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Falkirk has more people employed within manufacturing than Scotland as a whole, particularly related to the chemicals and petro-chemicals industries.

Jobs by Sector

	Males		Females		Total		Scotland	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Primary (agriculture, mining, utilities)	600	2.0%	100	0.3%	700	1.2%	74,000	3.1%
Manufacturing	7,400	24.6%	1,900	6.5%	9,300	15.7%	224,000	9.4%
Construction	3,300	11.0%	700	2.4%	4,000	6.8%	138,000	5.8%
Wholesale and Retailing	5,300	17.6%	5,100	17.5%	10,400	17.6%	354,000	14.9%
Hotels and restaurants	1,300	4.3%	2,000	6.8%	3,300	5.6%	176,000	7.4%
Public sector	4,500	15.0%	14,400	49.3%	18,900	31.9%	720,000	30.4%
Financial Services	3,600	12.0%	2,800	9.6%	6,400	10.8%	434,000	18.3%
Other Services	4,000	13.3%	2,200	7.5%	6,200	10.5%	250,000	10.5%
Total	30,000	100.0%	29,200	100%	59,200	100%	2,370,000	100%

Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2007

Note: for confidentiality reasons the figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Income and Earnings

The average income for full-time workers in the Falkirk area is £22,112 compared to the UK average of £24,002 and the Scottish average £23,050. Gross weekly pay is below the Scotland and UK average¹.

Gross Weekly Pay

	Falkirk	Scotland	UK
Full time workers	£429.6	£441.0	£456.7
Male full time workers	£493.9	£481.5	£498.3
Female full time work	£402.3	£381.0	£394.0

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2007

Unemployment

The table below shows unemployment rates in the Falkirk area and across Scotland and the United Kingdom as a whole. Overall, unemployment in Falkirk is higher than the Scottish and UK average for February 2009. The rate of unemployment claimants for males (6.1%) is higher than both the Scottish rate of 5.6% and the UK rate of 5.5%. The rate of unemployment for females is lower than the UK average (2.1%), however, it is higher by 0.1% compared to the Scottish average of 1.9%

Area	Male		Female		Total	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Falkirk	2,970	6.1	932	2.0	3,902	4.1
Scotland	92,434	5.6	29,496	1.9	121,930	3.8
United Kingdom	1,087,707	5.5	372,133	2.1	1,459,840	3.9

¹ Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2007

Source: NOMIS

Unemployment has declined steadily over the past decade until recently. The table below shows the February unemployment rates for the past decade.

Rate of Unemployment		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Falkirk		4.9	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.2	4.4
Scotland		4.5	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.3	3.9
United Kingdom		3.7	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.2	4.0

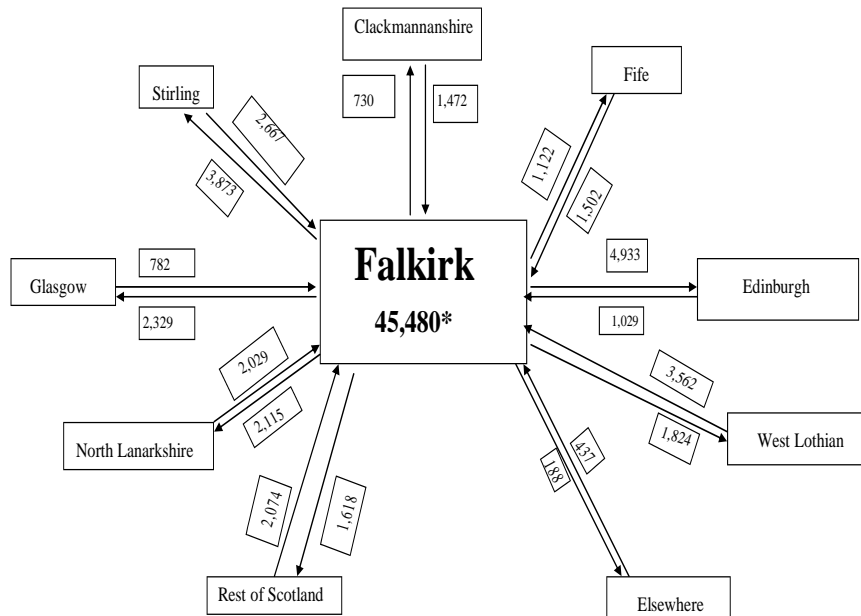
Source: NOMIS

Commuting

Travel to work patterns have been derived from the census 2001 results and are summarised in below. Many people choose to live in Falkirk and work elsewhere; Edinburgh, Stirling and Glasgow are particularly significant for destinations. However, there are many people who commute into Falkirk, especially from neighbouring councils Stirling, North Lanarkshire and West Lothian.

Travel to Work Patterns for Falkirk

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Source: 2001 Census

* Includes not stated and no fixed workplace

Source: 2001 Census (Crown Copyright)

	Edinburgh	Stirling	West Lothian	Glasgow
Out	5,308	4,553	3,671	2,605
In	1,044	2,946	1,895	815

Source: 2001 Census, (Crown Copyright)