

# 2008 Mid-Year Population Estimates

Stirling Council Area

# Stirling By Numbers

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## BRIEFING NOTE:

### Population Estimates for Scottish Council areas produced by the General Register Office for Scotland (GRO (S))

Population Estimates released by General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) show Stirling's population at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 was estimated at 88,350, representing a 0.2% increase on the 2007 estimate of 88,190.

Two factors comprise the GROS estimate:

- A "natural" increase in population with births outnumbering deaths by 34 over the year.
- An estimated net in-migration of 108 people into the Stirling Council area.

GRO(S) now produce a more detailed breakdown of migration. Table 1 shows that Stirling has a positive net-migration for both the rest of the UK and overseas. However, as was the case the previous year, it is a different picture within Scotland with 2,899 coming to Stirling and a greater number (3,219) leaving Stirling to reside elsewhere in Scotland.

**Table 1 Components of migration for Stirling Council area: 2007-2008**

IN-Migration				OUT-Migration				NET-Migration			
Within Scotland	Rest of UK	Over-seas	Total	Within Scotland	Rest of UK	Over-seas	Total	Within Scotland	Rest of UK	Over-seas	Total
2,899	1,223	788	<b>4,910</b>	3,219	897	686	<b>4,802</b>	-320	326	102	<b>108</b>

Scotland's population is estimated to have increased by 0.5% (24,300 people) to 5,168,500 over the corresponding period. This is largely due to net in-migration, however there were also significantly more births than deaths with the largest natural increase since 1991-92. The latest population estimate is Scotland's highest since 1981.

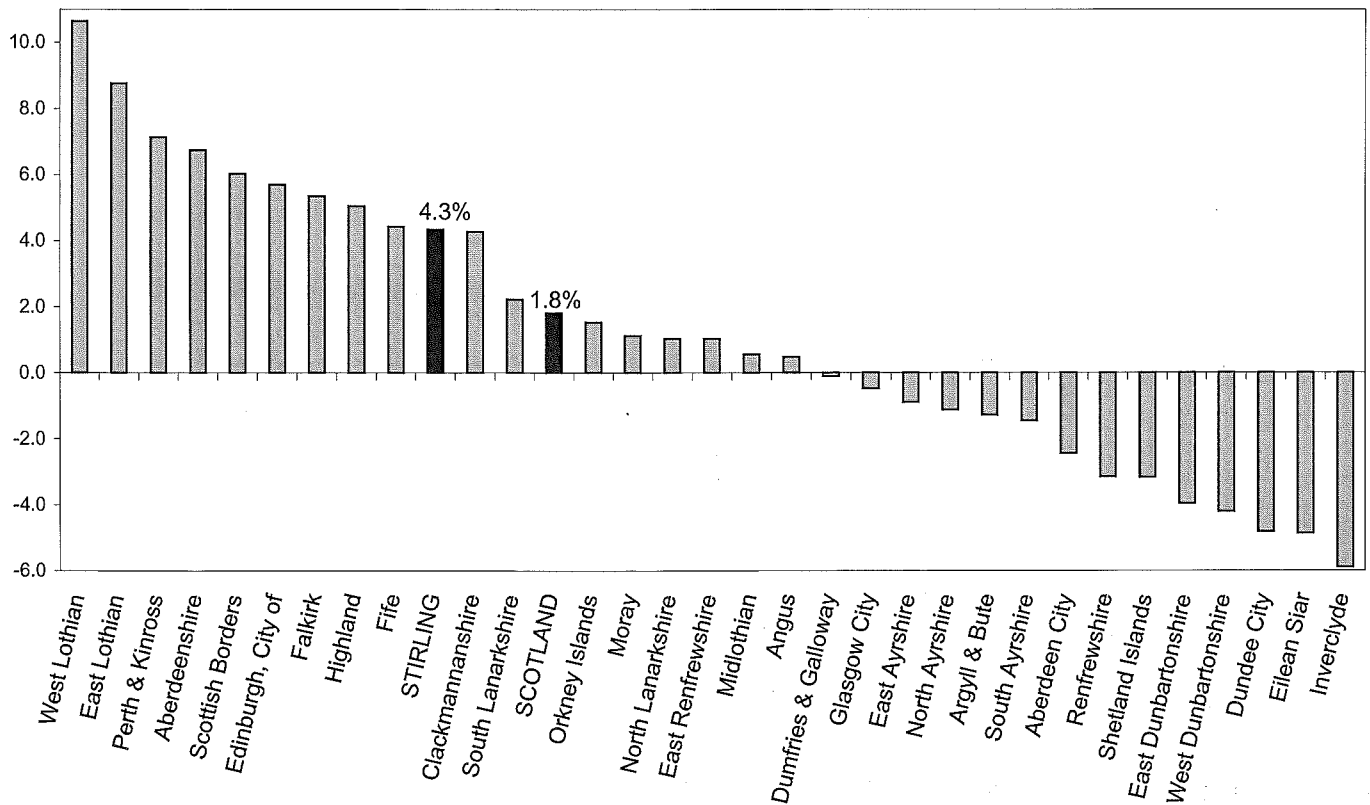
The mid-2008 population estimate for the Forth Valley Health Board area is 290,047, representing a 0.5% increase on the 2007 estimate. In addition to Stirling, this increase is derived from 0.6% and 1.2% estimated increases in Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Council areas respectively. Clackmannanshire had the 4th largest estimated percentage increase of all Scotland's local authorities.

Chart 1 shows the estimated population change of all local authorities from 1998 to 2008. Eighteen show percentage increases in population whilst fourteen show decreases. The percentage increase in Stirling has been more than double the Scottish average.

Stirling's population density is estimated at 40 people per square kilometre. The figure for Scotland is 66, ranging from 9 people per square kilometre in the Highland and Eilean Siar Council areas to 3,329 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 the Research Team or from the GRO(S) website: [www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/](http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/)

**Chart 1 Population change of all local authorities 1998-2008**



Sources: General Register Office for Scotland

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