

# 2018 Mid-Year Population Estimates

Stirling Council Area

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Numbers

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## BRIEFING NOTE:

### Population Estimates for the Stirling Council area produced by the National Records of Scotland

Population estimates released by the National Records of Scotland (NRS) show Stirling's population at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 was estimated at 94,330, representing a small increase (0.4%) on the 2017 estimate of 94,000. The “natural” population dropped with 794 births and 925 deaths. However there was an estimated net migration of 510 people into the Stirling Council area.

18 out of Scotland’s 32 council areas increased in population, whereas 14 councils decreased in population. The council areas with the largest increases were Midlothian (+1.4%), City of Edinburgh (+1.0%) and East Lothian and Glasgow City (both +0.9%). In contrast the greatest decreases from 2017 to 2018 were Inverclyde (-0.8%) Argyll & Bute (-0.6) and Aberdeen City (-0.5%).

NRS produce a more detailed breakdown of migration. Table 1 indicates that Stirling has a positive net-migration from within Scotland, the rest of the UK and overseas.

**Table 1: Components of migration for Stirling Council area 2017-2018**

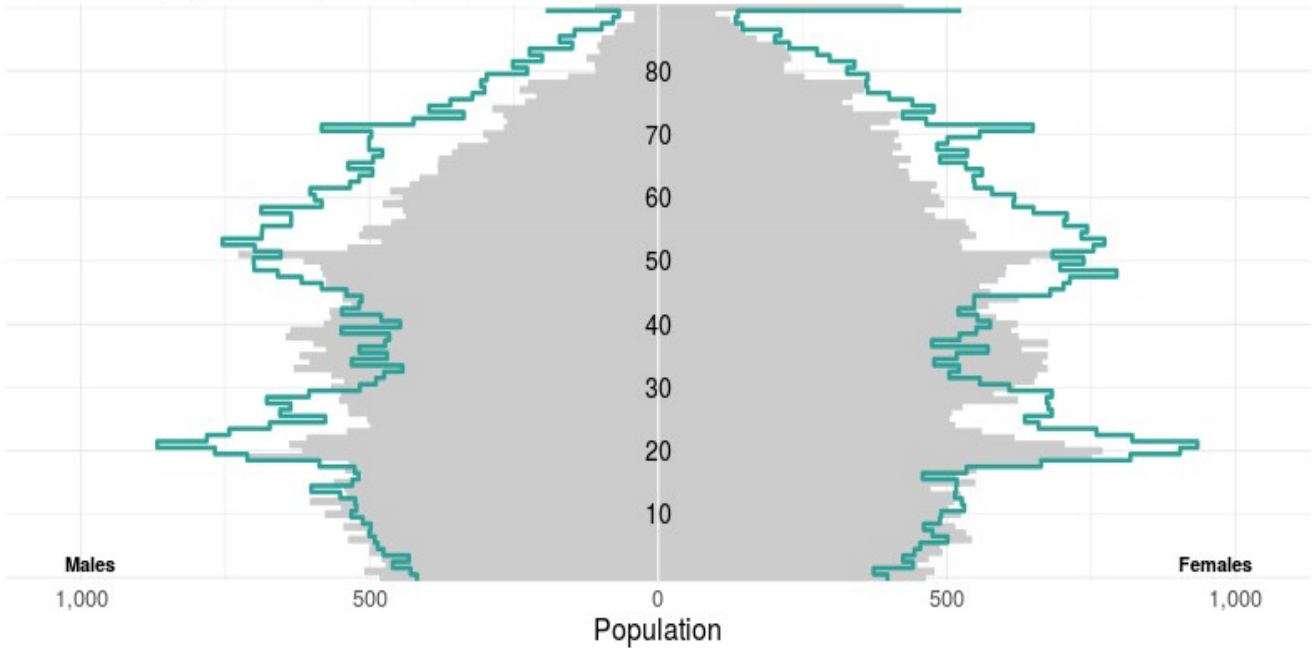
IN-Migration to Stirling				OUT-Migration from Stirling				NET-Migration			
From Scotland	From rest of UK	From over-seas	Total	To Scotland	To rest of UK	To over-seas	Total	Within Scotland	Rest of UK	Over-seas	Total
3,460	1,110	630	<b>5,200</b>	3,450	770	470	<b>4,690</b>	10	340	160	<b>510</b>

Scotland's population is estimated to be at its highest ever at 5,438,100 - an increase of 13,300 people (0.2%) from June 2017 to June 2018. This is entirely due to net in-migration as there were more deaths than births (approximately 7,700). Over the year 32,900 people came to Scotland from overseas and 22,000 left Scotland to go overseas - a net gain of 10,900.

