

# Insight

## Falkirk East Constituency

### Scottish Parliamentary Election 2016

Falkirk Council

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This insight contains the latest (2014) estimates of the Scottish Parliamentary constituency total population within the Falkirk Council area. The total population of the Falkirk Council area is 157,640 (NRS mid-year estimate 2014).

#### Introduction

The Falkirk Council area is split between Falkirk East and Falkirk West Parliamentary constituencies. National Records of Scotland (NRS) publishes a yearly population estimate. The Falkirk East estimate population is 78,486.

Table 1: Basic Facts Falkirk East

Basic Facts	
Area (hectares)	19,725
Population (2014)	78,486
Electorate	59,453
Housing Stock	35,633
Households	35,475
Jobs (rounded)	26,900
Unemployment (January 2016)	2.0%

Table 2: Major Settlement Populations

Major Settlement Populations	
Grangemouth	16,780
Bo'ness	14,536
Carron/Carronshore	5,504
Polmont	5,326
Brightons	4,274
Maddiston	3,635
Redding	3,233
Laurieston	2,614
Shieldhill	2,468
Airth	1,878
Reddingmuirhead	1,795
Slamannan	1,394
Westquarter	1,062

Source: 2014 MYE National Records of Scotland and R&I estimates  
Note: Stenhousemuir (total population 9,944) is split between Falkirk East and Falkirk West constituencies

The age group with the highest population in Falkirk East is the “45-49” age groups. This is similar to Scotland as a whole with the highest population in the age groups “45-49” and “50-54”.

Table 3: Population Falkirk East 2014

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	Falkirk East %	Scotland %
0-4	2,257	2,086	4,343	5.2%	5.5%
5-9.	2,245	2,225	4,470	5.5%	5.4%
10-14.	2,098	2,024	4,122	5.0%	5.1%
15-19	2,514	2,199	4,713	5.5%	5.8%
20-24	2,328	2,194	4,522	5.5%	6.9%
25-29	2,098	2,258	4,356	5.6%	6.7%
30-34	2,281	2,518	4,799	6.3%	6.4%
35-39	2,383	2,579	4,962	6.4%	5.9%
40-44	2,800	2,922	5,722	7.3%	6.7%
45-49	3,084	3,228	6,312	8.0%	7.5%
50-54	2,997	3,092	6,089	7.7%	7.5%
55-59	2,582	2,688	5,270	6.7%	6.6%
60-64	2,328	2,455	4,783	6.1%	5.9%
65-69	2,249	2,404	4,653	6.0%	5.7%
70-74	1,587	1,810	3,397	4.5%	4.3%
75-79	1,234	1,547	2,781	3.8%	3.5%
80-84	730	1,027	1,757	2.6%	2.5%
85-89	340	590	930	1.5%	1.4%
90+	158	348	506	0.9%	0.7%
Total	38,292	40,194	78,486	100.0%	100.0%

Source: 2014 MYE National Records of Scotland

Table 4: Benefit Claimants August 2015

Benefit	Falkirk East		Scotland	
	Claimants	Per 1,000 Population	Claimants	Per 1,000 Population
State Pension	15,194	193.6	1,026,270	191.9
Pension Credit	2,522	32.1	199,290	37.3
Disability Living Allowance	4,703	59.9	318,890	59.6
Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance/ESA	3,740	47.7	275,150	51.5
Income Support	786	10.0	63,540	11.9
Jobseekers Allowance/Universal Credit	975	12.4	79,515	14.9

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The unemployment figures for Falkirk East include claims for Universal Credit and Jobseekers Allowance. The Falkirk East percentage is based on the working age population (ages 16-64).

Table 5: Unemployment January 2016

Gender	Falkirk East		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
Males	680	1.3%	54,090	1.5%
Females	335	0.7%	23,730	0.7%
Total	1,015	2.0%	77,820	2.2%

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The Falkirk East employment sector with the highest employment count is "Manufacturing" (20.5%). The sector with the lowest employment count is "Agriculture, Mining and Utilities" (1.2%).

Table 6: Employment, by Sector 2014

Sector	Falkirk East		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
Primary (agriculture, mining, utilities)	300	1.2%	108,400	4.4%
Manufacturing	5,500	20.5%	186,500	7.7%
Construction	2,100	7.7%	136,900	5.6%
Wholesale, retail trade & repair of motor vehicles/cycles	4,000	14.6%	361,800	14.8%
Accommodation and Restaurants	1,400	5.2%	174,900	7.2%
Public Sector	5,300	20.0%	738,900	30.3%
Financial and Real Estate	500	1.8%	112,700	4.6%
Transport, Storage and Communication	3,500	13.1%	162,100	6.7%
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	1,600	5.9%	159,700	6.6%
Administrative and Support Services	1,700	6.4%	194,600	8.0%
Other	1,000	3.7%	100,500	4.1%
Total		100.0%		100.0%

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Table 7: Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit 2013-14

In Work Families	With Children		No children
	WTC and CTC	CTC Only	WTC Only
	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)
Falkirk East	2.3	0.8	1.2
Scotland	131.5	63.3	50.4

Source: HMRC

Table 8: School Leavers 2012-13

School Leavers	Falkirk East		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
Employment	214	26.6%	11,040	20.9%
Further Education	166	20.6%	14,654	27.8%
Higher Education	244	30.3%	19,268	36.5%
Training	113	14.0%	3,308	6.3%
Unemployed and not seeking employment or training	11	1.4%	619	1.2%
Unemployed and seeking employment or training	50	6.2%	3,733	7.1%
Unknown	7	0.9%	170	0.3%
Total	805	100.0%	52,792	100.0%

Source: statistics.gov.scot

Table 9 shows Falkirk East Parliamentary constituency has the highest number of properties in "Band A" (32.6%).

