

DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON WARD PROFILE

2024

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Introduction

The profile is one of six ward area profiles prepared to support the work of the East Lothian Partnership and compliment the East Lothian Profile.

It has been compiled in consideration of the priorities identified in the East Lothian Single Outcome Agreement to assist local partnerships and service providers to better understand the needs of their local areas.

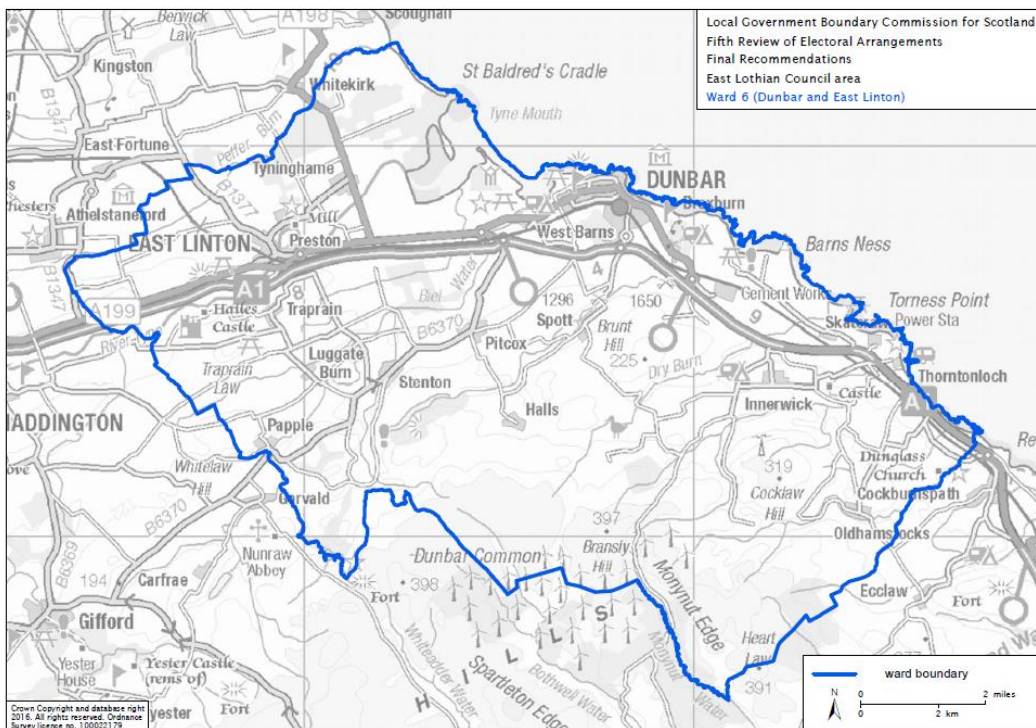
The Dunbar Area

The Dunbar and East Linton Ward is situated at the eastern end of East Lothian. It is geographically one of the largest wards in East Lothian, stretching from East Linton in the west to Dunglass in the east, and includes:

- Dunbar
- East Linton
- West Barns
- Innerwick
- Spott
- Stenton
- Oldhamstocks
- Tynninghame

and a number of other small settlements

Figure 1 - Ward Map (East Lothian Council)



PLEASE NOTE - Throughout this profile a number of different sources have been used to gather statistical information, which each use different boundaries and area definitions. In this report:

- **Dunbar & East Linton** is used to refer to the East Lothian Local Authority ward area.
- **Intermediate zones** (sometimes referred to as Intermediate Geographies) are also used to present variations within the ward. In this case the ward is divided into the **Dunbar East, Dunbar West and East Linton Rural**.
- **Data zones** are the smallest geographic areas at which data is collected and analysed. There are 17 data zones in the Dunbar and East Linton ward.

Population

Scotland's Census 2022 states that **15,764** people live in the Dunbar and East Linton ward, accounting for 14.0% of the total population of East Lothian.

HEADLINES – Population

- 14% of the population of East Lothian live in the Dunbar & East Linton ward.
- 71.8% of the population of the ward live in Dunbar/West Barns.
- Like the rest of East Lothian there are proportionally more people of pensionable age living in the ward than there across Scotland and more children aged 0-15.
- English is the main language of 97.7% of the population in the Dunbar & East Linton ward, higher than the rate for East Lothian or Scotland.
- 75.8% of the population in the Dunbar & East Linton ward were born in Scotland - lower than the rate for East Lothian or Scotland as a whole.
- 2.5% of the Dunbar and East Linton ward were of a non white ethnic minority, lower than the 3.1% for East Lothian and 7.1% across Scotland.

Across the ward approximately:

- In 2022, 71.8% of the population of the ward live in Dunbar/West Barns.
- 11.9% reside in East Linton.
- In the Dunbar & East Linton ward 48.5% are male and 51.5% are female.
- Like the rest of East Lothian there are proportionally more people of pensionable age living in the ward than there across Scotland and more children aged 0-15.

Table 1 – Age Distribution (Scotland's Census 2022)

	Dunbar and East Linton Ward	East Lothian	Scotland
% of the population (0-15)	19.6%	18.0%	16.4%
% of the population that are (16-64)	58.7%	60.9%	63.6%
% of the population that are 65 or over	21.7%	21.1%	20.0%

[Search | Scotland's Census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk)

Country of Birth and Ethnicity

According to Scotland's Census 2022 figures:

- 3.2% of the ward were born outside of Europe, similar to the 3.1% for East Lothian and lower than the 5.5% across Scotland.
- In the Dunbar and East Linton ward 75.8% of the population were born in Scotland compared to 80.1% of residents in East Lothian and 79.4% across the country as a whole.
- 93.5% of the Dunbar and East Linton ward were born in the UK, higher than the 92.6% for East Lothian and 89.8% across Scotland.

Table 2 – Country of birth (Scotland's Census 2022)

	Europe Total	Europe Non EU or UK	EU	UK	Scotland	Africa	Middle East and Asia	The Americas and the Caribbean	Antarctica and Oceania
Dunbar and East Linton	96.8%	0.4%	2.9%	93.5%	75.8%	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%	0.4%
East Lothian	96.9%	0.4%	3.9%	92.6%	80.1%	0.8%	1.2%	0.8%	0.3%
Scotland	94.5%	0.4%	4.3%	89.8%	79.4%	1.3%	3.0%	0.9%	0.3%

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- 75.7% of people in this ward identify themselves as White Scottish – below the rates for East Lothian and across Scotland as a whole.
- 2.5% of people in this ward were from minority ethnic groups lower than the rate for East Lothian and across Scotland as a whole.

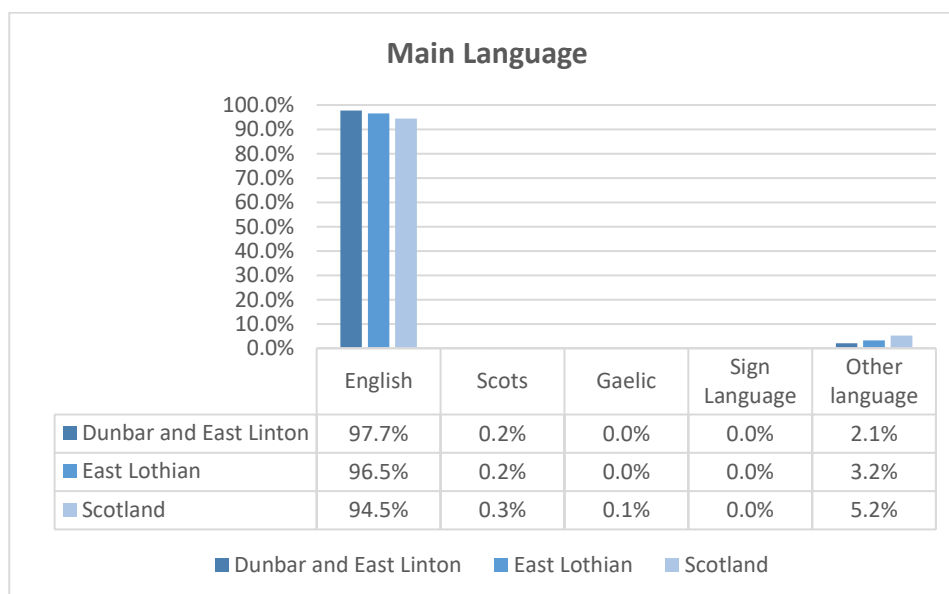
Table 3 – Ethnic identity (Scotland's Census 2022)

Ethnicity	White Scottish	White Other	Minority Ethnic Groups
Dunbar and East Linton	75.7%	21.8%	2.5%
East Lothian	79.5%	17.4%	3.1%
Scotland	77.7%	15.2%	7.1%

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English is the main language for 97.7% of all people (aged 3 and over) living in the Dunbar and East Lothian ward, higher than the 96.5% for East Lothian and 94.5% across the country as a whole.

