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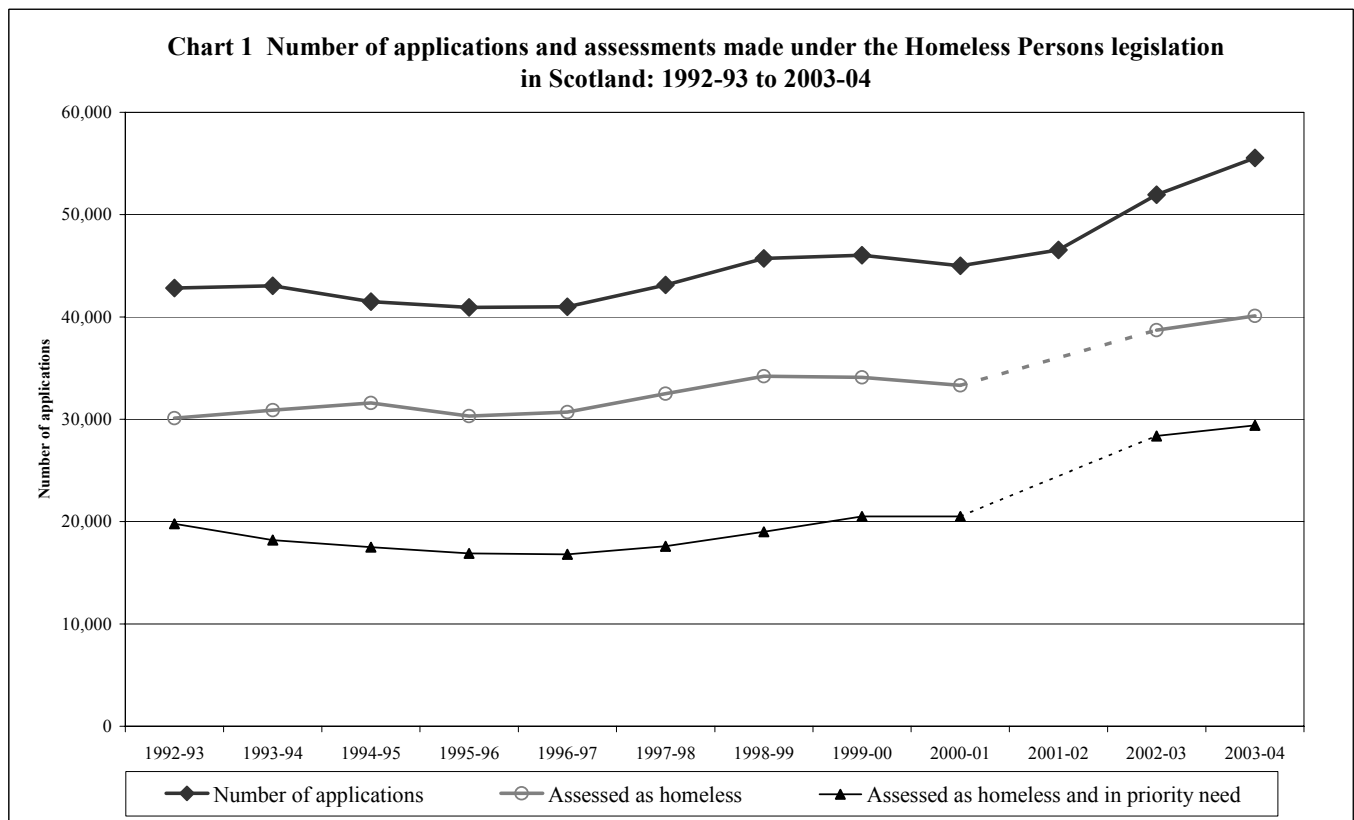
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OPERATION OF THE HOMELESS PERSONS LEGISLATION IN SCOTLAND: QUARTERS ENDING 30 JUNE AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2004, AND SNAPSHOT DATA ON HOUSEHOLDS IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AT 30 JUNE, 30 SEPTEMBER AND 31 DECEMBER 2004

Introduction

This Statistics Release presents information on applications made to local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation during the period April to September 2004. It includes information on the characteristics of applicant households, local authority assessments and the action taken in respect of cases that were concluded. Snapshot data on households in temporary accommodation as at 30 June, 30 September and 31 December 2004 are also presented in this release.



Note:

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3. Data for West Lothian between October 2003 and March 2004 are incomplete. See page 6 for further details.

Context

In 2001, the Scottish Parliament passed legislation which placed additional duties on councils to provide a minimum of temporary accommodation, advice and assistance to **all applicants** assessed as homeless. In particular, from September 2002, councils have been required to provide temporary accommodation, advice and assistance to non-priority applicants who in the past would have received advice and assistance only.

In December 2004, the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order came into force which required councils to ensure that households with children or pregnant women are not placed in unsuitable temporary accommodation, unless exceptional circumstances apply. Data on households in temporary accommodation at 31 December 2004 are included in this release but please note that **it is not possible to determine from the figures the number of households in 'unsuitable accommodation', as defined by the new legislation, or the length of time spent in temporary accommodation.** See page 18 for further details.

It is intended that more detailed information on households with family commitments in unsuitable temporary accommodation will be collected from local authorities and published in future releases. Data providing more detailed analyses of homelessness applications during the quarter ending December 2004 are not yet available, and will be included in the next homelessness bulletin.

Main trends

In the ten years from 1989-90 to 1999-00, the number of **applications** under the Homeless Persons legislation has risen by 58%, from 29,068 to 46,023. The most recent data indicate that a further increase has taken place, with 55,528 applications in 2003-04. These changes occurred in three main stages: between 1989 and 1993, 1997 and 1999, with the current rising trend beginning in 2001 (Chart 1). However as table 2 shows the increases since 2001 may be beginning to ease off.

