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Private Sector Rent Statistics, Scotland, 2010 to 2017

Main findings for average rent changes in the latest year (2016 to 2017)

- 15 out of 18 areas of Scotland saw increases in average 2 bedroom private rent levels between 2016 and 2017 (years to end Sept), ranging from 7.0% in Greater Glasgow to 0.7% in the Ayrshires. Rents for 2 bedroom properties in Aberdeen and Shire fell by 9.6%, the third consecutive annual decrease.
- These regional trends combine to show a 4.4% increase in average 2 bedroom monthly rents at a Scotland level from £616 in 2016 to £643 in 2017.
- At a Scotland level there were also increases in rents for 1 bedroom (4.0%), 3 bedroom (4.6%), 4 bedroom (4.9%) and 1 bedroom shared properties (3.0%).
- These increases compare to UK CPI inflation of 3.0% in the year to Sept 2017.

Main findings for average rent changes between 2010 and 2017

- Average rents have increased above the rate of inflation between 2010 and 2017 across all property sizes in both Lothian and Greater Glasgow.
- East Dunbartonshire, Fife, Forth Valley, and Perth and Kinross have seen average rents rise above the rate of inflation for 3 bedroom, 4 bedroom and 1 bedroom shared properties.
- Argyll and Bute, Dumfries and Galloway, and West Dunbartonshire have seen average rents rise less than the rate of inflation, or have seen average rents fall, for all property sizes between 2010 and 2017.

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CHART 1: Cumulative % Change in Average (mean) Rents from 2010 to 2017 (years to end-Sept), by

This publication presents statistics on private sector rent levels in Scotland over the years 2010 to 2017 (years to end-September) for different property sizes across each of the 18 Broad Rental Market Areas in Scotland¹. It contains information on average rents as well as rents at the higher and lower end of the market². The publication uses data from the Rent Service Scotland market evidence database, which is collected for the purposes of determining annual Local Housing Allowance levels and Local Reference Rent.

The rental information contained in the market evidence database is largely based on advertised rents, therefore it is important to note that the statistics presented in this publication do not represent rent increases for existing tenants.

It is also important to note that the data collected on individual rents may encompass different property types and addresses for each data collection year, and that this publication is not an attempt at providing a case-matched, tracked-sample or weighted-index approach to monitoring changes to rent levels over time. See Annex D for further information on methodological differences to the ONS Index of Private Rents.

Main findings for 2 bedroom properties

The most common type of property in the private rented sector is a 2 bedroom property, with almost half (47 per cent) of all private rented properties in Scotland estimated to be this size³. Findings relating to other types of properties can be different to those for 2 bedroom properties, and information on them is provided later in this publication.

- From 2016 to 2017, all areas of Scotland, with the exception of Aberdeen and Shire, Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire, have seen increases in rent for 2 bedroom properties. These ranged from 0.7% in the Ayrshires, up to 6.9% in Lothian and 7.0% in Greater Glasgow. Aberdeen and Shire saw a decrease of 9.6%, the third consecutive annual decrease, which is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties following the downturn in the oil industry. Decreases were also seen in Argyll and Bute (-1.7%) and West Dunbartonshire (-0.5%).
- These regional trends combine to show an increase of 4.4% in average rents for 2 bedroom properties from £616 in 2016 to £643 in 2017. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 3.0% in the year to Sept-17⁴.
- For the year to end-September 2017, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 2 bedroom properties across Scotland (£888). Other areas with high rents included Greater Glasgow (£745), Aberdeen and Shire (£682), and East Dunbartonshire (£653). Areas with the lowest average rents for 2 bedroom

¹ A definition and map of Broad Rental Market Areas is included in this publication in the <u>Section</u> on Broad Rental Market Area Profiles

² Information is provided on means, medians, lower quartiles and upper quartiles. These statistical terms are defined in Annex B – Glossary of Terms

³ Scotland's People Annual Report: Results from the 2016 Scottish Household Survey http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/09/9979

⁴ ONS CPI Reference, published on 17 October 2017 http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/d7bt/mm23

properties included Dumfries and Galloway (£453), Scottish Borders (£459), and the Ayrshires (£467).

- Figures on changes to rents over the period from 2010 to 2017 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 15.9% from Sept-10 to Sept-17⁵. For example, over the 7 year period, average rents for 2 bedroom properties in Lothian and Greater Glasgow have risen faster than the consumer price index, whilst changes in average rents for 2 bedroom properties in other areas of the country have been below the rise in the consumer price index.
- These regional trends over the 7 year period combine to show a 19.9% cumulative increase in average monthly rents from £536 in 2010 to £643 in 2017 for 2 bedroom properties at the Scotland level.

The changes in average rents for 2 bedroom properties between 2016 to 2017, and 2010 to 2017, are illustrated in Figure A and Figure B, respectively.

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⁵ ONS CPI Reference, published on 17 October 2017 http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/d7bt/mm23

Figure A: Change in average (mean) rents for 2 bedroom properties between 2016 and 2017.

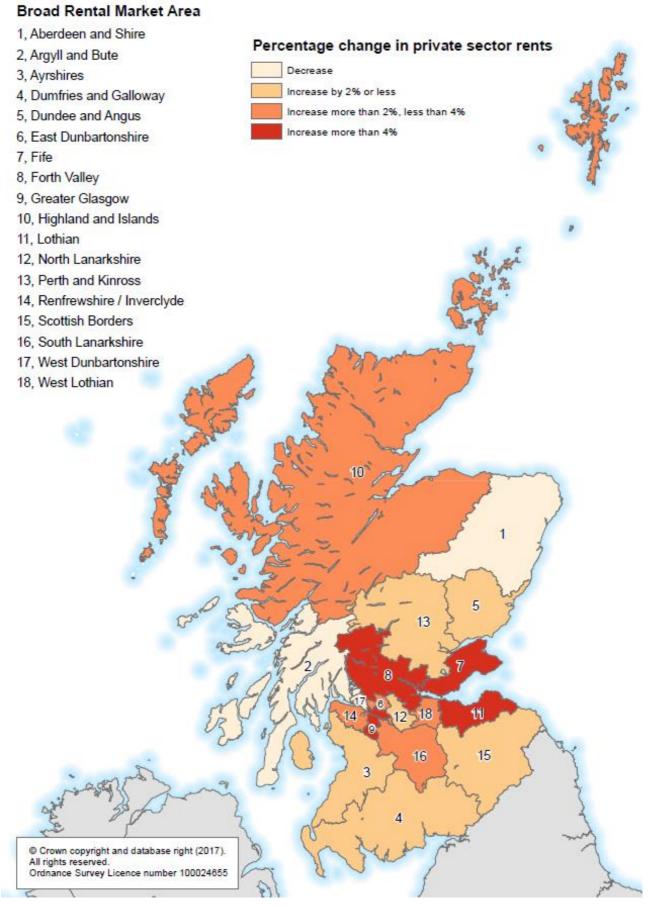
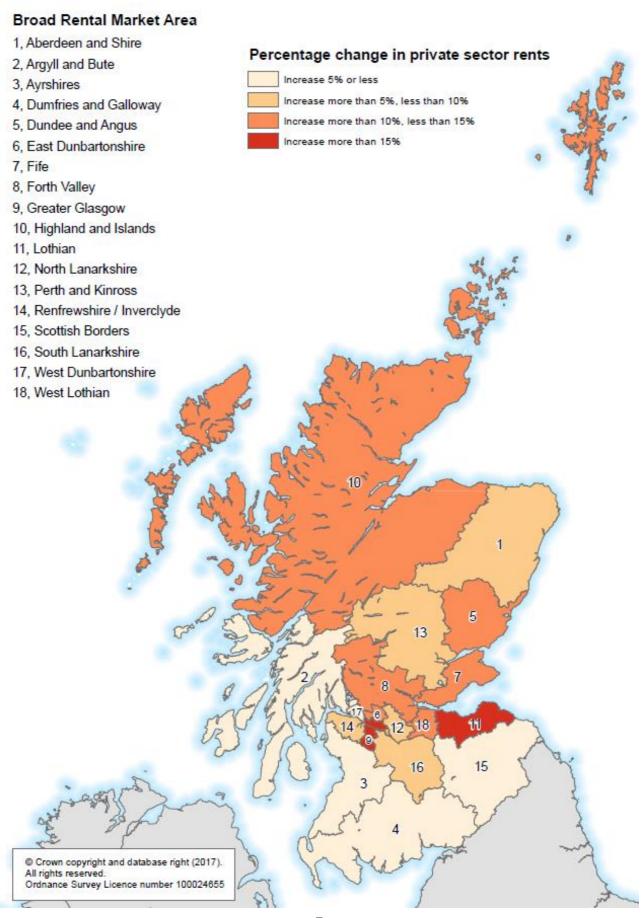


Figure B: Percentage change in average (mean) rents for 2 bedroom properties between 2010 and 2017.



Aims and feedback

The aim of this statistical publication is to provide a detailed and user friendly presentation of private rental values, trends and distributions. The main users of this publication are likely to include those involved in housing policy and practice, researchers, tenants, landlords, letting agents, and other individuals with an interest in the private rented sector.

We welcome your views and feedback on the format and content of this publication, along with any suggestions for areas of improvements that could be made. Contact details are listed on the back page, or you can email us at housingstatistics@gov.scot.

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Background

This publication uses data from the Rent Service Scotland 'Market Evidence Database'. This database is used to meet the needs of determining annual Local Housing Allowance levels and Local Reference Rent, and data from it is also published in the form of 30th percentile rental prices⁶ at Broad Rental Market Area level. The market evidence data on private rents is sourced through a variety of means, including private landlord and letting agent returns, mailshot initiatives, as well as advertised rental information. In the latest year an estimated 97% of records were based on advertised rents, with the remainder being based on actual rents from landlord returns. Given the high proportion of records obtained from advertised rents, it is important to note that the statistics presented in this publication do not represent rent increases for existing tenants

The rental values in this publication are based on data collected on about 25,000 to 28,000 individual rents each year, representing about 8% to 10% of private rented dwellings. It is important to note that the data collected on individual rents may encompass different property types and addresses for each data collection year, and that this publication is not an attempt at providing a case-matched, tracked-sample or weighted-index approach to monitoring changes in rent levels over time. See Annex D for further information on methodological differences to the ONS Index of Private Rents.

Caution is advised when considering rent levels and trends for property sizes within Broad Rental Market Areas which are based on small sample sizes.

This publication **does not present** rental values averaged across all property sizes for Broad Rental Market Areas or at a Scotland level. This is because changes to sampling proportions by property size within each Broad Rental Market Area over the years would introduce bias into overall averages when comparing trends over time. In addition, each Broad Rental Market Area has a different profile of rental properties by size, which would also distort overall comparisons between Broad Rental Market Areas.

This publication uses data from the Rent Service Scotland market evidence database, which:

• **excludes** any rents related to social housing, mid-market rents, halls of residence, and private tenancies known to be the subject of housing benefit and regulated tenancies.

In addition:

 Rental information on studio/bedsit properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, and bed and breakfast lodgings has been **excluded** from this publication due to small sample sizes.

• Rents for a **bedroom in a shared property** are presented as **'rent only'** figures, i.e. do not include the additional cost of shared services where these are known.

Further details on the data collection methodology, including sample sizes and sampling proportions is given in Annex C.

⁶ http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/privaterent/tenants/Local-Housing-Allowance/figures

Main Findings for 1 Bedroom Properties

Over the past year, 14 out of 18 areas have seen increases in rent for 1 bedroom properties. Lothian has seen the highest increase (7.9%) while Greater Glasgow has seen an increase of 5.6% between 2016 and 2017. These are the only two areas that have shown increases which are higher than the CPI inflation of 3.0% over the same time period. Other areas that have seen increases range from 1.0% in the Ayrshires to 2.8% in both Dundee and Angus and South Lanarkshire. Four areas saw a decrease, ranging from -0.2% in Dumfries and Galloway to -11.5% in Aberdeen and Shire. This is the second consecutive annual decrease for Aberdeen and Shire, which is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties following the downturn in the oil industry. See Chart 2 and Table 1 below.

Average rents for 1 bedroom properties have increased by 4.0% between 2016 and 2017, at the Scotland level, from £482 in 2016 to £501 in 2017. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 3.0% in the year to Sept-17.

Figures on changes to rents for 1 bedroom properties over the period from 2010 to 2017 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 15.9% from Sept-10 to Sept-17. Over the 7 year period from 2010 to 2017, two areas have seen rent increases above the level of CPI inflation. Lothian has seen the highest increase in private rents for 1 bedroom properties, with average rents rising by 35.3% (cumulative increase over 7 years) and average rents in the Greater Glasgow area have risen by 25.6% between 2010 and 2017.

For the remaining areas of Scotland, cumulative increases were below CPI inflation and have ranged from 0.5% in West Dunbartonshire to 13.3% in Highlands and Islands. Two areas saw average rents fall between 2010 and 2017. These were the Ayrshires (-1.5%) and Aberdeen and Shire (-5.3%). These regional trends combine to show a 15.0% cumulative increase for 1 bedroom properties from £436 in 2010 to £501 in 2017.

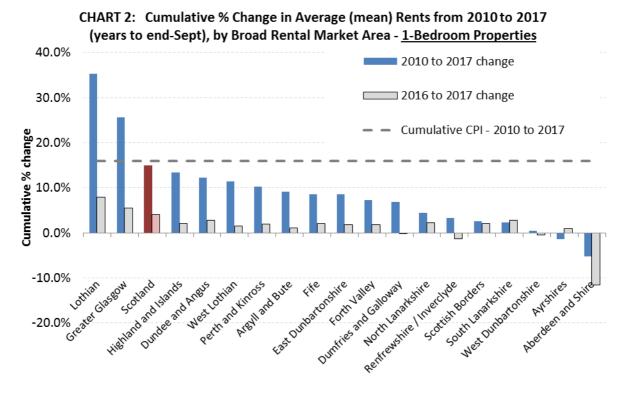


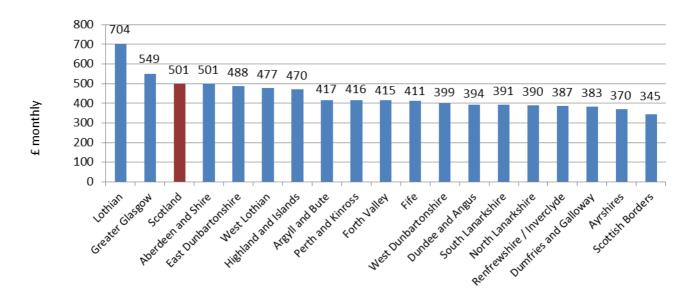
TABLE 1: 1 Bedroom Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£): Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2017, by Broad Rental Market Area

				2010 to	2016 to
				2017	2017
	2010	2016	2017	change	change
Lothian	520	653	704	35.3%	7.9%
Greater Glasgow	437	520	549	25.6%	5.6%
Scotland	436	482	501	15.0%	4.0%
Highland and Islands	415	461	470	13.3%	2.1%
Dundee and Angus	351	383	394	12.2%	2.8%
West Lothian	428	470	477	11.4%	1.5%
Perth and Kinross	377	408	416	10.3%	2.0%
Argyll and Bute	382	412	417	9.2%	1.2%
Fife	379	403	411	8.6%	2.2%
East Dunbartonshire	450	479	488	8.5%	1.9%
Forth Valley	387	408	415	7.2%	1.8%
Dumfries and Galloway	359	384	383	6.8%	-0.2%
North Lanarkshire	373	381	390	4.5%	2.2%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	374	392	387	3.3%	-1.3%
Scottish Borders	336	338	345	2.6%	2.1%
South Lanarkshire	382	381	391	2.4%	2.8%
West Dunbartonshire	397	400	399	0.5%	-0.4%
Ayrshires	375	366	370	-1.5%	1.0%
Aberdeen and Shire	529	566	501	-5.3%	-11.5%

See Reference Tables (Tables 7 to 14) for a more detailed breakdown of quartile and average rents for each year.

For the year to end-September 2017, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 1 bedroom properties across Scotland (£704), with Greater Glasgow having rents of £549. Areas with the lowest average rents for 1 bedroom properties included Scottish Borders (£345) and Ayrshires (£370). See Chart 3 below.

CHART 3: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2017 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 1-Bedroom Properties



Main Findings for 2 Bedroom Properties

From 2016 to 2017, 15 out of 18 areas have seen increases in rent for 2 bedroom properties. These ranged from 0.7% in the Ayrshires to 6.9% in Lothian and 7.0% in Greater Glasgow. The areas which showed decreases in average rents for 2 bedroom properties between 2016 and 2017 were Aberdeen and Shire (-9.6%), Argyll and Bute (-1.7%) and West Dunbartonshire (-0.5%). This is the third consecutive annual decrease for Aberdeen and Shire, which is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties following the downturn in the oil industry. See Chart 4 and Table 2 below.

These regional trends combine to show an increase of 4.4% in average rents between 2016 and 2017 for 2 bedroom properties, at the Scotland level, from £616 to £643. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 3.0% in the year to Sept-17.

