

## East Lothian Council

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*The new regulations – the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 – allow local authorities to levy double the usual council tax on properties vacant for more than a year. Local authorities are obliged to submit a council tax return to the Scottish government each year.*

*Give this context, can you tell me:*

- How many unoccupied dwellings have there been in your council area for each year between 2014 and 2017? For each year, please break this down by the council tax band A-H.*

Date From	Date To	Band	Count
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	A	295
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	B	1704
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	C	2020
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	D	770
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	E	585
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	F	355
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	G	316
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	H	59
<b>01/04/2014</b>	<b>01/04/2015</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6104</b>

Date From	Date To	Band	Count
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	A	328
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	B	1604
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	C	1799
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	D	723
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	E	529
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	F	357
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	G	294
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	H	55
<b>01/04/2015</b>	<b>01/04/2016</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5689</b>

Date From	Date To	Band	Count
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	A	287
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	B	1581
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	C	1724
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	D	722
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	E	504
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	F	337
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	G	286
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	H	59
<b>01/04/2016</b>	<b>01/04/2017</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5500</b>

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Date From	Date To	Band	Count
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	A	361
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	B	2004
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	C	2004
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	D	841
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	E	547
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	F	351
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	G	344
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	H	57
<b>01/04/2017</b>	<b>01/04/2018</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6509</b>

- *Is the council currently implementing the unoccupied dwelling policy, and if not, does it have plans to and when?*

Yes, East Lothian Council implements the unoccupied dwelling policy.

- *If the council has already implemented this policy, please tell me how many properties have been affected for each year between 2014-2017, and in what tax band;*

Date From	Date To	Band	Count
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	A	4
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	B	45
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	C	51
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	D	29
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	E	20
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	F	8
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	G	13
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	H	5
<b>01/04/2014</b>	<b>01/04/2015</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>

Date From	Date To	Band	Count
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	A	11
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	B	43
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	C	52
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	D	27
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	E	16
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	F	6
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	G	4
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	H	7
<b>01/04/2015</b>	<b>01/04/2016</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>

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Date From	Date To	Band	Count
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	A	21
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	B	48
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	C	67
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	D	43
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	E	23
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	F	10
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	G	11
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	H	6
<b>01/04/2016</b>	<b>01/04/2017</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>

Date From	Date To	Band	Count
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	A	24
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	B	52
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	C	70
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	D	40
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	E	22
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	F	14
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	G	26
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	H	8
<b>01/04/2017</b>	<b>01/04/2018</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>

- *If the council has already implemented this policy, please tell me how much additional revenue has been generated from unoccupied dwellings for each year between 2014-2017.*

Date From	Date To	Premium Collected
01/04/2014	01/04/2015	£10,160.00
01/04/2015	01/04/2016	£38,291.04
01/04/2016	01/04/2017	£58,696.84
01/04/2017	01/04/2018	£78,590.35