



# Why is population change important?

- Demand for services
- Health and social care provision
- Education
- Housing
- Workforce size/skills
- Tax revenues
- Pensions
- Funding allocations
- Impact on natural environment





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# Population challenges

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Ministerial group to address concerns.

A Ministerial task group will consider Scotland's future population challenges and develop new solutions to address demographic and population change.

Against a backdrop of a record fall in the birth rate, Scotland's population is ageing with a shift in population from the west to east and declining population in rural

## Ministers pledge extra cash to tackle Scotland's population challenges

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Political Correspondent



Overlooking Loch Carron in Wester Ross.

3 comments

**MINISTERS** have pledged to inject extra cash into some of Scotland's most fragile rural communities in a bid to reverse depopulation.

Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop said a special task force is examining ways to protect small towns and avoid **Edinburgh** distorting the national picture in a similar way to London.

Advisers are also looking at using targeted advertising and a separate Scottish visa system to encourage migrants to move to struggling and remote areas.

In an interview with The Herald, Ms Hyslop said the goal was a "well-balanced population across all of Scotland".

She said: "That means that we have to take a

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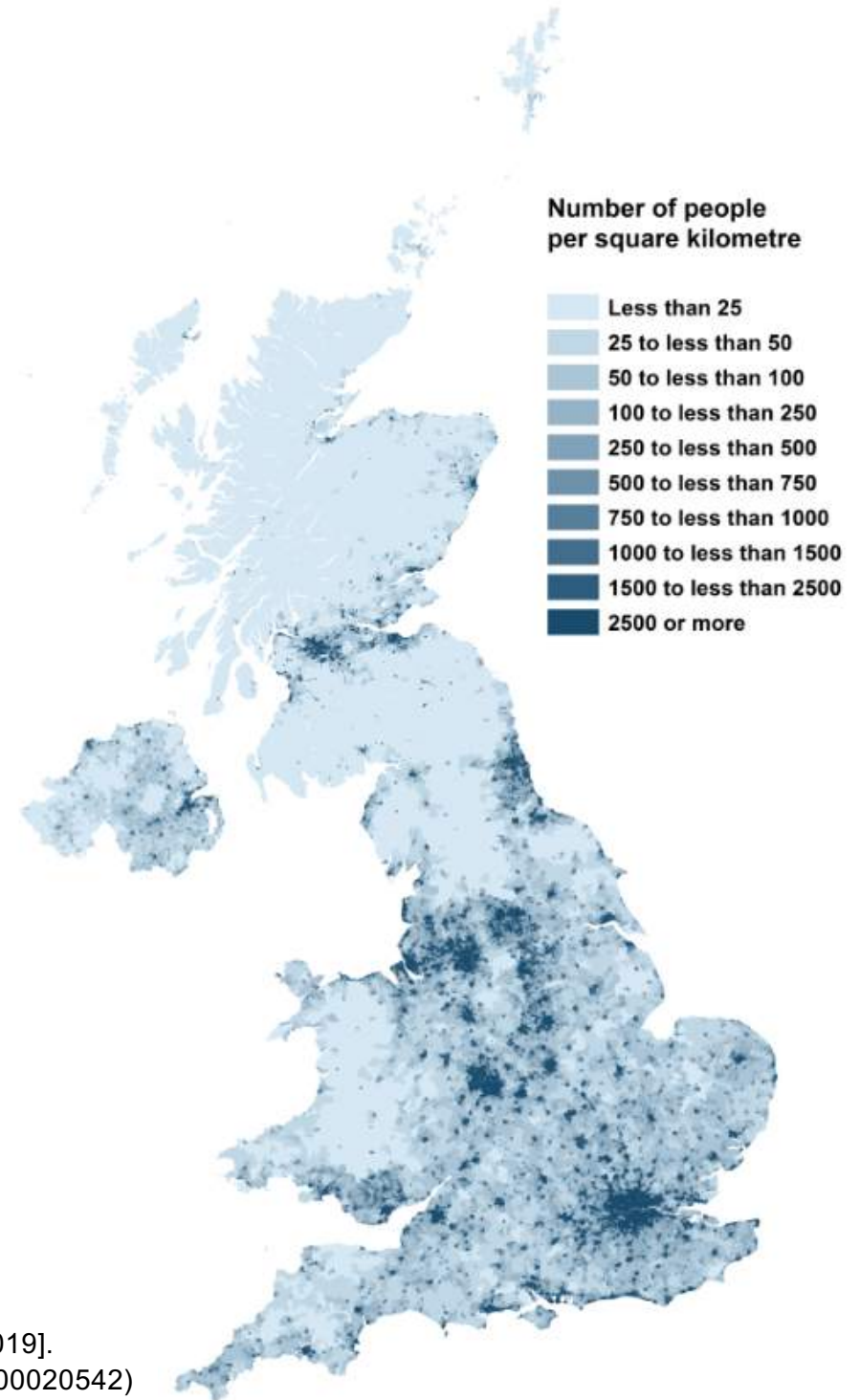
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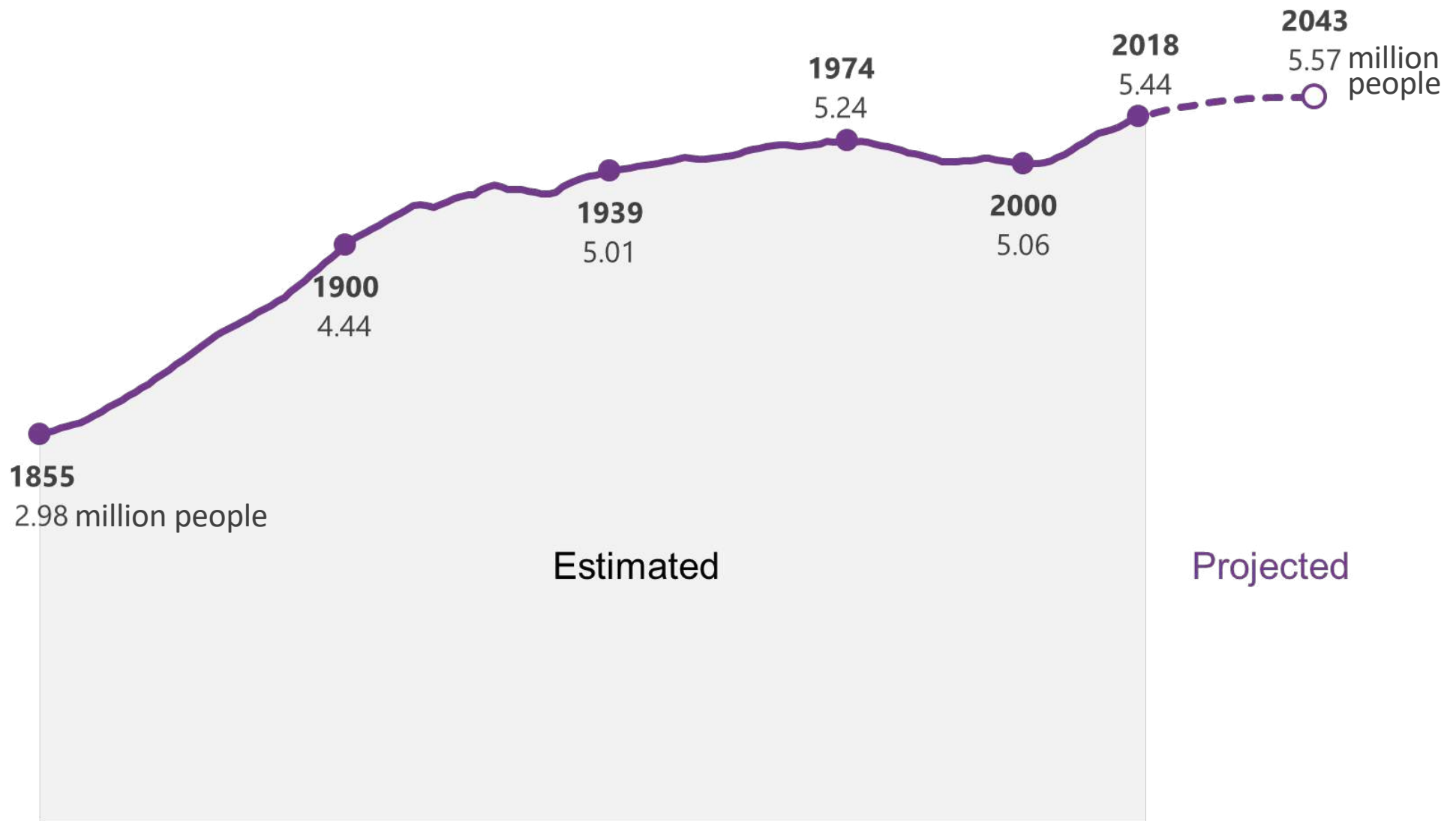
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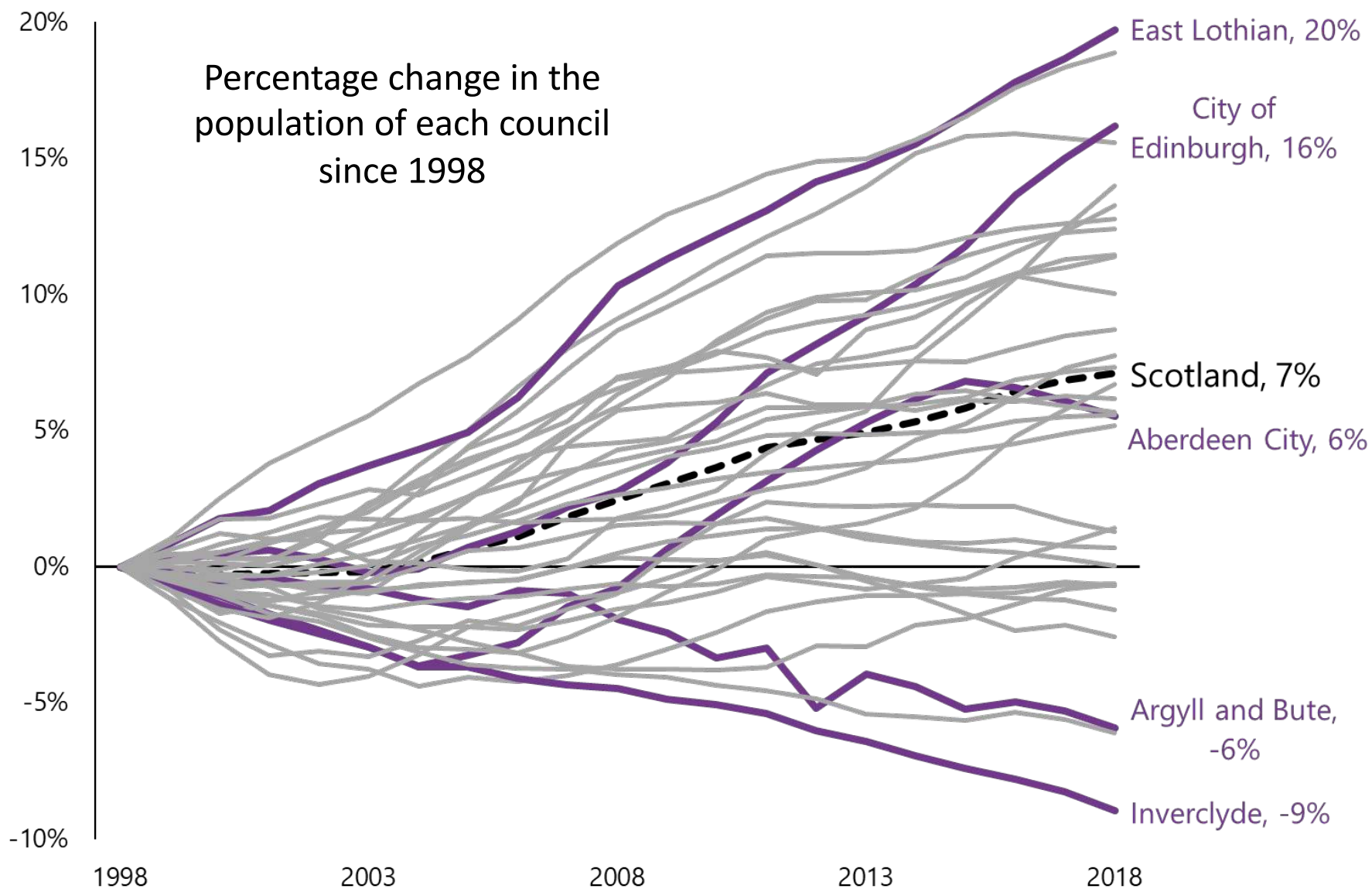
Scotland has lower population density than the UK as a whole