Over the 7 year period from 2010 to 2017, the Lothian area of the country has seen the highest increase in private rents for 2 bedroom properties, with average monthly rents rising from £665 per month to £888, or 33.7% (cumulative increase over 7 years). Average rents in the Greater Glasgow area have risen by a cumulative 32.1% over the last 7 years (from £564 to £745).

For the remaining areas of Scotland, cumulative increases over the last 7 years have ranged from 0.7% in West Dunbartonshire to 14.9% in Fife.

These regional trends combine to show a 19.9% cumulative increase in average rents from 2010 to 2017 for 2 bedroom properties at the Scotland level, from £536 to £643.

Figures on changes to rents over the period from 2010 to 2017 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 15.9% from Sept-10 to Sept-17. Over the 7 year period, average rents for 2 bedroom properties in the Lothian and Greater Glasgow areas have risen faster than the consumer price index, whilst changes in average rents for 2 bedroom properties in other areas of the country have been below the rise in the consumer price index.

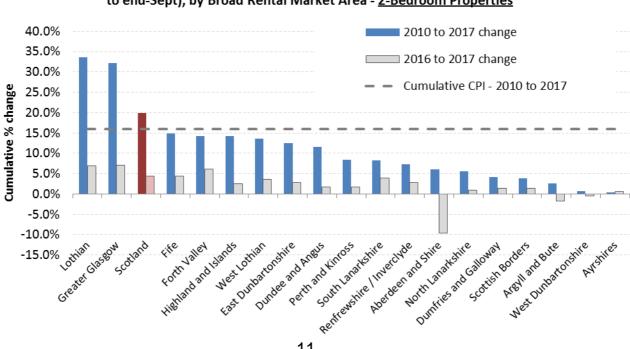


CHART 4: Cumulative % Change in Average (mean) Rents from 2010 to 2017 (years to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 2-Bedroom Properties

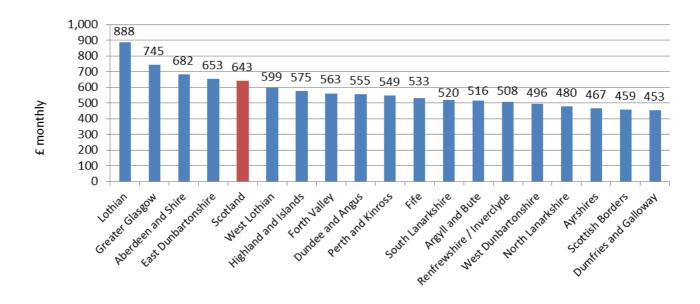
TABLE 2: 2 Bedroom Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£): Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2017, by Broad Rental Market Area

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				2010 to	2016 to
				2017	2017
	2010	2016	2017	change	change
Lothian	665	831	888	33.7%	6.9%
Greater Glasgow	564	696	745	32.1%	7.0%
Scotland	536	616	643	19.9%	4.4%
Fife	464	511	533	14.9%	4.4%
Forth Valley	492	530	563	14.2%	6.2%
Highland and Islands	503	561	575	14.2%	2.5%
West Lothian	527	578	599	13.5%	3.6%
East Dunbartonshire	581	636	653	12.4%	2.8%
Dundee and Angus	497	546	555	11.6%	1.6%
Perth and Kinross	506	540	549	8.4%	1.7%
South Lanarkshire	481	500	520	8.2%	4.0%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	473	494	508	7.3%	2.8%
Aberdeen and Shire	643	754	682	6.1%	-9.6%
North Lanarkshire	455	476	480	5.6%	0.9%
Dumfries and Galloway	435	447	453	4.2%	1.5%
Scottish Borders	442	452	459	3.9%	1.4%
Argyll and Bute	503	525	516	2.6%	-1.7%
West Dunbartonshire	492	498	496	0.7%	-0.5%
Ayrshires	464	463	467	0.5%	0.7%

See Reference Tables (Tables 7 to 14) for a more detailed breakdown of quartile and average rents for each year.

For the year to end-September 2017, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 2 bedroom properties across Scotland (£888). Other areas with higher rents included Greater Glasgow (£745), and Aberdeen and Shire (£682). Areas with the lowest average rents for 2 bedroom properties were Dumfries and Galloway (£453) and Scottish Borders (£459). See Chart 5 below.

CHART 5: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2017 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 2-Bedroom Properties



Main Findings for 3 Bedroom Properties

Between 2016 and 2017, 15 out of 18 areas saw increases in rents. These ranged from 1.3% in Renfrewshire / Inverclyde and 1.9% in Ayrshires to 10.9% in Forth Valley. Three areas saw decreases; these were North Lanarkshire (-1.6%), Argyll and Bute (-2.1%), and Aberdeen and Shire (-6.9%). This is the third consecutive annual decrease for Aberdeen and Shire, which is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties following the downturn in the oil industry. See Chart 6 and Table 3 below.

These regional trends combine to show an increase of 4.6% in average rents from £753 in 2016 to £787 in 2017 for 3 bedroom properties, at the Scotland level. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 3.0% in the year to Sept-17.

Over the 7 year period from 2010 to 2017, the Greater Glasgow area has seen the greatest increase in private rents for 3 bedroom properties, with average monthly rents rising from £728 to £965, a 32.5% increase (cumulative over 7 years). Average rents have increased in Lothian by 24.6% and by 23.2% in East Dunbartonshire.

For all other areas of Scotland, average rents for 3 bedroom properties have also increased. From 2010 to 2017, cumulative increases have ranged from 1.2% in North Lanarkshire to 17.0% in Forth Valley. Average rents in Aberdeen and Shire have risen by 16.4% over the 7 years despite rents falling between 2014 and 2017.

These regional trends combine to show a 15.9% cumulative increase from £679 in 2010 to £787 in 2017 for 3 bedroom properties at the Scotland level.

Figures on changes to rents for 3 bedroom properties over the period from 2010 to 2017 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 15.9% from Sept-10 to Sept-17. Over the 7 year period, average rents for 3 bedroom properties have risen faster than the consumer price index in 8 areas, shown in Chart 6 below.

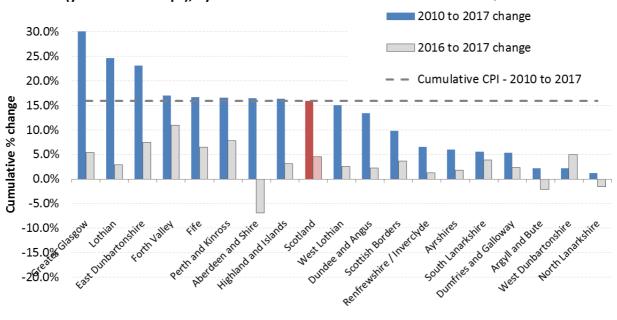


CHART 6: Cumulative % Change in Average (mean) Rents from 2010 to 2017 (years to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 3-Bedroom Properties

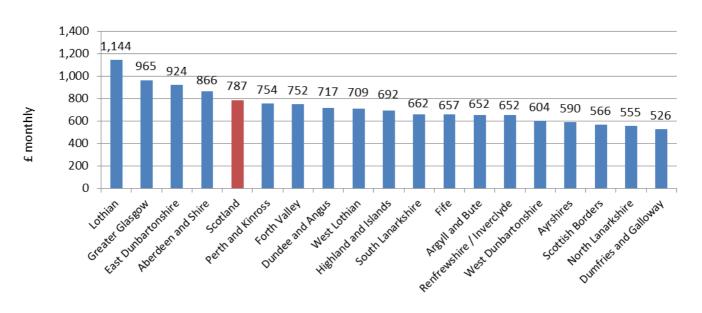
TABLE 3: 3 Bedroom Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£): Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2017, by Broad Rental Market Area

					
				2010 to	2016 to
				2017	2017
	2010	2016	2017	change	change
Greater Glasgow	728	915	965	32.5%	5.4%
Lothian	918	1,112	1,144	24.6%	2.9%
East Dunbartonshire	750	859	924	23.2%	7.5%
Forth Valley	643	678	752	17.0%	10.9%
Fife	563	617	657	16.7%	6.5%
Perth and Kinross	647	700	754	16.6%	7.8%
Aberdeen and Shire	744	930	866	16.4%	-6.9%
Highland and Islands	595	672	692	16.4%	3.1%
Scotland	679	753	787	15.9%	4.6%
West Lothian	616	691	709	15.0%	2.6%
Dundee and Angus	633	702	717	13.4%	2.2%
Scottish Borders	515	546	566	9.9%	3.6%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	612	643	652	6.5%	1.3%
Ayrshires	556	579	590	6.0%	1.9%
South Lanarkshire	627	637	662	5.5%	3.9%
Dumfries and Galloway	500	514	526	5.3%	2.4%
Argyll and Bute	638	666	652	2.2%	-2.1%
West Dunbartonshire	591	575	604	2.2%	5.0%
North Lanarkshire	549	564	555	1.2%	-1.6%

See Reference Tables (Tables 7 to 14) for a more detailed breakdown of quartile and average rents for each year.

For the year to end-September 2017, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 3 bedroom properties across Scotland (£1,144). Other areas with higher rents than the Scottish average for 3 bedroom properties (£787) were Greater Glasgow (£965), East Dunbartonshire (£924) and Aberdeen and Shire (£866). Areas with the lowest average rents included Dumfries and Galloway (£526), North Lanarkshire (£555), and Scottish Borders (£566). See Chart 7 below.

CHART 7: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2017 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 3-Bedroom Properties



Main Findings for 4 Bedroom Properties

From 2016 to 2017, 13 out of 18 areas have seen increases in rent for 4 bedroom properties. The increases ranged from 0.7% in Highlands and Islands to 17.3% in Greater Glasgow and 21.5% in East Dunbartonshire. Perth and Kinross saw no change in average rents for 4 bedroom properties from 2016 to 2017, while four areas saw decreases, ranging from -0.1% in the Ayrshires to -9.5% in Aberdeen and Shire. This is the third consecutive annual decrease for Aberdeen and Shire, which is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties following the downturn in the oil industry. See Chart 8 and Table 4 below.

The regional trends combine to show a 4.9% increase for 4 bedroom properties from £1,089 in 2016 to £1,143 in 2017 at the Scotland level. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 3.0% in the year to Sept-17.

Over the 2010 to 2017 period, Greater Glasgow has seen the highest increase in private rents for 4 bedroom properties, with average monthly rents rising by 42.8% (cumulative increase over 7 years). Average rents in East Dunbartonshire have risen by 36.7%, whilst average rents in Renfrewshire / Inverclyde have risen by 31.4%.

For the other areas of Scotland, cumulative increases have ranged from 6.1% in Argyll and Bute to 29.1% in Dundee and Angus. No areas of Scotland have seen decreases in average rent for 4 bedroom properties between 2010 and 2017.

These regional trends combine to show a 19.2% cumulative increase from £959 in 2010 to £1,143 in 2017 for 4 bedroom properties at the Scotland level.

Figures on changes to rents for 4 bedroom properties over the period from 2010 to 2017 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 15.9% from Sept-10 to Sept-17. For example over the 7 year period, average rents for 4 bedroom properties in 12 out of the 18 areas have risen faster than the consumer price index, whilst changes in average rents for 4 bedroom properties in the other 6 areas of the country have been below the rise in the consumer price index. These can be seen in Chart 8.

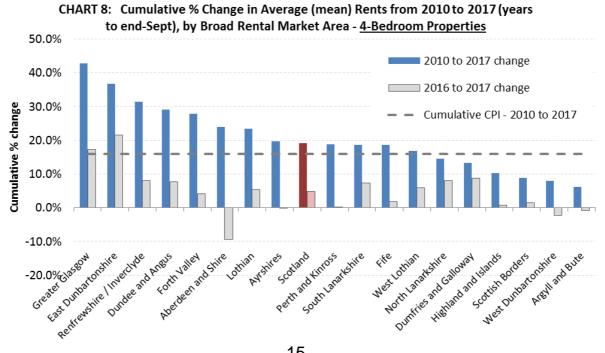


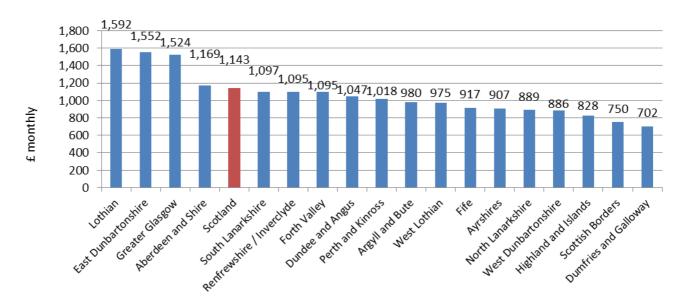
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				2017	2017
	2010	2016	2017	change	change
Greater Glasgow	1,067	1,299	1,524	42.8%	17.3%
East Dunbartonshire	1,135	1,277	1,552	36.7%	21.5%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	834	1,015	1,095	31.4%	8.0%
Dundee and Angus	811	973	1,047	29.1%	7.7%
Forth Valley	857	1,052	1,095	27.8%	4.1%
Aberdeen and Shire	944	1,291	1,169	23.9%	-9.5%
Lothian	1,291	1,512	1,592	23.4%	5.3%
Ayrshires	758	908	907	19.6%	-0.1%
Scotland	959	1,089	1,143	19.2%	4.9%
Perth and Kinross	858	1,018	1,018	18.8%	0.0%
South Lanarkshire	924	1,022	1,097	18.7%	7.3%
Fife	773	901	917	18.6%	1.8%
West Lothian	834	920	975	16.9%	6.0%
North Lanarkshire	776	823	889	14.6%	8.0%
Dumfries and Galloway	620	646	702	13.3%	8.8%
Highland and Islands	751	822	828	10.3%	0.7%
Scottish Borders	690	740	750	8.8%	1.4%
West Dunbartonshire	821	907	886	7.9%	-2.3%
Argyll and Bute	924	989	980	6.1%	-0.8%

See Reference Tables (Tables 7 to 14) for a more detailed breakdown of quartile and average rents for each year.

For the year to end-September 2017, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 4 bedroom properties across Scotland (£1,592). Other areas with higher rents included East Dunbartonshire (£1,552), Greater Glasgow (£1,524), and Aberdeen and Shire (£1,169). Areas with the lowest average rents included Dumfries and Galloway (£702), Scottish Borders (£750), and Highlands and Islands (£828). See Chart 9 below.

CHART 9: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2017 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 4-Bedroom Properties



Main Findings for 1 Bedroom in a Shared Property

From 2016 to 2017, 15 out of 18 areas have seen increases in rent for 1 bedroom shared properties. The increases ranged from 0.1% in Renfrewshire / Inverclyde to 18.7% in East Dunbartonshire. There were three areas that saw decreases, ranging from -0.3% in Argyll and Bute to -11.3% in Aberdeen and Shire. This is the second consecutive annual decrease for Aberdeen and Shire, which is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties following the downturn in the oil industry. See Chart 10 and Table 5 below.

These regional trends combine to show an increase of 3.0% in average rents from £340 in 2016 to £350 in 2017 for 1 bedroom in a shared property at the Scotland level. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 3.0% in the year to Sept-17.

Over the 7 year period from 2010 to 2017, Forth Valley has seen the highest increase in average private rents for 1 bedroom shared properties, with average rents rising by 29.5% (cumulative increase over 7 years).

A further 10 areas have seen increases that were higher than the Scotland average over the 7 years (16.6%). These ranged from 16.8% in North Lanarkshire to 28.4% in Fife.

Other areas that saw increases to a lesser extent ranged from 2.7% in Renfrewshire / Inverclyde to 14.6% in West Dunbartonshire. Argyll and Bute was the only area to see an decrease in average rents between 2010 and 2017 (-4.7%).

These regional trends combine to show a 16.6% cumulative increase from £300 in 2010 to £350 in 2017 for 1 bedroom shared properties at the Scotland level.

Figures on changes to rents for 1 bedroom shared properties over the period from 2010 to 2017 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 15.9% from Sept-10 to Sept-17. Over the 7 year period, average rents for 1 bedroom shared properties in 11 out of 18 areas of Scotland have risen faster than the consumer price index, whilst changes in average rents for 1 bedroom shared properties in other areas of the country have been below the rise in the consumer price index. This is shown on Chart 10.

