

CITY of DUNFERMLINE AREA PROFILE

This profile provides headline demographic data for Fife, City of Dunfermline Area Committee and associated wards.

POPULATION

Table 1 – 2021 Population Estimates (Number of people)

	Dunfermline Central	Dunfermline North	Dunfermline South	City of Dunfermline Area	Fife
Total Population	18,815	16,483	24,286	59,584	374,730
Males	9,261	7,940	11,885	29,086	182,072
Females	9,554	8,543	12,401	30,498	192,658
Children (0-15 years)	3,497	2,507	5,055	11,059	63,680
Working age (16-64 years)	11,756	10,154	15,779	37,689	231,635
Older adults (65+ years)	3,562	3,822	3,452	10,836	79,415

Source: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, National Records of Scotland](#)

Table 2 – 2021 Population Estimates (Percentages)

	Dunfermline Central	Dunfermline North	Dunfermline South	City of Dunfermline Area	Fife
% Males	49.2	48.2	48.9	48.8	48.6
% Females	50.8	51.8	51.1	51.2	51.4
% Children (0-15 years)	18.6	15.2	20.8	18.6	17.0
% Working age (16-64 years)	62.5	61.6	65.0	63.3	61.8
% Older adults (65+ years)	18.9	23.2	14.2	18.2	21.2

Source: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, National Records of Scotland](#)

HOUSEHOLDS

Table 3 – Housing Tenure 2022

	Dunfermline Central	Dunfermline North	Dunfermline South	City of Dunfermline Area	Fife
Total Households	8,794	8,528	10,396	27,718	181,860
% Owner / Occupier	66.7	63.3	72.8	67.9	61.4
% Private Rented	11.4	13.3	8.7	11.0	11.3
% Social Rented	18.9	20.2	16.9	18.5	23.0

Source: Fife Council Housing Tenure Database

Table 4 – Household Size (2011 Census)

	Dunfermline Central	Dunfermline North	Dunfermline South	City of Dunfermline Area	Fife
Total Households	7,431	7,649	8,621	23,701	160,952
% One person	32.0	35.4	24.8	30.5	31.8
% Two people	36.5	36.5	35.2	36.0	36.6
% Three people	14.6	14.5	17.6	15.6	15.3
% Four or more people	16.9	13.6	22.5	17.9	16.2

Source: [Scotland's Census 2011](#)

Table 5 – Households with Access to a Car or Van (2011 Census)

	Dunfermline Central	Dunfermline North	Dunfermline South	City of Dunfermline Area	Fife
Total Households	7,431	7,649	8,621	23,701	160,952
% No cars or vans	22.7	26.4	18.7	22.5	25.6
% One or more car or van	77.3	73.6	81.3	77.5	74.4

Source: [Scotland's Census 2011](#)

POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION

Table 6 – Child Poverty (FYE 2021)

	Dunfermline Central	Dunfermline North	Dunfermline South	City of Dunfermline Area	Fife
% of children (15 and under) in relative poverty	11.9	12.4	13.2	12.6	17.3

Source: [Children in Low Income Households, Department of Work and Pensions](#)

SIMD (The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) looks at the extent to which an area (usually referred to as a small area or data zone) is 'deprived' across seven domains: income, employment, education, health, access to services, crime and housing. If an area is identified as 'deprived', this can relate to people having a low income, but it can also mean fewer resources or opportunities.

Table 7 – Employment and Income Deprivation SIMD 2020

	Dunfermline Central	Dunfermline North	Dunfermline South	City of Dunfermline Area	Fife
% of working age employment deprived	7.8	9.9	6.7	7.9	9.4
% of total population income deprived	9.1	10.8	8.2	9.2	11.9

Source: [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation](#)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Area Research

For more research, analysis and information in relation to the local area, including the Area Local Strategic Assessment and SIMD Focus report go to: <https://know.fife.scot/community-profiles>

Population Health and Wellbeing

A range of population health and wellbeing data for Fife Areas (Localities) and neighbourhoods (Intermediate zones) can be accessed through the interactive ScotPHO Profiles tool https://scotland.shinyapps.io/ScotPHO_profiles_tool/

Economy

Fife Council publishes a monthly report about Fife's economy and labour market. These provide figures on the number of people claiming out of work benefits in Fife and Fife's employment and unemployment rates. For the latest report: <https://www.investfife.co.uk/life-in-fife/economy/>

Education

Information relating to specific schools, including school roll and pupil achievements, can be accessed via interactive dashboards published by the Scottish Government.

School Information Dashboard - Primary <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/sg.eas.learninganalysis/viz/SchoolInformationDashboard-Primary/Introduction>

School Information Dashboard - Secondary <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/sg.eas.learninganalysis/viz/SchoolInformationDashboard-Secondary/Introduction>

Local Outcomes

The Community Planning Outcomes Profiling Tool offers a range of ways to track improvements in local neighbourhoods across Scotland: <https://scotland.shinyapps.io/is-community-planning-outcomes-profile/>

A range of additional local area information, Area and Fife-specific research, KnowHow guidance, and links to other information resources is available through the KnowFife Hub: <http://know.fife.scot/>

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