

A Plan for Better Greener Places



1,549 years 

Scottish vegetation removed enough air pollution in 2017 to save 1,549 years of life¹



The abundance and distribution of Scotland's species has on average declined over recent decades⁴

2,000 

Scotland has 10,926ha of derelict and urban vacant land and over 2,000 historic buildings at risk²

11% 

'There has been no let up in the net loss of nature in Scotland' – 11% of species in Scotland are threatened with extinction⁴

37 

There are 37 Business Improvement Districts in Scotland³

¹ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts/articles/scottishnaturalcapitalaccounts/2020>

² <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-vacant-derelict-land-survey-2019/pages/2/>

³ https://www.scotlandstowns.org/scotland_s_improvement_districts_new_national_vision_for_town_centres_unveiled#:~:text=Scotland%E2%80%99s%20Improvement%20Districts%20is%20a%20new%20organisation%2C%20and.Districts%20in%20Scotland.%20For%20more%20in-formation%2C%20visit%20www.improvementdistricts.scot

⁴ [State of Nature Scotland Report](#)

A Plan for Resilient Communities



83% 

83% of households are in urban areas¹

14% 

Private rented homes grew from 5% in 1999 to 14% in 2018¹

80% 

forecast increase in people over 75 over the next 25 years²

29% 

of adults in 10% most deprived areas rated their neighbourhood as a very good place to live, compared to 78% of the 10% least deprived areas¹

5 minutes 

Almost two thirds of adults live within a 5 minute walk to their nearest greenspace. Adults in less deprived areas are typically closer to green space than those in more deprived areas¹

1 in 5 

adults reported experiencing loneliness¹



People living in accessible or remote rural areas are more likely to be satisfied with their neighbourhood (69% and 77%) than those in cities (53%)¹

5x 

There is five times as much community owned land in Scotland compared to 1990 – 209,810ha in 2018³

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-household-survey-key-findings-2018/>

² <https://news.gov.scot/news/scotlands-population-is-projected-to-increase-and-age>

³ <https://www.gov.scot/publications/community-ownership-scotland-2018/>

A Plan for a Wellbeing Economy



736,500 

jobs in Scotland were furloughed up to 30 June – 30% of the eligible workforce¹

£9,578m 

Construction is worth £9,578m GVA in 2020 employing 228,700 people¹

22.1% 

Scotland's GDP is 22.1% below the level in February 2020 pre pandemic¹

85% 

of adults in Scotland in 2018 held a qualification (up on 77% in 2007)²

57% 

of UK workers are reluctant to return to 'normal' ways of working in an office environment¹

58% 

of men work full-time, with 40% of women employed full-time and 21% part-time²

87% 

of households have access to the internet at home (up from 42% in 2003). 94% compared to 82% in the least and most deprived 20% of areas respectively²

18% 

of single parent households say they are not managing well financially in 2018²

35% 

of business in the Highlands and Islands postponed or cancelled recruitment as a result of pandemic¹

¹ <https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/media/46940/covid-lmi-insights-august-2020.pdf>

² [Scotland's People Annual Report: Key findings 2018 \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)