# Scotland's population was the **highest ever** in 2018, and is **projected to rise**



# Some areas are growing rapidly; in others the population is falling



# Projected population change, 2016 to 2041

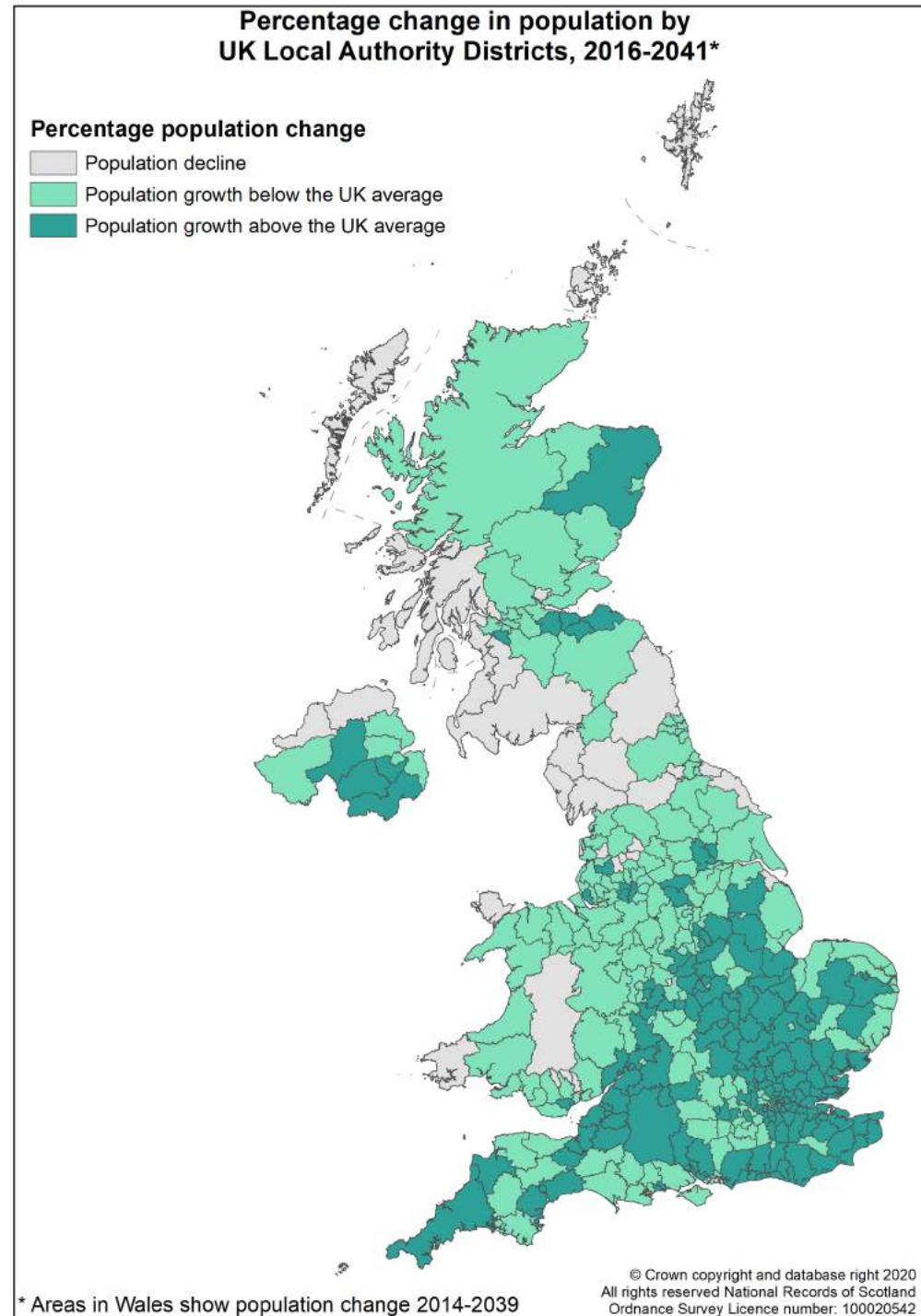
Population is  
**increasing overall,**  
but projected to  
**decline in one third**  
of Scottish council  
areas