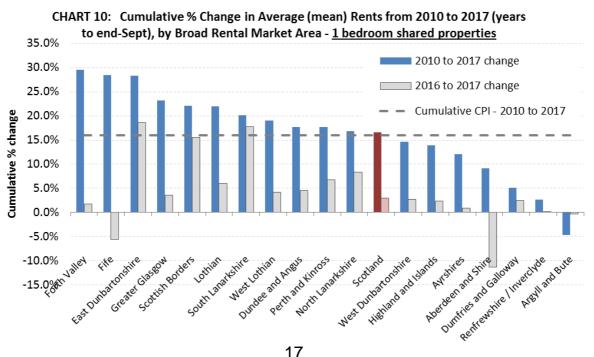


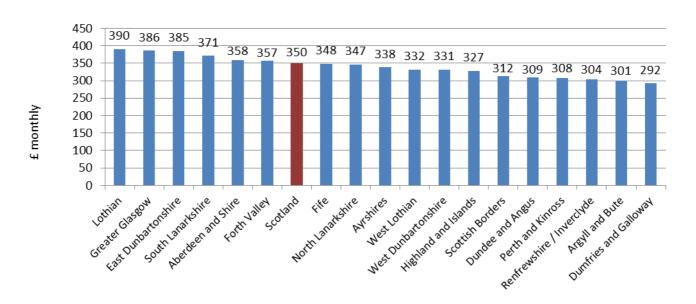
TABLE 5: 1 Bedroom Shared Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£): Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2017, by Broad Rental Market Area

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			·	2010 to	2016 to
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	2010	2016	2017	change	change
Forth Valley	276	351	357	29.5%	1.8%
Fife	271	368	348	28.4%	-5.6%
East Dunbartonshire	300	325	385	28.3%	18.7%
Greater Glasgow	313	372	386	23.1%	3.6%
Scottish Borders	256	270	312	22.1%	15.5%
Lothian	320	368	390	22.0%	6.1%
South Lanarkshire	309	315	371	20.1%	17.8%
West Lothian	279	318	332	19.0%	4.2%
Dundee and Angus	263	296	309	17.6%	4.6%
Perth and Kinross	262	288	308	17.6%	6.8%
North Lanarkshire	297	320	347	16.8%	8.4%
Scotland	300	340	350	16.6%	3.0%
West Dunbartonshire	289	322	331	14.6%	2.8%
Highland and Islands	287	320	327	13.9%	2.3%
Ayrshires	302	335	338	12.1%	0.9%
Aberdeen and Shire	328	404	358	9.1%	-11.3%
Dumfries and Galloway	278	285	292	5.1%	2.5%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	296	304	304	2.7%	0.1%
Argyll and Bute	316	302	301	-4.7%	-0.3%

Note: Figures for rooms in shared properties represent "rent only", i.e. exclude any payments for shared services. See Reference Tables (Tables 7 to 14) for a more detailed breakdown of quartile and average rents for each year.

For the year to end-September 2017, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 1 bedroom shared properties across Scotland (£390). Other areas with higher rents included Greater Glasgow (£386), East Dunbartonshire (£385), South Lanarkshire (£371), and Aberdeen and Shire (£358). Areas with the lowest average rents included Dumfries and Galloway (£292), Argyll and Bute (£301) and Renfrewshire / Inverclyde (£304). See Chart 11 below.

CHART 11: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2017 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 1-Bedroom Shared Properties



Scotland-level Average Rents

Table 6 and Chart 12 below provide a summary of Scotland level changes to average (mean) rental prices over the years 2010 to 2017. Further information on the suitability of carrying out analysis at a Scotland level given the sample proportions each year across Broad Rental Market Areas is included in Annex C.

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CHART 12: Average (mean) monthly rents, by Property Size: Scotland, 2010 to 2017

TABLE 6: Summary of Average (mean) Private Rents (£ monthly): Scotland, 2010 to 2017 (years to end Sept)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Bedroom Property	436	439	447	454	472	480	482	501
2 Bedroom Property	536	546	553	576	596	610	616	643
3 Bedroom Property	679	672	695	707	724	744	753	787
4 Bedroom Property	959	971	983	1,060	1,083	1,097	1,089	1,143
1 Bedroom in Shared Property	300	294	301	309	317	327	340	350

Percentage Increases:

Percentage increases:								
	2010 to	2011 to	2012 to	2013 to	2014 to	2015 to	2016 to	2010 to
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017
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	increase)							
1 Bedroom Property	0.8%	1.8%	1.6%	3.9%	1.6%	0.4%	4.0%	15.0%
2 Bedroom Property	1.9%	1.2%	4.2%	3.6%	2.2%	1.0%	4.4%	19.9%
3 Bedroom Property	-1.0%	3.4%	1.8%	2.3%	2.8%	1.2%	4.6%	15.9%
4 Bedroom Property	1.3%	1.2%	7.8%	2.2%	1.3%	-0.7%	4.9%	19.2%
1 Bedroom in Shared Property	-2.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	3.0%	4.0%	3.0%	16.6%

Notes:

Figures exclude any studio properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, or room rents associated with bed and breakfast lodgings. Figures for rooms in shared properties represent "rent only", i.e. exclude any payments for shared services.

Note that some caution is needed when interpreting Scotland level findings. This is because whilst the underlying data aims to be representative of rents within each broad rental market area, no attempt has been made to apply any formal weighting techniques to account for any specific area-level sample sizes or structures when aggregating up to a single Scotland level figure.

From Table 6, it can be seen that average (mean) rents at a Scotland level have increased for all property sizes over the period from 2010 to 2017 (cumulative increases over 7 years).

The greatest cumulative increases over the 7 years from 2010 to 2017 have been for 2 bedroom properties (19.9% increase) and 4 bedroom properties (19.2% increase). Rents for 1 bedroom in shared properties have seen a cumulative increase of 16.6% whilst 3 bedroom properties have increased by 15.9%. Over the 7 years, 1 bedroom properties have seen a cumulative increase of 15.0%.

For 1, 2 and 3 bedroom properties, the latest annual increases of 4.0%, 4.4% and 4.6%, respectively, between 2016 and 2017 are all higher than any previous annual increases since 2010. For 4 bedroom properties, the latest annual increase of 4.9% between 2016 and 2017 is higher than any previous year since 2010, except for the 7.8% increase that was seen between 2012 and 2013. For 1 bedroom shared properties, the latest annual increase of 3.0% between 2016 and 2017 is broadly similar to previous annual increases since 2010, which have ranged from 2.5% to 4.0%, except for the 2.0% drop that was seen between 2010 and 2011.

Note that some of the Scotland level trends may reflect in part any significant trends at a local area level, for example cumulative increases in average rents for particular property sizes in particular areas of the country, rather than being indicative of trends in rents across all areas of the country.

Broad Rental Market Area Profiles

This section provides profiles for private rents in each of the 18 Broad Rental Market Areas⁷. The commentary focusses on annual changes and 7 year cumulative changes for average (mean) rents by property sizes, as well as changes over time to the bottom end (lower quartile) and top end (upper quartile) of the rental markets. The commentary does not cover changes to median rents given that these often show similar trends to mean rents, however users may also wish to look at the median figures and trends in the profile tables and charts⁸.

The map on the following page illustrates the different geographical areas covered by each Broad Rental Market Area. It is also possible to search for the Broad Rental Market Area associated with a particular postcode at http://lha-direct.voa.gov.uk/search.aspx. This website provides detailed PDF maps of each area.

The infographic on page 23 illustrates the changes in average rents in each area by property size.

Excel versions of each of the Broad Rental Market Area Profiles along with an online Interactive Excel Workbook, in which different rental measures, Broad Rental Market Areas and property sizes can be selected and compared in the same chart, are both available at http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Housing-Regeneration.

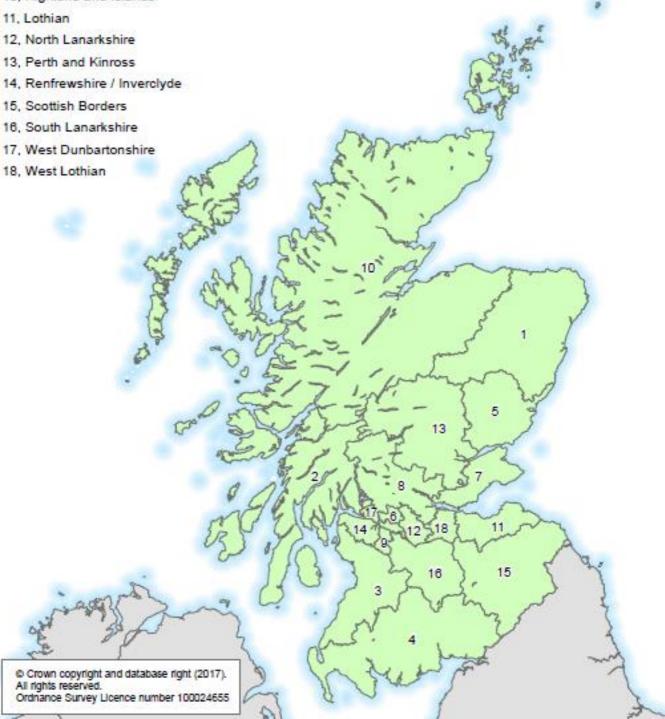
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⁷ A Broad Rental Market Area for Local Housing Allowance purposes is defined as an area in which a person could reasonably be expected to live having regard to facilities and services for the purposes of health, education, recreation, personal banking and shopping, taking account of the distance of travel, by public and private transport, to and from those facilities and services.

⁸ Means, medians, and lower and upper quartiles are defined in <u>Annex B – Glossary of Terms</u>.

Broad Rental Market Area

- 1. Aberdeen and Shire
- 2, Argyll and Bute
- 3, Ayrshires
- 4, Dumfries and Galloway
- 5, Dundee and Angus
- 6, East Dunbartonshire
- 7, Fife
- 8, Forth Valley
- 9, Greater Glasgow
- 10, Highland and Islands



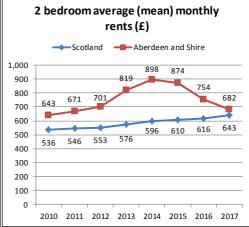
Average Private Rent Levels in Scotland, 2010 to 2017 Scotland **Forth Valley Highland and Islands Argyll and Bute** Aberdeen and Shire **Perth and Kinross** 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 **Dundee and Angus** West Dunbartonshire 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 **North Lanarkshire** 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 Renfrewshire / Inverclyde 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 **Greater Glasgow** Lothian £1,600 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 **Dumfries and Galloway** 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Aberdeen and Shire

Average (mean) rents have decreased across all property sizes between 2016 and 2017. The latest annual decreases range from -6.9% for 3 bedroom properties, to -11.5% for 1 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of +3.0% across this time period. Average rents for 2, 3, and 4 bedroom properties began decreasing between 2014 and 2015, following which average rents have fallen for each property size since then. This is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties following the downturn in the oil industry. Despite these drops, average rents in 2017 are still higher than in 2010 except for 1 bedroom properties, which have seen a drop of 5%. Since 2010, 3 and 4 bedroom property rents have increased by 16.4% and 23.9% respectively, which is higher than CPI inflation (15.9%) over this period.

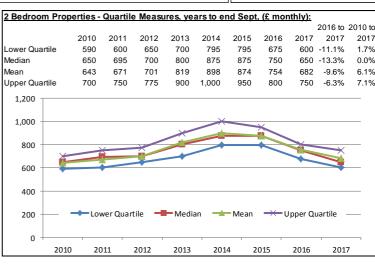
For 3 and 4 bedroom properties, greater increases at the top end (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartile) between 2012 and 2014 caused the gap between the top end and bottom ends to widen, although this gap has narrowed in more recent years.

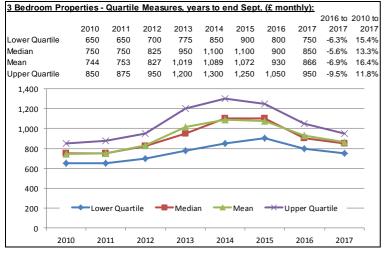
The average 2 bedroom rent in 2017 was £682 per month, higher than the Scotland average of £643, however this gap has narrowed in recent years as rents in Aberdeen and Shire have fallen while the Scotland average has increased.

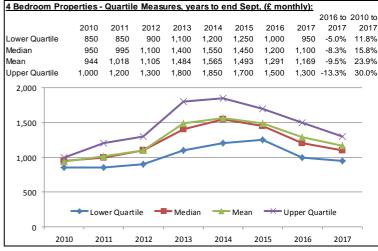


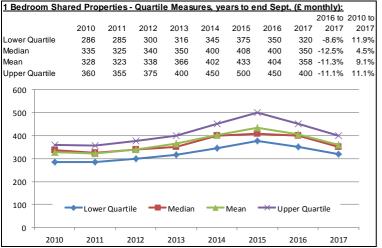


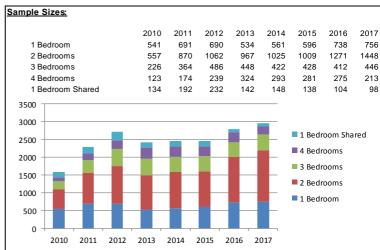
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Median	525	550	550	600	650	675	550	500	-9.1%	-4.8%
Mean	529	540	555	600	664	667	566	501	-11.5%	-5.3%
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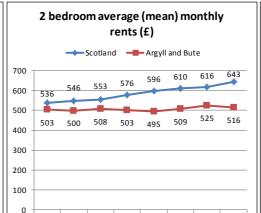


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Argyll and Bute

Average (mean) rents in Argyll and Bute have decreased between 2016 and 2017 for all property sizes, except 1 bedroom properties. Decreases range from -0.3% to -2.1% for 1 bedroom shared and 3 bedroom properties, respectively. An increase of 1.2% was seen for 1 bedroom properties, however this is below CPI inflation of 3.0%. Despite the decreases seen in the latest year, between 2010 and 2017, average rents have increased for all property sizes, except 1 bedroom shared. These increases range from 2.2% to 9.2% for 3 and 1 bedroom properties, respectively, which compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

For 1 bedroom properties, an increase in the bottom end of the market (lower quartile) has caused the gap between the top and bottom ends to narrow in the latest year, whilst for 1 bedroom shared and 4 bedroom properties there has been an increase in the upper quartile and a decrease in the lower quartile in the most recent year, widening the gap between top and bottom ends

Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has grown over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £516 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.



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Median	395	395	395	400	395	400	400	400	0.0%	1.3%
Mean	382	369	383	399	395	398	412	417	1.2%	9.2%
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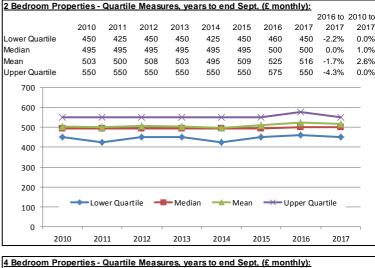
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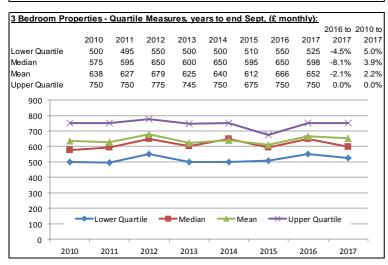
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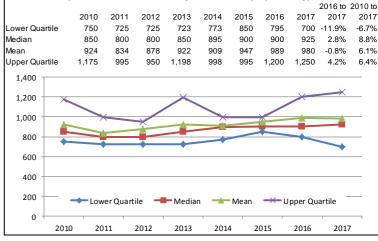
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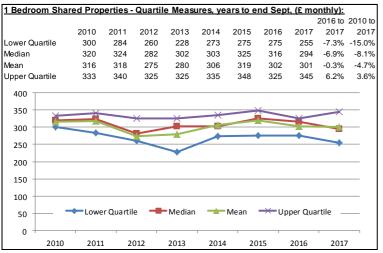
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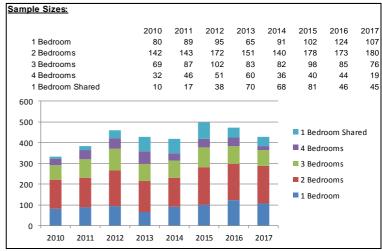


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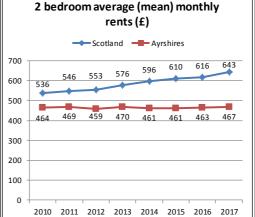


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Ayrshires

Between 2016 and 2017, average (mean) rents have remained fairly constant across all property sizes in the Ayrshires, with changes varying from -0.1% for 4 bedroom properties to +1.9% for 3 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2017, average rents have increased for all property sizes, except 1 bedroom. The largest increases have been seen for 4 bedroom and 1 bedroom shared properties, with increases of 19.6% and 12.1%, respectively, which compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

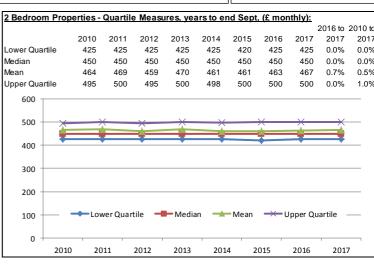
For 4 bedroom properties, an increase in the top end (upper quartile) has widened the gap between bottom end and top end rents in the latest year. The gap for 1 bedroom properties has narrowed in the latest year due to an increase in the bottom end (lower quartile) and is the now same as it was in 2010.