Figure 2-Main Language (Scotland's Census 2022)



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Religion

Across Scotland 38.8% of the population stated their religion as Christian and 2.2% identified as Muslim in Scotland’s Census 2022. At the same time 51.1% of people stated that they had no religion.

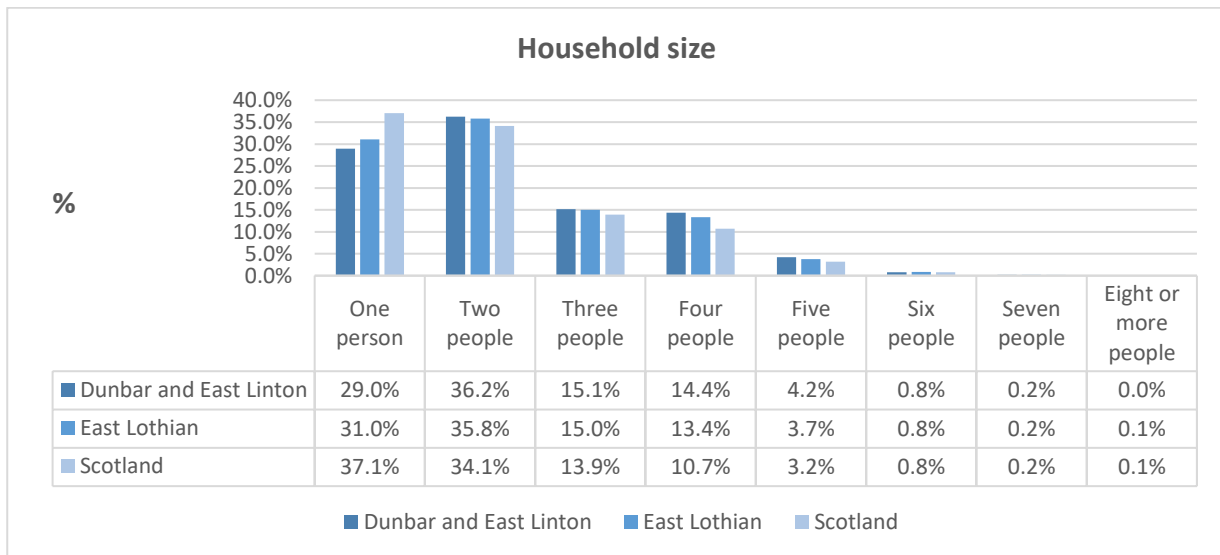
In the Dunbar & East Linton ward:

- 34.6% of the population declared that they were Christian (East Lothian 35%).
- 0.4% reported their religion as Muslim (East Lothian 0.8%).
- 58.1% stated they had no religion (East Lothian 57.5%).

Household Size

Figure 3 shows that there are less one person households in the Dunbar and East Linton ward when compared to East Lothian and Scotland as whole.

Figure 3 – Household Size (Scotland’s Census 2022)



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Deprivation in the Ward

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

The SIMD is a tool used by the Scottish Government to identify concentrations of deprivation across Scotland in a consistent manner. It does this by dividing the country into 6,976 data zones (average 767 people per data zone).

These data zones are then ranked against key measures of deprivation – income, education, crime, health, employment, geographic access and housing – as well as by overall deprivation.

It is important to note that the SIMD only identifies concentrations of deprivation. Therefore not all people who are deprived live in a data zone highlighted by the SIMD, and not all people living within an identified data zone are deprived.

HEADLINES – Deprivation in the ward

- None of the data zones in the Dunbar & East Linton ward are in the 20% most deprived in East Lothian or Scotland.
- 4 data zones are within the 20% least deprived in East Lothian and Scotland.

Figure 4 shows all of the data zones in the Dunbar and East Linton ward and illustrates their SIMD2020 overall deprivation quintile ranking. It can be used to identify geographic clusters of deprivation in the ward.

Figure 4 – Overall Deprivation in the Dunbar and East Linton ward SIMD 2020 (East Lothian Council)

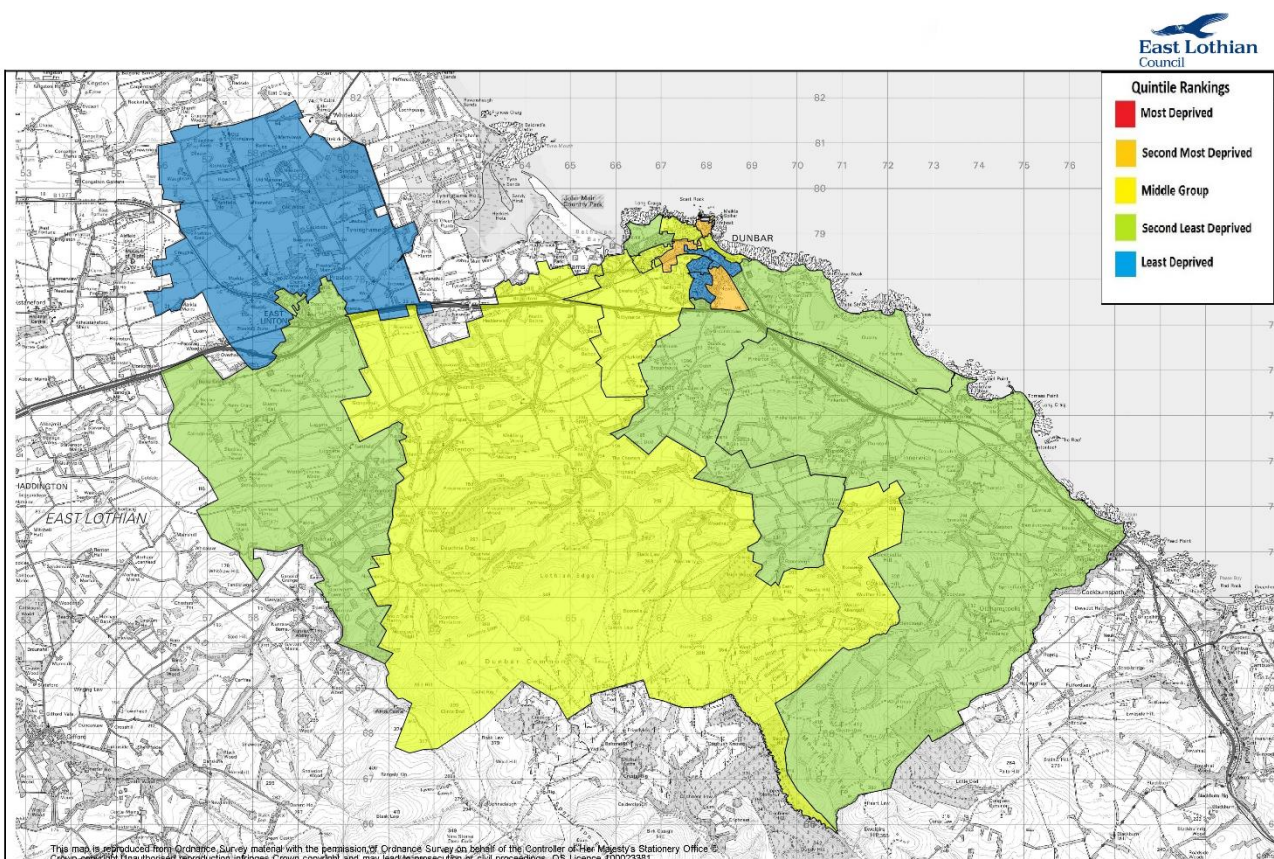


Table 4 shows that:

- None of the data zones in the Dunbar & East Linton ward are in the 20% most deprived in East Lothian or Scotland.
- 4 data zones are in the 20% least deprived in East Lothian and Scotland.
- 2 data zones are in the 10% least deprived in Scotland, 1 data zone is in the 10% least deprived in East Lothian.

