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# Private Sector Rent Statistics, Scotland, 2010 to 2019

### Main findings for average rent changes in the latest year (2018 to 2019)

- 15 out of 18 areas of Scotland saw increases in average 2 bedroom private rent levels between 2018 and 2019 (years to end Sept), ranging from 0.2% in North Lanarkshire up to 5.3% in Greater Glasgow. Average rents fell in 3 areas, including Aberdeen and Shire where rents fell by 0.3%, the fifth consecutive annual decrease.
- These regional trends combine to show a 2.4% increase in average 2 bedroom monthly rents at a Scotland level from £652 in 2018 to £668 in 2019.
- At a Scotland level there were also increases in average rents across all other property sizes, with increases in 1 bedroom (1.9%), 3 bedroom (0.2%), 4 bedroom (3.7%) and 1 bedroom shared properties (2.0%) average rents.
- These increases compare to UK CPI inflation of 1.7% in the year to Sept 2019.

### Main findings for average rent changes between 2010 and 2019

- Lothian and Greater Glasgow have seen average rents increase above the rate of inflation between 2010 and 2019 across all property sizes.
- Forth Valley and Fife have seen average rents rise above the rate of inflation for property sizes except 1 bedroom properties.
- Argyll and Bute, Dumfries and Galloway and North Lanarkshire have seen average rents rise less than the rate of inflation for all property sizes between 2010 and 2019.

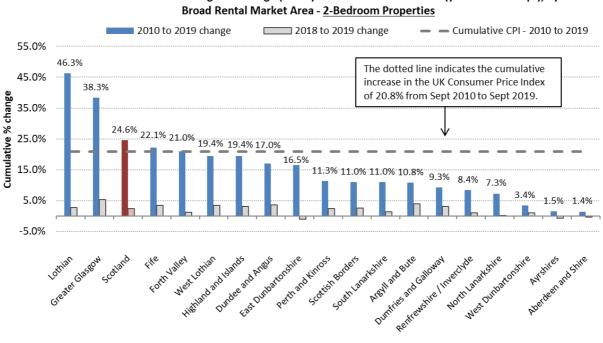


CHART 1: Cumulative % Change in Average (mean) Rents from 2010 to 2019 (years to end-Sept), by

This publication presents statistics on private sector rent levels in Scotland over the years 2010 to 2019 (years to end-September) for different property sizes across each of the 18 Broad Rental Market Areas in Scotland<sup>1</sup>. It contains information on average rents as well as rents at the higher and lower end of the market<sup>2</sup>. 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.

Note that 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 <a href="Annex D">Annex D</a> 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 nearly half (49 per cent) of all private rented properties in Scotland estimated to be this size<sup>3</sup>. 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 2018 to 2019, 15 out of 18 Broad Rental Market Areas of Scotland have seen increases in average rents for 2 bedroom properties. These have ranged from 0.2% in North Lanarkshire, up to 5.3% in Greater Glasgow. Aberdeen and Shire saw a decrease of 0.3%, the fifth consecutive annual decrease, which is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties in recent years following the downturn in the oil industry. The Ayrshires also saw a decrease in the latest year of 0.7%, and East Dunbartonshire showed a decrease of 1.0%.
- These regional trends combine to show an increase of 2.4% in average rents for 2 bedroom properties from £652 in 2018 to £668 in 2019. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 1.7% in the year to Sept-19<sup>4</sup>.
- For the year to end-September 2019, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 2 bedroom properties across Scotland (£972). Other areas with high rents

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Information is provided on means, medians, lower quartiles and upper quartiles. These statistical terms are defined in <u>Annex B – Glossary of Terms</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Scotland's People Annual Report: Results from the 2018 Scottish Household Survey <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-people-annual-report-results-2018-scottish-household-survey/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-people-annual-report-results-2018-scottish-household-survey/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ONS CPI Reference Tables, published on 16 October 2019 <a href="http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/d7bt/mm23">http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/d7bt/mm23</a>

included Greater Glasgow (£780), East Dunbartonshire (£677), Aberdeen and Shire (£652) and West Lothian (£630). Areas with the lowest average rents for 2 bedroom properties included the Ayrshires (£471), Dumfries and Galloway (£476), North Lanarkshire (£488), and the Scottish Borders (£490).

- Figures on changes to rents over the period from 2010 to 2019 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 20.8% from Sept-10 to Sept-19<sup>5</sup>. For example, over the 9 year period, average rents for 2 bedroom properties in Lothian, Greater Glasgow, Fife and Forth Valley 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 9 year period combine to show a 24.6% cumulative increase in average monthly rents from £536 in 2010 to £668 in 2019 for 2 bedroom properties at the Scotland level.

The changes in average rents for 2 bedroom properties between 2018 to 2019, and 2010 to 2019, are illustrated in the maps in Figure A and Figure B, respectively.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ONS CPI Reference, published on 16 October 2019 <a href="http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/d7bt/mm23">http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/d7bt/mm23</a>

Figure A: Change in average (mean) rents for 2 bedroom properties between 2018 and 2019.

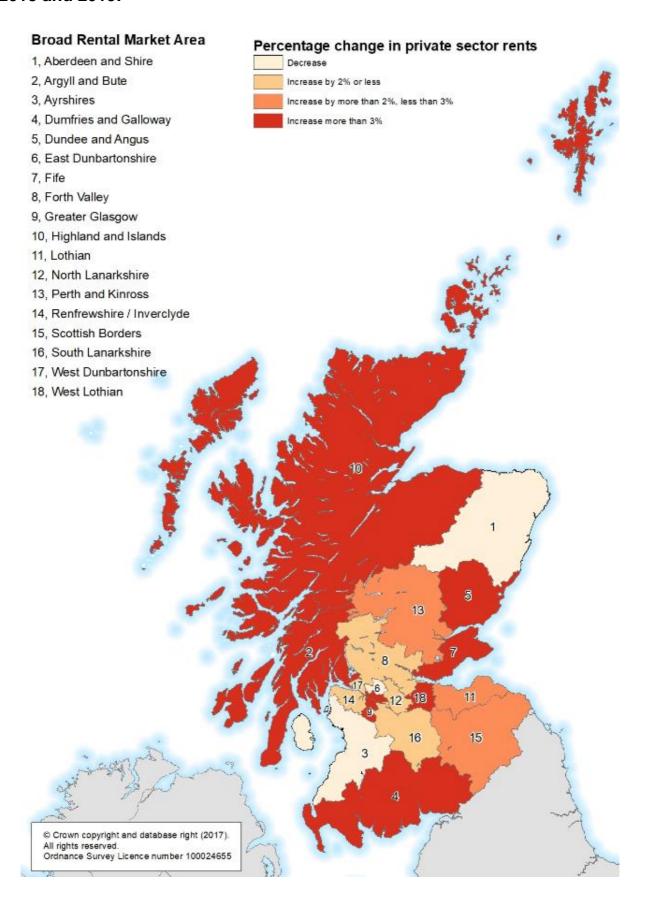
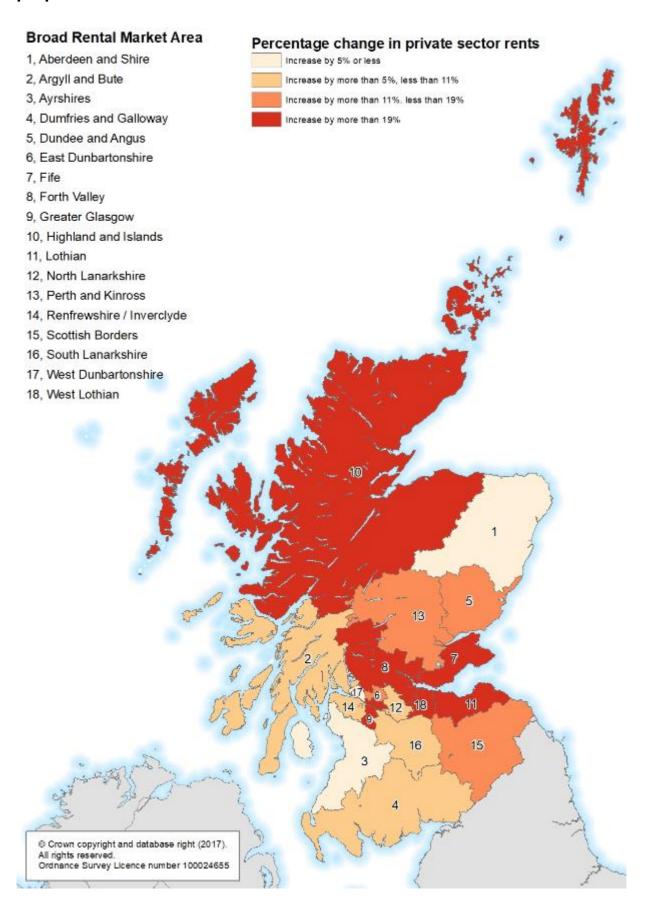


Figure B: Percentage change in average (mean) rents for 2 bedroom properties between 2010 and 2019.



### 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 <a href="mailto:housingstatistics@gov.scot">housingstatistics@gov.scot</a>.

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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 30<sup>th</sup> percentile rental prices<sup>6</sup> 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 99% 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 35,000 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 <a href="Annex D">Annex D</a> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.gov.scot/publications/local-housing-allowance-rates-2019-2020/

### **Main Findings for 1 Bedroom Properties**

Over the past year, 13 out of 18 areas have seen increases in average rents for 1 bedroom properties. Perth and Kinross has seen the highest increase (4.1%) while Dumfries and Galloway has seen an increase of 4.0%. Both of these areas, as well as Lothian (3.4%), Dundee and Angus (2.9%), West Lothian (2.8%), Forth Valley (2.4%), South Lanarkshire (2.3%), Greater Glasgow (2.2%), Fife (2.2%), and Renfrewshire / Inverclyde (1.9%) are areas that have shown increases which are higher than the CPI inflation of 1.7% in 2018-2019. Other areas that have seen increases are 1.5% in the Highlands and Islands, 0.8% in East Dunbartonshire and 0.7% in the Scottish borders.

Five areas saw a decrease, ranging from a 0.1% drop in the Ayrshires to a 1.8% drop in Argyll and Bute. This is the fourth consecutive annual decrease (0.3%) for Aberdeen and Shire, which is likely to reflect decreased demand for rental properties in recent years following the downturn in the oil industry.

Average rents for 1 bedroom properties have increased by 1.9% between 2018 and 2019, at the Scotland level, from £510 in 2018 to £519 in 2019. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 1.7% in the year to Sept-19.

Figures on changes to rents for 1 bedroom properties over the period from 2010 to 2019 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 20.8% from Sept-10 to Sept-19.

Over the 9 year period from 2010 to 2019, 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 44.5% (cumulative increase over 9 years) and average rents in the Greater Glasgow area have risen by 33.7% between 2010 and 2019.

For the remaining areas of Scotland, cumulative increases were below CPI inflation and have ranged from 1.6% in West Dunbartonshire to 17.6% in West Lothian. Two areas saw average rents fall between 2010 and 2019. These were the Ayrshires (-1.4%) and Aberdeen and Shire (-11.1%). These regional trends combine to show a 19.1% cumulative increase for 1 bedroom properties from £436 in 2010 to £519 in 2019. See Chart 2 and Table 1 below.

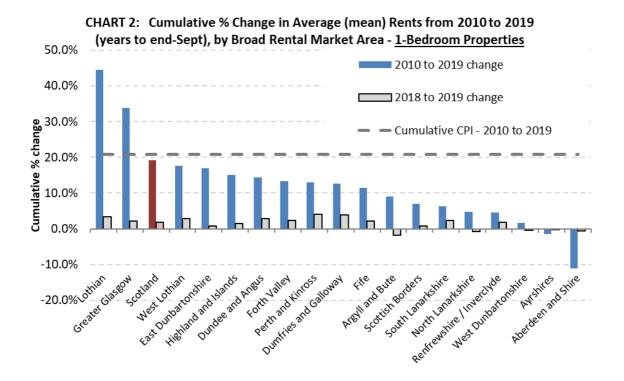


TABLE 1: 1 Bedroom Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£): Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2019, by Broad Rental Market Area

Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2	, ,				
				2010 to	2018 to
				2019	2019
	2010	2018	2019	change	change
Lothian	520	728	752	44.5%	3.4%
Greater Glasgow	437	572	585	33.7%	2.2%
Scotland	436	510	519	19.1%	1.9%
West Lothian	428	490	504	17.6%	2.8%
East Dunbartonshire	450	521	526	16.9%	0.8%
Highland and Islands	415	471	478	15.1%	1.5%
Dundee and Angus	351	390	402	14.4%	2.9%
Forth Valley	387	428	438	13.3%	2.4%
Perth and Kinross	377	410	427	13.1%	4.1%
Dumfries and Galloway	359	389	404	12.6%	4.0%
Fife	379	413	422	11.4%	2.2%
Argyll and Bute	382	424	417	9.1%	-1.8%
Scottish Borders	336	357	360	7.0%	0.7%
South Lanarkshire	382	397	406	6.2%	2.3%
North Lanarkshire	373	394	391	4.8%	-0.7%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	374	384	392	4.6%	1.9%
West Dunbartonshire	397	405	403	1.6%	-0.4%
Ayrshires	375	370	370	-1.4%	-0.1%
Aberdeen and Shire	529	473	470	-11.1%	-0.5%

See Reference Tables (Tables 7 to 15) for a more detailed breakdown of quartile and average rents for each year.

