

Publication Report



Care Home Census 2010, Scotland

Figures from March 2010 Census

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Introduction

The purpose of this Statistics Release is to present national figures for care homes for adults in Scotland. The information is derived from the Scottish Care Home Census which is undertaken on an annual basis. The census asks care homes throughout Scotland how any residents they have as at the 31st of March. The Care Commission provide information on the number of registered places.

The results from the Scottish Care Homes Census are used by the Scottish Government, Local Authorities, private and voluntary service providers, academics and members of the public to get a clear picture of Care Home provision across Scotland. The information is used to look at the scale of Care Home provision across the country and to plan for the future.

All figures in this release omit care homes that deregistered to become Housing Support services.

Key points

- At 31 March 2010 there were a total of 1,375 registered care homes providing 43,887 places to 38,042 residents.
- There were 943 care homes for older people as at 31 March 2010 compared to 1,059 at 31 March 2000.
- There were 39,150 registered places in care homes for older people. The number of places has increased by 2 per cent since March 2009 and decreased by 0.1 per cent from the March 2000 level.
- The number of care homes for adults with learning disabilities has decreased by 27.1 per cent since March 2000, from 380 to 277 as at March 2010.

Results and Commentary

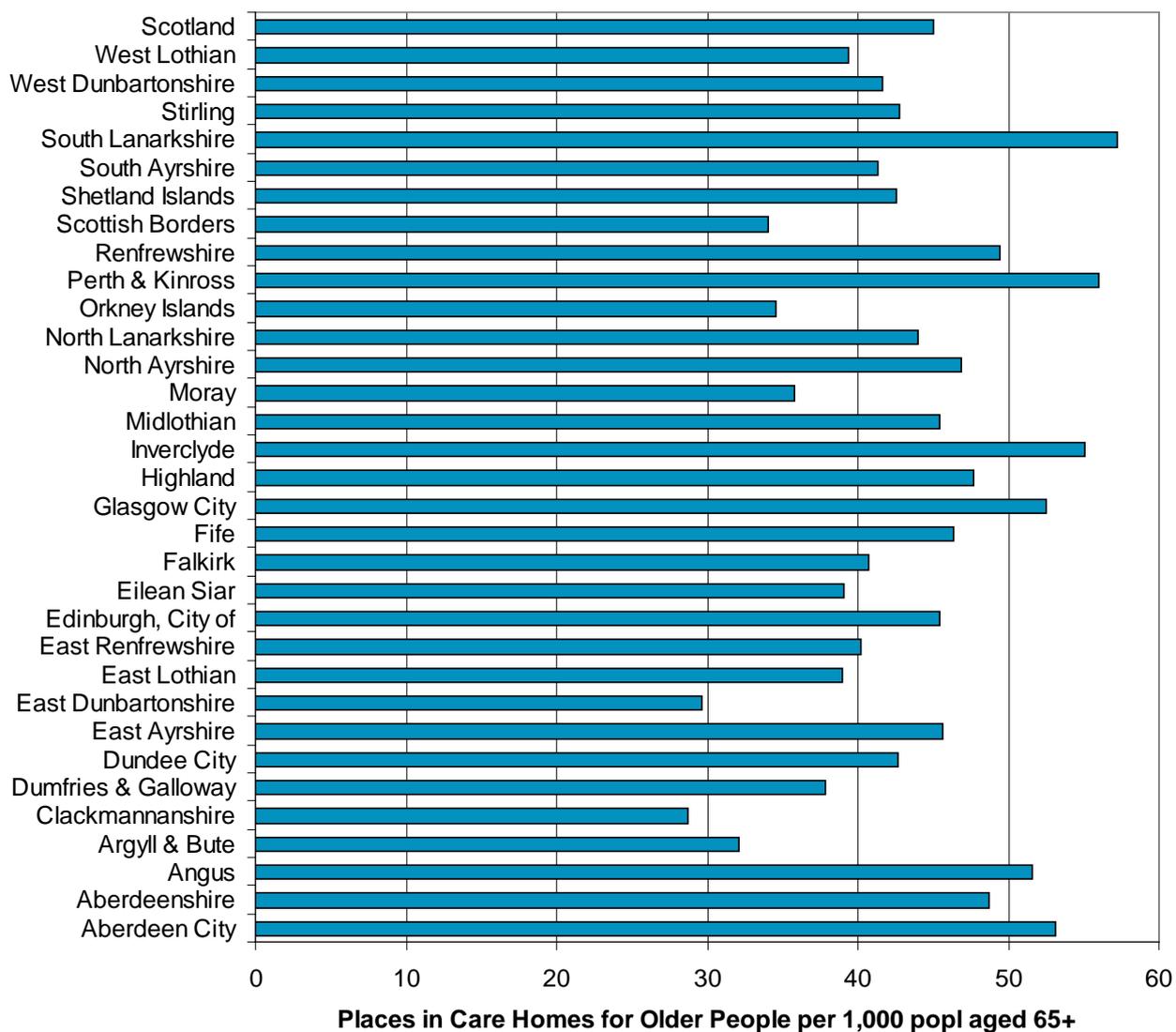
Scotland Analysis – Care Homes for Older People

