

Insight

2011 Census



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No 6 – Settlement Population and Household Estimates

This insight contains the latest estimates of the population and the number of households in settlements within the Falkirk Council area, based on the 2011 Census. These figures update the 2011 figures which had previously been published in September 2012. The total population of the Falkirk Council area in the 2011 Census is 155,990.

Introduction

Since 1996, Falkirk Council has published annual estimates of the population of the towns and villages within the council area. The recently published results from the 2011 Census provide an opportunity to update these figures on a more accurate basis. The data for the settlements is aggregated from Census Output Areas which have an average population of 116 people. National Records of Scotland (NRS) previously published small area population estimates for the 197 data zones in the Council area and these figures had been used to estimate the population of each settlement. This insight contains the updated figures.

Population Estimates 2011

Table 1 shows the population estimates for the settlements within the Council area in 2011.

Table 1: Settlement Population Estimates 2011 Census

Settlement	Population	Settlement	Population	Settlement	Population
Airth	1,871	Fankerton	185	Redding	2,276
Allandale	342	Glen Village	337	Reddingmuirhead	1,556
Avonbridge	652	Grangemouth	17,373	Rumford	884
Banknock	2,403	Greenhill	2,335	Shieldhill	2,523
Blackness	177	Haggs	380	Skinflats	283
Bo'ness	14,825	Hallglen	2,890	Slamannan	1,382
Bonnybridge	5,208	Head of Muir	1,685	South Alloa	112
Brightons	4,461	High Bonnybridge	642	Standburn	151
California	810	Larbert	9,143	Stenhousemuir	10,049
Carron	2,534	Laurieston	2,633	Stoneywood	343
Carronshore	2,996	Letham	165	Torwood	245
Denny	7,933	Limerigg	219	Wallacestone	693
Dennyloanhead	1,576	Longcroft	400	Westquarter	1,193
Dunipace	2,565	Maddiston	3,099	Whitecross	776
Dunmore	69	Muirhouses	228	Rural remainder	2,618
Falkirk	35,448	Polmont	5,322	Total	155,990

The largest settlement is Falkirk with a population of 35,448, followed by Grangemouth – 17,373 and Bo'ness – 14,825. The smallest is Dunmore with 69 people living there in 2011.

Population Change 2001 – 2011

The population of the Council area as a whole increased by 10,799 between 2001 and 2011, from 145,191 to 155,990 although there have been changes to the distribution. Some settlements have shown an increase in population while others decreased. Table 2 shows the population change between 2001 and 2011. . While there has been an increase in the majority of settlements, some show decreases.

Table 2: Population Change 2001-2011

Settlement	Population		Change	
	2001	2011	No	%
Airth	1,273	1,871	598	47.0%
Allandale	220	342	122	55.5%
Avonbridge	625	652	27	4.3%
Banknock	2,529	2,403	-126	-5.0%
Blackness	135	177	42	31.1%
Bo'ness	13,961	14,825	864	6.2%
Bonnybridge	4,745	5,208	463	9.8%
Brightons	3,932	4,461	529	13.5%
California	702	810	108	15.4%
Carron	2,567	2,534	-33	-1.3%
Carronshore	3,026	2,996	-30	-1.0%
Denny	7,385	7,933	548	7.4%
Dennyloanhead	1,079	1,576	497	46.1%
Dunipace	2,441	2,565	124	5.1%
Dunmore	70	69	-1	-1.4%
Falkirk	32,422	35,448	3,026	9.3%
Fankerton	214	185	-29	-13.6%
Glen Village	353	337	-16	-4.5%
Grangemouth	17,906	17,373	-533	-3.0%
Greenhill	1,265	2,335	1,070	84.6%
Haggs	383	380	-3	-0.8%
Hallglen	3,135	2,890	-245	-7.8%
Head of Muir	1,901	1,685	-216	-11.4%
High Bonnybridge	610	642	32	5.2%
Larbert	6,425	9,143	2,718	42.3%
Laurieston	2,753	2,633	-120	-4.4%
Letham	216	165	-51	-23.6%
Limerigg	213	219	6	2.8%
Longcroft	330	400	70	21.2%
Maddiston	2,925	3,099	174	5.9%
Muirhouses	234	228	-6	-2.6%
Polmont	5,422	5,322	-100	-1.8%
Redding	1,954	2,276	322	16.5%
Reddingmuirhead	561	1,556	995	177.4%
Rumford	419	884	465	111.0%
Shieldhill	2,656	2,523	-133	-5.0%
Skinflats	347	283	-64	-18.4%
Slamannan	1,398	1,382	-16	-1.1%
South Alloa	75	112	37	49.3%
Standburn	149	151	2	1.3%
Stenhousemuir	10,351	10,049	-302	-2.9%
Stoneywood	288	343	55	19.1%
Torwood	187	245	58	31.0%
Wallacestone	746	693	-53	-7.1%
Westquarter	1,105	1,193	88	8.0%
Whitecross	819	776	-43	-5.3%
Rural remainder	2,737	2,618	-119	-4.3%
Total	145,191	155,990	10,799	7.4%