## Percentage population change

- Population decline
- Population growth below the Scottish average
- Population growth above the Scottish average



In most parts of the UK, the population is projected to grow



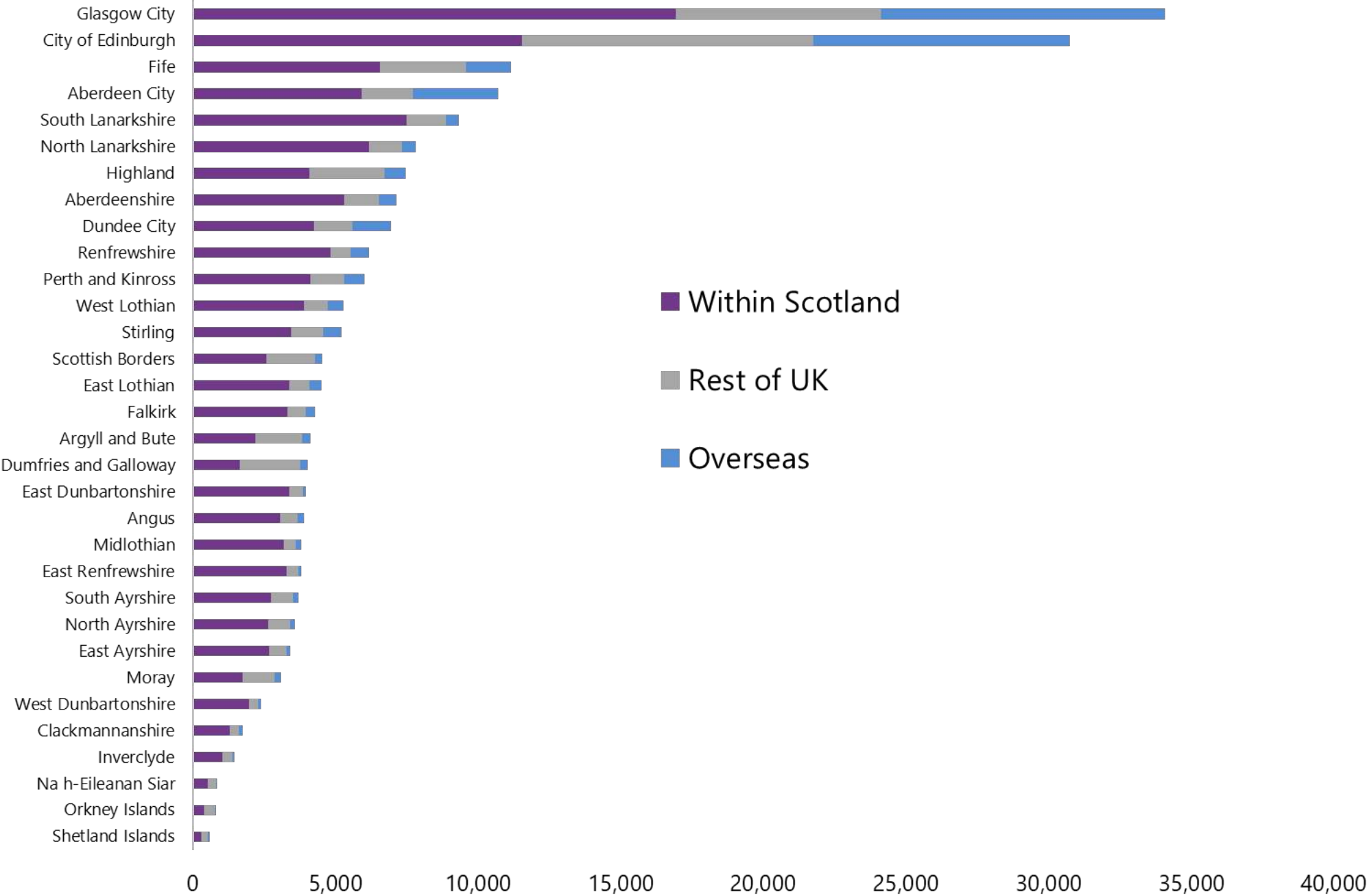


# Most moves are to neighbouring areas

5 most common moves between council areas, 2017-2018

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Migration Flow</b>
Aberdeen City	Aberdeenshire	3,098
Glasgow City	South Lanarkshire	2,875
Aberdeenshire	Aberdeen City	2,315
City of Edinburgh	Midlothian	1,990
Glasgow City	North Lanarkshire	1,984

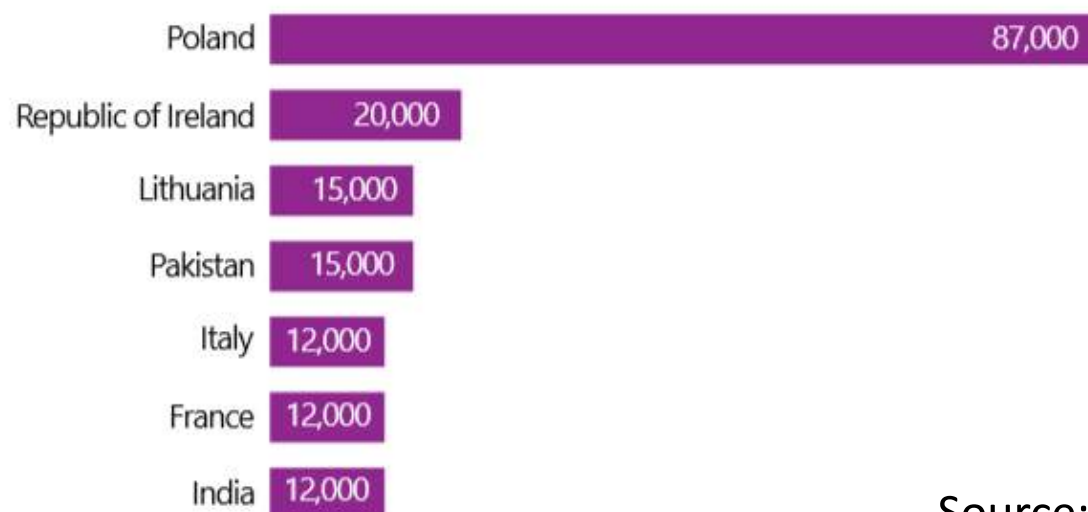
# Migration to each council area, 2017-18



