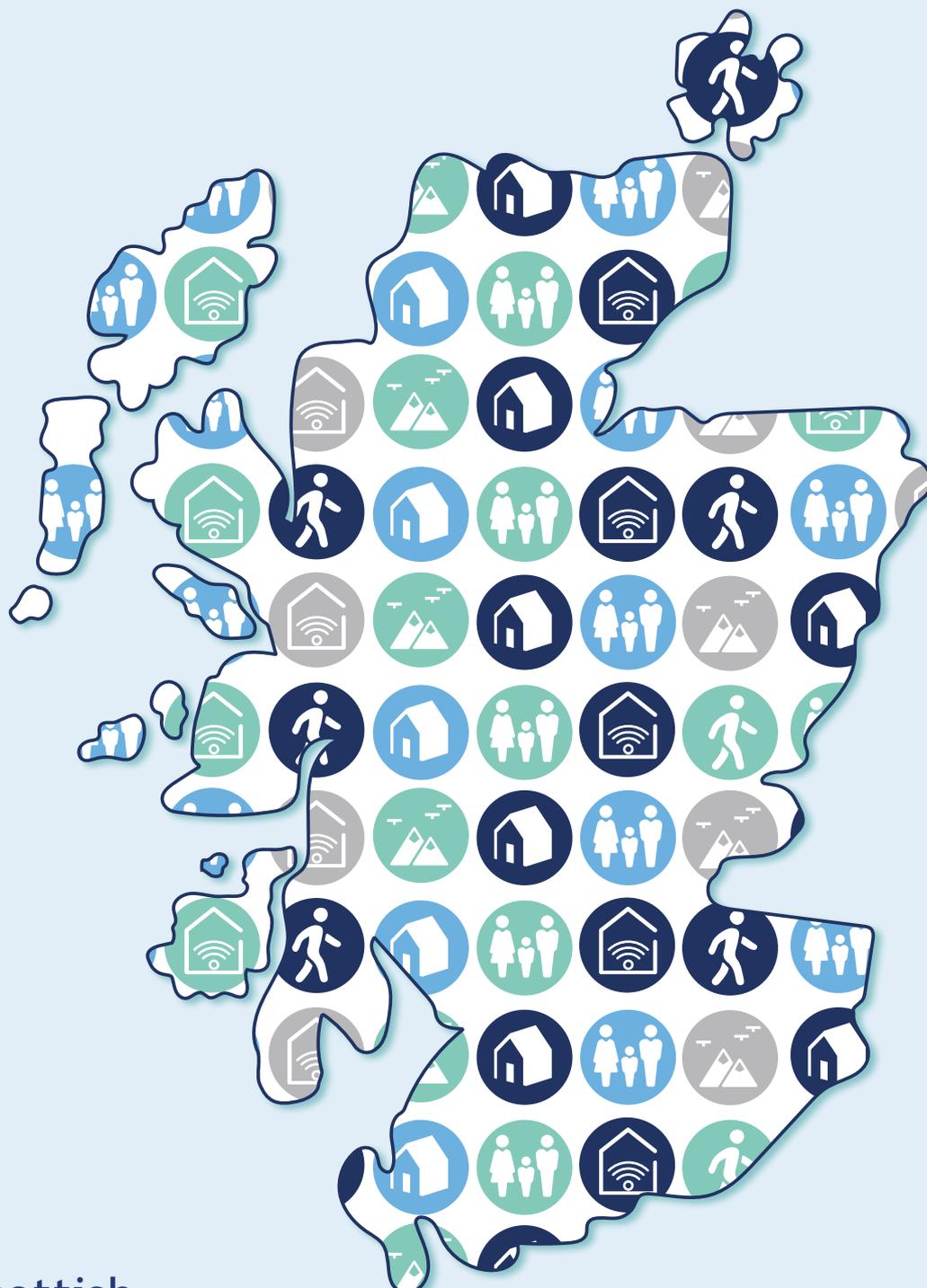


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Introduction

The Scottish Household Survey team offer an ad hoc query service where users can ask for bespoke tables or statistics which are not routinely published in our annual reporting.

All our national and local authority figures are now contained in the new [Data Explorer](#). This allows interactive comparisons between Scotland and different local authorities and also between local authorities.

In 2020 during the COVID-19 crisis, Scottish Household Survey data was used in many ways. In the spirit of open and accessible information, this publication updates the queries we have answered with 2019 data and makes them available to all.

