

"SCOTLAND -The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"



How big is Scotland compared to Arizona?

Scotland would fit into Arizona almost 4 times.

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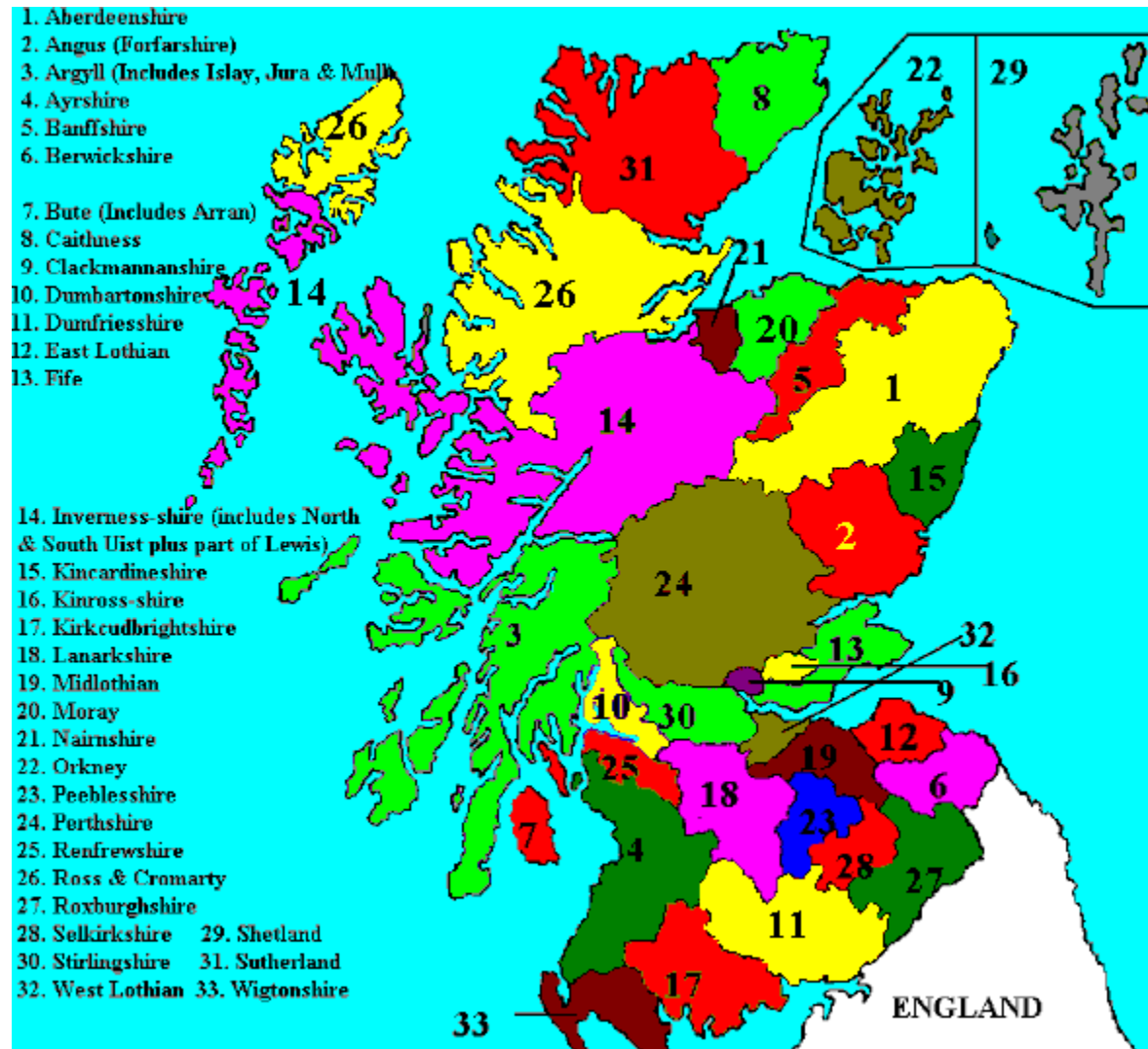


[Scotland](#) (78,387 km²) is **0.27** times as big as [Arizona \(US\)](#) (294,254 km²).



Why is this important? When researching in Scotland, it is important to realize how close the towns are and even a small move might result in a different county.

Maps of Scotland are important, there are 33 Counties in Scotland.



Where do you begin?

Do you know why or when your ancestors emigrated to America? Why is this important? If you know when or why they emigrated, it will help you determine whether you should start your research in the Highlands or the Lowlands.



Some of the main reasons Scots emigrated:

Ill Years (1690's) A succession of failed harvests, brought famine and disease to Scotland killing 15% of the population. Many Scots, from both the Highlands and the lowlands of Scotland chose to escape to America as indentured servants.

Battle of Culloden (1745)

From the Highlands.

Bonnie Prince Charlie supported by Catholic Jacobites, attempted to claim the British throne but was defeated at the Battle of Culloden. More than 1500 Jacobite prisoners were transported in chains to the American Plantations sentenced to a 14-year convict bond service.

Highland Clearances (Late 1700's) Most likely from the North of Scotland.

Potato Blight (about 1845-1856) Most likely from the Highlands or Northern Islands.

Atlantic Steam Age Shipping (Peaked in 19th Century) From all over Scotland but mostly in the Lowlands.

Heavy Industry Decline (Continued through early 20th Century) Lowlands and larger industrialized cities.

Latter-Day Saint Pioneers Emigrate from Scotland to America.

Latter-Day Saints have emigrated from the 1840's until the present day.

Approximately 1.5 million Scots have immigrated to America – they have been settling here since the earliest Colonial days. The number of Americans who have some Scottish heritage is enormous. GenealogyMagazine.com

Map Websites

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

<https://www.google.com/maps>

<http://maps.nls.uk/>

Emigration Records Websites

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scotland_Emigration_and_Immigration

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/category.aspx?cat=40>

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/LDS_Online_Genealogy_Records

Censuses

Are available from 1841 to 1901 in Family Search, Ancestry and Findmypast

1911 Scottish Census is only available through <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Censuses Websites

ancestry.com

findmypast.com

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

These are the sites I have had most success in finding Scottish censuses.

Helpful Scottish Website

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct>

Newspapers Websites

BNA - <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

Scotsman - <http://archive.scotsman.com/search/results>

Local Family History Societies

<http://www.safhs.org.uk/>