[Link to Table 1](#)

In March 2010 there were 943 care homes for older people. Of these 174 (18.5 per cent) were run by a Local Authority or by the NHS, 637 (67.6 per cent) were privately owned and the remaining 132 (14.0 per cent) were in the voluntary sector. In total, there were 116 fewer homes for older people in March 2010 than in March 2000 (when there were 1,059 such homes) and 5 less than in March 2009.

The 39,150 registered places in March 2010 represents 45 places per 1,000 population and consists of 5,212 places (13.3 per cent) in the Local Authority/NHS sector, 29,759 places (76.0 per cent) in the private sector and 4,179 places (10.7 per cent) in the voluntary sector. Between March 2000 and March 2010 the total number of registered places had fallen by 28 (0.1 per cent). In the Local Authority/NHS sector there had been a decrease of 1,218 places (18.9 per cent) whilst in the private sector there has been an increase of 1,790 places (6.4 per cent). Finally, in the voluntary sector there has been a decrease of 600 places (a reduction of 12.6 per cent).

Chart 1: Places in Care Homes for Older People per 1,000 Population Aged 65+, March 2010



[Link to Table 2](#)

Table 2 and Chart 1 show the number of places per 1,000 population aged 65+ for each local authority. Clackmannanshire had 29 places per 1,000 population aged 65+, the fewest of all local authorities, whilst South Lanarkshire had the most at 57 places per 1,000 population aged 65+.

Between March 2000 and March 2010, the number of residents has fallen by 492 (1.4 per cent) from 34,433 to 33,941.

[Link to Table 3](#)

[Link to Table 4](#)

Table 3 shows the local authorities with the largest percentage increases and decreases in the number of registered places in care homes for older people, between March 2000 and

March 2010. Table 4 contains details of registered places for each census between these dates for all local authorities. The biggest percentage increase in registered places since March 2000 occurred in Orkney Islands where the number of registered places has risen from 100 in March 2000 to 131 in March 2010 (a 31.0 per cent increase). Other local authorities to have experienced large increases in the percentage of registered places were Fife, Inverclyde, and North Lanarkshire. The biggest percentage decrease in the number of registered places since March 2000 occurred in Argyll & Bute. Here there had been a 19.4 per cent decrease, a reduction of 145 places. Other local authorities to have experienced a large decrease were East Lothian, Scottish Borders and Stirling.

Scotland Analysis – Care Homes for Physically Disabled People

[Link to Table 5](#)

On 31 March 2010 there were 44 care homes for physically disabled people providing 621 places and housing 545 residents.

Since March 2000 the number of care homes has increased from 39 to 44 homes in March 2010. In the same period, the number of registered places has fallen from 823, a reduction of 202 places, and the number of residents has dropped from 723 to 545, down by 178. Of the 44 care homes for physically disabled people, the majority, 32 (or 72.7 per cent) were operated by voluntary organisations. These voluntary homes offered 464 places to residents (74.7 per cent of all places). Of the remaining 12 care homes 3 were operated by local authorities and 9 were in the private sector.

