

Insight

2011 Census



Falkirk Council

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No 2 – Population by age and gender; and households

National Records of Scotland (NRS) published the first results from the 2011 Census in December 2012. These showed the estimated usually resident population for Scotland (by five year age bands and gender) and the estimated population of each local authority area. All figures were rounded to the nearest 1,000.

This Insight describes the data in release 1B which was published on 21st March 2013. It contains more detailed figures for Scotland and figures for each local authority by five year age bands and gender as well as the Census figures for the number of households in each local authority.

Falkirk population

The estimated population for the Falkirk Council area in the 2011 Census was **156,000**. This compares with the previous NRS mid year estimate of population of 154,380. Thus the Council area's population is 1% higher than previously thought.

The population has grown by 10,800, or 7.4%, since 2001, the 7th largest increase in Scotland. Aberdeenshire was the fastest growing council area. Four council areas recorded declining populations – Argyll & Bute, Inverclyde, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire.

There were 76,100 men (48.8% of the total) and 79,900 women (51.2%) living in the Falkirk area in 2011.

Table 1 shows the breakdown of the population by five year age band and gender and a comparison with Scotland as a whole.

Table 1: 2011 Census population by age and gender

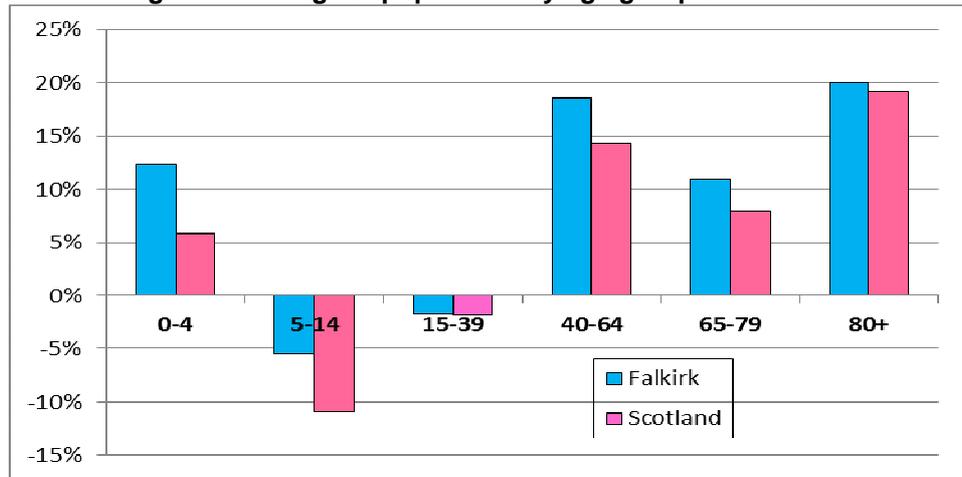
Age group	Males	Females	Total	%	Scotland %
0-4	4,700	4,600	9,300	6.0%	5.5%
5-9	4,300	4,100	8,400	5.4%	5.1%
10-14	4,600	4,300	8,900	5.7%	5.5%
15-19	4,900	4,500	9,300	6.0%	6.2%
20-24	4,400	4,400	8,800	5.6%	6.9%
25-29	4,500	4,800	9,300	6.0%	6.5%
30-34	4,800	4,900	9,800	6.3%	6.1%
35-39	5,500	5,800	11,300	7.2%	6.4%
40-44	6,300	6,400	12,600	8.1%	7.5%
45-49	6,100	6,300	12,400	7.9%	7.8%
50-54	5,500	5,500	11,000	7.0%	7.1%
55-59	4,600	4,900	9,500	6.1%	6.2%
60-64	4,900	5,100	10,100	6.5%	6.4%
65-69	3,600	3,900	7,600	4.9%	4.9%
70-74	3,000	3,500	6,500	4.2%	4.2%
75-79	2,200	2,800	5,100	3.3%	3.4%
80+	2,300	3,900	6,200	4.0%	4.4%
Total	76,100	79,900	156,000	100%	100%

Figures rounded to nearest 100. Note that not all figures add up to totals shown due to rounding

Falkirk generally has a higher proportion of children and adults aged 30-49 and fewer people aged 75+ than in Scotland as a whole.