For the year to end-September 2019, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 1 bedroom properties across Scotland (£752), with Greater Glasgow having rents of £585. Areas with the lowest average rents for 1 bedroom properties included Scottish Borders (£360) and Ayrshires (£370). See Chart 3 below.

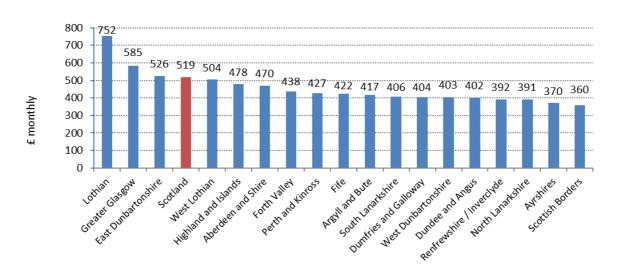


CHART 3: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2019 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental
Market Area - 1-Bedroom Properties

### **Main Findings for 2 Bedroom Properties**

From 2018 to 2019, 15 out of 18 areas have seen increases in average rents for 2 bedroom properties. These ranged from 0.2% in North Lanarkshire to 5.3% in Greater Glasgow. The areas which showed decreases in average rents for 2 bedroom properties between 2018 and 2019 were Aberdeen and Shire (-0.3%), The Ayrshires (-0.7%) and East Dunbartonshire (-1.0%). This is the fifth 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 1.5% in average rents between 2018 and 2019 for 2 bedroom properties, at the Scotland level, from £652 to £668. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 1.7% in the year to Sept-19.

Over the 9 year period from 2010 to 2019, 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 £972, or 46.3% (cumulative increase over 9 years). Average rents in the Greater Glasgow area have risen by a cumulative 38.3% over the last 9 years (from £564 to £780). For the remaining areas of Scotland, cumulative increases over the last 9 years have ranged from 1.4% in Aberdeen and Shire to 22.1% in Fife.

These regional trends combine to show a 24.6% cumulative increase in average rents from 2010 to 2019 for 2 bedroom properties at the Scotland level, from £536 to £668.

Figures on changes to rents over the period from 2010 to 2019 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 20.8% from Sept-10 to Sept-19. Over the 9 year period, average rents for 2 bedroom properties in the Fife, Forth Valley, 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 2019 (years to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - <u>2-Bedroom Properties</u>

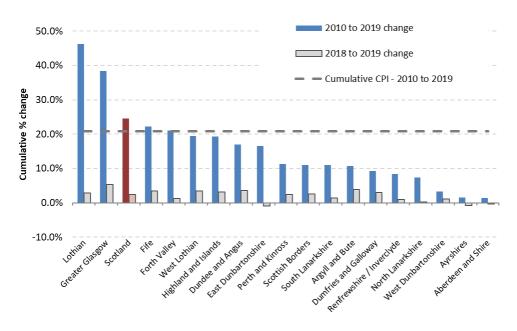


TABLE 2: 2 Bedroom Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£): Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2019, by Broad Rental Market Area

				2010 to	2018 to
				2019	2019
	2010	2018	2019	change	change
Lothian	665	946	972	46.3%	2.8%
Greater Glasgow	564	740	780	38.3%	5.3%
Scotland	536	652	668	24.6%	2.4%
Fife	464	548	567	22.1%	3.4%
Forth Valley	492	589	596	21.0%	1.2%
West Lothian	527	609	630	19.4%	3.4%
Highland and Islands	503	583	601	19.4%	3.1%
Dundee and Angus	497	562	582	17.0%	3.6%
East Dunbartonshire	581	684	677	16.5%	-1.0%
Perth and Kinross	506	551	564	11.3%	2.4%
Scottish Borders	442	478	490	11.0%	2.6%
South Lanarkshire	481	526	533	11.0%	1.4%
Argyll and Bute	503	536	557	10.8%	3.9%
Dumfries and Galloway	435	461	476	9.3%	3.0%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	473	508	513	8.4%	1.0%
North Lanarkshire	455	487	488	7.3%	0.2%
West Dunbartonshire	492	503	509	3.4%	1.1%
Ayrshires	464	475	471	1.5%	-0.7%
Aberdeen and Shire	643	654	652	1.4%	-0.3%

See Reference Tables (Tables 7 to 15) for a more detailed breakdown of quartile and average rents for each year.

For the year to end-September 2019, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 2 bedroom properties across Scotland (£972). Other areas with higher than average (£668) rents included Greater Glasgow (£780) and East Dunbartonshire (£677). Areas with the lowest average rents for 2 bedroom properties were and the Scottish Borders (£490), North Lanarkshire (£488), and The Ayrshires (£471). See Chart 5 below.

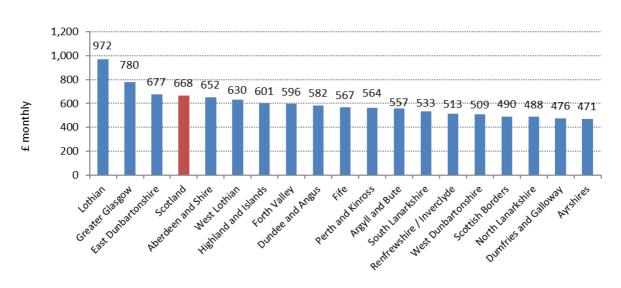


CHART 5: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2019 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 2-Bedroom Properties

## Main Findings for 3 Bedroom Properties

Between 2018 and 2019, 14 out of 18 areas saw increases in average rents. These ranged from 0.4% in Aberdeen and Shire to 6.6% in Dundee and Angus and 8.3% in Fife. 4 areas saw decreases in average rents, with Argyll and Bute seeing the largest decrease of 7.4%. See Chart 6 and Table 3 below.

These regional trends combine to show an increase of 0.2% in average rents from £855 in 2018 to £857 in 2019 for 3 bedroom properties, at the Scotland level. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 1.7% in the year to Sept-19.

Over the 9 year period from 2010 to 2019, Lothian has seen the greatest increase in private rents for 3 bedroom properties, with average monthly rents rising from £918 to £1,329, a 44.8% increase (cumulative over 9 years). Average rents have increased in Greater Glasgow by 41.4% over the same time period.

For all other areas of Scotland, average rents for 3 bedroom properties have also increased. From 2010 to 2019, cumulative increases have ranged from 2.6% in Argyll and Bute to 26.8% in Fife.

These regional trends combine to show a 26.3% cumulative increase from £679 in 2010 to £857 in 2019 for 3 bedroom properties at the Scotland level.

Figures on changes to rents for 3 bedroom properties over the period from 2010 to 2019 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 20.8% from Sept-10 to Sept-19. Over the 9 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 2019 (years to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 3-Bedroom Properties 50.0% 2010 to 2019 change 2018 to 2019 change 40.0% - Cumulative CPI - 2010 to 2019 30.0% Cumulative % change 20.0% 10.0% 0.0% West Lothian ForthValley Hethand and Islands Areal and Bute -10.0% , and Angus -20.0%

TABLE 3: 3 Bedroom Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£):

Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2019, by Broad Rental Market Area

				2010 to	2018 to
				2019	2019
	2010	2018	2019	change	change
Lothian	918	1,345	1,329	44.8%	-1.2%
Greater Glasgow	728	1,000	1,029	41.4%	3.0%
Fife	563	659	714	26.8%	8.3%
Scotland	679	855	857	26.3%	0.2%
East Dunbartonshire	750	936	946	26.1%	1.0%
Dundee and Angus	633	746	795	25.6%	6.6%
West Lothian	616	736	769	24.9%	4.6%
Forth Valley	643	783	801	24.6%	2.3%
Highland and Islands	595	710	726	22.1%	2.3%
Scottish Borders	515	591	616	19.6%	4.1%
Aberdeen and Shire	744	885	889	19.5%	0.4%
Perth and Kinross	647	723	759	17.2%	4.9%
South Lanarkshire	627	691	699	11.6%	1.3%
Dumfries and Galloway	500	546	551	10.2%	0.8%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	612	656	666	8.9%	1.5%
West Dunbartonshire	591	634	639	8.1%	0.7%
Ayrshires	556	608	583	4.9%	-4.0%
North Lanarkshire	549	593	569	3.7%	-4.0%
Argyll and Bute	638	706	654	2.6%	-7.4%

See Reference Tables (Tables 7 to 15) for a more detailed breakdown of quartile and average rents for each year.

For the year to end-September 2019, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 3 bedroom properties across Scotland (£1,329). Other areas with higher rents than the Scottish average for 3 bedroom properties (£857) were Greater Glasgow (£1,029), East Dunbartonshire (£946) and Aberdeen and Shire (£889). Areas with the lowest average rents included Scottish Borders (£616), North Lanarkshire (£569), and Dumfries and Galloway (£551), and See Chart 7 below.

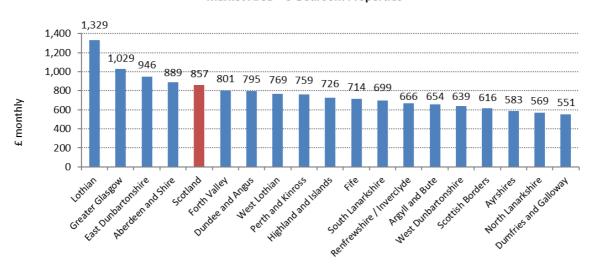


CHART 7: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2019 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 3-Bedroom Properties

### **Main Findings for 4 Bedroom Properties**

From 2018 to 2019, 16 out of 18 areas have seen increases in average rents for 4 bedroom properties. The increases ranged from 0.6% in Lothian to 14.1% in Renfrewshire/Inverclyde, 15.6% in East Dunbartonshire and 16.2% in the West Dunbartonshire. Two areas saw decrease. These were a drop of 3.9% in the North Lanarkshire and a drop of 6.2% in Ayrshires. See Chart 8 and Table 4 below.

The regional trends combine to show a 3.7% increase for 4 bedroom properties from £1,278 in 2018 to £1,325 in 2019 at the Scotland level. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 1.7% in the year to Sept-19.

Over the 2010 to 2019 period, West Dunbartonshire has seen the highest increase in private rents for 4 bedroom properties, with average monthly rents rising by 54.2% (cumulative increase over 9 years). Average rents in Greater Glasgow and Lothian have risen by 51.5% and 47.6%, respectively, over the same time period.

For the other areas of Scotland, cumulative increases have ranged from 4.6% in Argyll and Bute to 45.2% in Renfrewshire/Inverclyde. No areas of Scotland have seen decreases in average rent for 4 bedroom properties between 2010 and 2019.

These regional trends combine to show a 38.2% cumulative increase from £959 in 2010 to £1,325 in 2019 for 4 bedroom properties at the Scotland level.

Figures on changes to rents for 4 bedroom properties over the period from 2010 to 2019 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 20.8% from Sept-10 to Sept-19. For example over the 9 year period, average

rents for 4 bedroom properties in 14 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 4 areas of the country have been below the rise in the consumer price index. These can be seen in Chart 8.