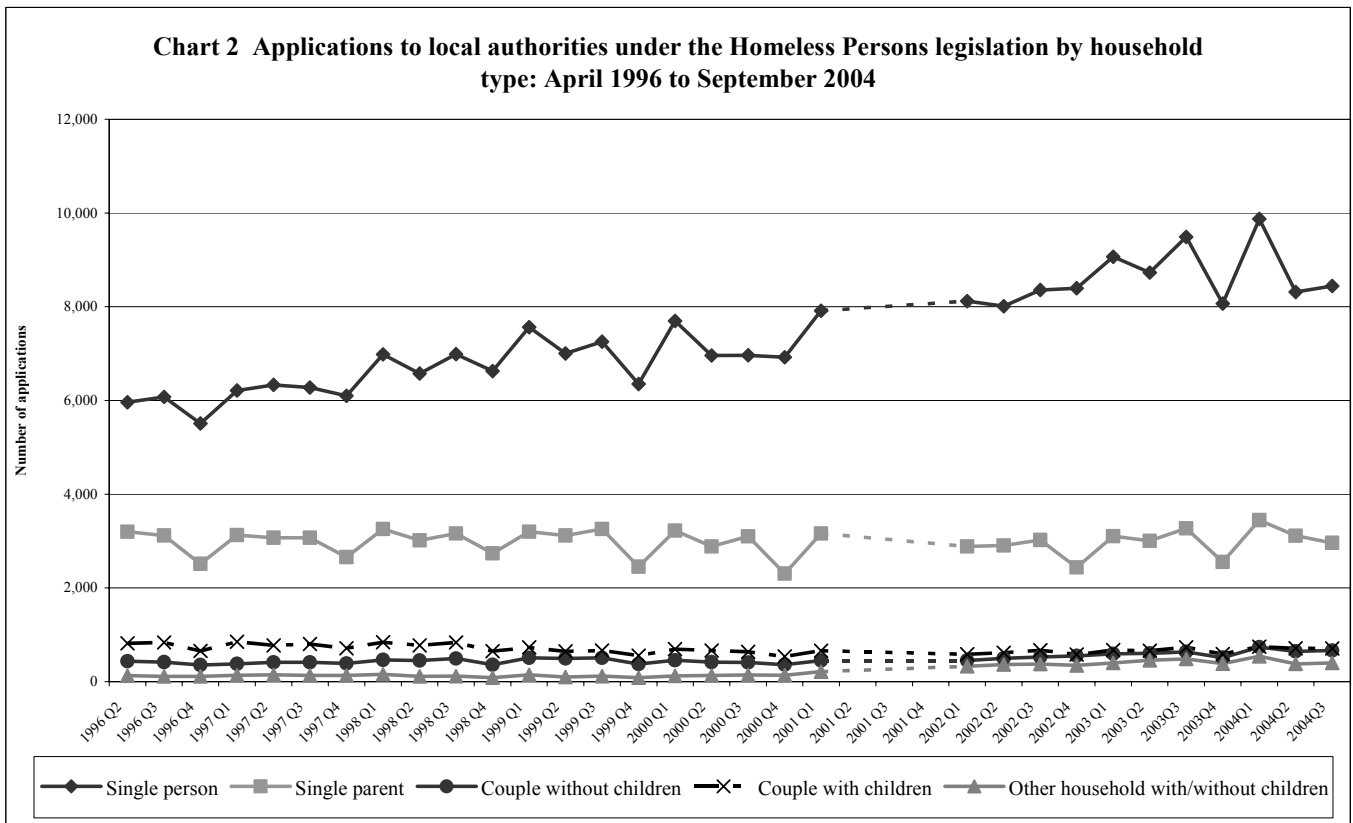
In recent years the observed increases in levels of applications have primarily been due to the increase in the numbers of single-person households applying, with no or very little variation in applications from other household types (Chart 2). Evidence from previously published data on applications shows that there has been a consistent increase since the mid-90s in the proportions of applications being assessed as being in priority need. This increase has been more marked for applications from single-person households (*Statistical Bulletin Operation of the Homeless Persons legislation in Scotland: national and local authority analyses 2003-04*).

While the recorded numbers of **households in temporary accommodation** have risen gradually since the early 90s, with the exception of a trough in the latter part of the decade, recent figures show a marked and consistent increase during 2002, 2003 and 2004 (Chart 3). This increase was initially observed in March 2002, some six months before the commencement of the September 2002 legislation. The most likely explanation for this pattern is that councils began anticipating their new duties from the beginning of 2002.

From March 2001, the statistics on temporary accommodation have included a separate breakdown for households with dependent children. Chart 3 shows the number of **households with children in temporary accommodation** falling to a low as at 31 December 2001, before showing a rise in numbers in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Over the past three years, there has been a somewhat more marked increase.

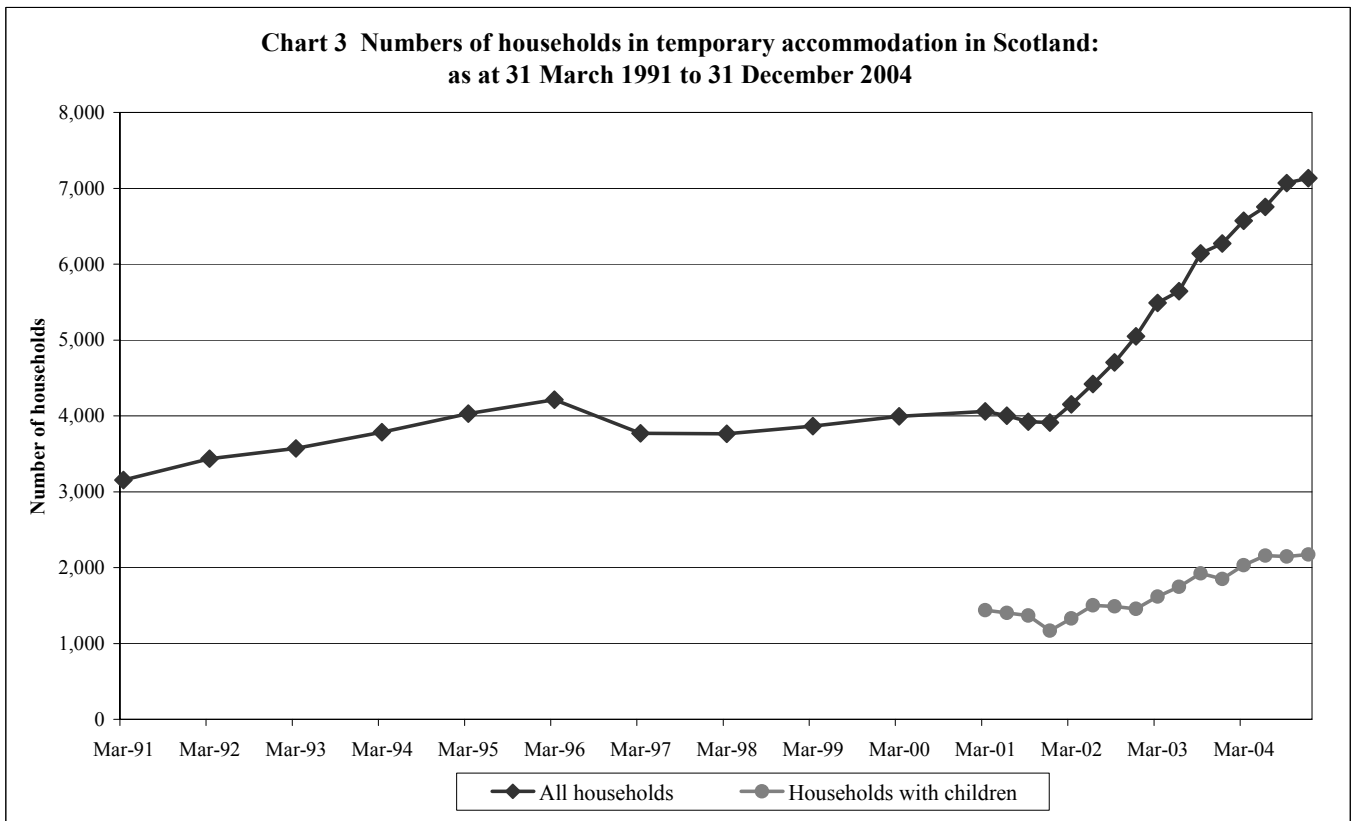
The statistics presented in this release relate to applications made under the legislation as well as individual households. Given the continuous nature of the recording system set up in December 2001, the analyses reported in this bulletin refer to data from the time period relevant to the analysis, and figures may differ from those previously published. Detailed statistical notes on the collection and presentation of this information are provided in the Notes section.