# 352,000 non-British nationals living in Scotland

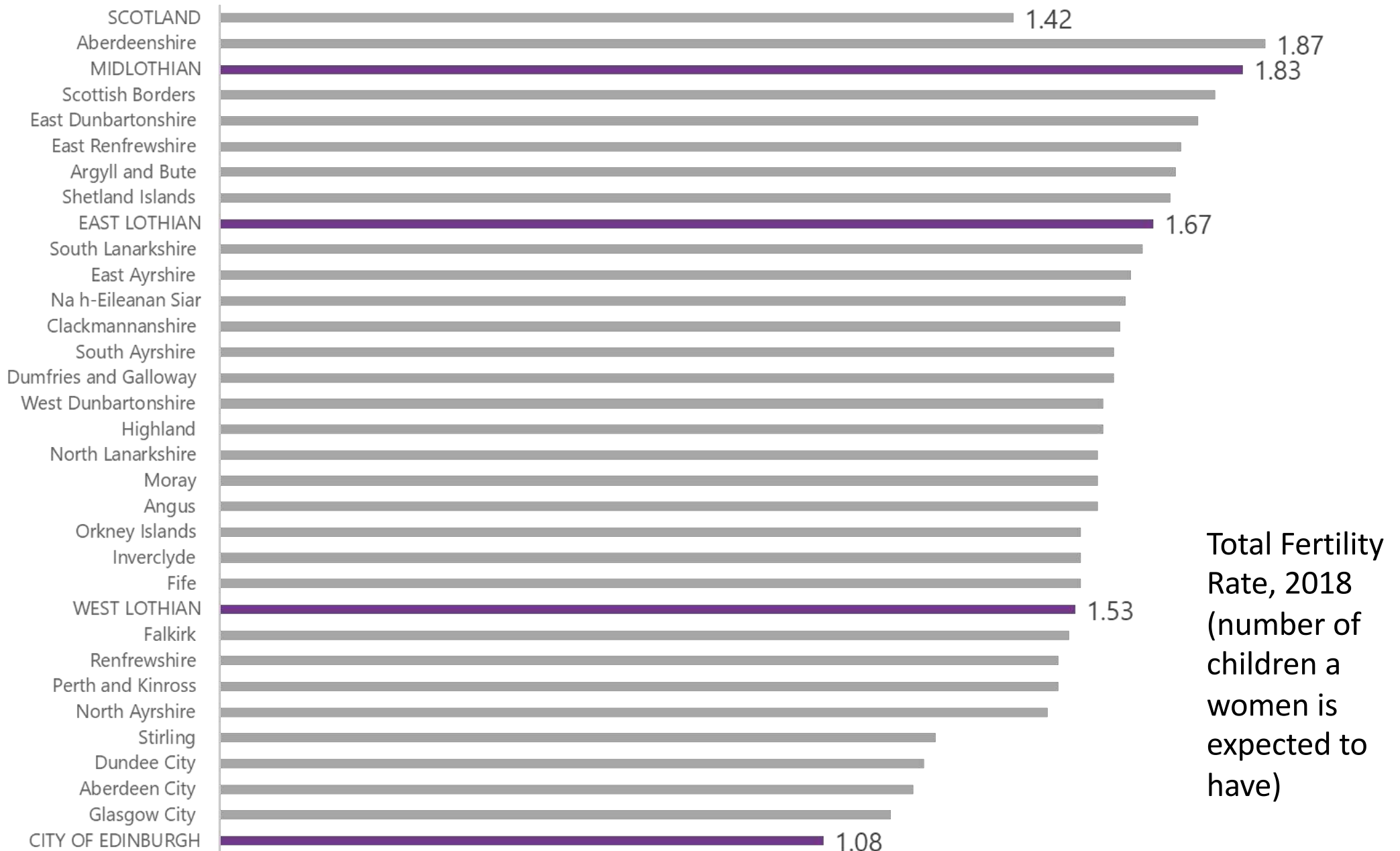


## Most common non-British nationals living in Scotland



Source: Annual Population Survey 2018

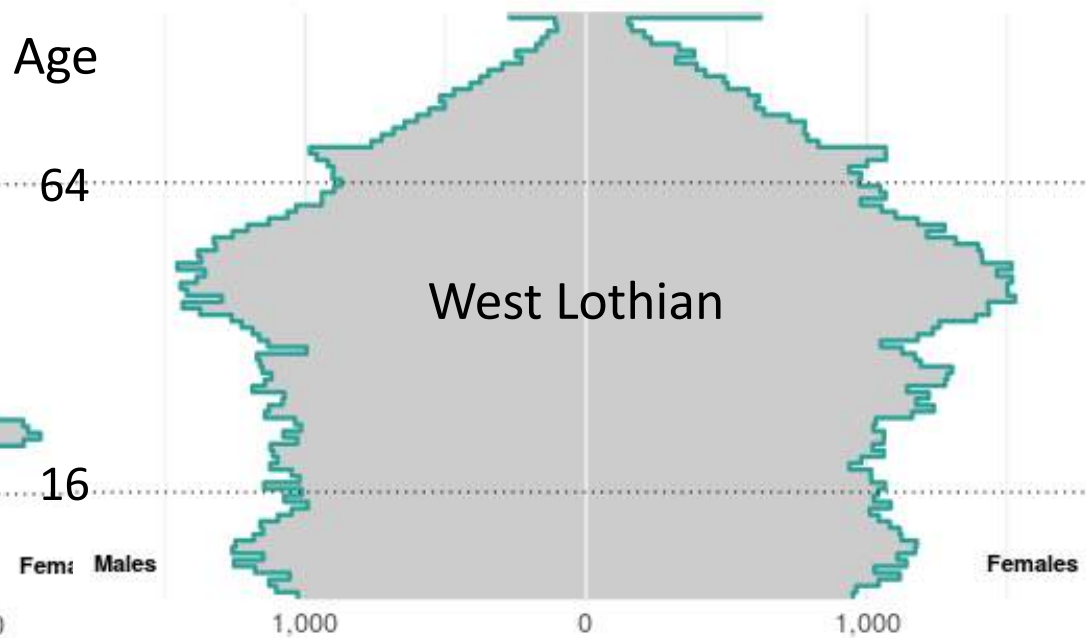
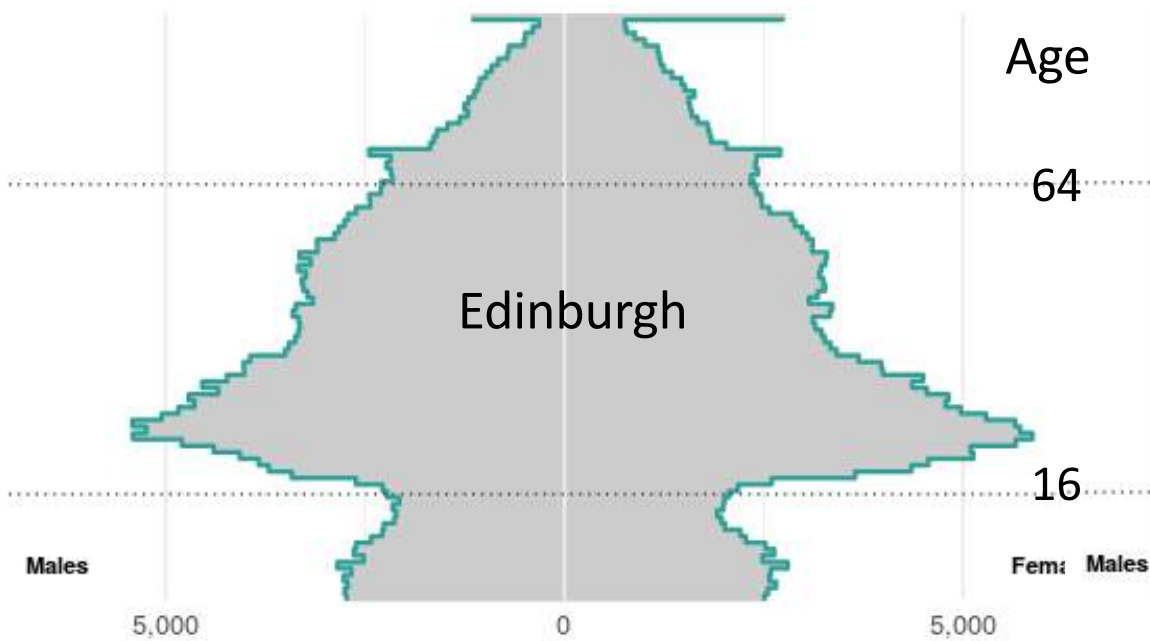
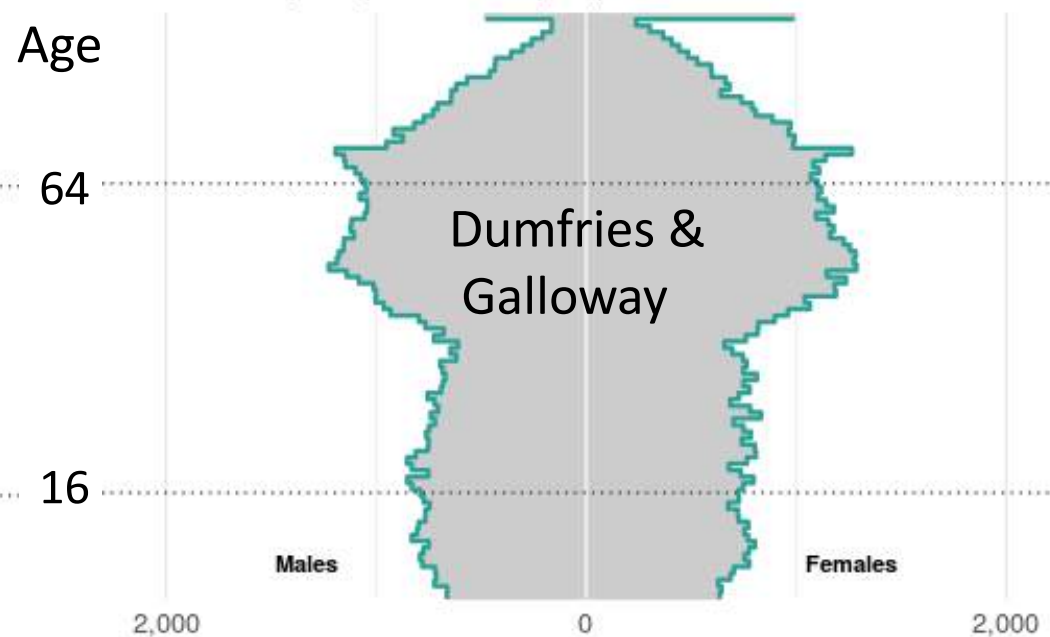
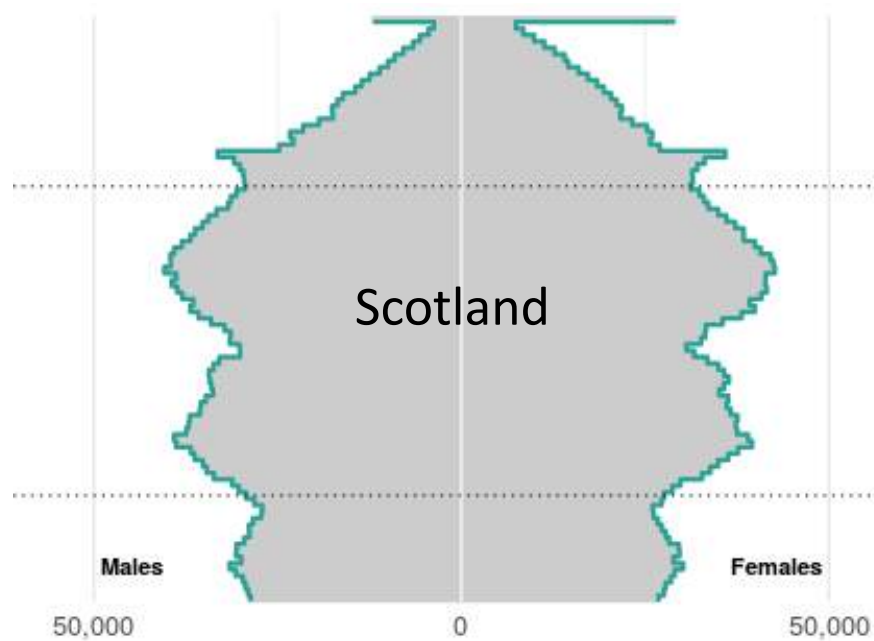
# Fertility rates are lowest in the cities



