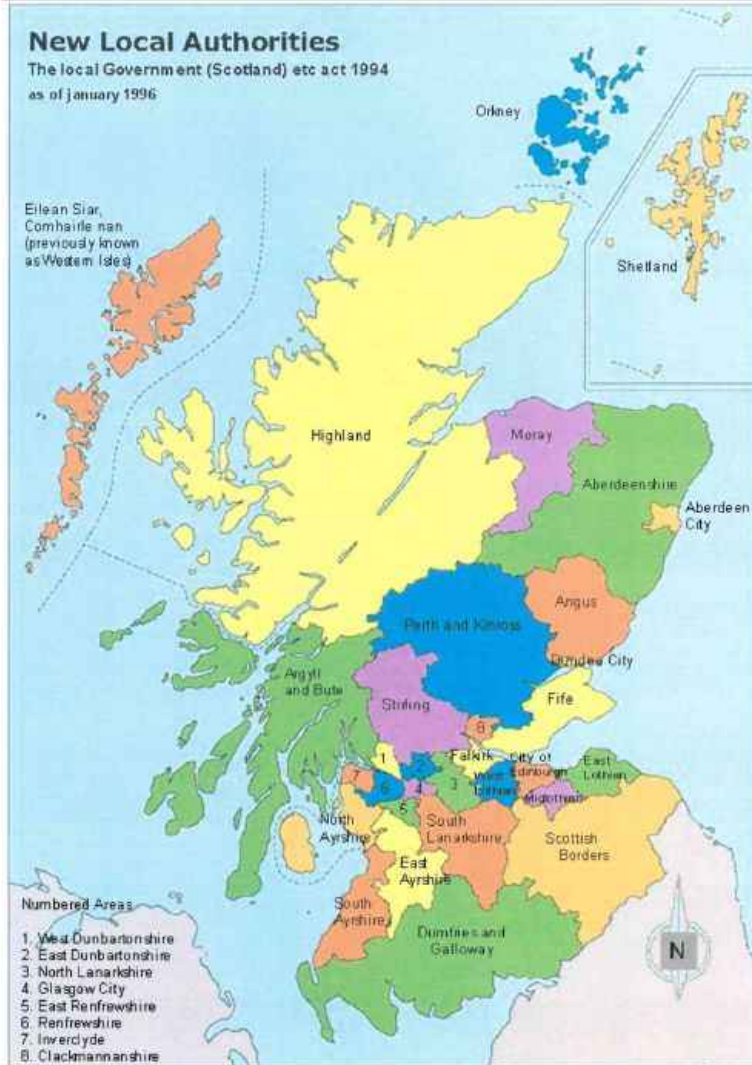


SCOTLAND

## New Local Authorities

The local Government (Scotland) etc act 1994  
as of January 1996



# SCOTLAND

**The 2016 Scottish Church Census**

# SCOTTISH CHURCH CENSUS 2016

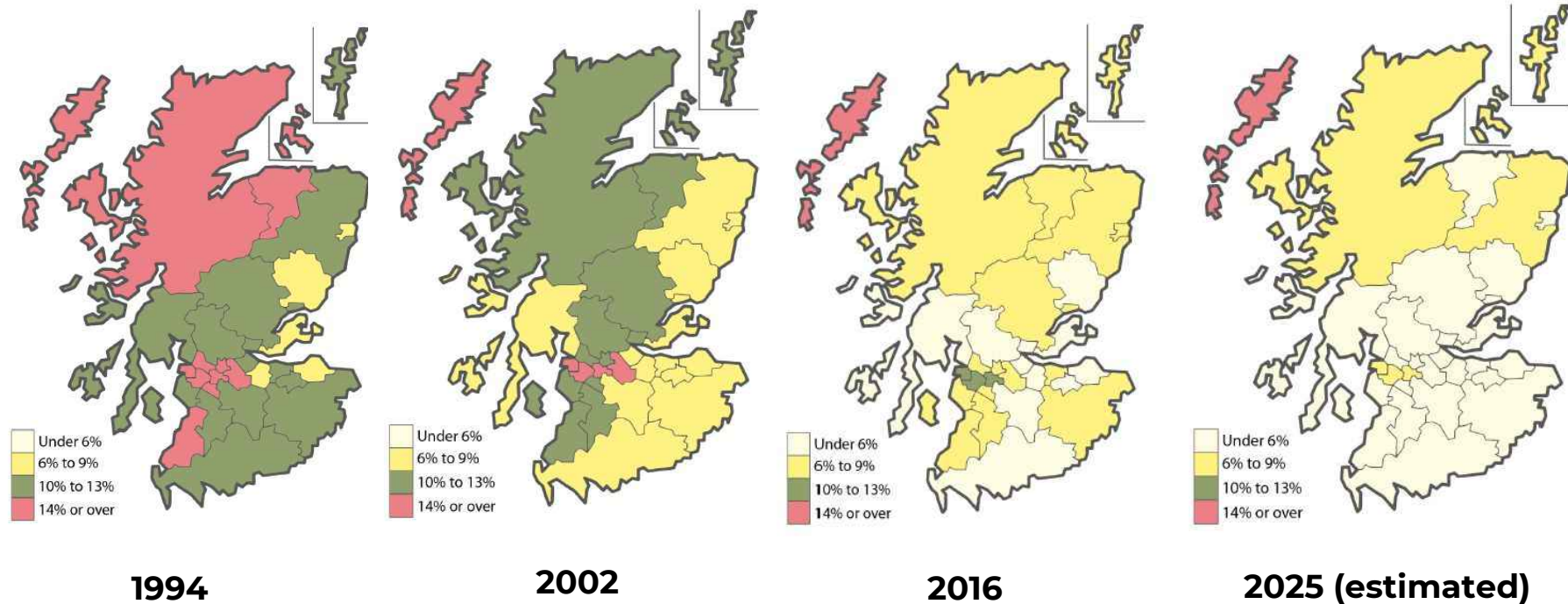
- Census Sunday 8th May 2016
- Data came from 40% of the 3,689 congregations in Scotland in 2016.
- It was the 4th census undertaken of Scottish Church attendance.
- First census was in 1984, giving an overall time frame of 32 years.

# KEY FINDINGS

- **2016:** Some 390,000 people regularly attended church (7.2% of the Scottish population)
- **1984:** Total church attendance as 854,000 (17% of the Scottish population)



# SCOTTISH CHURCHGOERS AS PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION



Source: Future First, no. 50, April 2017

# GROWTH AMIDST DECLINE

- Attendance decline in all denominations
- BUT.....

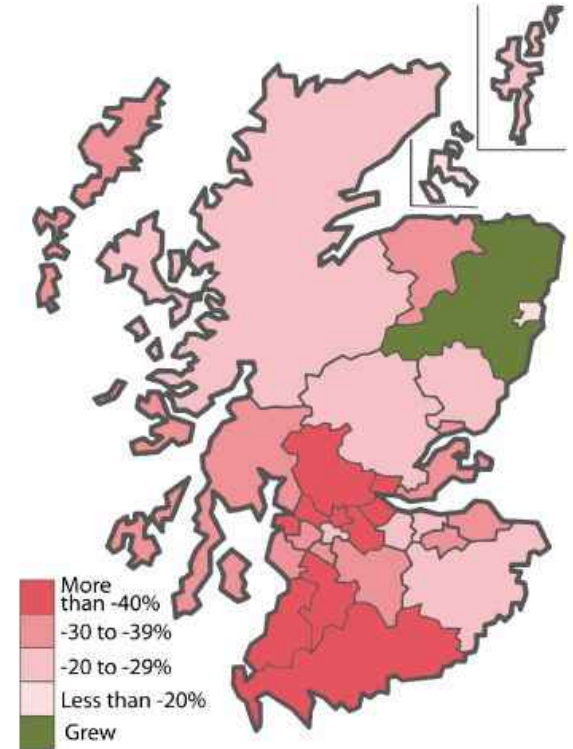
# GROWTH AMIDST DECLINE

- Pentecostals - attendance doubled since 2002. They were 5% of all Scottish churchgoers in 2016.
- Immigrant churches (“Overseas National” churches) and Messy churches have also started in the last 10 years.
- 300 new churches started since 2002 (12,000 attendees!)
- Over 500 congregations reported growth (an additional 4,000 people in church each Sunday)



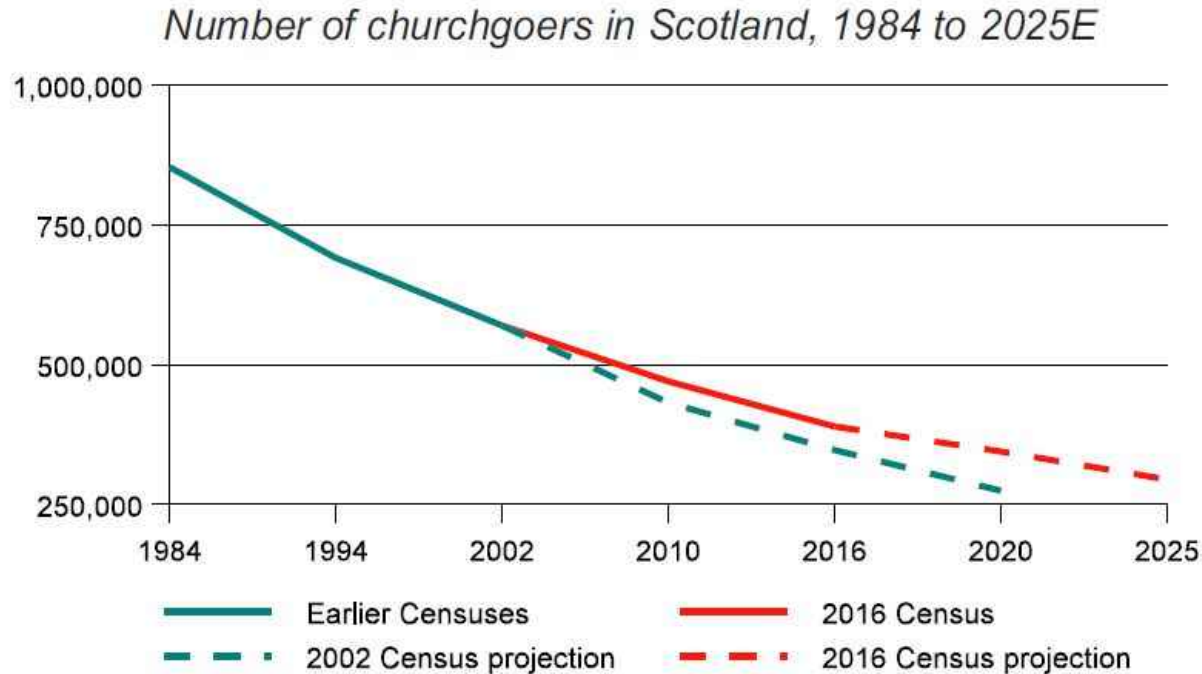
# GROWTH AMIDST DECLINE

- Aberdeenshire is the only Council to have seen growth in the last 14 years
- Due partly to strong presence of Polish churches catering to Polish labourers in the oil industry
- 25 of 27 Polish churches in Scotland are located in Aberdeenshire