Figure 1 shows the change in different age groups between 2001 and 2011 in Falkirk compared to Scotland.

Figure 1: Change in population by age group 2001 to 2011



Overall across Scotland there was a 6% decrease in the number of children aged under 15 in the last 10 years, however, Falkirk was one of only three councils in Scotland which saw an increase although the increase was very small. The number of children under 5 increased by 12.4% between 2001 and 2011 – the fourth highest rate of increase in Scotland.

Most councils, including Falkirk, saw a decrease in the number of people aged 15-39 between 2001 and 2011. On the other hand, the numbers aged 40-64 increased by 18.6%.

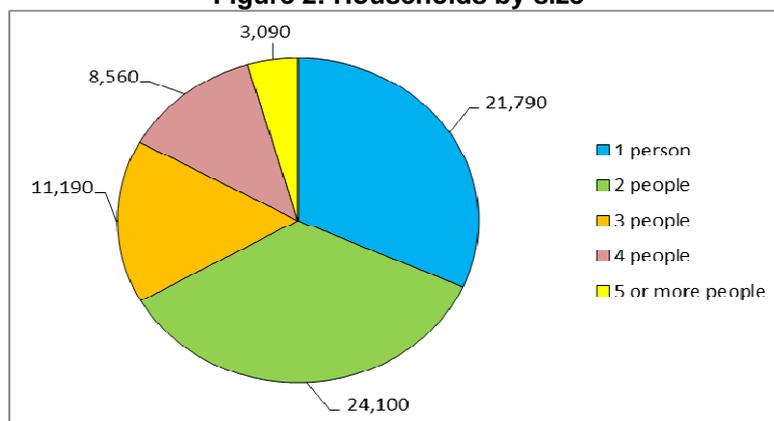
Falkirk had the 8th lowest percentage of people aged 65+ in Scotland at 16.2%. Numbers in this age group grew by 10.6% across Scotland but by 13% in Falkirk. There has been a 20% increase in the number of people aged 80+ in the last ten years in Falkirk.

Households

The number of households with usual residents in Falkirk recorded in the 2011 Census was **68,730**. This is actually a slightly lower figure than the previously estimated figure for 2011 of 68,974. It is however an increase of 6,130 or 9.8% from 2001. This compares with an increase in the population of 7.4%.

Figure 2 shows the proportion of households by household size. The largest number of households consist of two people - 35% of the total. Single person households now make up 31% of the total. There has been relatively little change in the numbers and percentage of households of different sizes since 2001, the main difference being the increase in the numbers of two person households. In the longer term, the number of single person households has trebled since 1971 while the number of households of five or more people has halved.

Figure 2: Households by size



Average household size in Scotland in 2011 was 2.19 persons per household, ranging from 2.02 persons per household in Glasgow to 2.42 in East Renfrewshire. Average household size in Falkirk was 2.24 persons per household.

Average household size fell from 2.27 persons per household across Scotland in 2001 and from 2.29 persons per household in Falkirk.

Scotland

The population of Scotland on Census day 2011 (27th March 2011) was 5,295,400 – the highest ever figure. This is some 40,700 higher than the previous estimate by NRS for mid 2011 which was made before the Census results became available. There were 2,567,400 men (48.5% of the population) and 2,728,000 women (51.5%)

The population has increased by 233,400 since 2001, an increase of 5%.

There were 2,372,780 households with at least one usual resident in Scotland in 2011. This is an increase of 180,530 or 8% over 2001.

There were more single person households than any other household size in Scotland as a whole.

Further information

Further information can be had from Research and Information Team or from the National Records of Scotland website: <http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/en/censusresults/bulletin.html>

Further Insights will be published as NRS release more 2011 Census data.

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