

# Asset management in local government

Report supplement: Condition, suitability  
and property cost



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## Detailed condition, suitability and property cost information

# Introduction

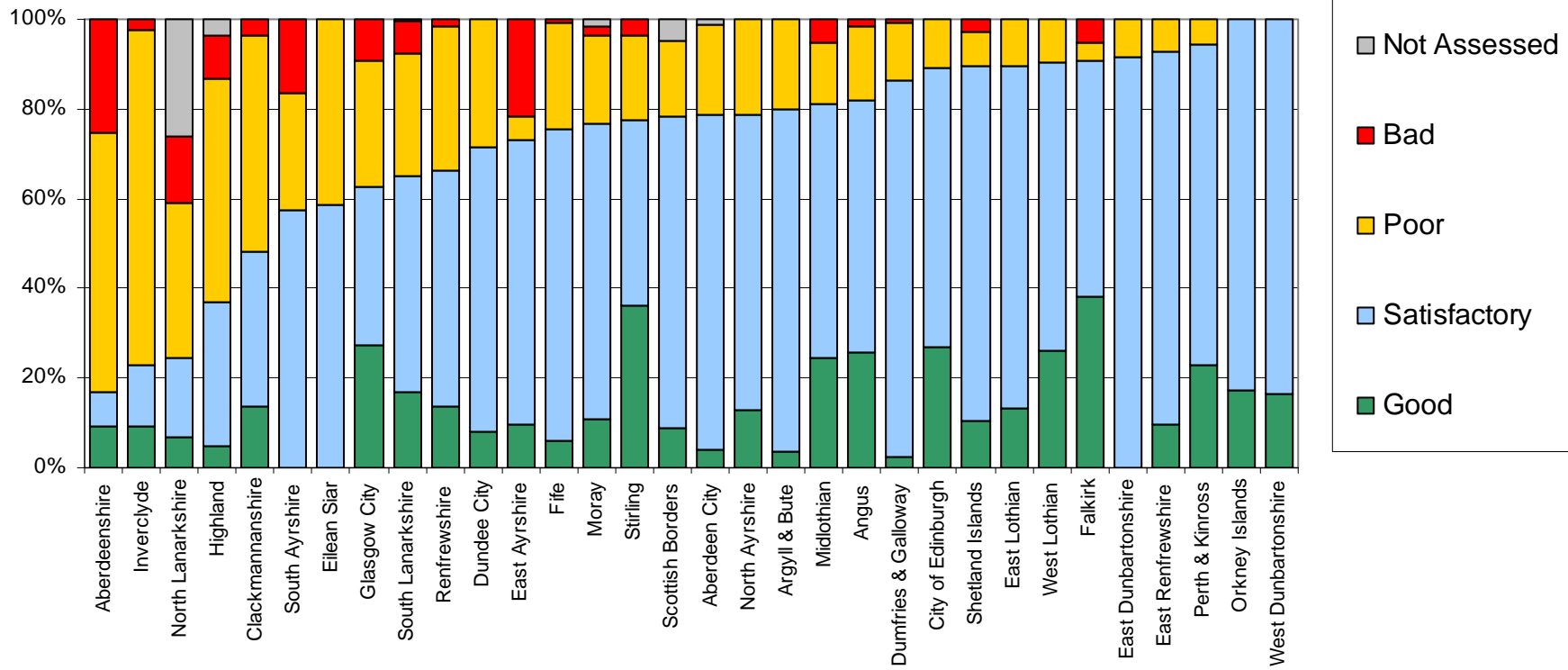
Audit Scotland has undertaken a national study of asset management on behalf of the Accounts Commission. The full report is available on our website, and presents a national overview of councils' asset management rearrangements. Some of the data generated by the study was too detailed for inclusion in the main report; we are making it available here as this will provide useful detail for practitioners, and may also be of wider general interest.

The following charts provide information about the condition and suitability of council buildings and their property costs. While this was summarised in our main report to show the picture across Scotland in relation to all council properties, we have broken it down here to show this information for each of the main building types. Background information on the study, and further information about each of the condition and suitability categories, can be found within the full Asset management and local government study on our website.

## Condition Assessment Results by Type of Building

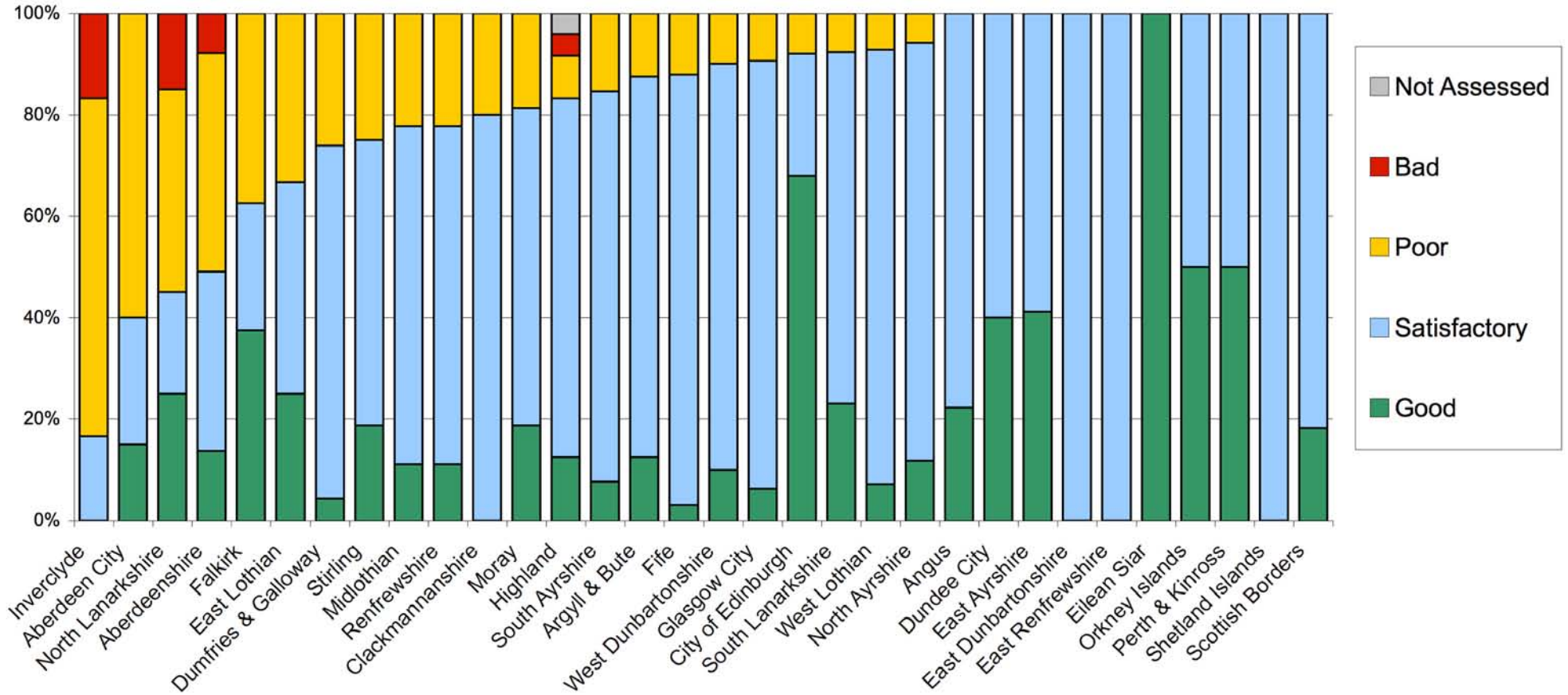
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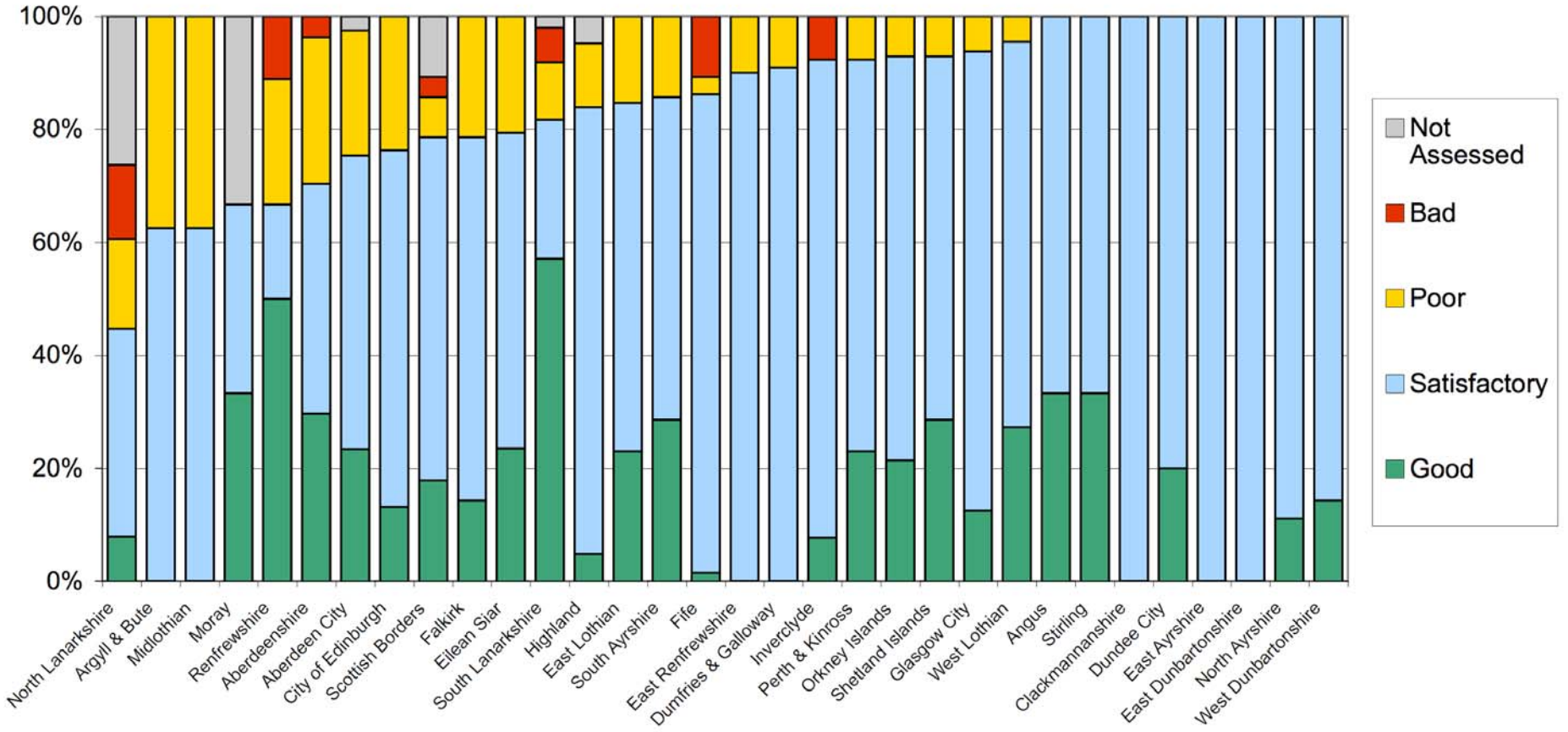
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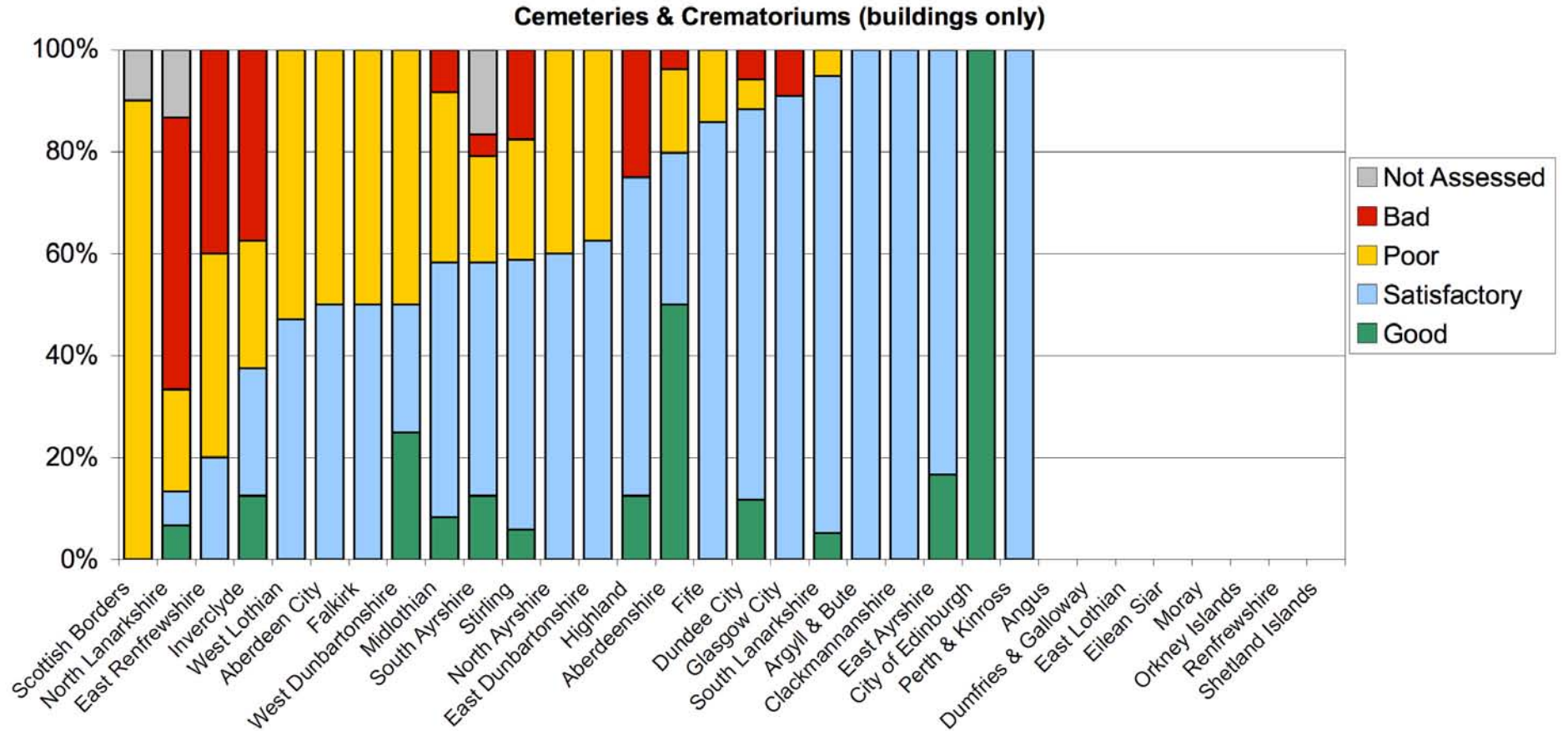