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Notes:

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- Figures for North Lanarkshire for April-September 2004 are estimates based on 2003 data. See page 6 for further details
- Data for West Lothian between October 2003 and March 2004 are incomplete. See page 6 for further details.



Main points

Applications and applicant households

- During the period April-September 2004, there were 27,877 applications to local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation. This is slightly less compared to previous applications during April-September 2003 (Table 1). This may indicate that the recent rises in the number of applications is beginning to ease off.
- Five percent of applications during the six-month period April-September 2004 were recorded as repeat applications. This represents a decrease compared to April-September 2003, where 8% of applications were recorded as repeat applications (Table 2).
- The majority of households applying were single-person households (63%), mainly men. Single parents, predominantly women, accounted for the next largest group (23%) (Table 3).

Local authority assessment

- Of the 25,475 applications assessed during April-September 2004, 73% were assessed as homeless, and 53% as homeless and in priority need (Table 5).

Action taken by local authorities

- There were 23,396 applications actioned by local authorities during April-September 2004: out of the 11,935 assessed as in priority need, 57% were offered permanent accommodation and 7% were offered temporary accommodation (Table 6).

Households in temporary accommodation

As at 30 June 2004:

- 6,754 households were placed in temporary accommodation by local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation, an increase of 20% when compared with the situation at 30 June 2003 (Table 7).
- 56% of households in temporary accommodation were in local authority accommodation, with a further 23% in hostels and 19% in bed and breakfast accommodation (Table 8).
- 2,158 households with children were in temporary accommodation, an increase of 24% when compared with the situation at 30 June 2003 (Table 7).
- 1,818 (84%) of households with children were provided with local authority accommodation. 170 (8%) of households with children were provided with bed and breakfast accommodation, an increase of 39% since 30 June 2003. 15 local authorities had none or only one household with children in bed and breakfast accommodation, whilst six had more than ten (Tables 8 and 9a).

As at 30 September 2004:

- 7,069 households were placed in temporary accommodation by local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation, an increase of 15% when compared with the situation at 30 September 2003 (Table 7).
- 56% of households in temporary accommodation were in local authority accommodation, with a further 24% in hostels and 19% in bed and breakfast accommodation (Table 8).
- 2,147 households with children were in temporary accommodation, an increase of 12% when compared with the situation at 30 September 2003 (Table 7).
- 1,819 (85%) of households with children were provided with local authority accommodation. 196 (9%) of households with children were provided with bed and breakfast accommodation, an increase of 32% since 30 September 2003. 14 local authorities had none or only one household with children in bed and breakfast accommodation, whilst five had more than ten (Tables 8 and 9b).

As at 31 December 2004:

- 7,135 households were placed in temporary accommodation by local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation, an increase of 14% when compared with the situation at 31 December 2003 (Table 7).
- 58% of households in temporary accommodation were in local authority accommodation, with a further 23% in hostels and 18% in bed and breakfast accommodation (Table 8).

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- 2,174 households with children were in temporary accommodation, an increase of 18% when compared with the situation at 31 December 2003 (Table 7).
- 1,905 (88%) of households with children were provided with local authority accommodation. 108 (5%) of households with children were provided with bed and breakfast accommodation, an increase of 20% since 31 December 2003. 21 local authorities had none or only one household with children in bed and breakfast accommodation, whilst three had more than ten (Tables 8 and 9c).

Notes on tables

The data presented in these tables are based on the time period relevant to the analysis. In some cases this might be the year of application, while in others this might relate to the year in which the assessment was made or action taken. Data prior to December 2001 are reported by year of application only, as are any time series data. All years refer to financial years.

To facilitate comparisons between authorities, some of the local authority tables are presented in the form of percentages. However, where the number of applications is small the percentage figures should be treated with caution.

Unless otherwise stated, the assessment category of 'homeless' includes both homeless and potentially homeless, as well as unintentional and intentional homeless. Although the focus of the current legislative changes is on providing secure accommodation to those assessed as unintentionally homeless, the proportion of applications assessed as intentionally homeless and in priority need is relatively small. This category has therefore been combined with that of unintentionally homeless and in priority need for the more complex analyses.

In December 2001, the Scottish Executive changed the data collection system for the case-based HL1 return to provide more detailed information on applications by individual households and to allow more timely reporting. This entailed changing to an electronic data capture system which allows cases to be registered and updated on a continuous basis, as well as enabling applications made by the same household to be linked.

The data collection system introduced in December 2001 allows analysis by individual households and the identification of repeat applications. However, this is not the case for earlier data and so analyses comparing data over time will tend to refer to applications rather than individual households. This is also the case for analyses of flow through the assessment process where repeat applications by the same individual household might be assessed differently and have different outcomes. For other analyses it is useful to distinguish individual households and so the unit of analysis (**applications** or **individual households**) is specified in the footnotes for each table.

The figures on households in temporary accommodation relate to households which have been placed in temporary accommodation by a local authority under the Homeless Persons legislation. This will include households for whom the local authority's decision and final action is still pending, as well as households which were secured such accommodation as a final action by the authority under the legislation. The data provide a snapshot picture of the numbers in temporary accommodation as at the last day of each quarter.

Hostels, as temporary accommodation under the Homeless Persons legislation, are used mainly by Glasgow. In fact, almost all households in hostels in Glasgow have been placed there by the authority under the Homeless Persons legislation. In other authorities, particularly in the cities, there are many households in hostels that have not been placed there by the local authority under the Homeless Persons legislation. Consequently, they are not recorded in the statistics.

The following symbols are used in all tables:

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- * less than half the final digit shown (less than: 0.5%, 50 for figures rounded to nearest 100, or 5 for figures rounded to nearest 10)
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Figures which have been revised for this issue (as well as all percentages) are shown in *italic* type. In some tables, where figures have been rounded, the total shown may not equal the sum of its constituent parts. **The live nature of the current electronic system used for the case-based HL1 returns will result in figures being revised as data are updated, and current figures may differ from those previously published.**

North Lanarkshire council has been unable to return data relating to the period April-September 2004, and so data from April-September 2003 have been used. Data for West Lothian between October 2003 and March 2004 are incomplete, and will underestimate the true situation. **Therefore, data for North Lanarkshire and West Lothian, and also Scotland totals, covering these periods are estimates and will be subject to future revision.**

Additional tables may be obtained from Housing Statistics on request. See back cover for contact details. Housing statistics publications, including printable Adobe portable document format and Excel versions of the tables, are available in the published data section of the Housing Statistics reference website:

www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/housing/hsbref.

