



# SOCIO ECONOMIC UPDATE

Ag Obair Comhla Airson nan Eilean Siar – Working Together for the Western Isles No.13 (12/09)

## Population and Migration

### Small Area Population Estimates

The mid 2008 population estimates were released by the [General Register Office for Scotland](#) in September 2009. The adjacent table shows the percentage population change in ascending order from 2001 to 2008.

The three datazones with the highest estimated percentage population decrease from **2007 to 2008** were:

Newton to Plasterfield	-6.9
Springfield	-5.8
North Manor Park	-5.1

The three datazones with the highest estimated percentage population increase from **2007 to 2008** were:

Newmarket	6.4
Habost to Port of Ness	5.7
Galson to Swainbost	5.0

More detailed population estimates are available at the [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#) website at datazone level.

### Life Expectancy at Birth

The Registrar General for Scotland published a report on [life expectancy](#) on 24 September 2009. Life expectancy has improved over the last ten years, both within Scotland and the Outer Hebrides, but still remains poor in comparison to other European countries. Life expectancy for men in the Outer Hebrides is 73.5 years, ranked 28. Ten years ago men in the Outer Hebrides were ranked 29. In contrast life expectancy for women is 81.4 years, ranked 7. Ten years ago women in the Outer Hebrides were ranked 15. Life expectancy at age 65 is 16.3 for males, rank 21 and 20.1 for women, rank 5.

### Did You Know? Census of Scotland 1881

The ninth decennial census of Scotland was taken on 3 April 1881. An additional question relating to language spoken was asked; though it was not explicitly mentioned in the Act. It would seem to have been an afterthought, added to the householders' schedule after printing, as it was printed in red in a fold on the schedule. This question read: "In column 6 (headed "Where Born") the word "GAELIC" to be added opposite the name of each person who speaks Gaelic habitually".

Data Zone	Datzone Name	% Change 2001 to 2008
S01002344	South Benbecula	-17.7
S01002360	North Bayhead (Stornoway)	-15.5
S01002355	Newton to Plasterfield	-12.9
S01002339	Vatersay to Castlebay	-11.8
S01002343	Loch Eynort to lochdar	-10.9
S01002350	Pairc and Kinloch	-10.6
S01002349	North Harris and Scalpay	-10.3
S01002346	East North Uist to Berneray	-9.8
S01002362	Garrabost	-9.5
S01002369	Carloway to Shawbost	-7.6
S01002359	Goathill	-6.2
S01002341	Eriskay to South Boisdale	-6.0
S01002364	North Manor Park	-5.5
S01002347	West North Uist to Baleshare	-5.4
S01002372	Barvas to Borve	-4.7
S01002373	Galson to Swainbost	-3.5
S01002351	Uig and Bernera	-3.2
S01002352	North Lochs	-3.2
S01002361	Coulegrain to Stenish	-3.1
S01002353	Knock to Bayble	-2.3
S01002370	Bragar to Brue	-2.0
S01002348	South Harris	-0.1
S01002358	Loch Roag	1.1
S01002368	Coll to Back	2.1
S01002354	Melbost to Braighe	2.5
S01002345	North Benbecula to Grimsay	2.9
S01002367	Tong to Upper Coll	6.4
S01002357	Springfield	6.5
S01002340	North Barra	6.9
S01002342	Loch Boisdale	6.9
S01002374	Habost to Port of Ness	10.0
S01002365	Sheshader to Tiumpan Head	10.7
S01002363	Marybank to Newvalley	10.9
S01002371	Gress to Tolsta	12.3
S01002356	Central Stornoway	13.4
S01002366	Newmarket	18.7

The adjacent table shows the total percentage of children in each datazone area in 2001 and 2008. Further information is available on the [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#) website.

Of the 36 datazone areas 11 show an increase while 25 areas show a decrease. The total number of children is estimated to have fallen by 430 since 2001.

The following areas show the biggest estimated percentage increase in total children population since 2001:

Habost to Port of Ness	3.2%
Newmarket	2.4%
Bragar to Brue	2.1%

The following areas show the biggest estimated percentage decrease in total children population since 2001:

West North Uist to Baleshare	-7.4%
Barvas to Borve	-6.6%
East North Uist to Berneray	-5.7%

The following areas show the biggest estimated percentage increase in total working age population since 2001:

North Harris and Scalpay	5.4%
North Benbecula to Grimsay	4.3%
Loch Roag	4.0%

The following areas show the biggest estimated percentage decrease in working age population since 2001:

Sheshader to Tiumpan Head	-5.7%
North Barra	-5.0%
Newton to Plasterfield	-4.9%

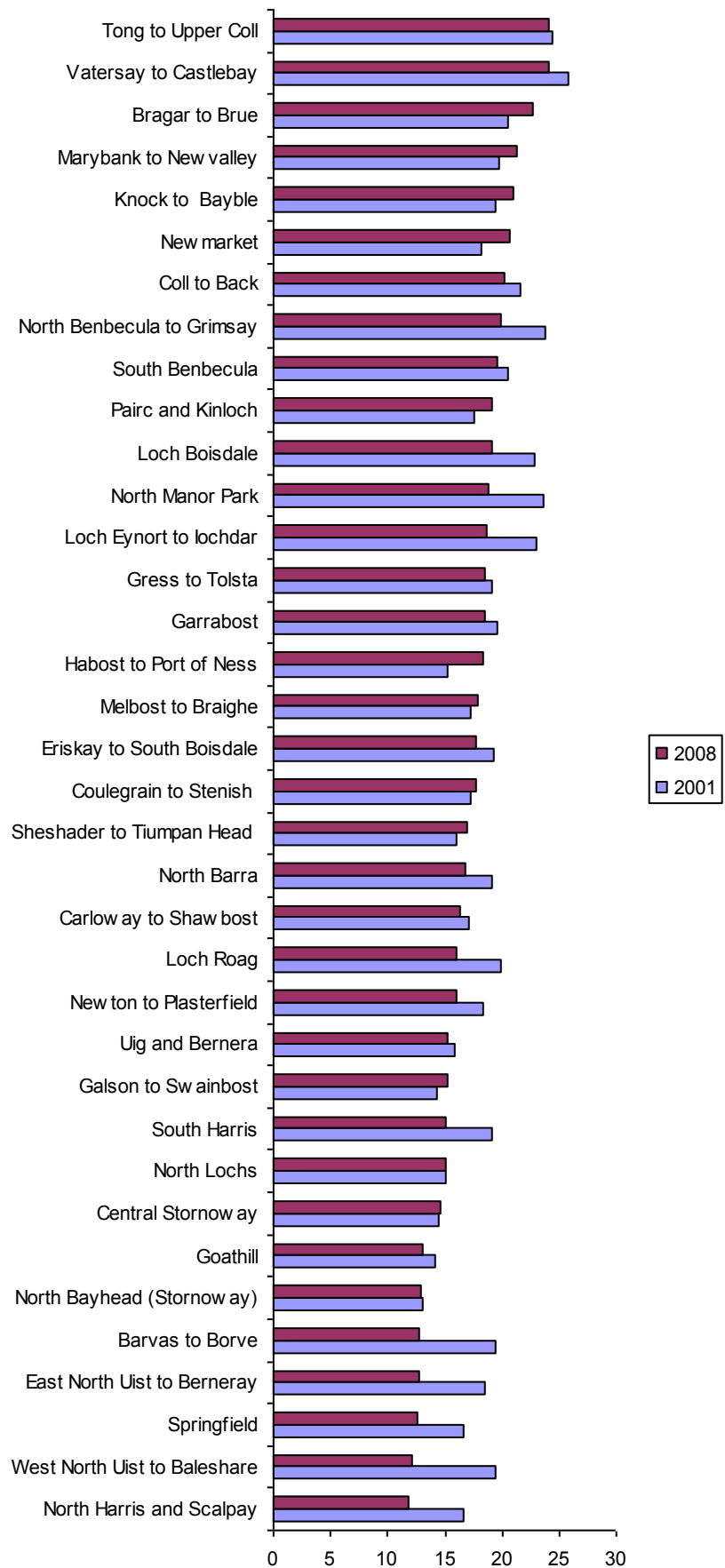
The following areas show the biggest estimated percentage increase in total pensionable age since 2001:

West North Uist to Baleshare	10.0%
North Barra	7.4%
Newton to Plasterfield	7.3%

The following areas show the biggest estimated percentage decrease in pensionable age since 2001:

Uig and Bernera	-3.1%
Newmarket	-2.8%
Carloway to Shawbost	-2.7%

% Children (0-15) in Datazone Areas 2001 & 2008

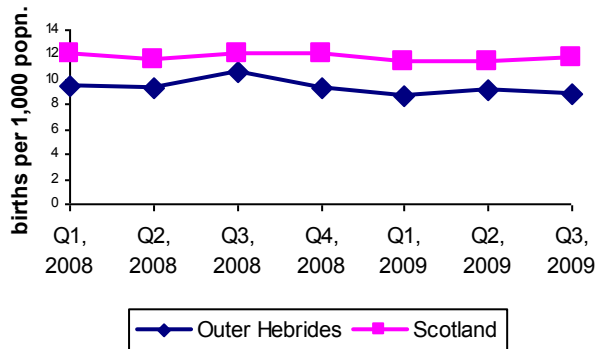


The General Register Office for Scotland [Vital Events](#) releases quarterly and annual figures for births, marriages and deaths.

