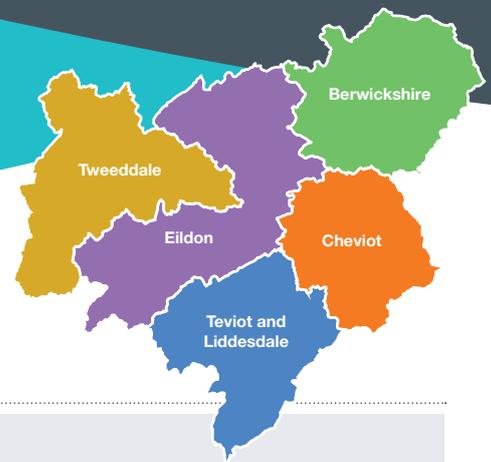


# SCOTTISH BORDERS

## AREA PROFILE 2016



### OUR KEY FACTS

#### POPULATION

**114,030** population (2014 est\*)

- **13.5%** aged 16 to 29 years (Scotland = 18.3%)
- **30.2%** aged 60 and over (Scotland = 24%)



#### SQ KM

**4732** sq km (1827 sq miles)

**4th most** sparsely-populated **mainland area in Scotland**

- **47.1%** of the population live in a rural area
- **30%** live in settlements with **less than 500 people**

#### HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS 2012 TO 2037

**7%** increase in households (52,671 to 56,575)  
(Scotland = 17% increase)

#### FUEL POVERTY 2013

**43%** households in fuel poverty (Scotland = 36%)



#### ETHNICITY

**78.8%** White – Scottish (Scotland = 84%)

**16.4%** White- other British (Scotland = 7.9%)

#### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

**10.9%** children live in poverty (Scotland = 15.3%)

Borders has **0.5%** of Scotland's **most deprived data zones**

- **3391** people
- **3%** of Borders population

#### CAR/VAN OWNERSHIP

**20.5%** of households have no car/van (Scotland = 30.5%)

**34.2%** of households own 2 or more cars/vans (Scotland = 27.2%)



\*Annual estimates are provided each year by National Records of Scotland (NRS) and are based on the Census, taking account of births, deaths and migration.



### ECONOMY AND INCOME

#### GVA PER CAPITA 2014

**£17,180**  
(36.4% increase since 2004)  
(Scotland = £23,102  
34.1% increase since 2004)



#### WEEKLY WAGES 2015

**£503** (live in Borders\*)  
**£455** (work in Borders)  
(Scotland = £527)

\*this will include people who commute out of the area to work, accessing higher paid jobs.



#### BUSINESS SIZE 2015

**58.1%** employment in small businesses (<50)  
(Scotland = 36.7%)  
**23.5%** employment in large businesses (250+)  
(Scotland = 49.4%)



#### BUSINESS TURNOVER 2015

**£3.191m**  
(Scotland = £8.155m)  
Between 2010-15:  
**10.9%** growth  
(Scotland = 1.3% growth)



### EDUCATION AND LEARNING

#### SCHOOL ATTAINMENT 2013/14\*

**63.5%** of pupils left school with **one or more SCQF level 6 or 7**  
(Scotland = 58.7%)

#### ATTENDANCE 2014/15

**95.8%** primary (Scotland = 95.1%)  
**92.5%** secondary (Scotland = 91.8%)



#### POSITIVE DESTINATIONS 2014/15

**Initial destination (2015)**  
**95.3%**  
(Scotland = 93.3%)  
**6 months on (2014)**  
**94.0%**  
(Scotland = 91.7%)

#### BORDERS COLLEGE STUDENTS 2014/15

**69%** successful completions  
(Scotland = 64%)  
**1044** full time students  
(up from 914 in 2013/10)

#### QUALIFICATIONS: WORKING AGE POPULATION (16-64) 2014

**39.8%** have NVQ4+ (Scotland = 41%)  
**5.7%** have no qualifications (Scotland = 9.4%)

\*2014/15 figures for Borders and Scotland available in June

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### LIFE STAGES/HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

#### LIFE EXPECTANCY 2012-14

**82.5 yrs** for Females  
[Scotland = 81.1 yrs]

**79.3 yrs** for Males  
[Scotland 77.2 yrs]

#### DIABETES PREVALENCE 2015

**5.5%**  
[Scotland = 5.2%]

**5565** registered with  
**Type 2 diabetes**  
(up from 4530 in 2009)

#### BODY MASS INDEX 2012-14

**71%** of adults Borders are  
**overweight\***  
[Scotland = 65%]

\*BMI of 25 or above



#### ALCOHOL RELATED DEATHS 2010-14

**14.9** per 100,000  
population  
[Scotland = 23.1]



### COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES 2015

Most common issues:

- Parking
- Speeding
- Rubbish

**20%** residents witnessed  
or experienced **antisocial  
behaviour**



#### CRIME AND DISORDER 2014/15

**279.7 crimes** per 10,000  
people; reduced from 331.6 in  
2010/11

[Scotland = 479.4]



#### STREET CLEANLINESS 2014/15

**95%** considered  
'acceptably clean'  
[Scotland = 94%]

#### WASTE 2014

**61.4%** to landfill  
[Scotland = 49.3%]

**36.7%** recycled  
[Scotland = 43.6%]



#### OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS 2015

**91.2%** rate their  
neighbourhood as **very/fairly  
good**

#### VOLUNTEERING 2015

**27.4%** adults involved in  
voluntary work



### PUBLIC SERVICES

#### PUBLIC SPENDING 2014-15

**£626 million**

**53%**  
Scottish Borders  
Council

**2%**  
Borders College

**37%**  
NHS Borders

**7%**  
Housing Associations

**1%**  
Borders Sport  
and Leisure Trust



#### KEY ISSUES FOR BORDERS RESIDENTS 2015

- Growing the economy of the Borders, and supporting retailers and businesses
- Providing high quality care for older people
- Tackling poverty and inequality



#### INFLUENCE / INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC SECTOR 2014

**17%** agree that they "can influence  
decisions affecting my local area"  
[Scotland = 23%]

**53%** agrees that their "local council  
does the best it can with the money  
available"  
[Scotland = 41%]



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