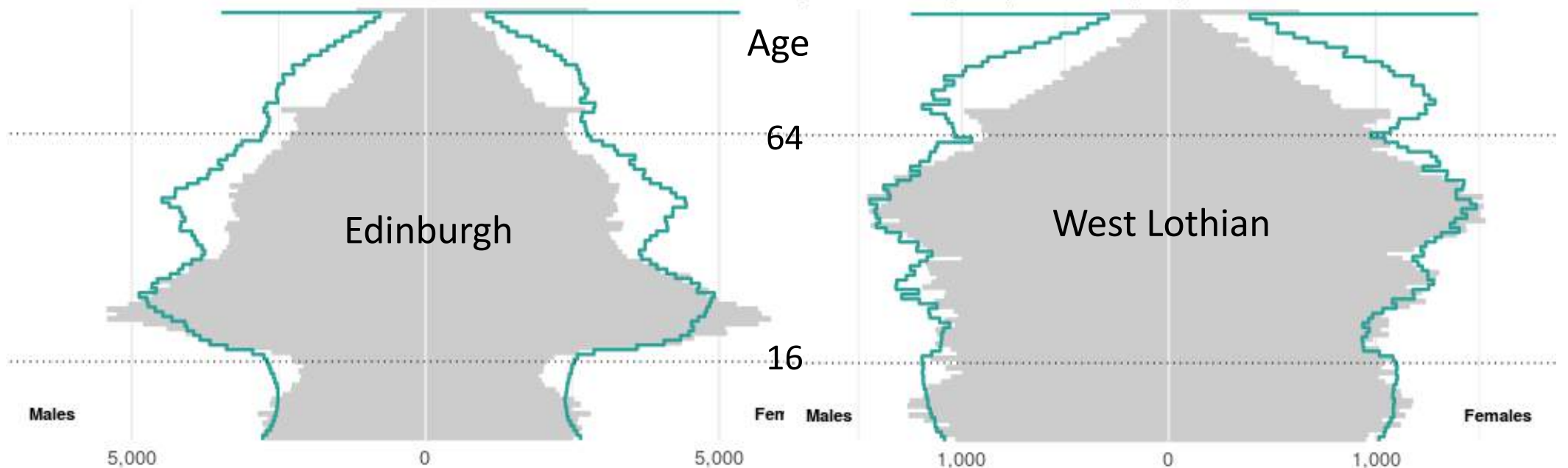
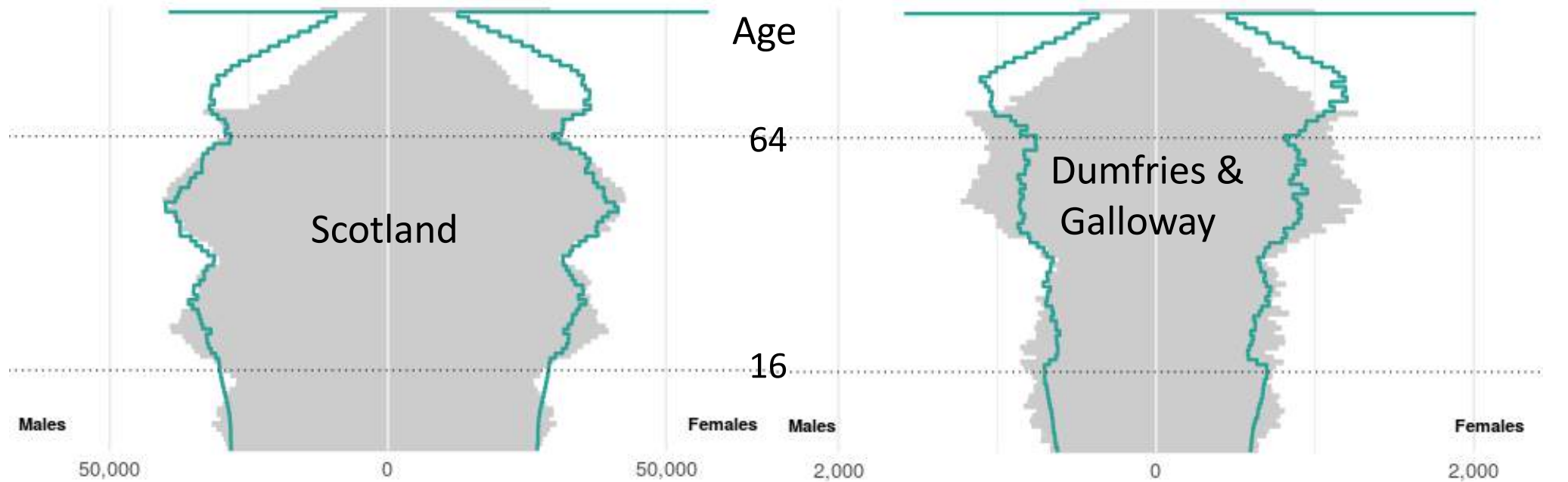
Total Fertility Rate, 2018 (number of children a woman is expected to have)