**Change in Scottish church attendance between 2002 and 2016**

# BETTER THAN EXPECTED



# BUT A DECLINE NONETHELESS...

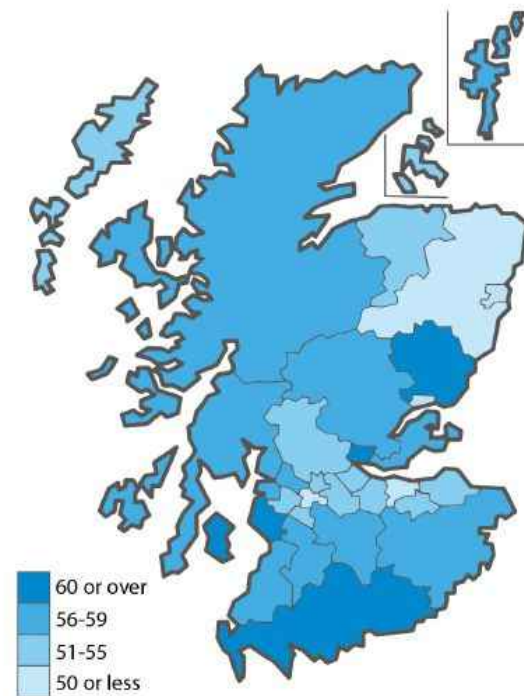
- Number of congregations in 2016 = 3,700 (1984: 4,100)
- Average congregation in 2016 = 105
- 46% of congregations acknowledged decline in the last 5 years

DECREASE IN NUMBERS IS EQUIVALENT TO  
LOSING 10 CONGREGATIONS PER MONTH



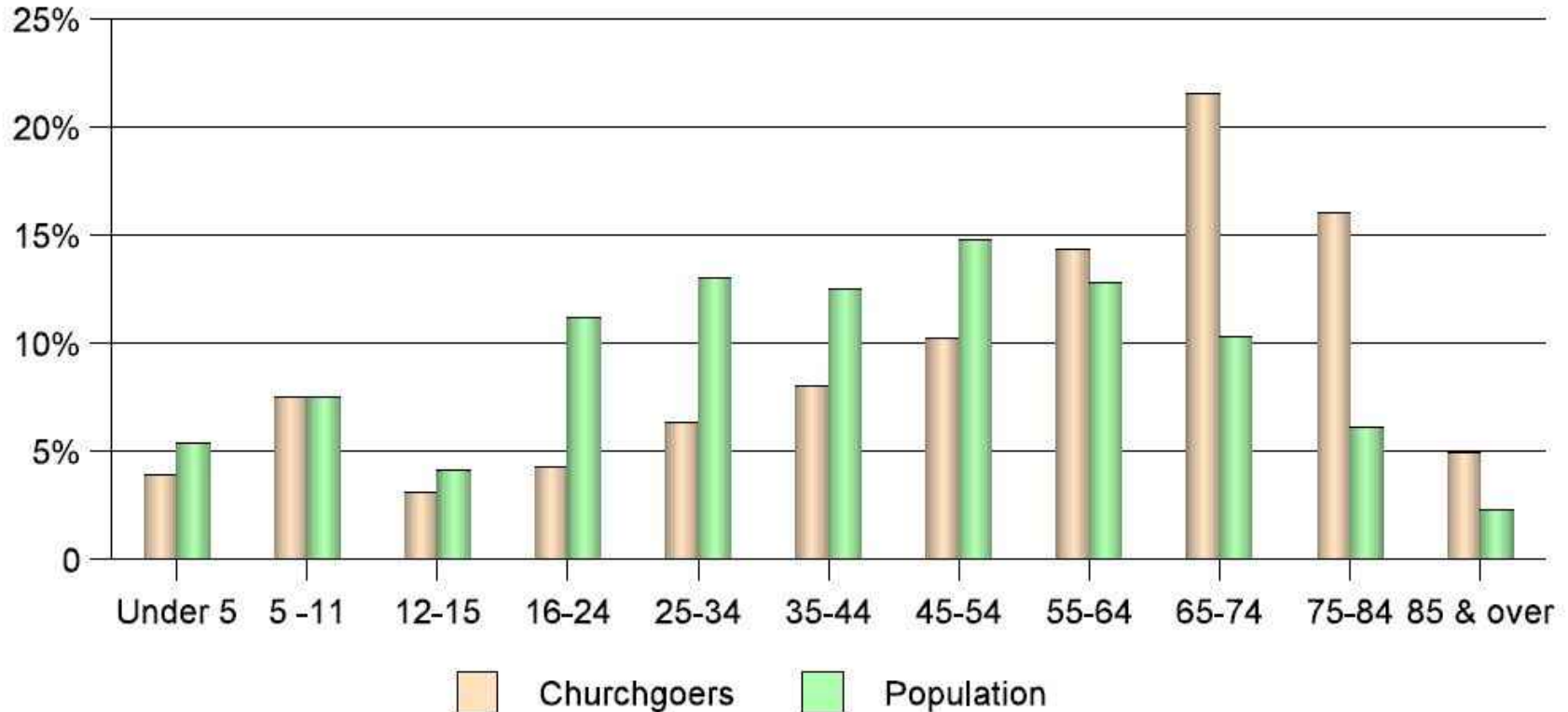
# AGE OF SCOTTISH CHURCHGOERS

- 42% aged 65 or over, of which 20% are aged 65-74, and 20% are 75 or over
- The oldest churchgoers are either in Church of Scotland or Scottish Episcopal Church
- The youngest are in Pentecostal or among the “Smaller Denominations”
- Declining numbers are especially seen in those under 45



**Average Age of Scottish Congregations in 2016**

# % OF SCOTTISH CHURCHGOERS AND THE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP IN 2016



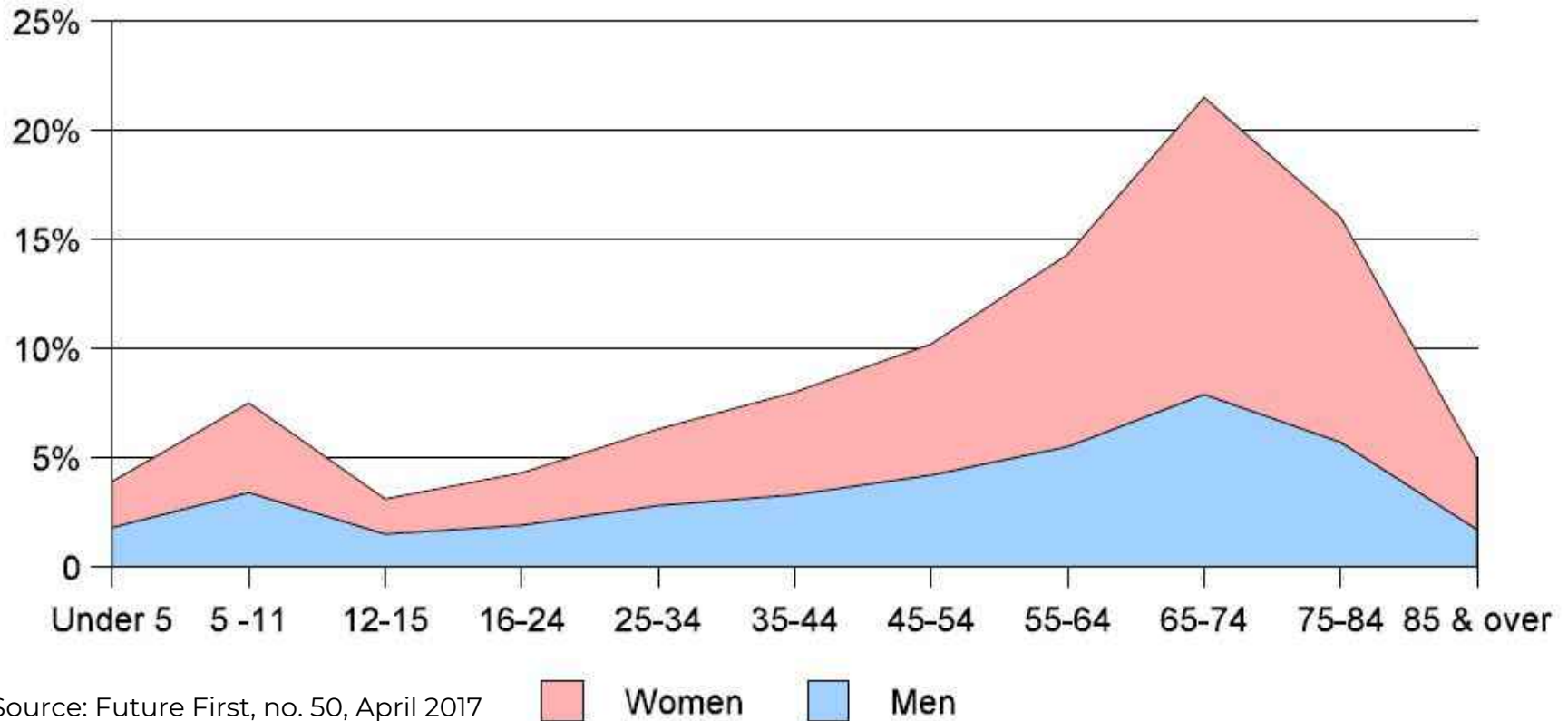
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# GENDER OF SCOTTISH CHURCHGOERS