CHART 8: Cumulative % Change in Average (mean) Rents from 2010 to 2019 (years to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 4-Bedroom Properties

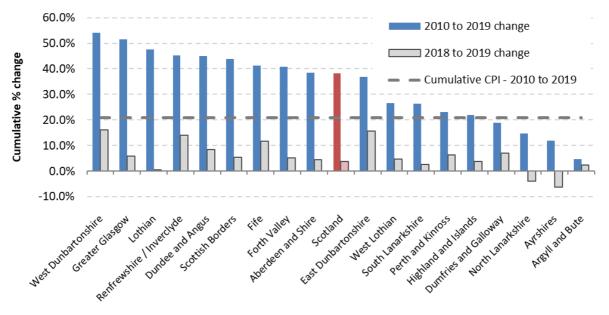


TABLE 4: 4 Bedroom Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£): Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2019, by Broad Rental Market Area

				2010 to	2018 to
				2019	2019
	2010	2018	2019	change	change
West Dunbartonshire	821	1,089	1,266	54.2%	16.2%
Greater Glasgow	1,067	1,527	1,617	51.5%	5.8%
Lothian	1,291	1,894	1,905	47.6%	0.6%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	834	1,061	1,210	45.2%	14.1%
Dundee and Angus	811	1,085	1,177	45.1%	8.5%
Scottish Borders	690	942	992	43.8%	5.3%
Fife	773	979	1,092	41.2%	11.6%
Forth Valley	857	1,148	1,207	40.8%	5.1%
Aberdeen and Shire	944	1,249	1,306	38.4%	4.5%
Scotland	959	1,278	1,325	38.2%	3.7%
East Dunbartonshire	1,135	1,344	1,553	36.8%	15.6%
West Lothian	834	1,007	1,055	26.5%	4.8%
South Lanarkshire	924	1,138	1,167	26.3%	2.6%
Perth and Kinross	858	993	1,056	23.2%	6.4%
Highland and Islands	751	882	915	21.9%	3.7%
Dumfries and Galloway	620	688	737	18.8%	7.0%
North Lanarkshire	776	926	890	14.7%	-3.9%
Ayrshires	758	903	848	11.8%	-6.2%
Argyll and Bute	924	945	967	4.6%	2.2%

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 2019, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 4 bedroom properties across Scotland (£1,905). Other areas with higher rents included Greater Glasgow (£1,617) and East Dunbartonshire (£1,553). Areas with the lowest average rents included Dumfries and Galloway (£737), Ayrshires (£848), and North Lanarkshire (£890). See Chart 9 below.

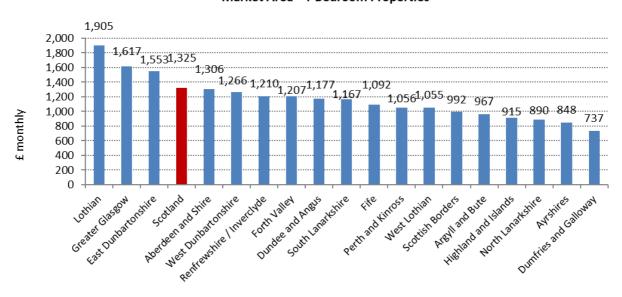


CHART 9: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2019 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 4-Bedroom Properties

### Main Findings for 1 Bedroom in a Shared Property

From 2018 to 2019, 10 out of 18 areas have seen increases in average rents for 1 bedroom shared properties. The increases ranged from 0.2% in Perth and Kinross to 16.8% in Argyll and Bute. Highlands and Islands saw no change. There were seven areas that saw decreases, ranging from a drop of 14.9% in the Scottish Borders to a drop of 0.9% in South Lanarkshire. See Chart 10 and Table 5 below.

These regional trends combine to show an increase of 2.0% in average rents from £366 in 2018 to £373 in 2019 for 1 bedroom in a shared property at the Scotland level. This compares to an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 1.7% in the year to Sept-19.

Over the 9 year period from 2010 to 2019, the Lothian has seen the highest increase in average private rents for 1 bedroom shared properties, with average rents rising by 43.9% (cumulative increase over 9 years).

A further 5 areas have seen increases that were higher than the Scotland average over the 9 years (24.5%). These ranged from 25.2% in Forth Valley to 30.8% in Dundee and Angus. Other areas that saw increases to a lesser extent ranged from 1.9% in Dumfries and Galloway to 22.3% in the Ayrshires.

These regional trends combine to show a 24.5% cumulative increase from £300 in 2010 to £373 in 2019 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 2019 should be considered in the context of the cumulative increase in the UK Consumer

Price Index of 20.8% from Sept-10 to Sept-19. Over the 9 year period, average rents for 1 bedroom shared properties in 7 out of 18 areas of Scotland have risen faster than the consumer price index, and West Lothian has risen at the same rate. 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.

end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 1 bedroom shared properties 50.0% 2010 to 2019 change 40.0% 2018 to 2019 change 30.0% Cumulative CPI - 2010 to 2019 20.0% Cumulative % change 10.0% 0.0% -10.0% -20.0%

CHART 10: Cumulative % Change in Average (mean) Rents from 2010 to 2019 (years to

TABLE 5: 1 Bedroom Shared Properties - Average (mean) Monthly Rents (£): Cumulative Changes 2010 to 2019, by Broad Rental Market Area

				2010 to	2018 to
				2019	2019
	2010	2018	2019	change	change
Lothian	320	425	460	43.9%	8.2%
Dundee and Angus	263	332	344	30.8%	3.5%
Fife	271	372	351	29.6%	-5.7%
Highland and Islands	287	371	371	29.1%	0.0%
Greater Glasgow	313	386	403	28.8%	4.6%
Forth Valley	276	371	345	25.2%	-7.0%
Scotland	300	366	373	24.5%	2.0%
Ayrshires	302	359	369	22.3%	2.8%
West Lothian	279	348	337	20.8%	-3.2%
Perth and Kinross	262	312	312	19.3%	0.2%
Scottish Borders	256	357	304	18.9%	-14.9%
Argyll and Bute	316	320	374	18.5%	16.8%
East Dunbartonshire	300	347	352	17.3%	1.6%
West Dunbartonshire	289	312	333	15.1%	6.7%
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	296	309	332	12.0%	7.4%
Aberdeen and Shire	328	354	359	9.3%	1.4%
South Lanarkshire	309	337	334	8.1%	-0.9%
North Lanarkshire	297	331	303	2.2%	-8.3%
Dumfries and Galloway	278	295	283	1.9%	-3.9%

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 2019, Lothian had the highest average monthly rents for 1 bedroom shared properties across Scotland (£460). Other areas with higher rents included Greater Glasgow (£403) and Argyll and Bute (£374). Areas with the lowest average rents included Dumfries and Galloway (£283) and North Lanarkshire (£303). See Chart 11 below.

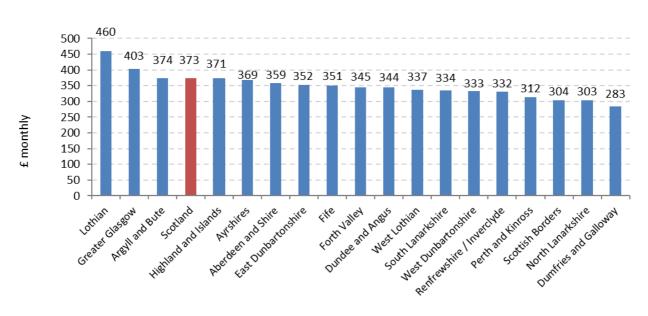


CHART 11: Average (mean) Monthly Rents 2019 (year to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 1-Bedroom Shared Properties

### **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 2019. 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.

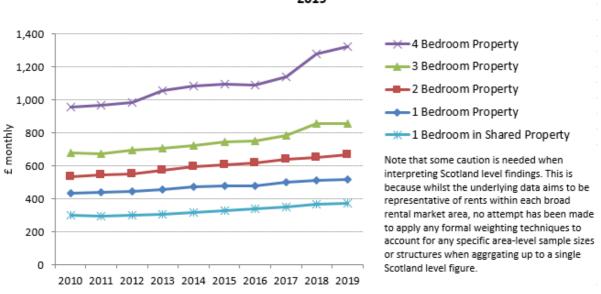


CHART 12: Average (mean) monthly rents, by Property Size: Scotland, 2010 to 2019

TABLE 6: Summary of Average (mean) Private Rents (£ monthly): Scotland, 2010 to 2019 (years to end Sept)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 Bedroom Property	436	439	447	454	472	480	482	501	510	519
2 Bedroom Property	536	546	553	576	596	610	616	643	652	668
3 Bedroom Property	679	672	695	707	724	744	753	787	855	857
4 Bedroom Property	959	971	983	1,060	1,083	1,097	1,089	1,143	1,278	1,325
1 Bedroom in Shared Property	300	294	301	309	317	327	340	350	366	373

Percentage Increases:

	2010 to	2011 to	2012 to	2013 to	2014 to	2015 to	2016 to	2017 to	2018 to	2010 to
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019
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1 Bedroom Property	0.8%	1.8%	1.6%	3.9%	1.6%	0.4%	4.0%	1.7%	1.9%	19.1%
2 Bedroom Property	1.9%	1.2%	4.2%	3.6%	2.2%	1.0%	4.4%	1.5%	2.4%	24.6%
3 Bedroom Property	-1.0%	3.4%	1.8%	2.3%	2.8%	1.2%	4.6%	8.7%	0.2%	26.3%
4 Bedroom Property	1.3%	1.2%	7.8%	2.2%	1.3%	-0.7%	4.9%	11.8%	3.7%	38.2%
1 Bedroom in Shared Property	-2.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	3.0%	4.0%	3.0%	4.7%	2.0%	24.5%

#### 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 2019 (cumulative increases over 9 years).

The greatest cumulative increase over the 9 years from 2010 to 2019 has been for 4 bedroom properties (38.2% increase). Average rents for 3 bedroom properties have increased by 26.3%, average rents for 2 bedroom properties have increased by 24.6%, and average rents for 1 bedroom shared properties have increased by 24.5%, whilst average rents for 1 bedroom properties have seen a cumulative increase of 19.1%.

For 3, 4 and 1 bedroom shared properties, the latest annual increases of 0.2%, 3.7% and 2.0%, respectively, between 2018 and 2019, are lower than the changes in properties for the previous year. This follows increases of 8.7%, 11.8% and 4.7%, respectively, between 2017 and 2018 which were all higher than any previous annual increases since 2010.

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 Areas<sup>7</sup>. The commentary focusses on annual changes and 9 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 charts<sup>8</sup>.

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://lhadirect.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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 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.

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

### **Broad Rental Market Area**

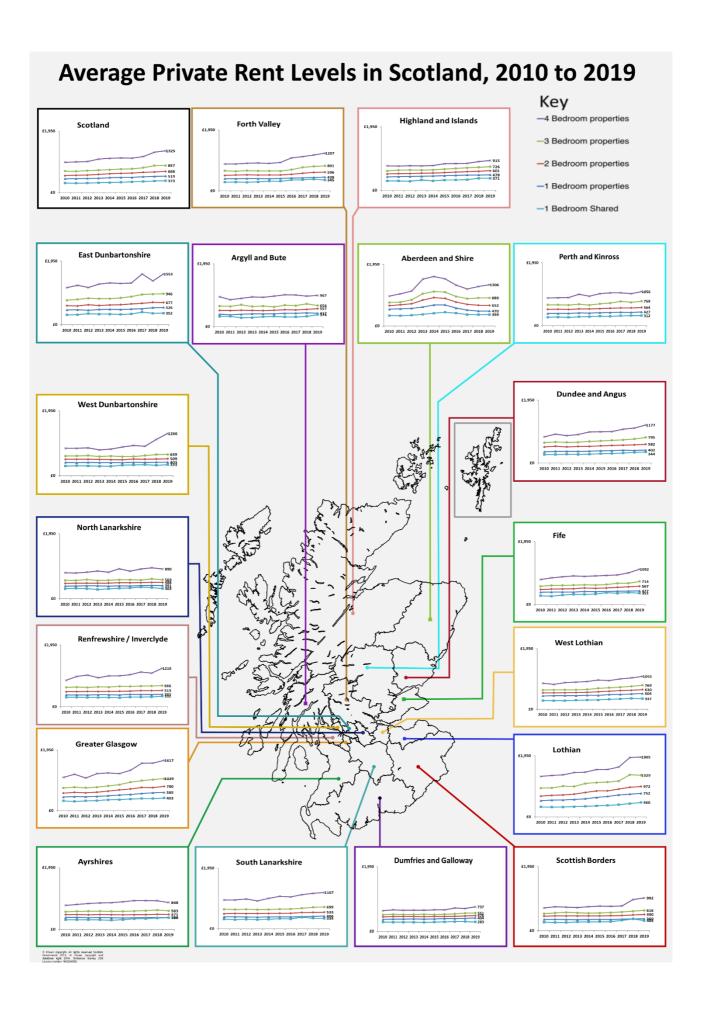
- 1. Aberdeen and Shire
- 2, Argyll and Bute
- 3, Ayrshires
- 4, Dumfries and Galloway
- 5, Dundee and Angus
- 6, East Dunbartonshire
- 7, Fife
- 8, Forth Valley
- 9, Greater Glasgow
- 10, Highland and Islands
- 11, Lothian
- 12, North Lanarkshire
- 13, Perth and Kinross
- 14, Renfrewshire / Inverclyde
- 15, Scottish Borders





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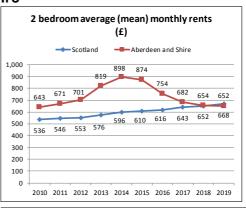
#### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Aberdeen and Shire**

Rents in Aberdeen and Shire showed some mixed trends in the latest year, with decreases in average (mean) rents between 2018 and 2019 for 1 bedroom (-0.5%) and 2 bedroom (-0.3%) properties, but increases for 1 bedroom shared (1.4%), 3 bedroom (0.4%) and 4 bedroom (4.5%) properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. This follows decreases between 2015 and 2017 in average rents across all property size categories, likely to be due to decreased demand for rental properties following the downturn in the oil industry. Average rents in 2019 are still higher than in 2010 except for 1 bedroom properties, for which rents are 11.1% lower than in 2010. For 4 bedroom properties, rents in 2019 are 38.4% higher than in 2010, which is higher than CPI inflation (20.8%) over this period.