Dunbar and East Linton Data zones

Table 4 – SIMD ranking for data zones in the Dunbar and East Linton ward

Data zone	Data zone Name	Location	SIMD 2012 Rank	SIMD 2016 Rank	SIMD 2020 Rank	East Lothian Rank 2020
S01008289	Harbour / Victoria St / Castle St	Dunbar	2858	2510	2319	33
S01008285	Lammermuir Cr / Countess Cr	Dunbar	2401	2695	2767	47
S01008292	Spott Rd	Dunbar	4275	4513	2790	48
S01008290	High St / Queen's Rd / East Links	Dunbar	3768	4594	3736	65
S01008286	Belhaven Park / Dunbarr Grammar	Dunbar	3221	4018	3764	66
S01008288	Winterfield Pk / North Rd / Delisle St	Dunbar	4540	4146	4040	74
S01008284	West Barns / Eweford / Lochend Wood	Dunbar	4524	4921	4049	75
S01008281	Stenton / Pressmenan / Needle Hill	Rural	4703	4357	4143	77
S01008287	Belhaven Hill / Back Rd	Dunbar	3933	4073	4205	78
S01008282	Innerwick / Oldhamstocks	Rural	4424	4168	4248	79
S01008279	East Linton Village Centre	East Linton	4201	4375	4973	87
S01008280	East Linton South / Traprain / Papple	Rural	4264	4725	5119	94
S01008283	Spott / Broxburn	Rural	4424	5325	5403	102
S01008278	East Linton North / Tynninghame / Newbyth	Rural	5769	6292	5856	112
S01008291	Countess Rd / Station Rd / Newhouse Pl	Dunbar	5018	5608	5889	113
S01008294	Kellie Rd / Middlemas Rd	Dunbar	4275	4394	6314	118
S01008293	Lochend Rd	Dunbar	4524	6314	6618	129

[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/resources/information/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2020/)

Income and Employment

Although East Lothian is generally considered to be an area of high employment and general affluence there is considerable variation in economic activity, unemployment and the financial position of households between and within East Lothian's wards.

This section concentrates on income and employment figures across the ward in relation to East Lothian averages as well people's perceptions of their own financial position.

HEADLINES – Income and Employment

- Approximately 6.5% of the population of the working age population of the Dunbar and East Linton Ward is considered to be employment deprived, compared to East Lothian (8.1%) and Scotland (9.3%).
- The proportion of the population considered to be employment deprived in the ward ranges from 1% to 12%.
- Approximately 7.9% of the population in the Dunbar and East Linton ward are considered to be income deprived, compared to the overall East Lothian rate of 10.2% and Scotland 12.1%.
- The proportion of the population that are considered to be income deprived in the ward ranges from 2% to 15%.
- 13.5% of the working age population in the Dunbar & East Linton ward claimed universal credit in September 2024 higher than the pre Covid figure of 8.9% in February 2020.

Employment Patterns in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward

Figure 5 shows that the breakdown of employment across different industry sectors in the Dunbar and East Linton ward was generally comparable with the rest of East Lothian.

In this ward a higher percentage of people worked within Agricultural, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing than across East Lothian and Scotland, as a whole, reflecting the largely rural nature of the area.

This ward also had a higher percentage of people worked within Electricity, Gas and Water Supply, compared to East Lothian – explained in part by Torness Power Station's location just outside Dunbar

In relation to employment across Occupational Groups Figure 6 shows that more people in the Dunbar and East Linton ward were employed in Professional occupations than across East Lothian as a whole.

The percentage of people employed sales and customer services occupations was lower than the East Lothian and Scotland average.

Figure 5 – Employment by Industry Category (Scotland's Census 2022)

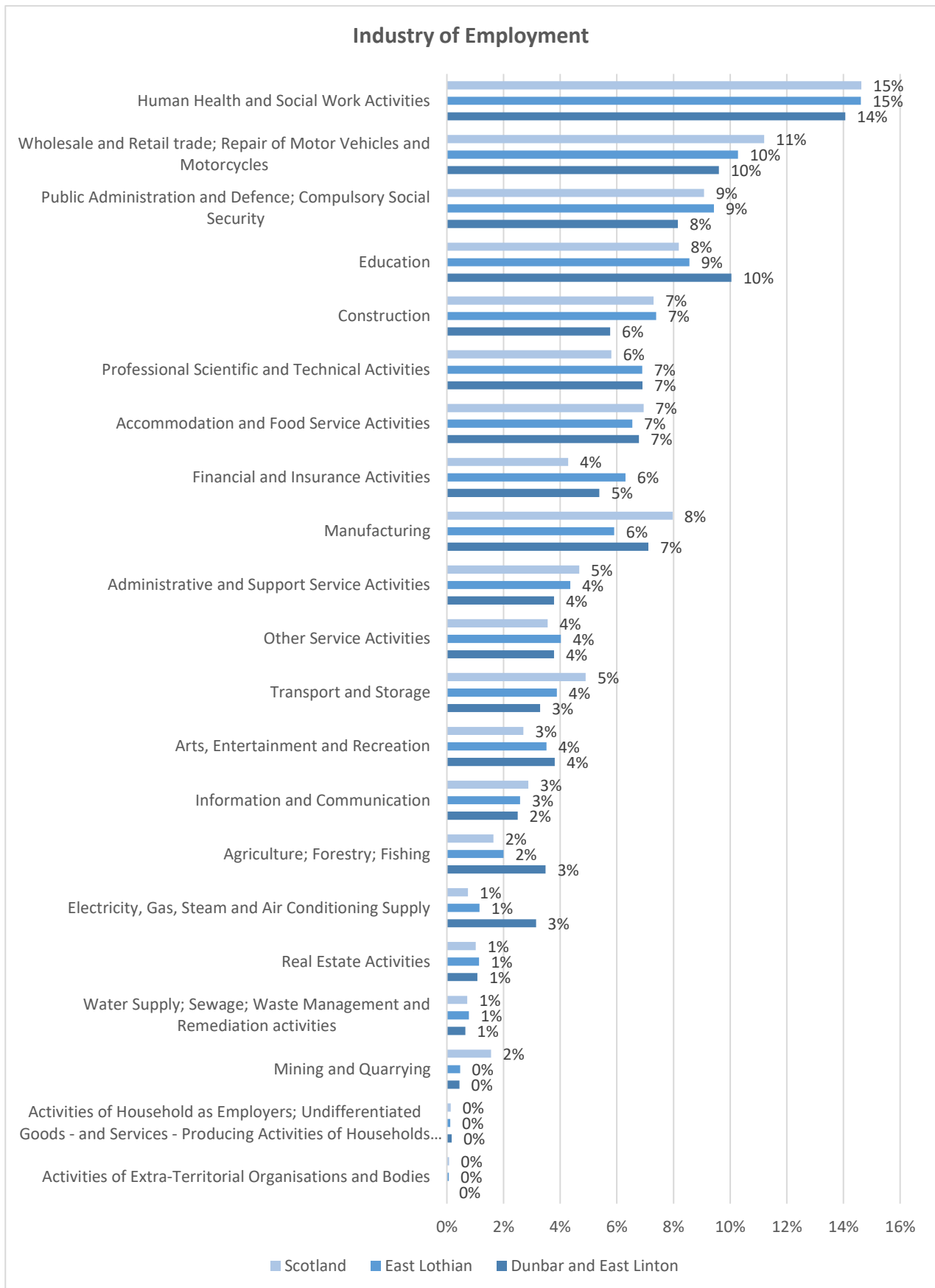
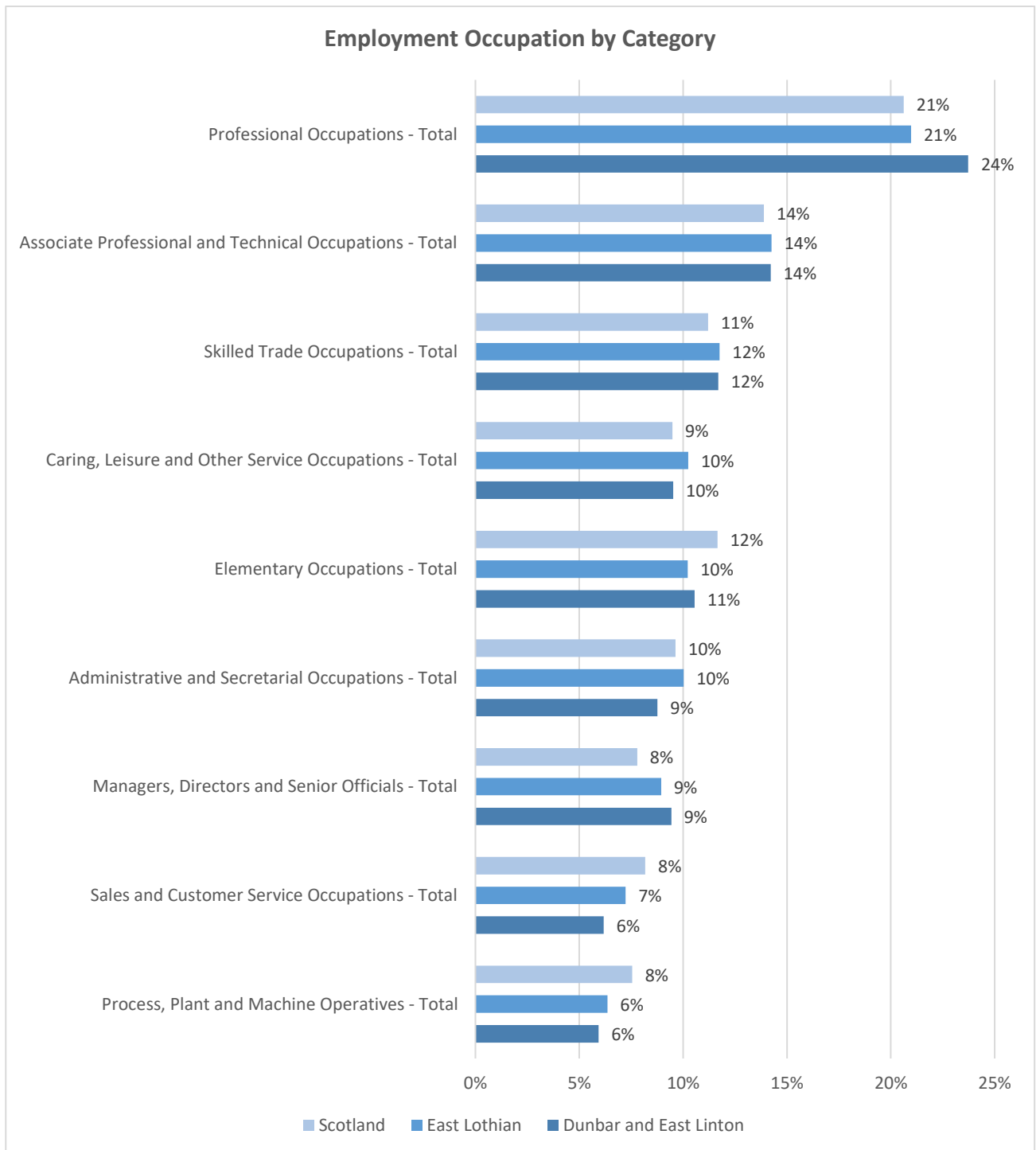