- 2016: 40% of Scottish churchgoers are male
- 1984: 37% are male



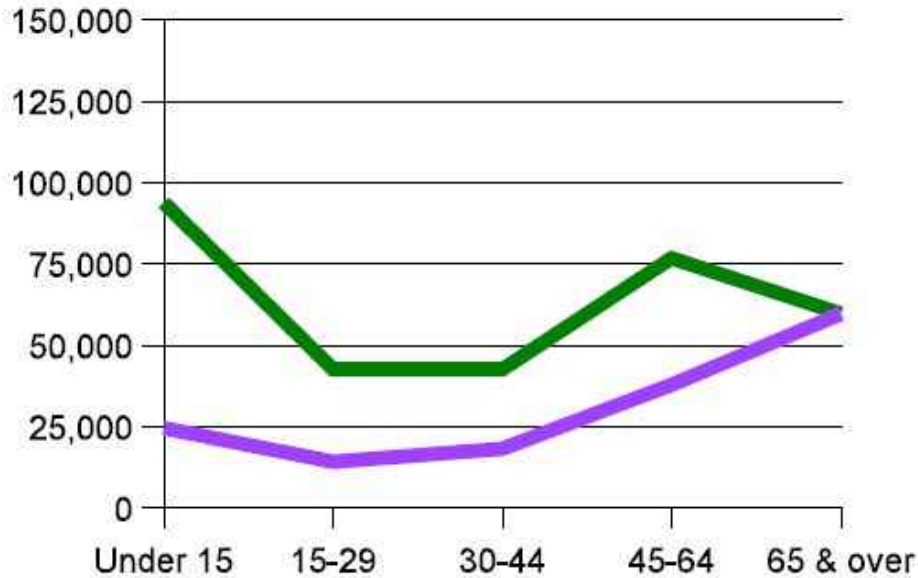
# GENDER PROPORTIONS OF SCOTTISH CHURCHGOERS BY AGE GROUP IN 2016



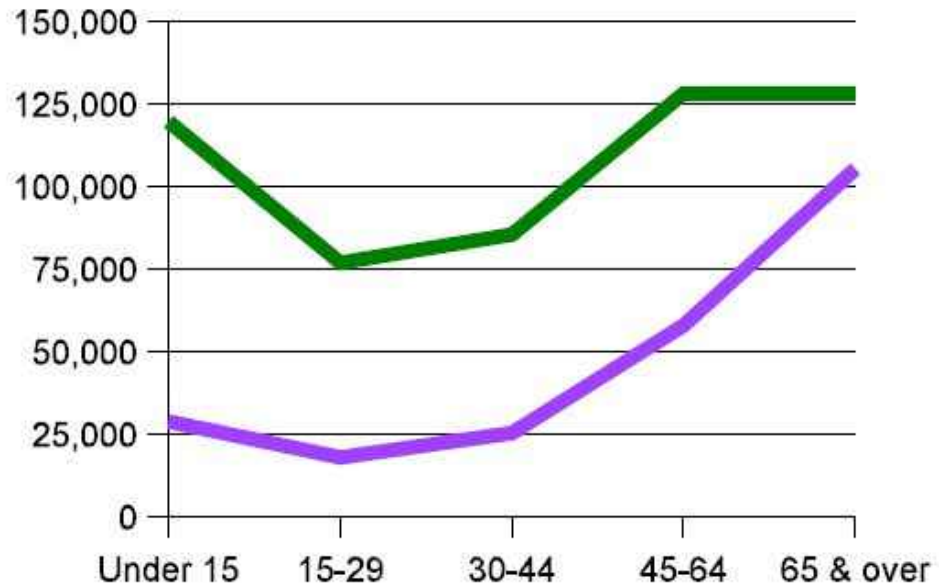


# NUMBER OF SCOTTISH CHURCHGOERS BY GENDER AND AGE GROUP IN 1984 AND 2016

Men



Women

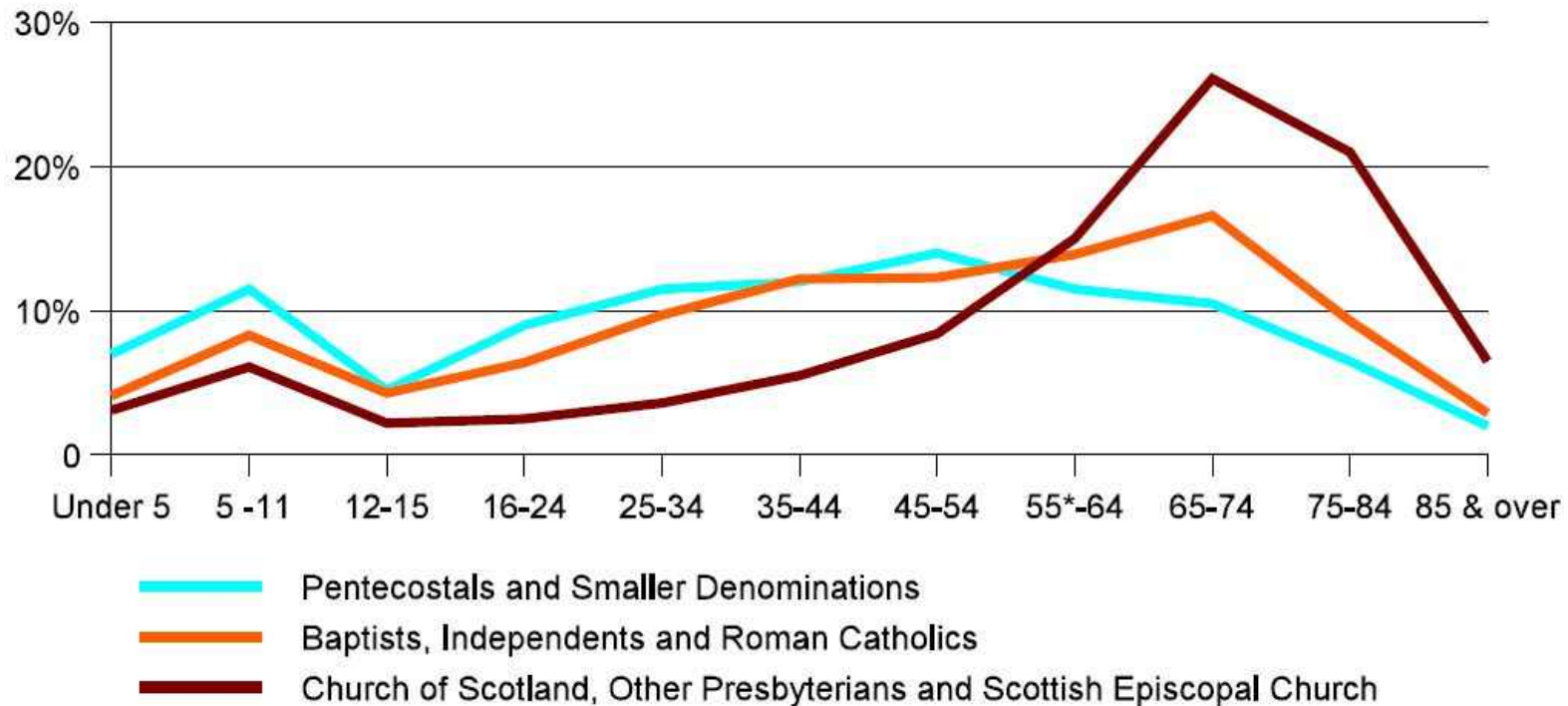


1984 2016

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# % OF SCOTTISH CHURCHGOERS IN THREE GROUPS OF SCOTTISH DENOMINATIONS BY AGE GROUP IN 2016



Source: Future First, no. 50, April 2017

# OLDER CHURCHGOERS

Sunday churchgoers 65 and over					
Year	65 - 74	75-84	85 & over	Total	% of all attenders
1990	88,990	71,830	18,980	<b>181,790</b>	24%
2000	82,140	69,820	21,540	<b>173,500</b>	28%
2010	77,450	64,090	22,520	<b>166,070</b>	35%
2020	69,080	57,060	23,390	<b>149,530</b>	45%

# OLDER CHURCHGOERS

## Possible implications

- Impact on church life
- Less physical and financial support for the church
- Image of church
- Spiritual help for those no longer able to get to church