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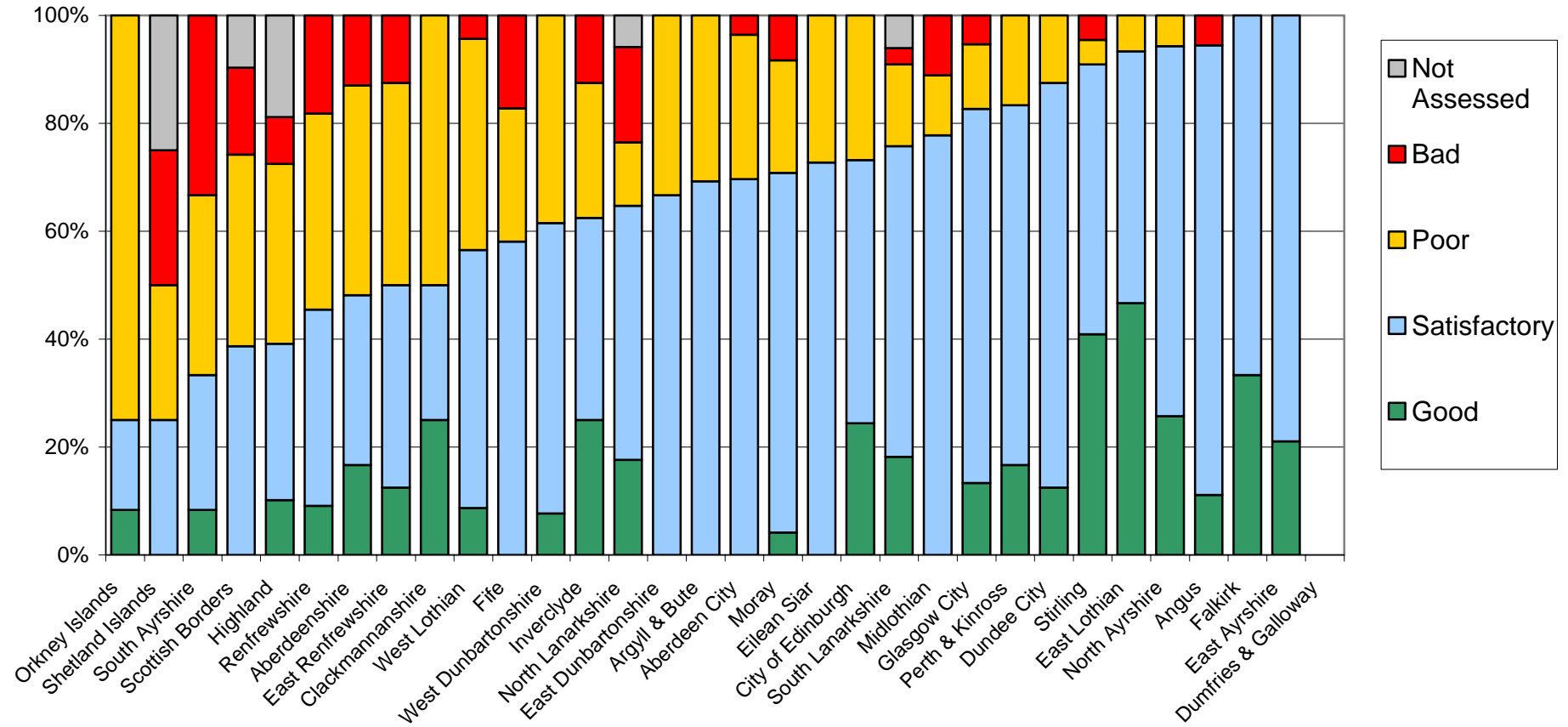
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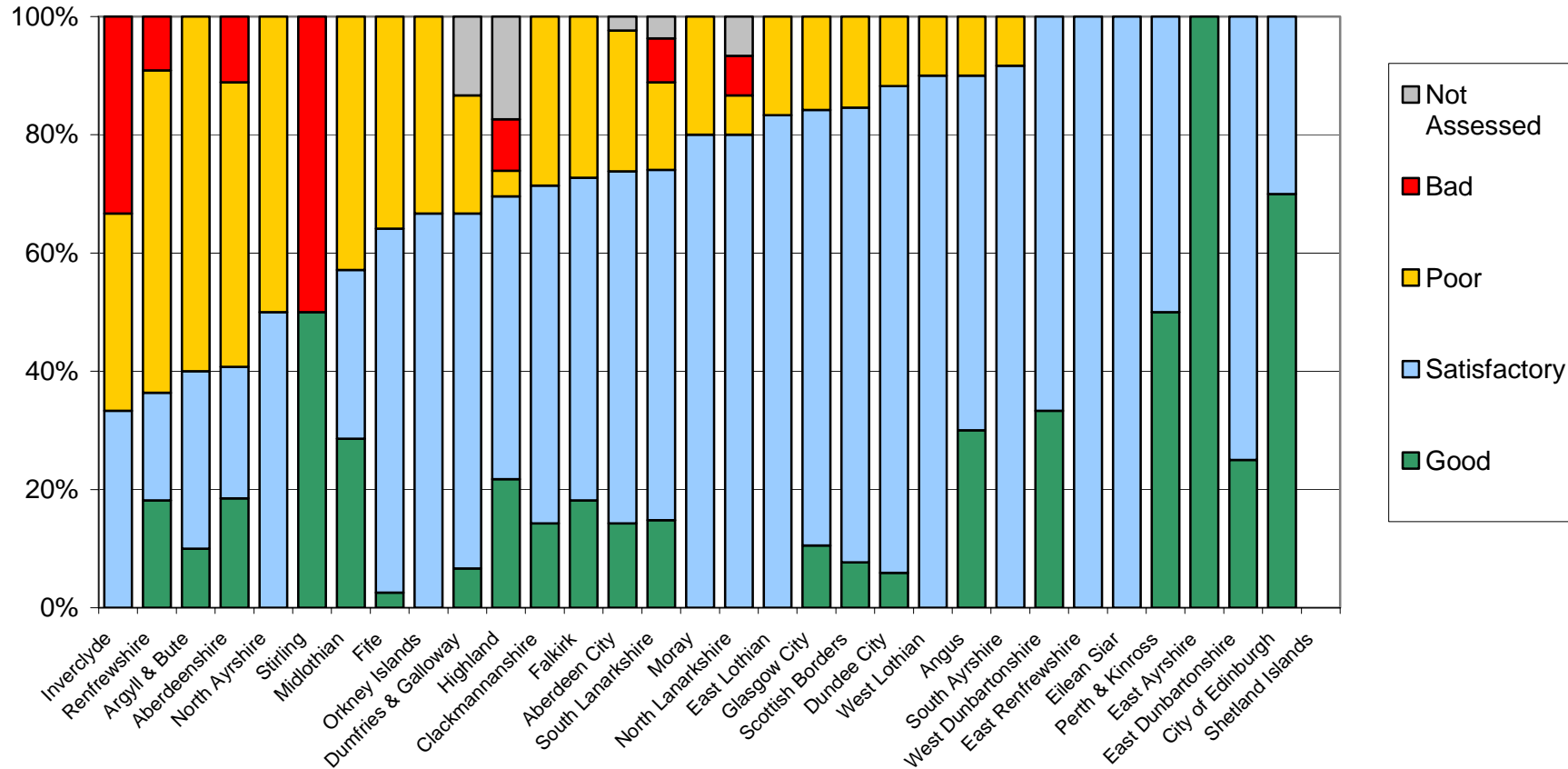


Note: Dumfries and Galloway did not provide information on depot and workshop condition.



