

# Insight

## Falkirk West 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 West estimate population is 79,154.

Table 1: Basic Facts Falkirk West

Basic Facts	
Area (hectares)	10,044
Population (2014)	79,154
Electorate	58,922
Housing Stock	37,234
Households	37,146
Jobs (rounded)	35,824
Unemployment (January 2016)	2.4%

Table 2: Major Settlement Populations

Major Settlement Populations	
Falkirk	35,764
Larbert	10,480
Denny	7,709
Bonnybridge	5,126
Hallglen/Glen Village	3,145
Dunipace	2,540
Banknock	2,325
Greenhill	2,319
Head of Muir	1,677
Dennyloanhead	1,623
Fankerton/Stoneywood	651
High Bonnybridge	604
Haggs	392

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 West 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 West 2014

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	Falkirk West %	Scotland %
0-4	2,334	2,269	4,603	5.6%	5.5%
5-9.	2,418	2,340	4,758	5.8%	5.4%
10-14.	2,159	2,057	4,216	5.1%	5.1%
15-19	2,323	2,103	4,426	5.2%	5.8%
20-24	2,210	2,193	4,403	5.4%	6.9%
25-29	2,247	2,321	4,568	5.7%	6.7%
30-34	2,396	2,597	4,993	6.4%	6.4%
35-39	2,541	2,558	5,099	6.3%	5.9%
40-44	3,094	3,147	6,241	7.8%	6.7%
45-49	3,211	3,289	6,500	8.1%	7.5%
50-54	2,965	2,902	5,867	7.2%	7.5%
55-59	2,418	2,552	4,970	6.3%	6.6%
60-64	2,200	2,372	4,572	5.9%	5.9%
65-69	2,193	2,209	4,402	5.5%	5.7%
70-74	1,492	1,785	3,277	4.4%	4.3%
75-79	1,223	1,574	2,797	3.9%	3.5%
80-84	768	1,099	1,867	2.7%	2.5%
85-89	387	664	1,051	1.6%	1.4%
90+	150	393	543	1.0%	0.7%
Total	38,730	40,424	79,154	100.0%	100.0%

Source: 2014 MYE National Records of Scotland

Table 4: Benefit Claimants August 2015

Benefit	Falkirk West		Scotland	
	Claimants	Per 1,000 Population	Claimants	Per 1,000 Population
State Pension	14,806	187.1	1,026,270	191.9
Pension Credit	2,978	37.6	199,290	37.3
Disability Living Allowance	5,257	66.4	318,890	59.6
Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance/ESA	4,065	51.4	275,150	51.5
Income Support	954	12.1	63,540	11.9
Jobseekers Allowance/Universal Credit	1,260	15.9	79,515	14.9

Source: NOMIS August 2015

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

Table 5: Unemployment January 2016

Gender	Falkirk West		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
Males	865	1.7%	54,090	1.5%
Females	365	0.7%	23,730	0.7%
Total	1,230	2.4%	77,820	2.2%

Source: NOMIS

The Falkirk West employment sector with the highest employment count is "Public Sector" (46.1%). The sectors with the lowest employment count are "Agriculture, Mining and Utilities" and "Financial and Real Estate" (both 1.2%).

Table 6: Employment, by Sector 2014

Sector	Falkirk West		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
Primary (agriculture, mining, utilities)	400	1.2%	108,400	4.4%
Manufacturing	2,100	5.8%	186,500	7.7%
Construction	2,500	6.9%	136,900	5.6%
Wholesale, retail trade & repair of motor vehicles/cycles	5,900	16.6%	361,800	14.8%
Accommodation and Restaurants	2,000	5.5%	174,900	7.2%
Public Sector	16,500	46.1%	738,900	30.3%
Financial and Real Estate	400	1.2%	112,700	4.6%
Transport, Storage and Communication	1,600	4.5%	162,100	6.7%
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	1,100	3.0%	159,700	6.6%
Administrative and Support Services	2,200	6.3%	194,600	8.0%
Other	1,100	2.9%	100,500	4.1%
Total		100.0%		100.0%

Source: NOMIS © Crown Copyright Reserved (data rounded)

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 West	1.8	0.8	0.6
Scotland	131.5	63.3	50.4

Source: HMRC

Table 8: School Leavers 2012-13

School Leavers	Falkirk West		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
Employment	219	27.7%	11,040	20.9%
Further Education	154	19.5%	14,654	27.8%
Higher Education	245	31.0%	19,268	36.5%
Training	99	12.5%	3,308	6.3%
Unemployed and not seeking employment or training	9	1.1%	619	1.2%
Unemployed and seeking employment or training	60	7.6%	3,733	7.1%
Unknown	4	0.5%	170	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>52,792</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: statistics.gov.scot

Table 9 shows Falkirk West Parliamentary constituency has the highest number of properties in "Band A" (28.5%).