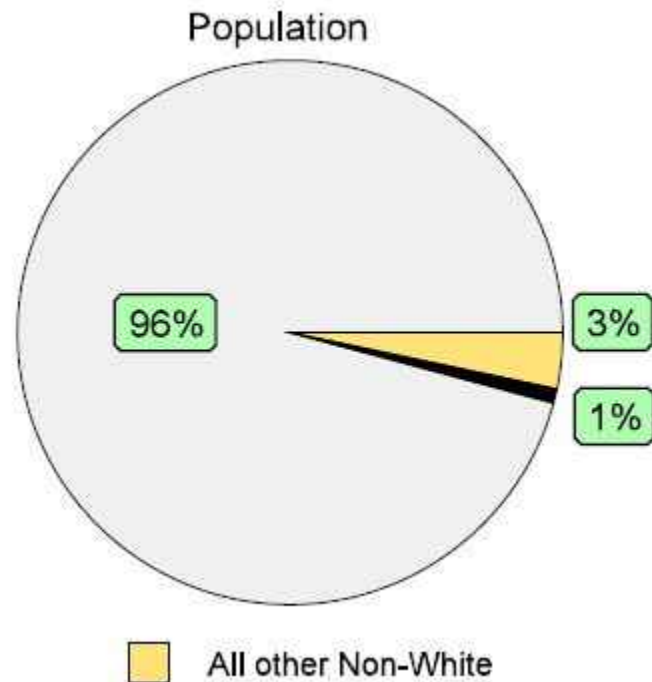
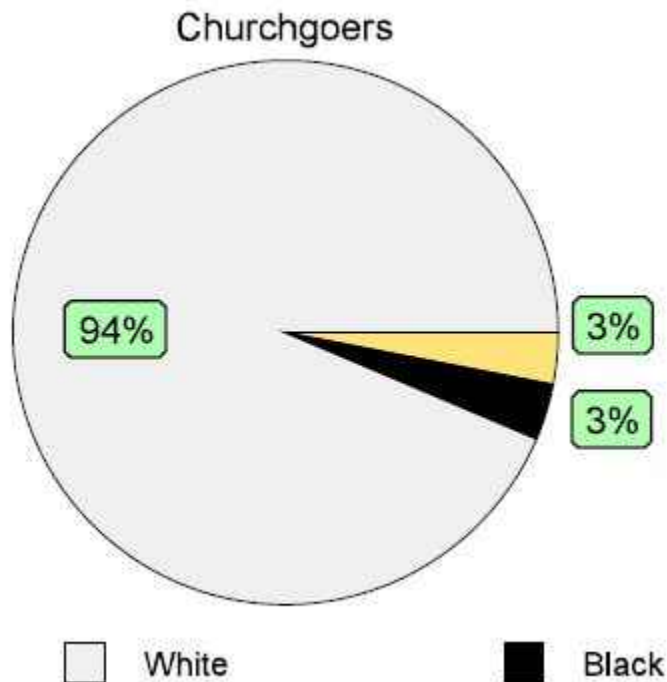
# AGE AND GENDER OF SCOTTISH CHURCH LEADERS

- 79% of Scottish church leaders were male.
- Average age: 57 (varied very little by denomination)
- Youngest leaders were in Aberdeen City, East and Mid Lothian, West Dunbartonshire, East Ayrshire
- Oldest leaders were in Aberdeenshire, Angus, Argyll and Bute, Scottish Borders, the Shetlands, Councils near Glasgow.
- 38% of leaders currently aged between 55 and 64 (near retirement)

# ETHNICITY

- 94% of Scottish churchgoers are white
- 6% non-whites (four times the population proportion)
- Non-white churchgoers are generally much younger than the White churchgoers
  - Average age of non-whites: 33
  - Average age of whites: 55

# ETHNICITY PROPORTIONS OF SCOTTISH CHURCHGOERS AND POPULATION IN 2016



# ETHNICITY

Ethnicity of Scottish churchgoers and the Scottish population

EthnicGroup	White %	Mixed %	Black %	C/K/J %	I/P/B %	Other Asian %	Other Non-White %	Base (=100%)
Churchgoers	93.8	1.2	2.6	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.2	389,510
Population	96	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.6	0.4	0.3	5.3 million

Black = Black Caribbean/African/Other C/K/J = Chinese/Korean/Japanese I/P/B = Indian/Pakistani/Bangladeshi



# CHURCHMANSHIP / ETHOS (2016)

- Evangelical 35%
- Reformed 13%
- Low church 4%
- Liberal/Broad: 16%
- Catholic: 32%

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TOTAL: 100%

# CHURCHMANSHIP / ETHOS (2016)

The proportion of Scottish churchgoers who are Evangelical has been increasing over the last 20 years, whereas the other types of churchmanship are either static or declining.

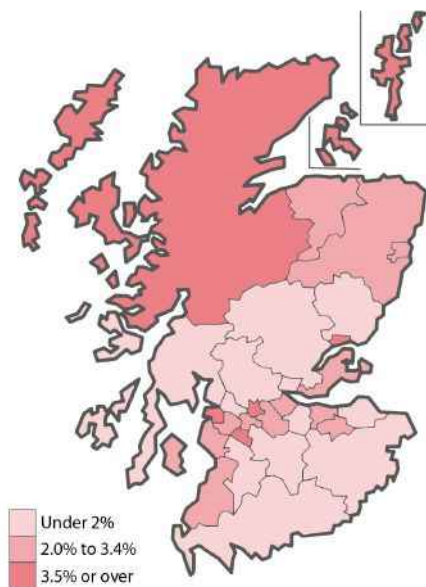
# CHURCHMANSHIP / ETHOS

## *Churchmanship of Scottish churchgoers, 1994-2025E*

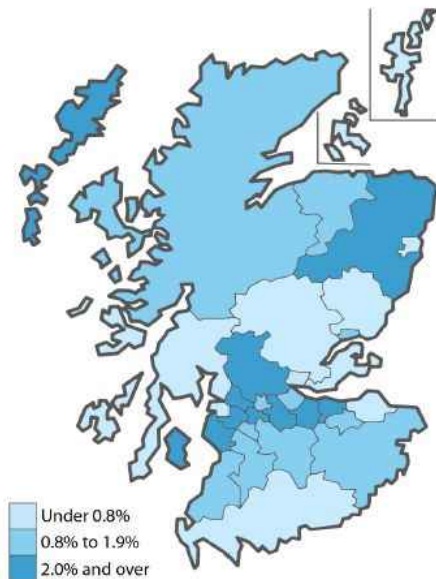
Churchmanship	Evan: Reformed	Evan: Main.	Evan: Charis	Evangelical TOTAL	Reformed	Low Church	Liberal	Broad	Catholic	Total
1994	79,930	67,840	31,190	178,960	107,570	29,790	69,300	84,100	221,490	691,120
2002	62,060	72,580	28,560	163,200	85,050	23,880	51,710	62,390	183,900	570,130
% change 02-16	-44	+4	+2	-15	-42	-40	-47	-44	-32	-32
<b>2016</b>	<b>34,540</b>	<b>75,520</b>	<b>29,030</b>	<b>139,090</b>	<b>49,100</b>	<b>14,390</b>	<b>27,380</b>	<b>35,080</b>	<b>124,470</b>	<b>389,510</b>
1994 % of total	12	10	4	26	16	4	10	12	32	100
2002 % of total	11	13	5	29	15	4	9	11	32	100
2016 % of total	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Future First, no. 50, April 2017

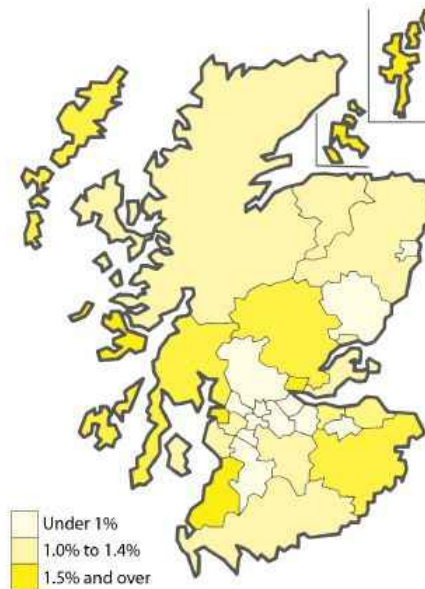
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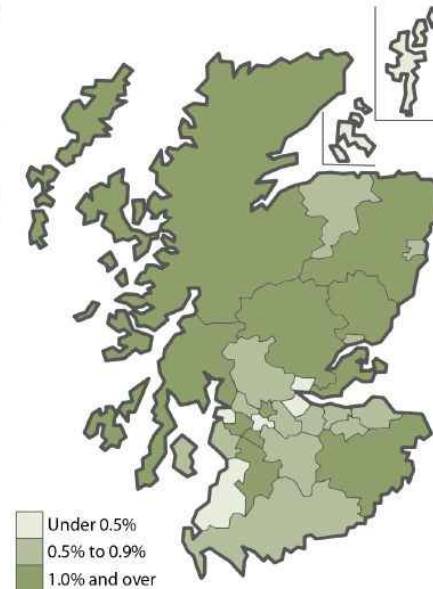
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**Catholic**



