

Falkirk as a Location



Falkirk Council

Introduction

Falkirk has a growing population of over 158,460. The main towns are Falkirk itself, Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Denny. Falkirk has excellent motorway and rail links, a sea terminal and 60% of Scotland's population is within a 60 minute journey.

Business

The Falkirk area employs more people in the chemicals industry (11.6%) than any other local authority in Scotland. This represents 13.6% of the total chemical industry turnover of £4.7 billion for Scotland. Other key sectors include transport, vehicle manufacturing, timber processing and tourism and leisure.

Education

Forth Valley College provides further and higher education services to the community with nearly 10,000 students currently enrolled in Falkirk. Planning is underway to build a new £83 million Falkirk campus, with building work expected to be completed by August 2019. This improves job prospects for the unemployed and successful learner collaboration.

Leisure and Tourism

Falkirk town is the main administrative and shopping centre for the area. Leisure attractions include the Falkirk Wheel, Helix park and the Kelpies, Callendar House and park, Dollar park, Muiravonside Country Park, Bo'ness Steam Railway, Blackness Castle, the Antonine Wall, the Dunmore Pineapple, the John Muir Way, the Jupiter Centre, cinemas, football clubs, sports and athletic centres and libraries.

The world famous Falkirk Wheel, built as part of the Millennium project, is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Scotland.

The Helix is an exciting new parkland providing activities such as cycling, walking and water sports. The Helix is also home to The Kelpies, two 30-metre-high horse head sculptures.

Population by age group 2015

	%	No
0-4	5.5%	8,790
5-15	12.3%	19,528
16-19	4.5%	7,120
20-24	5.8%	9,196
25-49	33.5%	53,126
50-64	20.3%	32,152
65+	18.0%	28,548
Total	100.0%	158,460
Male	48.9%	77,494
Female	51.1%	80,966

National Records of Scotland (NRS) mid year estimate 2015 shows Falkirk has a population of 158,460, an increase of 770 from the revised 2014 amount. Scotland has an estimated population of 5,373,000, an increase of 25,400 from the revised 2014 amount.

Population by settlement 2015

	No
Falkirk	35,858
Grangemouth	16,701
Bo'ness	14,572
Larbert	10,801
Stenhousemuir	9,784
Denny	7,748
Polmont	5,278
Bonnybridge	5,097

Population projection 2014 based

Population projections 2014 to 2039	Falkirk	Scotland
	No	No
2014	157,690	5,347,600
2019	160,861	5,427,982
2024	164,073	5,514,402
2029	166,819	5,595,826
2034	169,107	5,658,708
2039	170,870	5,701,476

The population of Falkirk is projected to rise by 8.4% over the next 25 years.

The population of 21 of the 32 local authority areas in Scotland are projected to increase over the next 25 years. The areas projected to show the largest increases over this period are Midlothian (25.7%), City of Edinburgh (20.7%) and East Lothian (17.8%).

The population of pensionable age and over is projected to increase in all local authority areas.

Scotland's population is projected to rise by 6.6% over the next 25 years.

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Income and earnings 2015

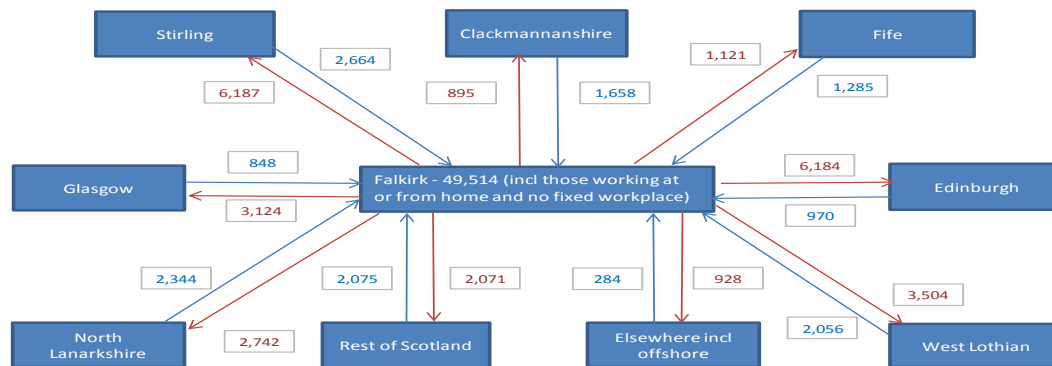
	Gross weekly pay (full time) 2015	
	Falkirk	Scotland
	£	£
Male	548.2	560.8
Female	457.1	474.0
Total	514.1	527.0

The average income for full-time workers in the Falkirk area is £27,001, an increase from £26,333 in 2014. Gross weekly pay is slightly below the Scotland average. The annual survey of hours and earnings is produced by ONS © Crown Copyright

Commuting (Census 2011)

The area with the highest number of people commuting to Falkirk is Stirling (2,664) followed by North Lanarkshire (2,344).

The area with the highest number of people commuting from Falkirk is Stirling (6,187) followed by Edinburgh (6,184), then West Lothian (3,504).



House prices to September 2016

	Falkirk	Scotland
	£	£
Average residential property price		
July-September 2016	135,961	170,309
July-September 2015	128,993	169,334
Movement in house prices	%	%
Quarter 2 2015 to 2016	+5.4%	+0.6%
Volume of residential property sales	No	No
July-September 2016	778	26,982
July-September 2015	778	27,279

The average residential property price in Falkirk is lower than the Scottish average. The latest data from Registers of Scotland (ROS) is July-September 2016 (quarter 2).

Business property and sites

The Falkirk Council Local Development Plan is the strategic land use plan which provides the broad framework for detailed planning policies in determining planning applications. The purpose is to indicate the general scale and location of future development in line with national policies set by the Scottish Government. You can access the plan at: <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/planning-building/planning-policy/local-development-plan>

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