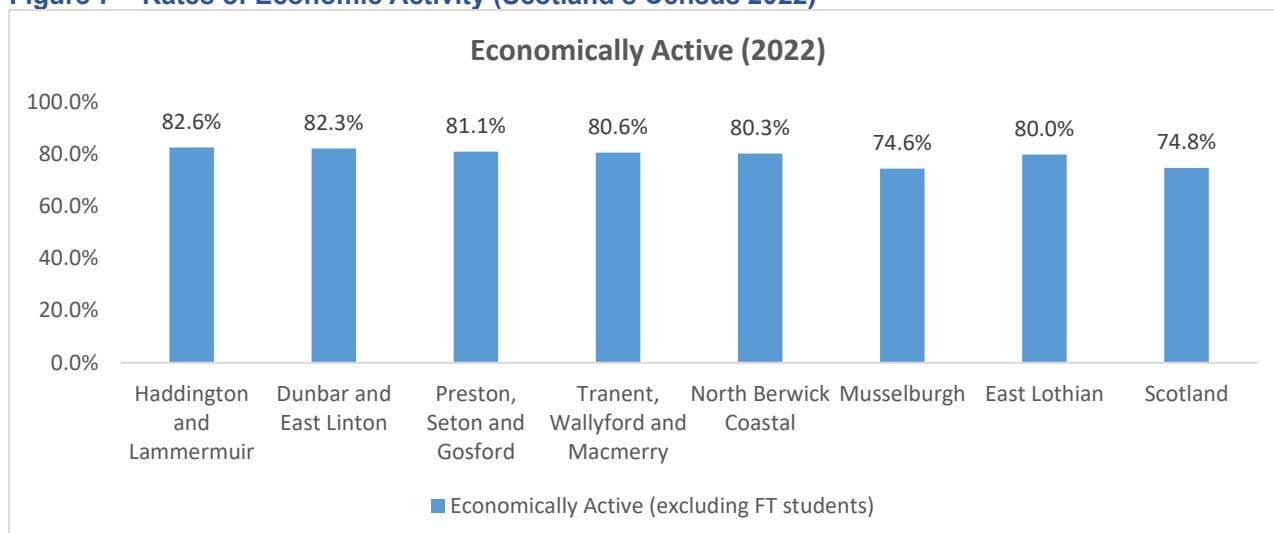
Figure 6 – Employment by Occupation Category (Scotland's Census 2022)



Economic Activity in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward

Figure 7 shows that rates of economic activity across East Lothian were higher than across Scotland as a whole. 82.3% of the working age population were economically active in Dunbar & East Linton ward, higher than the East Lothian figure of 80%.

Figure 7 – Rates of Economic Activity (Scotland's Census 2022)



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Table 5 shows that the percentage of the working age population in this ward who are full time workers is similar to the East Lothian average.

Table 5 – Economically Active Full Time and Part Time workers (Scotland's Census 2022)

Ward	Full Time (excluding FT students)	Part Time (excluding FT students)
North Berwick Coastal	47.5%	18.0%
Musselburgh	48.7%	16.1%
Dunbar and East Linton	50.8%	18.4%
Haddington and Lammermuir	51.6%	17.9%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	52.7%	17.5%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	53.6%	17.4%
East Lothian	51.0%	17.5%
Scotland	49.2%	15.5%

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Table 6 shows that, there were less people unemployed across East Lothian than across Scotland. The Dunbar and East Linton ward had higher rates of people self-employed when compared to East Lothian as a whole.

Table 6 – Economic Activity, Employee, Self-employed, Unemployed (Scotland's Census 2022)

Ward	Economically Active	Employee	Self-employed	Unemployed (available for work)
Dunbar and East Linton	7608	80.2%	17.4%	2.4%
Haddington and Lammermuir	10040	80.4%	17.3%	2.3%
Musselburgh	10531	84.9%	12.2%	2.9%
North Berwick Coastal	6519	76.0%	22.1%	1.9%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	9397	85.4%	12.4%	2.2%
Tranent Wallyford Macmerry	10659	84.8%	13.0%	2.3%
East Lothian	54754	82.4%	15.2%	2.4%
Scotland	2587707	83.6%	13.0%	3.3%

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Table 7 shows that across East Lothian there is a higher level of retirees than across Scotland as a whole. The level of retirees in the Dunbar & East Linton ward is higher than the East Lothian average.

