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Scottish Social Attitudes Survey

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Collection of documents relating to the Scottish Social Attitudes survey

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- [Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2005: Report 1 , Report 2, Report 3, \(Summary\)](#)
- [Public Perceptions of Scotland After Devolution \(2004\) \(Summary\)](#)

Topic reports

- Attitudes to violence against women in Scotland (2019)(forthcoming)
- Intra-household distribution of resources (2019)(forthcoming)
- Data Trust (2019) (forthcoming)
- [Data Trust](#) (2017)
- [Attitudes to Social Networks, Civic Participation and Co-production](#) (2015)
- [Attitudes to discrimination and positive action](#) (2015)
- [Attitudes to violence against women in Scotland](#) (2014)
- [Public Attitudes to Sectarianism in Scotland](#) (2014) ([Summary](#))
- [Attitudes to Mental Health](#) (2013) ([Summary](#))
- [Attitudes to discrimination and positive action](#) (2010)([Summary](#))
- [Exploring Dimensions of Social Capital in Scotland Findings from the Scottish Social Attitudes Survey and Scottish Household Survey](#) (2009/2010) ([Summary](#))
- [Attitudes to drugs and drug use in Scotland](#) (2009) ([Summary](#))
- [Social Capital and Health - Findings from the Scottish Health Survey and Scottish Social Attitudes Survey](#) (2009) ([Summary](#))
- [Attitudes to antisocial behaviour in Scotland](#) (2009) ([Summary](#))
- [Sustainable places and green space](#) (2009) ([Summary](#))
- [Attitudes towards alcohol in Scotland](#) (2007) ([Summary](#))
- [Subjective perceptions of well-being in Scotland](#) (2007) ([Summary](#))
- [Attitudes to discrimination and positive action](#) (2006) ([Summary](#))
- [Public attitudes to homelessness](#) (2006) ([Summary](#))
- [Attitudes to youth crime and willingness to intervene](#) (2006) ([Summary](#))
- [Family Module Report](#) (2004)
- [Attitudes to Discrimination in Scotland](#) (2002) ([Summary](#))

Methodology and technical reports

The SSA survey includes approximately 1,200 – 1,500 face to face interviews per year with a representative sample of people in Scotland.

The data from the survey are available for further analysis through the [UK Data Service](#).

Links to technical reports and annexes:

- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2017: Technical Annex](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2016: Technical Annex](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2015: Technical Report](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2014: Technical Annex](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2013: Technical Annex](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2011: Technical Annex](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2010: Technical Annex](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2009: Technical Annex](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2007: Technical Annex](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2006: Technical Report](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2005: Technical Report](#)
- [Scottish Social Attitudes 2004: Technical Annex](#)

Further information and contact

Further information about the survey, and links to reports based on the data, but not commissioned by the Scottish Government are available at:
<http://www.ssa.natcen.ac.uk/>.

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