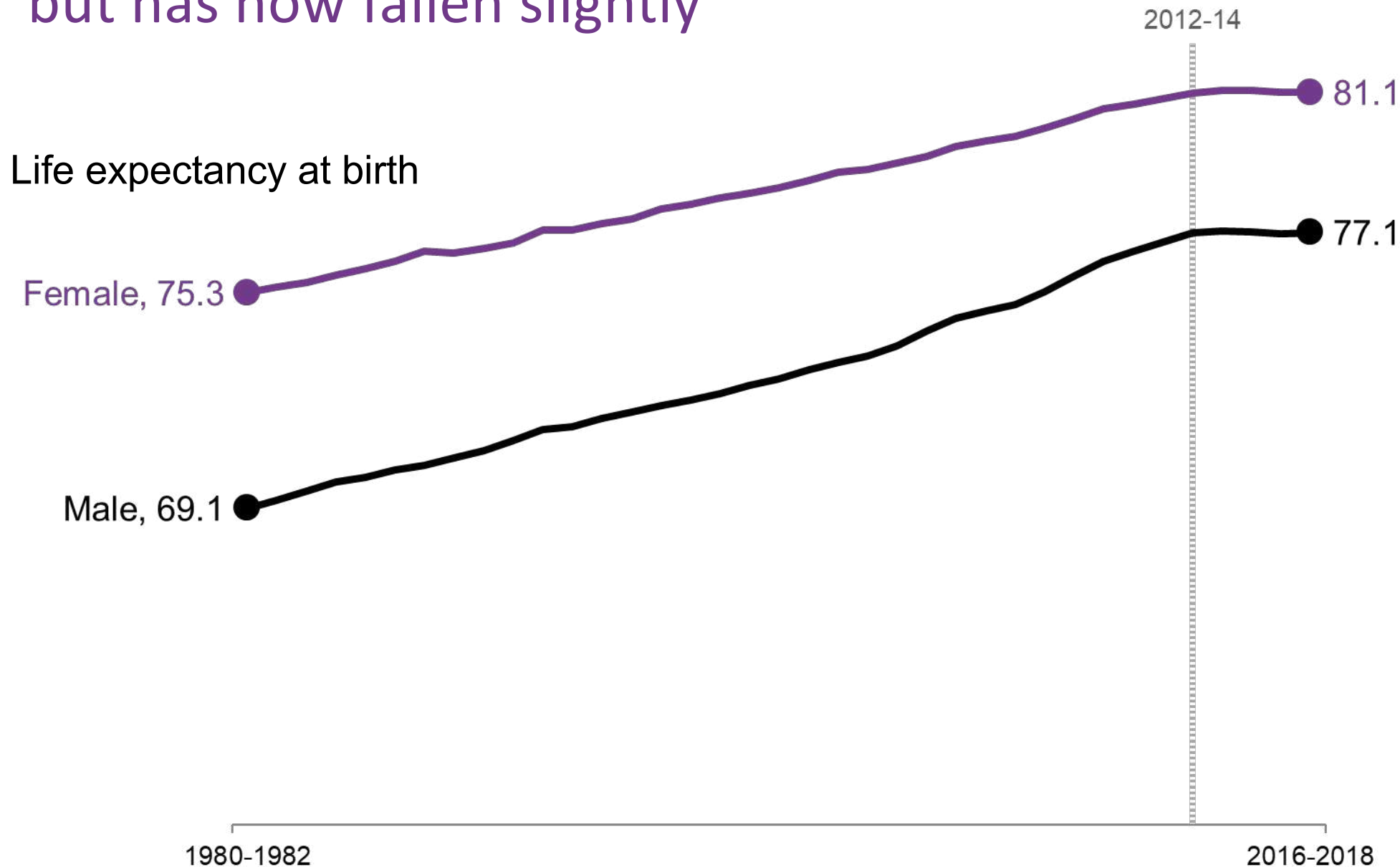
# Age structure (2016)