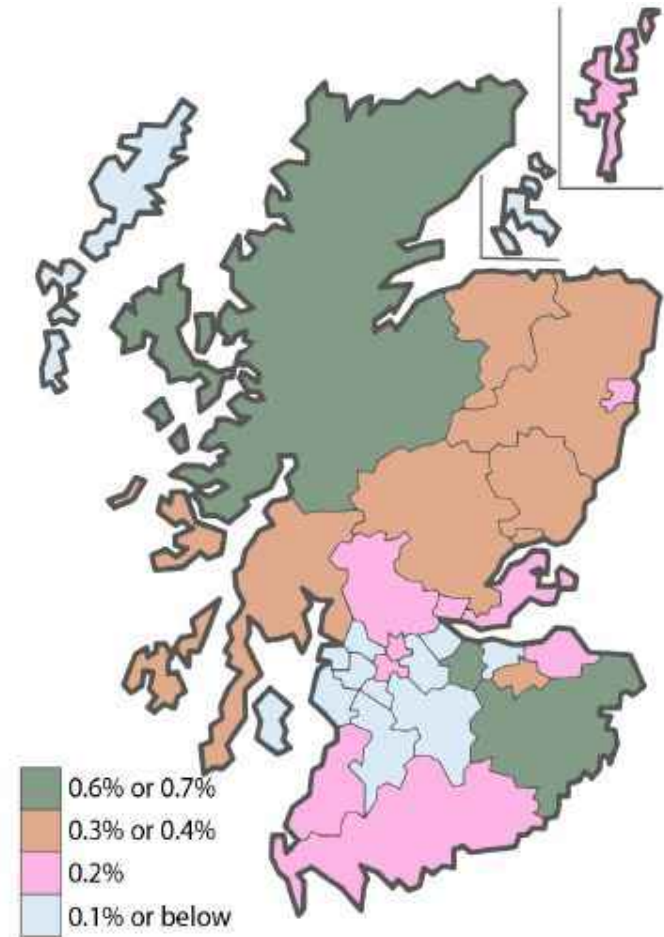
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**Reformed**

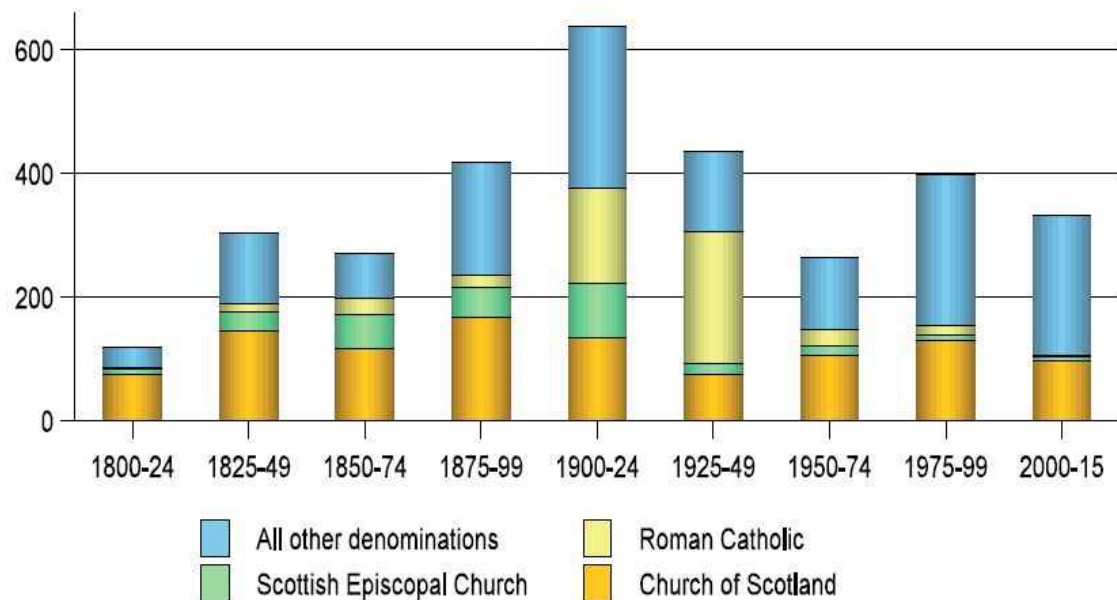
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# % OF SCOTTISH POPULATION ATTENDING SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES IN 2016



# CHURCH BUILDING/PLANTING

*Scottish churches built or congregations started in 19th to 21st centuries*



# OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

- 45% of churchgoers had been in their present church for over 20 years
- 50% lived between 0.5 and 3 miles from their church

# OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

- 35% of churches had undertaken an Alpha course
- 10% of churches had run a Christianity Explored course

*Christianity*  
**EXPLORED**

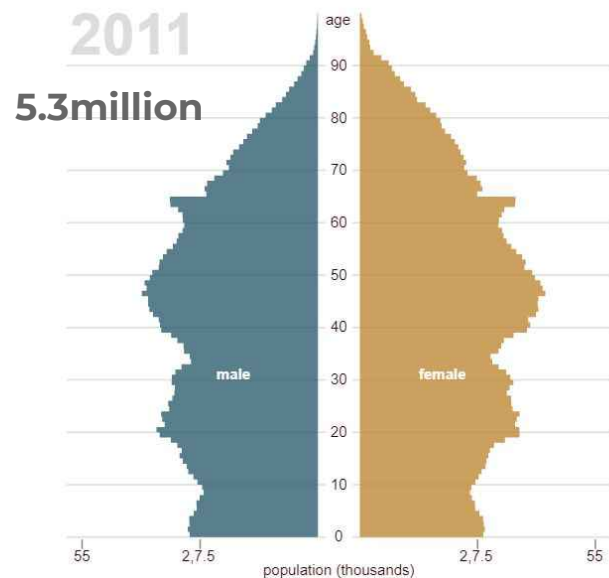
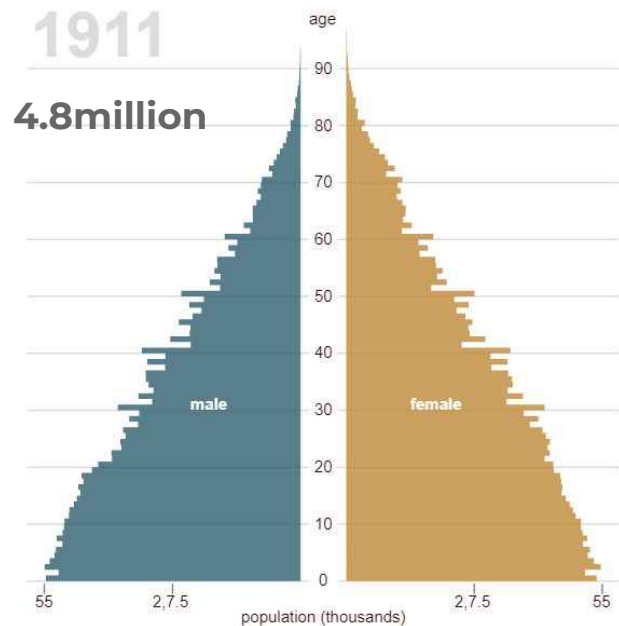




