

Kirkcaldy West Community Council Profile

This profile provides headline demographics for the Kirkcaldy West Community Council Area

POPULATION

Table 1 – 2021 Population Estimates (Number of people)

	Kirkcaldy West	Fife
Total Population (2021)	11,084	374,730
Males	5,413	182,072
Females	5,671	192,658
Children (0-15 years)	1,818	63,680
Working age (16-64 years)	6,654	231,635
Older adults (65+ years)	2,612	79,415

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

Table 2 – 2021 Population Estimates (Percentages)

	Kirkcaldy West	Fife
% Males	48.8	48.6
% Females	51.2	51.4
% Children (0-15 years)	16.4	17.0
% Working age (16-64 years)	60.0	61.8
% Older adults (65+ years)	23.6	21.2

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

HOUSEHOLDS

Table 3 – Housing Tenure 2022

	Kirkcaldy West	Fife
Total Households (2022)	5,746	181,860
% Owner / Occupier	61.7	61.4
% Private Rented	12.6	11.3
% Social Rented	21.8	23.0

Source: Fife Council Housing Tenure Database

Table 4 – Household Size (2011 Census)

	Kirkcaldy West	Fife
Total Households (2011)	5,181	160,952
% One person	36.1	31.8
% Two people	35.7	36.6
% Three people	13.8	15.3
% Four or more people	14.3	16.2

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

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

	Kirkcaldy West	Fife
Total Households (2011)	5,181	160,952
% No access to a car or van	28.2	25.6
% One or more car or van	71.8	74.4

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

POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION

Table 6 – Child Poverty, FYE 2021

	Kirkcaldy West	Fife
% of children (15 and under) in relative poverty	20.3	17.3

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

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 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

	Kirkcaldy West	Fife
% of working age employment deprived	10.9	9.4
% of total population income deprived	13.8	11.9

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

Technical note

Community Councils are the most local tier of elected representation in Scotland. They are voluntary organisations set up by statute by local authorities and run by local residents to act on behalf of their areas. Their specific role can vary according to their local area’s needs. Their size, in terms of area and population, differs across Scotland.

For the purposes of this profile, each Community Council area is built up to reflect the agreed boundaries, within Fife, on a best fit basis, from both the aggregation and apportionment of 2011 data zones.

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 go to:

<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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