Table 7 – Rates of Economic Inactivity (Scotland’s Census 2022)

Ward	Economically Inactive - Total	Retired	Student	Looking after home/family	Long term sick/disabled	Other
Dunbar and East Linton	4773	70.2%	8.2%	7.4%	8.8%	5.4%
Haddington and Lammermuir	6274	69.2%	7.4%	7.9%	10.2%	5.3%
Musselburgh	6846	60.3%	14.8%	7.6%	11.9%	5.5%
North Berwick Coastal	5519	76.3%	6.9%	7.6%	5.7%	3.5%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	5763	68.7%	6.2%	8.2%	11.8%	5.2%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	5616	62.0%	7.5%	9.5%	15.0%	5.9%
East Lothian	34786	67.5%	8.7%	8.0%	10.7%	5.2%
Scotland	1780416	59.6%	12.4%	8.8%	13.3%	6.0%

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SIMD 2020 Employment Domain Indicators

- Working Age recipients of Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Working Age Incapacity Benefit claimants, Employment and Support Allowance or Severe Disablement Allowance
- Working Age Universal Credit claimants not in employment

- Approximately 6.5% of the population of the working age population of the Dunbar and East Linton Ward is considered to be employment deprived, compared to East Lothian (8.1%) and Scotland (9.3%).
- The proportion of the population considered to be employment deprived in the ward ranges from 1% to 12%.

Dunbar and East Linton Data zones – ranked by level of employment deprivation 2020

Table 8 - Employment Deprivation (SIMD 2020)

Data zone	Data zone Name	Main Town	Employment_domain 2016 rank	% Employment Deprived 2016	Employment_domain 2020 rank	% Employment Deprived 2020
S01008292	Spott Rd	Dunbar	4644	6%	2157	12.0%
S01008289	Harbour / Victoria St / Castle St	Dunbar	1936	15%	2204	12.0%
S01008285	Lammermuir Cr / Countess Cr	Dunbar	2490	12%	2274	12.0%
S01008290	High St / Queen’s Rd / East Links	Dunbar	3386	9%	2462	11.0%
S01008288	Winterfield Pk / North Rd / Delisle St	Dunbar	3324	9%	3192	9.0%
S01008286	Belhaven Park / Dunbar Grammar	Dunbar	4379	6%	3327	8.0%
S01008287	Belhaven Hill / Back Rd	Dunbar	3646	8%	3528	8.0%

S01008281	Stenton / Pressmenan / Needle Hill	Rural	4479	6%	4013	6.0%
S01008284	West Barns / Eweford / Lochend Wood	Dunbar	5339	4%	4015	6.0%
S01008279	East Linton Village Centre	East Linton	3445	9%	4044	6.0%
S01008282	Innerwick / Oldhamstocks	Rural	4670	6%	4789	5.0%
S01008291	Countess Rd / Station Rd / Newhouse Pl	Dunbar	4994	5%	4823	5.0%
S01008283	Spott / Broxburn	Rural	5167	5%	5162	4.0%
S01008280	East Linton South / Traprain / Papple	Rural	5326	4%	5584	3.0%
S01008278	East Linton North / Tynninghame / Newbyth	Rural	6667	2%	5700	3.0%
S01008294	Kellie Rd / Middlemas Rd	Dunbar	3592	8%	6624	2.0%
S01008293	Lochend Rd	Dunbar	6083	3%	6872	1.0%

[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

Universal Credit

Universal Credit supports people who are on a low income or out of work. Its aim is to ensure that people are better off in work than on benefits. Universal Credit gives support to people to prepare for work, move into work, or earn more. It is the recipient's responsibility to do everything they can to find work or increase their earnings.

Universal Credit replaces:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit

Table 9 shows that 13.5% of the working age population of the Dunbar & East Linton ward claimed Universal Credit in September 2024, which is below the East Lothian average of 14.8% (Scotland 16.4%). The current number of people on Universal Credit in this ward is 72.6% higher the pre covid figure of 722 in February 2020. Across the county there has been an increase of 73.8% compared to 121.9% nationally. The level of claimants in East Lothian and Scotland has been increasing steadily since May 2022, and is now at the highest level since lockdown.

Table 10 shows that 2% of the working age population in this ward were searching for work in September 2024, lower than the 2.2% for East Lothian and 3% for Scotland. The current number of people searching for work in this ward is 5.7% lower than the pre covid figure of 192 in February 2020. There were 9.3% fewer claimants in East Lothian when compared to the pre covid figure, whereas Scotland increased by 7.0%.

Table 9 – Number of people on Universal Credit (Stat-Xplore)

	Feb-20		Sep-24		Feb 20 to Sep 24 change	
	UC	% of working age pop	UC	% of working age pop	Change	Change %
Dunbar & East Linton	722	8.1%	1,246	13.5%	524	72.6%
Haddington & Lammermuir	857	7.6%	1,663	13.7%	806	94.0%
Musselburgh	1397	11.1%	2,326	16.5%	929	66.5%
North Berwick Coastal	377	5.0%	675	8.3%	298	79.0%
Preston Seton Gosford	1020	9.2%	1,663	14.3%	643	63.0%
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	1462	10.3%	2,582	19.5%	1,120	76.6%
East Lothian	5842	8.9%	10,151	14.8%	4,309	73.8%
Scotland	256083	7.3%	568,303	16.4%	312,220	121.9%

[Stat-Xplore - Log in](#)

Table 10 – Number of people searching for work Universal Credit by Ward (Stat-Xplore)

	Feb-20		Sep 24		Feb 20 to Sep 24 change	
	Seeking Work	% of working age pop	Seeking Work	% of working age pop	Change	Change %
Dunbar & East Linton	192	2.1%	181	2.0%	-11	-5.7%
Haddington & Lammermuir	247	2.2%	235	1.9%	-12	-4.9%
Musselburgh	428	3.4%	383	2.7%	-45	-10.5%
North Berwick Coastal	80	1.1%	93	1.1%	13	16.3%
Preston Seton Gosford	290	2.6%	234	2.0%	-56	-19.3%
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	426	3.0%	393	3.0%	-33	-7.7%
East Lothian	1668	2.5%	1513	2.2%	-155	-9.3%
Scotland	98265	2.8%	105162	3.0%	6897	7.0%

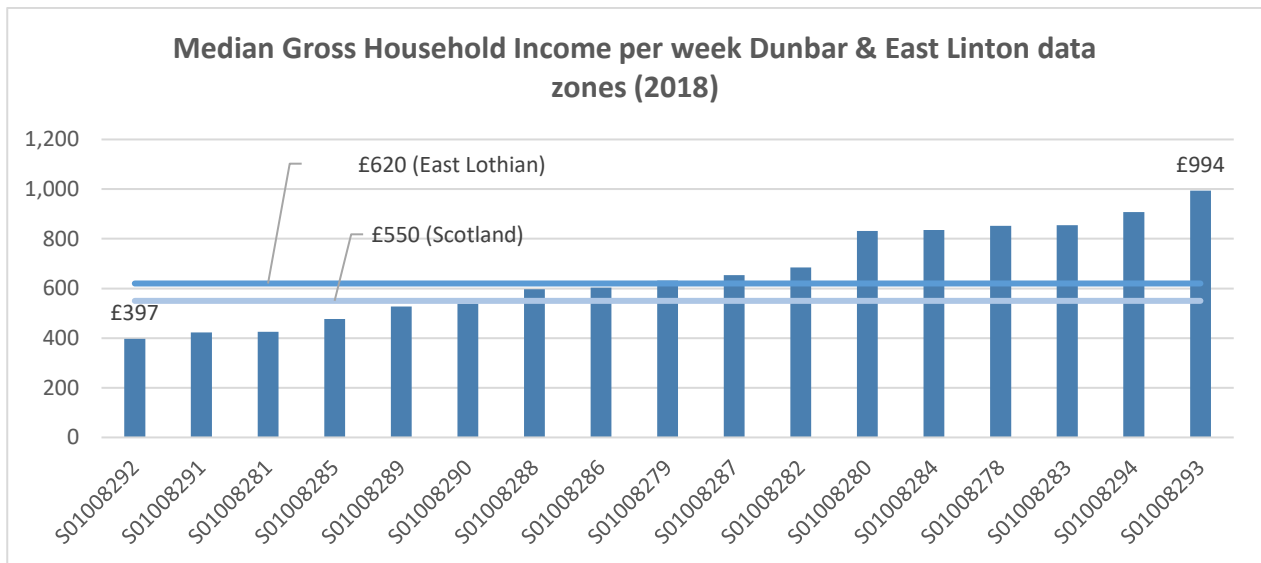
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How is the ward coping financially?