# Sports Centres & Pools Condition Assessments

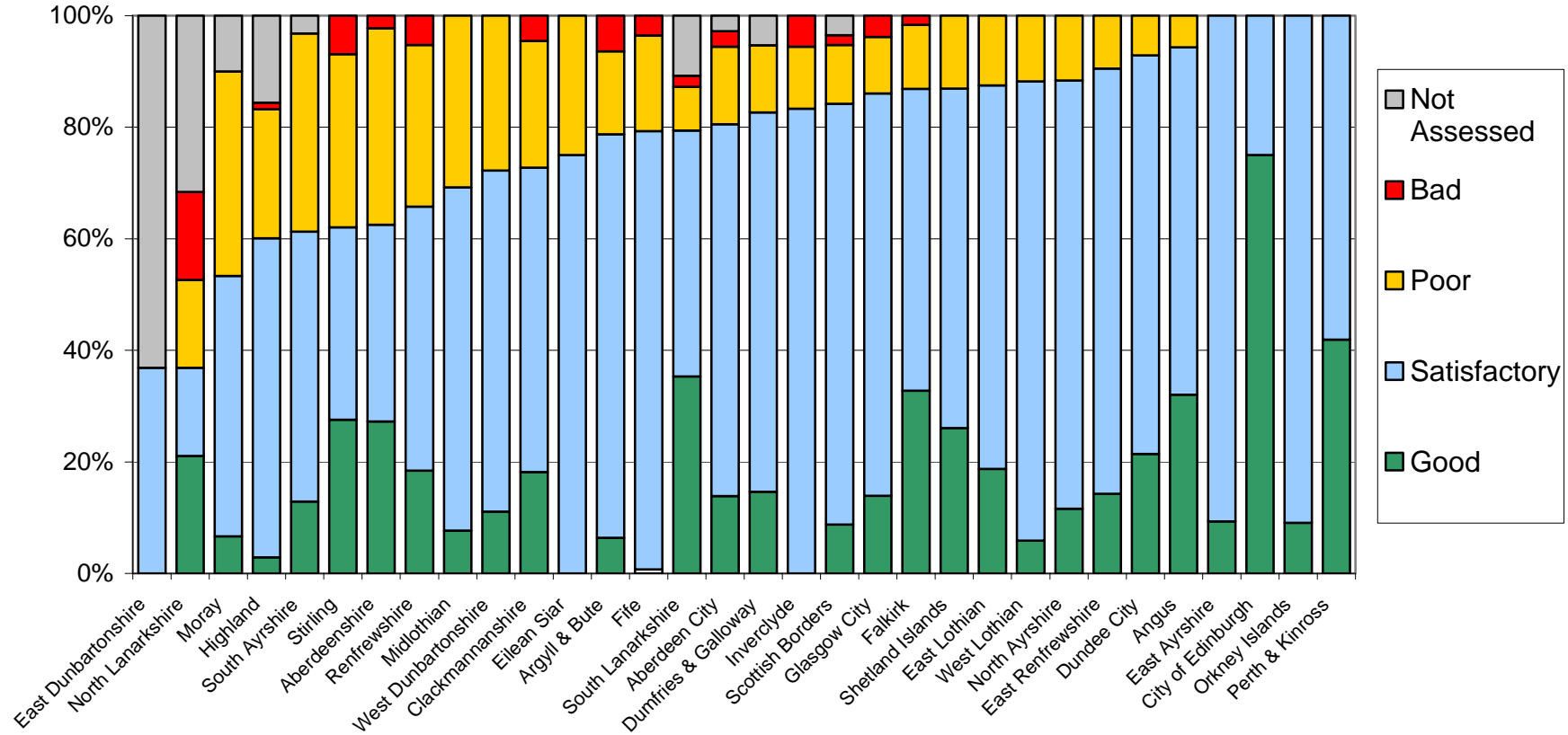
## Sport Centres & Pools



Note: Shetland did not provide information on school sport centre and swimming pool condition.

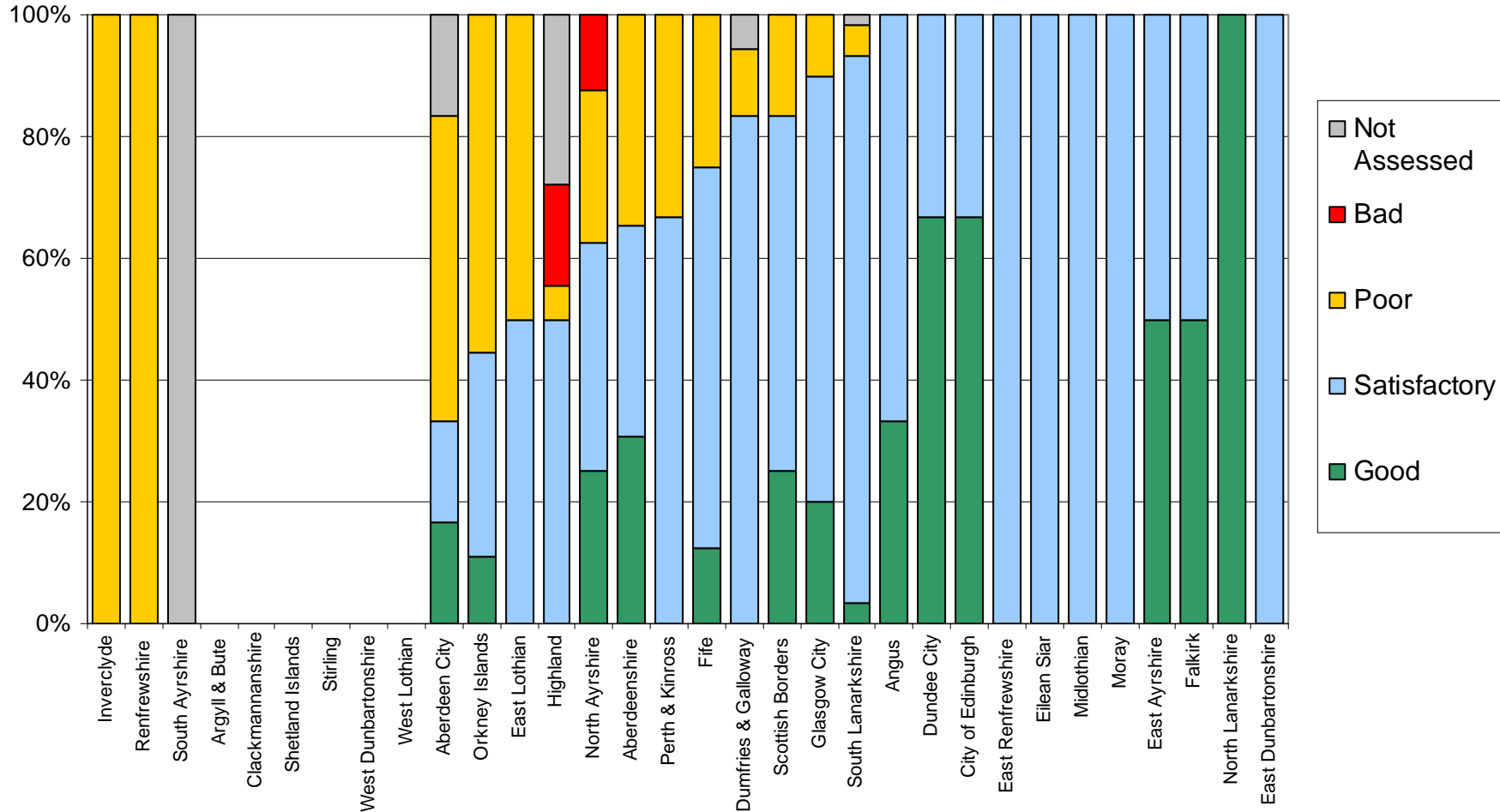
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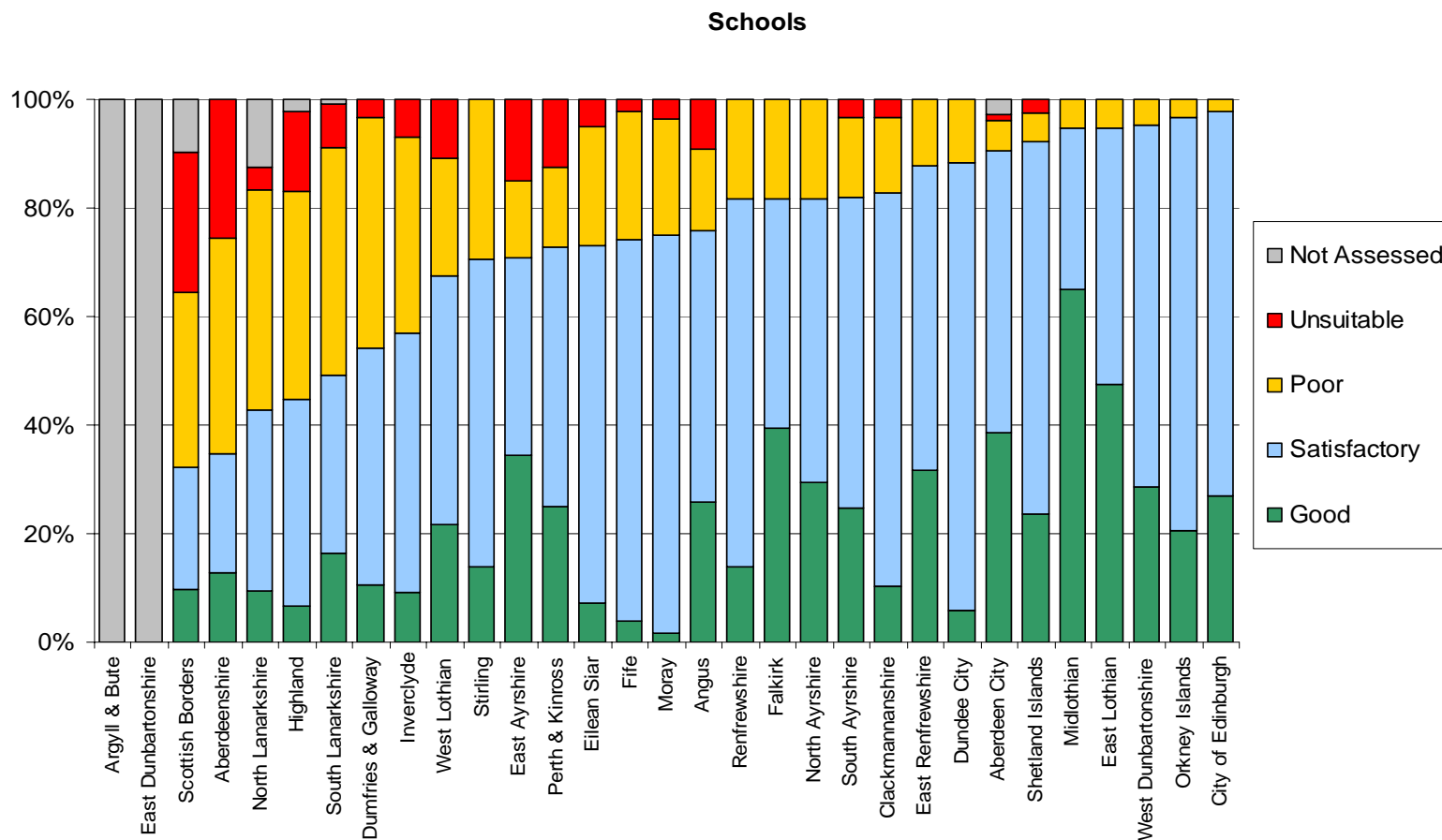
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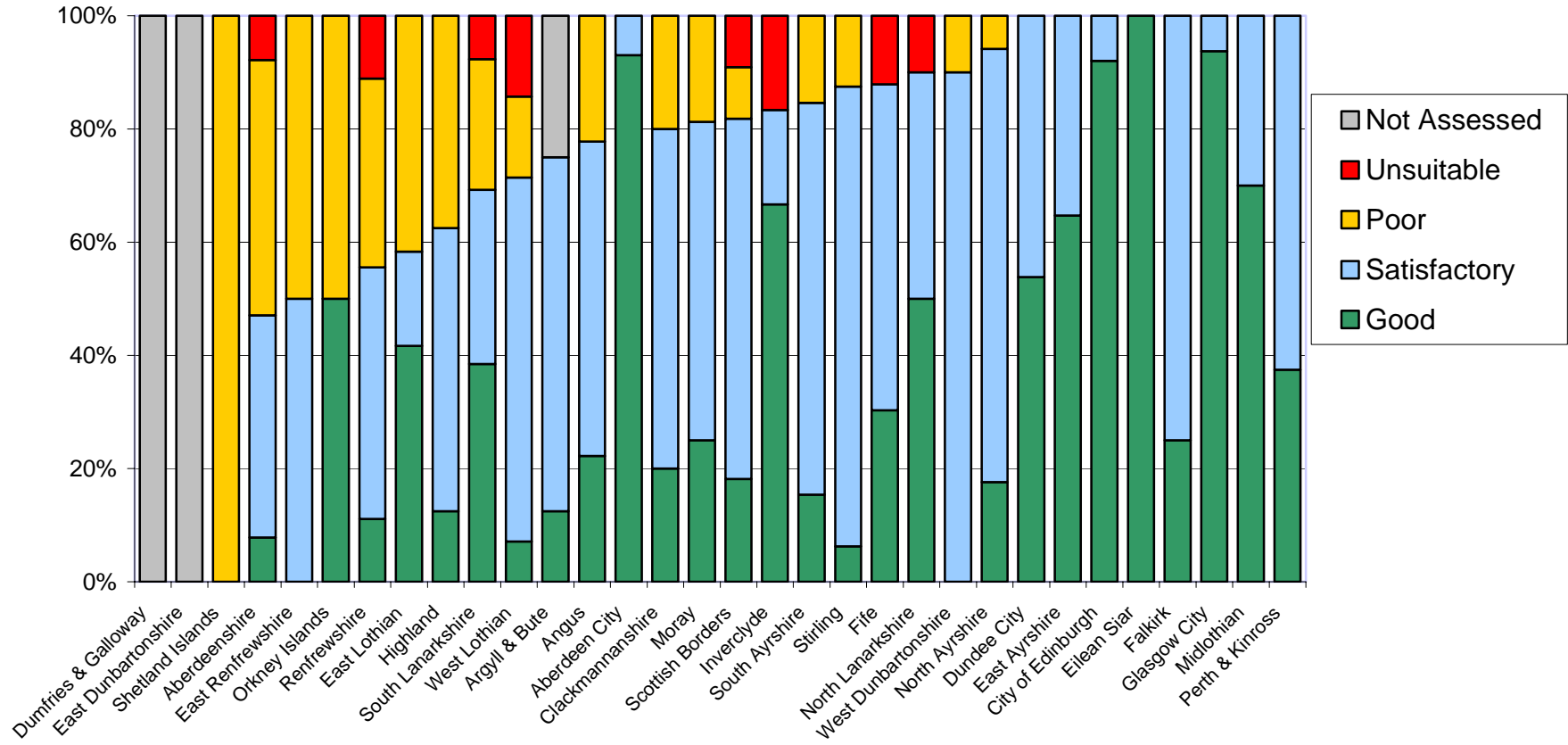
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**Note: Glasgow did not provide information on school suitability.**