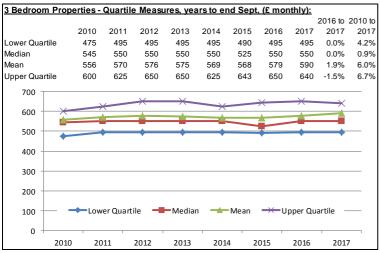
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has grown over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £467 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

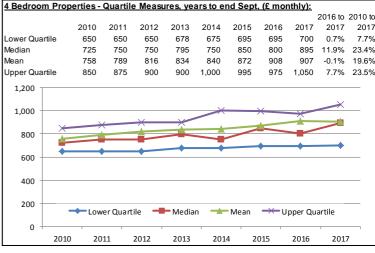


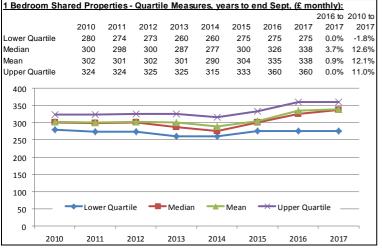


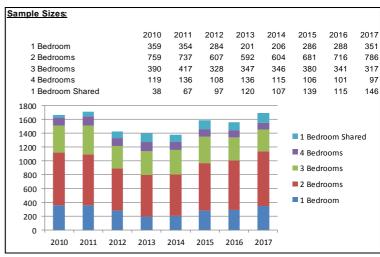
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Lower Quartile	350	350	330	325	325	325	328	350	6.9%	0.0%
Median	375	375	350	360	360	350	350	365	4.3%	-2.7%
Mean	375	378	365	369	365	363	366	370	1.0%	-1.5%
Upper Quartile	400	400	395	400	395	395	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
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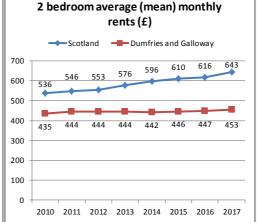


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Dumfries and Galloway

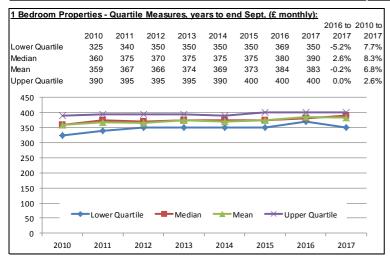
Average (mean) rents in Dumfries and Galloway between 2016 and 2017 have increased for all property sizes, except 1 bedroom. Increases ranged from 1.5%, for 2 bedroom properties, to 8.8% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2017 average rents have increased for all property sizes, from 4.2% to 13.3%, for 2 and 4 bedroom properties, respectively. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

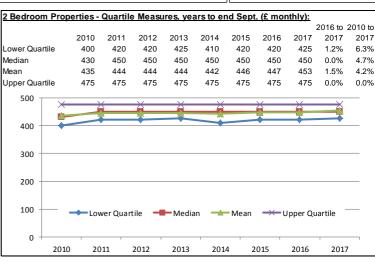
In the latest year, for 1 bedroom shared and 3 bedroom properties, increases in the top end (upper quartile) have caused the gap between the top and bottom ends to widen. 1 bedroom properties have seen the bottom end (lower quartile) fall in the latest year, widening the gap between the two ends in the latest year, but to levels similar to 2015. The gap has stayed the same for 4 bedroom properties, whilst narrowing slightly for 2 bedroom properties due to an increase in bottom end rents.

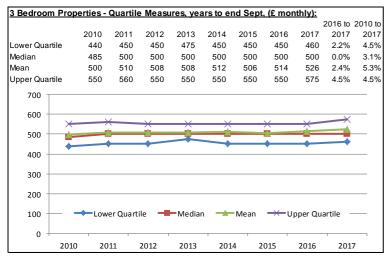
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has grown over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £453 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

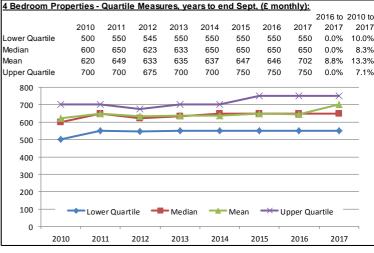


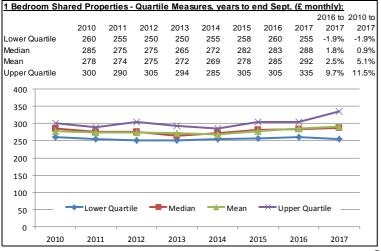


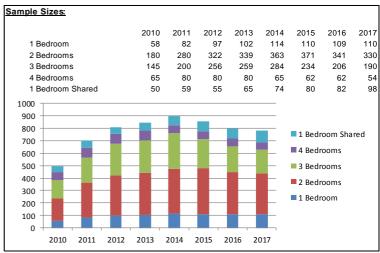










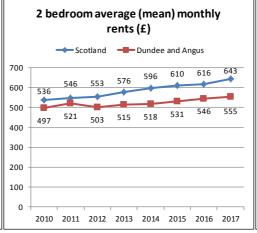


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Dundee and Angus

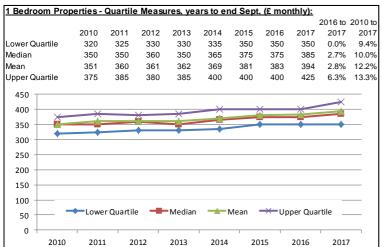
Average (mean) rents between 2016 and 2017 have increased for all property sizes, ranging from an increase of 1.6% for 2 bedroom properties to an increase of 7.7% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents for all property sizes have also increased between 2010 and 2017, with increases ranging from 11.6% for 2 bedroom properties to 29.1% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

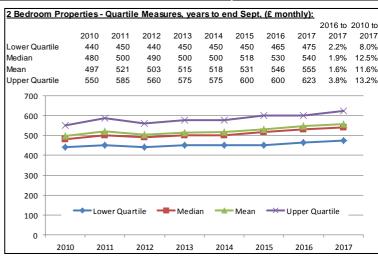
For all property sizes, except 1 bedroom shared, rent increases between 2010 and 2017 have been greater at the top end (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartile), causing the gap between top and bottom ends of the market to widen.

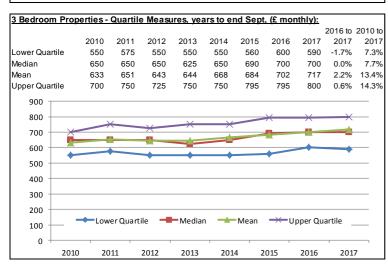
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened since 2011 with the average rent in 2017 being £555 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

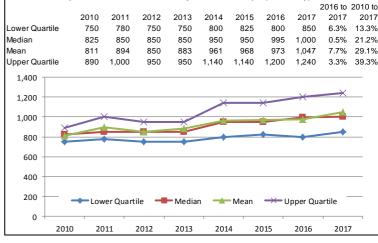


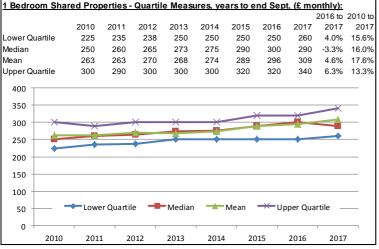


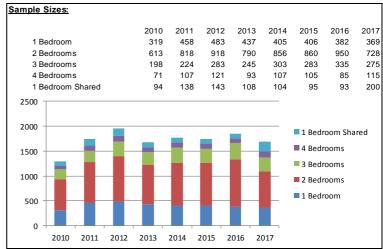










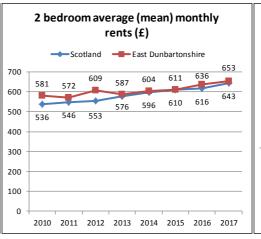


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: East Dunbartonshire

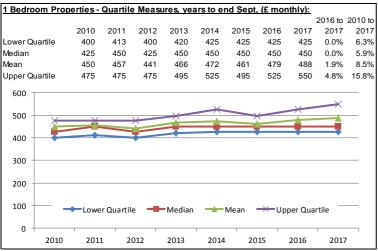
Average (mean) rents in East Dunbartonshire have increased for all property sizes between 2016 and 2017. Increases range from 1.9%, for 1 bedroom properties, up to 21.5% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents for all property sizes also increased between 2010 and 2017, with increases ranging from 8.5% to 36.7% for 1 bedroom and 4 bedroom properties, respectively. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

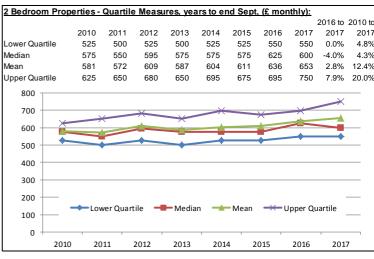
For all property types, except 4 bedroom, rents between 2010 and 2017 have increased more at the top end (upper quartile) that at bottom end (lower quartile) of the market, causing a widening gap between the top and bottom end of the market.

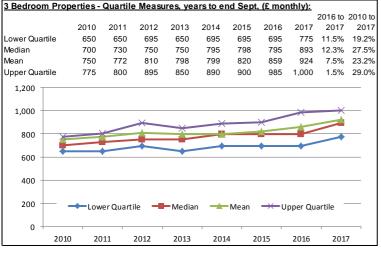
Average 2 bedroom rents have been higher than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, although rents have been only slightly higher than the Scotland figures since 2013 onwards, with the average rent in 2017 being £653 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

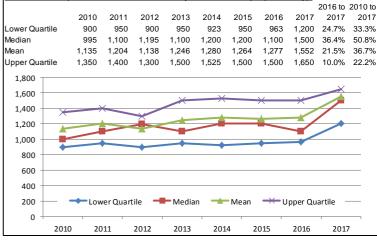


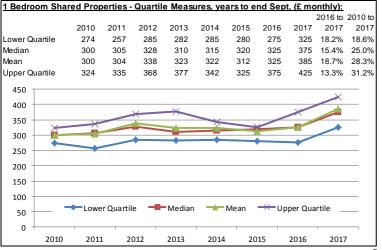


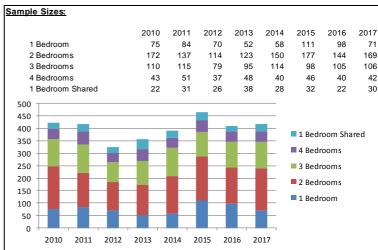












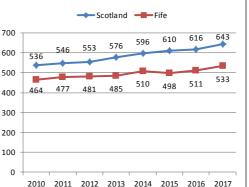
Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Fife

Average (mean) rents in Fife have increased between 2016 and 2017 for all property sizes, except 1 bedroom shared. Increases range from between 1.8% for 4 bedroom properties to 6.5% for 3 bedroom properties. Average rents have decreased for 1 bedroom shared properties by 5.6%. This compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2017 average rents have increased across all property sizes, ranging from an increase of 8.6% for 1 bedroom properties to an increase of 28.4% for 1 bedroom shared properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

For all property types greater increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents compared to the bottom end (lower quartile) have widened the gap in rents between 2010 and 2017.

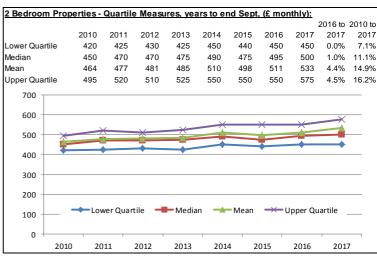
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has grown slightly over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £533 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

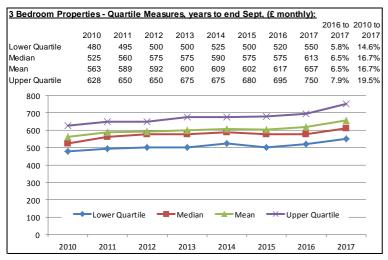
2 bedroom average (mean) monthly rents (£)

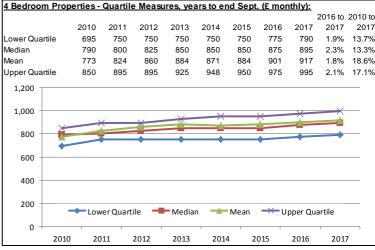


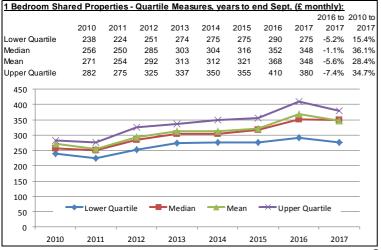


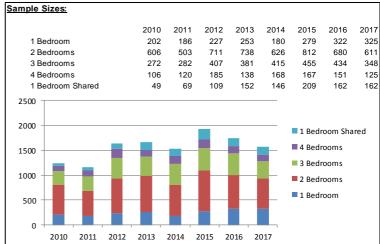
1 Bedroom Pro	perties -	Quartile	Measu	ures, yea	ars to e	nd Sept	. (£ mor	nthly):		
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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
Lower Quartile	350	350	350	350	350	350	360	365	1.4%	4.3%
Median	370	375	375	375	395	395	395	400	1.3%	8.1%
Mean	379	383	387	381	405	395	403	411	2.2%	8.6%
Upper Quartile	395	400	400	400	425	425	425	450	5.9%	13.9%
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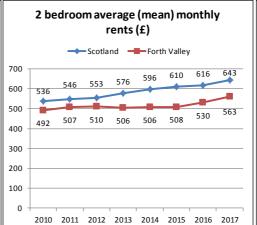


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Forth Valley

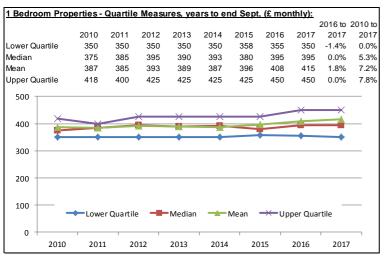
Between 2016 and 2017, average (mean) rents in Forth Valley have increased for all property sizes. The increases range from 1.8% for both 1 bedroom and 1 bedroom shared properties to 10.9% for 3 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents between 2010 and 2017 have also increased for all property sizes. Increases range from 7.2% for 1 bedroom properties to 29.5% for 1 bedroom shared properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

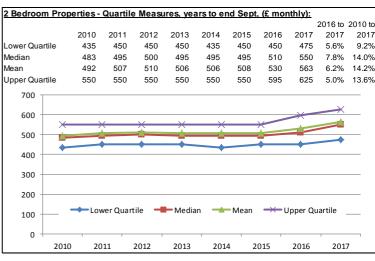
Across all property sizes, since 2010 there has been greater increases in the top end rents (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartile), resulting in the gap between top and bottom ends of the market widening.

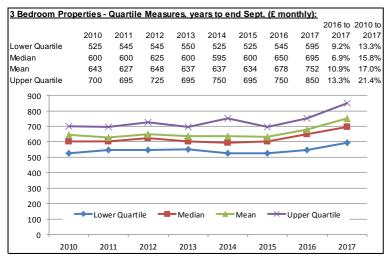
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, with the average rent in 2017 being £563 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643. The gap grew between 2011 and 2015, then narrowed in 2016 and 2017.

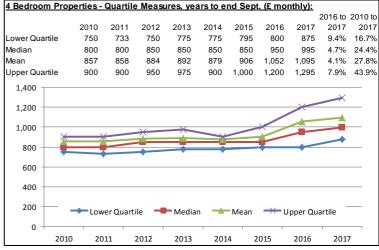


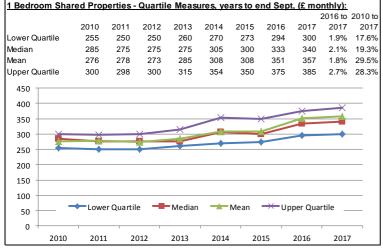


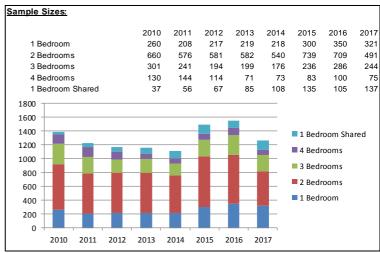












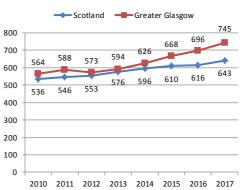
Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Greater Glasgow

Average (mean) rents in the Greater Glasgow area have increased for all property sizes between 2016 and 2017, ranging from an increase of 3.6% for 1 bedroom shared properties to an increase of 17.3% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents have also increased between 2010 and 2017, with increases ranging from 23.1% to 42.8% for 1 bedroom shared and 4 bedroom properties, respectively. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

For all property sizes there have been greater increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents between 2010 and 2017, which has widened the gap in rents compared to the bottom end of the market (lower quartile).