For 3 and 4 bedroom properties, greater increases at the top end (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartille) between 2012 and 2014 caused the gap between the top end and bottom ends to widen. This gap has narrowed in more recent years, although it has slightly increased again from 2018 to 2019.

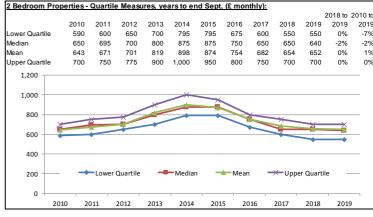
The average 2 bedroom rent in 2019 was £652 per month, slightly lower than the Scotland average of £668 which is a reflection of rents in Aberdeen and Shire falling since 2014 and remaining relatively stable from 2018 to 2019 while the Scotland average has increased each year over this time period.

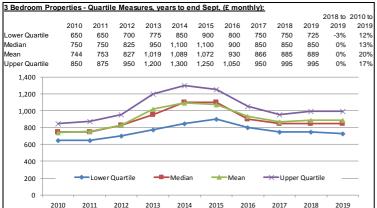
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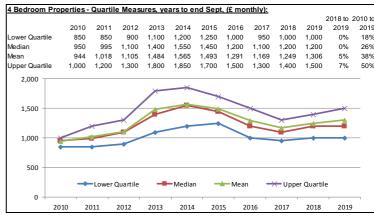


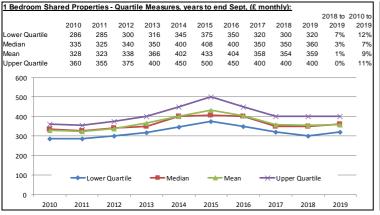


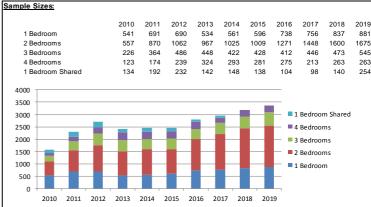
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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	2019
Lower Quartile	500	500	520	550	625	625	510	450	425	425	0%	-15%
Median	525	550	550	600	650	675	550	500	470	450	-4%	-14%
Mean	529	540	555	600	664	667	566	501	473	470	-1%	-11%
Upper Quartile	575	575	600	650	725	700	600	550	500	500	0%	-13%
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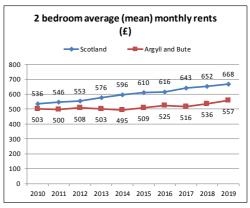


### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Argyll & Bute**

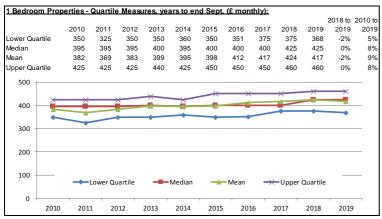
Average (mean) rents in Argyll and Bute have increased between 2018 and 2019 for 2 bedroom (3.9%), 4 bedroom (2.2%), and 1 bedroom shared properties (16.8%), but have fallen for 1 bedroom properties (-1.8%) and 3 bedroom (-7.4%) properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2019, average rents have increased for all property sizes, ranging from 2.6% for 3 bedroom properties to 18.5% for 1 bedroom shared properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

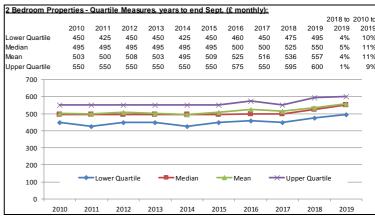
3, 4 and 1 bedroom shared properties have each seen some variation each year since 2010 in the gap between the higher end (upper quartile) and lower end (lower quartile) of the market, although all of these sizes of properties have seen the gap narrow slightly in the latest year.

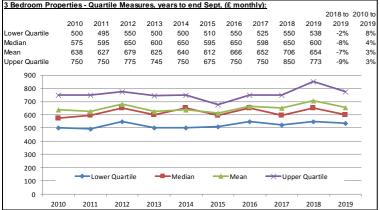
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010. Although the gap has grown over the years, this has decreased slightly in the latest year with the average rent in 2019 being £557 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

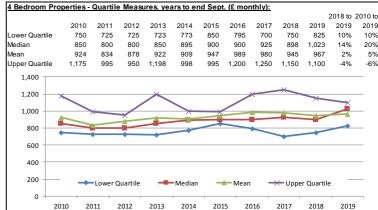


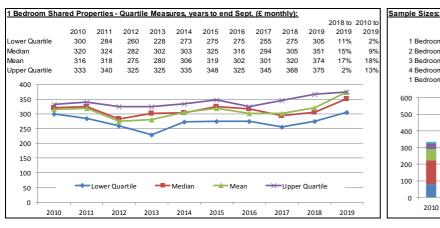


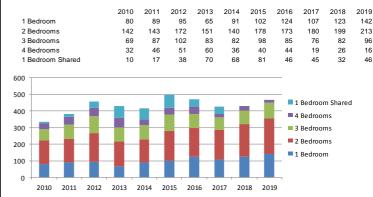










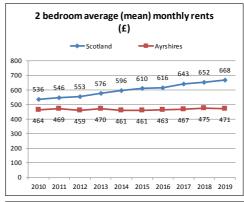


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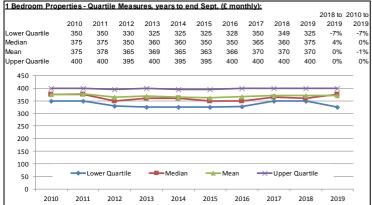
Between 2018 and 2019 average (mean) rents have decreased for 1 bedroom (-0.1%), 2 bedroom (-0.7%), 3 bedroom (-4.0%) properties, and 4 bedroom properties (-6.2%), but have increased for 1 bedroom shared properties (2.8%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2019, average rents have increased for all property sizes, except 1 bedroom rents which dropped by 1.4%. The largest increase has been seen for 1 bedroom shared properties (22.3%), which has been higher than CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

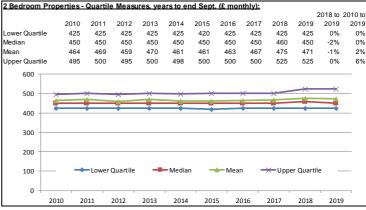
For 1 bedroom properties, a decrease in the bottom end (lower quartile) has increased the gap between bottom end and top end rents in the latest year.

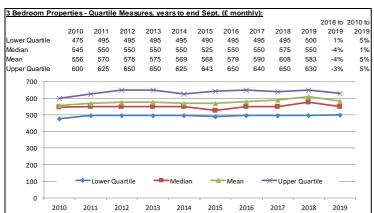
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has grown over the years, with the average rent in 2019 being £471 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

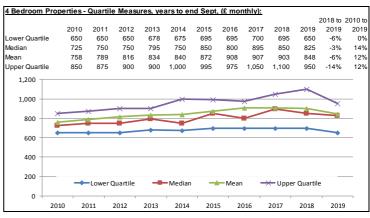


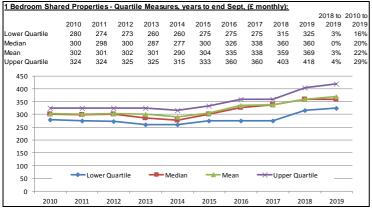














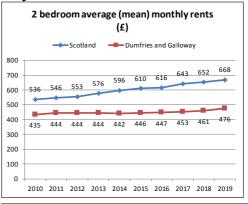
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**Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Dumfries & Galloway** 

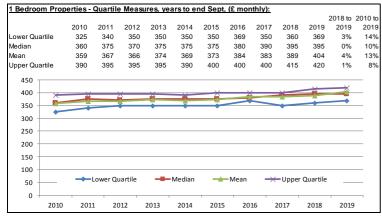
Average (mean) rents in Dumfries and Galloway between 2018 and 2019 have increased for 1 bedroom (4.0%), 2 bedroom (3.0%), 3 bedroom (0.8%) properties, and 4 bedroom properties (7.0%), but have fallen for 1 bedroom shared properties (-3.9%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2019 average rents have increased for all property sizes, ranging from 1.9% for 1 bedroom shared properties up to 18.8% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

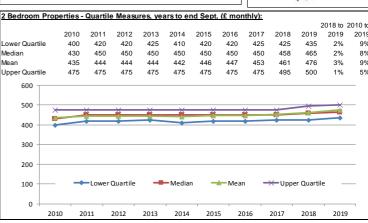
In the latest year, 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom have seen rents at the bottom end (lower quartile) increase narrowing the gap between the lower end and the upper end.

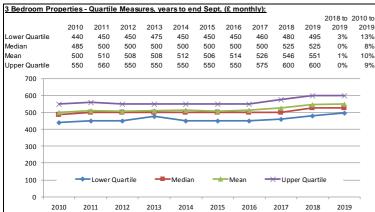
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has grown over the years, with the average rent in 2019 being £476 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

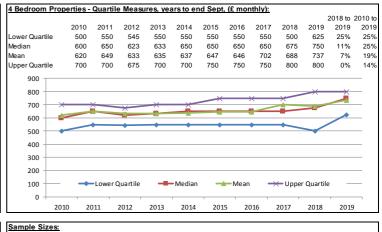


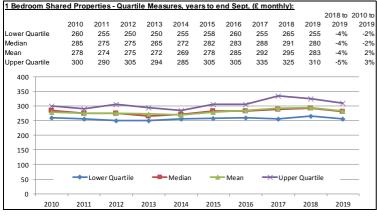












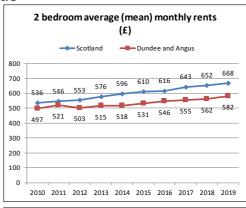


**Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Dundee and Angus** 

Average (mean) rents between 2018 and 2019 have increased for all property sizes with increases seen for 1 bedroom properties (2.9%), 2 bedroom (3.6%), 3 bedroom (6.6%), 4 bedroom (8.5%) properties, and 1 bedroom shared properties (3.5%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents for all property sizes have also increased between 2010 and 2019, with increases ranging from 14.4% for 1 bedroom properties to 45.1% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

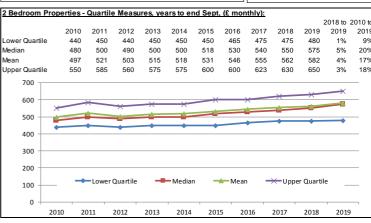
For 3 bedroom properties increases between 2010 and 2019 have been greater at the top end (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartile), causing the gap between top and bottom ends of the market to widen.

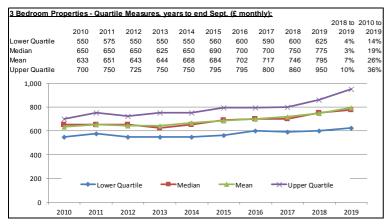
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, but this gap has narrowed slightly in the most recent year with the average rent in 2019 being £582 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

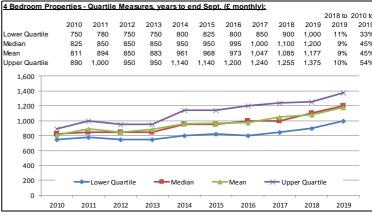


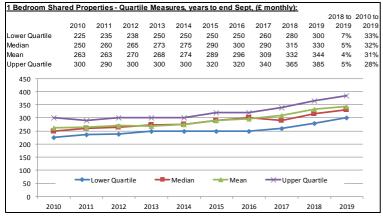


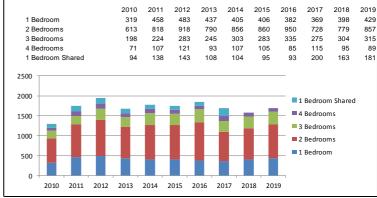
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Lower Quarti	le 3:	20 3	25 330	330	335	350	350	350	350	350	0%	9%
Median	3	50 3	50 360	350	365	375	375	385	385	395	3%	13%
Mean	3	51 3	60 361	362	369	381	383	394	390	402	3%	14%
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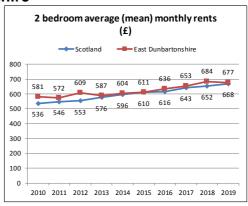
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### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: East Dunbartonshire**

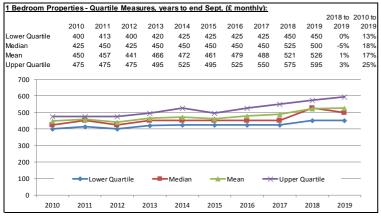
Average (mean) rents in East Dunbartonshire have increased for increased for 1 bedroom (0.8%), 3 bedroom (1.0%), 4 bedroom (15.6%) and 1 bedroom shared properties (1.6%), but have fallen for 2 bedroom properties (-1.0%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents for all property sizes have increased between 2010 and 2019, with increases ranging from 16.5% for 2 bedroom properties to 36.8% for 4 bedroom properties, respectively, which compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

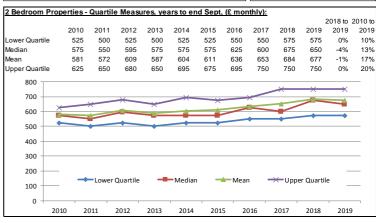
For 1 bedroom properties, rents between 2010 and 2019 have increased more at the top end (upper quartile) that at bottom end (lower quartile) of the market, causing a slight widening of the gap between the top and bottom end of the market.

