	409	1%	1036	2%	1445	2%	85246	2%

Sources: General Register Office for Scotland, Census 2001, Register of Sasines 2003, Stirling Council Housing Land Audit 2004

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