

## Population and Household Estimates for Community Council Areas in Scottish Borders

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The following tables show the current population estimates for all 70 community council areas in Scottish Borders.

All Community Council areas were given a population and household update in the 2011 Census. There is also a large amount of information on everything from demographic identity, health and care, transport, household arrangements, occupation and car usage in the Census, which can be used for profiling any Community Council Area, however small.

This information will shortly be updated when the delayed 2022 Census is released in late 2024.

The Small-area Mid-year Population Estimates (SAPE-MYEs) from National Records of Scotland provide an annual population update in between population Censuses. These are based on Datazone geography, to give accurate estimates for settlements of 500 people or over. Community Councils that serve a town or village of over 500 people can usually get a good annual estimate of their population, because they are generally a good fit onto the Datazone that describes most of the population of their town or village, give and take those living outside the settlement boundary.

Communities of under 500 people (which include many rural community councils in Scottish Borders) can receive the same information but on a “best-fit” basis, using the Datazone geography, and mathematically modelled to match their area. The 2011 Census population for each area was formulated to its corresponding 2011 Datazone population for 2011. This formula was then projected to the current SAPE-MYE to give the best-fit current population estimate.

The table below shows the number of people and households in the 2011 Census and a description of how the Community Council area was mathematically modelled to the available Datazones. The “adjusted best fit” estimate is our best estimate of the current population of each Community Council area.

<b>Community Council Area</b>	<b>All people (2011 census)</b>	<b>All households (2011 Census)</b>	<b>Formula used to match 2011 Census population onto 2011 Data Zone population</b>	<b>Adjusted Best-fit SAPE MYE 2021 population</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>5,295,403</b>	<b>2,372,777</b>		
<b>Scottish Borders</b>	<b>113,870</b>	<b>52,498</b>		<b>115,510</b>
<b>Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston</b>	600	264	Abbey St Bathans Bonkyl & Preston CC is 56% smaller than the Cranshaws to Abbey St Bathans Datazone, and the Preston and Manderston datazones combined	605
<b>Ancrum</b>	754	330	Ancrum CC Census count is 19% smaller than the count for Ancrum and Lanton area DZ11 Census count	846
<b>Ayton</b>	770	362	Ayton CC area is 46% smaller than the Ayton Datazone and the St Abbs and Eyemouth Landward Datazones combined	909
<b>Bowden Village Committee</b>	464	217	Bowden VCA is 33% smaller than the Bowden and Lindean Datazone	442
<b>Burnfoot</b>	3,007	1,229	Burnfoot CC area is 2% smaller than the four Burnfoot Datazones combined	2,918
<b>Burnmouth</b>	265	127	Burnmouth CC is 70% smaller than the St Abbs & Eyemouth Landward Datazone.	324
<b>Carlops</b>	156	64	Carlops CC area is 84% smaller than the Carlops & Romannobridge Datazone.	164
<b>Chirnside</b>	1,751	749	Chirnside CC area is 24% smaller than the two Chirnside Datazones plus the Foulden and Area datazone combined	1,737
<b>Clovenfords and District</b>	912	398	Clovenfords and District CC is 39% smaller than the Clovenfords and Area Datazone and the Tweeddale East Landward Datazone combined	1,172

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<b>Cockburnspath</b>	761	345	Cockburnspath CC area is 2% smaller than the Cockburnspath and Area Datazone	731
<b>Coldingham</b>	742	341	Coldingham CC area is 49% smaller than the Coldingham Datazone and the St Abbs and Coldingham Landward Datazone combined	812
<b>Coldstream and District</b>	2,260	1,113	Coldstream and Dist CC is 18% smaller than the three Coldstream Catazones plus the Birgham and Ladykirk Datazone combined	2,391
<b>Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet</b>	579	262	The Crailing Eckford and Nisbet CC area is 41% smaller than the Roxburgh Heiton and Eckford Area Datazone	573
<b>Cranshaws, Ellemford and Longformacus</b>	287	112	The Cranshaws Ellemford and Longformacus CC area is 52% smaller than the Cranshaws to Abbey St Bathans Datazone and is a poor fit	284
<b>Denholm and District</b>	1,413	652	The Denholm and District CC area is 0% different in population size to the Denholm and the Bonchester Bridge and Chesters Datazones combined	1,463
<b>Duns</b>	3,316	1,547	The Duns CC area is 6% smaller than the 4 Duns Datazones plus the Preston and Manderston Datazone combined	3,342
<b>Earlston</b>	2,534	1,113	The Earlston CC area is 15% smaller than the two Earlston Datazones plus the Earlston and Melrose Landward Datazone and the Blainslie and Legerwood datazone combined	2,581

