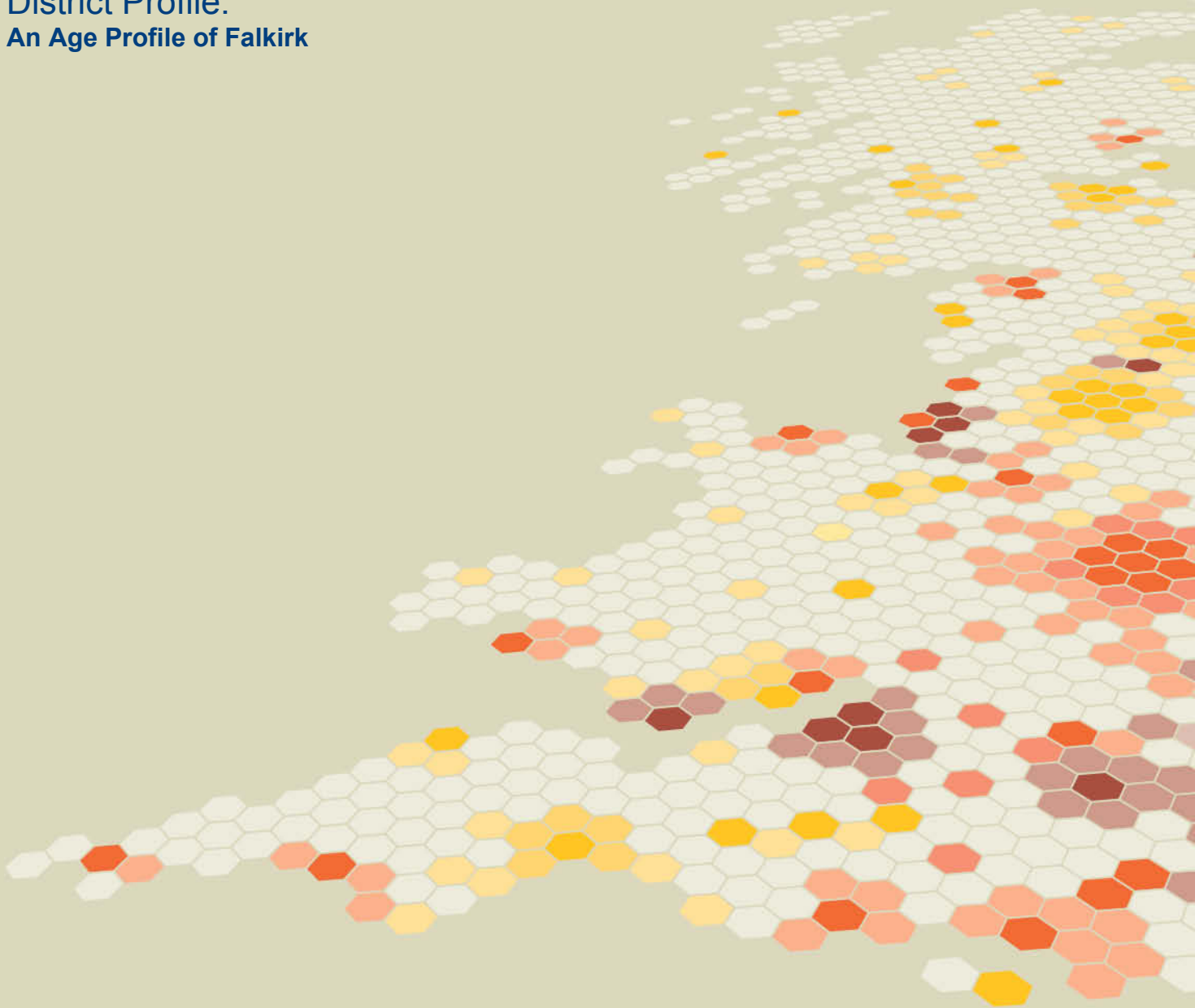


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District Profile: An Age Profile of Falkirk



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Age Profile: Falkirk

Introduction

Demographic characteristics have a fundamental influence on the social and economic development of an area. The age distribution of residents has implications for long-term economic activity rates and spending power (with a younger profile) or current and future social care resourcing (with an older or aging population). This age profile assesses Falkirk according to a number of indicators, including the age breakdown of residents, dependency ratios and birth rates.