Scotland Analysis – Care Homes for Adults with Mental Health Problems

[Link to Table 6](#)

On the 31 March 2010 there were 82 care homes in Scotland for adults with mental health problems. Of these 75.6 per cent (62 homes) were run by voluntary organisations. The 82 care homes offered a total of 1,182 places.

The 62 care homes in the voluntary sector offered a total of 691 places. This compares to 15 privately owned care homes which offered a total of 434 places. The 5 local authority run care homes offered a total of 57 places.

Since March 2000, the number of care homes offering services in this client group has dropped by 43, from 125 to 82. Over the same period the number of places has decreased by 70 and the number of residents decreased by 49.

Scotland Analysis – Care Homes for Adults with Learning Disabilities

[Link to Table 7](#)

On 31 March 2010 there were 277 care homes for adults with learning disabilities. These homes offered a total of 2,573 places and had 2,214 residents.

178 (64.3 per cent) of the care homes in this client group and 1,316 (51.1 per cent) of the registered places were in the voluntary sector whilst 66 care homes (23.8 per cent) were in

the private sector and 33 (11.9 per cent) were run by local authorities. The average size of these care homes varied between sectors. There were, on average, 7.4 places in voluntary sector homes, 8.7 places in local authority homes and 14.7 places in privately operated care homes.

Since March 2000, the number of care homes has fallen by 103 from 380 in 2000 to the current level of 277 homes. There has been a corresponding drop in the number of places from 3,598 to 2,573. This is a reduction of 1,025 places (28.5 per cent). The number of residents in care homes for adults with learning disabilities has fallen by 1,081 from 3,295 in March 2000 to 2,214 in March 2010.

Scotland Analysis – Care Homes for Adults in Other Client Group

[Link to Table 8](#)

Care homes registered for other types of user can include homes for adults with acquired brain injuries, mothers and children, alcohol related problems, drugs related problems, AIDS/HIV and other vulnerable groups.

In March 2010 there were a total of 29 care homes for adults in other client groups. These homes offered a total of 361 places, an average of 12.4 places per home, and had 279 residents. The majority of the 29 homes (25 homes or 86.2 per cent of all homes) operated in the voluntary sector and these homes offered a total of 339 places. Of the remaining 4 care homes, 2 were run by local authorities and 2 were privately run. The local authority run homes offered a total of 15 places whilst the 2 private homes offered 7 places.

Since March 2000 the number of care homes in this client group has fallen by 37, from 66 to 29. This has coincided with a reduction of 499 places, from 860 to 361 and of 412 residents from 691 to 279.

Scotland Analysis – All Care Homes for Adults

[Link to Table 9](#)

[Link to Table 10](#)

Tables 9 and 10 provide analysis of all care homes for adults broken down by local authority and client group.

List of Charts and Tables within Workbook

Table No.	Name	Time period	File & size
Workbook	SCHC mar10 tables.xls	See below	Excel [148kb]
Table 1 –	Care Homes for Older People, Places, Residents by Sector / Places per 1,000 Population, 2000 – 2010	31 st March 2000- 31 st March 2010	
Table 2	Registered Places by Local Authority and Sector / Places per 1,000 Population Aged 65+, Care Homes for Older People, 2010	31 st March 2010	
Table 3	Registered Places in Care Homes for Older People, Local Authorities with the Largest Increases/Decreases	31 st March 2000- 31 st March 2010	
Table 4	Registered Places and Percentage Change by Local Authority, Care Homes for Older People	31 st March 2000- 31 st March 2010	
Table 5	Care Homes for People with Physical Disabilities, Places and Residents by Sector, March 2000 - March 2010	31 st March 2000- 31 st March 2010	
Table 6	Care Homes for Adults with Mental Health Problems, Places and Residents by Sector, March 2000 - March 2010	31 st March 2000- 31 st March 2010	
Table 7	Care Homes for Adults with Learning Disabilities, Places and Residents by Sector, March 2000 - March 2010	31 st March 2000- 31 st March 2010	
Table 8	Care Homes for Adults in Other Client Groups, Places and Residents by Sector, March 2000 - March 2010	31 st March 2000- 31 st March 2010	
Table 9	Care Homes and Registered Places by Local Authority, All Care Homes for Adults, 2010	Year ending 31 st March 2010	
Table 10	Care Homes by Client Group: March 2000 – March 2010	31 st March 2000- 31 st March 2010	