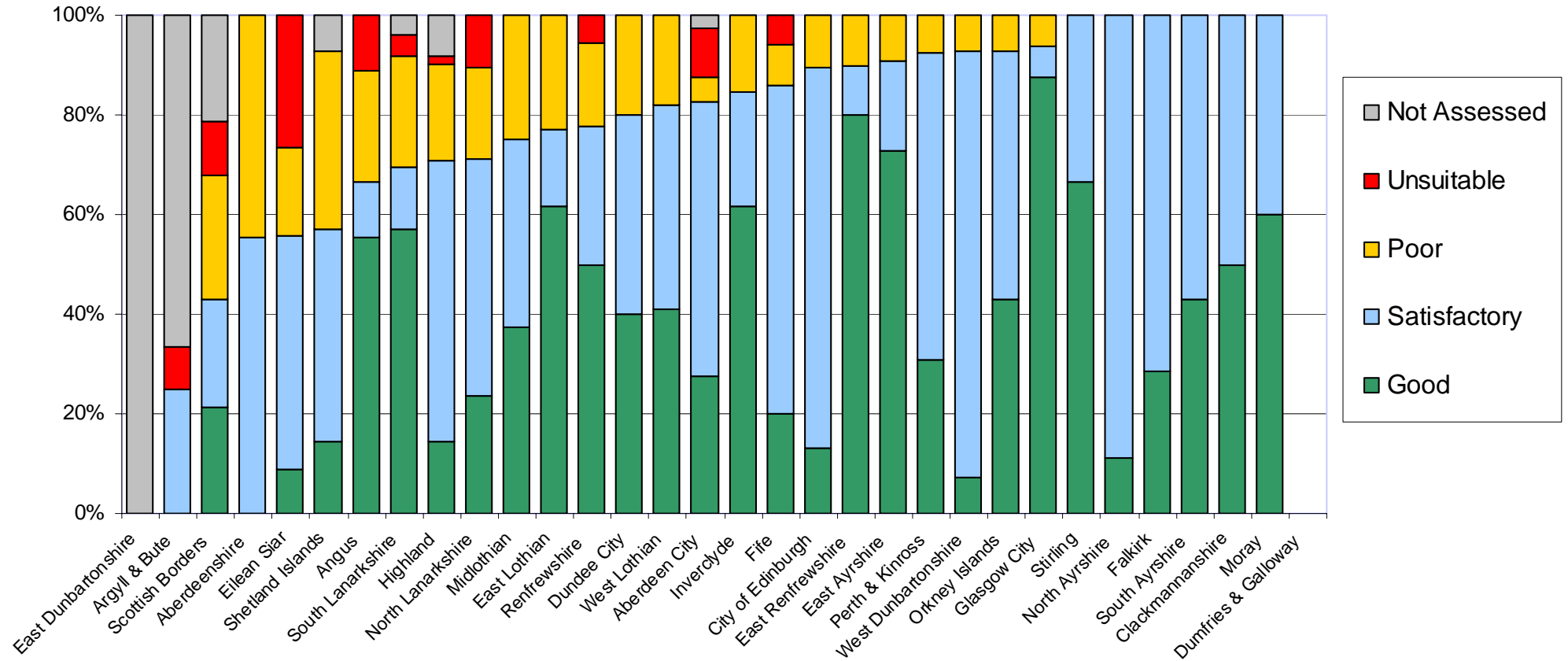
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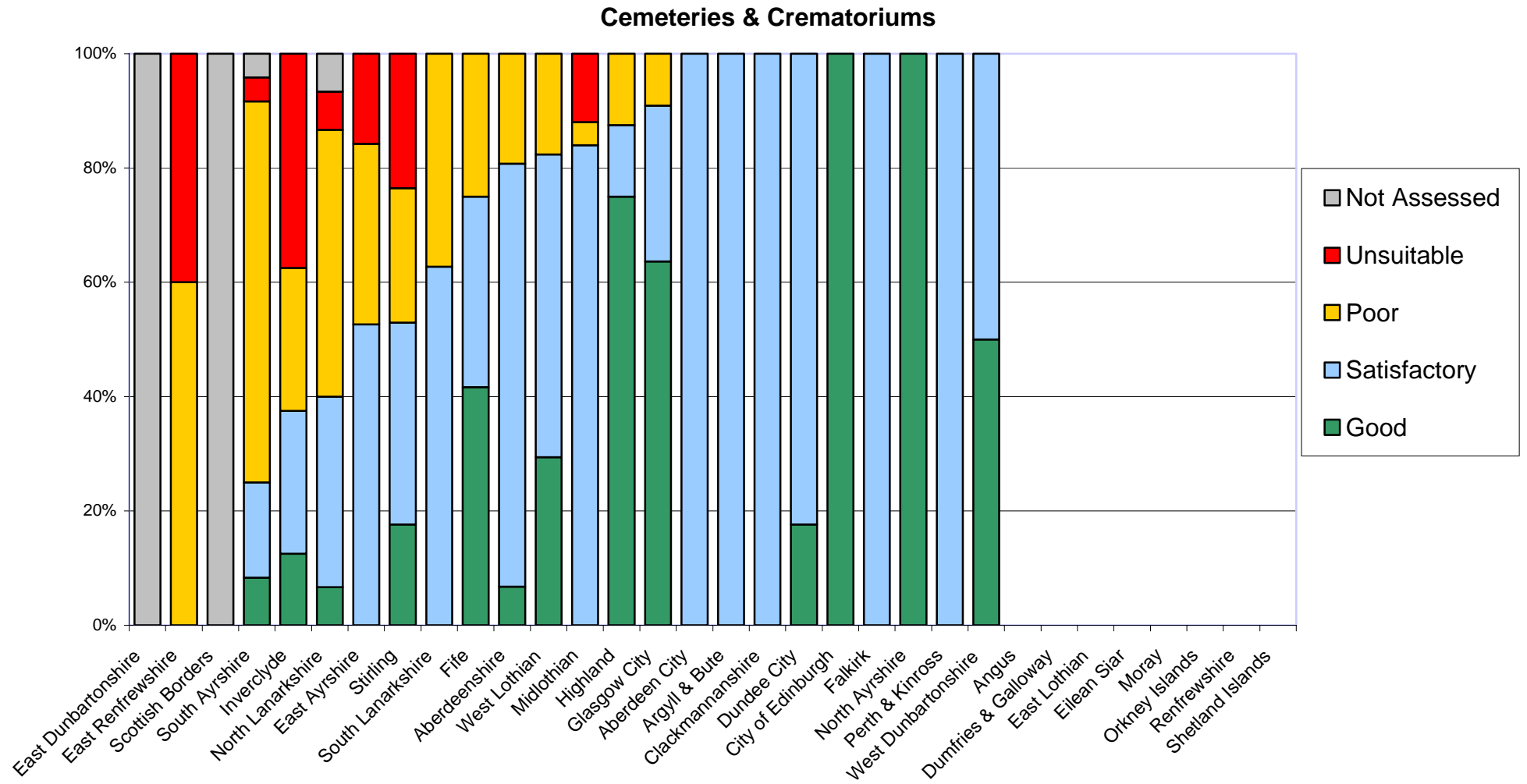
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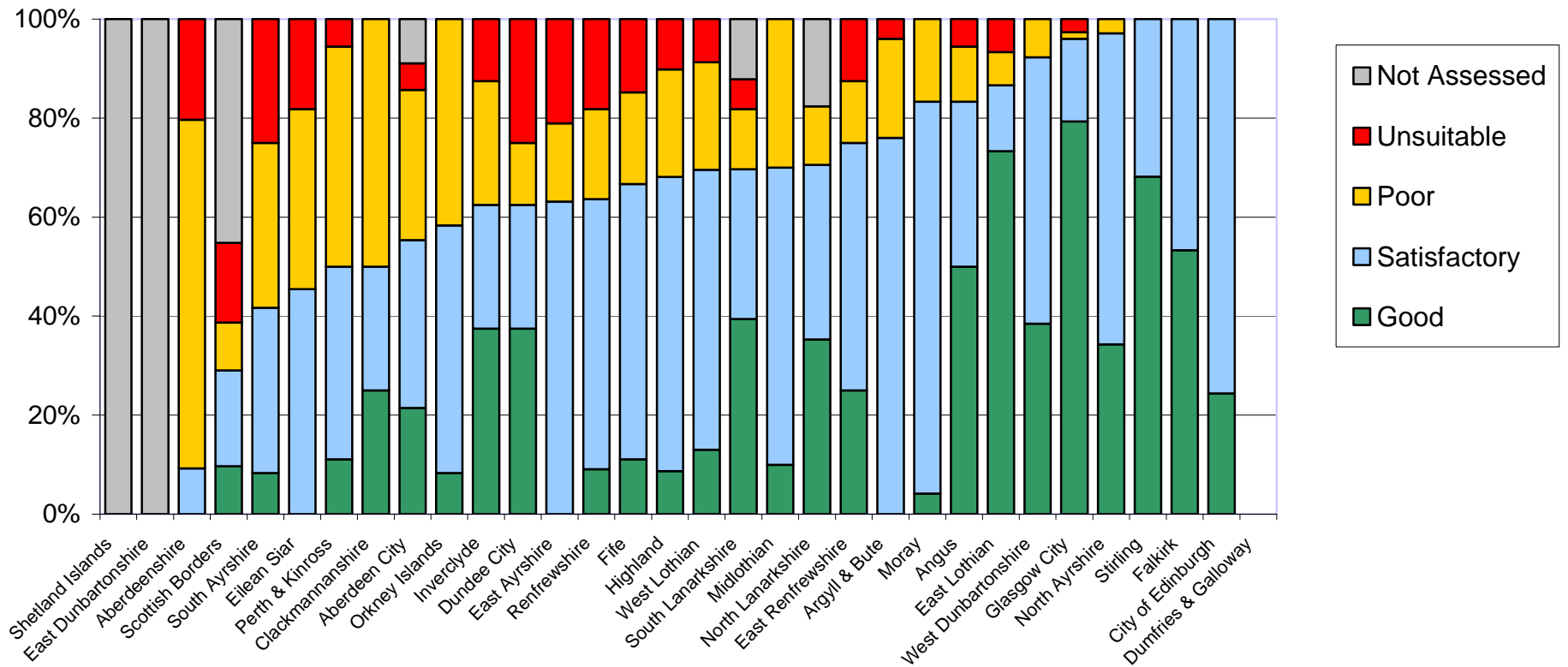
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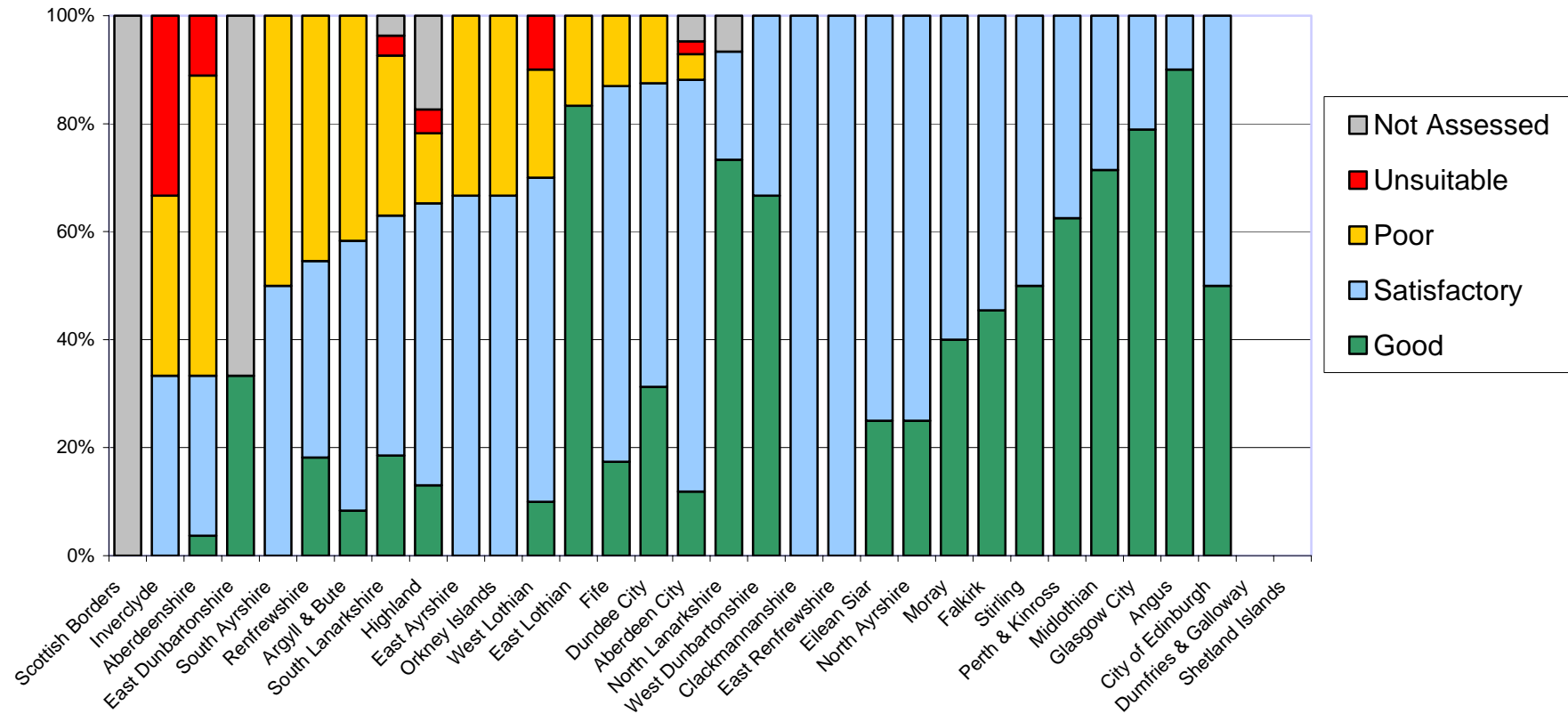


