

## KIRKCALDY AREA PROFILE

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

### POPULATION

**Table 1 – 2021 Population Estimates (Number of people)**

	Burntisland, Kinghorn and West Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy Central	Kirkcaldy East	Kirkcaldy North	Kirkcaldy Area	Fife
<b>Total Population</b>	15,012	14,021	15,251	16,188	60,472	374,730
<b>Males</b>	7,312	6,679	7,528	7,739	29,258	182,072
<b>Females</b>	7,700	7,342	7,723	8,449	31,214	192,658
<b>Children (0-15 years)</b>	2,478	2,448	2,709	3,198	10,833	63,680
<b>Working age (16-64 years)</b>	9,067	8,544	9,382	9,681	36,674	231,635
<b>Older adults (65+ years)</b>	3,467	3,029	3,160	3,309	12,965	79,415

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

**Table 2 – 2021 Population Estimates (Percentages)**

	Burntisland, Kinghorn and West Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy Central	Kirkcaldy East	Kirkcaldy North	Kirkcaldy Area	Fife
% Males	48.7	47.6	49.4	47.8	48.4	48.6
% Females	51.3	52.4	50.6	52.2	51.6	51.4
% Children (0-15 years)	16.5	17.5	17.8	19.8	17.9	17.0
% Working age (16-64 years)	60.4	60.9	61.5	59.8	60.6	61.8
% Older adults (65+ years)	23.1	21.6	20.7	20.4	21.4	21.2

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

## **HOUSEHOLDS**

**Table 3 – Housing Tenure 2022**

	Burntisland, Kinghorn and West Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy Central	Kirkcaldy East	Kirkcaldy North	Kirkcaldy Area	Fife
Total Households	7,109	7,682	8,454	7,309	30,554	181,860
% Owner / Occupier	71.5	50.0	45.9	67.7	58.1	61.4
% Private Rented	8.4	16.8	15.1	6.6	11.9	11.3
% Social Rented	16.6	29.2	36.0	24.8	27.1	23.0

Source: Fife Council Housing Tenure Database

**Table 4 – Household Size (2011 Census)**

	Burntisland, Kinghorn and West Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy Central	Kirkcaldy East	Kirkcaldy North	Kirkcaldy Area	Fife
<b>Total Households</b>	6,406	7,095	7,314	6,921	27,736	160,952
<b>% One person</b>	31.3	40.9	43.6	27.1	36.0	31.8
<b>% Two people</b>	36.9	33.4	33.3	38.2	35.4	36.6
<b>% Three people</b>	15.3	12.7	11.6	16.8	14.0	15.3
<b>% Four or more people</b>	16.5	13.0	11.5	17.8	14.6	16.2

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

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

	Burntisland, Kinghorn and West Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy Central	Kirkcaldy East	Kirkcaldy North	Kirkcaldy Area	Fife
<b>Total Households</b>	6,406	7,095	7,314	6,921	27,736	160,952
<b>% No cars or vans</b>	22.0	37.4	37.0	24.1	30.4	25.6
<b>% One or more car or van</b>	78.0	62.6	63.0	75.9	69.6	74.4

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

## POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION

**Table 6 – Child Poverty (FYE 2021)**

	Burntisland, Kinghorn and West Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy Central	Kirkcaldy East	Kirkcaldy North	Kirkcaldy Area	Fife
% of children (15 and under) in relative poverty	16.4	25.8	24.9	17.7	21.1	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**

	Burntisland, Kinghorn and West Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy Central	Kirkcaldy East	Kirkcaldy North	Kirkcaldy Area	Fife
% of working age employment deprived	7.9	14.0	15.6	7.9	11.3	9.4
% of total population income deprived	9.4	18.6	20.3	11.3	14.8	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/](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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