

**Table 8.1****Divorces, by ground, Scotland, 1981 to 2006, under the Divorce (Scotland) Act 1976 and Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006**

Year	Total	Ground for divorce *								Nullity of marriage	Dissolution
		Adultery	Behaviour	Desertion	Non-cohabitation		Separation <sup>1</sup>		Other grounds		
					2 years and consent	5 years	1 year and consent	2 years			
1981	<b>9,881</b>	1,703	4,133	230	2,438	1,369	-	-	2	6	-
1982	<b>11,284</b>	1,873	4,814	244	2,812	1,524	-	-	4	12	1
1983	<b>13,238</b>	1,789	4,674	200	4,214	2,350	-	-	8	3	-
1984	<b>11,915</b>	1,415	4,351	142	4,250	1,741	-	-	7	9	-
1985	<b>13,373</b>	1,760	5,020	120	4,665	1,791	-	-	15	2	-
1986	<b>12,800</b>	1,569	4,523	128	4,856	1,700	-	-	15	9	-
1987	<b>12,133</b>	1,531	4,180	79	4,738	1,591	-	-	11	3	-
1988	<b>11,472</b>	1,309	3,559	83	4,879	1,626	-	-	12	4	-
1989	<b>11,659</b>	1,291	3,532	100	5,076	1,632	-	-	22	6	-
1990	<b>12,272</b>	1,232	3,847	68	5,360	1,757	-	-	2	6	-
1991	<b>12,399</b>	1,198	3,688	82	5,508	1,919	-	-	-	4	-
1992	<b>12,479</b>	1,136	3,407	58	5,823	2,052	-	-	-	3	-
1993	<b>12,787</b>	1,092	3,757	56	5,799	2,072	-	-	1	10	-
1994	<b>13,133</b>	1,099	3,711	103	6,076	2,134	-	-	2	8	-
1995	<b>12,249</b>	956	3,203	72	5,846	2,166	-	-	-	6	-
1996	<b>12,308</b>	943	3,184	61	5,833	2,284	-	-	2	1	-
1997	<b>12,222</b>	909	3,081	33	5,769	2,424	-	-	4	2	-
1998	<b>12,384</b>	832	3,005	28	6,117	2,397	-	-	4	1	-
1999	<b>11,864</b>	770	2,611	18	5,908	2,553	-	-	-	4	-
2000	<b>11,143</b>	610	2,099	34	5,876	2,521	-	-	2	1	-
2001	<b>10,631</b>	473	1,639	24	5,942	2,552	-	-	1	-	-
2002	<b>10,826</b>	428	1,656	42	6,082	2,598	-	-	19	1	-
2003	<b>10,928</b>	401	1,537	23	6,014	2,950	-	-	2	1	-
2004	<b>11,227</b>	413	1,546	15	6,118	3,130	-	-	4	1	-
2005	<b>10,940</b>	327	1,344	17	5,985	3,262	-	-	4	1	-
2006	<b>13,014</b>	263	1,215	15	3,986	1,923	1,456	4,127	28	1	-

Note <sup>1</sup> The Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 was introduced on 4 May 2006

Note \* Unfortunately, the breakdown by the Grounds for Divorce has not been reliable for some years - please see the note on our Web site:  
[Unreliability of Grounds for Divorce Statistics](#)