

# Statistics Release

## Financial Provision, 2003

### Introduction

The purpose of this Statistics Release is to present national figures on Scottish Local Authority Financial Provision. It applies to payments made during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003 under section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and sections 22 and 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. These figures are provisional and as such are subject to change.

The information is derived from returns made to the Scottish Executive by Scottish Local Authorities. Refer to the background information outlined later in this information note for further details relating to the collection of financial provision data.

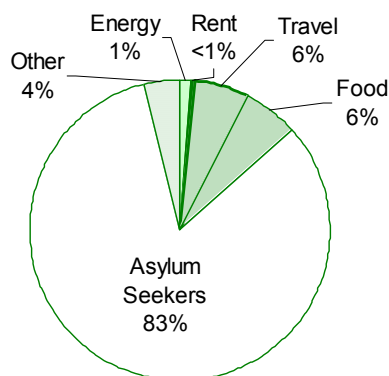
### Main Points - Adults

- During the year to 31 March 2003 local authorities in Scotland made an estimated 49,862 payments worth over £3.4 million under section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.
- Approximately 83 per cent of the total value of grants/loans was paid to asylum seekers.

Chart 1 shows the reason categories for grants/loans being issued.

- Of the £3.4 million issued, local authorities recovered nearly £1.6 million (Table 2).

CHART 1: Types of grants/loans issued by value

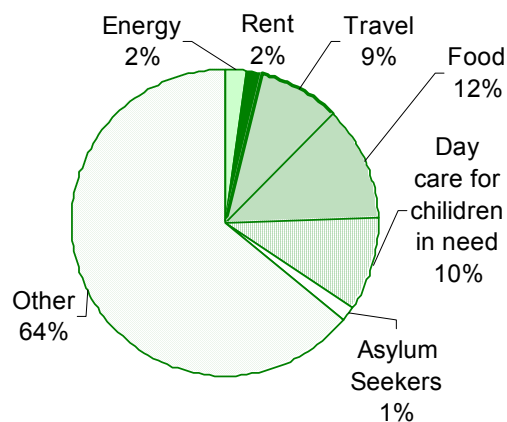


### Main Points - Children

- During the year to 31 March 2003 local authorities in Scotland made an estimated 70,907 payments worth nearly £3.3 million under sections 22 and 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

Chart 2 shows the reason categories for grants/loans being issued.

CHART 2: Types of grants/loans issued by value



**Financial Provision - Adults**  
**Payments made under section 12 of the Social Work**  
**(Scotland) Act 1968**

Table 1 shows summary information for grants and loans issued by local authorities in Scotland during the year to 31 March 2003.

The average amount of individual grants/loans was £69 although this ranged from £13 to £114 among the grant/loan reason categories.

Table 1 shows the number and value of payments by payment reason.

TABLE 1 Financial Provision – Adults, 2003

Details of Financial Provision	Number of Payments	Amount of Grant/Loan £	Amount Recovered £	% recovered	Average grant /loan £
Energy	3,198	42,042	220	0.5%	13
Rent	217	17,291	295	1.7%	80
Travel	4,923	200,180	670	0.3%	41
Food	12,762	197,349	1,019	0.5%	15
Asylum Seekers	24,826	2,830,190	1,583,258	55.9%	114
Other	3,936	137,610	5,818	4.2%	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,862</b>	<b>3,424,662</b>	<b>1,591,279</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>69</b>

Overall, 46% of the total value of grants/loans issued was recovered. However, only 19 of the 32 authorities recovered any of their payments. These 19 recovered £1.6 million (48% of the amount they had paid out).

Of the 18 authorities that recovered part of the amount they had paid out in grants/loans, Edinburgh recovered most (85%), followed by Aberdeen City (65%) and Orkney (64%).

The numbers of grants and the amounts issued varied greatly between the local authorities.

City of Edinburgh and Glasgow City councils accounted for around 88% of the total amount issued as grants/loans. This was largely due to the £2.7 million that these two authorities paid to asylum seekers.

Table 2 shows the data supplied by local authorities on number of payments made, amounts paid and amounts recovered.

Table 3 presents summary information for the first three years of this survey.