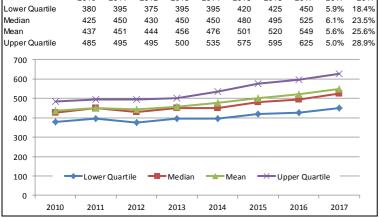
Average 2 bedroom rents have been higher than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the difference has grown since 2014, with the average rent in 2017 being £745 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

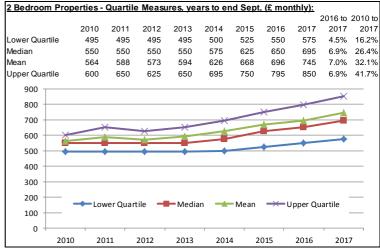
2 bedroom average (mean) monthly rents (£)

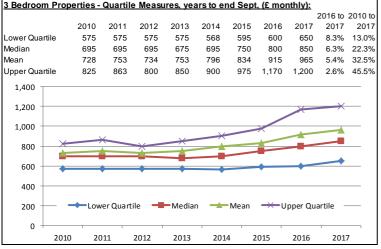


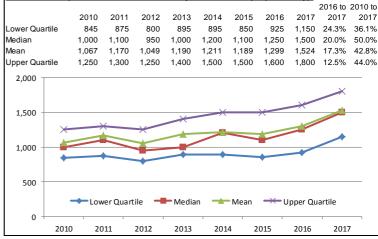


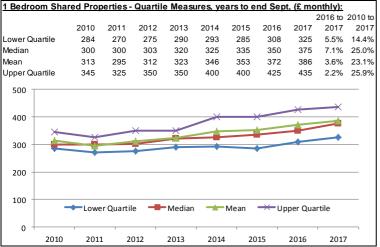
1 Bedroom Properties - Quartile Measures, years to end Sept, (£ monthly):											
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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017	
Lower Quartile	380	395	375	395	395	420	425	450	5.9%	18.4%	
Median	425	450	430	450	450	480	495	525	6.1%	23.5%	
Mean	437	451	444	456	476	501	520	549	5.6%	25.6%	
Upper Quartile	485	495	495	500	535	575	595	625	5.0%	28.9%	
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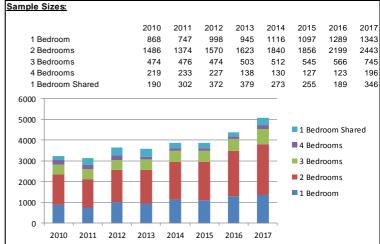










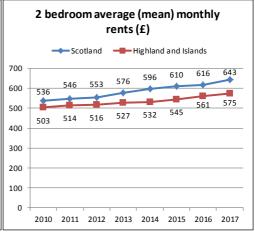


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Highlands and Islands

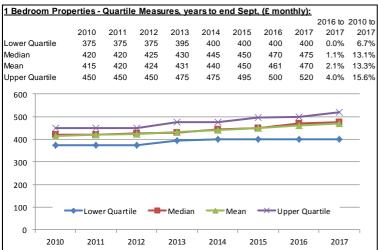
Average (mean) rents in the Highlands and Islands have increased for all property sizes between 2016 and 2017. Increases ranged from 0.7% for 4 bedroom properties, to 3.1% for 3 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents have also increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2017, ranging from an increase of 10.3% for 4 bedroom properties to an increase of 16.4% for 3 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

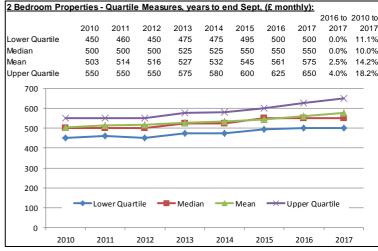
For all property sizes there have been greater increases at the top end (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartile) of the market between 2010 and 2017, which has resulted in a widening gap between top and bottom ends of the market.

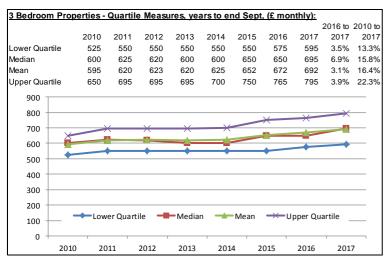
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, with the average rent in 2017 being £575 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643. The gap has grown over the years.

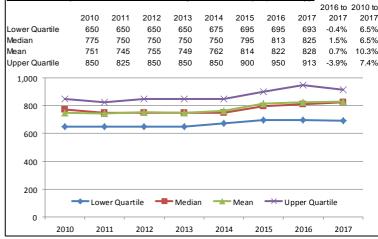


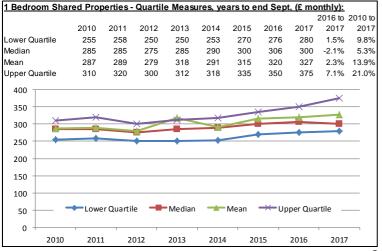


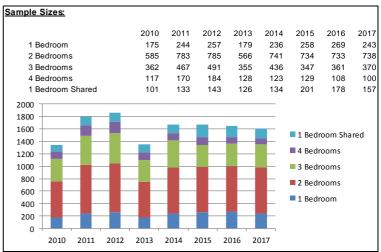












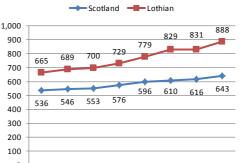
Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Lothian

Average (mean) rents in the Lothian area have increased for all property sizes between 2016 and 2017, ranging from 2.9% for 3 bedroom properties, to 7.9% for 1 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents have also increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2017. Increases over this time period ranged from 22.0% for 1 bedroom shared properties to 35.3% for 1 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 15.9%.

For all property sizes, since 2010 increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents have been greater than increases in the bottom end (lower quartile), which has widened the gap in rents.

Average 2 bedroom rents have been higher than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and this difference has grown since 2013, with the average rent in 2017 being £888 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

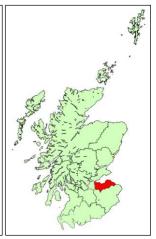




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1 Bedroom Properties - Quartile Measures, years to end Sept, (£ monthly):											
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Lower Quartile	465	480	495	495	515	550	575	625	8.7%	34.4%	
Median	500	525	525	525	550	595	625	675	8.0%	35.0%	
Mean	520	535	542	555	582	620	653	704	7.9%	35.3%	
Upper Quartile	550	575	575	595	625	675	700	750	7.1%	36.4%	
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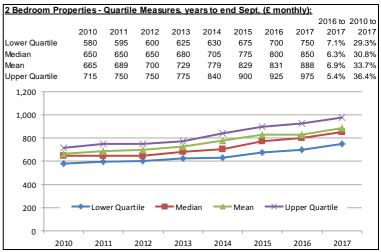
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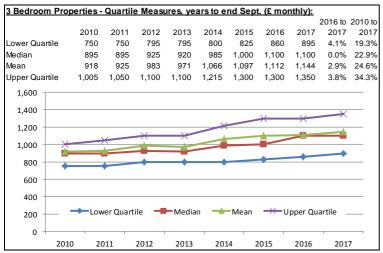
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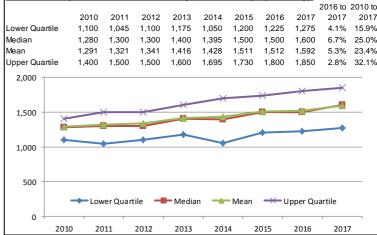
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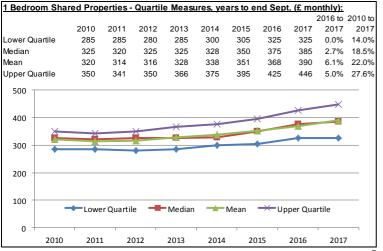
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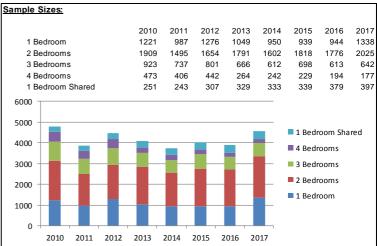
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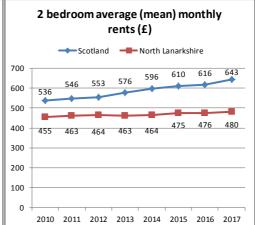


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: North Lanarkshire

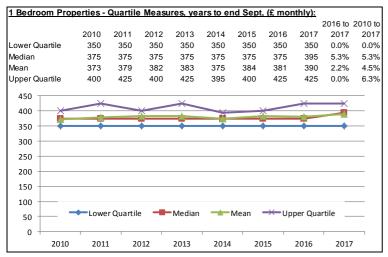
Between 2016 and 2017, average (mean) rents in North Lanarkshire have increased for all property sizes, except 3 bedrooms which decreased by 1.6%. The increases range from 0.9% for 2 bedroom properties to 8.4% for 1 bedroom shared properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2017 with the largest increase, 16.8%, being seen for 1 bedroom shared properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

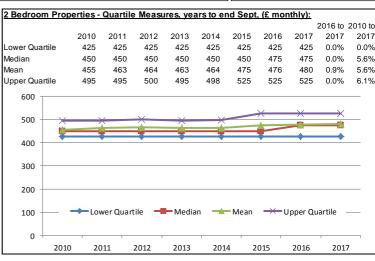
For 4 bedroom properties, in the latest year there has been an increase in the top end (upper quartile) rents and a decrease in the bottom end (lower quartile), which has widened the gap in rents. Both 1 and 2 bedroom properties have seen no change in the gap in the latest year, although the gap is bigger than in 2010 due to increases in the top end.

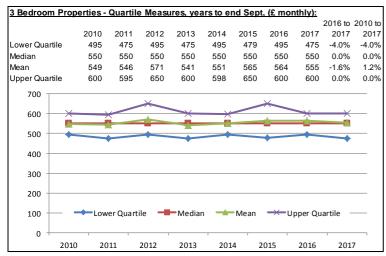
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and this gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £480 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

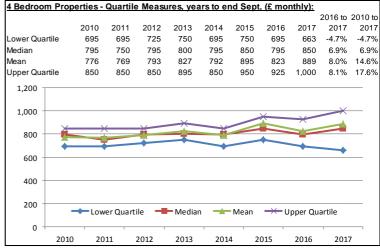


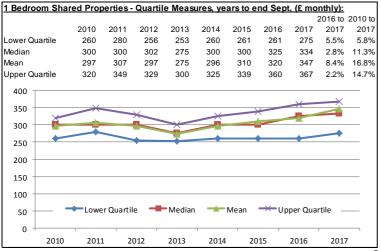


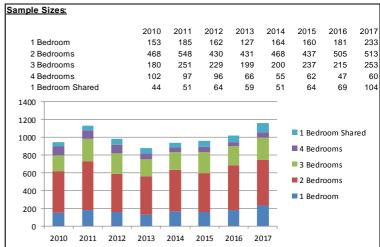










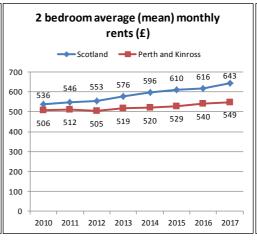


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Perth and Kinross

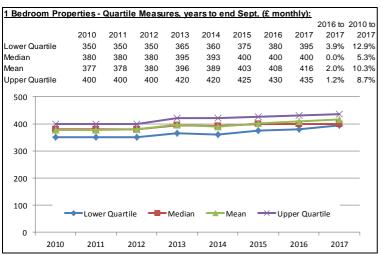
Average (mean) rents in Perth and Kinross have increased for all property sizes between 2016 and 2017, except 4 bedroom properties which have remained the same. The increases range from 1.7% for 2 bedroom properties to 7.8% for 3 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2017 there have been increases in the average rent for all property sizes, from 8.4% for 2 bedroom properties and 18.8% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

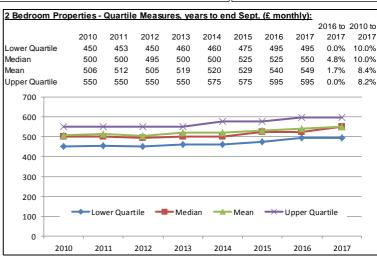
For 3 bedroom properties, between 2010 and 2017 there has been a greater increase in the top end (upper quartile) rents compared to the bottom end (lower quartile), which has caused an increase in the gap between them. Other property sizes have seen smaller changes in the gap between top end and bottom end rents.

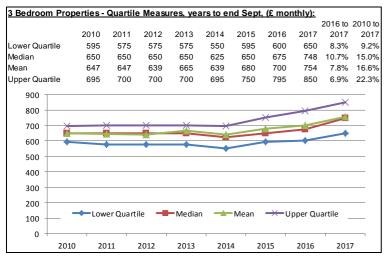
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £549 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

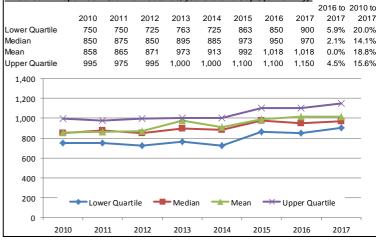


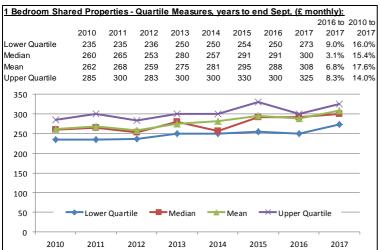


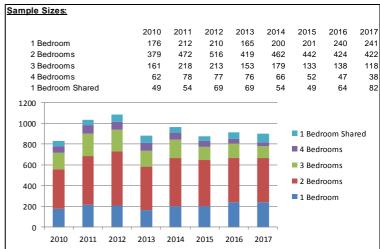










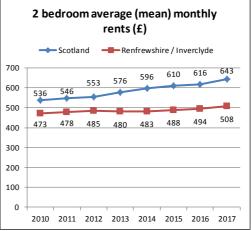


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Renfrewshire / Inverclyde

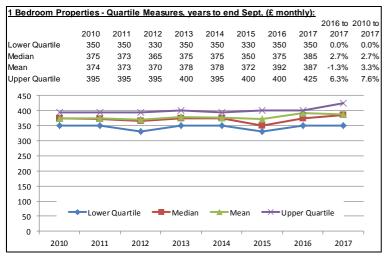
Average (mean) rents decreased by 1.3% between 2016 and 2017 for 1 bedroom properties. All other property sizes have increased, ranging from 0.1% for 1 bedroom shared properties to 8.0% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2017 average rents increased for all property sizes. Increases range from 2.7% for 1 bedroom shared to 31.4% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

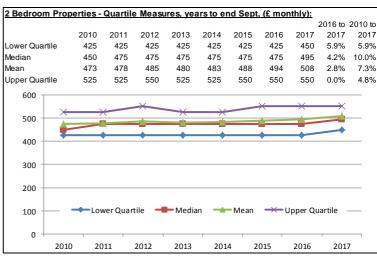
For 1 bedroom, 3 bedroom and 1 bedroom shared properties, there has been an greater increase in the top end (upper quartile) rents than in the bottom end (lower quartile) since 2010, which has widened the gap in rents.

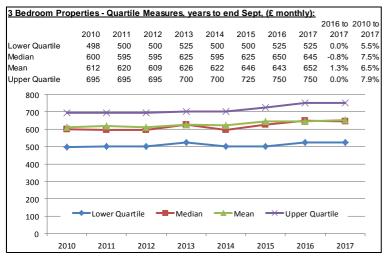
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £508 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

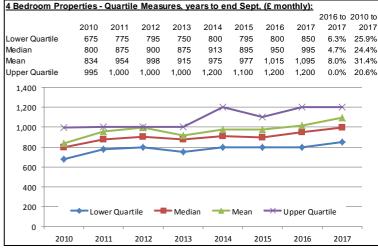


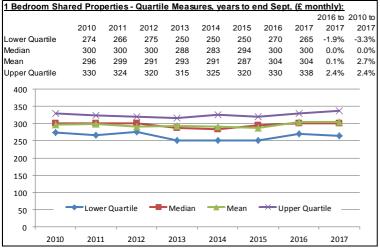


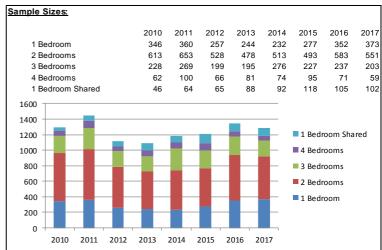










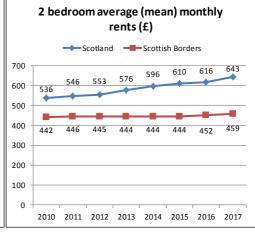


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Scottish Borders

Average (mean) rent in the Scottish Borders increased for all property sizes between 2016 and 2017. Increases range from 1.4%, for both 2 and 4 bedroom properties, to 15.5% for 1 bedroom shared properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents have also increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2017, with increases ranging from 2.6% to 22.1% for 1 bedroom and 1 bedroom shared properties, respectively. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

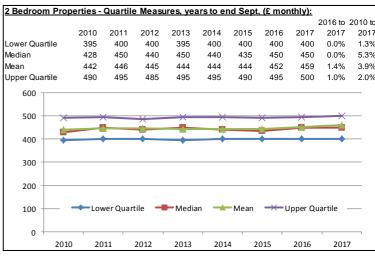
In the latest year, the gap between the top end rents (upper quartile) and the bottom end (lower quartile) has increased for 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom and 1 bedroom shared properties.