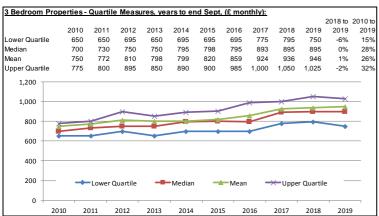
Average 2 bedroom rents have been higher than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, although rents have been only slightly higher than the Scotland figures since 2013 onwards, with the average rent in 2019 being £677 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

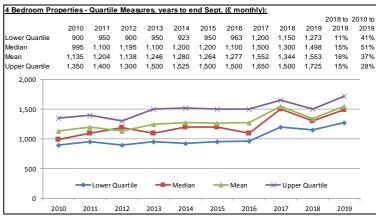


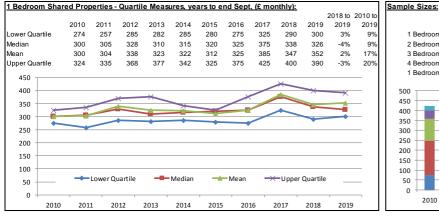












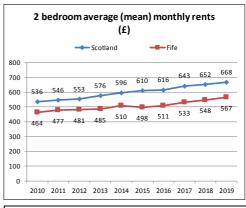


#### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Fife**

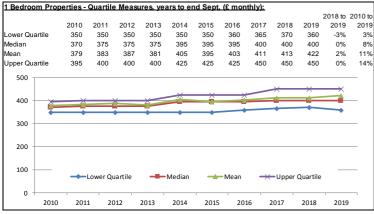
Average (mean) rents in Fife have increased for 1 bedroom (2.2%), 2 bedroom (3.4%), 3 bedroom (8.3%) and 4 bedroom (11.6%) properties, but decreased in 1 bedroom shared properties (-5.7%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period between 2018 and 2019. Between 2010 and 2019 average rents have increased across all property sizes, ranging from an increase of 11.4% for 1 bedroom properties to an increase of 41.2% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

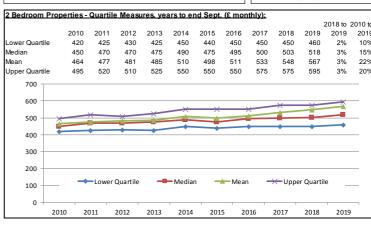
For 4 bedroom properties, over the last two years increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents has widened the gap in rents between the top and bottom ends of the market.

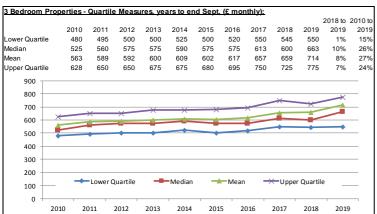
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has grown slightly over the years but reduced slightly between 2018 and 2019, with the average rent in 2019 being £567 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

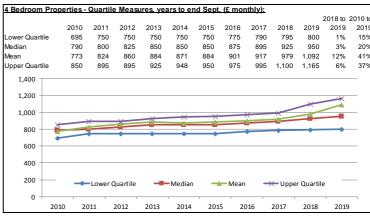


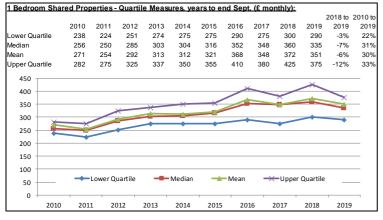


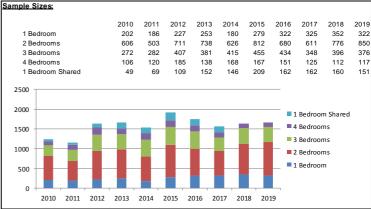










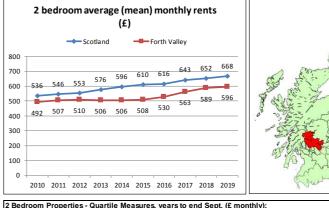


### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Forth Valley**

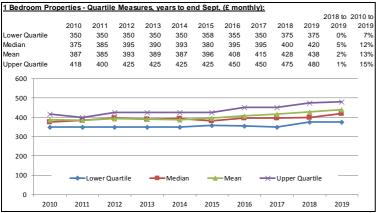
Between 2018 and 2019, average (mean) rents in Forth Valley have increased for 1 bedroom (2.4%), 2 bedroom (1.2%), 3 bedroom (2.3%) and 4 bedroom (5.1%) properties, but decreased in 1 bedroom shared properties (-7.0%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents between 2010 and 2019 have increased for all property sizes. Increases range from 13.3% for 1 bedroom properties to 40.8% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

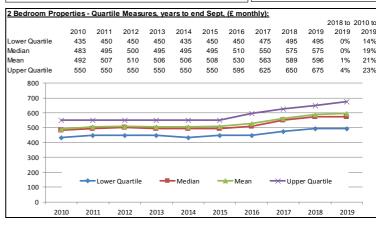
Across 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom properties, since 2010 there have generally been greater increases in the top end rents (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartile), resulting in the gap between top and bottom ends of the market widening slightly.

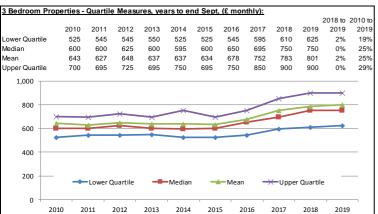
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, with the average rent in 2019 being £596 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668. The gap grew between 2011 and 2015, then narrowed between 2016 and 2018. In 2019 the gap increased slightly.

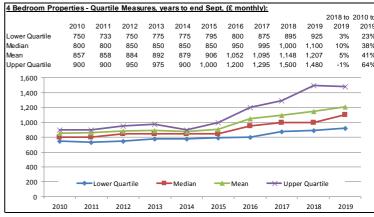


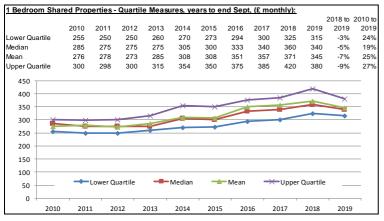


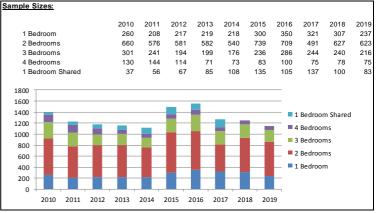










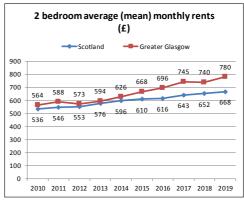


**Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Greater Glasgow** 

Average (mean) rents in the Greater Glasgow area between 2010 and 2019 have showed increases in all bedroom sizes ranging from 2.2% for 1 bedroom properties to 5.8% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents have increased for all properties between 2010 and 2019, with increases ranging from 28.8% for 1 bedroom shared properties to 51.5% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

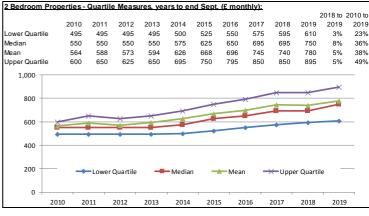
For most property sizes there have generally been greater increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents between 2010 and 2019, which has widened the gap in rents compared to the bottom end of the market (lower quartile).

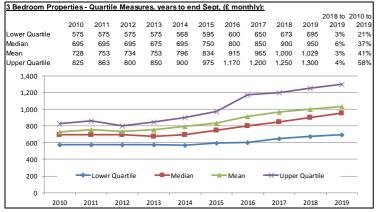
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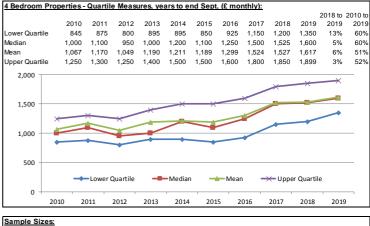


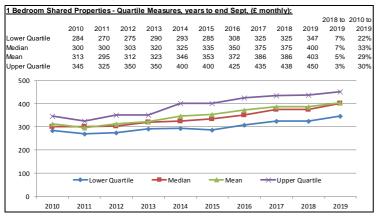


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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	2019
Lower Quartile	380	395	375	395	395	420	425	450	475	475	0%	25%
Median	425	450	430	450	450	480	495	525	550	575	5%	35%
Mean	437	451	444	456	476	501	520	549	572	585	2%	34%
Upper Quartile	485	495	495	500	535	575	595	625	650	675	4%	39%
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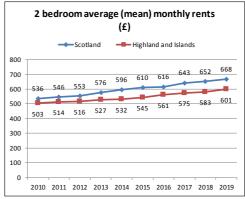


Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Highlands and Islands

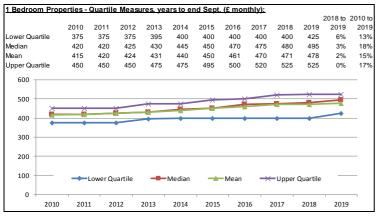
Average (mean) rents in the Highlands and Islands have increased for all property sizes between 2018 and 2019, apart from 1 bedroom shared properties which have remained the same. Increases have ranged from 1.5% for 1 bedroom properties, to 3.7% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents have increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2019, ranging from an increase of 15.1% for 1 bedroom properties to an increase of 29.1% for 1 bedroom shared properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

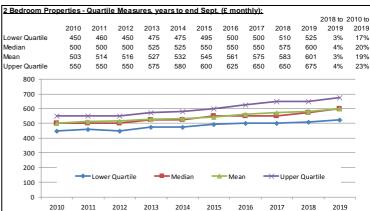
For all property sizes there have generally been slightly greater increases at the top end (upper quartile) than the bottom end (lower quartile) of the market between 2010 and 2019, which has resulted in a widening gap between top and bottom ends of the market.

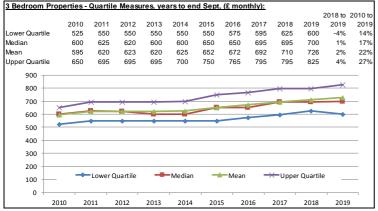
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, with the average rent in 2018 being £601 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

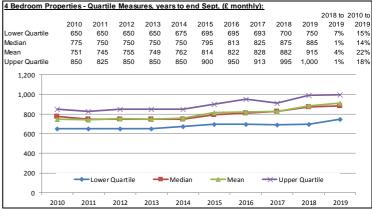


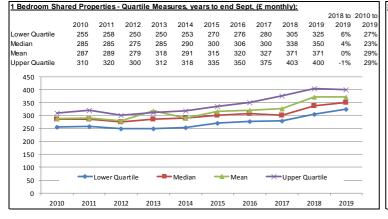












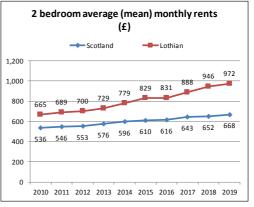


#### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Lothian**

Average (mean) rents in the Lothian area have increased between 2018 and 2019 for 1 bedroom (3.4%), 2 bedroom (2.8%), 4 bedroom (0.6%) and 1 bedroom shared (8.2%) properties, but decreased in 3 bedroom properties (-1.2%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period between 2018 and 2019. Average rents have increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2019. Increases over this time period ranged from 43.9% for 1 bedroom shared properties to 47.6% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 20.8%.