Falkirk is ranked 239 out of 408 districts on the average age of residents, indicating an average age in the middle 20% of districts nationally.

With an average age of 38.82 years, Falkirk is around the national median. This is shown in the map, where areas with darker shadings have higher average ages and those with lighter shadings have lower averages.

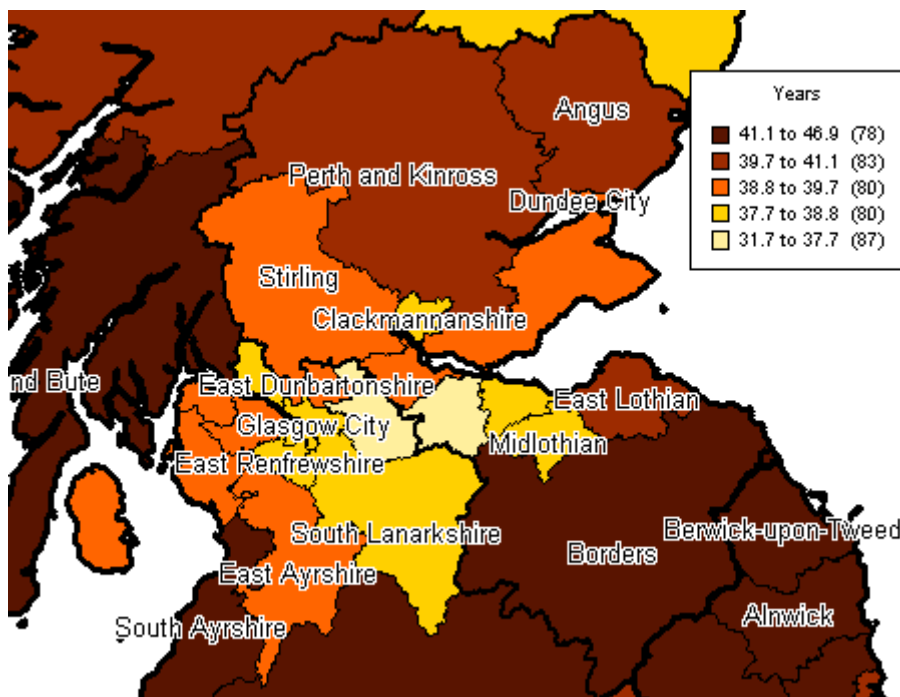
The proportion of residents aged 15-24 in Falkirk was 11.88% in 2007. By comparison, the Eastern Scotland figure was 13.41%, the Scotland figure was 13.15% and the national figure was 13.33%.

A glossary of the terms and definitions used in this profile are included at the end of the report.

Average Age

The map shows the average age of residents in districts within Eastern Scotland. The areas with very dark shading have higher average ages and those with very light shading have lower average ages.

With an average age of 38.82 years, Falkirk is in the middle 20% of districts and is in a sub region that has an average age in the middle 20% of sub regions nationally.