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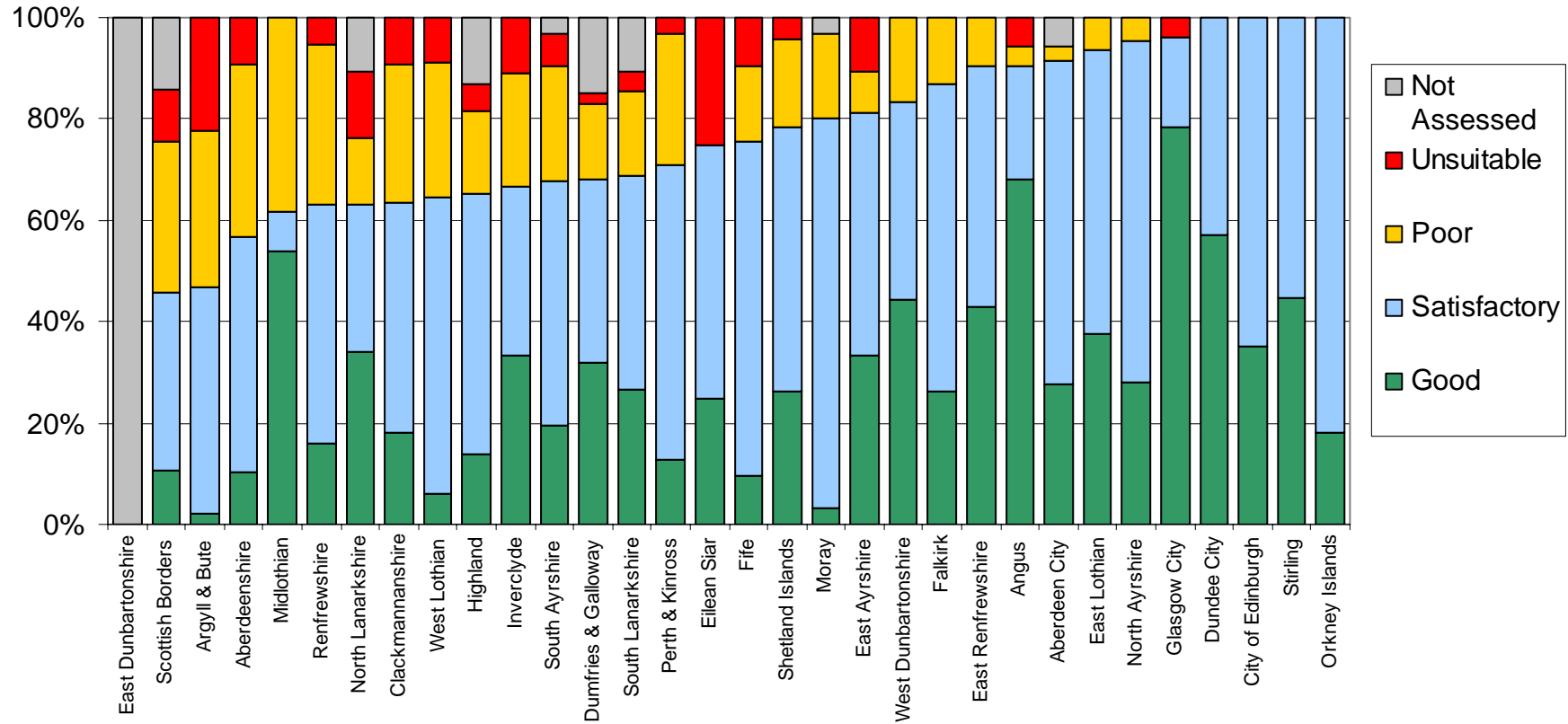
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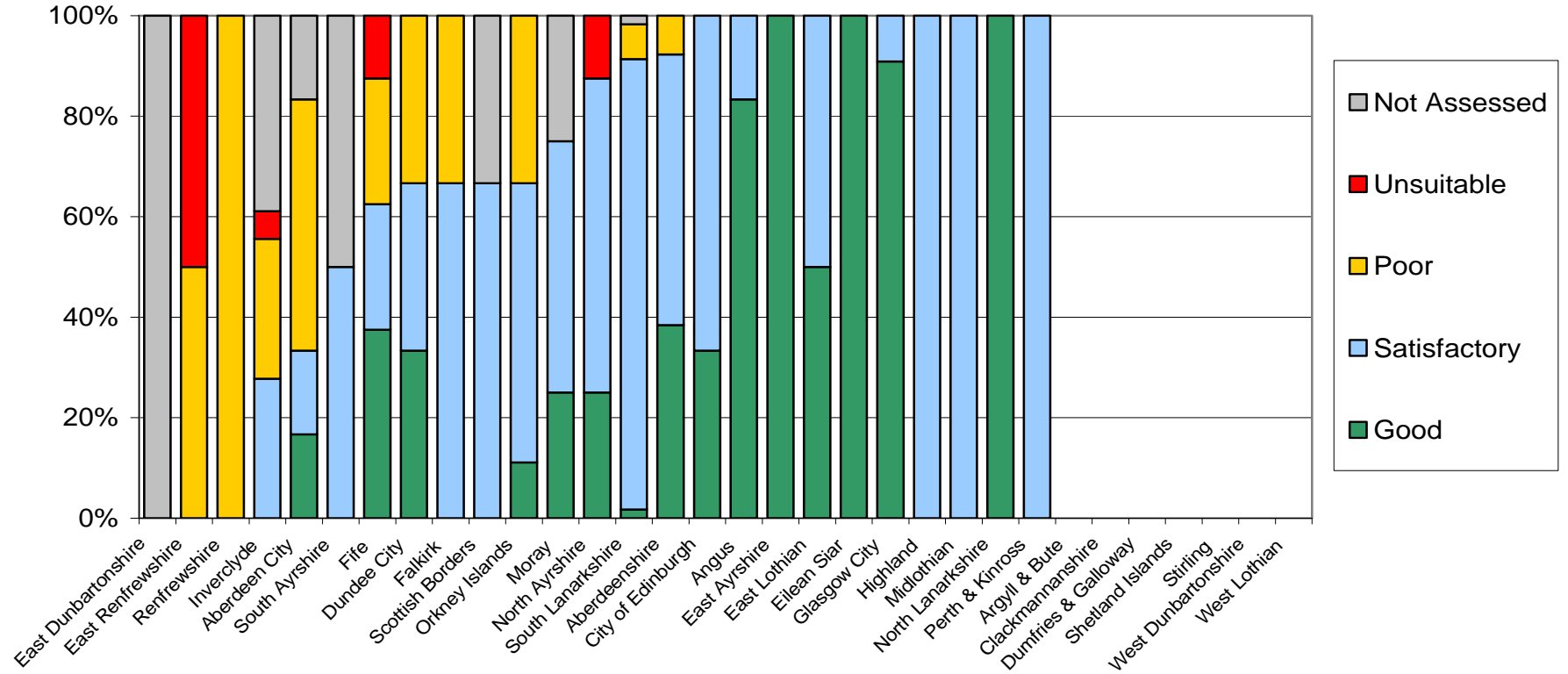
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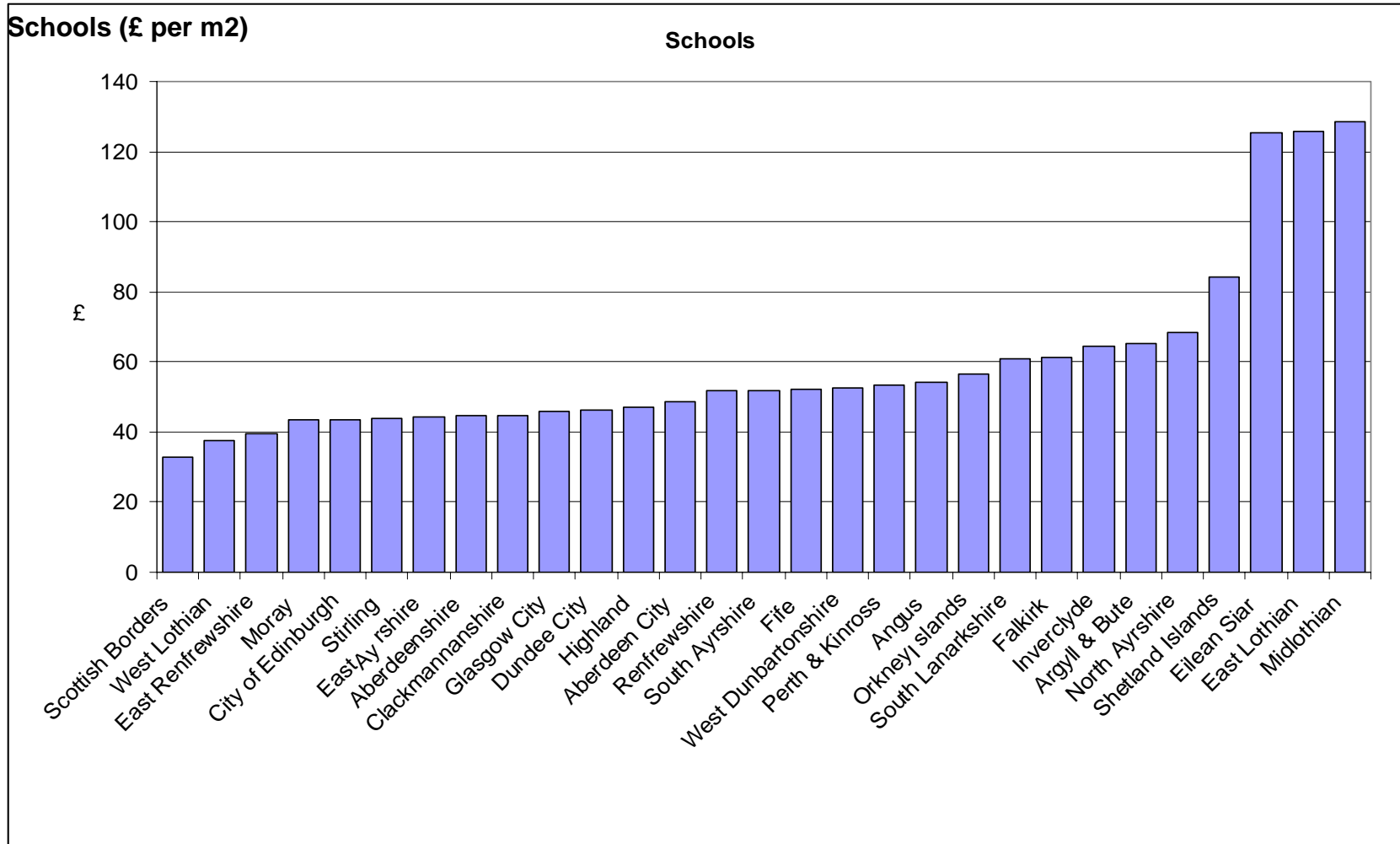
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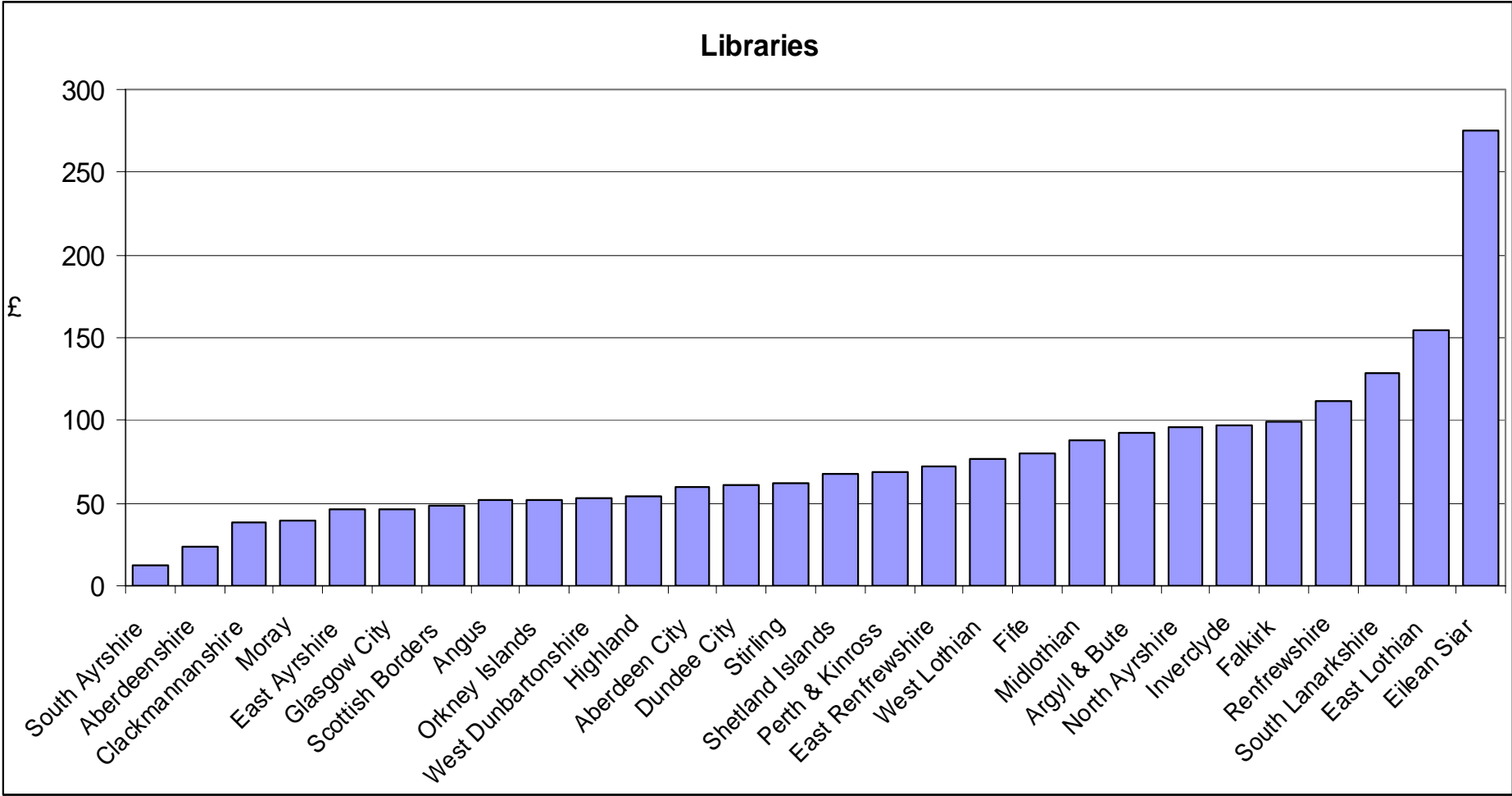
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### Property Costs / Type of Building

