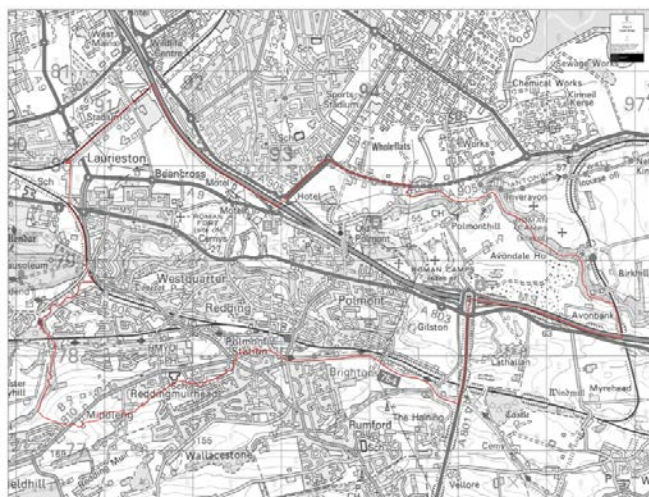


Lower Braes



Insight

This insight presents key findings of the revised ward boundary. The Falkirk (Electoral Arrangements) Order was agreed by the Scottish Parliament in September 2016, and applies only for the purposes of an election to be held on or after 4th May 2017.

Basic facts

	Ward	Falkirk
Area (hectares)	1,172	31,493
Total population (2015)	14,965	158,460
Population density	12.8	5.0
Number of houses (2015)	6,521	73,290
Number of households (2015)	6,381	71,186
Average household size	2.3	2.2
Vacancy rate (2015)	1.7%	2.3%
Forecast electorate	11,117	116,616
Unemployment rate (Nov 2016)	1.3%	2.2%

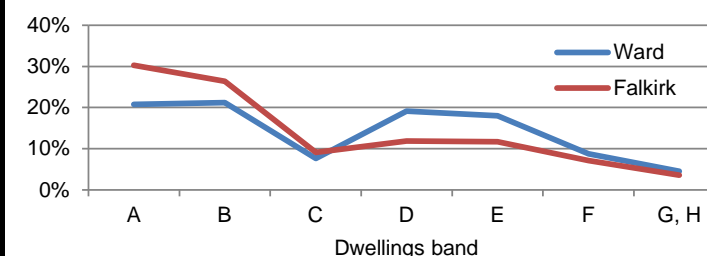
Population by age 2015

	Ward No	Falkirk No
0-4	876	8,790
5-11	1,073	12,856
12-15	556	6,672
16-19	752	7,120
20-24	905	9,196
25-44	3,970	40,449
45-59	3,190	35,583
60-64	900	9,246
65-74	1,574	16,127
75-84	832	9,340
85+	337	3,081
Total	14,965	158,460
	%	%
0-4	5.9%	5.5%
5-11	7.2%	8.1%
12-15	3.7%	4.2%
16-19	5.0%	4.5%
20-24	6.0%	5.8%
25-44	26.5%	25.5%
45-59	21.3%	22.5%
60-64	6.0%	5.8%
65-74	10.5%	10.2%
75-84	5.6%	5.9%
85+	2.3%	1.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
	No	No
Male	7,356	77,494
Female	7,609	80,966

Every year the National Records of Scotland (NRS) publish estimates of the population in each Local Authority area in Scotland. The small area estimates for 2015 were published in August 2016.

Dwellings by council tax band 2015

Band	Ward No	Ward %	Falkirk %
A	1,364	20.7%	30.2%
B	1,396	21.2%	26.4%
C	500	7.6%	9.1%
D	1,257	19.1%	11.9%
E	1,185	18.0%	11.7%
F	577	8.8%	7.1%
G and H	300	4.6%	3.6%
Total	6,579	100.0%	100.0%



Dwellings 2015

	Ward No	Ward %	Falkirk %
Occupied	6,381	97.9%	97.1%
Vacant	109	1.7%	2.3%
Second Homes	31	0.5%	0.6%
Occupied dwellings exempt from paying council tax	55	0.9%	1.0%
Single Adult c tax discount (percentage of occupied)	2,109	33.1%	38.5%
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Dwellings by type 2014

	Ward No	Ward %	Falkirk %
Flat	1,284	20.0%	30.6%
Terraced	1,297	20.2%	24.2%
Semi detached	2,063	32.1%	23.4%
Detached and unknown	1,779	27.7%	21.9%
Total	6,423	100.0%	100.0%

Dwellings by room number 2014			
	Ward	Ward	Falkirk
	No	%	%
1 room	21	0.3%	0.7%
2 rooms	364	5.7%	9.0%
3 rooms	2,136	33.3%	36.5%
4 rooms	2,285	35.6%	32.9%
5 rooms+ and rooms	1,617	25.2%	20.9%
unknown	-	-	-

Unemployment November 2016			
	Ward	Falkirk	
	%	%	
Working age population (16-64)			
Males	1.2%	2.9%	
Females	1.0%	1.4%	
Total	1.3%	2.2%	

may not be exact due to roundings

Youth unemployment (18-24)			
	Ward	Falkirk	
	%	%	
Male	1.3%	3.7%	
Female	0.9%	1.1%	
Total	1.9%	3.4%	

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Benefit claimants May 2016			
	Ward	Falkirk	
	No	No	
Per 1,000 population			
State pension	194.7	189.6	
Pension credit	25.7	32.7	
Disability living allowance	47.3	58.4	
Income support	6.5	10.3	
IB/SDA*	2.4	1.6	
Employment support allowance	35.3	47.8	
Working age benefits	62.9	84.6	

* Incapacity benefit/Severe disablement allowance

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Employment 2015			
	Ward	Falkirk	
	%	%	
Primary	0.7%	0.9%	
Manufacturing	15.2%	12.8%	
Construction	7.5%	6.7%	
Wholesale, Retail and Motor trade	14.9%	15.7%	
Transport, Storage and Communication	2.9%	8.2%	
Accommodation and Food	10.9%	6.1%	
Financial and Property	1.1%	2.0%	
Professional, Scientific and Admin	8.8%	8.8%	
Public Services	36.7%	35.6%	
Other	1.3%	3.2%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	

SIMD 2016			
The Scottish Government published the 2016 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD 2016) in August 2016. This shows for every datazone (small area) in Scotland its deprivation rank. Falkirk has 214 datazones. The index is based on rankings for income, employment, health, education, housing, access and crime. Ward 8 has one datazone in the most deprived 15% of Scottish datazones - S01009217 Laurieston and Westquarter.			

	Ward	Falkirk	
	%	%	
Income deprived	8.2%	11.7%	
Employment deprived	7.4%	10.8%	
Depression/anxiety drug prescription	17.4%	18.6%	
Live singleton births of low birth weight	6.2%	5.8%	
School pupil attendance	84.2%	82.2%	
Aged 16-19 not in full time education, employment or training	6.2%	7.2%	
Aged 17-21 in full time higher education	6.0%	6.1%	
Households that are overcrowded	6.7%	8.1%	
Households without central heating	0.6%	0.9%	

Police Scotland	
Police Scotland have published a Local Policing Plan 2014-17. This plan sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for Falkirk.	
The top five problems for Ward 8 are; litter/fly tipping, anti-social driving, speeding, youths causing annoyance and parking.	
The priority actions for Ward 8 are; housebreaking, drugs, violence, anti-social behaviour and bogus callers.	

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