Estimated household income varies across the ward, with a gap of £597 per week between the most affluent data zone and the least.

- 9 of the 17 data zones in Dunbar and East Linton have median, or middle of the range, household incomes above the East Lothian average.

Figure 8 - Median gross household income (Statistics Scot Govt)



[Banded income statistics: 2018 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/banded-income-statistics-2018)

Figure 9 shows that 44% of respondents in the Dunbar & East Linton ward said that they were “Managing very/quite well” similar to the East Lothian figure of 45%.

43% in this ward said they were getting by alright, higher than the 38% across East Lothian.

Figure 9 - How households are managing financially (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)

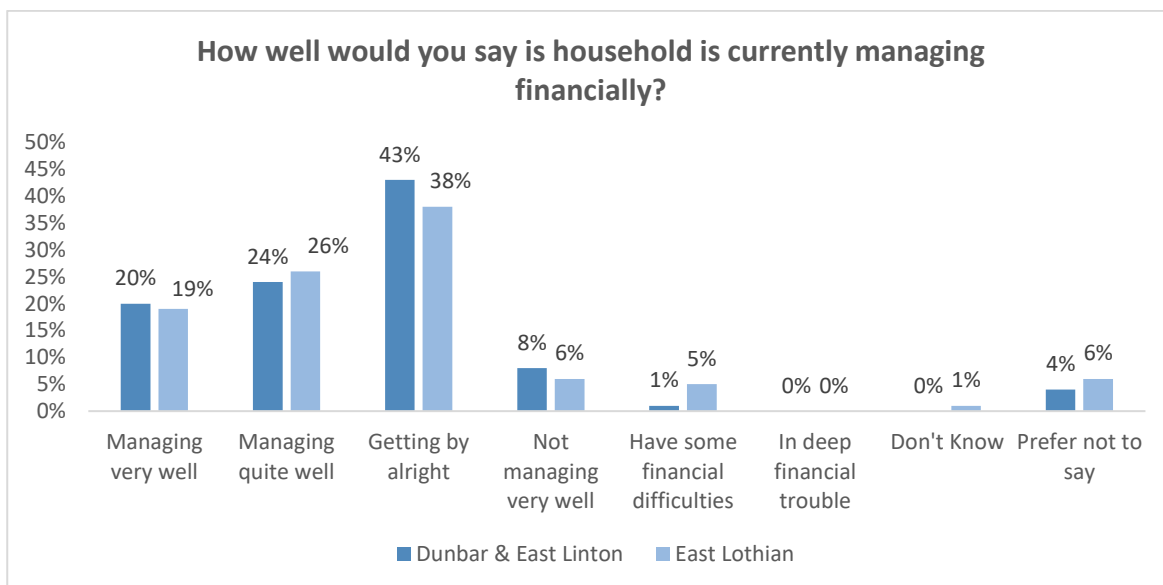
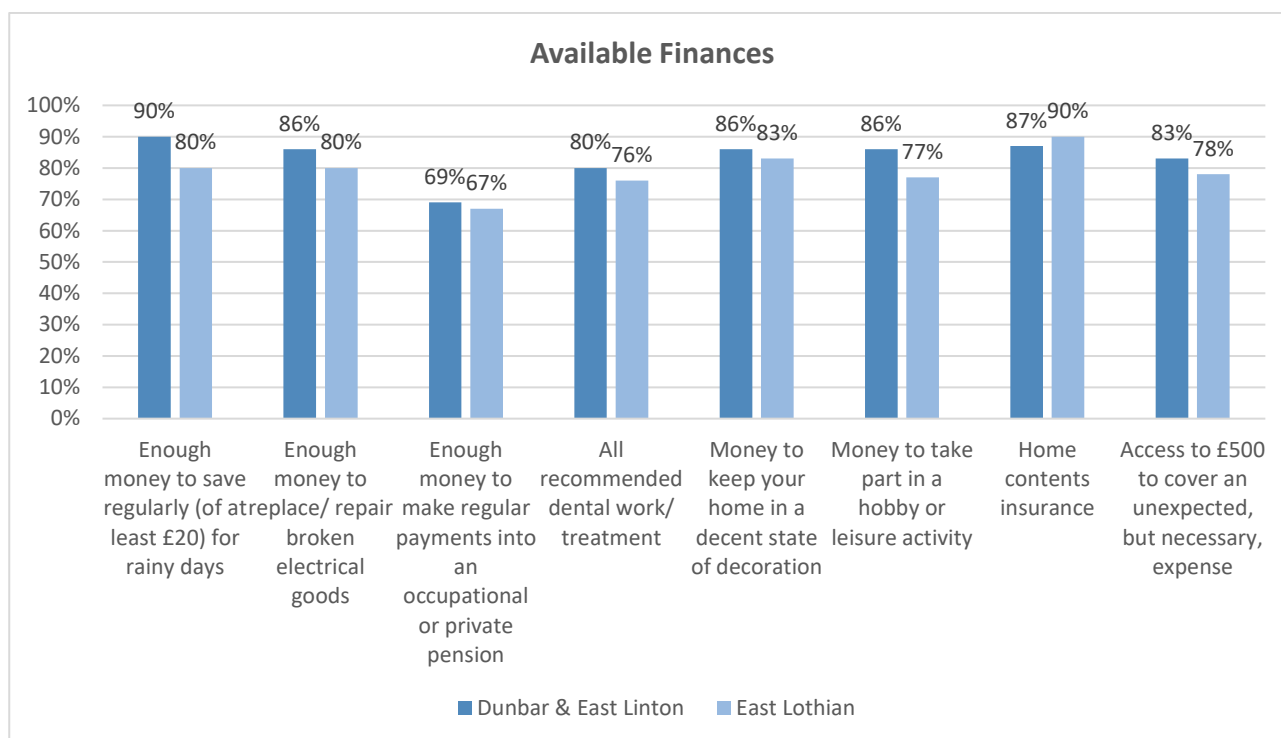


Figure 10 shows that the Dunbar & East Linton residents had more available money for all categories with the exception of Home Contents insurance when compared to East Lothian as whole.

90% of this ward had enough money to save regularly, the highest of all the options and higher than the 80% for the who county.

Having money available for a private pension was the lowest affordable category for both this ward and across East Lothian as a whole.

Figure 10 – Available Finances (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



Income Deprivation

The SIMD employment Domain is based on the following factors: Income Support and Income-based Employment Support Allowance claimants (16-59); Job Seekers Allowance and Guaranteed Pension Credit Claimants (all ages); Universal Credit claimants with no employment marker; number of children in JSA, IS or ESA households; number of adults and children dependent on adults in receipt of Tax Credits.

- Approximately 7.9% of the population in the Dunbar and East Linton ward are considered to be income deprived, compared to the overall East Lothian rate of 10.2% (Scotland 12.1%).
- The proportion of the population that are considered to be income deprived in the ward ranges from 2% to 15%.

Dunbar and East Linton data zones: ranked by level of Income deprivation 2020

Table 11 - Income Deprivation (SIMD2020)