Table 9: Property Count by Council Tax Band 2014

Band	Falkirk East		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Band A	11,608	32.6%	22,226	30.5%	545,714	21.4%
Band B	8,757	24.6%	19,327	26.5%	596,354	23.4%
Band C	2,919	8.2%	6,590	9.0%	409,892	16.1%
Band D	4,467	12.5%	8,600	11.8%	335,357	13.2%
Band E	4,519	12.7%	8,492	11.7%	336,045	13.2%
Band F	2,273	6.4%	5,096	7.0%	189,062	7.4%
Band G	1,057	3.0%	2,474	3.4%	120,779	4.7%
Band H	33	0.1%	62	0.1%	13,180	0.5%
Total	35,633	100.0%	72,867	100.0%	2,546,383	100.0%

Source: NRS 2014

Table 10: Dwelling Count, by Type 2014

Type	Falkirk East		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Detached	7,413	20.8%	14,437	19.8%	539,838	21.2%
Semi-detached	9,157	25.7%	17,027	23.4%	503,719	19.8%
Terrace	8,842	24.8%	17,652	24.2%	524,307	20.6%
Flat	9,697	27.2%	22,265	30.6%	964,147	37.9%
Unknown	524	1.5%	1,486	2.0%	14,372	0.6%
Total	35,633	100.0%	72,867	100.0%	2,546,383	100.0%

Source: NRS 2014

Table 11: Dwelling Count, by Room Number 2014

Room Number	Falkirk East		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
1 Room	170	0.5%	508	0.7%	22,294	0.9%
2 Rooms	2,903	8.1%	6,585	9.0%	302,046	11.9%
3 Rooms	13,020	36.5%	26,561	36.5%	743,641	29.2%
4 Rooms	12,430	34.9%	23,988	32.9%	676,468	26.6%
5 Rooms	3,520	9.9%	6,983	9.6%	417,148	16.4%
6 Rooms	2,175	6.1%	4,678	6.4%	191,232	7.5%
7+ Rooms	864	2.4%	2,024	2.8%	156,654	6.2%
Unknown	551	1.5%	1,540	2.1%	36,900	1.4%
Total	35,633	100.0%	72,867	100.0%	2,546,383	100.0%

Source: NRS 2014

Table 12: Households 2014

Households	Falkirk East		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Occupied	34,390	96.9%	70,324	96.8%	2,438,530	96.0%
Vacant	883	2.5%	1,849	2.5%	73,573	2.9%
Second Homes	202	0.6%	448	0.6%	28,435	1.1%
Total	35,475	100.0%	72,621	100.0%	2,540,538	100.0%

Source: NRS 2014

Table 13: Households Claiming Council Tax Single Adult Discount 2014

Households	Falkirk East		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Households with Single Adult Occupied Dwelling	12,932	37.6%	27,246	38.7%	953,656	39.1%
	34,390		70,324		2,438,530	

Source: NRS 2014

Table 14: Occupied Households Exempt from Paying Council Tax 2014

Households	Falkirk East		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Households with Exemption Occupied Dwelling	300	0.9%	682	1.0%	69,498	2.8%
	34,390		70,324		2,438,530	

Source: NRS 2014

Table 15 shows the average house price for “new build” properties and “all sales”, with the percentage movement each year from 2011–2015.

Table 15: House Prices

Year	Falkirk East				Falkirk			
	New Builds	Yearly Move	All Sales	Yearly Move	New Builds	Yearly Move	All Sales	Yearly Move
2011	£175,639	+12.2%	£120,468	+4.9%	£186,444	+1.7%	£122,313	-2.6%
2012	£197,013	+3.1%	£126,320	-0.1%	£189,573	+3.3%	£119,077	+0.8%
2013	£203,159	-7.0%	£126,156	+11.1%	£195,763	-8.6%	£120,001	+10.4%
2014	£188,906	+2.7%	£140,176	-1.7%	£178,986	+6.5%	£132,440	+1.0%
2015	£194,086		£137,797		£190,604		£133,813	

Source: Sasines and R&I Unit

Table 16 shows the Falkirk East constituency share of the most deprived Scottish Areas in 2012. Falkirk East accounts for 0.8% of the lowest 20 percentile ranking of most deprived areas in Scotland. Falkirk as a whole accounts for 2.2%.

Table 16: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2012

Data Zones Within:	Falkirk East		Falkirk	
	No	Scottish % Share	No	Scottish % Share
5% most deprived Scottish data zones	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
10% most deprived Scottish data zones	2	0.3%	9	1.4%
15% most deprived Scottish data zones	6	0.6%	9	0.9%
20% most deprived Scottish data zones	3	0.2%	11	0.8%

Source: SIMD 2012

Table 17: Employment and Income Deprivation 2012

Description	Falkirk East		Falkirk Total	
	No	%	No	%
Employment Deprived (% of working age population)	5,944	11.7%	12,670	12.5%
Income Deprived (% of total population)	9,337	11.9%	20,015	12.7%

Source: SIMD 2012

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