# SCOTLAND TODAY

**Opportunity?**

# 2011 CENSUS / POPULATION



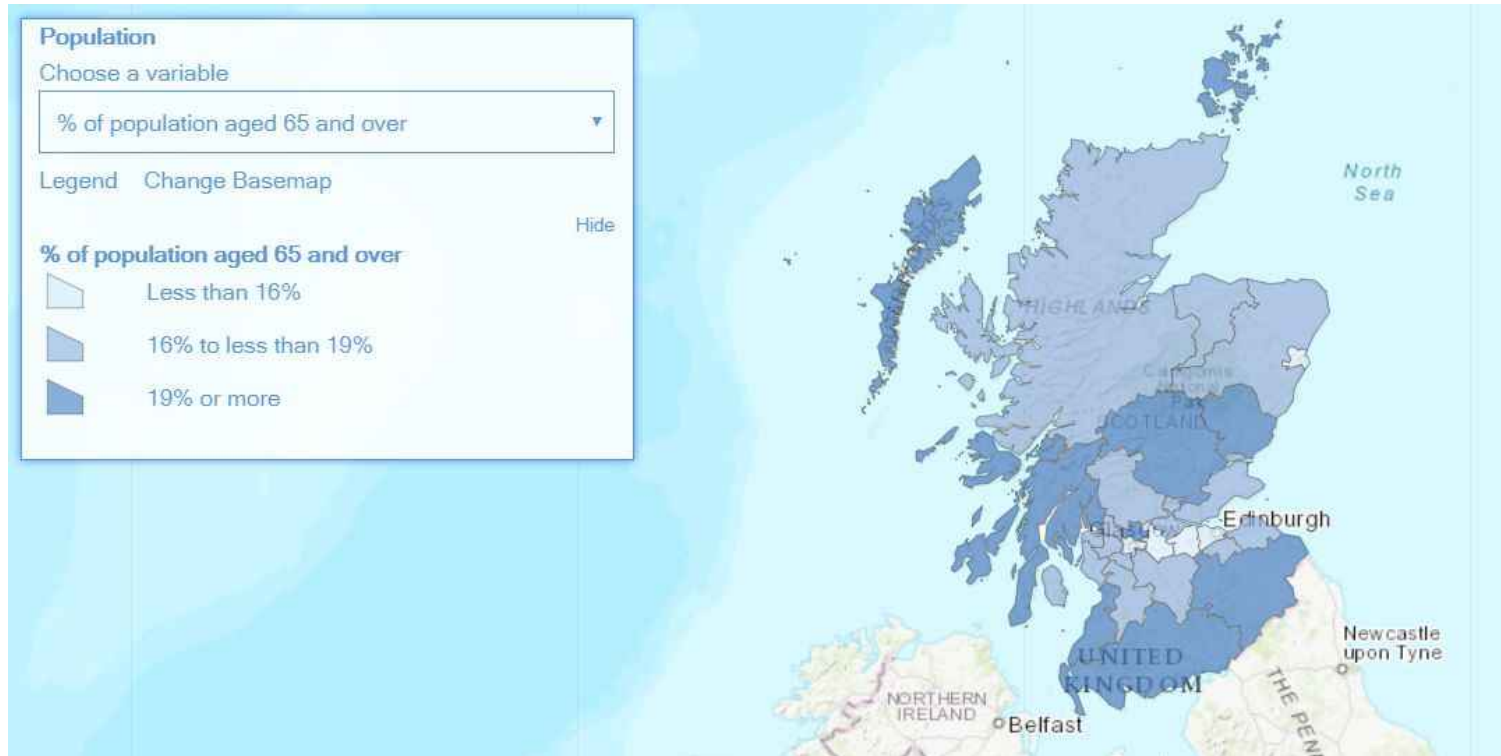
# POPULATION DENSITY



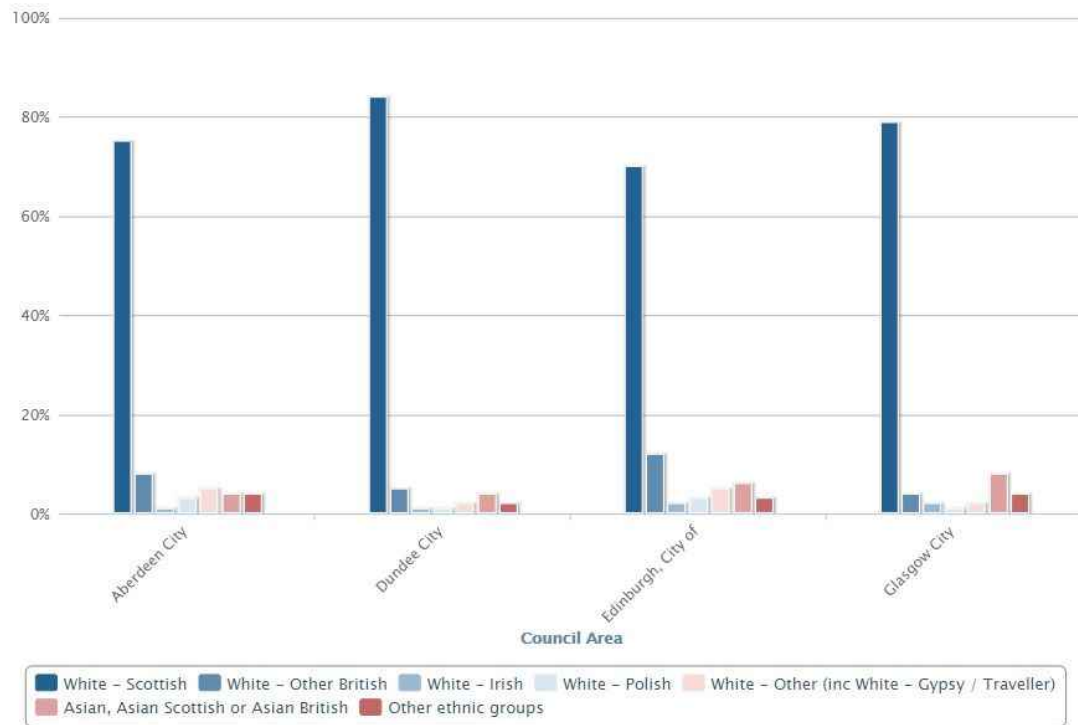
# % POPULATION CHANGE (2001 TO 2011)



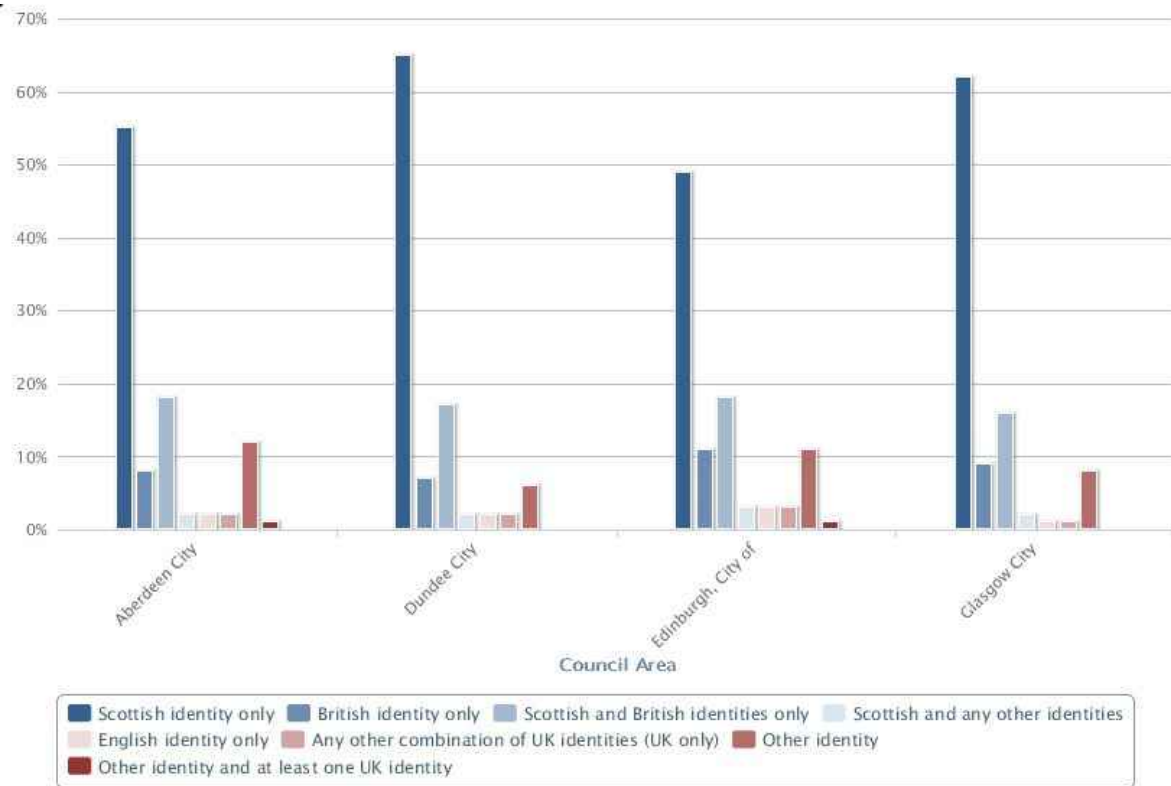
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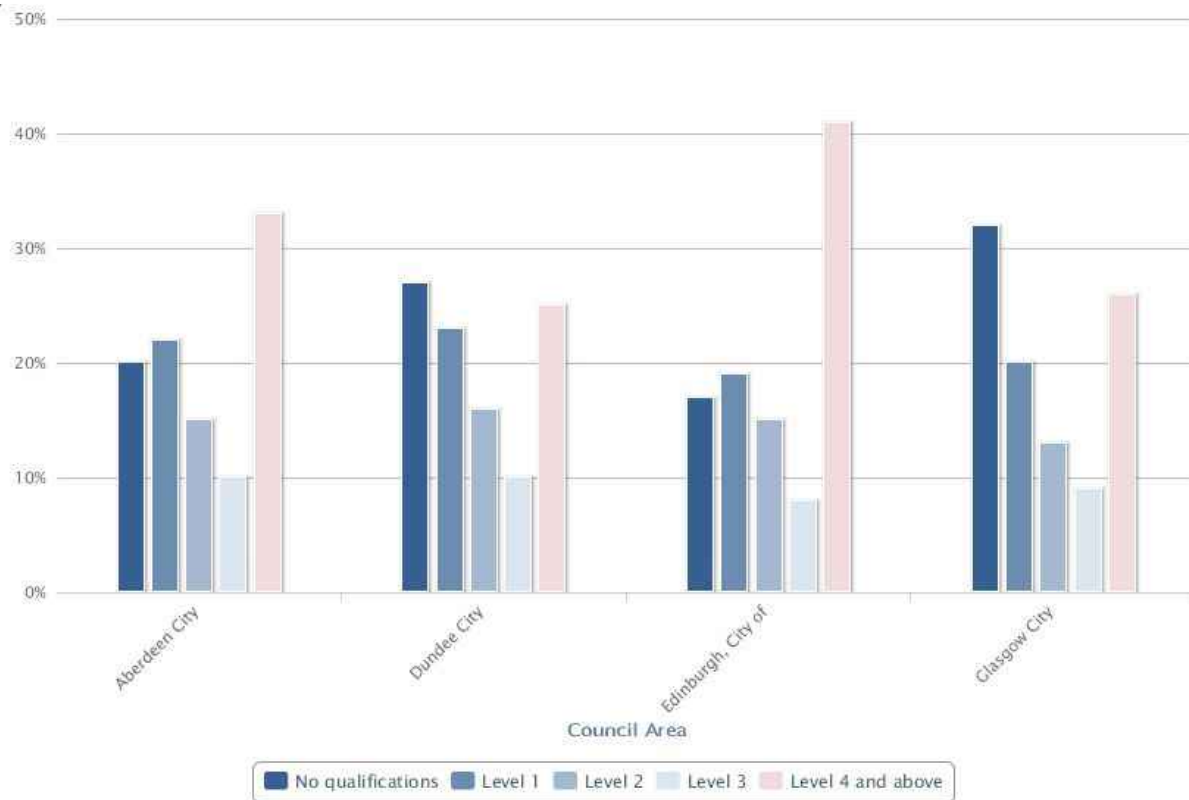
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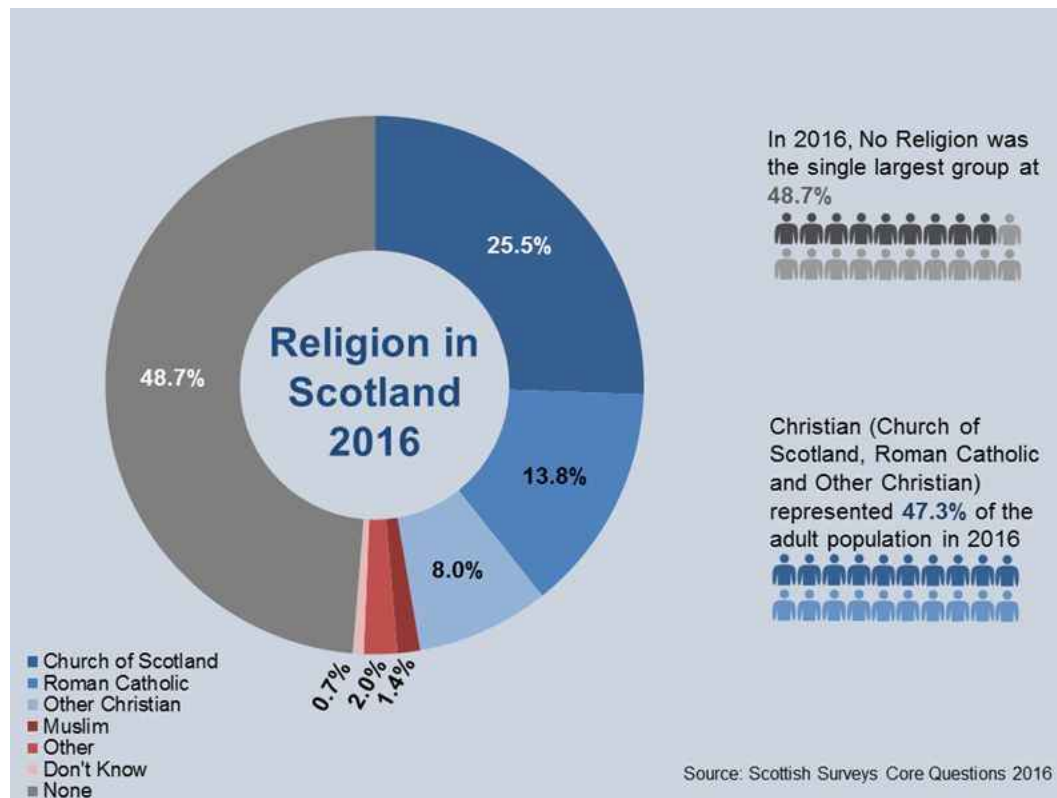