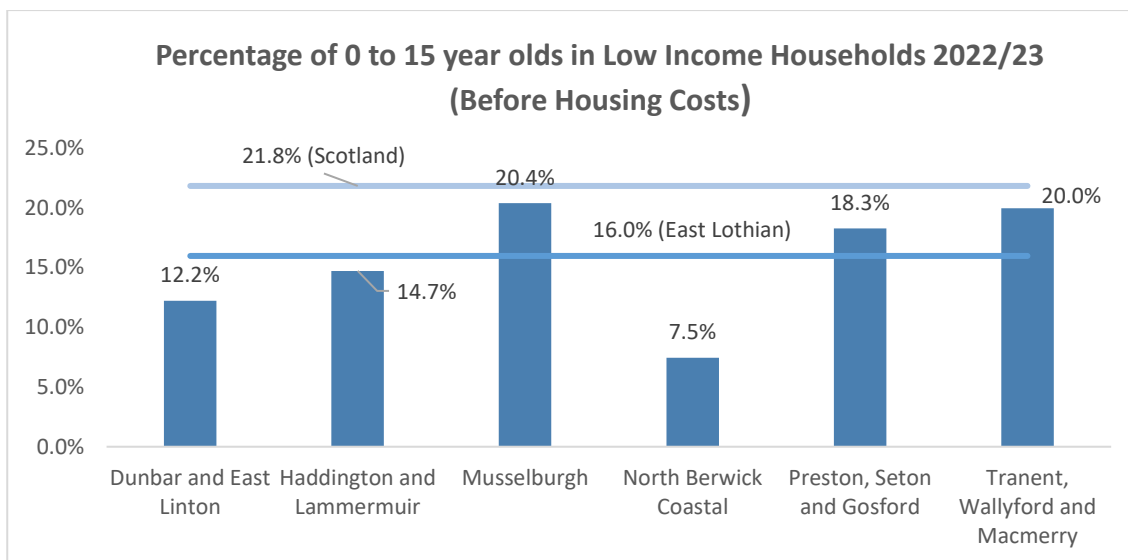
Data zone	Data zone Name	Main Town	Income domain 2016 rank	%Income Deprived 2016	Income domain 2020 rank	%Income Deprived 2020
S01008289	Harbour / Victoria St / Castle St	Dunbar	2505	14%	2206	15%
S01008292	Spott Rd	Dunbar	4596	6%	2493	14%
S01008285	Lammermuir Cr / Countess Cr	Dunbar	2689	13%	2654	13%
S01008290	High St / Queen's Rd / East Links	Dunbar	3761	9%	2930	12%
S01008286	Belhaven Park / Dunbarr Grammar	Dunbar	2884	12%	3204	11%
S01008288	Winterfield Pk / North Rd / Delisle St	Dunbar	3353	10%	3083	11%

S01008287	Belhaven Hill / Back Rd	Dunbar	3637	9%	3603	9%
S01008284	West Barns / Eweford / Lochend Wood	Dunbar	5408	4%	3894	8%
S01008280	East Linton South / Traprain / Papple	Rural	4393	7%	4604	6%
S01008281	Stenton / Pressmenan / Needle Hill	Rural	4809	6%	4497	6%
S01008294	Kellie Rd / Middlemas Rd	Dunbar	4165	8%	5177	5%
S01008279	East Linton Village Centre	East Linton	4402	7%	5037	5%
S01008282	Innerwick / Oldhamstocks	Rural	5263	5%	5180	5%
S01008291	Countess Rd / Station Rd / Newhouse Pl	Dunbar	5241	5%	5614	4%
S01008283	Spott / Broxburn	Rural	5697	4%	5658	4%
S01008278	East Linton North / Tynninghame / Newbyth	Rural	6570	2%	5890	3%
S01008293	Lochend Rd	Dunbar	6410	2%	6660	2%

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Figure 11 shows that 12.2% of 0 to 15 year olds in the Dunbar & East Linton ward were in low income families in 2022/23, compared to 16.0% in East Lothian and 21.8% across Scotland.

Figure 11 – Children in Low Income Families 2022/23 (Stat-Xplore)



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Education and Training

HEADLINES – Education and Training

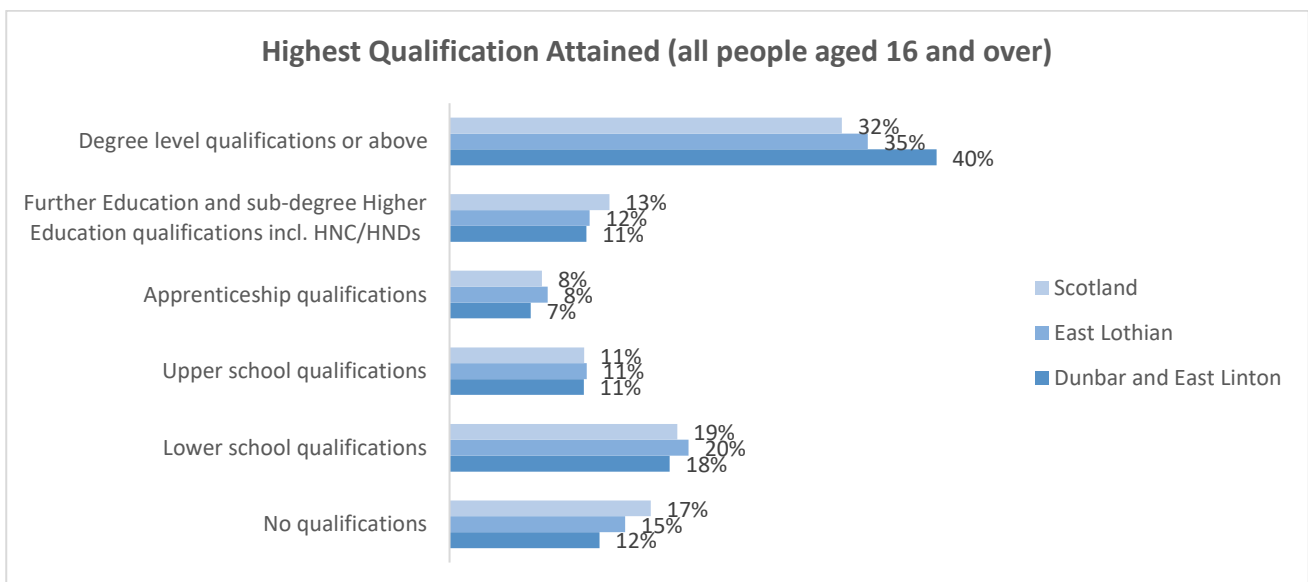
- 58% of people in the Dunbar & East Linton ward aged 16 and over have an apprentice qualification, further education qualification or degree level or above qualification (compared to the East Lothian figure of 54%).
- One data zone in the Dunbar & East Linton ward is within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian and Scotland in terms of the Education domain.
- 5 data zones in the Dunbar & East Linton ward are ranked within the 20% least educationally deprived in East Lothian, 3 of which are in the 10% least deprived.
- 93% of Dunbar Grammar pupils achieved SCQF Level 5 or better, higher than the 82% for East Lothian and 88% for Scotland.
- The 87.3% Dunbar Grammar attendance rate was higher than 86% across East Lothian and similar to the 87.1% for Scotland.
- 96.1% of school leavers from Dunbar Grammar School were initially assessed as having a 'positive destination' upon leaving school.

Education and Training among adults

According to the 2022 census:

- 58% of people in the Dunbar & East Linton ward aged 16 and over have an apprentice qualification, further education qualification or degree level or above qualification (compared to the East Lothian figure of 54%).
- 40% have undertaken a degree level or above qualification (compared to 35% across East Lothian).
- 12% have no formal qualifications (below the East Lothian figure of 15%).

Figure 12 – Highest level of qualification attained (2022 census)



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Education, Skills and Training Domain

The SIMD Education Domain includes indicators that measure both outcomes of education deprivation, such as lack of qualifications in children and adults, and causes of education deprivation such as absenteeism and lack of progression to further and higher education.

The Education Domain gives an education deprivation rank using the following indicators:

- School pupil attendance
- Attainment of School leavers
- Working age people with no qualifications
- 17-21 year olds enrolling into full time higher education
- School leavers aged 16-19 not in education, employment or training

- One data zone in the Dunbar & East Linton ward is within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian and Scotland in terms of the Education domain.
- 5 data zones in the Dunbar & East Linton ward are ranked within the 20% least educationally deprived in East Lothian and Scotland.

Table 12 – SIMD 2020 Education, Skills and Training domain

Data zone	Data zone Name	Main Town	Education domain 2016 rank	East Lothian Rank 2016	Education domain 2020 rank	East Lothian Rank 2020
S01008289	Harbour / Victoria St / Castle St	Dunbar	2711	42	1236	16
S01008285	Lammermuir Cr / Countess Cr	Dunbar	1993	30	2795	51
S01008292	Spott Rd	Dunbar	3428	57	3504	59
S01008287	Belhaven Hill / Back Rd	Dunbar	3312	55	3675	60
S01008286	Belhaven Park / Dunbar Grammar	Dunbar	4084	71	3937	67
S01008279	East Linton Village Centre	East Linton	3942	69	4230	72
S01008284	West Barns / Eweford / Lochend Wood	Dunbar	4340	78	4396	74
S01008288	Winterfield Pk / North Rd / Delisle St	Dunbar	5076	95	4445	75
S01008290	High St / Queen's Rd / East Links	Dunbar	5545	101	4873	89
S01008291	Countess Rd / Station Rd / Newhouse Pl	Dunbar	3738	62	5169	93
S01008282	Innerwick / Oldhamstocks	Rural	5122	96	5192	94
S01008281	Stenton / Pressmenan / Needle Hill	Rural	6482	119	5508	102
S01008294	Kellie Rd / Middlemas Rd	Dunbar	4291	77	5871	107
S01008280	East Linton South / Traprain / Papple	Rural	4857	91	5882	109
S01008283	Spott / Broxburn	Rural	6029	105	6308	120
S01008293	Lochend Rd	Dunbar	6365	113	6616	125
S01008278	East Linton North / Tynninghame / Newbyth	Rural	6769	128	6772	130

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Primary and Secondary School Pupils

There are 5 Local Authority Primary schools within the ward boundaries and 1 Secondary School.

