

# Rent Service Scotland -Market Evidence Database

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## Rent Service Scotland (RSS)

 RSS collect private rented sector market evidence and determine Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates. Rent Officers determine rents for tenancies registered prior to 2008.

#### Rent Service Scotland

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#### **Rent Valuation**

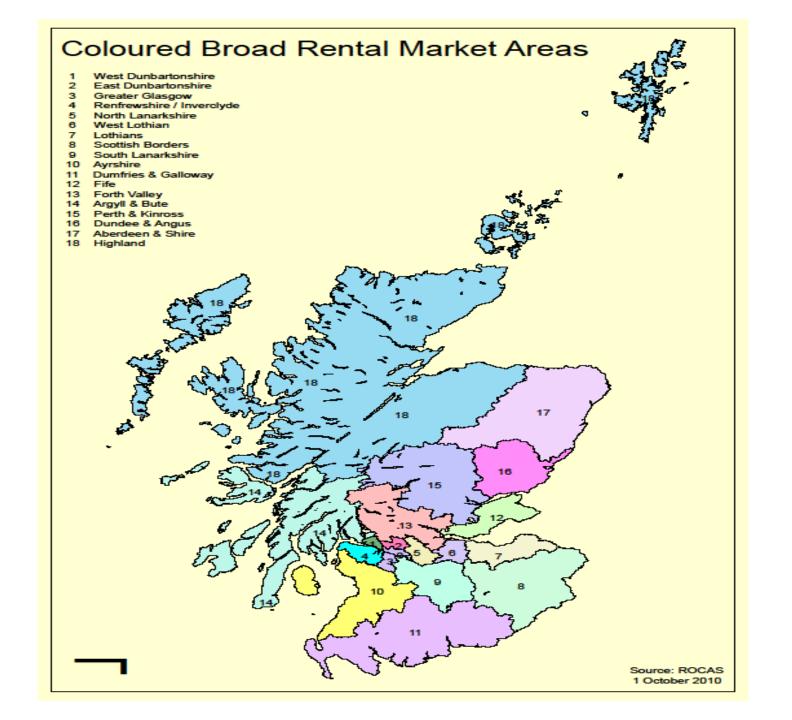
- Rent Officer inspects properties and determines the rent for Regulated tenancies and tenancies registered prior to LHA.
- Uses market evidence data to set the Local Reference Rents.

#### **Rent Lettings**

- Rent Officers collect market evidence data which is used to calculate the LHA Rates.
- Data is used to produce the PRS statistics annual publication.

#### The Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

- Rents can only be increased once every 12 months.
- Local Authorities can apply to Ministers to cap the levels of rent increases for tenants in Rent Pressure Zones.
- A tenant can refer a case for rent adjudication where they believe that their landlord has unfairly increased their rent. The Rent Officer will determine whether the proposed rent increase is reasonable.



### Market Evidence

- Primary purpose is to set LHA rates for HB/UC
- Representative sample at BRMA level by property type and size
- Collection/sample size issues
- SG Private Sector Rent Statistics 2010-18
- Comparable data for Rent Officer functions including Housing Benefit and Rent Adjudications
- ONS and CPI (H)

## Scottish Government - Private Sector Rent Statistics, Scotland, 2010 to 2018

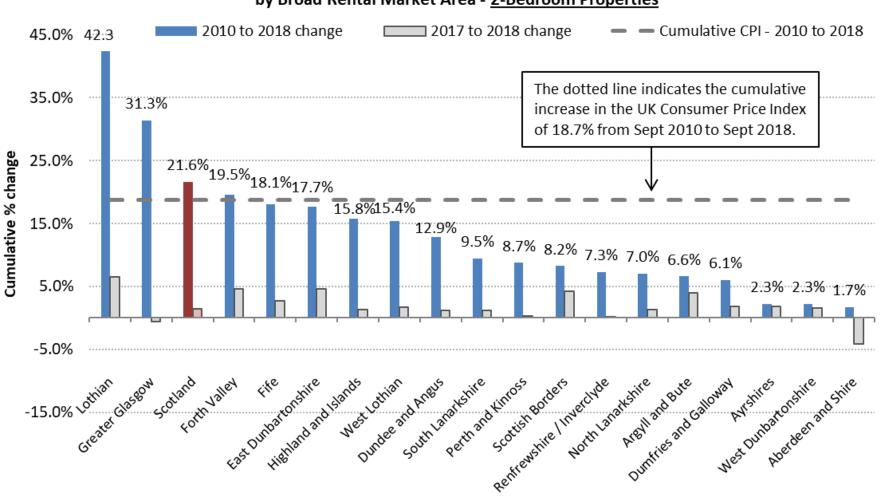
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## Background to publication

- An annual Official Statistics publication that started in 2014, published in November each year.
- Presents statistics on private sector rent levels in Scotland using data from the Rent Service Scotland market evidence database (information on around 25,000 to 30,000 individual rents each year)
- Presents rent levels for different property sizes across each of the 18 broad rental market areas in Scotland, covering average rents as well as rents at the higher and lower end of the market.
- Data is largely based on advertised rents, therefore the statistics presented do not represent rent increases for existing tenants.