# EDUCATION (PEOPLE AGED 16 AND OVER)

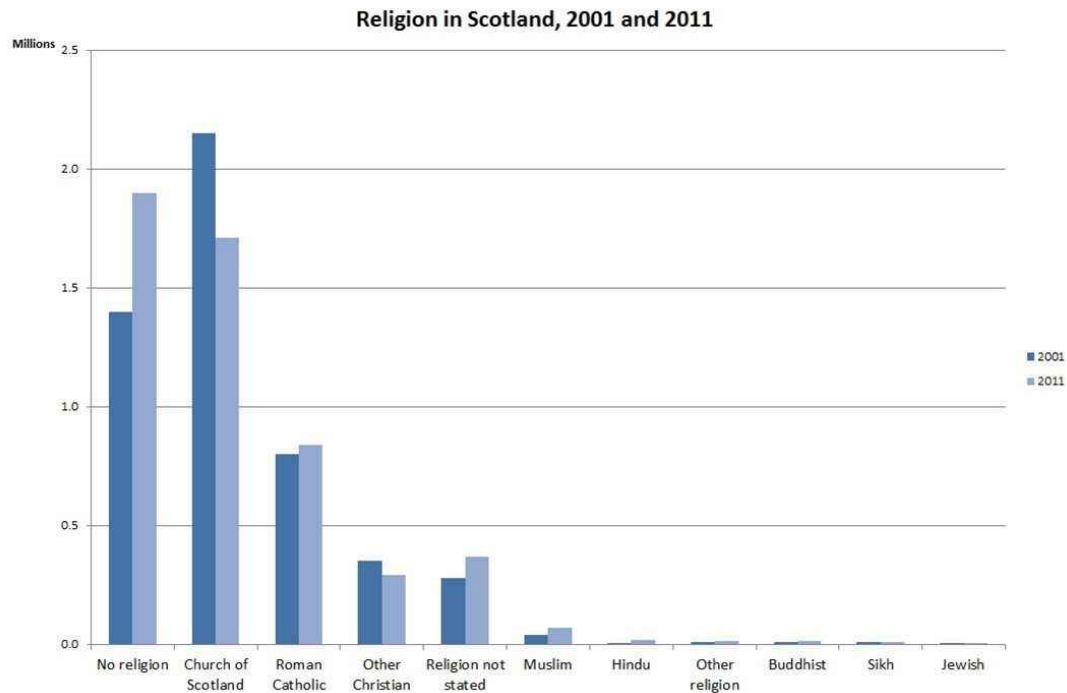




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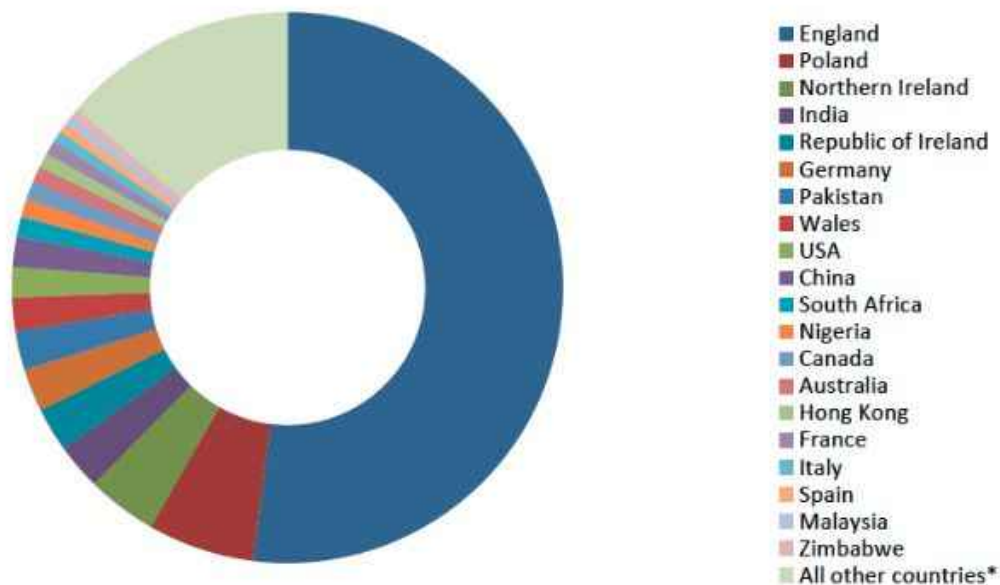
Table 1.1. Total number of non- UK migrants resident in Scotland, and relative proportion of migrant groups as a proportion of the population

	EEA	Non- EEA	Total
Recent	111,213 30%	119,976 32%	231,189 63%
Established	48,710 13%	89,385 24%	138,095 37%
Total	159,923 43%	209,361 57%	369,284 100%

Source: Scotland's Census 2011 Census - NRS: Table AT\_098\_2011.

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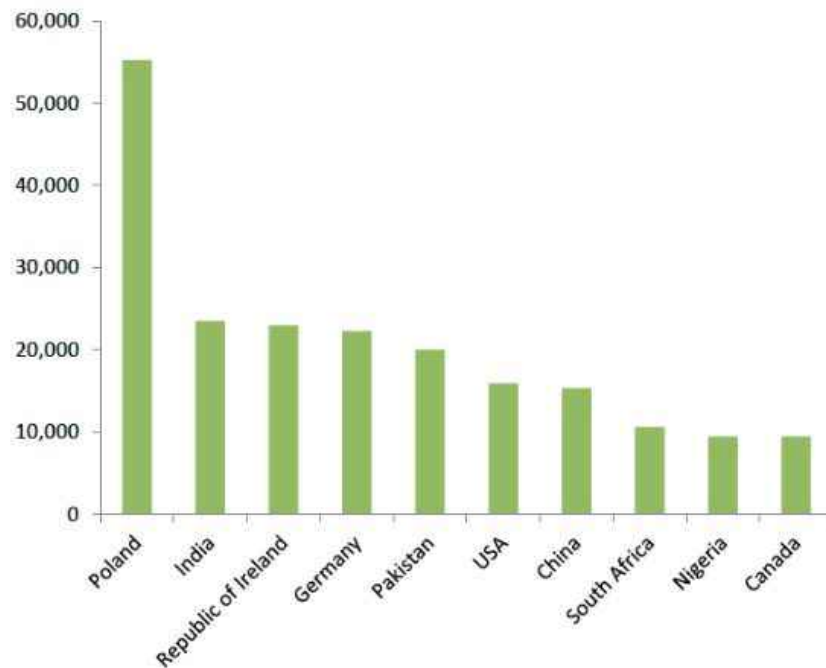
Chart 1.1. Countries of origin: migrants in Scotland (2011)



\* Includes the Netherlands, Latvia, Lithuania and the Philippines, among others.

