

# Insight

## 2011 Census



**Falkirk Council**

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## No 4 – Ward Population and Household Estimates

*This insight contains the latest estimates of the population of wards within the Falkirk Council area, based on the 2011 Census. These figures update the 2011 figures which had previously been published in September 2012. The total population of the Falkirk Council area is 155,990.*

### Introduction

In 2007 nine multi-member wards were introduced in Falkirk and this insight contains the latest population estimates (2011) for each of these wards. The National Records of Scotland (NRS) had previously published small area population estimates for the 197 data zones in the Council area in August 2012 and these figures had been used to estimate the population of each ward. However, these figures have been updated following the release of 2011 Census information. This insight contains the updated figures.

### Population Estimates 2011

Table 1 contains the population estimates for the nine wards within the council area in 2011. Ward 6 – Falkirk North – has the highest population, followed by Ward 4 – Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst. Ward 8 – Lower Braes – has the smallest population.

**Table 1: Ward Population Estimates 2011**

Ward	Population
Ward 1 Bo'ness and Blackness	15,603
Ward 2 Grangemouth	17,691
Ward 3 Denny and Banknock	18,458
Ward 4 Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst	19,111
Ward 5 Bonnybridge and Larbert	16,694
Ward 6 Falkirk North	19,862
Ward 7 Falkirk South	18,943
Ward 8 Lower Braes	13,853
Ward 9 Upper Braes	15,774
<b>Falkirk Council Total</b>	<b>155,990</b>

Wards 1, 5, 8 and 9 are represented by three councillors while Wards 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 are represented by four councillors.

### Population Change 2001 – 2011

The population of the Council area as a whole has increased between 2001 and 2011, although there have been changes to the distribution. Some areas have witnessed an increase while other areas have witnessed a decrease in population.

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**Table 2: Population Change 2001-2011**

	Population		Change	
	2001	2011	No	%
Ward 1	14,761	15,603	842	5.7%
Ward 2	18,274	17,691	-583	-3.2%
Ward 3	17,414	18,458	1,044	6.0%
Ward 4	18,053	19,111	1,058	5.9%
Ward 5	13,143	16,694	3,551	27.0%
Ward 6	17,562	19,862	2,300	13.1%
Ward 7	18,490	18,943	453	2.4%
Ward 8	13,114	13,853	739	5.6%
Ward 9	14,380	15,774	1,394	9.7%
<b>Falkirk</b>	<b>145,191</b>	<b>155,990</b>	<b>10,799</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

Table 2 shows the population change between 2001 and 2011. While there has been an increase in most Wards, the population of Ward 2 – Grangemouth – decreased by 3.2%. This is most likely due to a lack of new development in the area. The largest increase occurred in Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert – followed by Ward 6 – Falkirk North. There has been a high level of development in both Wards over the time period.

### Household Change 2001 – 2011

Changes to the population coincide with changes to the number of households in each Ward. Table 3 shows the household change between 2001 and 2011.

**Table 3: Household Change 2001-2011**

	Households		Change	
	2001	2011	No	%
Ward 1	6,386	7,010	624	9.8%
Ward 2	8,630	8,620	-10	-0.1%
Ward 3	7,191	7,866	675	9.4%
Ward 4	7,336	8,079	743	10.1%
Ward 5	5,291	6,735	1,444	27.3%
Ward 6	8,530	9,618	1,088	12.8%
Ward 7	8,160	8,665	505	6.2%
Ward 8	5,404	5,811	407	7.5%
Ward 9	5,669	6,327	658	11.6%
<b>Falkirk</b>	<b>62,597</b>	<b>68,732</b>	<b>6,135</b>	<b>9.8%</b>

Similar to the population change, some areas have witnessed an increase in the number of households while other areas have witnessed a decrease. Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert – increased by 27.3%, followed by Ward 6 – Falkirk North (12.8%). The number of households in Grangemouth decreased by 0.1%.

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