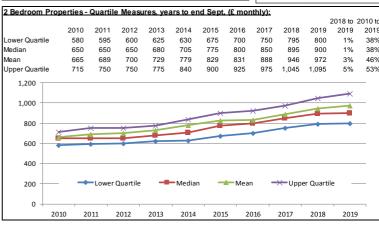
For all property sizes except 1 bedroom properties, since 2010 increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents have generally been greater than increases in the bottom end (lower quartile), which has widened the gap in rents.

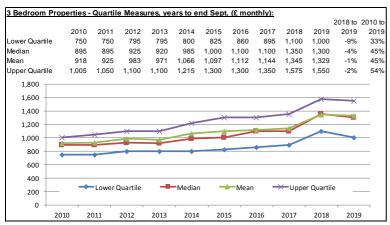
Average 2 bedroom rents have been higher than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and this difference has grown since 2013, with the average rent in 2019 being £972 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

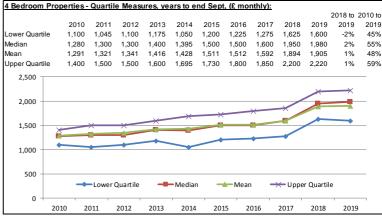


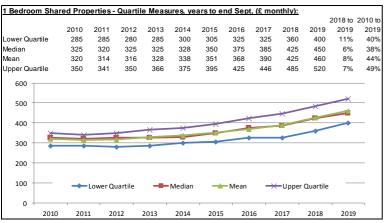


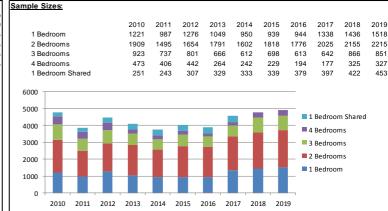
1 Bedroom Pro	perties -	Quartil	e Meas	ures, ye	ars to e	nd Sept	, (£ moi	nthly):				
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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	
Lower Quartile	465	480	495	495	515	550	575	625	650	675	4%	
Median	500	525	525	525	550	595	625	675	695	725	4%	
Mean	520	535	542	555	582	620	653	704	728	752	3%	
Upper Quartile	550	575	575	595	625	675	700	750	775	795	3%	45%
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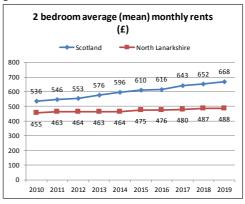


#### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: North Lanarkshire**

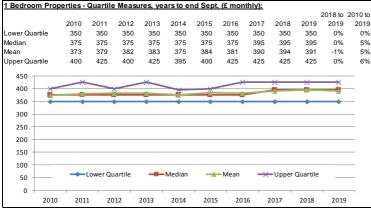
Between 2018 and 2019, average (mean) rents in North Lanarkshire have increased slightly for 2 bedroom (0.2%) properties but have fallen for 1 bedroom properties (-0.7%), 3 bedroom (-4.0%) properties, 4 bedroom properties (-3.9%) and 1 bedroom shared (-8.3%) properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents have increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2019 with the largest increase of 14.7% being seen for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

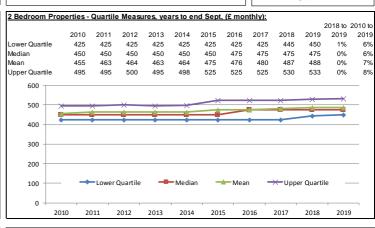
For 4 bedroom properties, since 2010 increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents have been greater than increases in the bottom end (lower quartile), which has widened the gap in rents, although this difference has narrowed slightly in the latest year.

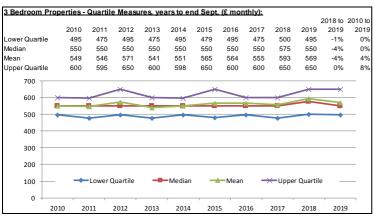
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and this gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2019 being £488 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

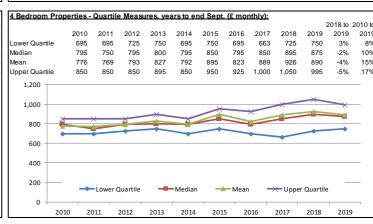


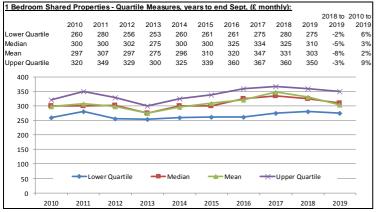












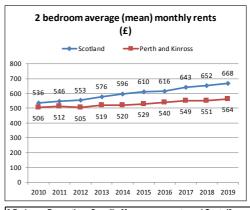


#### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Perth & Kinross**

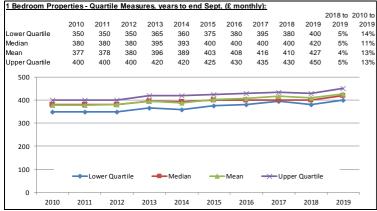
Between 2018 and 2019, average (mean) rents in Perth and Kinross increased for all property sizes with increases seen for 1 bedroom properties (4.1%), 2 bedroom (2.4%), 3 bedroom (4.9%), 4 bedroom (6.4%) properties, and 1 bedroom shared properties (0.2%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period.. Between 2010 and 2019 there have been increases in the average rent for all property sizes, ranging from 11.3% for 2 bedroom properties and 23.2% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

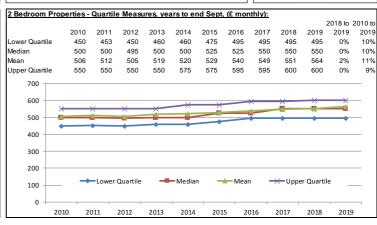
For 3 bedroom, 4 bedroom and 1 bedroom shared properties, between 2018 and 2019 there has been a greater increase in the top end (upper quartile) rents compared to the bottom end (lower quartile), which has caused an increase in the gap between the top and the bottom of the market.

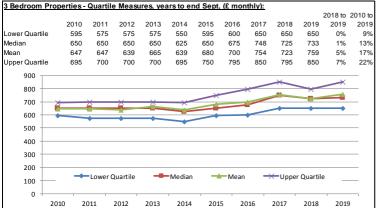
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2019 being £564 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

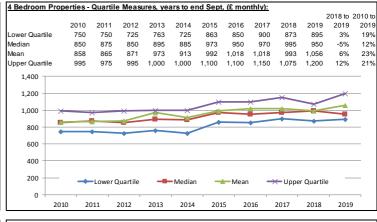


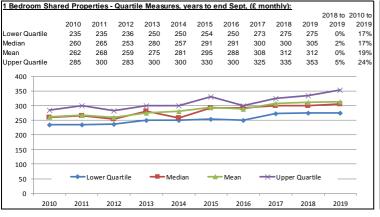


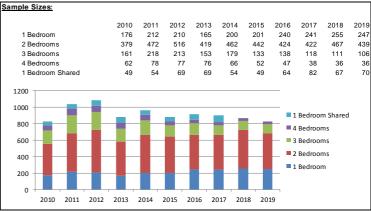










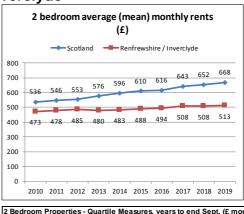


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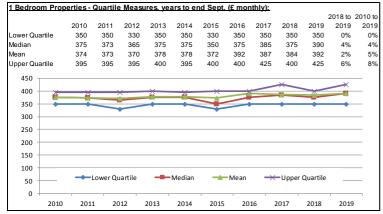
Between 2018 and 2019, average (mean) rents have increased for 1 bedroom properties (1.9%), 2 bedroom properties (1.0%), 3 bedroom properties (1.5%), 4 bedroom properties (14.1%) and 1 bedroom shared (7.4%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Between 2010 and 2019 average rents increased for all property sizes. Increases have ranged from 4.6% for 1 bedroom properties to 45.2% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

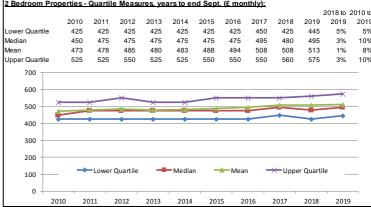
For 4 bedroom properties sizes, there has been an increase in both the top end (upper quartile) rents and the bottom end (lower quartile) in the latest year.

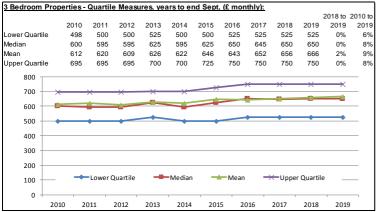
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2019 being £513 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.



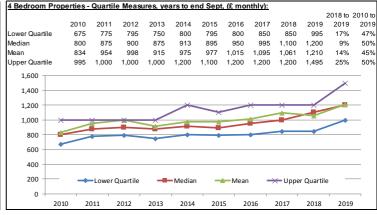


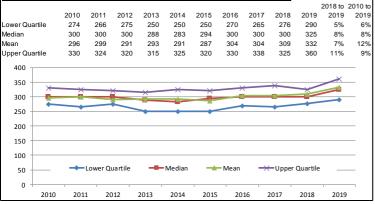






1 Bedroom Shared Properties - Quartile Measures, years to end Sept, (£ monthly):





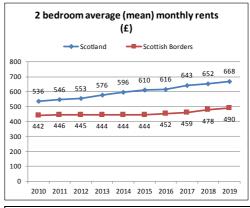


## **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Scottish Borders**

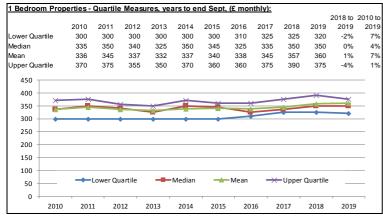
Between 2018 and 2019, average (mean) rent in the Scottish Borders increased for 1 bedroom (0.7%) properties, 2 bedroom (2.6%) properties, 3 bedroom (4.1%) and 4 bedroom (5.3%) but have fallen for 1 bedroom shared (-14.9%) properties , which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. The fall in rents for 1 bedroom shared properties in the latest year follows a 14.4% increase between 2017 and 2018. Average rents have also increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2019, with increases ranging from 7.0% to 43.8% for 1 bedroom and 4 bedroom shared properties, respectively. This compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

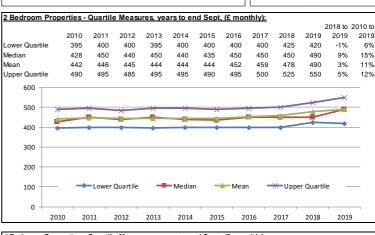
In the latest year, the gap between the top end rents (upper quartile) and the bottom end (lower quartile) has increased for 2 bedroom and 4 bedroom properties.

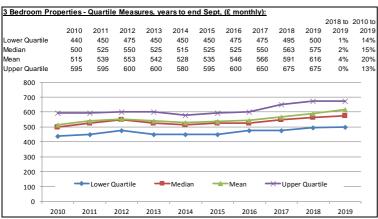
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2019 being £490 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

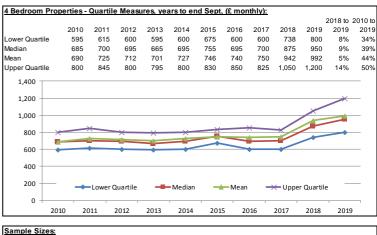


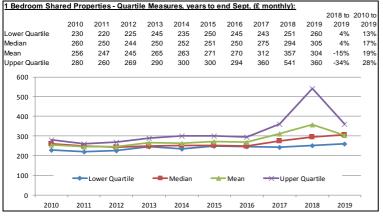












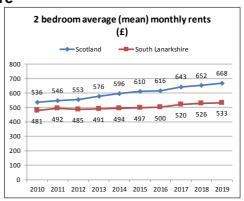


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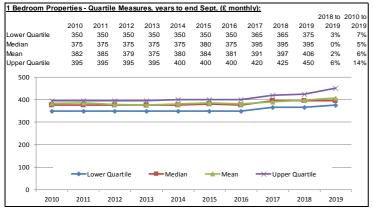
Average (mean) rent in South Lanarkshire have increased between 2018 and 2019 for 1 bedroom (2.3%), 2 bedroom (1.4%), 3 bedroom (1.3%), and 4 bedroom properties (2.6%), but have fallen for 1 bedroom shared properties (-0.9%), which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents have increased between 2010 and 2019 for all property sizes, ranging from 6.2% for 1 bedroom shared properties to 26.3% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

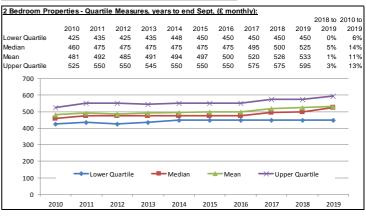
For all property sizes, since 2010 increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents have generally been slightly greater than increases in the bottom end (lower quartile), which has widened the gap in rents slightly.

