

Census 2011 – Release 2C

What this is about

The National Records of Scotland (NRS) published its Release 2C of the 2011 Census for Scotland on 18th November 2013.

This briefing provides information on Households and Families, and Method of Travel to Work or Study at the Fife level.

Key Information

Accommodation type

- Fife's proportion of people living in the four main types of accommodation is now fairly evenly split, with 24% in a detached house, 26% in a semi-detached house, 24% in a terraced house, and 23% in purpose-built blocks of flats or tenements of accommodation. A further 2.8% live in other "unshared or shared dwellings"
- The proportion of people living in semi-detached, terraced or flats, has remained fairly constant since 2001, however, those living in detached dwellings in Fife has increased by 3% points since 2001
- Compared with the Scottish average, Fife has a higher proportion of people living in detached, semi-detached and terraced dwellings, but a lower proportion in flats

Rooms

- Consistent with Scotland as a whole, Fife households now average 2.3 rooms for every person, an increase from 2.1 rooms in 2001

Occupancy rating

- In terms of household overcrowding or under-occupancy, Fife has a higher proportion of under-occupied households and a lower proportion of overcrowding compared with the Scottish average.

Household composition

- Married couple households continue to make up the highest proportion of Fife households at 34%, although this has reduced from 38% in 2001. In contrast, cohabiting couple households have increased from 7% in 2001 to 10% in 2011
- As with Scotland as a whole, the proportion of households with one person aged 65 and over has reduced from 15% in 2001 to 13% in 2011, and those households with one person aged under 65 has increased from 16% in 2001 to 19% in 2011

Lone parents

- The proportion of Lone Parent families in Fife has remained fairly constant at 10% over the last ten years, with 90% of these families being female

- Lone parent females not in employment (38%) or in part-time work (33%), make up the bulk of lone parent families

Children and Families

- For families that have dependent children, in Fife, as with Scotland as a whole, 50% have one dependent child, 37% have two, and 13% have three or more
- Comparing families with and without children, shows that married or same-sex couples (59%) have a higher proportion of children than cohabiting couples (49%)
- Married or same sex-couple families (39%) and lone parent families (31%) are more likely to have non-dependent children than cohabiting couple families (9%)

Multiple ethnic groups within households

- 16% of Fife households are now made up of residents from more than one ethnic group. This is similar to the Scottish average figure, although this proportion ranges from 28% in Edinburgh, to 8% in North Lanarkshire

Approximated social grade

- Fife residents show a similar picture for 'Social Grade' classifications as those for Scotland as a whole
- The most common social grade for Fife residents was for grade C1 (supervisory, clerical, junior managerial/administrative/professional grades) accounting for 31% of the 16-64 population.
- The next most common grade (28%) is for those in grade DE (Semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers, on state benefit, unemployed or lowest grade workers).
- The smallest proportion of people (19%), were in social grade AB (higher and intermediate managerial/administrative/professional grades).

Method of travel to work

- In Fife, there has been an increase of 4% points in the number of people aged 16-74 that work mainly at or from home, increasing from 6% in 2001 to 10% in 2011
- For those that travel to work, driving a car or van is still the most popular method, and this has increased by 15% points from 55% in 2001 to 70% in 2011
- The next most popular method of travel for people in Fife is on foot, although this has decreased by 4% points from 13% in 2001 to 9% in 2011
- Those travelling by bus to work has also decreased over the last ten years, reducing from 10% in 2001 to 7% in 2011, although travel by train has remained fairly constant at 3%, and travelling by bicycle remains unchanged at 1%

Further Census information (Release 3) is due for publication in early 2014. This release will include more detailed analysis of the information currently available, for example, analysing health information by age and gender.

Further Information

The NRS website – [Scotland's Census 2011](#) provides more detailed information on the 2011 Census and other demographic information.

Fife results from 2011 Census will be made available at www.fifedirect.org.uk/census

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