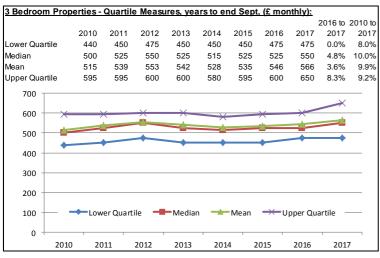
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £459 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

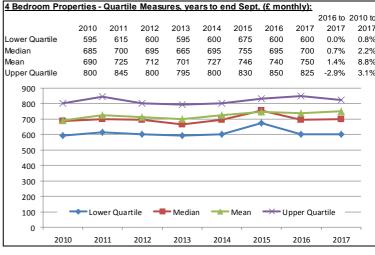


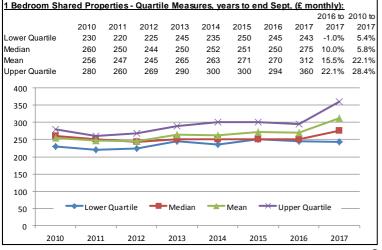


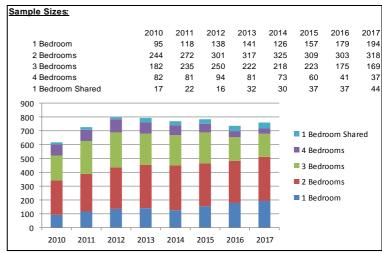
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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
Lower Quartile	300	300	300	300	300	300	310	325	4.8%	8.3%
Median	335	350	340	325	350	345	325	335	3.1%	0.0%
Mean	336	345	337	332	337	340	338	345	2.1%	2.6%
Upper Quartile	370	375	355	350	370	360	360	375	4.2%	1.4%
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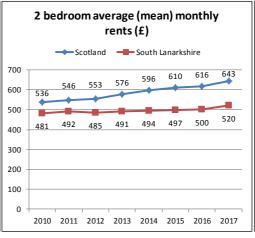


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: South Lanarkshire

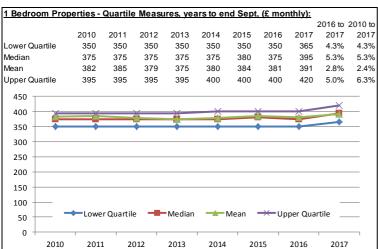
Average (mean) rent in South Lanarkshire have increased across all property sizes between 2016 and 2017. Increases range from 2.8% for 1 bedroom properties to 17.8% for 1 bedroom shared properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents have also increased between 2010 and 2017 for all property sizes, ranging from 2.4% for 1 bedroom properties to 20.1% for 1 bedroom shared properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

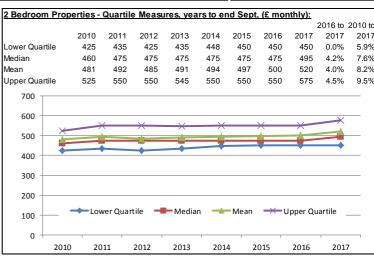
For 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom and 1 bedroom shared property sizes there have been greater increases at the top end (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartile) of the market which has resulted in a widening gap between top and bottom ends of the market in the latest year.

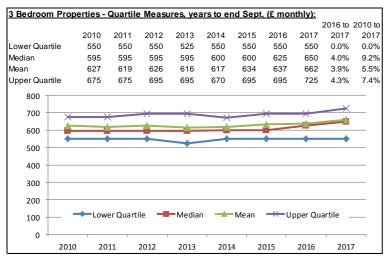
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened since 2011, with the average rent in 2017 being £520 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

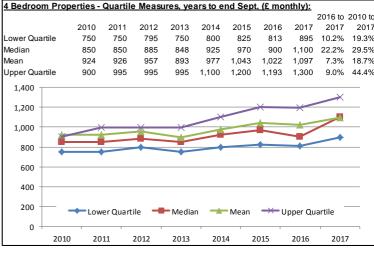


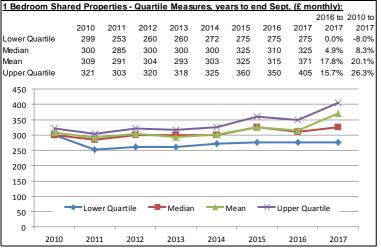


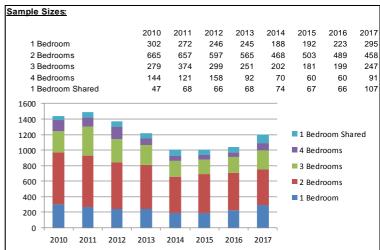












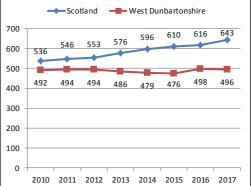
Broad Rental Market Area Profile: West Dunbartonshire

Average (mean) rents between 2016 and 2017 have decreased for 1, 2, and 4 bedroom properties, with decreases ranging from -0.4% to -2.3%. Rents increased for 3 bedroom properties by 5.0% and by 2.8% for 1 bedroom shared properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents have increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2017. Increases ranged from 0.5% for 1 bedroom properties and 14.6% for 1 bedroom shared properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

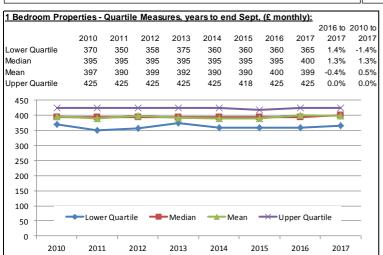
There have been varied changes to the top and bottom ends of the market for each property size between 2010 and 2017. Most property sizes have similar gaps between top and bottom end rents in 2017 compared with 2010, except for 3 bedroom properties for which an increase in the bottom end (lower quartile) in the latest year has narrowed the gap.

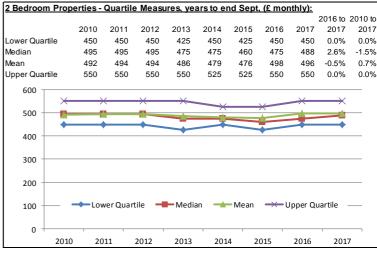
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2017 being £496 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643.

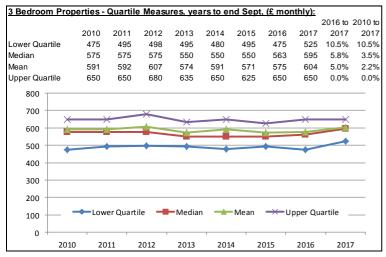
2 bedroom average (mean) monthly rents (£)

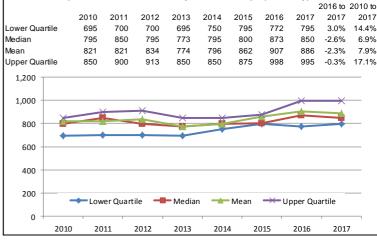




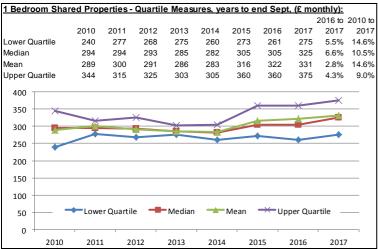


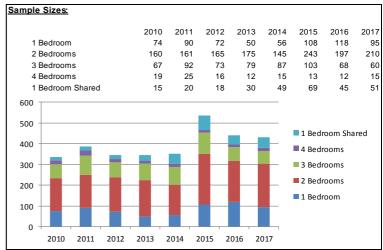






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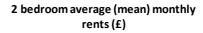


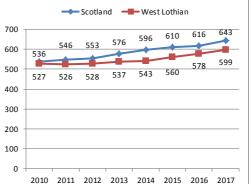
Broad Rental Market Area Profile: West Lothian

Average (mean) rents in West Lothian between 2016 and 2017 have increased across all property sizes. Increases range from 1.5% to 6.0% for 1 bedroom and 4 bedroom properties, respectively, which compares to CPI inflation of 3.0% across this time period. Average rents have also increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2017. Increases range from 11.4% (1 bedroom properties) to 19.0% (1 bedroom shared properties), and this compares to CPI inflation of 15.9% across this time period.

There have been increases at the top end of the market (upper quartile) for both 2 and 4 bedroom properties between 2016 and 2017, whilst the upper quartile for 3 bedroom properties has remained the same in 2017 compared to 2016, after increasing between 2015 and 2016.

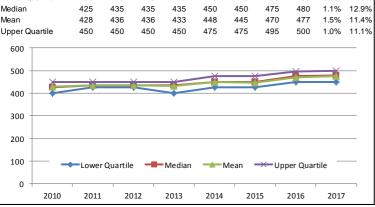
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, with the average rent in 2017 being £599 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £643. The gap grew slightly between 2010 and 2014, before narrowing again, although these changes were relatively small.



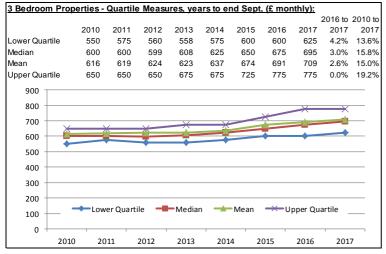


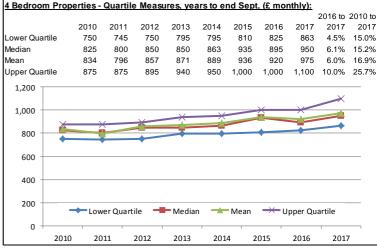


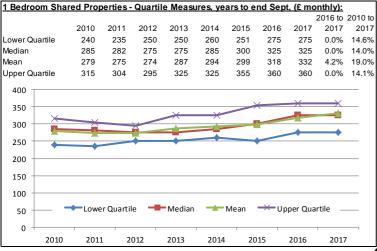
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									2016 to	2010 to
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
Lower Quartile	400	425	425	400	425	425	450	450	0.0%	12.5%
Median	425	435	435	435	450	450	475	480	1.1%	12.9%
Mean	428	436	436	433	448	445	470	477	1.5%	11.4%
Upper Quartile	450	450	450	450	475	475	495	500	1.0%	11.1%
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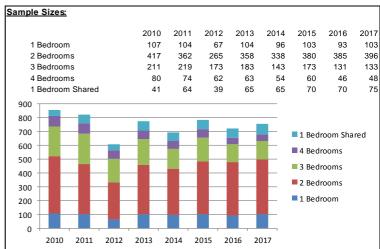


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Reference Tables

TABLE 7 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2010 (year to end Sept)

	1 Bearoor	<u>n Proper</u>	<u>ties</u>			2 Bedroom Properties				
	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	5,411	370	425	436	495	10,615	450	520	536	595
Aberdeen and Shire	541	500	525	529	575	557	590	650	643	700
Argyll and Bute	80	350	395	382	425	142	450	495	503	550
Ayrshires	359	350	375	375	400	759	425	450	464	495
Dumfries and Galloway	58	325	360	359	390	180	400	430	435	475
Dundee and Angus	319	320	350	351	375	613	440	480	497	550
East Dunbartonshire	75	400	425	450	475	172	525	575	581	625
Fife	202	350	370	379	395	606	420	450	464	495
Forth Valley	260	350	375	387	418	660	435	483	492	550
Greater Glasgow	868	380	425	437	485	1,486	495	550	564	600
Highland and Islands	175	375	420	415	450	585	450	500	503	550
Lothian	1,221	465	500	520	550	1,909	580	650	665	715
North Lanarkshire	153	350	375	373	400	468	425	450	455	495
Perth and Kinross	176	350	380	377	400	379	450	500	506	550
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	346	350	375	374	395	613	425	450	473	525
Scottish Borders	95	300	335	336	370	244	395	428	442	490
South Lanarkshire	302	350	375	382	395	665	425	460	481	525
West Dunbartonshire	74	370	395	397	425	160	450	495	492	550
West Lothian	107	400	425	428	450	417	500	525	527	550

	3 Bedroor	n Proper	<u>ties</u>			4 Bedroom Properties				
	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	4,778	545	645	679	775	2,049	750	875	959	1,150
Aberdeen and Shire	226	650	750	744	850	123	850	950	944	1,000
Argyll and Bute	69	500	575	638	750	32	750	850	924	1,175
Ayrshires	390	475	545	556	600	119	650	725	758	850
Dumfries and Galloway	145	440	485	500	550	65	500	600	620	700
Dundee and Angus	198	550	650	633	700	71	750	825	811	890
East Dunbartonshire	110	650	700	750	775	43	900	995	1,135	1,350
Fife	272	480	525	563	628	106	695	790	773	850
Forth Valley	301	525	600	643	700	130	750	800	857	900
Greater Glasgow	474	575	695	728	825	219	845	1,000	1,067	1,250
Highland and Islands	362	525	600	595	650	117	650	775	751	850
Lothian	923	750	895	918	1,005	473	1,100	1,280	1,291	1,400
North Lanarkshire	180	495	550	549	600	102	695	795	776	850
Perth and Kinross	161	595	650	647	695	62	750	850	858	995
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	228	498	600	612	695	62	675	800	834	995
Scottish Borders	182	440	500	515	595	82	595	685	690	800
South Lanarkshire	279	550	595	627	675	144	750	850	924	900
West Dunbartonshire	67	475	575	591	650	19	695	795	821	850
West Lothian	211	550	600	616	650	80	750	825	834	875

	1 Bedroor	<u>n Shared</u>	Properti	es	
	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	1,235	260	300	300	335
Aberdeen and Shire	134	286	335	328	360
Argyll and Bute	10	300	320	316	333
Ayrshires	38	280	300	302	324
Dumfries and Galloway	50	260	285	278	300
Dundee and Angus	94	225	250	263	300
East Dunbartonshire	22	274	300	300	324
Fife	49	238	256	271	282
Forth Valley	37	255	285	276	300
Greater Glasgow	190	284	300	313	345
Highland and Islands	101	255	285	287	310
Lothian	251	285	325	320	350
North Lanarkshire	44	260	300	297	320
Perth and Kinross	49	235	260	262	285
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	46	274	300	296	330
Scottish Borders	17	230	260	256	280
South Lanarkshire	47	299	300	309	321
West Dunbartonshire	15	240	294	289	344
West Lothian	41	240	285	279	315

Notes:

Total figures exclude any studio properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, or room rents associated with bed and breakfast lodgings Figures for rooms in shared properties represent "rent only", i.e. exclude any payments for shared services

TABLE 8 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2011 (year to end Sept)

1 Bedroom Properties 2 Bedroom Properties Upper Upper Number of Lower Number of Lower records Quartile Median Mean Quartile records Quartile Median Mean Quartile 5,471 Scotland 10,841 Aberdeen and Shire Argyll and Bute Ayrshires Dumfries and Galloway Dundee and Angus East Dunbartonshire Fife Forth Valley Greater Glasgow 1,374 Highland and Islands Lothian 1,495 North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire

	3 Bedroom Properties								4 Bedroom Properties				
	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper			
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile			
Scotland	5,268	545	625	672	750	2,243	750	875	971	1,100			
Aberdeen and Shire	364	650	750	753	875	174	850	995	1,018	1,200			
Argyll and Bute	87	495	595	627	750	46	725	800	834	995			
Ayrshires	417	495	550	570	625	136	650	750	789	875			
Dumfries and Galloway	200	450	500	510	560	80	550	650	649	700			
Dundee and Angus	224	575	650	651	750	107	780	850	894	1,000			
East Dunbartonshire	115	650	730	772	800	51	950	1,100	1,204	1,400			
Fife	282	495	560	589	650	120	750	800	824	895			
Forth Valley	241	545	600	627	695	144	733	800	858	900			
Greater Glasgow	476	575	695	753	863	233	875	1,100	1,170	1,300			
Highland and Islands	467	550	625	620	695	170	650	750	745	825			
Lothian	737	750	895	925	1,050	406	1,045	1,300	1,321	1,500			
North Lanarkshire	251	475	550	546	595	97	695	750	769	850			
Perth and Kinross	218	575	650	647	700	78	750	875	865	975			
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	269	500	595	620	695	100	775	875	954	1,000			
Scottish Borders	235	450	525	539	595	81	615	700	725	845			
South Lanarkshire	374	550	595	619	675	121	750	850	926	995			
West Dunbartonshire	92	495	575	592	650	25	700	850	821	900			
West Lothian	219	575	600	619	650	74	745	800	796	875			

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	1 Bedroor	n Shared	Properti	es	
	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	1,650	257	295	294	325
Aberdeen and Shire	192	285	325	323	355
Argyll and Bute	17	284	324	318	340
Ayrshires	67	274	298	301	324
Dumfries and Galloway	59	255	275	274	290
Dundee and Angus	138	235	260	263	290
East Dunbartonshire	31	257	305	304	335
Fife	69	224	250	254	275
Forth Valley	56	250	275	278	298
Greater Glasgow	302	270	300	295	325
Highland and Islands	133	258	285	289	320
Lothian	243	285	320	314	341
North Lanarkshire	51	280	300	307	349
Perth and Kinross	54	235	265	268	300
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	64	266	300	299	324
Scottish Borders	22	220	250	247	260
South Lanarkshire	68	253	285	291	303
West Dunbartonshire	20	277	294	300	315
West Lothian	64	235	282	275	304
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West Lothian