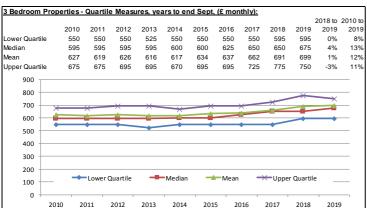
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2018 being £533 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

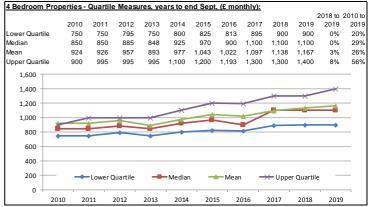


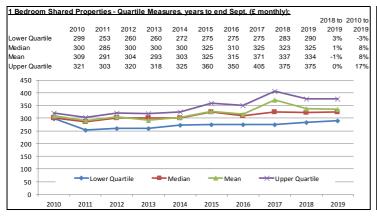


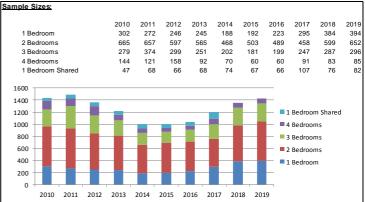










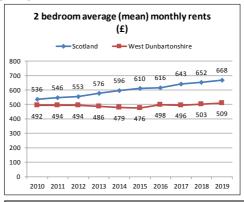


#### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: West Dunbartonshire**

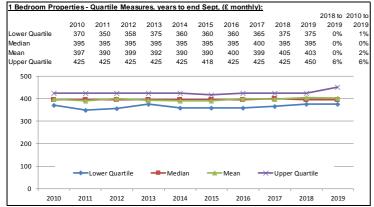
Average (mean) rents between 2018 and 2019 have increased for 2 bedroom (1.1%), 3 bedroom (0.7%), 4 bedroom (16.2%), and 1 bedroom shared properties (6.7%), but have fallen for 1 bedroom properties (-0.4%) which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents have increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2019. Increases ranged from 1.6% for 1 bedroom properties and 54.2% for 4 bedroom properties. This compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period. When interpeting these figures, it is important to note the very small sample size for 4 bedroom properties in 2018 and 2019 (7 and 6, respectively).

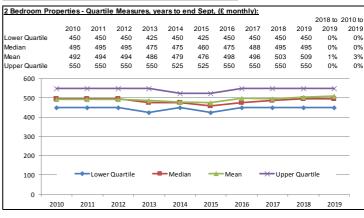
For 4 bedroom properties, since 2017 increases in the top end (upper quartile) greater than for those in the bottom end (lower quartile) have widened the gap between the top and bottom of the market.

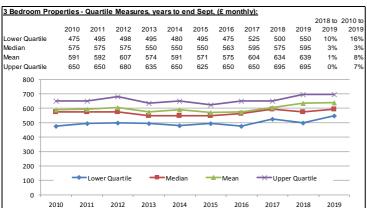
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the gap has widened over the years, with the average rent in 2019 being £509 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

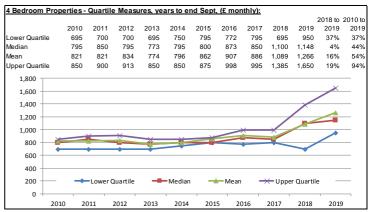


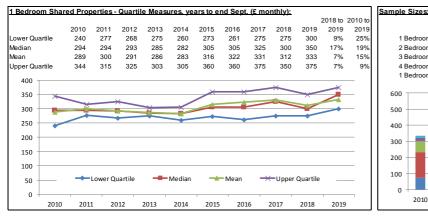


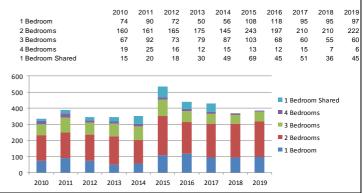










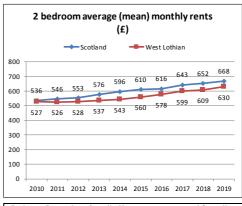


#### **Broad Rental Market Area Profile: West Lothian**

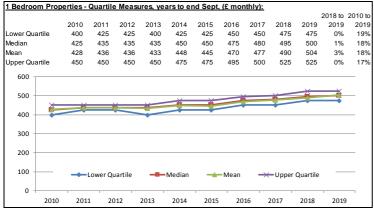
Average (mean) rents in West Lothian between 2018 and 2019 have increased for 1 bedroom properties (2.8%), 2 bedroom properties (3.4%), 3 bedroom properties (4.6%) and 4 bedroom properties (4.8%), but have decreased for 1 bedroom shared properties (-3.2%) which compares to CPI inflation of 1.7% across this time period. Average rents have also increased for all property sizes between 2010 and 2019. Increases range from 17.6% (1 bedroom properties) to 26.5% (4 bedroom properties), which compares to CPI inflation of 20.8% across this time period.

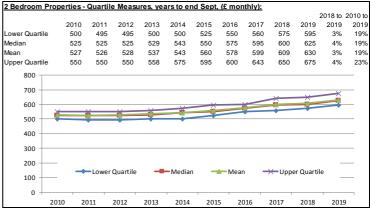
For 3 and 4 bedroom properties, increases at the top end of the market (upper quartile) between 2010 and 2019 have generally been higher than increases in the bottom end (lower quartile)increasing the gap in rents between the top and bottom of the market slightly...

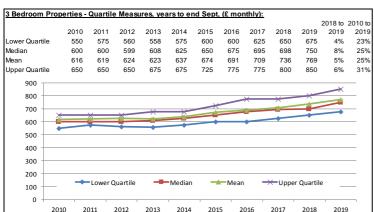
Average 2 bedroom rents have been lower than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, with the average rent in 2018 being £630 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £668.

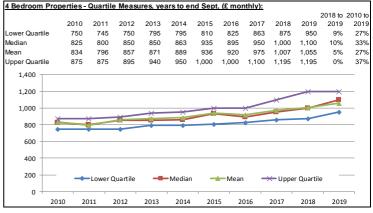


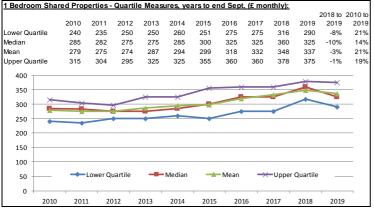














Sample Sizes:

# **Reference Tables**

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

	1 Bedroor	n Proper	ties 💮			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	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	4,778	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	n Shared	Properti	es			•		•	

	1 Bedroor	<u>n Snared</u>	Properti	<u>es</u>	
	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
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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 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 Bedroor	<u>Bedroom Properties</u> <u>4 Bedroom Properties</u>								
	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
	1 Bedroor	n Shared	Properti	ies	•	•				

1 Bedroom Snared Properties								
	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)

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	1 Bedroor	n Properties		2 Bedroor	n Properties

<u>i Bedroom Properties</u> <u>2 Bedroom Properties</u>										
	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 1,791 Lothian 1,049 North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire 

	3 Bedroor	n Proper	<u>ties</u>			4 Bedroor	n Propertie	<u>es</u>		
	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 Bedroor	n Shared	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 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 Number of Number of Upper Lower 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 

	3 Bedroor	n Proper	<u>ties</u>			<u> 4 Bedroor</u>	<u>n Propertie</u>	<u>es</u>		
	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

	1 Bedroor	n Shared	Properti	es	
	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

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

1 Bedroom Properties 2 Bedroom Properties Upper Number of Lower Number of Lower Upper Quartile Median Mean Quartile Median Mean Quartile records records Quartile 12,042 Scotland 5.682 Aberdeen and Shire 1,009 Argyll and Bute Avrshires **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 

3 Bedroom Properties 4 Bedroom Properties Upper Upper Number of Lower Number of Lower records Quartile Median Mean Quartile records Quartile Median Mean Quartile Scotland 5,079 1,777 1,097 1.300 Aberdeen and Shire 1,100 1,072 1,250 1,250 1,450 1,493 1,700 Argyll and Bute Avrshires Dumfries and Galloway Dundee and Angus 1,140 East Dunbartonshire 1.264 1,500 1.200 Fife Forth Valley 1,000 Greater Glasgow 1,100 1,189 1,500 Highland and Islands 1,200 Lothian 1,000 1.097 1,300 1,500 1,511 1,730 North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross 1.100 Renfrewshire / Inverclyde 1,100 Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire 1,043 1,200 West Dunbartonshire West Lothian 1.000 

	<u>i Bedroom Shared Properties</u>									
	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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West Lothian

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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 12,578 Scotland 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 

3 Bedroom Properties 4					<u> 4 Bedrooi</u>	<u>n Propertie</u>	<u>es</u>			
	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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	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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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 Bedroom Properties 4					4 Bedroor	n Propertie	<u>es</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	<u>es</u>	
	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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TABLE 15 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2018 (year to end Sep)

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1 Bedroom Proper	ties	2 Bedr	oom Properties

	Number of	mber of Lower Upper					Number of Lower				Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile		records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	7,574	395	450	510	600		13,973	495	595	652	750
Aberdeen and Shire	837	425	470	473	500		1,600	550	650	654	700
Argyll and Bute	123	375	425	424	460		199	475	525	536	595
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Ayrshires	348	349	360	370	400		795	425	460	475	525
Dumfries and Galloway	146	360	395	389	415		312	425	458	461	495
Dundee and Angus	398	350	385	390	425		779	475	550	562	630
East Dunbartonshire	73	450	525	521	575		165	575	675	684	750
Fife	352	370	400	413	450		776	450	503	548	575
Forth Valley	307	375	400	428	475		627	495	575	589	650
Greater Glasgow	1,606	475	550	572	650		2,673	595	695	740	850
Highland and Islands	253	400	480	471	525		683	510	575	583	650
Lothian	1,436	650	695	728	775		2,155	795	895	946	1,045
North Lanarkshire	255	350	395	394	425		519	445	475	487	530
Perth and Kinross	255	380	400	410	430		467	495	550	551	600
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	456	350	375	384	400		720	425	480	508	560
Scottish Borders	158	325	350	357	390		298	425	450	478	525
South Lanarkshire	384	365	395	397	425		599	450	500	526	575
West Dunbartonshire	95	375	395	405	425		210	450	495	503	550
West Lothian	92	475	495	490	525		396	575	600	609	650

3 Bedroom Properties 4 Bedroom Properties Number of Lower Upper Number of Lower Upper Median Mean Median Quartile records Quartile Quartile records Quartile Mean Scotland 5,277 595 750 855 995 1,694 900 1,195 1,278 1,600 Aberdeen and Shire 473 750 850 885 995 263 1,000 1,200 1,249 1,400 1,150 Argyll and Bute 82 550 650 706 850 26 750 898 945 Ayrshires 327 495 575 608 650 101 695 850 903 1,100 **Dumfries and Galloway** 600 800 167 480 525 546 31 500 675 688 750 746 1,255 Dundee and Angus 304 600 860 95 900 1,100 1,085 1,300 1,344 1,500 East Dunbartonshire 106 795 895 936 1,050 30 1,150 Fife 396 545 600 659 112 979 1,100 725 795 925 Forth Valley 240 610 750 783 900 78 895 1,000 1,148 1,500 Greater Glasgow 780 673 900 1,000 1,250 210 1,200 1,525 1,527 1,850 995 Highland and Islands 338 882 625 695 710 795 94 700 875 Lothian 866 1,100 1,350 1,345 1,575 325 1,625 1,950 1,894 2,200 North Lanarkshire 1,050 241 500 575 593 650 66 725 895 926 Perth and Kinross 725 795 995 993 1,075 111 650 723 36 873 Renfrewshire / Inverclyde 1.061 1.200 206 525 650 656 750 52 850 1.100 Scottish Borders 160 495 563 591 675 40 738 875 942 1,050 South Lanarkshire 287 595 650 691 775 83 900 1.100 1.138 1.300 West Dunbartonshire 55 500 575 634 695 695 1,100 1,089 1,385 138 800 45 875 1,195 West Lothian 650 698 736 1,000 1,007

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	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	2,378	300	350	366	421
Aberdeen and Shire	140	300	350	354	400
Argyll and Bute	32	275	305	320	368
Ayrshires	125	315	360	359	403
Dumfries and Galloway	108	265	291	295	325
Dundee and Angus	163	280	315	332	365
East Dunbartonshire	28	290	338	347	400
Fife	160	300	360	372	425
Forth Valley	100	325	360	371	420
Greater Glasgow	414	325	375	386	438
Highland and Islands	229	305	338	371	403
Lothian	422	360	425	425	485
North Lanarkshire	71	280	325	331	360
Perth and Kinross	67	275	300	312	335
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	95	276	300	309	325
Scottish Borders	31	251	294	357	541
South Lanarkshire	76	283	323	337	375
West Dunbartonshire	36	275	300	312	350
West Lothian	81	316	360	348	378