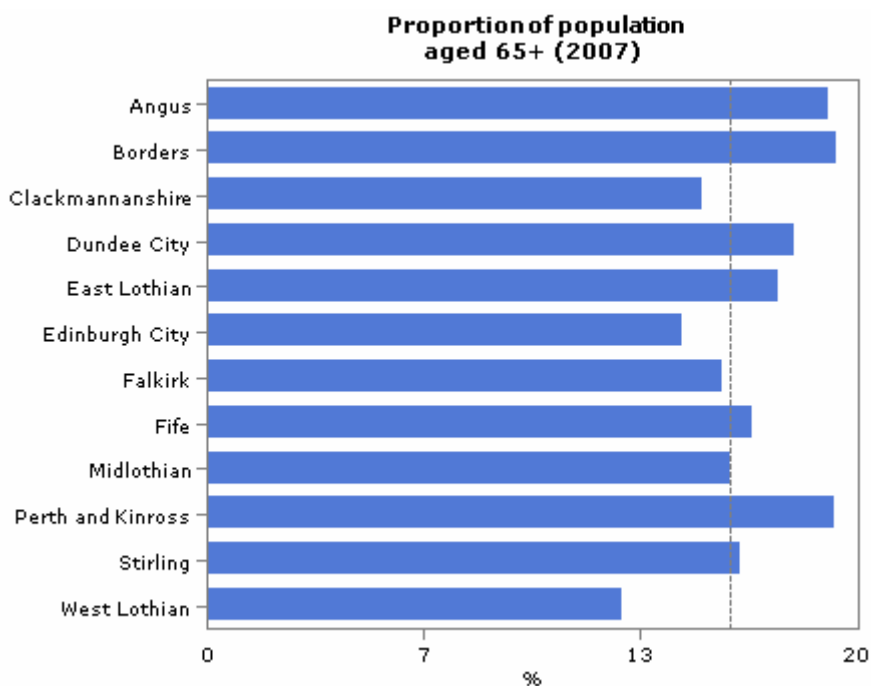


Source: Census 2001

Proportion Of Population Aged 65+

The bar chart shows the proportion of the resident population aged 65 and over (based on mid-year population estimates in 2007), for districts in Eastern Scotland.

The chart shows that at 15.86%, Falkirk has a below average proportion of older people. By comparison, the Great Britain average for those aged 65 and over, shown by the dashed line, is 16.10%.

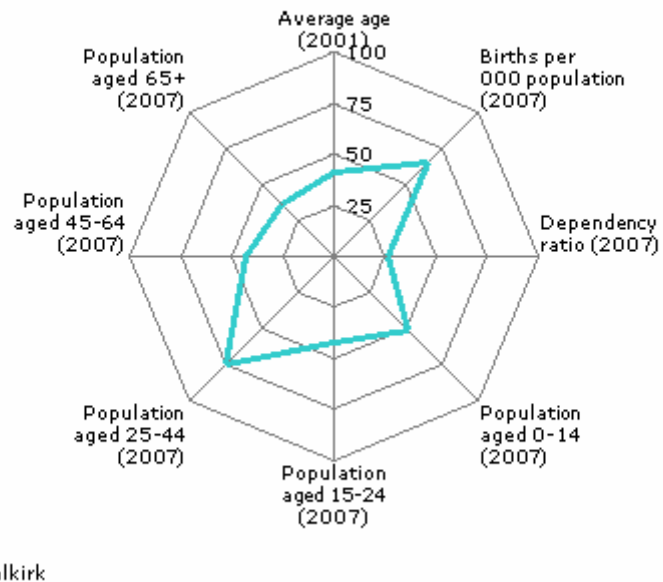


Source: Midyear population estimates

Age Indicators

The spider chart is a way of showing how Falkirk rates against the national median. Data for every district in Great Britain is converted into a percentile score, with the highest ranking area scoring 100 and the bottom area zero.

The chart shows that Falkirk has an average age around the national median. The chart also shows the age profile and a range of related demographic indicators for Falkirk.



Source: Census 2001

Age Indicators

Areas	Population aged 0-14 (%) 2007	Population aged 15-24 (%) 2007	Population aged 25-44 (%) 2007	Population aged 45-64 (%) 2007	Population aged 65+ (%) 2007	Births per 000 population (per 000) 2007	Dependency ratio (%) 2007	Average age (Years) 2001	Rank
Borders	16.88	10.32	24.33	29.17	19.39	9.98	0.66	41.35	67/408
Perth and Kinross	16.33	11.96	24.28	28.22	19.35	9.27	0.64	40.96	89/408
Angus	16.83	10.92	24.11	28.84	19.11	10.06	0.65	40.75	95/408
East Lothian	18.43	11.23	25.42	27.54	17.58	11.85	0.64	39.73	159/408
Dundee City	15.47	16.03	26.16	24.40	18.07	10.55	0.57	39.39	188/408
Fife	16.81	13.31	26.07	26.93	16.81	10.87	0.59	39.19	207/408
Stirling	17.35	15.08	24.72	26.42	16.44	10.25	0.59	38.85	235/408
Falkirk	17.45	11.88	28.53	26.28	15.86	12.02	0.57	38.82	239/408
Midlothian	17.86	12.45	25.41	28.05	16.10	11.35	0.59	38.56	258/408
Edinburgh City	13.95	15.68	32.98	22.79	14.61	10.57	0.45	38.39	274/408
Clackmannanshire	17.84	12.42	27.05	27.66	15.23	12.27	0.57	38.35	276/408
West Lothian	19.31	12.46	29.44	26.04	12.75	12.67	0.54	36.34	377/408
Eastern Scotland	16.44	13.41	27.77	26.03	16.37	10.88	0.56	39.05	23/53
Scotland	16.55	13.15	27.41	26.45	16.44	10.75	0.56	38.97	6/11
Great Britain Average	17.51	13.33	28.07	24.99	16.10	12.09	0.58	39.28	

