

BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

Age Structure of the Population of Birse Parish

2001

	<i>Birse & Ballogie</i>	<i>Finzean</i>	<i>Parish</i>
<i>No. of Households</i>	122	134	256
<i>No. of Voters</i>	279	275	554

Age	Birse Nos.	<i>Birse</i> %	Ballogie Nos.	<i>Ballogie</i> %	B & B Nos.	<i>B & B</i> %	Finzean Nos.	<i>Finzean</i> %	Parish Nos.	<i>Parish</i> %
60 & over	53	25	23	17	76	21	65	17	141	20
18-59	107	49	87	64	194	55	210	56	404	56
Secondary	29	13	3	2	32	9	43	12	75	10
Primary	18	8	13	10	31	9	30	8	61	8
Pre-School	11	5	10	7	21	6	25	7	46	6
Total	218	100	136	100	354	100	373	100	727	100

The above figures are based on the Electoral Registers for the Parish for February 2001.

The figures were produced by going over the Registers with well informed local residents who could age most voters in terms of the age classes and also identify and age any children in each household.

While there will inevitably be some inaccuracies, these will not alter the general statistics.

The overall parish pattern (20% over 60; 56% 18-59; 24% under 18) might be considered 'healthy'.

The age structure is very similar between the halves of the parish (Finzean : Birse & Ballogie) and between Birse and Ballogie.

However, there are variations between the communities that reflect differences in their social histories, for example, the higher percentage of people of 60 or over in Birse and the high percentage of 18-59 year olds in Ballogie.

Such variations could be analysed and other variables recorded (for example, nos./ percentages of single person households and households with children).

Historical change could also be examined, for example, around a third of the population in Finzean in the late 1970s was apparently 60 or over – or around twice the percentage in 2001.