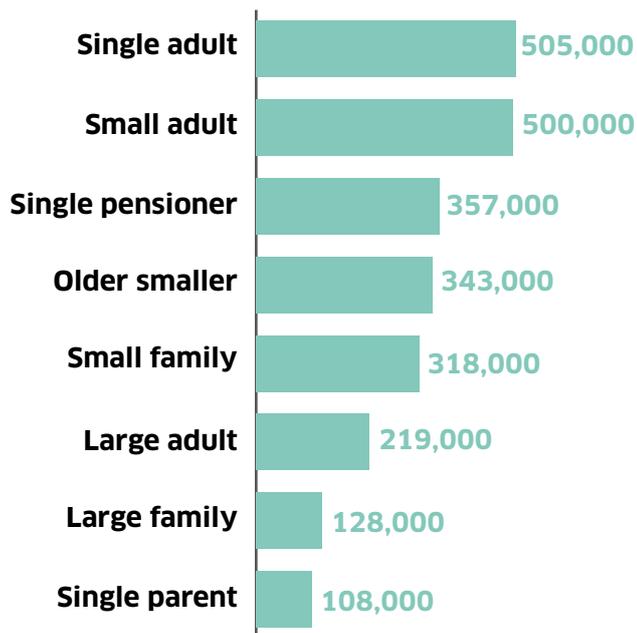
Over the last 3 years (2017, 2018, 2019), the Scottish Household Survey team has averaged around 60 requests per year. If a question is asked more than once, then we consider adding it to our standard set of published tables.

So far in 2020 we have answered 53 queries, and are likely to be over the average of 60 by the end of the year.

Household Characteristics



Estimated Number of Households According to Household Type



The average number of people in a household in Scotland was 2.2. This remained fairly consistent over all local authorities.

Around 108,000 (4%) households in Scotland were single parent households.

Single pensioner households (households with only one person who is aged 65 or over), made up 14% of all households. This was around 357,000 households.

115,000 people in Scotland lived in single parent household in the most deprived areas – compared with 33,000 in the least deprived areas

The definition of a single parent does not make any distinction between situations where a child has regular contact and/or partly resides with their other parent and a child who solely resides with and is cared for by one parent

Around one-in-four (26%) adults lived in a household with at least one child who is either at school, pre-school or not yet at school

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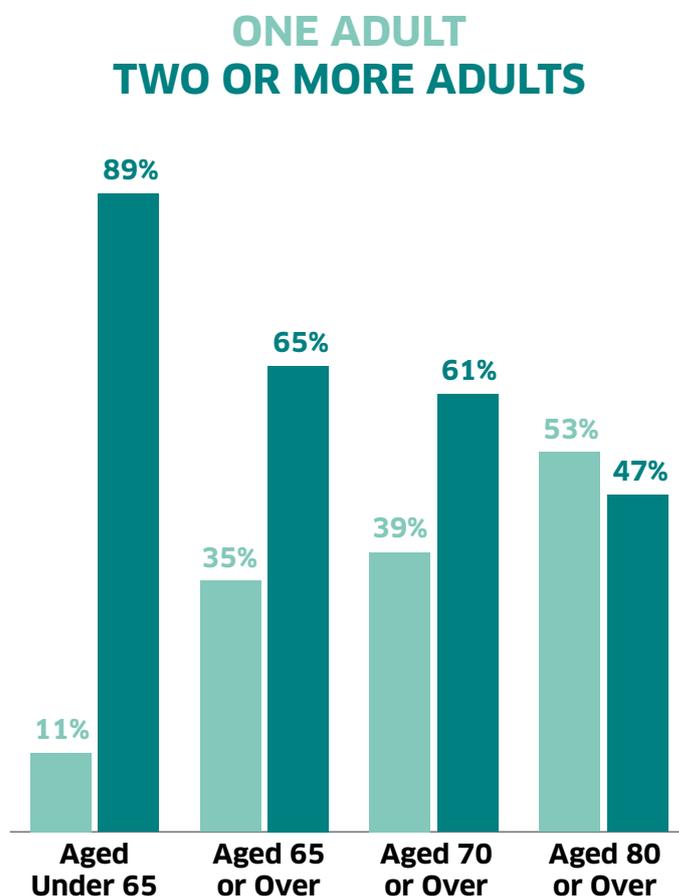


As people get older they were more likely to live alone.

11% of adults under 65 years old lived alone, while 35% of those aged 65 or over lived alone. This went up to 53 per cent for those aged 80 or over, approximately 121,000 people.

19% of the population were aged 65 or over in Scotland, over a million people. Approximately 713,000 (13%) were aged 70 or over, and 230,00 (4%) were aged 80 or over.

Adult Living Alone by Age



533,000 (52%) adults aged 65 or over had a long-term physical or mental health condition

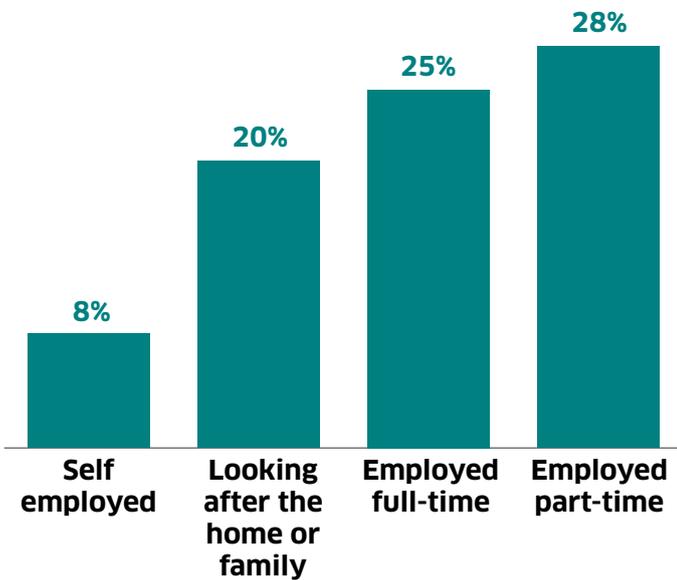
This compared with 153,000 (66%) of those aged 80 or over



Employment Status of Single Parents

8% of single parent households were self-employed.

