

Insight

2001 Census



Falkirk Council

*No 1 – First results – 2001 Census
Population of Falkirk Council area*

October 2002

This Insight reports on the first results from the 2001 Census. 145,191 people were counted in the Falkirk Council area.

Introduction

This is the first in a series of Insights which will be produced to report the results of the 2001 Census for the Falkirk Council area. The first results were published on 30th September 2002.

Background

Every ten years since 1801 (except 1941) the government has carried out a Census of the population throughout the United Kingdom. The latest one took place on 29th April 2001. Questions were asked of the whole population on topics including age, gender, economic activity, ethnicity, qualifications, limiting long term illness, housing tenure and car availability. This will provide a wealth of detailed information which will eventually be available at a very small area level.

Efforts are made to protect confidentiality when the results are published and also to adjust the figures for the small amount of undercounting which is estimated to have taken place.

The Census is a devolved function and is subject to legislation in the Scottish Parliament. The first results have been laid before Parliament. In Scotland the responsibility of the Census lies with the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS).

First results

The first results from the 2001 Census consist of population counts by age and gender for each of the 32 local authority areas in Scotland and for Scotland as a whole. The Census counted **145,191** people in Falkirk Council area and 5,062,011 in total in Scotland.

This makes Falkirk the 13th largest council in Scotland in terms of population.

Table 1 shows the breakdown of the Council area population by age and gender.

Table 1: 2001 Census population by age and gender

Age group	Males	Females	Total	%
0-4	4,290	4,016	8,306	5.7%
5-9	4,675	4,407	9,082	6.3%
10-14	4,614	4,579	9,193	6.3%
15-19	4,580	4,264	8,844	6.1%
20-24	4,095	4,074	8,169	5.6%
25-29	4,473	4,708	9,181	6.3%
30-34	5,443	5,931	11,374	7.8%
35-39	5,715	6,046	11,761	8.1%
40-44	5,293	5,424	10,717	7.4%
45-49	4,657	4,869	9,526	6.6%
50-54	5,134	5,310	10,444	7.2%
55-59	4,149	4,285	8,434	5.8%
60-64	3,732	4,042	7,774	5.4%
65-69	3,178	3,633	6,811	4.7%
70-74	2,514	3,253	5,767	4.0%
75-79	1,885	2,769	4,654	3.2%
80-84	972	1,904	2,876	2.0%
85-89	450	1,094	1,544	1.1%
90+	167	567	734	0.5%
Total	70,016	75,175	145,191	100%

Population density

Table 2 shows, for each Council in Scotland, the population counted in the 2001 Census, the area covered by the council and the population density. This shows that the largest council in terms of population is Glasgow and the smallest is the Orkney Islands. Glasgow is also the most densely populated with 3,300 persons per sq. km. while Highland is the most sparse with only 8 persons per sq. km. Falkirk has 489 persons per sq. km. and Scotland as a whole has 65 per sq. km.

Table 2: 2001 Census population density

Council	Population	Area*	Density*
Aberdeen City	212,125	186	1,140
Aberdeenshire	226,871	6,313	36
Angus	108,400	2,182	50
Argyll & Bute	91,306	6,909	13
Clackmannanshire	48,077	159	302
Dumfries & Galloway	147,765	6,426	23
Dundee City	145,663	60	2,428
East Ayrshire	120,235	1,262	95
East Dunbartonshire	108,243	175	619
East Lothian	90,088	679	133
East Renfrewshire	89,311	174	513
Edinburgh City	448,624	264	1,699
Eilean Siar	26,502	3,071	9
Falkirk	145,191	297	489
Fife	349,429	1,325	264
Glasgow City	577,869	175	3,302
Highland	208,914	25,659	8
Inverclyde	84,203	160	526
Midlothian	80,941	354	229
Moray	86,940	2,238	39
North Ayrshire	135,817	885	153
North Lanarkshire	321,067	470	683
Orkney	19,245	990	19
Perth & Kinross	134,949	5,286	26
Renfrewshire	172,867	261	662
Scottish Borders	106,764	4,732	23
Shetland	21,988	1,466	15
South Ayrshire	112,097	1,222	92
South Lanarkshire	302,216	1,772	171
Stirling	86,212	2,187	39
West Dunbartonshire	93,378	159	587
West Lothian	158,714	427	372
Scotland	5,062,011	77,925	65

* Area in sq. km and density in persons per sq. km

Change since 1991

It is not possible to make a direct comparison between the Census results for 2001 and those for 1991. This is because the 2001 figures have been adjusted by a process known as the One Number Census, to take account of estimated undercounting – people who were missed by the Census enumerators.

However, GROS have also published their 2001 mid year estimates of population based on the Census information, but taking account of population change between Census day and mid year 2001. (A separate Insight publication has been produced on the 2001 Mid year estimates) Comparing these figures with the figures for the 1991 mid year estimate (which was adjusted for the Census undercount in 1991), shows that the population of Falkirk Council area has increased by 2,250 or 1.6% in the last 10 years.

Table 2 shows the population change between 1991 and 2001 in the five surrounding local authorities as well as Glasgow and Eilean Siar which had the biggest decreases in population.

West Lothian had the largest numerical and percentage increase in the whole of Scotland.

Table 3: Population change in other councils 1991-2001 – mid year estimates of population

Council Area	Population		Change 1991-2001	
	1991	2001	No	%
West Lothian	146,260	159,030	+12,770	+8.7%
Stirling	81,480	86,200	+4,720	+5.8%
Falkirk	143,020	145,270	+2,250	+1.6%
Fife	349,400	349,770	+370	+0.1%
Clackmannanshire	48,400	48,070	-330	-0.7%
Scotland	5,106,890	5,064,200	-42,690	-0.8%
North Lanarkshire	328,860	321,180	-7,680	-2.3%
Glasgow	631,690	578,710	-52,980	-8.4%
Eilean Siar	29,400	26,450	-2,950	10.0%

Only Clackmannanshire and North Lanarkshire of our neighbouring councils showed a decrease in population over the ten year period. Falkirk had the 11th largest numerical increase and percentage increase in Scotland. However, throughout Scotland, 18 councils had fewer people in 2001 than in 1991.

Further publications and results

The latest information is that GROS intend to have the full results from the 2001 Census available by March 2003. These will be published in future Insight reports as they are released by GROS.

Further information can be found from the address below or on the GROS website at:

www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

Source: General Register Office for Scotland
September 2002

Crown Copyright material is reproduced with the permission of the Controller of HMSO and the Queen's Printer in Scotland

For further information please contact:
Falkirk Council
Research and Information Unit
Corporate & Commercial Services
Municipal Buildings
Falkirk FK1 5RS
Tel: (01324) 506010/506016
Fax: (01324) 506061
E-mail: r&i@falkirk.gov.uk
Web site: www.falkirk.gov.uk