

SOUTH WEST FIFE PROFILE

This profile provides headline demographic data for Fife, South West Fife Area and associated wards.

POPULATION

Table 1 – 2021 Population Estimates (Number of people)

	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	Rosyth	West Fife and Coastal Villages	South West Fife Area	Fife
Total Population	17,678	15,723	17,109	50,510	374,730
Males	8,655	7,897	8,391	24,943	182,072
Females	9,023	7,826	8,718	25,567	192,658
Children (0-15 years)	2,706	2,700	2,936	8,342	63,680
Working age (16-64 years)	10,846	10,120	10,433	31,399	231,635
Older adults (65+ years)	4,126	2,903	3,740	10,769	79,415

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

Table 2 – 2021 Population Estimates (Percentages)

	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	Rosyth	West Fife and Coastal Villages	South West Fife Area	Fife
% Males	49.0	50.2	49.0	49.4	48.6
% Females	51.0	49.8	51.0	50.6	51.4
% Children (0-15 years)	15.3	17.2	17.2	16.5	17.0
% Working age (16-64 years)	61.4	64.4	61.0	62.2	61.8
% Older adults (65+ years)	23.3	18.5	21.9	21.3	21.2

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

HOUSEHOLDS

Table 3 – Housing Tenure 2022

	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	Rosyth	West Fife and Coastal Villages	South West Fife Area	Fife
Total Households	8,331	7,123	8,222	23,676	181,860
Owner / Occupier	75.3	60.9	68.3	68.6	61.4
Private Rented	10.8	12.8	7.1	10.1	11.3
Social Rented	10.5	22.6	21.0	17.8	23.0

Source: Fife Council Housing Tenure Database

Table 4 – Household Size (2011 Census)

	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	Rosyth	West Fife and Coastal Villages	South West Fife Area	Fife
Total Households	7,874	6,577	7,017	21,468	160,952
One person	28.8	28.4	27.0	28.1	31.8
Two people	38.3	36.0	38.8	37.8	36.6
Three people	15.2	17.5	16.7	16.4	15.3
Four or more people	17.7	18.1	17.5	17.7	16.2

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

Table 5 – Households with access to a car or van (2011 Census)

	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	Rosyth	West Fife and Coastal Villages	South West Fife Area	Fife
Total Households	7,874	6,577	7,017	21,468	160,952
No cars or vans	18.0	24.1	19.8	20.4	25.6
One or more car or van	82.0	75.9	80.2	79.6	74.4

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

POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION

Table 6 – Child Poverty, FYE 2021

	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	Rosyth	West Fife and Coastal Villages	South West Fife Area	Fife
% of children (15 and under) in relative poverty	10.3	18.1	20.7	16.4	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

	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	Rosyth	West Fife and Coastal Villages	South West Fife Area	Fife
% of working age employment deprived	5.0	7.8	8.6	7.1	9.4
% of total population income deprived	5.9	9.6	10.0	8.4	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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