Source: Census 2001
The rankings in the table are based on the "Average age" indicator

Age Indicators Summary

Looking at some of the indicators from the table we find that:

- The proportion of the resident population aged 0-14 was estimated at 17.45% in 2007, which is average by national standards, with Falkirk ranking in the middle 20% of districts. By comparison, the Eastern Scotland figure was 16.44% and the national average was 17.51%.
- The proportion of the resident population aged 15-24 was estimated at 11.88% in 2007, which is average by national standards, with Falkirk ranking in the middle 20% of districts. By comparison, the Eastern Scotland figure was 13.41% and the national average was 13.33%.
- The proportion of the resident population aged 25-44 was estimated at 28.53% in 2007, which is high by national standards, with Falkirk ranking in the top 40% of districts. By comparison, the Eastern Scotland figure was 27.77% and the national average was 28.07%.
- The proportion of the resident population aged 45-64 was estimated at 26.28% in 2007, which is average by national standards, with Falkirk ranking in the middle 20% of districts. By comparison, the Eastern Scotland figure was 26.03% and the national average was 24.99%.
- The proportion of the resident population aged 65 and over was estimated at 15.86% in 2007, which is low by national standards, with Falkirk ranking in the bottom 40% of districts. By comparison, the Eastern Scotland figure was 16.37% and the national average was 16.10%.
- The number of live births per 1000 of the resident population was 12.02 in 2006, which is high by national standards. This placed Falkirk in the top 40% of districts. By comparison, the Eastern Scotland figure was 10.88 and the national figure was 12.09.
- The dependency ratio (the ratio of economically dependent people to those who are economically active) in Falkirk is 0.57. This is low by national standards. By comparison, the Eastern Scotland figure is 0.56 and the national figure is 0.58.

Source: Census 2001

Nearest Neighbours

For the indicators in the spider chart shown earlier, the areas in the country with the most similar profiles are shown on the right. These are statistically the nearest neighbours to Falkirk, with Eastleigh in Hampshire & The Isle of Wight being the most similar on the age indicators.

Rank	Place Name	Sub Region
1	Eastleigh	Hampshire & The Isle of Wight
2	Chelmsford	Essex
3	Wakefield	West Yorkshire
4	Wigan	Greater Manchester
5	Wrexham	Eastern Wales
6	Ashfield	Nottinghamshire
7	Kettering	Northamptonshire
8	Barnsley	South Yorkshire
9	South Gloucestershire	West of England
10	Maidstone	Kent & Medway

Source: Census 2001

Glossary of terms

Average age	The mean average age of the resident population.
Dependency ratio	The ratio of economically dependent people within society to those who are economically active.
Live births per 1000 of the resident population	The number of live births per 1,000 residents.
Projected population aged 20 - 64	The likely proportion of the population which will be aged between 20 and 64 years over a twenty-five year period.
Proportion of population by age group	The percentage of the resident population aged 0-14, 15-24, 25-44, 45-64 and 65 and over.

Data Sources and Definitions

Average age	This indicator was supplied in this format by the source.
Dependency ratio	The sum of those aged under 15 and those aged over 64, as a proportion of the total working age population.
Live births per 1000 of the resident population	The number of live births as a proportion of the total population (per 1000).
Projected population aged 20 - 64	Population projections are released by the ONS based on modelling techniques applied to mid-year population estimates. Births, deaths and other factors such as migration are taken into account when the data is modelled.
Proportion of population by age group	The number of residents in each age group as a proportion of an area's total population.

Source: Local Knowledge; Midyear population estimates; Sub-national Population projections by sex and quinary age groups; Census 2001.

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