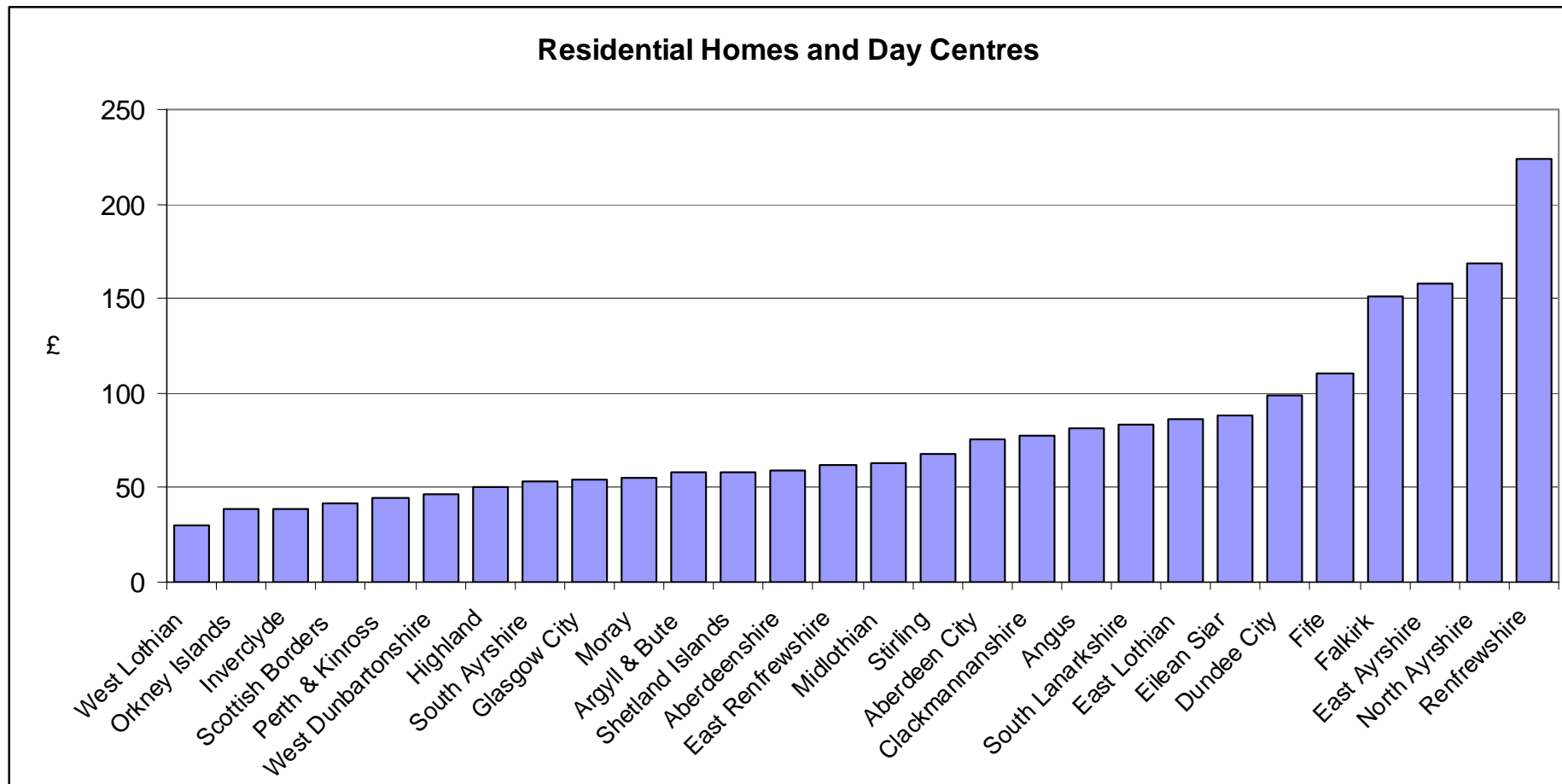
(Please note: Not all councils were able to provide full information in this area)



