

Census and population records – transcripts and indexes

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The ScotlandsPeople Centre Library holds transcripts and photocopies of some surviving 1801 to 1831 census records as well as other early population lists.

Pre-1801 population lists

List of examinable persons in Applegarth 1697, Dumfriesshire, Scotland: transcribed from the kirk session records by Graham and Emma Maxwell	MT 259.002
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Inhabitants of the Argyll Estates 1779	SH 015.000.91
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Examination roll of Arbroath 1752. Town's duty roll 1753.	SH 015.001.13
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Population lists of Assynt 1638-1811	MT 191.001
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Stewartry of Kirkcudbright parish of Balmaclellan 1792 census gathered by the Rev. James Thomson	MT 192.001
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Craig: Angus 1788 and 1791 [National Archives of Scotland ref CH2/616/14]	DR 051.020
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Population listings for the parish of Dallas, Morayshire. 1689 claims for recovery or compensation; 1777 heads of households and poor list; and 1811 census	MT 207.001
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A list of inhabitants for Delting, 1706-1832	MT 009.001
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Inhabitants of the Inner Isles, Morvern and Ardnamurchan 1716	SH 015.001.21
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List of inhabitants upon the Duke of Argyle's property in Kintyre in 1792	SH 015.001.17
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The people of Kirkcudbright in 1786 and 1788: the visitation lists of the Rev Robert Muter edited and with an introduction by Innes Macleod	MT 198.001
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Abstract of personal names contained in the estate rentals of Archibald Campbell of Knockbuy (for the years 1728-1789) and of Colin Campbell of Kilberry (for the years 1733-1779) made by Marion Campbell of Kilberry	MT 008.001
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1783 Lesmahagow census and index	MT 088.004
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Census for the Small Isles 1764/65 by Neill McNeill, catechist. Eigg, Muck, Rum, Canna	MP 023.001
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The census of the parish of St Cuthbert's or West Kirk, 1790 [pdf]	Stand alone computer 1
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Population lists of Strathnaver, Strathy and Strath Halladale 1667-1811	MT 191.002
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Parish lists of Wigtownshire and Minnigaff 1684	SH 015.000.50
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See also Library guide - [Tax records](#) for transcripts of hearth tax (1691) and poll tax (1696) records and other tax lists.

1801 census

An account of the population of the town and parish of Annan taken in virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in 1800	MP 011.001
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Annan parish censuses, 1801-1821	SH 015.001.04
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1801 census continued	
1801 census of Dundee: name index	MT 056.001
Galston parish, 1801 census: men of Galston parish divided into four classes presumably for militia suitability (undated but probably 1801)	MT 213.001
Peterhead parish 1801 census material	MT 069.001
1802-1804	
Scottish strays indexes, Whitehaven – Lowther mines, 1802	Stand alone computers
Shetland population rolls, 1804	MT 009.001
1811 census	
An account of the population of the town and parish of Annan taken in virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in 1800	MP 011.001
Annan parish censuses, 1801-1821	SH 015.001.04
Population lists of Assynt 1638-1811	MT 191.001
Scottish population listings prior to the 1841 census. The parish of Dalkeith, Midlothian. 1811 census, 1821 census, 1831 communion roll of the Established Church.	MT 199.001
Dallas parish. 1811 census. Name order.	MT 150.001
Population listings for the parish of Dallas, Morayshire. 1689 claims for recovery or compensation; 1777 heads of households and poor list; and 1811 census	MT 207.001
Galston parish, 1811 census	MT 213.002
1811 census Ladykirk parish, Berwickshire, Scotland: an indexed transcription by Graham and Emma Maxwell	MT 247.001
1811 census of Longforgan: name index	MT 057.001
1820	
Census of the town and parish of Troon and Halfway December 1820. [Fiche 1 of 2: introduction and index.]	MT 193.001
Census of the town and parish of Troon and Halfway December 1820. [Fiche 2 of 2: transcription arranged by quarter.]	MT 193.002
1821 census	
An account of the population of the town and parish of Annan taken in virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in 1800	MP 011.001
Annan parish censuses, 1801-1821	SH 015.001.04

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1821 census continued	
Scottish population listings prior to the 1841 census. The parish of Dalkeith, Midlothian. 1811 census, 1821 census, 1831 communion roll of the Established Church.	MT 199.001
Galston parish, 1821 census	MT 213.003
1821 Lesmahagow census and index	MT 088.005
Population roll of Lochrutton, 1821	MP 010.001
Orkney	
Population of Deerness Parish in 1821	MP 017.001
1821 Census of Scotland. Parish no 14. Deerness, Orkney. [1 microfiche]	MT 095.005
1821 Census of Scotland. Parish no 23. Orphir, Orkney. [1 microfiche]	MT 095.001
1821 census of St Andrew's parish	MP 018.001
1821 census of Scotland. Parish no 1. St Andrews, Orkney. [1 microfiche]	MT 095.006
Population lists - 1st Burgh of Barony of Stromness, 11d landward parish of Stromness, 11d parish of Sandwick, 1821	MP 015.001
1821 Census of Scotland. Parish no 30. Stromness, Orkney. [Microfiche 1 of 2]	MT 095.007
1821 Census of Scotland. Parish no 30. Stromness, Orkney. [Microfiche 2 of 2]	MT 095.008
1821 Census of Scotland. Parish no 27. Sandwick, Orkney. [1 microfiche]	MT 095.004
1821 Census of Scotland. Parish no 29. South Ronaldsay and Burray, Orkney. [Microfiche 1 of 2]	MT 095.002
1821 Census of Scotland. Parish no 29. South Ronaldsay and Burray, Orkney. [Microfiche 2 of 2]	MT 095.003
St Quivox parish, Ayrshire, census 1821	MT 214.001
1831 census	
Scottish population listings prior to the 1841 census. The parish of Dalkeith, Midlothian. 1811 census, 1821 census, 1831 communion roll of the Established Church.	MT 199.001
Galston parish, 1831 census taken June 1831 by Alexander Macnaught, schoolmaster	MT 213.004
1831 census Ladykirk parish, Berwickshire, Scotland: an indexed transcription by Graham and Emma Maxwell	MT 247.003
1832 to 1853	
The Urquhart censuses of Portpatrick 1832-1853	SH 015.001.08
Scottish population listings prior to the 1841 census. The parish of Dalkeith, Midlothian, 1834 [pdf]	Stand alone computer 1
Prison registers (1840s to 1860s)	
Prison register index. Greenlaw prison, volume 1: 1840-48, Berwickshire, Scotland: indexed by Graham and Emma Maxwell	MT 262.001
Prison register index. Greenlaw prison, volume 2: 1848-62, Berwickshire, Scotland: indexed by Graham and Emma Maxwell	MT 262.002

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Prison registers (1840s to 1860s) continued	
Prison register index. Peebles prison, 1848-62, Peeblesshire, Scotland: indexed by Graham and Emma Maxwell	MT 262.003
Prison register index. Jedburgh prison, volume 2: 1848-69, Roxburghshire, Scotland: indexed by Graham and Emma Maxwell	MT 262.004
See also:	
Census records for Scottish families at home and abroad	F 701.100
Making sense of the census revisited	F 695.112
Census: the expert guide	F 695.115

Library guide

[Census name indexes – 1841 to 1881 for counties and cities](#) which includes Scottish seamen's crewlists for 1851 and a database of Scottish strays in Cumbria in the 1851 and 1871 censuses.

[Directories](#) including Post Office directories for the main cities

Useful websites

[Useful websites – census](#) to search the census records of other countries