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Table 1

Applications to each local authority by quarter: April 2003 to September 2004

Area	2003 April-June	2003 July-Sept	2003 Oct-Dec	2004 Jan-March	Total 2003-04	2004 April-June	2004 July-Sept
Scotland	13,460	14,615	12,107	15,346	55,528	13,900	13,977
Aberdeen City	415	470	409	497	1,791	381	349
Aberdeenshire	304	301	248	331	1,184	287	335
Angus	302	337	256	411	1,306	377	390
Argyll & Bute	228	216	186	270	900	216	252
Clackmannanshire	205	265	216	315	1,001	278	274
Dumfries & Galloway	403	410	359	401	1,573	434	411
Dundee City	273	292	246	344	1,155	354	358
East Ayrshire	235	264	243	273	1,015	290	282
East Dunbartonshire	170	163	122	183	638	131	111
East Lothian	217	227	193	250	887	276	194
East Renfrewshire	95	90	99	113	397	98	105
Edinburgh, City of	1,249	1,437	1,311	1,493	5,490	1,314	1,290
Eilean Siar	59	55	44	55	213	64	65
Falkirk	413	447	334	446	1,640	367	355
Fife	840	972	837	1,214	3,863	1,006	984
Glasgow City	3,269	3,467	2,857	3,069	12,662	2,683	2,764
Highland	478	519	458	647	2,102	559	512
Inverclyde	181	163	110	243	697	218	199
Midlothian	119	141	125	138	523	120	154
Moray	134	135	157	203	629	203	283
North Ayrshire	452	505	395	460	1,812	473	433
North Lanarkshire ¹	729	799	689	925	3,142	729	799
Orkney	38	33	36	59	166	57	51
Perth & Kinross	336	365	298	447	1,446	408	408
Renfrewshire	324	365	315	466	1,470	392	445
Scottish Borders, The	204	211	208	216	839	204	240
Shetland	54	43	33	54	184	39	37
South Ayrshire	228	279	205	287	999	265	255
South Lanarkshire	585	680	545	684	2,494	561	595
Stirling	204	220	165	300	889	284	275
West Dunbartonshire	320	303	284	324	1,231	362	345
West Lothian ³	397	441	124	228	1,190	470	427

Notes:

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2. Repeat applications are included.
3. Data for West Lothian between October 2003 and March 2004 are incomplete. See page 6 for further details.

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Table 2
Number of households applying and repeat applications: April 2003 to September 2004

	2003 Apr-Sept	2003 Oct-Mar	2004 Apr-Sept
Total number of <u>applications</u> during period	28,075	27,453	27,877
Number of <u>individual households</u> applying	26,853	26,401	27,167
Applying once in the period	25,905	25,470	26,495
Applying twice in the period	766	841	638
Applying three times in the period	120	71	31
Applying four times in the period	42	9	2
Applying five times in the period	13	8	1
Applying six times or more in the period	7	2	0

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Table 3
Repeat applications by household type: April to September 2004

Household type	All <u>applications</u> during period		Households applying at least once		Households applying more than once		Households applying more than three times	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Single person male	11,873	43	11,415	42	422	63	3	100
Single person female	5,822	21	5,680	21	142	21	-	-
Single parent male	758	3	751	3	7	1	-	-
Single parent female	5,666	20	5,588	21	77	11	-	-
Couple without children	1,349	5	1,338	5	10	1	-	-
Couple with children	1,497	5	1,487	5	10	1	-	-
Other household without children	453	2	450	2	3	-	-	-
Other household with children	459	2	458	2	1	-	-	-
Total	27,877	100	27,167	100	672	100	3	100

Notes:

1. Repeat applications are those which applied more than once during the period. This does not include households which applied during previous periods. Once the dataset covers a longer time period, future analyses will be based on repeat applications during the previous 12-month period.
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Table 4
Main reason for applying: April to September 2004

	Household type								All
	Single person male	Single person female	Single parent male	Single parent female	Couple without children	Couple with children	Other household without children	Other household with children	
Loss of accommodation with relatives/friends	4,855	2,592	208	1,089	534	317	91	48	9,734
Dispute within household	1,845	1,486	281	2,351	49	54	91	124	6,281
Loss of local authority tenancy	208	73	10	83	25	34	9	15	457
Loss of other social sector tenancy	155	66	15	125	24	60	4	11	460
Loss of private sector tenancy	582	292	60	595	207	275	57	66	2,134
Mortgage default	81	43	13	71	38	85	17	18	366
Loss of matrimonial home	64	51	31	174	6	9	22	12	369
Loss of service tenancy	74	23	11	21	29	30	6	2	196
Expiry of short assured tenancy	72	52	6	97	34	48	5	9	323
Emergency	66	28	3	31	19	23	11	10	191
House condition	19	5	1	9	5	7	1	2	49
Discharged from hospital/prison	1,524	132	17	20	31	6	4	.	1,734
Loss of temporary accommodation	427	77	2	7	17	6	3	.	539
Gave up secure accommodation	159	81	8	65	35	56	7	5	416
Overcrowding	26	31	9	53	14	29	2	5	169
Harassment/violence/unsafe environment	619	354	44	628	146	311	57	98	2,257
Other	1,097	436	39	247	136	147	66	34	2,202
All reasons	11,873	5,822	758	5,666	1,349	1,497	453	459	27,877

Notes:

1. All applications during period.
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Table 5

Assessment decision by presence of children in household and age of main applicant: April to September 2004

Table 5a (number)

	Household type/age of main applicant												Total
	Households without children						Households with children						
	16-17	18-20	21-24	25- retirement	Retirement plus	All	16-17	18-20	21-24	25- retirement	Retirement plus	All	
Priority unintentional	1,180	897	1,019	4,513	389	7,998	107	447	815	3,713	7	5,089	13,087
Priority intentional	31	32	36	137	17	253	2	21	54	188	1	266	519
Non-priority	7	826	1,001	3,147	3	4,984	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,984
Not homeless	192	183	187	830	66	1,458	19	66	113	643	-	841	2,299
Lost contact/withdrew before assessment	344	354	354	1,098	26	2,176	13	72	125	528	-	738	2,914
Resolved prior to assessment	190	164	144	584	61	1,143	10	52	75	392	-	529	1,672
All applications assessed in period	1,944	2,456	2,741	10,309	562	18,012	151	658	1,182	5,464	8	7,463	25,475

Notes:

1. All applications assessed in period, including lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment.
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Table 5b (percentage)

	Household type/age of main applicant												Total
	Households without children						Households with children						
	16-17	18-20	21-24	25- retirement	Retirement plus	All	16-17	18-20	21-24	25- retirement	Retirement plus	All	
Priority unintentional	61	37	37	44	69	44	71	68	69	68	88	68	51
Priority intentional	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	5	3	13	4	2
Non-priority	0	34	37	31	1	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Not homeless	10	7	7	8	12	8	13	10	10	12	-	11	9
Lost contact/withdrew before assessment	18	14	13	11	5	12	9	11	11	10	-	10	11
Resolved prior to assessment	10	7	5	6	11	6	7	8	6	7	-	7	7
All applications assessed in period	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Notes:

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Table 6

Local authority action by assessment decision: April to September 2004

Action taken by local authority	Assessment										All		
	Priority unintentional		Priority intentional		Non-priority		Not homeless		Lost contact/withdrew			Resolved	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%		Number	%
Social rented tenancy offered: accepted	5,701	50	79	16	260	6	59	3	-	-	-	-	6,099
Social rented tenancy offered: not accepted	776	7	23	5	36	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	847
Private tenancy offered: accepted	226	2	11	2	65	1	28	1	-	-	-	-	330
Private tenancy offered: not accepted	9	*	2	*	8	*	2	*	-	-	-	-	21
Temporary accommodation offered: accepted	594	5	69	14	787	17	101	5	-	-	-	-	1,551
Temporary accommodation offered: not accepted	119	1	36	7	408	9	64	3	-	-	-	-	627
Referred to other local authority	152	1	-	-	11	*	4	*	-	-	-	-	167
Advice and assistance	550	5	155	32	2,134	45	1,410	63	-	-	-	-	4,249
Other	1,049	9	36	7	357	8	398	18	-	-	-	-	1,840
Lost contact/withdrawal/resolved before assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,864	100	1,637	100	4,501
Lost contact before duty discharged	2,277	20	71	15	661	14	155	7	-	-	-	-	3,164
All applications actioned in period	11,453	100	482	100	4,727	100	2,233	100	2,864	100	1,637	100	23,396

Notes:

1. All applications actioned during period.
2. Data on applications prior to 10 December 2001 are not included.
3. Figures should be treated with caution at present as some local authorities may not be recording the full range of actions undertaken in respect of discharging their duties under the current legislation.
4. Figures for North Lanarkshire for April-September 2004 are estimates based on 2003 data. See page 6 for further details.