TABLE 2: Financial Provision, 2003, by Local Authority

Local Authority	Number of Payments	Amount of Grant/Loan	Amount Recovered	% recovered
Aberdeen City	1,359	96,027	62,321	65%
Aberdeenshire	829	7,053	168	2%
Angus	232	4,687	0	0%
Argyll & Bute	382	17,926	6,681	37%
Clackmannanshire	34	599	0	0%
Dumfries & Galloway	369	19,900	1,783	9%
Dundee City <sup>e</sup>	427	28,568	0	0%
East Ayrshire	218	1,002	122	12%
East Dunbartonshire	129	6,185	20	0%
East Lothian	255	44,267	0	0%
East Renfrewshire	19	673	0	0%
Edinburgh, City of	26,304 <sup>e</sup>	1,790,833	1,516,411	85%
Eilean Siar	29	2,258	0	0%
Falkirk	91	3,973	100	3%
Fife	1,152	52,726	1,724	3%
Glasgow City	13,084	1,222,329	250	0%
Highland	281	5,067	271	5%
Inverclyde	39	557	0	0%
Midlothian	132	9,675	150	2%
Moray	305	6,838	92	1%
North Ayrshire	228	2,566	0	0%
North Lanarkshire	966	13,076	0	0.0%
Orkney Islands	41	1,308	831	64%
Perth & Kinross	102	1,636	15	1%
Renfrewshire	522	20,081	127	1%
Scottish Borders	225	11,125	93	1%
Shetland Islands	222	13,537	0	0%
South Ayrshire	23	624	0	0%
South Lanarkshire	251	7,280	0	0.0%
Stirling	21	505	60	12%
West Dunbartonshire	901	15,774	60	0%
West Lothian	690	16,007	0	0%
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>49,862</b>	<b>3,424,662</b>	<b>1,591,279</b>	<b>46%</b>

<sup>e</sup> Figures estimated – see background note for further details.

TABLE 3 : Financial Provision - Adults, 2001-2003

	Number of payments			Value of payments (£'000)		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Energy	2,228	1,264	3,198	31	19	42
Rent	85	170	217	13	19	17
Travel	7,108	1,754	4,923	231	60	200
Food	7,757	5,899	12,762	134	103	197
Asylum seekers	28,374	21,971	24,826	3,589	3,747	2,830
Other	5,034	13,398	3,936	285	407	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,586</b>	<b>44,456</b>	<b>49,862</b>	<b>4,285</b>	<b>4,354</b>	<b>3,425</b>

## Financial Provision - Children Payments made under sections 22 and 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

Table 4 shows summary information for grants and loans issued by local authorities in Scotland during the year to 31 March 2003.

The average amount of individual grants/loans was £46 although this ranged from £15 to £293 among the grant/loan reason categories.

TABLE 4 Financial Provision - Children, 2003

Details of Financial Provision	Number of Payments <sup>e</sup>	Amount of Grant/Loan £ <sup>e</sup>	Amount Recovered £ <sup>e</sup>	% recovered	Average grant /loan £
Energy	5,079	74,494	30	0.0%	15
Rent	177	51,982	79	0.2%	293
Travel	7,189	282,531	1,337	0.5%	39
Food	21,880	389,935	1,390	0.4%	18
Day care for children in need	3,570	319,716	719	0.2%	90
Asylum Seekers	197	47,657	10,649	22.3%	242
Other	32,822	2,087,316	11,913	0.6%	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,914</b>	<b>3,253,632</b>	<b>25,818</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>46</b>

<sup>e</sup> Figures estimated – see background note for further details.

Less than 1% of the total value of grants/loans issued was recovered. The 17 authorities that recovered some of the amounts they had paid out recovered a total of £26,000 (1.4% of the amount they had paid out).

Of the 17 authorities that recovered part of the amount they had paid out in grants/loans, Orkney recovered most (32%), followed by Clackmannanshire (10%).

The numbers of grants and the amounts issued varied greatly between the local authorities.

City of Edinburgh council accounted for around 29% of the total amount issued as grants/loans.

Table 5 shows the data supplied by local authorities on number of payments made, amounts paid and amounts recovered.