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<b>Eddleston and District</b>	538	227	The Eddleston and District CC area is 29% smaller than the Eddleston and Area Datazone	608
<b>Ednam, Stichill and Berry Moss</b>	620	270	The Ednam, Stichill and Berry Moss CC area is 38% smaller than the Smailholm, Stichill and Ednam area Datazone	569
<b>Edrom, Allanton and Whitsome</b>	500	223	Edrom, Allanton and Whitsome CC area is 71% smaller than the Preston and Manderston Area Datazone and the Whitsome, Allanton and Hutton area Datazone combined.	465
<b>Ettrick and Yarrow</b>	990	434	The Ettrick and Yarrow CC area is 17% smaller than the Ettrick Water and Bowhill Area Datazone and the Yarrow Water and Sunderland area Datazones combined	915
<b>Eyemouth</b>	3,689	1,678	The Eyemouth CC area is 16% smaller than the five Eyemouth Datazones plus the St Abbs and Eyemouth Landward Datazone combined	3,825
<b>Floors, Makerstoun, Nenthorn and Smailholm</b>	527	234	Floors Makerstoun and Smailholm CC area is 47% smaller than the Smailholm Stichill and Ednam Area Datazones combined	487
<b>Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton</b>	516	240	Foulden Mordington and Lamberton CC area is 40% smaller than the Foulden and Area Datazone	497
<b>Galashiels and Langlee</b>	13,066	6,344	Galashiels and Langlee Community Council Area is 1% bigger than the 15 Galashiels/Langlee Datazones combined	12,425

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<b>Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth</b>	475	214	Gavinton Fogo and Polwarth CC area is 47% smaller than the Westruther and Polwarth Area Datazone. Very poor fit, also straddles Swinton Leitholm and Fogo Area Datazone	535
<b>Gordon and Westruther</b>	1,042	431	Gordon and Westruther CC area is 45% smaller than the Gordon and Hume Area Datazone and the Westruther and Polwarth Area Datazone combined	1,149
<b>Grantshouse</b>	129	60	Grantshouse CC area is 87% smaller than the Reston and Coldingham Moor area datazone	129
<b>Greenlaw and Hume</b>	1,054	459	Greenlaw and Hume CC area is 36% smaller than the Gordon and Hume Area and the Greenlaw Datazone combined.	1,130
<b>Hawick</b>	11,683	5,897	The Hawick CC area is 4% bigger than the 13 Hawick (excl Burnfoot) Datazones combined	11,032
<b>Heiton and Roxburgh</b>	596	275	The Heiton and Roxburgh CC area is 39% smaller than the Roxburgh, Heiton and Eckford Area Datazone	592
<b>Heriot</b>	406	164	The Heriot CC area is 60% smaller than the Heriot, Fountainhall and Stow Landward Datazone	879
<b>Hobkirk</b>	534	234	The Hobkirk CC area is 30% smaller than the Bonchester Bridge and Chesters area Datazone	527
<b>Hutton and Paxton</b>	545	259	The Hutton and Paxton cc area is 45% smaller than the Whitsome, Allanton and Hutton Area Datazone	515

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<b>Innerleithen and District</b>	4,252	1,872	The Innerleithen and District CC area is 9% smaller than the 4 Innerleithen Datazones plus the Cardrona Datazone and the Tweeddale East Datazone combined	4,622
<b>Jed Valley</b>	452	193	Jed Valley CC area is 52% smaller than the Oxnam and Camptown Area Datazone	514
<b>Jedburgh</b>	4,030	1,915	Jedburgh CC area is 0% different from the five Jedburgh Datazones combined	3,832
<b>Kalewater</b>	729	331	Kalewater CC area is 14% smaller than the Morebattle Hownam and Area Datazone	716
<b>Kelso</b>	6,957	3,336	Kelso CC area is 1% bigger than the nine Kelso Datazones combined	6,930
<b>Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd</b>	989	380	Lamancha Newlands and Kirkurd CC area is 37% smaller than the Eddleston and Area Datazone and the Stobo, Blyth Bridge and Skirling Datazone combined	1,028
<b>Langlee Community</b>	2,666	1,267	Langlee CC Area is 4% smaller than the three Langlee Datazones combined	2,308
<b>Lanton</b>	249	104	Lanton CC area is 73% smaller than the Ancrum and Lanton Area Datazone	282
<b>Lauderdale</b>	2,417	1,012	Lauderdale CC area is 18% smaller than the two Lauder Datazones plus the Blainslie and Legerwood Datazone and the Oxton and Area Datazone combined	2,649