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Table 7

Households in temporary accommodation by accommodation type: as at 31 March 1994 to 31 December 2004

Period		Local authority dwelling	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Total households with dependent children	
							Number	% of total
1994	as at 31 March	1,799	1,428	486	72	3,785	..	..
1995	as at 31 March	1,851	1,648	449	80	4,028	..	..
1996	as at 31 March	1,884	1,776	454	100	4,214	..	..
1997	as at 31 March	1,741	1,562	355	114	3,772	..	..
1998	as at 31 March	1,859	1,465	360	80	3,764	..	..
1999	as at 31 March	1,855	1,543	413	53	3,864	..	..
2000	as at 31 March	1,826	1,608	500	61	3,995	..	..
2001	as at 31 March	1,968	1,512	502	78	4,060	1,438	35
2002	as at 31 March	2,152	1,363	569	69	4,153	1,329	32
	as at 30 June	2,392	1,260	653	115	4,420	1,503	34
	as at 30 September	2,471	1,324	706	203	4,704	1,490	32
	as at 31 December	2,643	1,389	879	136	5,047	1,457	29
2003	as at 31 March	3,012	1,421	914	141	5,488	1,618	29
	as at 30 June	3,265	1,271	998	112	5,646	1,746	31
	as at 30 September	3,369	1,579	1,108	85	6,141	1,924	31
	as at 31 December	3,515	1,662	980	116	6,273	1,849	29
2004	as at 31 March	3,579	1,657	1,206	132	6,574	2,031	31
	as at 30 June	3,782	1,577	1,290	105	6,754	2,158	32
	as at 30 September	3,932	1,676	1,351	110	7,069	2,147	30
	as at 31 December	4,121	1,624	1,273	117	7,135	2,174	30

Notes:

1. The majority of hostel accommodation is accounted for by Glasgow - see page 6 for further details.
2. The category 'other' includes mainly accommodation owned by housing associations and private landlords. Prior to June 1999 the figures may also include an unknown number of local authority-owned chalets or mobile homes

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Table 8

Households with children in temporary accommodation by accommodation type:
as at 31 March 2002 to 31 December 2004

Household type		Local authority dwelling		Hostel ¹		Bed & Breakfast		Other ²		Total	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All households											
2002	as at 31 March	2,152	52	1,363	33	569	14	69	2	4,153	100
	as at 30 June	2,392	54	1,260	29	653	15	115	3	4,420	100
	as at 30 Sept	2,471	53	1,324	28	706	15	203	4	4,704	100
	as at 31 Dec	2,643	52	1,389	28	879	17	136	3	5,047	100
2003	as at 31 March	3,012	55	1,421	26	914	17	141	3	5,488	100
	as at 30 June	3,265	58	1,271	23	998	18	112	2	5,646	100
	as at 30 Sept	3,369	55	1,579	26	1,108	18	85	1	6,141	100
	as at 31 Dec	3,515	56	1,662	26	980	16	116	2	6,273	100
2004	as at 31 March	3,579	54	1,657	25	1,206	18	132	2	6,574	100
	as at 30 June	3,782	56	1,577	23	1,290	19	105	2	6,754	100
	as at 30 Sept	3,932	56	1,676	24	1,351	19	110	2	7,069	100
	as at 31 Dec	4,121	58	1,624	23	1,273	18	117	2	7,135	100
Households with dependent children											
2002	as at 31 March	1,107	83	103	8	94	7	25	2	1,329	100
	as at 30 June	1,222	81	85	6	105	7	91	6	1,503	100
	as at 30 Sept	1,206	81	93	6	110	7	81	5	1,490	100
	as at 31 Dec	1,220	84	67	5	99	7	71	5	1,457	100
2003	as at 31 March	1,356	84	73	5	109	7	80	5	1,618	100
	as at 30 June	1,503	86	83	5	122	7	38	2	1,746	100
	as at 30 Sept	1,651	86	94	5	148	8	31	2	1,924	100
	as at 31 Dec	1,610	87	94	5	90	5	55	3	1,849	100
2004	as at 31 March	1,708	84	115	6	151	7	57	3	2,031	100
	as at 30 June	1,818	84	120	6	170	8	50	2	2,158	100
	as at 30 Sept	1,819	85	114	5	196	9	18	1	2,147	100
	as at 31 Dec	1,905	88	108	5	108	5	53	2	2,174	100
Total number of dependent children											
2002	as at 31 March	2,046	86	156	7	142	6	45	2	2,389	100
	as at 30 June	2,322	83	156	6	164	6	153	5	2,795	100
	as at 30 Sept	2,117	81	195	7	171	7	144	5	2,627	100
	as at 31 Dec	2,407	85	128	5	155	6	126	4	2,816	100
2003	as at 31 March	2,592	86	121	4	185	6	128	4	3,026	100
	as at 30 June	2,899	88	134	4	193	6	66	2	3,292	100
	as at 30 Sept	3,148	87	159	4	248	7	58	2	3,613	100
	as at 31 Dec	3,082	89	164	5	133	4	92	3	3,471	100
2004	as at 31 March	3,284	86	215	6	234	6	100	3	3,833	100
	as at 30 June	3,302	85	223	6	266	7	77	2	3,868	100
	as at 30 Sept	3,449	86	207	5	311	8	40	1	4,007	100
	as at 31 Dec	3,529	89	195	5	160	4	87	2	3,971	100

Notes:

1. The majority of hostel accommodation is accounted for by Glasgow - see page 6 for further details.
2. The category 'other' includes mainly accommodation owned housing associations and private landlords. Prior to June 1999 the figures may also include an unknown number of local authority-owned chalets or mobile homes.
3. It is not possible to determine from the figures the number of households with children in unsuitable temporary accommodation as defined by the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2004. See pages 2 and 18 for further details.

