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Over and above Falkirk's advantages for business, the area offers a fantastic quality of life with competitively priced housing, excellent transport connections, good schools and a host of opportunities for your leisure and social life.

With a wide range of both urban and rural locations, the area is comprised of six towns – Falkirk, Bo'ness, Denny, Grangemouth, Larbert and Stenhousemuir. It has a growing population of over 157,000, with around 63,000 people working in the area.

New residential development and urban regeneration projects have seen the area's population grow substantially, meaning education, health, shopping, leisure and recreational facilities have developed in tandem and now comprise some of the most modern in the country.





## Housing

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New housing continues to be built, with a mix of traditional villas and new canal-side developments attracting people to come and live in the area. The number of annual house sales has seen a notable and steady increase over the past five years, with the average house price sitting at £129,359 in 2015, comparing very favourably to other areas.



## Education

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There is a wide choice of nurseries and primary schools available, and all eight of Falkirk's secondary schools and a special needs secondary school have been rebuilt as part of an ongoing programme to enhance educational facilities.

When it comes to further and higher education, Falkirk is home to Forth Valley College, one of Scotland's leading providers of education and training. A new state-of-the-art Falkirk campus of the college will be open by 2019, representing a significant investment in future education facilities for the area. Leading universities in Stirling, Glasgow and Edinburgh are all accessible in under an hour.



## Connectivity

Right in the heart of Scotland, Falkirk has highly convenient motorway access to Stirling, Edinburgh and Glasgow, as well as south to Carlisle and the north of England. Rail services to Edinburgh and Glasgow are frequent, with journeys taking just 25 minutes. Airports at Edinburgh and Glasgow ensure great international connections, with Edinburgh airport only a 25 minute drive away.



## Sport & Leisure

Sporting facilities include a great range of public and private sector gyms and swimming pools, whilst the Helix is a beautiful setting for outdoor activities such as walking, cycling and watersports. The area offers a wide choice of top golf courses and the world-famous Gleneagles luxury golf resort is just a 40 minute drive away. An array of pubs and eateries and a good selection of shops can be found in each of the towns, with Falkirk town centre also offering extensive shopping.





## Heritage and Culture

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With an amazing collection of world class visitor attractions, Falkirk offers a diverse and exciting experience for visitors and residents alike. In fact, there are 867,000 visitors to the area annually, a 41% increase in the past six years.

Notable attractions include the spectacular Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures, and iconic feat of engineering the Falkirk Wheel, the world's first rotating boatlift.

Over 2000 years of history can be explored at Callendar Park, home to 14th century mansion Callendar House and containing a section of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site.

For a unique experience, take a traditional steam train journey at the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway, watch a movie at the historic Hippodrome, Scotland's oldest purpose-built cinema, or visit medieval Blackness Castle to enjoy stunning views of estuary wildlife and the world famous Forth Bridges.

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## Further Information

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For more information about Living in Falkirk as well as development sites and investment opportunities available in the area, please visit the Invest Falkirk website or contact us.

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