Total figures exclude any studio properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, or room rents associated with bed and breakfast lodgings Figures for rooms in shared properties represent "rent only", i.e. exclude any payments for shared services

TABLE 9 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2012 (year to end Sept)

1 Bedroom Properties 2 Bedroom Properties

	<u>i bearoor</u>	<u>n Proper</u>		2 Bedroom Properties						
	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	5,846	370	425	447	520	11,298	450	525	553	625
Aberdeen and Shire	690	520	550	555	600	1,062	650	700	701	775
Argyll and Bute	95	350	395	383	425	172	450	495	508	550
Ayrshires	284	330	350	365	395	607	425	450	459	495
Dumfries and Galloway	97	350	370	366	395	322	420	450	444	475
Dundee and Angus	483	330	360	361	380	918	440	490	503	560
East Dunbartonshire	70	400	425	441	475	114	525	595	609	680
Fife	227	350	375	387	400	711	430	470	481	510
Forth Valley	217	350	395	393	425	581	450	500	510	550
Greater Glasgow	998	375	430	444	495	1,570	495	550	573	625
Highland and Islands	257	375	425	424	450	785	450	500	516	550
Lothian	1,276	495	525	542	575	1,654	600	650	700	750
North Lanarkshire	162	350	375	382	400	430	425	450	464	500
Perth and Kinross	210	350	380	380	400	516	450	495	505	550
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	257	330	365	370	395	528	425	475	485	550
Scottish Borders	138	300	340	337	355	301	400	440	445	485
South Lanarkshire	246	350	375	379	395	597	425	475	485	550
West Dunbartonshire	72	358	395	399	425	165	450	495	494	550
West Lothian	67	425	435	436	450	265	495	525	528	550

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1 Bedroom Shared Properties

	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	1,926	260	300	301	336
Aberdeen and Shire	232	300	340	338	375
Argyll and Bute	38	260	282	275	325
Ayrshires	97	273	300	302	325
Dumfries and Galloway	55	250	275	275	305
Dundee and Angus	143	238	265	270	300
East Dunbartonshire	26	285	328	338	368
Fife	109	251	285	292	325
Forth Valley	67	250	275	273	300
Greater Glasgow	372	275	303	312	350
Highland and Islands	143	250	275	279	300
Lothian	307	280	325	316	350
North Lanarkshire	64	256	302	297	329
Perth and Kinross	69	236	253	259	283
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	65	275	300	291	320
Scottish Borders	16	225	244	245	269
South Lanarkshire	66	260	300	304	320
West Dunbartonshire	18	268	293	291	325
West Lothian	39	250	275	274	295

Notes:

Total figures exclude any studio properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, or room rents associated with bed and breakfast lodgings Figures for rooms in shared properties represent "rent only", i.e. exclude any payments for shared services

TABLE 10 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2013 (year to end Sept)

1 Bedroom Properties Bedroom Properties Upper Number of Upper Lower Number of Lower records Quartile Median Mean Quartile records Quartile Median Mean Quartile 5,112 11,005 Scotland Aberdeen and Shire Argyll and Bute Ayrshires Dumfries and Galloway Dundee and Angus East Dunbartonshire Fife Forth Valley Greater Glasgow 1,623 Highland and Islands Lothian 1,049 1,791 North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire

	3 Bedroom Properties								4 Bedroom Properties				
	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper			
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile			
Scotland	4,863	550	650	707	795	1,951	750	900	1,060	1,250			
Aberdeen and Shire	448	775	950	1,019	1,200	324	1,100	1,400	1,484	1,800			
Argyll and Bute	83	500	600	625	745	60	723	850	922	1,198			
Ayrshires	347	495	550	575	650	136	678	795	834	900			
Dumfries and Galloway	259	475	500	508	550	80	550	633	635	700			
Dundee and Angus	245	550	625	644	750	93	750	850	883	950			
East Dunbartonshire	95	650	750	798	850	48	950	1,100	1,246	1,500			
Fife	381	500	575	600	675	138	750	850	884	925			
Forth Valley	199	550	600	637	695	71	775	850	892	975			
Greater Glasgow	503	575	675	753	850	138	895	1,000	1,190	1,400			
Highland and Islands	355	550	600	620	695	128	650	750	749	850			
Lothian	666	795	920	971	1,100	264	1,175	1,400	1,416	1,600			
North Lanarkshire	199	475	550	541	600	66	750	800	827	895			
Perth and Kinross	153	575	650	665	700	76	763	895	973	1,000			
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	195	525	625	626	700	81	750	875	915	1,000			
Scottish Borders	222	450	525	542	600	81	595	665	701	795			
South Lanarkshire	251	525	595	616	695	92	750	848	893	995			
West Dunbartonshire	79	495	550	574	635	12	695	773	774	850			
West Lothian	183	558	608	623	675	63	795	850	871	940			

	1 Bedroon	<u>n Shared</u>	Properti	<u>es</u>	
	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	2,025	268	300	309	340
Aberdeen and Shire	142	316	350	366	400
Argyll and Bute	70	228	302	280	325
Ayrshires	120	260	287	301	325
Dumfries and Galloway	65	250	265	272	294
Dundee and Angus	108	250	273	268	300
East Dunbartonshire	38	282	310	323	377
Fife	152	274	303	313	337
Forth Valley	85	260	275	285	315
Greater Glasgow	379	290	320	323	350
Highland and Islands	126	250	285	318	312
Lothian	329	285	325	328	366
North Lanarkshire	59	253	275	275	300
Perth and Kinross	69	250	280	275	300
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	88	250	288	293	315
Scottish Borders	32	245	250	265	290
South Lanarkshire	68	260	300	293	318
West Dunbartonshire	30	275	285	286	303
West Lothian	65	250	275	287	325
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Total figures exclude any studio properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, or room rents associated with bed and breakfast lodgings Figures for rooms in shared properties represent "rent only", i.e. exclude any payments for shared services

Note that some caution is needed when interpreting Scotland level findings. This is because whilst the underlying data aims to be representative of rents within each broad rental market area, no attempt has been made to apply any formal weighting techniques to

representative of rents within each broad rental market area, no attempt has been made to apply any formal weighting technique account for any specific area-level sample sizes or structures when aggregating up to a single Scotland level figure

TABLE 11 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2014 (year to end Sept)

1 Bedroom Properties 2 Bedroom Properties Upper Upper Number of Lower Number of Lower records Quartile Median Mean Quartile records Quartile Median Mean Quartile 5,197 11,206 Scotland Aberdeen and Shire 1,025 1,000 Argyll and Bute Ayrshires Dumfries and Galloway Dundee and Angus East Dunbartonshire Fife Forth Valley Greater Glasgow 1,116 1,840 Highland and Islands Lothian 1,602 North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire

	4 Bedroom Properties									
	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	5,007	550	650	724	800	1,799	760	925	1,083	1,300
Aberdeen and Shire	422	850	1,100	1,089	1,300	293	1,200	1,550	1,565	1,850
Argyll and Bute	82	500	650	640	750	36	773	895	909	998
Ayrshires	346	495	550	569	625	115	675	750	840	1,000
Dumfries and Galloway	284	450	500	512	550	65	550	650	637	700
Dundee and Angus	303	550	650	668	750	107	800	950	961	1,140
East Dunbartonshire	114	695	795	799	890	40	923	1,200	1,280	1,525
Fife	415	525	590	609	675	168	750	850	871	948
Forth Valley	176	525	595	637	750	73	775	850	879	900
Greater Glasgow	512	568	695	796	900	130	895	1,200	1,211	1,500
Highland and Islands	436	550	600	625	700	123	675	750	762	850
Lothian	612	800	985	1,066	1,215	242	1,050	1,395	1,428	1,695
North Lanarkshire	200	495	550	551	598	55	695	795	792	850
Perth and Kinross	179	550	625	639	695	66	725	885	913	1,000
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	276	500	595	622	700	74	800	913	975	1,200
Scottish Borders	218	450	515	528	580	73	600	695	727	800
South Lanarkshire	202	550	600	617	670	70	800	925	977	1,100
West Dunbartonshire	87	480	550	591	650	15	750	795	796	850
West Lothian	143	575	625	637	675	54	795	863	889	950
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	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	1,938	272	300	317	350
Aberdeen and Shire	148	345	400	402	450
Argyll and Bute	68	273	303	306	335
Ayrshires	107	260	277	290	315
Dumfries and Galloway	74	255	272	269	285
Dundee and Angus	104	250	275	274	300
East Dunbartonshire	28	285	315	322	342
Fife	146	275	304	312	350
Forth Valley	108	270	305	308	354
Greater Glasgow	273	293	325	346	400
Highland and Islands	134	253	290	291	318
Lothian	333	300	328	338	375
North Lanarkshire	51	260	300	296	325
Perth and Kinross	54	250	257	281	300
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	92	250	283	291	325
Scottish Borders	30	235	252	263	300
South Lanarkshire	74	272	300	303	325
West Dunbartonshire	49	260	282	283	305
West Lothian	65	260	285	294	325
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West Lothian

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TABLE 12 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2015 (year to end Sept)

1 Bedroom Properties 2 Bedroom Properties Number of Upper Number of Upper Lower Lower records Quartile Median Mean Quartile records Quartile Median Mean Quartile Scotland 5,682 12,042 Aberdeen and Shire 1,009 Argyll and Bute Ayrshires **Dumfries and Galloway** Dundee and Angus East Dunbartonshire Fife Forth Valley Greater Glasgow 1,097 1,856 Highland and Islands Lothian 1,818 North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire West Lothian

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	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	5,079	550	650	744	850	1,777	800	975	1,097	1,300
Aberdeen and Shire	428	900	1,100	1,072	1,250	281	1,250	1,450	1,493	1,700
Argyll and Bute	98	510	595	612	675	40	850	900	947	995
Ayrshires	380	490	525	568	643	106	695	850	872	995
Dumfries and Galloway	234	450	500	506	550	62	550	650	647	750
Dundee and Angus	283	560	690	684	795	105	825	950	968	1,140
East Dunbartonshire	98	695	798	820	900	46	950	1,200	1,264	1,500
Fife	455	500	575	602	680	167	750	850	884	950
Forth Valley	236	525	600	634	695	83	795	850	906	1,000
Greater Glasgow	545	595	750	834	975	127	850	1,100	1,189	1,500
Highland and Islands	347	550	650	652	750	129	695	795	814	900
Lothian	698	825	1,000	1,097	1,300	229	1,200	1,500	1,511	1,730
North Lanarkshire	237	479	550	565	650	62	750	850	895	950
Perth and Kinross	133	595	650	680	750	52	863	973	992	1,100
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	227	500	625	646	725	95	795	895	977	1,100
Scottish Borders	223	450	525	535	595	60	675	755	746	830
South Lanarkshire	181	550	600	634	695	60	825	970	1,043	1,200
West Dunbartonshire	103	495	550	571	625	13	795	800	862	875
West Lothian	173	600	650	674	725	60	810	935	936	1,000

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	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	2,178	275	316	327	360
Aberdeen and Shire	138	375	408	433	500
Argyll and Bute	81	275	325	319	348
Ayrshires	139	275	300	304	333
Dumfries and Galloway	80	258	282	278	305
Dundee and Angus	95	250	290	289	320
East Dunbartonshire	32	280	320	312	325
Fife	209	275	316	321	355
Forth Valley	135	273	300	308	350
Greater Glasgow	255	285	335	353	400
Highland and Islands	201	270	300	315	335
Lothian	339	305	350	351	395
North Lanarkshire	64	261	300	310	339
Perth and Kinross	49	254	291	295	330
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	118	250	294	287	320
Scottish Borders	37	250	251	271	300
South Lanarkshire	67	275	325	325	360
West Dunbartonshire	69	273	305	316	360
West Lothian	70	251	300	299	355
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TABLE 13 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2016 (year to end Sept)

1 Bedroom Properties 2 Bedroom Properties Number of Number of Upper Upper Lower Lower records Quartile Median Mean Quartile records Quartile Median Mean Quartile 6.299 Scotland 12,578 Aberdeen and Shire 1,271 Argyll and Bute Ayrshires **Dumfries and Galloway** Dundee and Angus East Dunbartonshire Fife Forth Valley Greater Glasgow 1,289 2,199 Highland and Islands Lothian 1,776 North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire West Lothian

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	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	4,907	550	675	753	855	1,607	800	995	1,089	1,300
Aberdeen and Shire	412	800	900	930	1,050	275	1,000	1,200	1,291	1,500
Argyll and Bute	85	550	650	666	750	44	795	900	989	1,200
Ayrshires	341	495	550	579	650	101	695	800	908	975
Dumfries and Galloway	206	450	500	514	550	62	550	650	646	750
Dundee and Angus	335	600	700	702	795	85	800	995	973	1,200
East Dunbartonshire	105	695	795	859	985	40	963	1,100	1,277	1,500
Fife	434	520	575	617	695	151	775	875	901	975
Forth Valley	286	545	650	678	750	100	800	950	1,052	1,200
Greater Glasgow	566	600	800	915	1,170	123	925	1,250	1,299	1,600
Highland and Islands	361	575	650	672	765	108	695	813	822	950
Lothian	613	860	1,100	1,112	1,300	194	1,225	1,500	1,512	1,800
North Lanarkshire	215	495	550	564	600	47	695	795	823	925
Perth and Kinross	138	600	675	700	795	47	850	950	1,018	1,100
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	237	525	650	643	750	71	800	950	1,015	1,200
Scottish Borders	175	475	525	546	600	41	600	695	740	850
South Lanarkshire	199	550	625	637	695	60	813	900	1,022	1,193
West Dunbartonshire	68	475	563	575	650	12	772	873	907	998
West Lothian	131	600	675	691	775	46	825	895	920	1,000

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	1 Bedroor	n Shared	Properti	ies	
	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	1,931	282	325	340	377
Aberdeen and Shire	104	350	400	404	450
Argyll and Bute	46	275	316	302	325
Ayrshires	115	275	326	335	360
Dumfries and Galloway	82	260	283	285	305
Dundee and Angus	93	250	300	296	320
East Dunbartonshire	22	275	325	325	375
Fife	162	290	352	368	410
Forth Valley	105	294	333	351	375
Greater Glasgow	189	308	350	372	425
Highland and Islands	178	276	306	320	350
Lothian	379	325	375	368	425
North Lanarkshire	69	261	325	320	360
Perth and Kinross	64	250	291	288	300
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	105	270	300	304	330
Scottish Borders	37	245	250	270	294
South Lanarkshire	66	275	310	315	350
West Dunbartonshire	45	261	305	322	360
West Lothian	70	275	325	318	360
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Total figures exclude any studio properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, or room rents associated with bed and breakfast lodgings Figures for rooms in shared properties represent "rent only", i.e. exclude any payments for shared services

TABLE 14 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2017 (year to end Sept)

1 Bedroom Properties 2 Bedroom Properties Number of Upper Upper Lower Number of Lower records Quartile Median Mean Quartile records Quartile Median Mean Quartile 6,868 Scotland 12,817 Aberdeen and Shire 1,448 Argyll and Bute Ayrshires **Dumfries and Galloway** Dundee and Angus East Dunbartonshire Fife Forth Valley Greater Glasgow 1,343 2,443 Highland and Islands Lothian 1,338 2,025 North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire West Lothian

	3 Bedroor	n Propert	<u>ties</u>			4 Bedroon	n Propertie	<u>s</u>		
	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	4,942	575	700	787	895	1,561	850	1,000	1,143	1,350
Aberdeen and Shire	446	750	850	866	950	213	950	1,100	1,169	1,300
Argyll and Bute	76	525	598	652	750	19	700	925	980	1,250
Ayrshires	317	495	550	590	640	97	700	895	907	1,050
Dumfries and Galloway	190	460	500	526	575	54	550	650	702	750
Dundee and Angus	275	590	700	717	800	115	850	1,000	1,047	1,240
East Dunbartonshire	106	775	893	924	1,000	42	1,200	1,500	1,552	1,650
Fife	348	550	613	657	750	125	790	895	917	995
Forth Valley	244	595	695	752	850	75	875	995	1,095	1,295
Greater Glasgow	745	650	850	965	1,200	196	1,150	1,500	1,524	1,800
Highland and Islands	370	595	695	692	795	100	693	825	828	913
Lothian	642	895	1,100	1,144	1,350	177	1,275	1,600	1,592	1,850
North Lanarkshire	253	475	550	555	600	60	663	850	889	1,000
Perth and Kinross	118	650	748	754	850	38	900	970	1,018	1,150
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	203	525	645	652	750	59	850	995	1,095	1,200
Scottish Borders	169	475	550	566	650	37	600	700	750	825
South Lanarkshire	247	550	650	662	725	91	895	1,100	1,097	1,300
West Dunbartonshire	60	525	595	604	650	15	795	850	886	995
West Lothian	133	625	695	709	775	48	863	950	975	1,100

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	1 Bedroor	n Shared	Properti	es	
	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	2,381	285	338	350	400
Aberdeen and Shire	98	320	350	358	400
Argyll and Bute	45	255	294	301	345
Ayrshires	146	275	338	338	360
Dumfries and Galloway	98	255	288	292	335
Dundee and Angus	200	260	290	309	340
East Dunbartonshire	30	325	375	385	425
Fife	162	275	348	348	380
Forth Valley	137	300	340	357	385
Greater Glasgow	346	325	375	386	435
Highland and Islands	157	280	300	327	375
Lothian	397	325	385	390	446
North Lanarkshire	104	275	334	347	367
Perth and Kinross	82	273	300	308	325
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	102	265	300	304	338
Scottish Borders	44	243	275	312	360
South Lanarkshire	107	275	325	371	405
West Dunbartonshire	51	275	325	331	375
West Lothian	75	275	325	332	360
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Total figures exclude any studio properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, or room rents associated with bed and breakfast lodgings Figures for rooms in shared properties represent "rent only", i.e. exclude any payments for shared services

Annex A - Trends in the Size of the Private Rented Sector in Scotland

The private rented sector in Scotland has more than doubled in size since 1999, and now accounts for more than a seventh of all homes in Scotland⁹.