Household Change 2001 – 2011

Changes to the population largely coincide with changes to the number of households in each settlement. Table 3 shows the household change between 2001 and 2011.

Table 3: Household Change 2001-2011

Settlement	Households		Change	
	2001	2011	No	%
Airth	501	733	232	46.3%
Allandale	100	154	54	54.0%
Avonbridge	274	293	19	6.9%
Banknock	954	969	15	1.6%
Blackness	65	81	16	24.6%
Bo'ness	6,046	6,671	625	10.3%
Bonnybridge	1,961	2,218	257	13.1%
Brightons	1,489	1,663	174	11.7%
California	266	312	46	17.3%
Carron	1,037	1,041	4	0.4%
Carronshore	1,164	1,229	65	5.6%
Denny	3,191	3,462	271	8.5%
Dennyloanhead	407	576	169	41.5%
Dunipace	1,044	1,156	112	10.7%
Dunmore	31	34	3	9.7%
Falkirk	15,249	16,827	1,578	10.3%
Fankerton	91	87	-4	-4.4%
Glen Village	157	154	-3	-1.9%
Grangemouth	8,486	8,474	-12	-0.1%
Greenhill	537	903	366	68.2%
Haggs	166	168	2	1.2%
Hallglen	1,232	1,243	11	0.9%
Head of Muir	709	709	0	0.0%
High Bonnybridge	250	272	22	8.8%
Larbert	2,542	3,626	1,084	42.6%
Laurieston	1,239	1,231	-8	-0.6%
Letham	86	73	-13	-15.1%
Limerigg	86	87	1	1.2%
Longcroft	146	176	30	20.5%
Maddiston	1,155	1,228	73	6.3%
Muirhouses	108	109	1	0.9%
Polmont	2,235	2,353	118	5.3%
Redding	818	966	148	18.1%
Reddingmuirhead	218	538	320	146.8%
Rumford	177	333	156	88.1%
Shieldhill	979	1,017	38	3.9%
Skinflats	135	133	-2	-1.5%
Slamannan	608	584	-24	-3.9%
South Alloa	33	52	19	57.6%
Standburn	60	62	2	3.3%
Stenhousemuir	4,264	4,369	105	2.5%
Stoneywood	126	154	28	22.2%
Torwood	70	90	20	28.6%
Wallacestone	263	279	16	6.1%
Westquarter	458	474	16	3.5%
Whitecross	336	336	0	0.0%
Rural remainder	1,049	1,033	-16	-1.5%
Total	62,598	68,732	6,134	9.8%

In both the population and household figures, the largest increases have been in areas where there has been most new house building in the ten year period 2001 to 2011 and this is most obvious in smaller settlements such as Greenhill, Reddingmuirhead, Rumford and South Alloa. However, the largest absolute changes have been in the larger settlements of Falkirk, Larbert and Bo'ness.

Where there has been little or no new housing development, the population has tended to fall, as average household size has fallen. The largest absolute decrease in population was in Grangemouth.

Where settlements are very small, population and household change should be treated with caution as changes could be due to minor changes in the boundaries of the Census Output Areas used to create these estimates and also to differences between the Censuses in the number of houses which were unoccupied at the time of the Census. For the smallest settlements, these small differences have a greater effect on the figures.

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