Among the most common employment statuses of single parent households were to look after the home or the family (20%), full-time employment (25%) and part-time employment (28%).



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93% of adults in single pensioner households were permanently retired from work

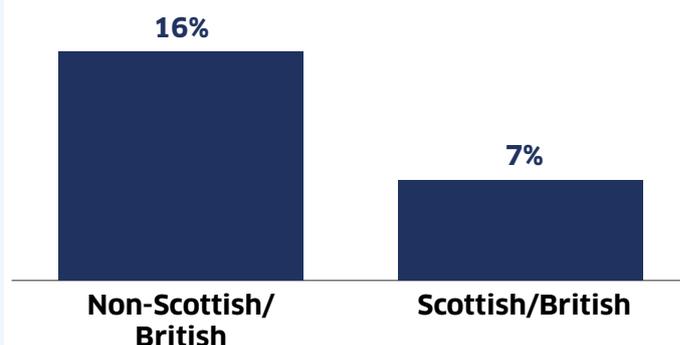
Neighbourhoods and Communities



16% of non-Scottish/British adults felt that they could not rely on their neighbours if they needed help compared to 7% of Scottish/British adults.

This represents approximately 82,000 non-Scottish/British adults. Overall, around 8% of adults, or approximately 358,000 people, disagreed with the statement that if they were alone and needed help, they could rely on someone in their neighbourhood to help them.

If I needed help, I could not rely on someone in my neighbourhood to help

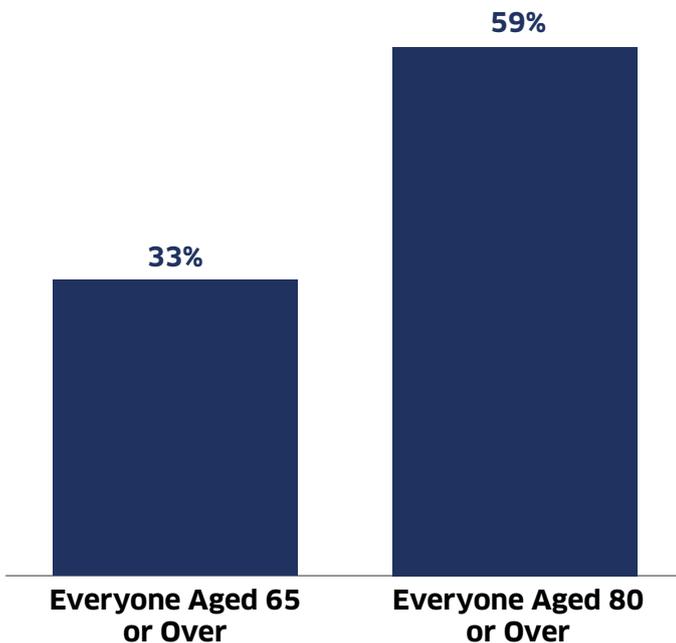


11% of adults who had a long-term limiting health condition (approx. 118,000 people) felt they could not rely on their neighbours if they needed help

Individuals with long-term health conditions are more likely to be in high clinical risk or vulnerable categories



Proportion of Households Without Internet Access



Older households were less likely to have internet access.

33% of households where everyone was aged 65 or over did not have home internet access, compared with 59% of households where everyone was aged 80 or over.

40% of adults in households where everyone was aged 65 or over did not use the internet, and 66% of adults in households where everyone was aged 80 or over did not use it.

22% of low income households did not have home internet access



A low income household is defined as a household whose net income is in the bottom ten per cent

9% of households where someone had a long-term health condition and someone was below 65 did not have home internet access

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Car Access



Proportion of Households Without Access to a Car



In Scotland, around three-in-ten households (28%) did not have access to a car in 2019.

This was the equivalent to around 705,000 households.

Glasgow City had the highest proportion of households without access to cars in Scotland, while East Renfrewshire had the lowest proportion of households without access to cars.

Access to a car varied significantly by local authority, with 47% of households not having access to a car in Glasgow City; and only 10% not having access in East Renfrewshire



The main source for travel and transport data in Scotland is the Transport Scotland Data

Key resources



Scottish Household Survey 2019 Reports:

- [Data Explorer](#)
- [Annual report](#)
- [Key findings report](#)
- [Topic report on Culture and Heritage](#)
- [Topic report on Childcare](#)
- 20 years of Scotland's People comic story

[2019 Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire](#)

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