Chart A1 below shows the numbers of dwellings in Scotland by tenure since 1981. The number of private rented properties (including those living rent-free) has increased over the last ten years from an estimated 224,000 in 2006 to 394,000 in 2016. During this time period, the number of owner occupied properties rose from 1.49 million in 2006 to 1.52 million in 2009, before falling back to 1.46 million in 2013 then rising slightly to 1.48 million in 2016¹⁰.

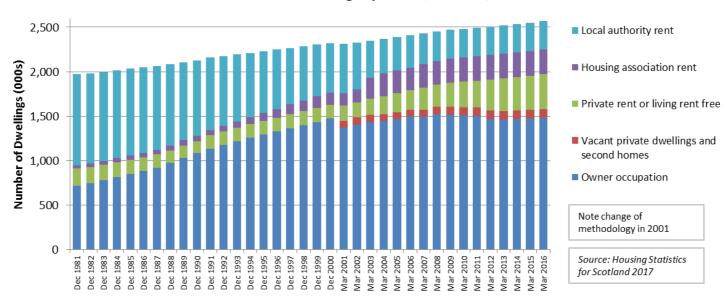


CHART A1 - Number of Dwelllings by Tenure, Scotland, 1981 to 2016

⁹ http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/09/9979

¹⁰ http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/09/4158

Annex B - Glossary of Terms

- Broad Rental Market Area (BRMA) a Broad Rental Market Area for Local Housing Allowance purposes is defined as an area in which a person could reasonably be expected to live having regard to facilities and services for the purposes of health, education, recreation, personal banking and shopping, taking account of the distance of travel, by public and private transport, to and from those facilities and services. There are 18 Broad Rental Market Areas in Scotland. A map is given in the Section on Broad Rental Market Area Profiles. It is also possible to search for the Broad Rental Market Area associated with a particular postcode at http://lha-direct.voa.gov.uk/search.aspx.
- Local Housing Allowance (LHA) the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) system provides a way of working out Housing Benefit for claimants who rent from a private landlord. Local authorities use LHA rates based on the size of household and the area in which a person lives to work out the amount of rent which can be met with Housing Benefit. Information on current LHA calculations and rates is published at http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/privaterent/tenants/Local-Housing-Allowance.
- Local Reference Rents (LRR) the Local reference rent is a mid-point (reached by adding the highest and lowest non exceptional rents together and dividing by 2).
- Lower Quartile the lower quartile is a way of summarising the spread of rental values into a single figure, and represents (for each particular area and size of property) the rental value at which 25% of rents are below this figure and 75% of rents are above it.
- Market Evidence Database the database that holds lettings information collected as part of the Rent Service Scotland's responsibility to administer the rent officer functions related to Housing Benefit (Local Housing Allowance and Local Reference Rents).
- Mean a measure of central tendency often referred to as the average. Given a series
 of values the arithmetic mean is calculated by summing all these values together and
 dividing by the count of these values.
- **Median** when a series of numbers are arranged by order of magnitude the median represents the middle value (i.e. 50% of rents are below this and 50% of rents are above it). Where there is an even number of values the median is the mean of the two values closest to value in the centre of that distribution.
- Rent Officer an independent, statutory officer appointed by Scottish Ministers. They
 are responsible for providing advice to Local Authorities in assessing claims for
 Housing Benefit made before 7th April 2008; undertaking Fair Rent valuations for
 regulated tenancies; gathering rental information; analysing local rental markets to
 provide Local Authorities with Local Housing Allowance figures and maintaining the
 Rent Service Scotland 'Market Evidence Database'.
- **Upper Quartile** the upper quartile is a way of summarising the spread of rental values into a single figure, and represents the rental value at which 75% of rents are below this figure and 25% of rents are above it.

Annex C - Methodology (Source Data Collection, Sampling Methodology, Sample Sizes)

Data Source

This publication uses data from the Rent Service Scotland 'Market Evidence Database'. This database is used to meet the needs of determining annual Local Housing Allowance levels and Local Reference Rent, and is data that has previously been published in the form of 30th percentile rental prices¹¹.

The market evidence data on private rents is sourced through a variety of means. including:

- private landlord and letting agent returns,
- · mailshot initiatives, and
- advertised rental information.

The database excludes any rents related to social housing, mid-market rents, halls of residence, and private tenancies known to be the subject of housing benefit and regulated tenancies. In the latest year, an estimated 97% of records were based on advertised rents, with the remainder being based on actual rents from landlord returns.

The data collected includes a minimum level of address, property attributes and tenancy details. Rents relating to studio/bedsit properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, and bed and breakfast lodgings have been excluded from this publication due to small sample sizes. Rents for bedrooms in shared properties are presented as 'rent only' figures, i.e. do not include the additional cost of shared services where these are known.

If a particular property has more than one piece of market evidence available in a given year, then only the most recent item of evidence for that year has been used in the average rent calculations for this publication.

Rent Officer Market Evidence Collection Methodology

The private rented sector is de-regulated, meaning that landlords are free to charge an open market rent for their property. There is currently no legal obligation for landlords or agents to provide Government, or any other organisations, with details of the rents achieved on their lettings. Therefore rent officers have to actively seek, collect, validate and maintain a suitable dataset.

Sample Sizes

There is no requirement for rent officers to collect 100% of rents that are agreed between landlord and tenant. Neither is it realistic to assume that all landlords and letting agents would be able to co-operate with this requirement.

Rent Officers instead aim to capture a representative sample of around 10% of private rents based on the total number of records obtained (the amount of records used in average rent calculations may be slightly less than this due to removal of any multiple records for a single property/address in a given year). Landlord registration data and

¹¹ http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/privaterent/tenants/Local-Housing-Allowance/figures

census data is used as a baseline for establishing and monitoring the total sample proportion that is aimed to be achieved.

As rent officers do not have access to every letting that takes place in the market the use of a random sample is not feasible, and given the variations in the size of the markets in each Broad Rental Market Area a simple quota based sample would be unlikely to produce representative results either. The sample should ideally reflect the profile of the market in terms of the type of property, its distribution, and the letting sources within each Broad Rental Market Area. There are no definitive measures for these so rent officers monitor local market activity and take every opportunity to acquire feedback from landlords, agents and tenants. This market intelligence means that rent officers are able to continually evaluate the composition of the list of rents used for LHA, and where necessary divert resources from their regular programme of data collection to address any perceived weakness in the data. This combined approach of regular and targeted collection based on market intelligence aims to produce a representative sample for each property size for each Broad Rental Market Area. This approach in turn reflects the structure of the legislation which allows for rent officer judgment on a number of these factors.

The private rented sector is very complex and is continually changing as it reacts to market forces. The overall target of a 10% sample therefore only represents a guide figure at Broad Rental Market Area level. Local knowledge, confidence testing and interpretation of other available data may be applied to refine the guide level. This contributes towards achieving a representative sample for each property size category at a Broad Rental Market Area level.

It is important to note that the data collected on individual rents may encompass different property types and addresses for each data collection year, and that this publication is not an attempt at providing a case-matched, tracked-sample or weighted-index approach to monitoring changes to rent levels over time. See Annex D for further information on methodological differences to the ONS Index of Private Rents.

The Broad Rental Market Area Profiles show the sample sizes for each rental area. It can be seen that there have been some variations in the number of records by rental areas over time, and also the proportions by size of property. Some of this may be due to changes in the underlying rental stock over time, and some may be due to sampling variations over time.

Table C1 and Chart C1 illustrate the different sample data profiles by rental market area. It can be seen that the sample data profiles differ by rental area. For example for Dumfries and Galloway, 1 bedroom properties make up 14% of all sample records and 3 bedroom properties make up 24% of the total. This compares to Perth and Kinross for which 27% of records are 1 bedroom properties, and 13% of records are 3 bedroom properties. This emphasises that is generally not appropriate to compare an overall "average" rent figure (averaged across all property sizes) between different areas of the country.

TABLE C1 - Sample Sizes by Broad Rental Market Area and size of property, 2017 (year to end Sept)

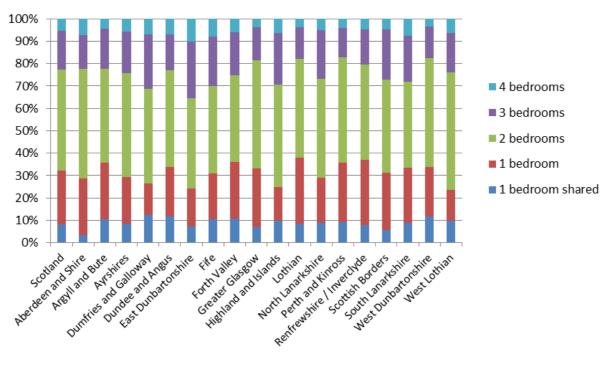
	1 bedroom				
	shared	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms
Scotland	2,381	6,868	12,817	4,942	1,561
Aberdeen and Shire	98	756	1,448	446	213
Argyll and Bute	45	107	180	76	19
Ayrshires	146	351	786	317	97
Dumfries and Galloway	98	110	330	190	54
Dundee and Angus	200	369	728	275	115
East Dunbartonshire	30	71	169	106	42
Fife	162	325	611	348	125
Forth Valley	137	321	491	244	75
Greater Glasgow	346	1,343	2,443	745	196
Highland and Islands	157	243	738	370	100
Lothian	397	1,338	2,025	642	177
North Lanarkshire	104	233	513	253	60
Perth and Kinross	82	241	422	118	38
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	102	373	551	203	59
Scottish Borders	44	194	318	169	37
South Lanarkshire	107	295	458	247	91
West Dunbartonshire	51	95	210	60	15
West Lothian	75	103	396	133	48

Notes:

Total figures exclude any studio properties, properties with 5 or more bedrooms, or room rents associated with bed and breakfast lodgings

If there is more than one piece of market evidence for a particular address in a given year, then only the most recent piece of evidence is counted

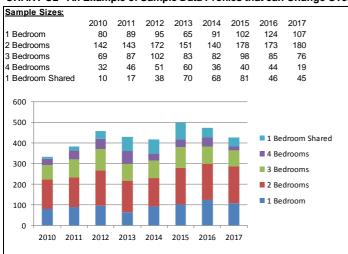
CHART C1 - 2017 Sample Data Profiles



It is also important to note that there are some sample data profiles that have changed over time by property size, which may also introduce some bias into comparing overall Broad Rental Market Area averages over time.

Chart C2 shows an example of this for Argyll and Bute, for which the sample data profile has changed over time both in the total number of records and the proportion in each property size category. The proportion of records relating to 1 bedroom shared properties has increased from 3% to 11% from 2010 to 2017, whilst the proportion of records relating to 2 bedroom properties has decreased from 43% to 37% from 2010 to 2016 and back to 42% in 2017. This would add bias to the trends if an overall "average" rent figure was calculated (averaged across all property sizes) each year.

CHART C2 - An Example of Sample Data Profiles that can Change Over Time - Argyll and Bute broad rental market area



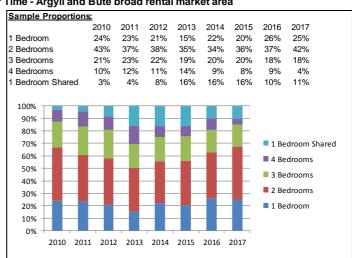


Chart C3 shows the proportions of the total samples that are within each Broad Rental Market Area each year, by property size. For most property sizes each rental area has a relatively consistent proportion each year, which gives some reassurance that averages for each property size (but not across all property sizes) can be presented at a Scotland level without bias appearing in the trend results.

CHART C3 - Sample Numbers in Broad Rental Market Areas, as proportions of the Scotland total 1 bedroom properties 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 25% Aberdeen and Shire Argyll and Bute 10% 1% 13% 2% 12% 2% 10% 1% 11% 2% 11% 2% 10% 2% 5% 2% 7% 2% 5% 5% 19% 5% 12% 2% 5% 2% 6% 2% 5% 6% 20% 4% 15% Ayrshires
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Annex D - Comparability to Other Government Sources of Rental Data

ONS Index of Private Housing Rental Prices

The ONS Index of Private Housing Rental Prices (IPHRP)¹² is a quarterly experimental price index. It tracks the prices paid for renting property from private landlords in Great Britain, including an index at a Scotland level.

Whilst the ONS Index uses same raw data as the Rent Service Scotland 'Market Evidence Database', there are some important differences to how the data are processed and used:

- The ONS Index uses the rental data to create a **matched-sample dataset** to ensure that only like-for-like properties are compared over time.
- The ONS matched-sample dataset retains rental records for a period of time (an assumption based on average tenancy length), and it is therefore an attempt to measure rental price changes for all rents and not just a measure of recent rental market evidence.
- The ONS Index is mix-adjusted in that it uses **expenditure weights** to adjust to the overall distribution of types of properties in the rental market (by expenditure).
- The Index does not provide any information on actual rental levels, and the Index values provided are not available at a sub-Scotland basis.

Full details of the methodology used to calculate the IPHRP can be found in the June 2013 IPHRP article at

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20160106022839/http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/hpi/index-of-private-housing-rental-prices/historical-series/iphrp-article.html.

This article can also be supplemented by the January 2015 article 'Improvements to the measurement of Owner Occupiers' Housing Costs and Private Housing Rental Prices' available at

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20160106041638/http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/user-guidance/prices/cpi-and-rpi/index.html.

ONS have also recently produced an article on comparing measures of private rental growth in the UK, available at

https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/articles/comparingmeasuresofprivaterentalgrowthintheuk/quarter3jultosept2017.

Given the different methodologies used we would not always expect the ONS Index and Private Sector Rent Statistics for Scotland to show the same results. The ONS Index results provide estimates of like-for-like changes over time in rental prices across all private rented households (whether existing tenants or new lets) in Scotland, but do not provide any information on actual rent levels or on trends below the Scotland level. Whereas the Private Sector Rent Statistics for Scotland publication allows an assessment of market-evidence average rents, along with changes over time at a BRMA level and by property size, although some caution is needed in interpreting the results given that the composition and quality of private rental stock can vary by area and can change over time.

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http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/hpi/index-of-private-housing-rental-prices/index.html

Rent Service Scotland 30th Percentile Rent Figures

Annual information on the **30th percentile** of weekly private sector rents by bedroom size is published on the Scottish Government website¹³, alongside corresponding information on Local Housing Allowance (LHA) Rates.

There may be a small number of minor differences in the data that was used for previous 30th percentile calculations compared with the data used for this publication because the Market Evidence Database is a live database and therefore over time there may be some records that are updated to reflect that more up-to-date information becomes available, or where additional statistical quality assurance has been carried out.

The 30th percentile rents are also presented as weekly rents, rather than the calendar month figures presented in this statistical publication. Monthly rents are seen as a more user friendly way of presenting the data in this publication given that private rents are typically paid in periods of calendar months.

Private Rental Market Statistics for England

The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) publish Private Rental Market Statistics for England ¹⁴, which is published twice-yearly. Whilst it presents similar looking statistics to this publication, there are some differences which may affect any comparisons. In particular, rent for 1 bedroom shared properties is presented as **gross** rather than net of any shared services, and also properties with 5 or more bedrooms are **included**, not excluded. These differences may impact on any comparisons when looking at average rents for these types of properties.

Private Rental Market Statistics for Wales

The Welsh Government publish annual statistics¹⁵ on rents paid in the private sector in Wales. The Welsh report includes statistics that look similar to those presented in this publication, however there are some differences in the underlying data which may affect comparisons. In particular, rent for 1 bedroom shared properties is presented as **gross** rather than net of any shared services.

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¹³ http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/privaterent/tenants/Local-Housing-Allowance/figures

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/private-rental-market-statistics

¹⁵ http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/private-sector-rents/?lang=en

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