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Table 9a

Households with children by accommodation type and local authority area: as at 30 June 2004

Area	Total number of households					Total number of households with dependent children					Total number of dependent children				
	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total
Scotland	3,782	1,577	1,290	105	6,754	1,818	120	170	50	2,158	3,302	223	266	77	3,868
Aberdeen City	4	23	52	-	79	2	4	-	-	6	3	8	-	-	11
Aberdeenshire	80	28	37	-	147	64	12	6	2	84	132	19	14	5	170
Angus	37	1	-	-	38	8	1	-	-	9	10	1	-	-	11
Argyll & Bute	33	34	74	11	152	9	5	14	1	29	13	11	21	1	46
Clackmannanshire	63	2	25	9	99	22	2	2	1	27	52	9	2	2	65
Dumfries & Galloway	77	70	41	2	190	46	-	2	-	48	83	-	2	-	85
Dundee City	89	37	11	14	151	65	6	2	-	73	135	17	6	-	158
East Ayrshire	17	34	2	-	53	9	10	-	-	19	14	16	-	-	30
East Dunbartonshire	76	-	27	-	103	52	-	6	-	58	91	-	11	-	102
East Lothian	85	-	70	-	155	55	-	26	-	81	93	-	41	-	134
East Renfrewshire	16	-	7	-	23	3	-	2	-	5	5	-	4	-	9
Edinburgh, City of	304	-	192	-	496	143	-	6	-	149	271	-	8	-	279
Eilean Siar	21	-	8	-	29	4	-	1	-	5	8	-	1	-	9
Falkirk	90	52	20	-	162	41	-	-	-	41	89	-	-	-	89
Fife	304	28	38	-	370	113	6	2	-	121	211	9	2	-	222
Glasgow City	1,072	718	198	-	1,988	544	-	36	-	580	985	-	59	-	1,044
Highland	79	29	143	8	259	43	6	17	5	71	81	8	24	13	126
Inverclyde	80	25	-	-	105	39	-	-	-	39	87	-	-	-	87
Midlothian	14	3	42	4	63	9	-	8	1	18	14	-	14	1	29
Moray	30	16	-	-	46	18	1	-	-	19	40	2	-	-	42
North Ayrshire	124	98	44	-	266	40	21	5	-	66	85	37	6	-	128
North Lanarkshire	315	18	20	-	353	118	-	-	-	118	120	-	-	-	120
Orkney	47	-	1	-	48	24	-	1	-	25	49	-	1	-	50
Perth & Kinross	57	32	13	1	103	22	6	2	-	30	33	15	3	-	51
Renfrewshire	99	9	60	9	177	67	-	16	-	83	124	-	24	-	148
Scottish Borders, The	34	-	-	-	34	11	-	-	-	11	23	-	-	-	23
Shetland	54	26	-	3	83	25	-	-	3	28	50	-	-	6	56
South Ayrshire	74	51	42	-	167	32	13	1	-	46	59	20	1	-	80
South Lanarkshire	108	108	79	42	337	73	16	15	37	141	135	27	22	49	233
Stirling	32	34	26	-	92	18	11	-	-	29	33	24	-	-	57
West Dunbartonshire	135	26	18	-	179	36	-	-	-	36	69	-	-	-	69
West Lothian	132	75	-	-	207	63	-	-	-	63	105	-	-	-	105

Notes:

1. The majority of hostel accommodation is accounted for by Glasgow - see page 6 for further details.
2. The category 'other' includes mainly accommodation owned by housing associations and private landlords.

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Table 9b

Households with children by accommodation type and local authority area: as at 30 September 2004

Area	Total number of households					Total number of households with dependent children					Total number of dependent children				
	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total
Scotland	3,932	1,676	1,351	110	7,069	1,819	114	196	18	2,147	3,449	207	311	40	4,007
Aberdeen city	4	26	46	-	76	2	7	-	-	9	5	13	-	-	18
Aberdeenshire	87	23	41	3	154	75	7	6	2	90	155	12	12	5	184
Angus	52	1	12	-	65	11	1	1	-	13	25	1	1	-	27
Argyll & Bute	35	33	101	11	180	16	9	21	1	47	32	15	35	1	83
Clackmannanshire	69	2	29	11	111	21	2	1	-	24	45	9	1	-	55
Dumfries & Galloway	80	89	43	2	214	52	4	2	-	58	96	5	2	-	103
Dundee City	92	33	20	13	158	63	6	3	-	72	135	12	4	-	151
East Ayrshire	29	31	1	-	61	10	8	-	-	18	21	16	-	-	37
East Dunbartonshire	72	6	22	-	100	49	-	3	-	52	83	-	9	-	92
East Lothian	87	-	75	-	162	59	-	26	-	85	99	-	36	-	135
East Renfrewshire	18	-	11	-	29	8	-	3	-	11	13	-	6	-	19
Edinburgh, City of	316	-	191	-	507	140	-	6	-	146	287	-	6	-	293
Eilean Siar	17	-	11	-	28	9	-	-	-	9	21	-	-	-	21
Falkirk	132	30	-	-	162	44	1	-	-	45	94	4	-	-	98
Fife	289	37	35	-	361	124	5	-	-	129	235	7	-	-	242
Glasgow City	1,113	766	249	-	2,128	575	-	63	-	638	1,031	-	103	-	1,134
Highland	85	20	93	15	213	47	5	19	11	82	90	6	27	27	150
Inverclyde	86	34	-	-	120	38	-	-	-	38	65	-	-	-	65
Midlothian	13	3	39	4	59	8	1	5	1	15	11	3	8	1	23
Moray	25	21	7	-	53	16	2	3	-	21	42	3	7	-	52
North Ayrshire	139	131	38	-	308	40	24	3	-	67	84	41	4	-	129
North Lanarkshire	291	21	8	-	320	75	-	2	-	77	145	-	3	-	148
Orkney	44	-	-	-	44	19	-	-	-	19	34	-	-	-	34
Perth & Kinross	55	36	39	-	130	27	6	7	-	40	56	14	12	-	82
Renfrewshire	97	10	65	8	180	57	-	8	-	65	102	-	11	-	113
Scottish Borders, The	34	-	-	-	34	8	-	-	-	8	19	-	-	-	19
Shetland	57	28	-	5	90	30	-	-	3	33	53	-	-	6	59
South Ayrshire	81	50	43	-	174	32	3	2	-	37	58	8	2	-	68
South Lanarkshire	110	116	91	38	355	53	17	11	-	81	98	25	21	-	144
Stirling	32	35	35	-	102	17	6	1	-	24	34	13	1	-	48
West Dunbartonshire	141	27	4	-	172	30	-	-	-	30	57	-	-	-	57
West Lothian	150	67	2	-	219	64	-	-	-	64	124	-	-	-	124

Notes:

1. The majority of hostel accommodation is accounted for by Glasgow - see page 6 for further details.
2. The category 'other' includes mainly accommodation owned by housing associations and private landlords.