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<b>Leitholm, Eccles and Birgham</b>	920	411	Leitholm Eccles and Birgham CC area is 4% smaller than the Swinton Leitholm and Fogo Area Datazone	843
<b>Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk and Midlem</b>	1,082	462	Lilliesleaf Ashkirk and Midlem area is 10% bigger than the Ashkirk Lilliesleaf and Midlem Datazone	1,134
<b>Manor, Stobo and Lyne</b>	445	208	Manor Stobo and Lyne CC area is 34% smaller than the Glentress and Manor Valley Datazone	718
<b>Maxton and Mertoun</b>	273	128	Maxton and Mertoun CC area is 67% smaller than the Dryburgh, Charlesfield and Maxton Arae Datazone	
<b>Melrose and District</b>	3,364	1,558	The Melrose and District CC area is 11% smaller than the three Melrose Datazones plus the Gattonside, Darnick and Chiefswood Datazone and the Earlston and Melrose Landward Datazone combined	3,609
<b>Newcastleton and District</b>	839	421	Newcastleton & District CC area is 49% smaller than the Newcastleton Datazone and the Teviothead and Hermitage Datazone combined	882
<b>Newtown and Eildon</b>	1,279	617	Newtown and Eildon CC area is 0% different from the two Newtown St Boswells Datazones combined	1,465
<b>Oxnam Water</b>	383	165	Oxnam CC area is 59% smaller than the Oxnam and Camptown Datazone	439
<b>Oxton and Channelkirk</b>	492	202	Oxton and Channelkirk CC area is 22% smaller than the Oxton and Area Datazone	523

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<b>Parish of Stow</b>	1,122	462	Parish of Stow CC area is 35% smaller than the Stow Datazone and the Heriot Fountainhall and Stow Landward Datazone combined	1,895
<b>Reston and Auchencrow</b>	702	308	Reston and Auchencrow CC area is 29% smaller than the Reston and Coldingham Moor Datazone	704
<b>Royal Burgh of Peebles and District</b>	8,798	4,034	RBO Peebles and District CC area is 3% smaller than the 9 Peebles Datazones plus the Glentress and Manor Valley Datazone combined	9,379
<b>Royal Burgh of Selkirk and District</b>	6,009	2,874	RBO Selkirk & District CC area is 4% bigger than the 7 Selkirk Datazones combined. The remaining 4% in the "District" is split over 3 large rural Datazones	5,676
<b>Skirling</b>	194	82	The Skirling CC area is 76% smaller than the Stobo Blyth Bridge and Skirling Datazone.	186
<b>Southdean</b>	156	71	The Southdean CC area is 80% smaller than the Bonchester Bridge and Chesters Area Datazone	151
<b>Sprouston</b>	490	218	The Sprouston CC area is 50% smaller than the Sprouston and Area Datazone	500
<b>St Abbs</b>	147	74	St Abbs CC area is 83% smaller than the St Abbs and Eyemouth Landward Datazone	184
<b>St Boswells Parish</b>	1,765	816	St Boswells Parish CC area is 24% smaller than the two St Boswells Datazones and the Dryburgh Charlesfield and Maxton Datazone combined	1,757

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<b>Swinton and Ladykirk</b>	484	217	Swinton and Ladykirk CC area is 73% smaller than the Swinton Leitholm and Fogo Datazone and the Birgham and Ladykirk Datazone combined	237
<b>Tweedbank</b>	2,101	863	Tweedbank CC area is 0% different from the three Tweedbank Datazones combined	1,994
<b>Tweedsmuir</b>	239	108	Tweedsmuir CC area is 72% smaller than the Broughton and Upper Tweed Datazone	222
<b>Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage</b>	218	97	Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage CC area is 75% smaller than the Teviothead and Hermitage Area Datazone	240
<b>Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water</b>	426	175	Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water CC area is 51% smaller than the Teviothead and Hermitage Area Datazone	471
<b>Upper Tweed</b>	596	241	Upper Tweed CC area is 31% smaller than the Broughton and Upper Tweed Datazone	548
<b>Walkerburn &amp; District</b>	848	430	Walkerburn and District CC area is 43% smaller than the Walkerburn Datazone and the Tweeddale East Landward Datazone combined	987
<b>West Linton</b>	2,132	837	West Linton CC area is 16% smaller than the two West Linton Datazones and the Carlops And Romannobridge Datazone combined	2,416
<b>Yetholm and District</b>	810	408	Yetholm and District CC area is 42% smaller than the Yetholm Datazone and the Morebattle Hownam And Area Datazone combined	825