

## Household projections - 2016 based



# Falkirk Council

## Insight

The 2016 based household projections show an increase in the number of households in Falkirk from 71,072 in 2016 to 82,073 in 2041, an increase of 11,001 or 15.5%.

## Introduction

In July 2018 National Records of Scotland (NRS) published their 2016-based household projections for each local authority area in Scotland. These update the previous 2014-based projections published in 2017.

The 2016-based household projections cover the period to 2041 and provide a breakdown by five different household types:

- one-adult household without children
- two adults without children
- three or more adults without children
- one adult with one or more children
- two or more adults with one or more children

It is important to emphasise that these projections only provide an indication of what might happen if past trends continue.

## Household projections 2016-2041

Year	Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
2016	71,072		2,446,171	
2021	74,114		2,534,461	
2026	76,556		2,603,641	
2031	78,799		2,665,854	
2036	80,658		2,719,130	
2041	82,073		2,763,089	
Increase 2016 to 2041	No	15.5%	316,918	13.0%

## Average household size

Year	Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
2016	2.22		2.17	
2021	2.18		2.13	
2026	2.15		2.10	
2031	2.12		2.07	
2036	2.09		2.04	
2041	2.07		2.02	
Overall change 2016-2041	%	-6.8%	%	-6.9%

The average household size in the Falkirk Council area was above the Scottish average in 2016. The projections suggest this will continue throughout the period to 2041. Average household size in Falkirk will decline from 2.22 to 2.07 persons per household while the Scottish figure will fall from 2.17 to 2.02. This means that by 2041 there are expected to be only just over two people, on average, in each household. The main influence on this fall in average household size is the rapid growth of single person households. Average household size is calculated by dividing the number of people living in households by the total number of households.

## Household type

Falkirk	2016		2041	
	No	%	No	%
1 adult	23,857	33%	30,668	36%
2 adults	23,857	32%	23,857	31%
3+ adults	23,857	8%	23,857	8%
1 adult, 1+ children	23,857	7%	23,857	7%
2+ adults, 1+ children	23,857	20%	23,857	18%

Single adult households without children are projected to grow from 23,857 in 2016 to 30,668 in 2041, an increase of 28.5%. Single adult households are the largest household type in Falkirk.

## Compare population and households

Population projection	Falkirk		Scotland	
	No	%	No	%
Year				
2016	159,380		5,404,700	
2041	172,219		5,693,201	
Increase 2016 to 2041	No	8.1%	288,501	5.3%

The household count from 2016 to 2041 is projected to increase 15.5% in Falkirk and 13.0% in Scotland as a whole.

The population count is projected to increase 8.1% in Falkirk and 5.3% in Scotland.

The contrast between the larger increases in the numbers of households against the smaller increases in population in Falkirk and across Scotland is due to the continuing fall in average household size. This is because more people live alone, there is an increase in single parent households, and the number of large households is decreasing.

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Single adult households			Head of household age groups			Other Councils	
Year	Falkirk	Scotland	Falkirk	2016	2041	Movement 2016 to 2041	Change
	No	No	Age group	No	No		%
2016	23,857	889,708	16-29	6,950	6,950	Midlothian	+36%
2041	30,668	1,141,616	30-44	17,810	18,767	City of Edinburgh	+26%
Change	No +6,811	+251,908	45-59	21,408	21,348	East Lothian	+26%
	% +28.5%	+28.3%	60-74	15,878	18,679	West Lothian	+21%
			75+	9,026	16,330	Stirling	+18%
			Movement 2016 to 2041			Falkirk	+15%
			Age group	%	No	Fife	+9%
			16-29	-	-	North Lanarkshire	+9%
			30-44	+5.4%	+957	Clackmannanshire	+3%
			45-59	-0.3%	-60	Inverclyde	-5%
			60-74	+17.6%	+2,801	Na h-Eileanan Siar	-6%
			75+	+80.9%	+7,304		
			Scotland	2016	2041	The greatest percentage increase in households from 2016 to 2041 is predicted to be in Midlothian where an increase of 36% is forecast. Falkirk has the 10th equal highest projected percentage increase across the period (15.5%).	
			Age group	No	No		
			16-29	285,755	278,456		
			30-44	585,033	626,446		
			45-59	708,987	733,240		
			60-74	548,737	577,961		
			75+	317,658	546,985		
			Movement 2016 to 2041				
			Age group	%	No		
			16-29	-2.6%	-7,299		
			30-44	+7.1%	+41,413		
			45-59	+3.4%	+24,253		
			60-74	+5.3%	+29,224		
			75+	+72.2%	+229,327		
			The households headed by someone aged 75+ is projected to see the largest percentage increase (80.9%) in Falkirk and (72.2%) in Scotland as a whole from 2016 to 2041.				

  

Two adult households		
Year	Falkirk	Scotland
	No	No
2016	22,755	761,030
2041	28,522	871,724
Change	No +5,767	+110,694
	% +25.3%	+14.5%

  

Three or more adults households		
Year	Falkirk	Scotland
	No	No
2016	5,780	202,188
2041	4,370	167,271
Change	No -1,410	-34,917
	% -24.4%	-17.3%

  

One adult and one+ children households		
Year	Falkirk	Scotland
	No	No
2016	4,699	159,183
2041	5,828	194,369
Change	No +1,129	+35,186
	% +24.0%	+22.1%

  

Two+ adult and one+ children households		
Year	Falkirk	Scotland
	No	No
2016	13,981	434,061
2041	12,685	388,109
Change	No -1,296	-45,952
	% -9.3%	-10.6%

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