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Table 9c

Households with children by accommodation type and local authority area: as at 31 December 2004

Area	Total number of households					Total number of households with dependent children					Total number of dependent children				
	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total
Scotland	4,121	1,624	1,273	117	7,135	1,905	108	108	53	2,174	3,529	195	160	87	3,971
Aberdeen city	9	20	57	-	86	4	-	-	-	4	12	-	-	-	12
Aberdeenshire	88	21	28	3	140	77	8	3	2	90	151	16	10	6	183
Angus	42	1	-	12	55	7	1	-	-	8	21	1	-	-	22
Argyll & Bute	40	33	83	10	166	12	8	18	3	41	21	14	23	4	62
Clackmannanshire	69	2	34	9	114	22	2	1	-	25	44	9	2	-	55
Dumfries & Galloway	76	75	49	2	202	45	-	-	-	45	88	-	-	-	88
Dundee City	82	37	35	14	168	66	7	4	-	77	143	14	5	-	162
East Ayrshire	24	22	-	-	46	9	4	-	-	13	18	6	-	-	24
East Dunbartonshire	87	8	16	-	111	57	-	1	-	58	103	-	2	-	105
East Lothian	85	29	59	-	173	58	-	23	-	81	94	-	32	-	126
East Renfrewshire	17	-	7	-	24	10	-	1	-	11	19	-	1	-	20
Edinburgh, City of	290	-	171	-	461	121	-	-	-	121	213	-	-	-	213
Eilean Siar	20	-	16	-	36	6	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	10
Falkirk	91	54	22	-	167	42	-	-	-	42	94	-	-	-	94
Fife	287	36	26	-	349	125	6	-	-	131	150	5	-	-	155
Glasgow City	1,217	733	233	-	2,183	619	-	29	-	648	1,139	-	41	-	1,180
Highland	94	28	88	13	223	54	9	6	9	78	95	21	9	22	147
Inverclyde	80	28	-	-	108	36	-	-	-	36	62	-	-	-	62
Midlothian	30	2	56	-	88	17	-	4	-	21	32	-	7	-	39
Moray	27	21	2	-	50	19	4	-	-	23	50	6	-	-	56
North Ayrshire	155	139	39	-	333	35	21	4	-	60	74	34	5	-	113
North Lanarkshire	331	21	7	-	359	90	-	-	-	90	188	-	-	-	188
Orkney	43	-	-	-	43	19	-	-	-	19	39	-	-	-	39
Perth & Kinross	59	35	46	1	141	33	4	8	-	45	73	10	15	-	98
Renfrewshire	104	10	38	9	161	53	-	4	-	57	93	-	6	-	99
Scottish Borders, The	32	-	-	-	32	8	-	-	-	8	18	-	-	-	18
Shetland	58	31	-	5	94	26	-	-	4	30	49	-	-	8	57
South Ayrshire	76	50	42	-	168	26	8	2	-	36	44	13	2	-	59
South Lanarkshire	123	97	79	39	338	79	18	-	35	132	135	29	-	47	211
Stirling	35	35	35	-	105	18	8	-	-	26	42	17	-	-	59
West Dunbartonshire	151	25	4	-	180	47	-	-	-	47	87	-	-	-	87
West Lothian	199	31	1	-	231	65	-	-	-	65	128	-	-	-	128

Notes:

1. The majority of hostel accommodation is accounted for by Glasgow - see page 6 for further details.
2. The category 'other' includes mainly accommodation owned by housing associations and private landlords.
3. It is not possible to determine from the figures the number of households with children in unsuitable temporary accommodation as defined by the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2004. See pages 2 and 18 for further details.

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Table 10

Households with children in temporary accommodation by local authority area: as at 31 December 2003 to 31 December 2004

Local authority	Households in temporary accommodation						Households with children in temporary accommodation					
	Number					Percentage of all households ¹	Number					Percentage of all households with children ¹
	31-Dec-03	31-Mar-04	30-Jun-04	30-Sep-04	31-Dec-04		31-Dec-04	31-Dec-03	31-Mar-04	30-Jun-04	30-Sep-04	
Scotland	6,273	6,574	6,754	7,069	7,135	0.32	1,849	2,031	2,158	2,147	2,174	0.36
Aberdeen City	62	76	79	76	86	0.09	6	6	6	9	4	0.02
Aberdeenshire	122	144	147	154	140	0.15	67	75	84	90	90	0.32
Angus	46	53	38	65	55	0.12	10	10	9	13	8	0.06
Argyll & Bute	122	144	152	180	166	0.42	18	23	29	47	41	0.40
Clackmannanshire	93	101	99	111	114	0.54	24	29	27	24	25	0.41
Dumfries & Galloway	197	188	190	214	202	0.31	46	41	48	58	45	0.27
Dundee City	120	121	151	158	168	0.25	64	65	73	72	77	0.47
East Ayrshire	35	51	53	61	46	0.09	13	17	19	18	13	0.09
East Dunbartonshire	94	112	103	100	111	0.26	52	60	58	52	58	0.43
East Lothian	100	111	155	162	173	0.44	44	48	81	85	81	0.70
East Renfrewshire	24	24	23	29	24	0.07	8	11	5	11	11	0.09
Edinburgh (City of)	470	510	496	507	461	0.22	139	160	149	146	121	0.26
Eilean Siar	24	20	29	28	36	0.32	2	1	5	9	6	0.21
Falkirk	145	156	162	162	167	0.26	36	44	41	45	42	0.23
Fife	327	352	370	361	349	0.23	114	108	121	129	131	0.30
Glasgow City	2,060	2,024	1,988	2,128	2,183	0.79	481	539	580	638	648	0.93
Highland	185	227	259	213	223	0.24	65	63	71	82	78	0.32
Inverclyde	90	99	105	120	108	0.29	47	41	39	38	36	0.34
Midlothian	33	14	63	59	88	0.26	19	8	18	15	21	0.20
Moray	54	56	46	53	50	0.14	28	26	19	21	23	0.23
North Ayrshire	249	291	266	308	333	0.56	59	73	66	67	60	0.36
North Lanarkshire	312	317	353	320	359	0.27	92	100	118	77	90	0.22
Orkney	35	38	48	44	43	0.51	21	16	25	19	19	0.85
Perth & Kinross	70	95	103	130	141	0.24	18	35	30	40	45	0.29
Renfrewshire	162	185	177	180	161	0.21	66	74	83	65	57	0.27
Scottish Borders	33	32	34	34	32	0.07	13	8	11	8	8	0.07
Shetland	72	83	83	90	94	1.00	29	30	28	33	30	1.14
South Ayrshire	149	159	167	174	168	0.34	45	44	46	37	36	0.28
South Lanarkshire	322	345	337	355	338	0.26	130	145	141	81	132	0.35
Stirling	80	88	92	102	105	0.28	18	36	29	24	26	0.25
West Dunbartonshire	149	158	179	172	180	0.44	29	38	36	30	47	0.40
West Lothian	237	200	207	219	231	0.34	46	57	63	64	65	0.29

Notes:

1. Percentages are calculated using the 2002-based projection for 2004.

2. It is not possible to determine from the figures the number of households with children in unsuitable temporary accommodation as defined by the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2004. See pages 2 and 18 for further details.

Supplementary tables

Table A
Individuals in households by gender and age: April to September 2004

Table A1 All adults

	2004 Apr-Sept
Number of adult males age 16-24	5,157
Number of adult males age 25-64	10,436
Number of adult males age 65+	305
Number of adult females age 16-24	6,402
Number of adult females age 25-59	8,542
Number of adult females age 60+	405
All adults	31,247
All households applying in period	27,167

Notes:

1. All households applying in period.
2. Figures for North Lanarkshire for April-September 2004 are estimates based on 2003 data. See page 6 for further details.