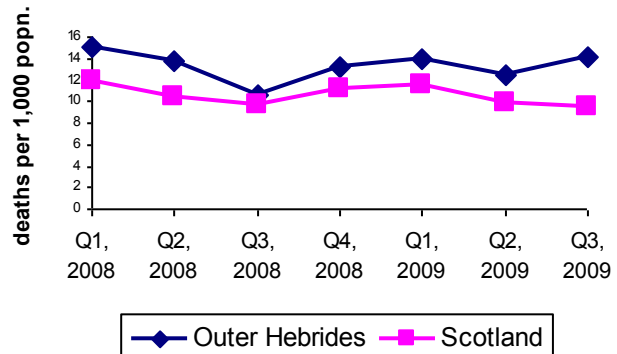
As seen in the graph below the Outer Hebrides has followed the Scottish trend of a lower birth rate in 2009 than in 2008. The Outer Hebrides had the lowest birth rate in Scotland for the 3rd quarter. The birth rate for Scotland was 11.7 in comparison to 8.9 for the Outer Hebrides.

As seen in the graph below the Outer Hebrides has followed the Scottish trend of a lower death rate in 2009 than in 2008 apart from in the 3rd quarter (14.1) where it is significantly higher than in the 3rd quarter of 2008 (10.6). The Outer Hebrides had the highest death rate in Scotland for both the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2009.

Birth Rate by Quarterly Return 2008 - 2009



Death Rate by Quarterly Return 2008-2009



## Marriages

In the Outer Hebrides there were a total of 97 marriages in the first 3 quarters of 2008 in comparison to 91 marriages (plus 1 civil partnership) in the first 3 quarters of 2009. In percentage terms there was a drop of 12.5% (7) in the 3rd quarter of 2009 in comparison to the 3rd quarter of 2008. In Scotland there was a 5.4% (645) drop in marriages.

## SIMD 2009

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2009 statistics were published. The SIMD identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland which allows effective targeting of policies and funding. It is based on 38 indicators in the seven individual domains of Income, Employment, Housing, Health, Education, Geographic Access to Services and Crime. As in 2004 and 2006 the Outer Hebrides do not have any datazones in the 15% most deprived datazones in Scotland. This does not mean there is no deprivation in the Outer Hebrides, just that there are no concentrations of multiple deprivation as defined by the index.

2009 General Report [Link](#)

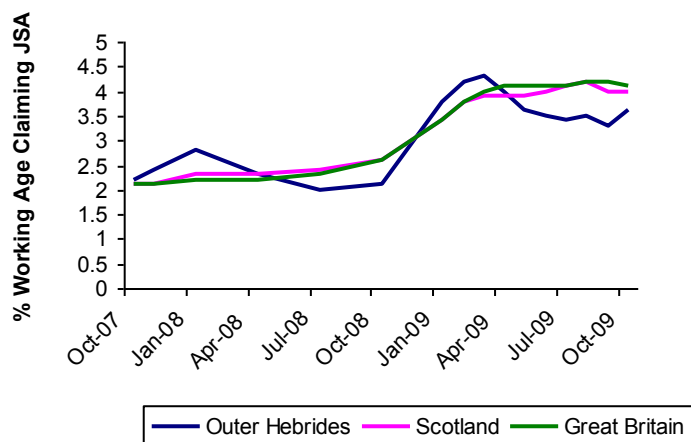
## Labour Market

The latest release from [NOMIS](#) (Office for National Statistics) gives the following unemployment rates for October 2009:

<b>Outer Hebrides</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

The unemployment rate has risen to 3.6% from 3.3% in September. The Outer Hebrides has had a lower unemployment rate than Scotland and Great Britain since May 2009. It reached its highest level this year at 4.3% in March 2009.

Unemployment Rate October 2007 to October 2009



## Built Environment

Success for Comhairle nan Eilean Siar in £1,500,000 award for Stornoway Town Centre.

Stornoway Town Centre Fund Allocations [Link](#)  
 LA Housing Income and Expenditure [Link](#)  
 Operation of Homeless Persons Legislation [Link](#)  
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 Plans to Safeguard Social Housing [Link](#)

## Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry

2009 Agricultural Survey [Link](#)  
 How to Prevent Spread of Ragwort [Link](#)  
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 Cod Recovery Plan EIA [Link](#)  
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## Education and Training

Pre-school and Childcare Statistics 2009 [Link](#)  
 H E at Scottish Institutions 2007-08 [Link](#)  
 Evaluation of Financial Education [Link](#)  
 History Comes to Life [Link](#)  
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## Crime and Justice

Recorded Crime in Scotland 2008/09 [Link](#)  
 MAPPA Annual Report 2008/09 [Link](#)  
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## Economy

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 Scottish Draft Budget 2010/11 [Link](#)  
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