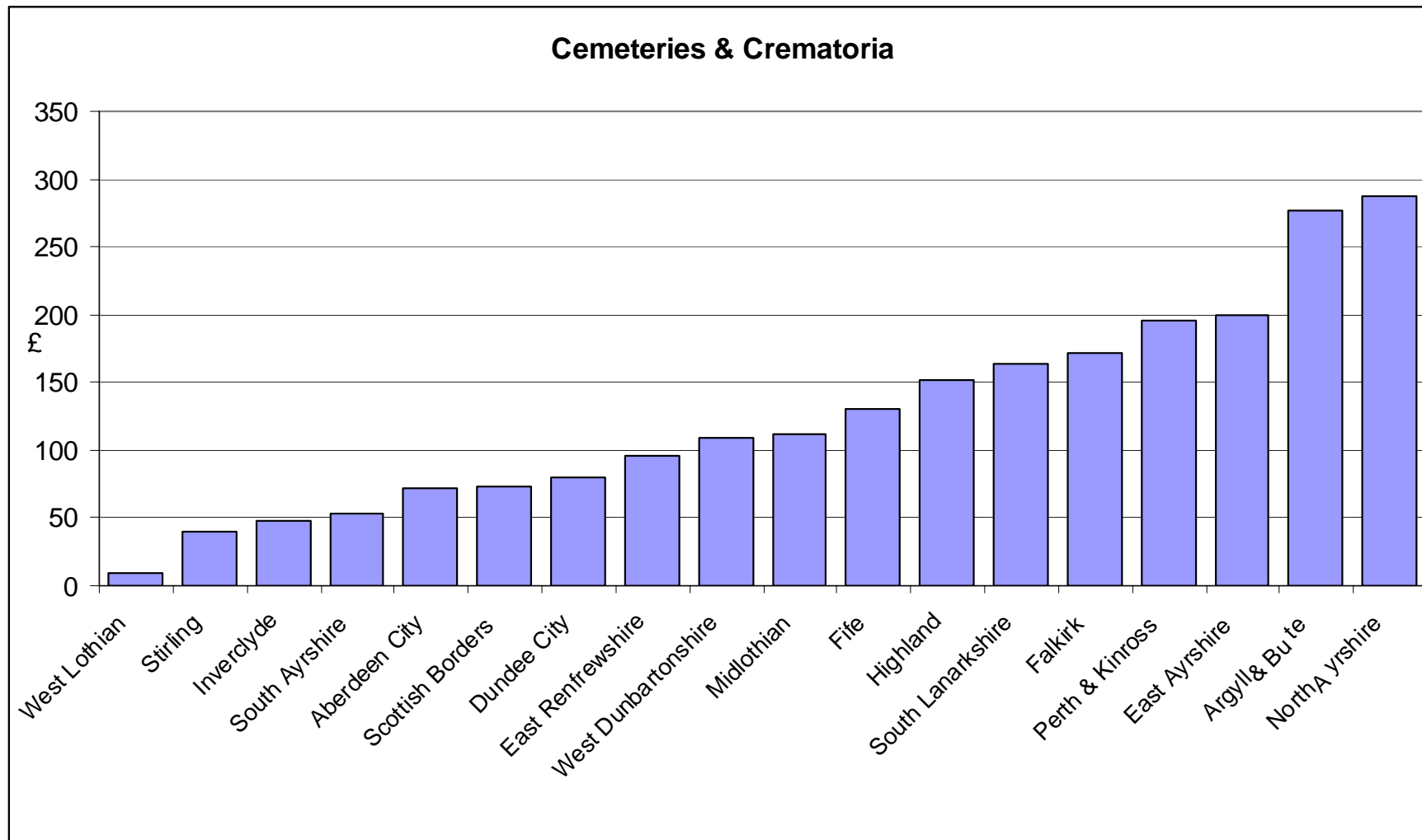
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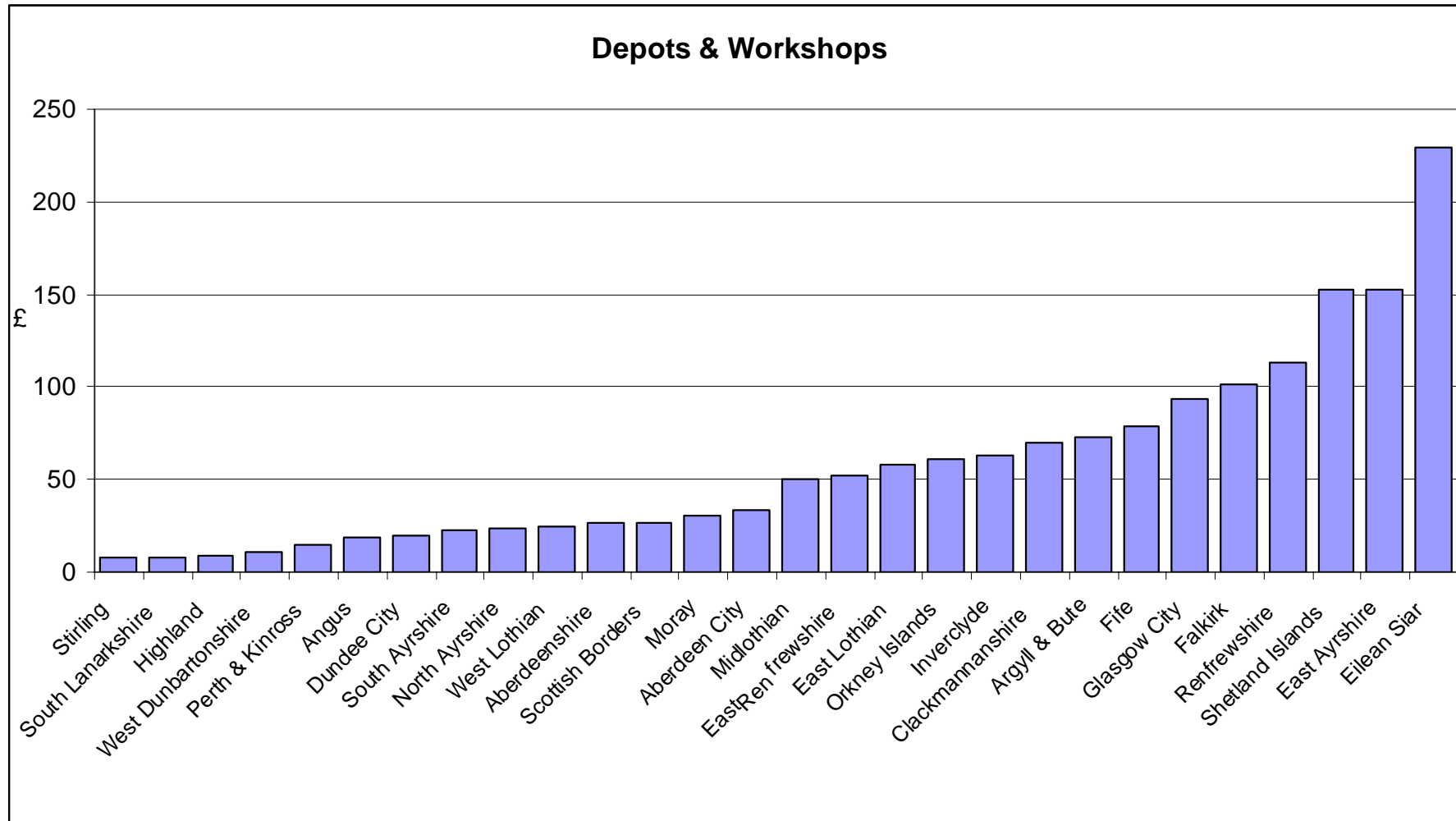
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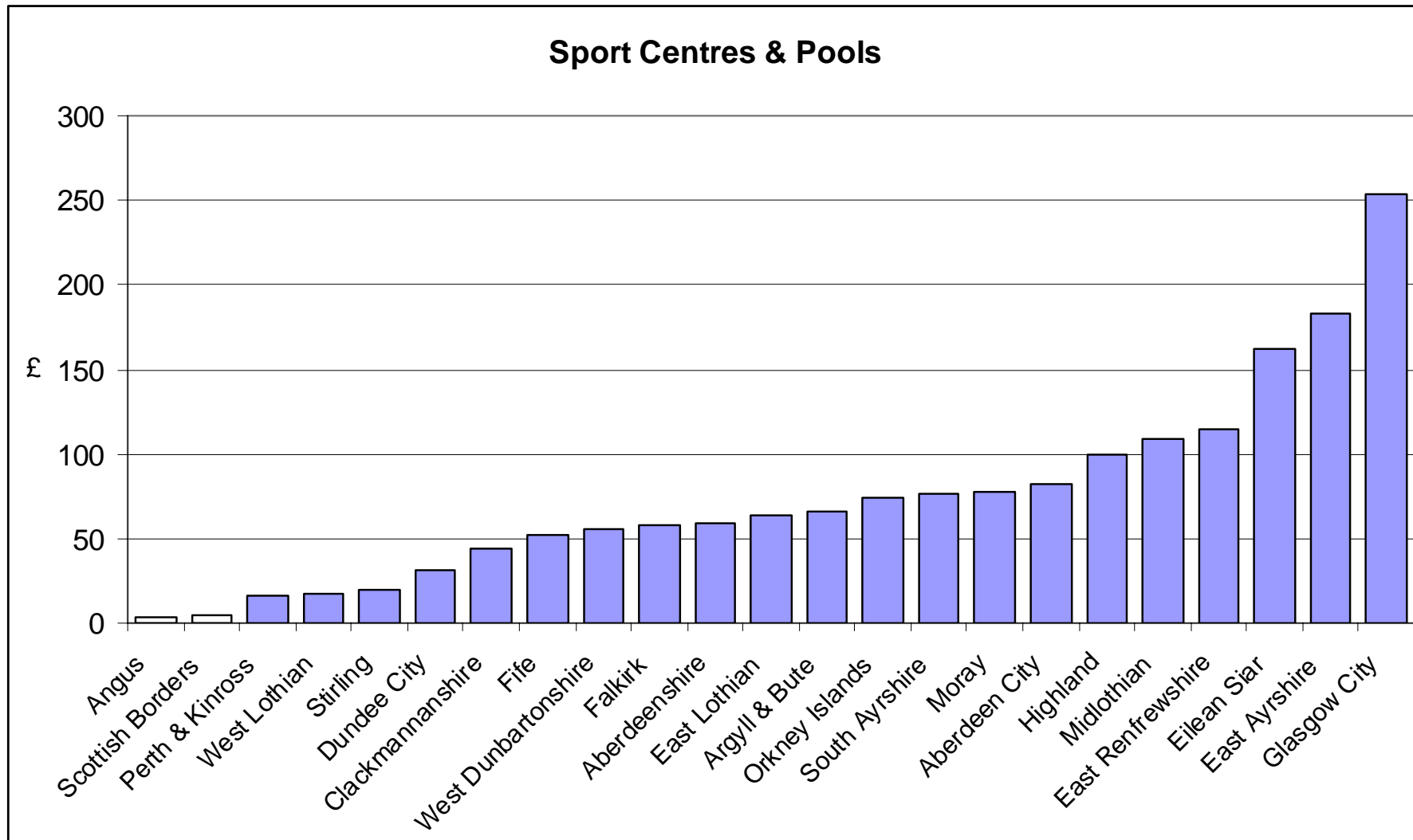