Table A2 All children

	2004 Apr-Sept
Number of male children age 0-4	2,856
Number of male children age 5-11	2,709
Number of male children age 12-15	1,259
Number of male children age 16-18	492
Number of female children age 0-4	2,784
Number of female children age 5-11	2,629
Number of female children age 12-15	1,246
Number of female children age 16-18	441
All children	14,416
All households applying in period	27,167

Notes:

1. All households applying in period.
2. Figures for North Lanarkshire for April-September 2004 are estimates based on 2003 data. See page 6 for further details.

Table B
Household type and characteristics of main applicant: April to September 2004

Household type	Main applicant										All households
	Male 16-17	Male 18-20	Male 21-24	Male 25-64	Male 65+	Female 16-17	Female 18-20	Female 21-24	Female 25-59	Female 60+	
Single person male	755	1,246	1,716	7,490	208						11,415
Single person female						1,175	1,033	851	2,357	264	5,680
Single parent male	5	20	49	677	-						751
Single parent female						131	562	974	3,917	4	5,588
Couple without children	31	102	121	400	49	82	146	130	252	25	1,338
Couple with children	6	31	78	500	3	18	128	179	544	-	1,487
Other household without children	7	15	12	116	11	7	27	20	220	15	450
Other household with children	-	3	3	85	-	3	10	20	332	2	458
All main applicants	804	1,417	1,979	9,268	271	1,416	1,906	2,174	7,622	310	27,167

Notes:

1. All households applying in period.
2. Figures for North Lanarkshire for April-September 2004 are estimates based on 2003 data. See page 6 for further details.

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Table C

Flow of applications through assessment and final action by local authority: 2002-04

Table C1 Assessments (excluding North Lanarkshire)

Date of application	All applications	Date of assessment												Not assessed by 30 September 2004
		2001 10-31 Dec	2002				2003				2004			
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep		
2001 10-31 Dec	1,644	1,073	431	26	6	4	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	94
2002 Jan-Mar	12,122		9,987	1,391	114	31	49	12	5	4	7	3	3	516
Apr-Jun	11,841			9,637	1,517	103	50	19	11	7	4	5	4	484
Jul-Sep	12,435				10,122	1,564	162	23	26	10	4	12	2	510
Oct-Dec	11,746					9,611	1,423	99	36	21	7	7	2	540
2003 Jan-Mar	13,247						10,357	1,815	216	49	63	22	10	715
Apr-Jun	12,731							9,833	1,972	189	100	11	13	613
Jul-Sep	13,816								10,787	2,004	191	40	24	770
Oct-Dec	11,418									8,966	1,602	129	40	681
2004 Jan-Mar	14,421										11,148	2,173	192	908
Apr-Jun	13,171											9,592	2,137	1,442
Jul-Sep	13,178												9,568	3,610

Notes:

1. All applications, assessments and completions up to 30 September 2004.
2. Data prior to 10 December 2001 are not included.
3. A case is completed when the local authority has discharged its duty under the Homeless Persons Legislation, or the case has been closed due to withdrawal, resolution of the situation or lost contact.
4. All data for North Lanarkshire have been excluded from this table. The total applications and completions given in this table will therefore not equal corresponding totals found in other tables. See page 6 for further details.
5. Data for West Lothian between October 2003 and March 2004 are incomplete. See page 6 for further details.

Table C2 Completions (excluding North Lanarkshire)

Date of application	All applications	Date of completion												Not completed by 30-Sep-04	Assessed and not completed by
		2001 10-31 Dec	2002				2003				2004				
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep			
2001 10-31 Dec	1,644	672	552	130	41	32	28	6	4	2	5	2	1	169	75
2002 Jan-Mar	12,122		6,929	2,722	706	393	208	63	36	29	26	57	6	947	431
Apr-Jun	11,841			6,491	2,902	813	366	124	72	48	34	72	11	908	424
Jul-Sep	12,435				6,738	3,137	913	278	158	80	55	74	12	990	480
Oct-Dec	11,746					6,015	2,934	763	323	160	86	81	31	1,353	813
2003 Jan-Mar	13,247						6,322	3,516	1,149	397	247	175	77	1,364	649
Apr-Jun	12,731							5,609	3,810	1,129	535	189	147	1,312	699
Jul-Sep	13,816								6,233	3,954	1,226	386	242	1,775	1,005
Oct-Dec	11,418									5,027	3,436	937	355	1,663	982
2004 Jan-Mar	14,421										5,671	4,717	1,329	2,704	1,989
Apr-Jun	13,171											4,576	3,942	4,653	3,211
Jul-Sep	13,178												4,569	8,609	4,999

Notes:

1. All applications, assessments and completions up to 30 September 2004.
2. Data prior to 10 December 2001 are not included.
3. A case is completed when the local authority has discharged its duty under the Homeless Persons Legislation, or the case has been closed due to withdrawal, resolution of the situation or lost contact.
4. All data for North Lanarkshire have been excluded from this table. The total applications and completions given in this table will therefore not equal corresponding totals found in other tables. See page 6 for further details.
5. Data for West Lothian between October 2003 and March 2004 are incomplete. See page 6 for further details.

Summary of current legislation

The Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977, now consolidated into Part II of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, introduced statutory duties on housing authorities to assist those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness (potentially homeless), including providing accommodation in certain circumstances.

The legislation requires local authorities to make inquiries into the circumstances of applicants to satisfy themselves whether the applicant is homeless or potentially homeless. Once the authority is satisfied this is the case, it must also determine whether the applicant has a priority need, whether he/she became homeless intentionally and, in some cases, whether the applicant has a local connection with another authority in Scotland, England or Wales. A local connection with an authority means that the applicant normally resided in that area from choice, either because he/she was employed in or had family associations with it, or for other special reasons.

Section 24 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, as amended, defines homelessness for the purposes of the Act as follows. A person is homeless if he/she has no accommodation in the UK or elsewhere. A person is also homeless if he/she has accommodation but cannot occupy it, for example because of a threat of violence. A person is potentially homeless (threatened with homelessness) if it is likely that he/she will become homeless within two months. A person is intentionally homeless if he/she deliberately did or failed to do anything which led to the loss of accommodation which it was reasonable for him/her to continue to occupy.

A household is regarded as having a priority need for accommodation if:

- a. it contains dependent children
- b. a member of the household is pregnant
- c. a member of the household is vulnerable because of:
 - old age
 - physical disability
 - mental illness or disability
 - other special reasons
- d. it is a single young person under 21 who is looked after by a local authority (formerly 'in care') at school leaving age or later
- e. the household is homeless in an emergency (such as fire or flood).

(Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, Section 25)

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 requires councils to provide a minimum of temporary accommodation, advice and assistance to **all applicants assessed as homeless**, regardless of whether they have been assessed as being in priority need. The Homelessness Etc (Scotland) Act 2003 is more long-term in scope, notably introducing a phasing out of the distinction between priority and non-priority applications, and enabling the suspension of the test of local connection. The ultimate aim of the Act is to ensure that everyone assessed as being unintentionally homeless is entitled to permanent accommodation by 2012.

The Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2004 came into force on 6 December 2004, and is intended to prevent the routine use of unsuitable temporary accommodation for households with family commitments. Under this Order, local authorities cannot put households with children and pregnant women into "unsuitable" temporary accommodation, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

It is intended that more detailed information identifying households with family commitments in unsuitable temporary accommodation will be collected from local authorities and published in future bulletins.

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