The mid-2018 population estimate for the Forth Valley Health Board area is 306,070, representing a 0.2% increase on the 2017 estimate. In addition to Stirling (0.4%), this change is derived from a 0.1% estimated increase in Falkirk and 0.1% decrease in the Clackmannanshire Council area.

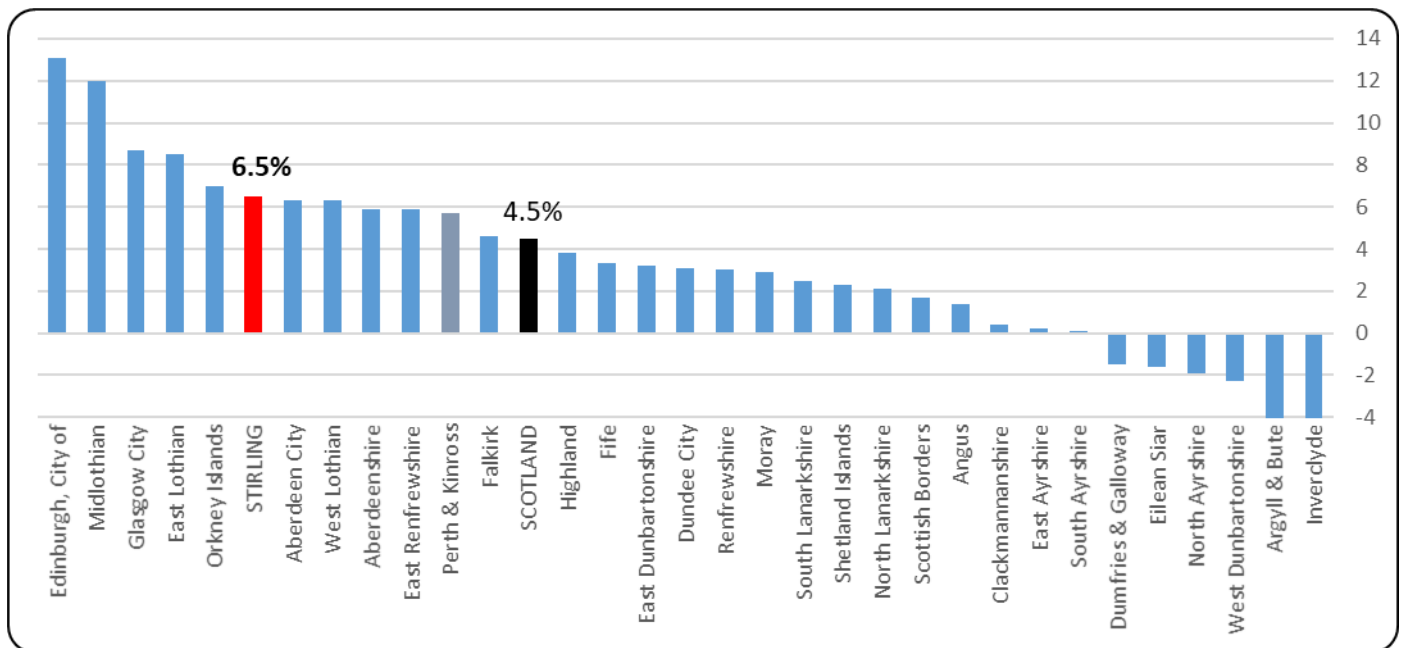
The graph below shows Stirling's estimated age structure of population change over the last 20 years.

**Stirling**  
Population by age and sex, 1998 (area) to 2018 (line)



The chart below shows the estimated population change of all local authorities over the last 10 years.

**Population change (%) of all local authorities 2008-2018**



Stirling's population density is 43 people per square kilometre. The figure for Scotland is 70, ranging from 9 people per square kilometre in Eilean Siar and Highland Council areas to 3,586 in Glasgow City Council area.

More specific details covering historical data and data broken down by single year of age and gender are available either from Paul McNamara (Research Officer) or from the NRS website:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>

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