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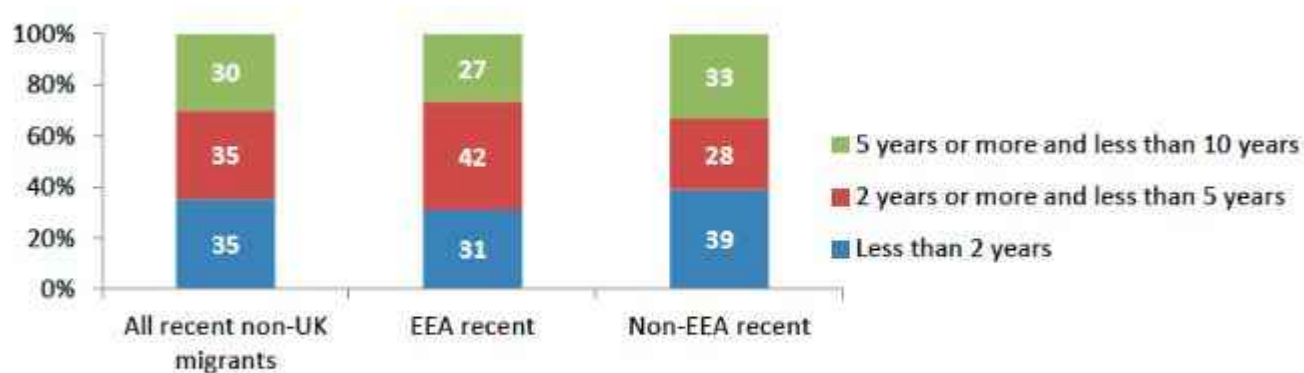
Chart 1.2. Top ten sources of *non-UK* migrants to Scotland, 2011



Source: Scotland Census 2011 - NRS: Country of birth (detailed) all people

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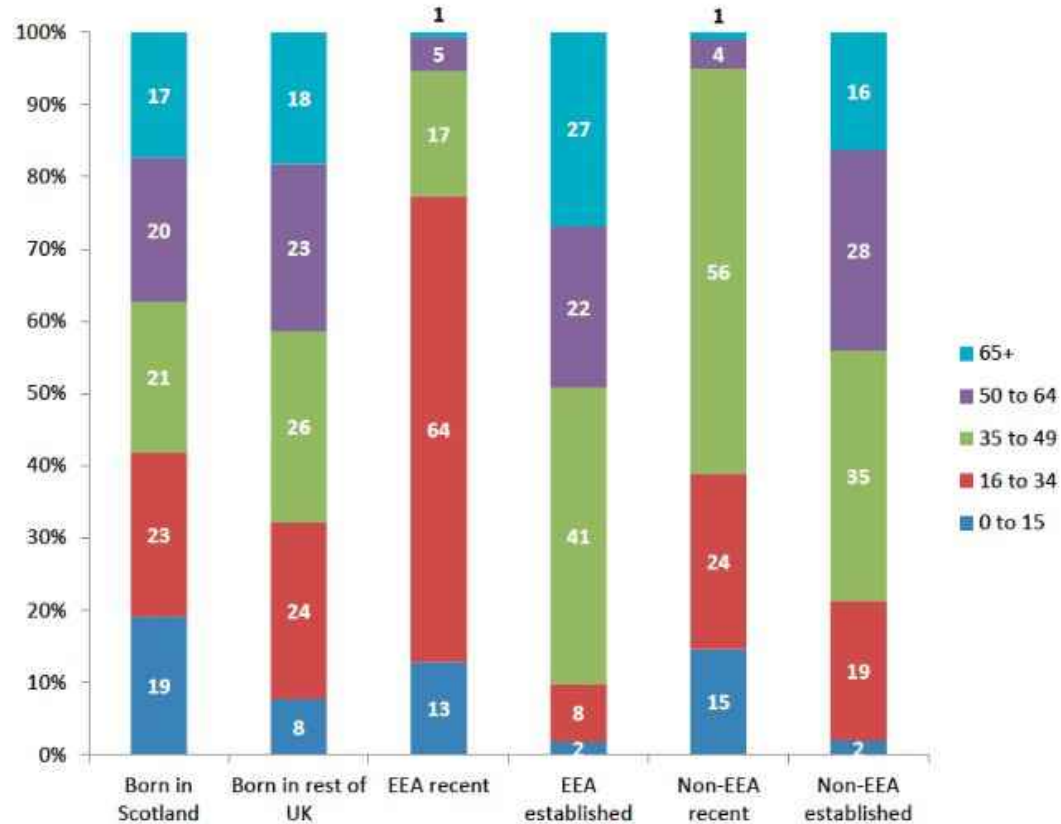
Chart 1.5. Length of residence in Scotland: all recent non-UK migrants



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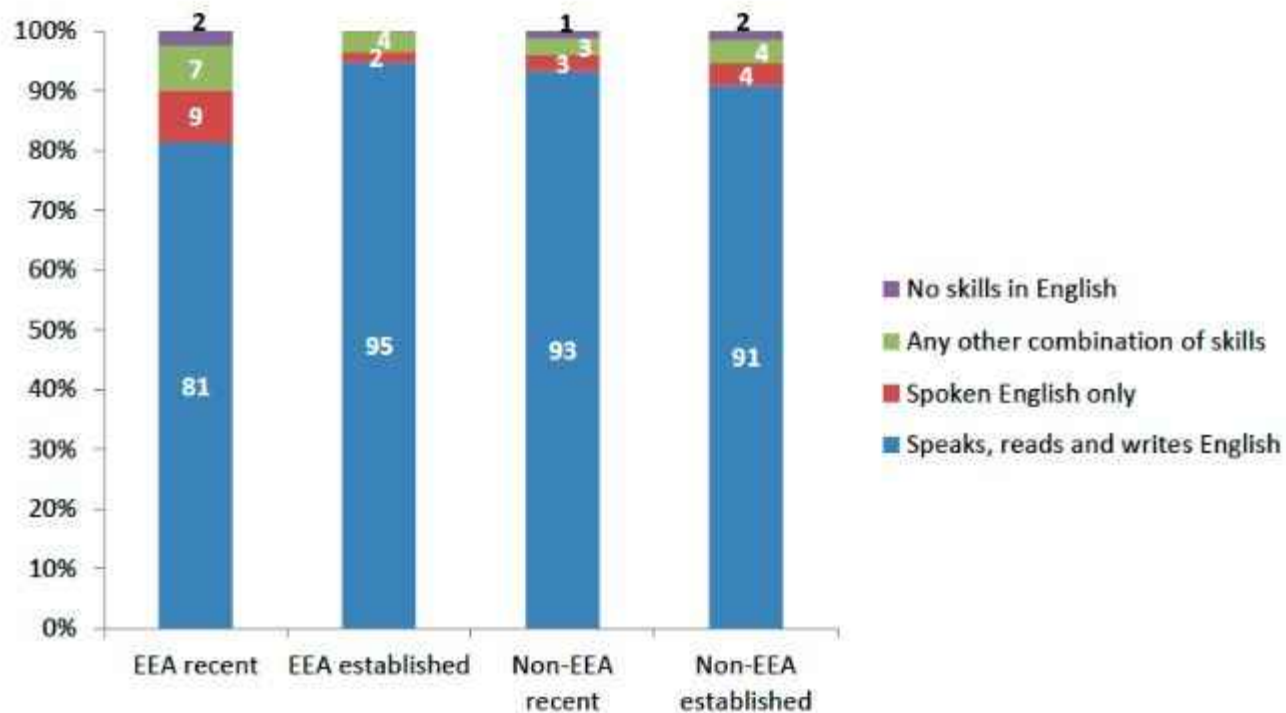
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Chart 2.1. Age: Scotland-born population and all migrants



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Chart 2.11. English language skills, all non-UK migrants aged 3 and over

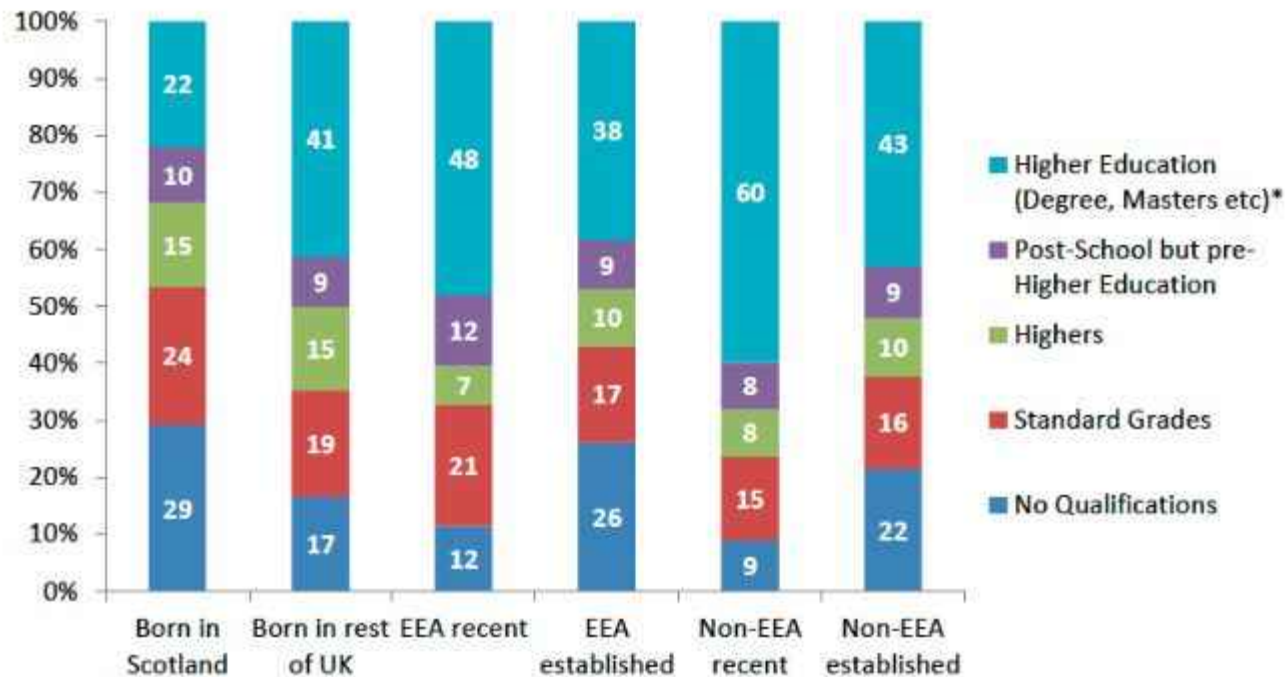


Source: Scotland's Census 2011 - NRS Table AT\_095\_2011



# MIGRANTS

Chart 4.1. Educational qualifications, Scotland-born and all migrants (all people aged 16 and over)



Source: Scotland's Census 2011 - NRS: Table AT\_081b\_2011. \* Includes foreign qualifications