

Scottish Natural Heritage

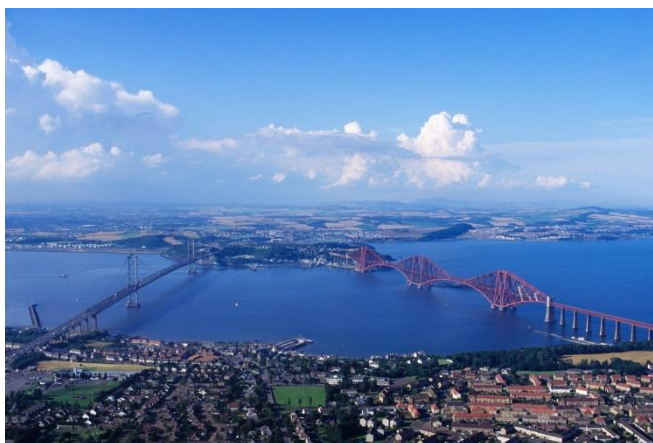
LANDSCAPE INDICATOR

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LBD1 Extent of Built Development

This indicator monitors the extent and types of built development in Scotland and how much change there may have been. This information was collected in 2008 and repeated in 2009. It can be a useful tool for looking at the broad pattern of development and how it may be influencing change in Scotland's landscapes.

With good siting and design, for example through placemaking, we can seek to manage the potential impact of built development on the landscape of Scotland.



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Evidence

Settlements are distinctive components of the built landscape, beyond which transport, energy and communications infrastructure, as well as industry and housing, extend much more widely throughout Scotland. SNH Natural Heritage Indicator [N2 - Built Development](#) provides a detailed breakdown of this information, how it was derived and the source datasets.

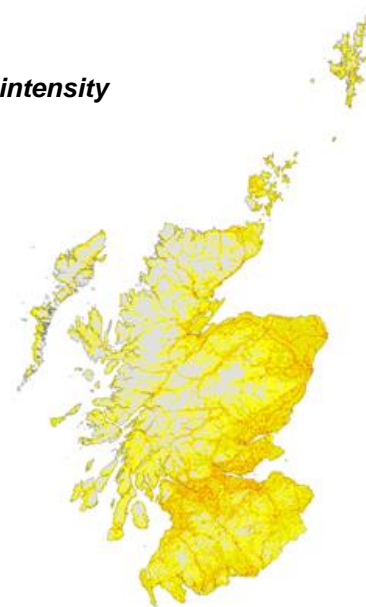
Assessment

Soil sealing (physical footprint)

Year	Coverage	% of Scotland
2008	121,375 ha	1.54%
2009	122,498 ha	1.55%

Distribution and intensity

No. of Components



Commentary

Built development increased very slightly between 2008 and 2009 and the proportion of 1km squares with built development was little changed. The extent of built development across Scotland as a whole is quite low and is, as expected, much more extensive in lowland areas. This information is due to be updated in 2017.

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Source data and updates

Refer to [N2 - Built Development](#)

UK Indicators

No equivalent for years covered here.

References

SNH 2010. Built development indicator - 2009 update. GIS methodology.

TREND

Increase

DATA CONFIDENCE

High

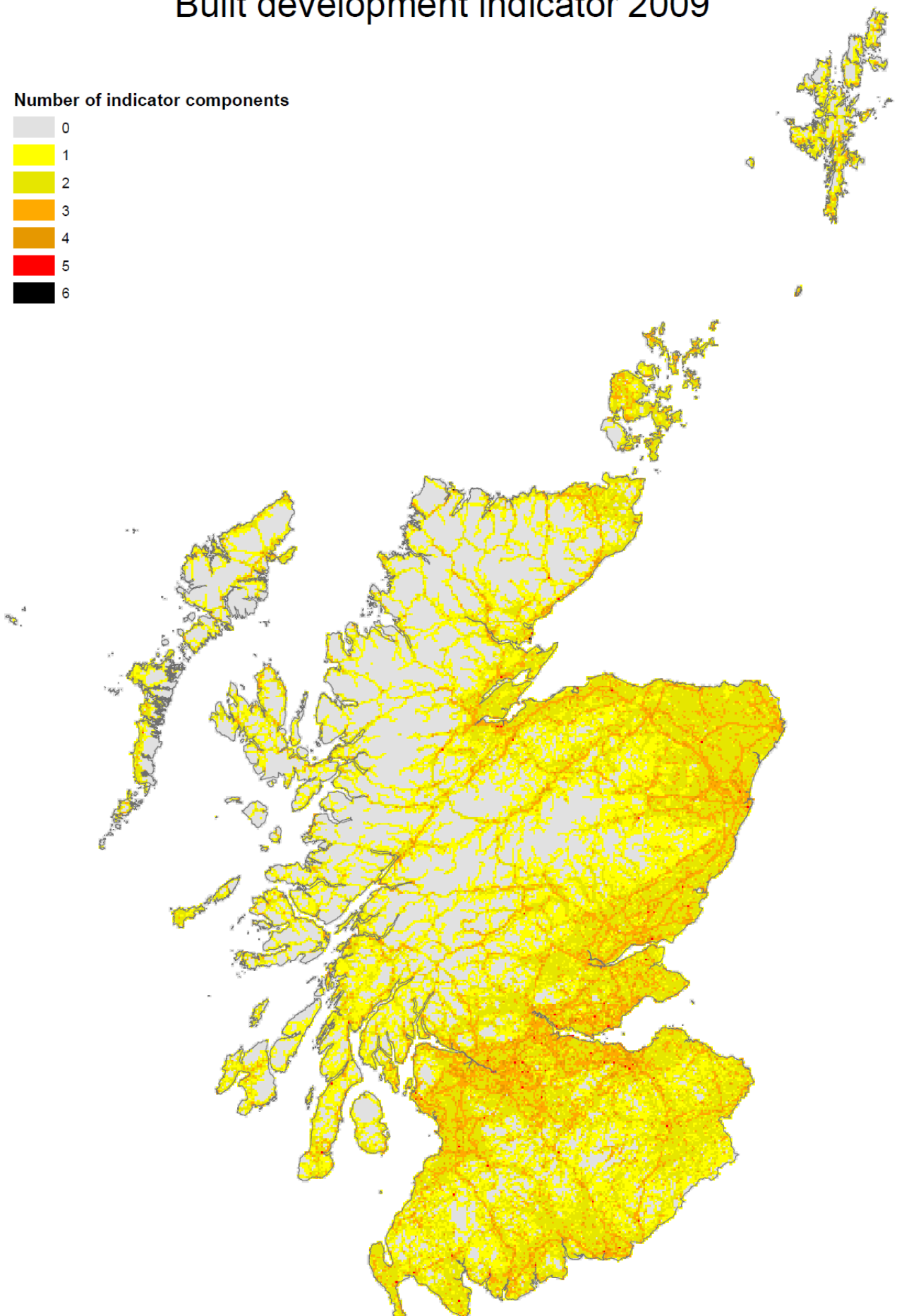
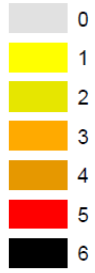


<http://snh.gov.uk/protecting-scotlands-nature/looking-after-landscapes/landscape-monitoring-programme/>



Built development indicator 2009

Number of indicator components



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