

## Kirkcaldy Settlement Profile

This profile provides headline demographics for the settlement of Kirkcaldy

### POPULATION

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

	Kirkcaldy	Fife
<b>Total Population</b>	50,288	374,730
<b>Males</b>	24,355	182,072
<b>Females</b>	25,933	192,658
<b>Children (0-15 years)</b>	9,183	63,680
<b>Working age (16-64 years)</b>	30,608	231,635
<b>Older adults (65+ years)</b>	10,497	79,415

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

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

	Kirkcaldy	Fife
<b>% Males</b>	48.4	48.6
<b>% Females</b>	51.6	51.4
<b>% Children (0 –15 ) years</b>	18.3	17.0
<b>% Working Age (16 – 64 years)</b>	60.9	61.8
<b>% Older Adults (65+ years)</b>	20.9	21.2

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

## HOUSEHOLDS

**Table 3 – Housing Tenure 2022**

	Kirkcaldy	Fife
<b>Total Households (2022)</b>	25,606	181,860
<b>% Owner / Occupier</b>	56.1	61.4
<b>% Private Rented</b>	12.6	11.3
<b>% Social Rented</b>	28.6	23.0

Source: Fife Council Housing Tenure Database

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

	Kirkcaldy	Fife
<b>Total Households (2011)</b>	23,252	160,952
<b>% One person</b>	36.4	31.8
<b>% Two people</b>	35.1	36.6
<b>% Three people</b>	14.0	15.3
<b>% Four or more people</b>	14.5	16.2

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

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

	Kirkcaldy	Fife
<b>Total Households (2011)</b>	23,252	160,952
<b>% No access to a car or van</b>	31.3	25.6
<b>% One or more car or van</b>	68.7	74.4

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

## POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION

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

	Kirkcaldy	Fife
<b>% of children (15 and under) in relative poverty</b>	21.9	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 6 – Employment and Income Deprivation SIMD 2020**

	Kirkcaldy	Fife
<b>% of working age employment deprived</b>	11.8	9.4
<b>% of total population income deprived</b>	15.8	11.9

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

### **Technical note**

Settlements and localities represent the urban or built-up areas of Scotland. National Records of Scotland (NRS) define settlements groups of adjacent, densely populated postcode areas that add up to 500 people or more. They are separated by low density postcodes. Larger settlements are sometimes divided into localities. Localities correspond to the historical towns of Scotland.

For the purposes of this profile, each settlement is built up from the aggregation of 2011 data zones. This is different from the NRS definition, which is built up from postcodes, but is as close as possible to get based on best fit to whole 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/](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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