Table 9: Property Count by Council Tax Band 2014

Band	Falkirk West		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Band A	10,618	28.5%	22,226	30.5%	545,714	21.4%
Band B	10,570	28.4%	19,327	26.5%	596,354	23.4%
Band C	3,671	9.9%	6,590	9.0%	409,892	16.1%
Band D	4,133	11.1%	8,600	11.8%	335,357	13.2%
Band E	3,973	10.7%	8,492	11.7%	336,045	13.2%
Band F	2,823	7.6%	5,096	7.0%	189,062	7.4%
Band G	1,417	3.8%	2,474	3.4%	120,779	4.7%
Band H	29	0.1%	62	0.1%	13,180	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,234</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>72,867</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,546,383</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: NRS 2014

Table 10: Dwelling Count, by Type 2014

Type	Falkirk West		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Detached	7,024	18.9%	14,437	19.8%	539,838	21.2%
Semi-detached	7,870	21.1%	17,027	23.4%	503,719	19.8%
Terrace	8,810	23.7%	17,652	24.2%	524,307	20.6%
Flat	12,568	33.8%	22,265	30.6%	964,147	37.9%
Unknown	962	2.6%	1,486	2.0%	14,372	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,234</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>72,867</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,546,383</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: NRS 2014

Table 11: Dwelling Count, by Room Number 2014

Room Number	Falkirk West		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
1 Room	338	0.9%	508	0.7%	22,294	0.9%
2 Rooms	3,682	9.9%	6,585	9.0%	302,046	11.9%
3 Rooms	13,541	36.4%	26,561	36.5%	743,641	29.2%
4 Rooms	11,558	31.0%	23,988	32.9%	676,468	26.6%
5 Rooms	3,463	9.3%	6,983	9.6%	417,148	16.4%
6 Rooms	2,503	6.7%	4,678	6.4%	191,232	7.5%
7+ Rooms	1,160	3.1%	2,024	2.8%	156,654	6.2%
Unknown	989	2.7%	1,540	2.1%	36,900	1.4%
Total	37,234	100.0%	72,867	100.0%	2,546,383	100.0%

Source: NRS 2014

Table 12: Households 2014

Households	Falkirk West		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Occupied	35,934	96.7%	70,324	96.8%	2,438,530	96.0%
Vacant	966	2.6%	1,849	2.5%	73,573	2.9%
Second Homes	246	0.7%	448	0.6%	28,435	1.1%
Total	37,146	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 West		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Households with Single Adult Occupied Dwelling	14,314	39.8%	27,246	38.7%	953,656	39.1%
	35,934		70,324		2,438,530	

Source: NRS 2014

Table 14: Occupied Households Exempt from Paying Council Tax 2014

Households	Falkirk West		Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Households with Exemption Occupied Dwelling	382	1.1%	682	1.0%	69,498	2.8%
	35,934		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: Average House Prices 2011-2015

Year	Falkirk West				Falkirk			
	New Builds	Yearly Move	All Sales	Yearly Move	New Builds	Yearly Move	All Sales	Yearly Move
2011	£201,840	-23.7%	£124,146	-9.6%	£186,444	+1.7%	£122,313	-2.6%
2012	£153,929	+15.5%	£112,276	+1.0%	£189,573	+3.3%	£119,077	+0.8%
2013	£177,728	-10.2%	£113,395	+9.4%	£195,763	-8.6%	£120,001	+10.4%
2014	£159,552	+11.6%	£124,027	+4.0%	£178,986	+6.5%	£132,440	+1.0%
2015	£177,982		£128,939		£190,604		£133,813	

Source: Sasines and R&I Unit

Table 16 shows the Falkirk West constituency share of the most deprived Scottish Areas in 2012. Falkirk West accounts for 1.4% 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 West		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	7	1.1%	9	1.4%
15% most deprived Scottish data zones	3	0.3%	9	0.9%
20% most deprived Scottish data zones	8	0.6%	11	0.8%

Source: SIMD 2012

Table 17: Employment and Income Deprivation 2012

Description	Falkirk West		Falkirk	
	No	%	No	%
Employment Deprived (% of working age population)	6,726	13.2%	12,670	12.5%
Income Deprived (% of total population)	10,678	13.5%	20,015	12.7%

Source: SIMD 2012

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House Prices: Register of Sasines and R&I Unit  
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