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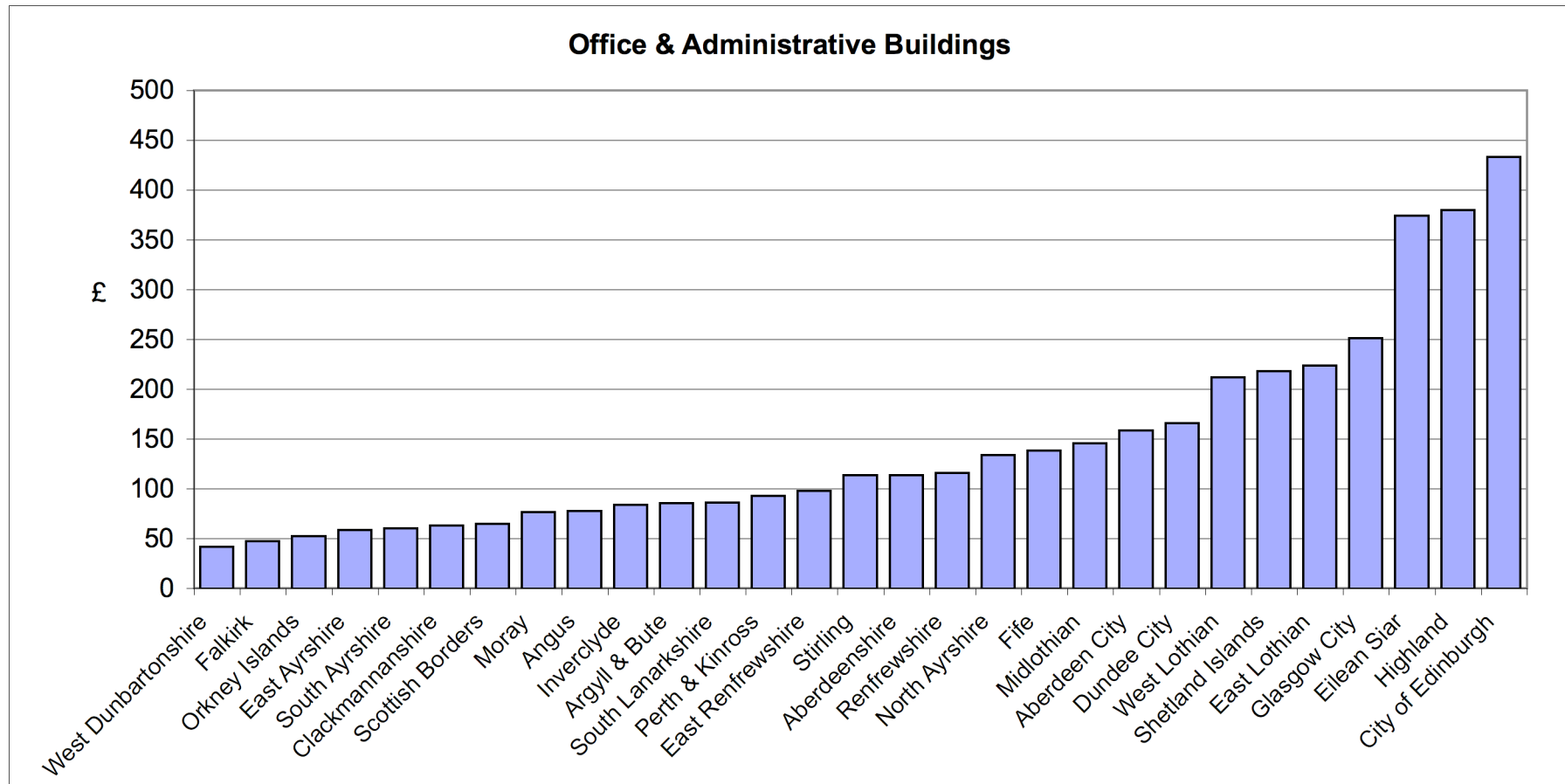




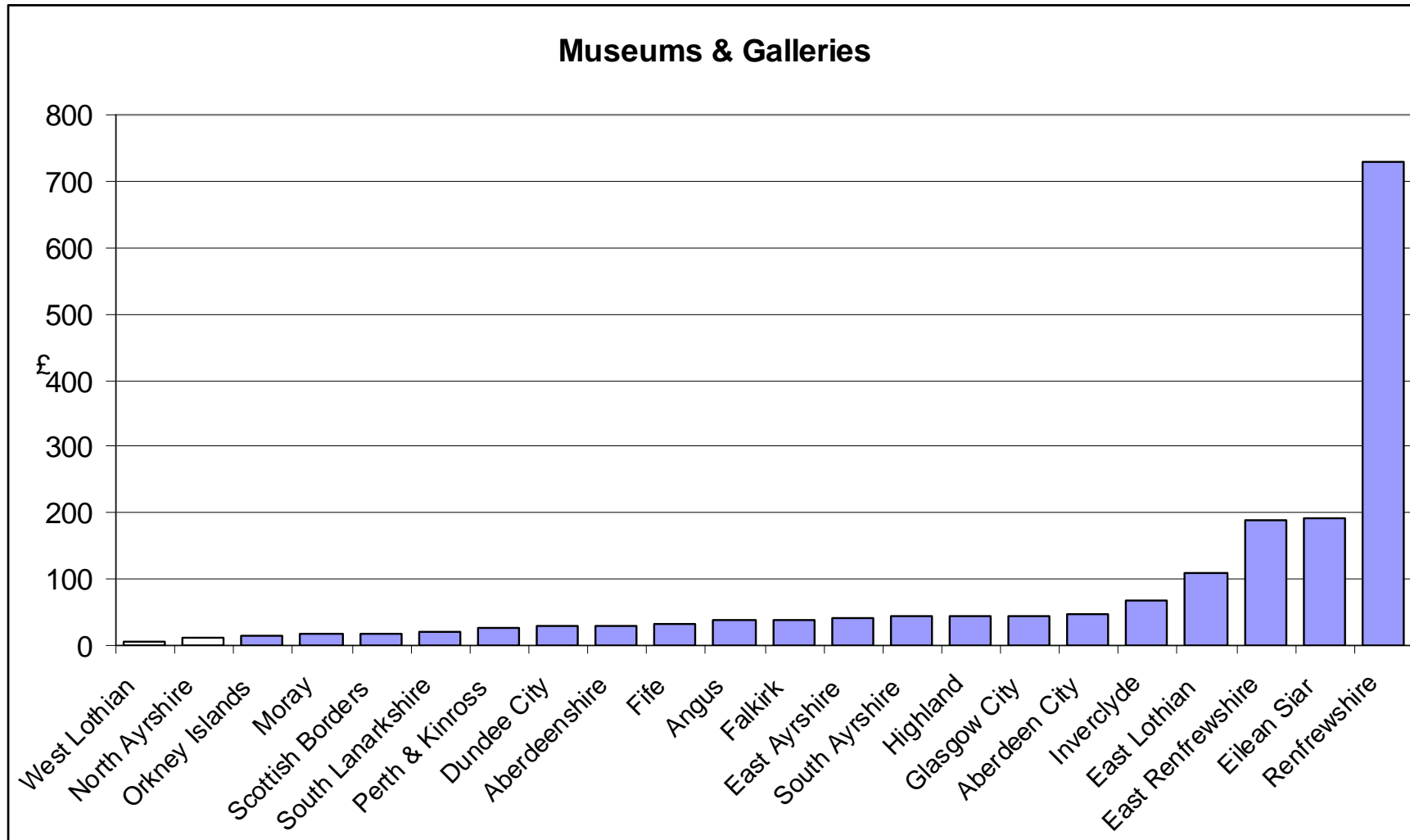
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