

1901 Scottish Census:

Quick facts for family history research



What is the 1901 Scottish Census?

The 1901 census was taken on the night of Sunday 31 March 1901. It provides a snapshot of every person living in Scotland on that date – where they were, who they were with, and what they were doing. It's one of the most useful records for tracing your family just before the big social and industrial changes of the 20th century.



What information does it include?

- Name and surname
- Relationship to head of household
- Marital status
- Age at last birthday
- Occupation
- Whether an employer, worker or working on own account
- Place of birth (parish and county or country if born abroad)
- Whether an employer, worker or working on own account
- Language spoken (e.g. Gaelic)



Where to find it

The 1901 Scottish census is only available as original images on Scotland's People. You can search using free indexes, then purchase credits to view or download the full record image.

Search is free

Viewing an image costs 6 credits (about £1.50)



Why it's useful for family history

You can confirm family members living at the same address

You may discover new relatives like in-laws or lodgers

You'll find job titles and household roles

Children's names and ages help connect to school records

Locations reveal migration patterns or place of work