# Age structure (2016) and projected age structure (2041)

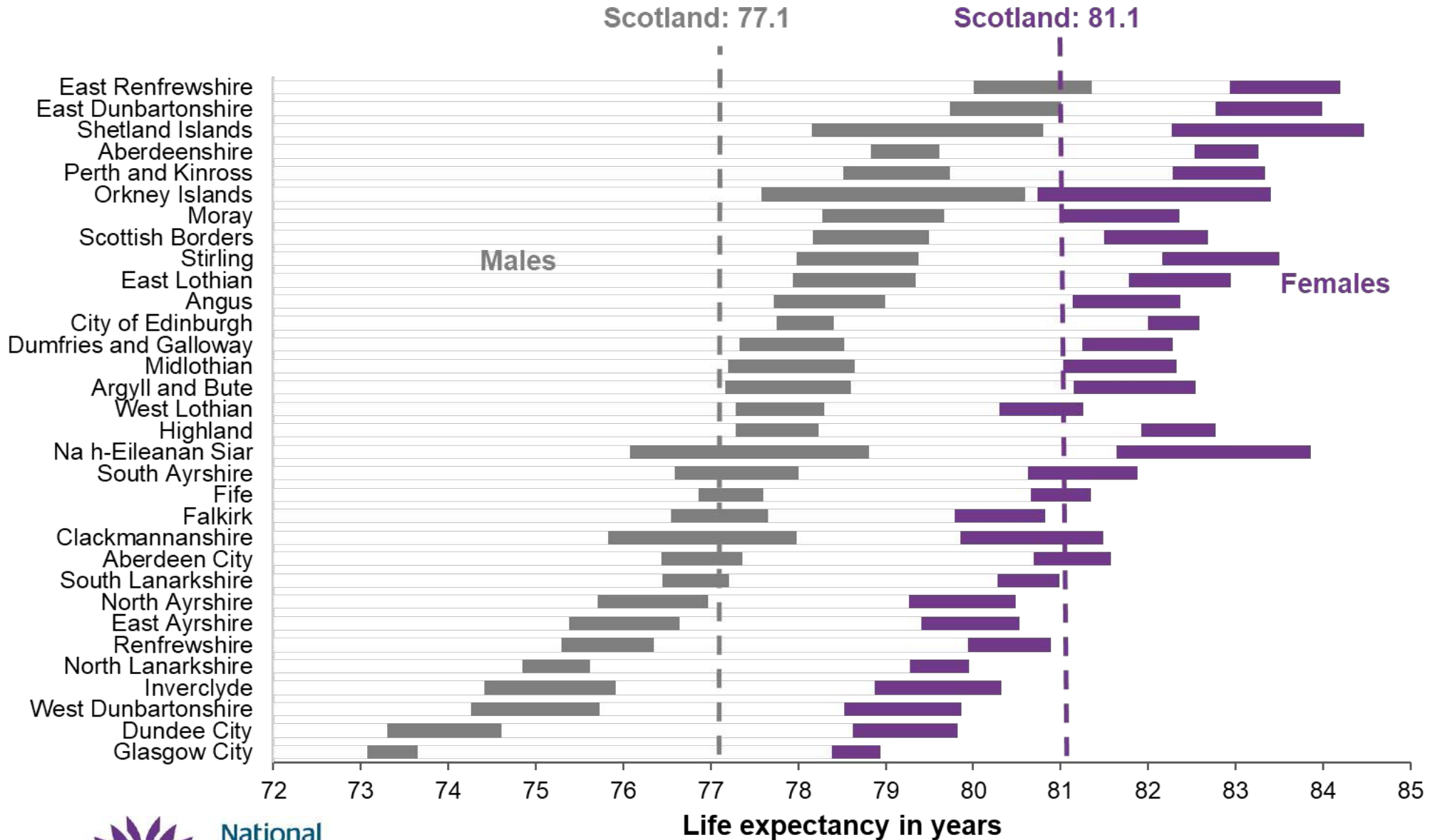


# Life expectancy was steadily increasing, but has now fallen slightly



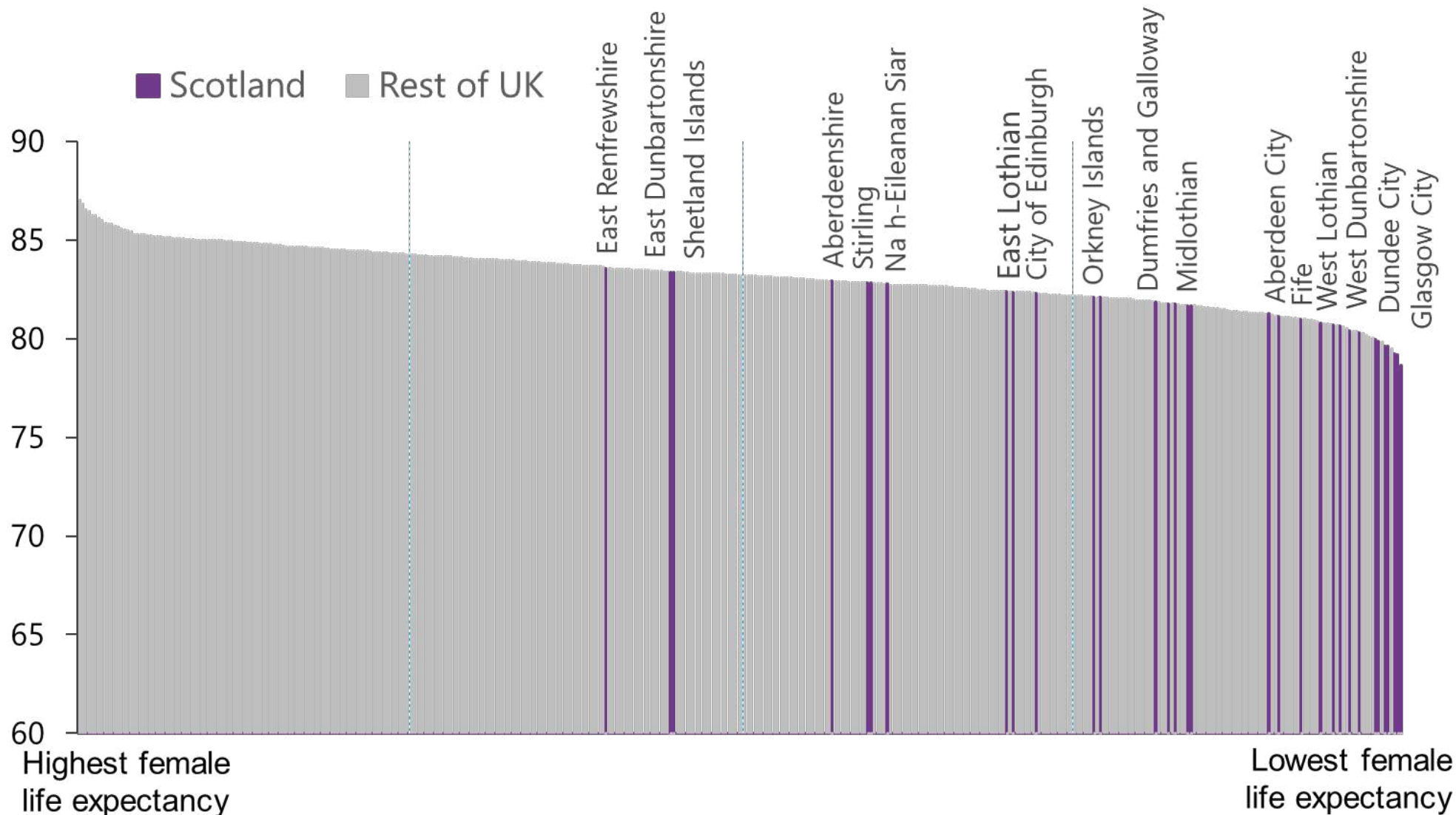
# Life expectancy varies across Scotland

Life expectancy at birth by council area, 2016-2018





# Life expectancy in Scotland is lower than in the rest of the UK



# Key messages

## Population

- Population is growing fastest in the east and around the main cities
- Population is projected to fall in one third of council areas
- Age structure varies a lot across the country
- Population is ageing, everywhere

## Migration

- Most migration is to/from neighbouring areas
- Edinburgh and Glasgow have highest levels of in- and out-migration

## Births and deaths

- Birth rates are lowest in the cities
- Life expectancy varies by 5 years for women, and 7 years for men, between the highest and lowest council areas

# How to find out more on...

Population, migration, births, deaths, life expectancy, housing, households

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### A

- Adoptions and re-registrations [Vital Events Reference Tables](#) (Birth, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Death and Still Birth)
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### B

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### C

- Census [Scotland's Census](#)
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## Population Estimates

Population Projections

Births

Deaths

Life Expectancy

Migration

Marriages and Civil Partnerships

Household Estimates

Household Projections

Dwellings

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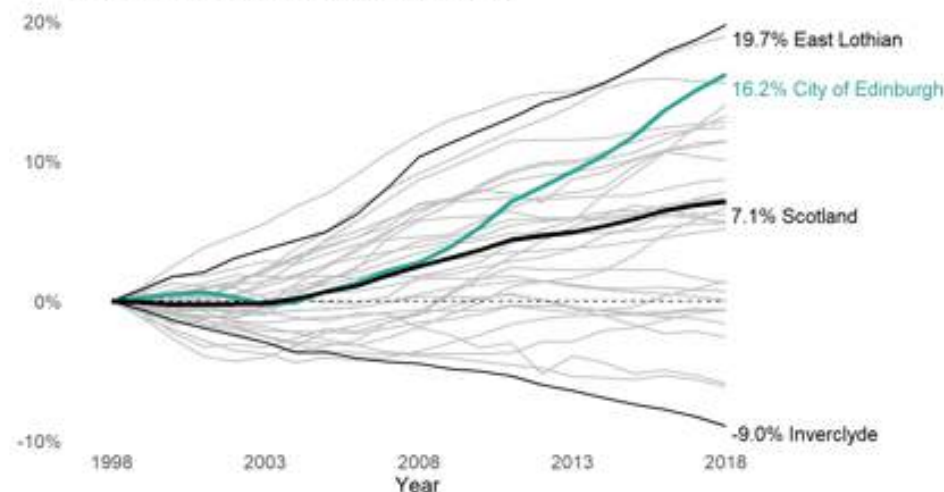
# City of Edinburgh Council Area Profile



Between 1998 and 2018, the population of City of Edinburgh has increased by 16.2%. This is the 3rd highest percentage change out of the 32 council areas in Scotland. Over the same period, Scotland's population rose by 7.1%.

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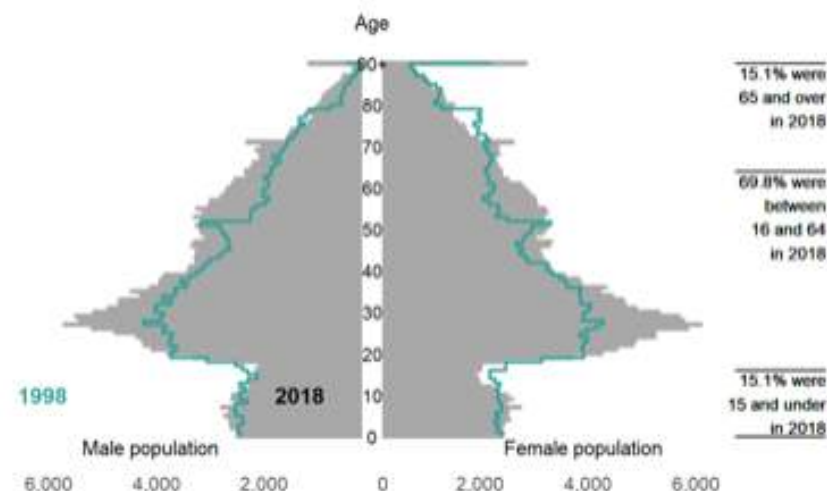
Council areas of Scotland  
Percentage change in population, 1998-2018



In 2018, there were more females (51.2%) than males (48.8%) living in City of Edinburgh. There were also more females (51.3%) than males (48.7%) living in Scotland overall.