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Appendix

A1 – Background Information

The Scottish Care Home census is intended to cover all adult care home establishments that are registered with the Care Commission. The Care Commission is responsible for regulating a wide range of social services and was established under the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001.

This census was first issued in March 2003 and replaced two previous surveys. It combined the former 'Residential Care Home Census – R1' (run by the Scottish Government) and the 'Private Nursing Homes Census' (run by ISD Scotland). In March 2006 some of the data collection, relating mainly to care home places, was taken over by the Care Commission. Therefore, this publication excludes tables relating to places in single rooms, en-suite places and occupancy rates that have been published in statistics releases for previous censuses.

Prior to 2010, most census forms were printed and returned to the Scottish Government as paper forms. From 2010, the Care Commission collected this information on behalf of the Scottish Government using their eforms system, though some Care Homes continued to return the survey electronically (using an Excel spreadsheet) direct to the Scottish Government.

The number of Care Homes which were operational at the March census was 1,375. Full or partial responses were received from 1,210 open care homes giving a response rate of approximately 88 per cent.

The figures in this statistics release have been grossed up to take account of non-response. The methodology adopted was based on carrying forward previous records available for the care home in question.

All figures in this release omit care homes that deregistered to become Housing Support services.

A2 – Publication Metadata (including revisions details)

Metadata Indicator	Description
Publication title	Care Home Census 2010, Scotland
Description	Annual publication presenting data derived from the Annual Scottish Care Home Census. The data is presented at aggregate level by Local authority and details the type of care home/number of places etc.
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Data source(s)	Annual Care Home Census, Scotland
Date that data is acquired	31/03/2010 Census Date
Release date	01-Oct-10
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	Census date 31st March.
Continuity of data	Prior to 2010, most census forms were printed and returned as paper forms. From 2010, the Care Commission collected this information on behalf of the Scottish Government using their eforms system, though some Care Homes continued to return the survey electronically (using an Excel spreadsheet) direct to the Scottish Government. the data has, largely gone unchanged.
Revisions statement	Previously published data are not revised but current publications will show the revised figures. Examples of errors are number of residents at the end of the year being miscalculated and the incorrect figure being used as the total number of residents at start of following year. Also incorrect categorisation of residents (Learning Disability vs Older People). Discussions are in place with the Care Commission to add validation to the system which will avoid this error in future data.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	The results from the Scottish Care Homes Census are used by the Scottish Government, Local Authorities, private and voluntary service

	providers, academics and members of the public to get a clear picture of Care Home provision across Scotland. The information is used to look at the scale of Care Home provision across the country and to plan for the future.
Accuracy	The data returns are cross checked with the Care Commission Registration details to validate the number of beds etc. The data is also checked against previous years submissions and any anomalies are discussed with the Care Home
Completeness	Full or partial responses were received from 1230 care homes giving a response rate for the survey of 88%. For those homes who do not complete the census, data has been imputed either from the previous year or based on an average for the size and type of home (e.g older people, mental health etc.)
Comparability	There is currently no comparable/consistent sources of data available.
Accessibility	It is the policy of ISD Scotland to make its web sites and products accessibly according to published guidelines. For further details, please see: www.isdscotland.org/isd.2412.html
Coherence and clarity	The publication includes sections on Introduction/background and key findings. The data is presented in tabular format.
Value type and unit of measure	Number & Percentage
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