## Key Findings – changes across BRMA areas

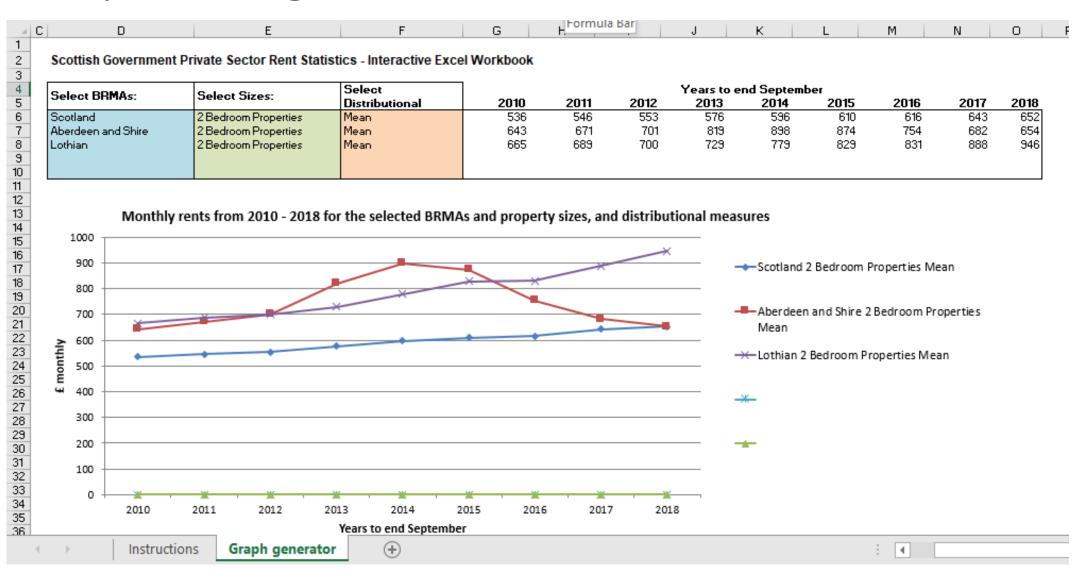
CHART 1: Cumulative % Change in Average (mean) Rents from 2010 to 2018 (years to end-Sept), by Broad Rental Market Area - 2-Bedroom Properties



# Key Findings – changes from 2010 to 2018 mapped

#### Broad Rental Market Area 1. Aberdeen and Shire Percentage change in private sector rents 2, Argyll and Bute Increase less than 5% 3, Ayrshire increase more than 5%, less than 10% 4, Dumfries and Galloway ncrease more than 10%, less than 15% 5, Dundee and Angus increase more than 15% 6. East Dunbartonshire 7. Fife 8, Forth Valley 9, Greater Glasgow 10, Highland and Islands 11. Lothian 12. North Lanarkshire 13. Perth and Kinross 14, Renfrewshire / Inverciyde 15. Scottish Borders 16, South Lanarkshire 17. West Dunbartonshire 18. West Lothian Crown copyright and detabase right (2018). All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100024655

## Key Findings – selected trends over time



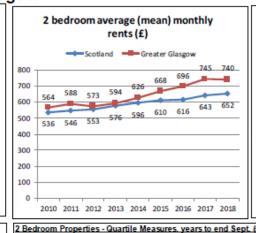
## Key Findings – Example of BRMA Profile

#### Broad Rental Market Area Profile: Greater Glasgow

Average (mean) rents in the Greater Glasgow area have increased for 1 bedroom (4.2%), 3 bedroom (3.6%) and 4 bedroom (0.2%) properties, but have fallen for 2 bedroom properties (-0.6%), and have shown no change for 1 bedroom shared properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 2.4% across this time period. Average rents have increased for all properties between 2010 and 2018, with increases ranging from 23.1% for 1 bedroom shared properties to 43.1% for 4 bedroom properties, which compares to CPI inflation of 18.9% across this time period.

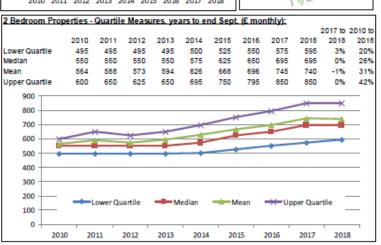
For all property sizes there have been greater increases in the top end (upper quartile) of rents between 2010 and 2018, which has widened the gap in rents compared to the bottom end of the market (lower quartile).

Average 2 bedroom rents have been higher than the Scotland average in each year since 2010, and the difference has grown between 2014 and 2017, with the average rent in 2018 being £740 per month, compared to the Scotland average of £652.





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Lower Quartile	575	575	575	575	568	595	600	650	673	3%	17%
Median	695	695	695	675	695	750	800	850	900	6%	29%

4 Bedroom Properties - Quartile Measures, years to end Sept, (£ monthly):   2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2018 2018   Lower Quartile 845 875 800 895 895 850 925 1,150 1,200 4% 42%   Median 1,000 1,100 950 1,000 1,200 1,100 1,250 1,500 1,525 2% 53%												
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Lower Quartile	845	875	800	895	895	850	925	1,150	1,200	4%	42%	
Median	1,000	1,100	950	1,000	1,200	1,100	1,250	1,500	1,525	2%	53%	