Notes:

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TABLE 16 - Private Rents (£ Monthly), by Broad Rental Market Area, 2019 (year to end Sep)

1 Bedroom Properties 2 Bedroom Properties Number of Lower Upper Number of Lower Upper records Quartile Median Mean Quartile records Quartile Median Mean Quartile Scotland 7,897 14,535 Aberdeen and Shire 1,675 Argyll and Bute Avrshires **Dumfries and Galloway** Dundee and Angus East Dunbartonshire Fife Forth Valley 2,755 Greater Glasgow 1,638 Highland and Islands 1,518 2,215 1,095 Lothian North Lanarkshire Perth and Kinross 

3 Bedroom Properties						4 Bedroon	n Propertie	<u>es</u>		
	Number of	Lower			Upper	Number of	Lower			Upper
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile
Scotland	5,476	595	750	857	995	1,729	900	1,200	1,325	1,650
Aberdeen and Shire	545	725	850	889	995	263	1,000	1,200	1,306	1,500
Argyll and Bute	96	538	600	654	773	16	825	1,023	967	1,100
Ayrshires	434	500	550	583	630	110	650	825	848	950
Dumfries and Galloway	140	495	525	551	600	45	625	750	737	800
Dundee and Angus	315	625	775	795	950	89	1,000	1,200	1,177	1,375
East Dunbartonshire	99	750	895	946	1,025	36	1,273	1,498	1,553	1,725
Fife	376	550	663	714	775	117	800	950	1,092	1,165
Forth Valley	216	625	750	801	900	75	925	1,100	1,207	1,480
Greater Glasgow	775	695	950	1,029	1,300	219	1,350	1,600	1,617	1,899
Highland and Islands	326	600	700	726	825	90	750	885	915	1,000
Lothian	851	1,000	1,300	1,329	1,550	327	1,600	1,980	1,905	2,220
North Lanarkshire	267	495	550	569	650	71	750	875	890	995
Perth and Kinross	106	650	733	759	850	36	895	950	1,056	1,200
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	280	525	650	666	750	61	995	1,200	1,210	1,495
Scottish Borders	162	500	575	616	675	40	800	950	992	1,200
South Lanarkshire	296	595	675	699	750	85	900	1,100	1,167	1,400
West Dunbartonshire	60	550	595	639	695	6	950	1,148	1,266	1,650
West Lothian	132	675	750	769	850	43	950	1,100	1,055	1,195

1 Bedroom Shared Properties											
	Number of	Lower			Upper						
	records	Quartile	Median	Mean	Quartile						
Scotland	2,581	305	360	373	425						
Aberdeen and Shire	254	320	360	359	400						
Argyll and Bute	46	305	351	374	375						
Ayrshires	124	325	360	369	418						
Dumfries and Galloway	115	255	280	283	310						
Dundee and Angus	181	300	330	344	385						
East Dunbartonshire	43	300	326	352	390						
Fife	151	290	335	351	375						
Forth Valley	83	315	340	345	380						
Greater Glasgow	414	347	400	403	450						
Highland and Islands	217	325	350	371	400						
Lothian	453	400	450	460	520						
North Lanarkshire	75	275	310	303	350						
Perth and Kinross	70	275	305	312	353						
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	105	290	325	332	360						
Scottish Borders	35	260	305	304	360						
South Lanarkshire	82	290	325	334	375						
West Dunbartonshire	45	300	350	333	375						
West Lothian	87	290	325	337	375						
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Renfrewshire / Inverclyde

Scottish Borders

West Lothian

South Lanarkshire

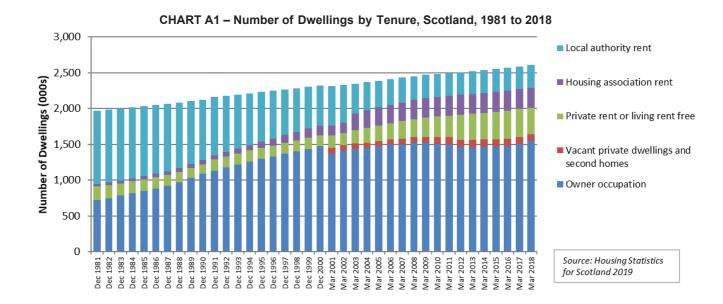
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#### Annex A - Trends in the Size of the Private Rented Sector in Scotland

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 Scotland<sup>9</sup>. However, whilst private rented stock increased has substantially in size in the period between 2002 and 2016, the number of homes has since dropped slightly between 2016 and 2018.

Chart A1 below shows the estimated numbers of dwellings in Scotland by tenure since 1981. The number of private rented properties (including those living rent-free) increased from an estimated 171,000 in 2002 to 394,000 in 2016, before dropping slightly to 371,000 in 2018<sup>10</sup>.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-people-annual-report-results-2018-scottish-household-survey/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://beta.gov.scot/publications/housing-statistics-scotland-2019-key-trends-summary/

# **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 <a href="http://lha-direct.voa.gov.uk/search.aspx">http://lha-direct.voa.gov.uk/search.aspx</a>.
- 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 <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/local-housing-allowance-rates-2019-2020">https://www.gov.scot/publications/local-housing-allowance-rates-2019-2020</a>
- 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 30<sup>th</sup> percentile rental prices<sup>11</sup>.

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 99% 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> <a href="http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/privaterent/tenants/Local-Housing-Allowance/figures">http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/privaterent/tenants/Local-Housing-Allowance/figures</a>

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 program 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 <a href="#">Annex D</a> for further information on methodological differences to the ONS Index of Private Rents.

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.

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 17% of all sample records and 3 bedroom properties make up 20% of the total. This compares to Perth and Kinross for which 28% of records are 1 bedroom properties, and 12% 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, 2019 (year to end Sept)

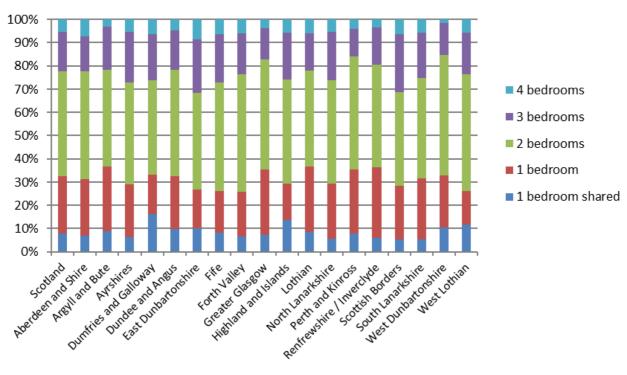
	1 bedroom				
	shared	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms
Scotland	2,581	7,897	14,535	5,476	1,729
Aberdeen and Shire	254	881	1,675	545	263
Argyll and Bute	46	142	213	96	16
Ayrshires	124	456	870	434	110
Dumfries and Galloway	115	121	287	140	45
Dundee and Angus	181	429	857	315	89
East Dunbartonshire	43	72	178	99	36
Fife	151	322	850	376	117
Forth Valley	83	237	623	216	75
Greater Glasgow	414	1,638	2,755	775	219
Highland and Islands	217	252	720	326	90
Lothian	453	1,518	2,215	851	327
North Lanarkshire	75	305	572	267	71
Perth and Kinross	70	247	439	106	36
Renfrewshire / Inverclyde	105	530	774	280	61
Scottish Borders	35	148	262	162	40
South Lanarkshire	82	394	652	296	85
West Dunbartonshire	45	97	222	60	6
West Lothian	87	107	371	132	43

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

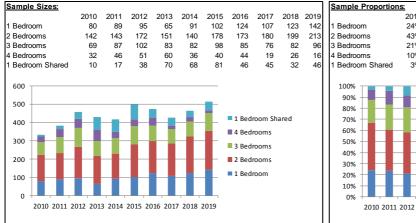
**CHART C1 - 2019 Sample Data Profiles** 



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 increased from 3% in 2010 to 16% in 2013, after which this percentage has dropped to 9% in 2019. whilst the proportion of records relating to 2 bedroom properties decreased from 43% to 34% from 2010 to 2014 but then increased back to 42% in 2019. 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



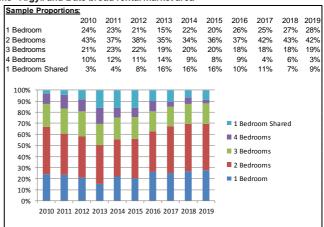
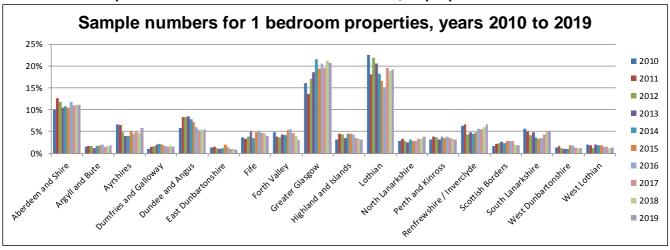
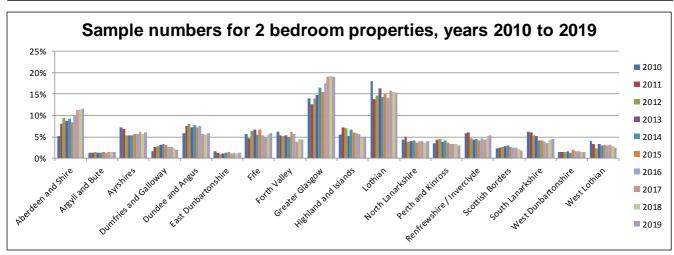
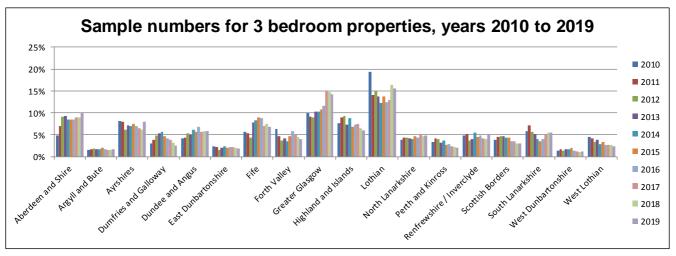


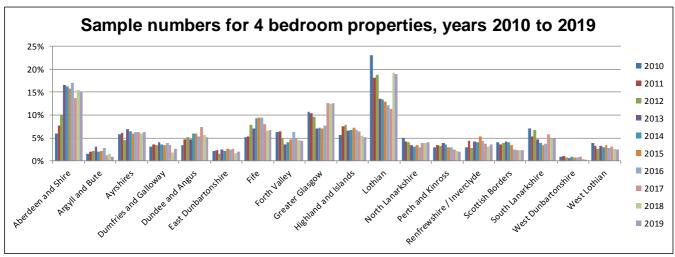
Chart C3 shows the proportions of the total samples that are within each Broad Rental Market Area each year, by property size. For most property sizes each rental area has a relatively consistent proportion each year, which gives some reassurance that averages for each property size (but not across all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

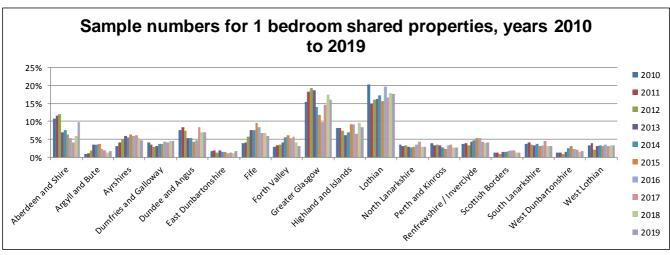
CHART C3 - Sample Numbers in Broad Rental Market Areas, as proportions of the Scotland total











# 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)<sup>12</sup> 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 (a 'stock' based measure) and not just a measure of recent rental market evidence (a 'flow' based measure).
- 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-quidance/prices/cpi-and-rpi/index.html.

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

https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/articles/comparingmeasuresofprivaterentalgrowthintheuk/julytoseptember2018.

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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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 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 website<sup>13</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>14</sup>, which is published twice-yearly. Whilst it presents similar looking statistics to this publication, there are some minor 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.

In addition to this, the VOA statistics present average rents for English Government Region and Local Authority areas, and not by Broad Rental Market Area.

#### **Private Rental Market Statistics for Wales**

The Welsh Government publish annual statistics<sup>15</sup> 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 minor 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.

In addition to this, the statistics also present average rents by Local Authority areas, and not by Broad Rental Market Area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://www.gov.scot/publications/local-housing-allowance-rates-2019-2020/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/private-rental-market-statistics

<sup>15</sup> https://gov.wales/private-sector-rents-2018

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