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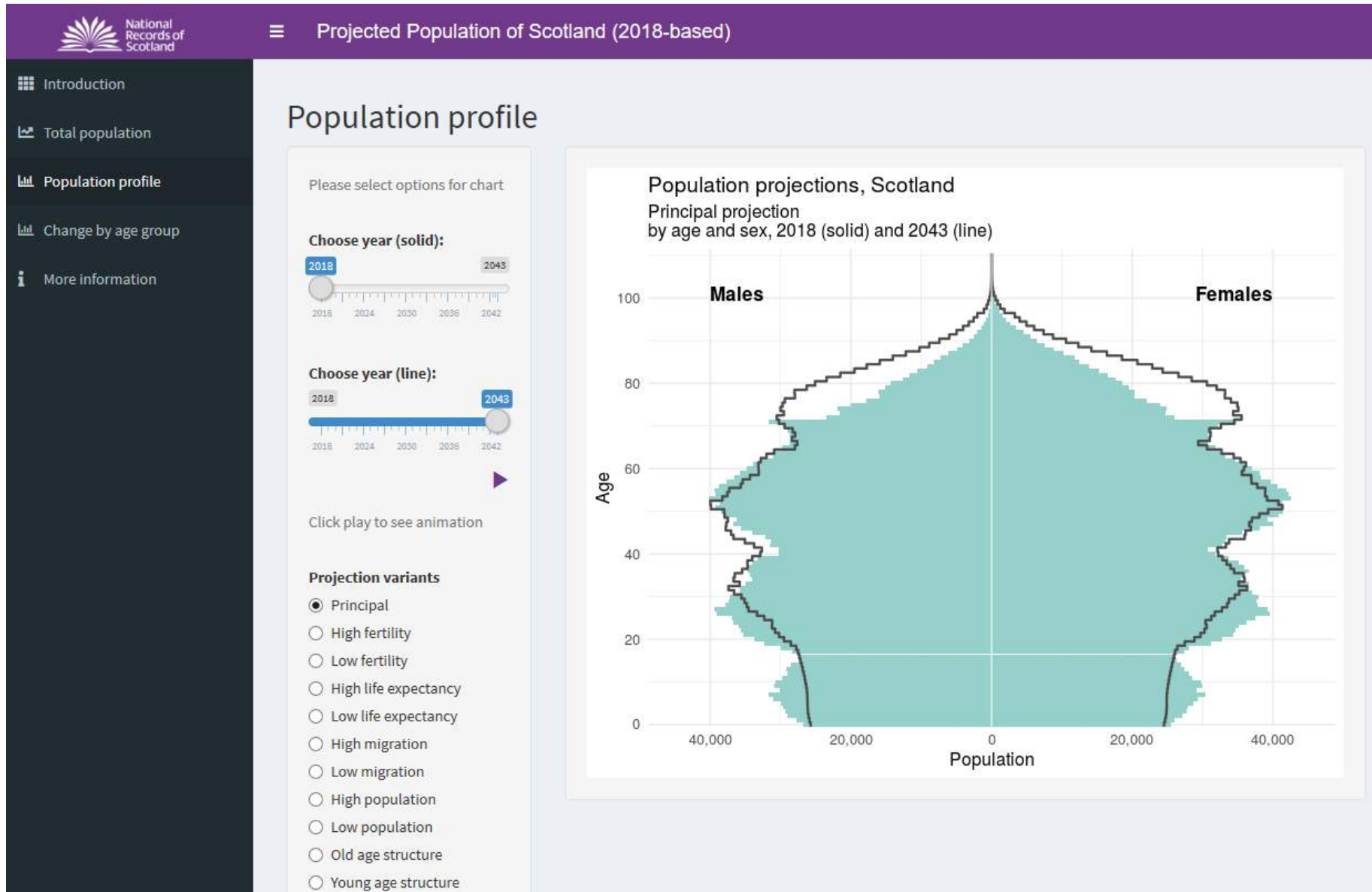
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Population profile, 1998 and 2018



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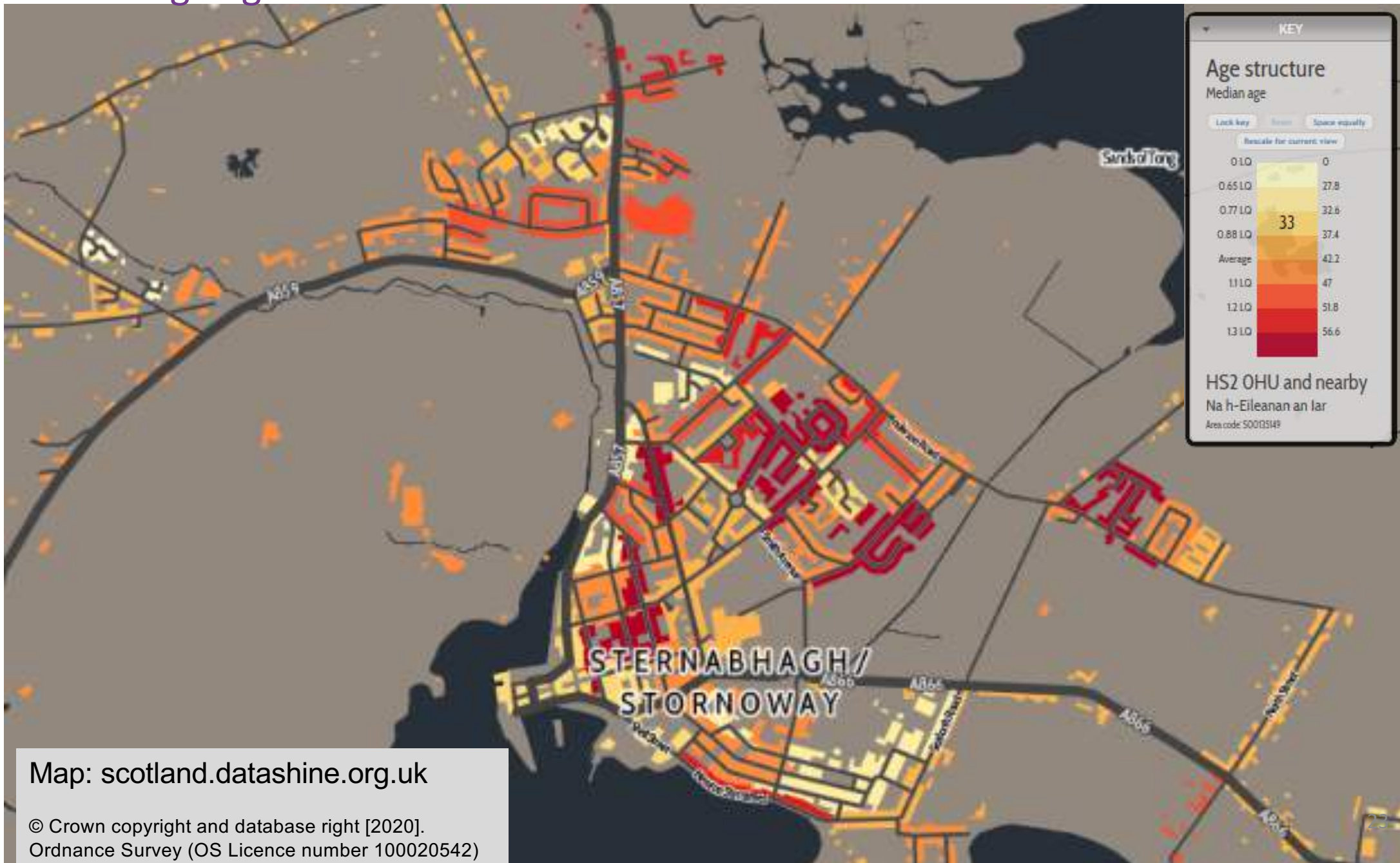
# Example: population projections

<https://scotland.shinyapps.io/nrs-population-projection-variants-scotland-uk/>



# scotland.datashine.org.uk (Scotland's Census 2011)

## Average age



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