Table 6 presents summary information for the first two years of this survey.

TABLE 5: Financial Provision, 2003, by Local Authority

Local Authority	Number of Payments	Amount of Grant/Loan	Amount Recovered	% recovered
Aberdeen City	3,626	147,838	2,895	2%
Aberdeenshire	994	15,541	130	1%
Angus	769	15,943	0	0%
Argyll & Bute	46	5,291	0	0%
Clackmannanshire	1,331	40,535	3,956	10%
Dumfries & Galloway	3,364	144,523	939	1%
Dundee City <sup>e</sup>	956	42,700	0	0%
East Ayrshire	1,476	30,732	355	1%
East Dunbartonshire	27	2,450	0	0%
East Lothian	368	29,383	0	0%
East Renfrewshire	165	9,530	0	0%
Edinburgh, City of	20,661 <sup>e</sup>	944,850	10,649 <sup>e</sup>	1%
Eilean Siar	172	29,504	126	0%
Falkirk	1,500	20,688	0	0%
Fife	2,146	110,179	1,143	1%
Glasgow City	18,000	351,475	0	0%
Highland	3,389	86,915	163	0%
Inverclyde	230	11,839	0	0%
Midlothian	564	135,418	1,079	1%
Moray	0	0	0	0%
North Ayrshire	574	5,672	195	3%
North Lanarkshire	4,165	254,689	0	0%
Orkney Islands	107	6,529	2,104	32%
Perth & Kinross	0	0	0	0%
Renfrewshire	1,798	45,324	47	0%
Scottish Borders	419	12,890	40	0%
Shetland Islands	347	502,239	0	0%
South Ayrshire	839	31,837	1,703	5%
South Lanarkshire	861	43,557	280	1%
Stirling	760	18,801	0	0%
West Dunbartonshire	436	9,266	15	0%
West Lothian	824	147,493	0	0%
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>70,914</b>	<b>3,253,632</b>	<b>25,818</b>	<b>1%</b>

<sup>e</sup> Figures estimated – see background note for further details.

TABLE 6 : Financial Provision - Children, 2001-2003

	Number of payments		Value of payments (£'000)	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Energy	3,247	5,059	44	74
Rent	120	177	32	52
Travel	7,893	7,189	546	283
Food	11,484	21,880	255	390
Day care for children in need	2,770	3,570	251	320
Asylum seekers	151	197	20	48
Other	26,042	32,822	1,295	2,087
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,707</b>	<b>70,914</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>3,254</b>

## Background information on the Financial Provision Survey, 2003

The financial provision survey is intended to cover all payments made by Scottish Local Authorities under section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and sections 22 and 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

Local authorities were asked to provide information relating to the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002 to 31 March 2003 on number of payments, value of payments and amounts recovered for section 12, 22 and 25 payments.

Responses were obtained from all 32 local authorities.

Dundee City Council did not provide figures for the number of grants/loans issued under Section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. The numbers of grants/loans issued by Dundee were estimated using the Scottish averages for each category.

Dundee City Council were unable to differentiate between payments made under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. A figure was provided for the total value of payments for the year. The only breakdown available was the total amount spent on travel payments. The totals provided were split using the Scottish averages for each category.

City of Edinburgh Council did not provide figures for the number of grants/loans issued under Section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. The numbers of grants/loans issued by Edinburgh were estimated using the Scottish averages for each category.

City of Edinburgh Council did not split the value of section 12 payments between the energy, rent, travel and food categories. The total figure provided was apportioned to these four categories using the Scottish averages for each category.

City of Edinburgh Council did not provide a breakdown of the value of sections 22 and 25 payments. The total figure provided was apportioned to the seven categories using the Scottish averages for each category.

Fife Council provided a combined figure for travel payments and 'other' payments. The total provided was split using the Scottish averages for each category.

Care should be taken when using information from the sections that include estimated data.

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## Further Information

Further details and analysis of the data presented in this Statistics Release are available on request from the address below. The Statistics Release is also available on the Internet by accessing the Scottish Executive web site ([www.scotland.gov.uk/stats](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats)).

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