- In the 2022 school year there were 2,474 Primary School aged pupils living in the Dunbar area which is projected to decrease by 16.3% to 2,070 in 2032.
- Across East Lothian as a whole the figure is projected to increase by 13.1%, from 15,092 to 17,067.

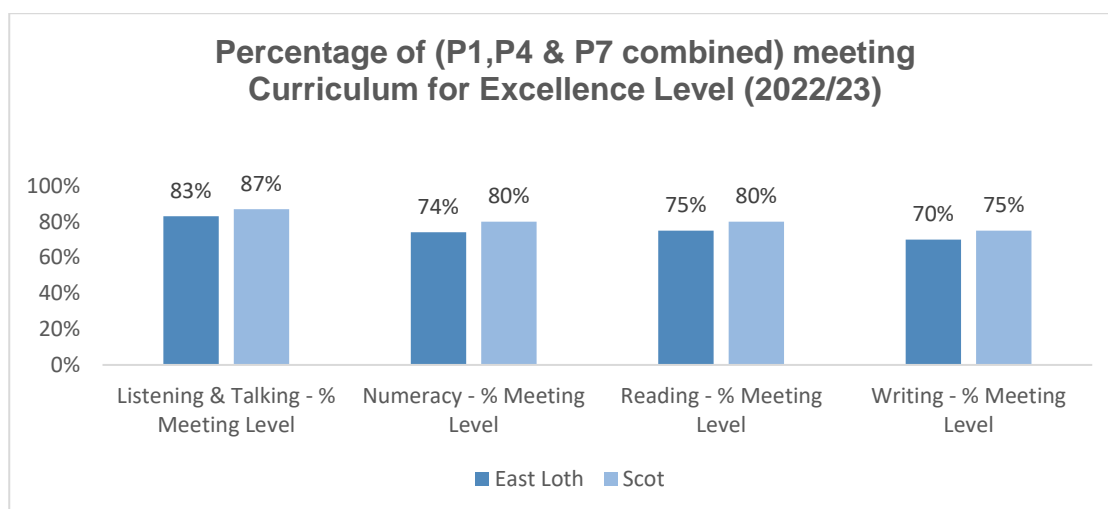
Table 13: 2022 based population projections (East Lothian Council Education Service)

Cluster	Sept-22 Census Roll	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Dunbar	2474	2413	2376	2332	2283	2322	2297	2213	2151	2122	2070
Haddington	1955	2029	2093	2120	2166	2185	2239	2300	2312	2307	2305
Musselburgh	3203	3348	3573	3730	3899	4090	4229	4341	4455	4577	4689
North Berwick	2191	2153	2152	2122	2136	2114	2116	2111	2062	1985	1973
Prestonpans	2458	2502	2541	2592	2717	2827	2897	2874	2939	2985	3040
Tranent	2811	2813	2872	2883	2907	2895	2929	2946	2965	2991	2990
East Lothian	15092	15258	15607	15779	16108	16433	16707	16785	16884	16967	17067

Attainment & Attendance

In 2022/23 the percentage of (P1, P4 & P7 combined) pupils meeting Curriculum for Excellence levels in East Lothian publicly funded schools was below the Scottish average for Listening and Talking, Numeracy, Reading and Writing.

Figure 13 – P1, P4 & P7 combined Curriculum for Excellence 2022/23



[Primary School Information Dashboard](#)

In 2022/23 the attendance rate for East Lothian publicly funded schools was 93% compared to 92.2% for Scotland. East Lothian had pupil teacher ratio of 17.6 higher than the 15.3 across Scotland as a whole.

Table 14 – Primary School Attendance and Pupil Teacher ratio 2022/23

School	Attendance	Pupil Teacher Ratio
East Lothian	93.0%	17.6
Scotland	92.2%	15.3

[Primary School Information Dashboard](#)

Table 15 shows that 93% of Dunbar Grammar pupils achieved SCQF Level 5 or better, higher than the 82% for East Lothian and 88% for Scotland.

The 87.3% Dunbar Grammar attendance rate was higher than 86% across East Lothian and similar to the 87.1% for Scotland.

The pupil teacher ratio for Dunbar Grammar was 13.8, higher than the 12.8 for East Lothian and 12.5 for Scotland.

Table 15 – Secondary School Attainment, Attendance & Pupil Teacher Ratio 2022/23

School	SCQF Level 5 or better	Attendance	Pupil Teacher Ratio
Dunbar Grammar	93%	87.3%	13.8
Knox Academy	74%	85.6%	12.6
Musselburgh Grammar	73%	82.4%	12.5
North Berwick High	94%	90.1%	14.2
Preston Lodge High	79%	87.0%	12.5
Ross High	77%	84.0%	12.7
East Lothian	82%	86.0%	12.8
Scotland	88%	87.1%	12.5

[Secondary School Information Dashboard](#)

School Leavers

School Leavers across the county are monitored to record their initial destination upon leaving school, in 2022/23:

96.1% of school leavers from the Dunbar Grammar School were initially assessed as having a 'positive destination' upon leaving school. 43.4% of school leavers from this school went into Higher Education, the second highest percentage of all six schools.

Table 16- Positive Destinations 2022/23 (East Lothian Council, Education Div.)

School	Dunbar Grammar	Knox Academy	Musselburgh Grammar	North Berwick High	Preston Lodge High	Ross High
% Employed	28.95	23.97	33.87	21.51	40.98	32.39
% Further Education	19.3	23.97	24.19	12.9	21.31	26.32
% Higher Education	43.42	39.73	28.49	61.83	30.05	30.36
% Not known			0.54			0.4
% Personal Skills Development	1.75	5.48	2.15		0.55	4.45
% Training	1.32	0.68	5.38	1.08	5.46	1.21
% Unemployed Not Seeking	2.19	2.05	1.08	1.08	0.55	0.4
% Unemployed Seeking	1.75	1.37	4.3	1.08	1.09	4.05
% Voluntary Work	1.32	2.74		0.54		0.4
% Positive Destination	96.06	96.57	94.62	97.86	98.35	95.53

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Health and Social Care

HEADLINES – Health and Social Care

- The East Linton rural intermediate zone has the highest life expectancy in the ward for females and males.
- The variation in life expectancy across the ward's intermediate zones is 5.3 years for females and 2.6 years for males.
- Across this ward the majority of people (69%) described their physical health as Very Good/Good, compared with the East Lothian figure of 63%.
- 73% of respondents in this ward stated their mental health as very good/good (East Lothian 71%).
- No data zones in the ward are in the 20% most deprived in Scotland in terms of the health domain, one data zone is in the 20% most health deprived in East Lothian.

- The East Linton rural intermediate zone has the highest life expectancy (86.3years) in the ward for females and 80 .0 years for males.
- The variation in life expectancy across the ward's intermediate zones is 5.3 years for females and 2.6 years for males.
- Females can expect to live longer than males by 7.1 years in Dunbar East, 3.7 years in Dunbar West and 6.3 years in East Linton Rural.
- East Lothian has a life expectancy above the national average for males and females
- For females, Dunbar East and East Linton Rural have a life expectancy above the East Lothian average. For Males, East Linton rural is above the East Lothian figure

Table 17- Life Expectancy (Scotpho)

IZ:-2017 to 2021 (5 year aggregate). East Lothian & Scotland:- 2020 to 2022 (3 year aggregate)

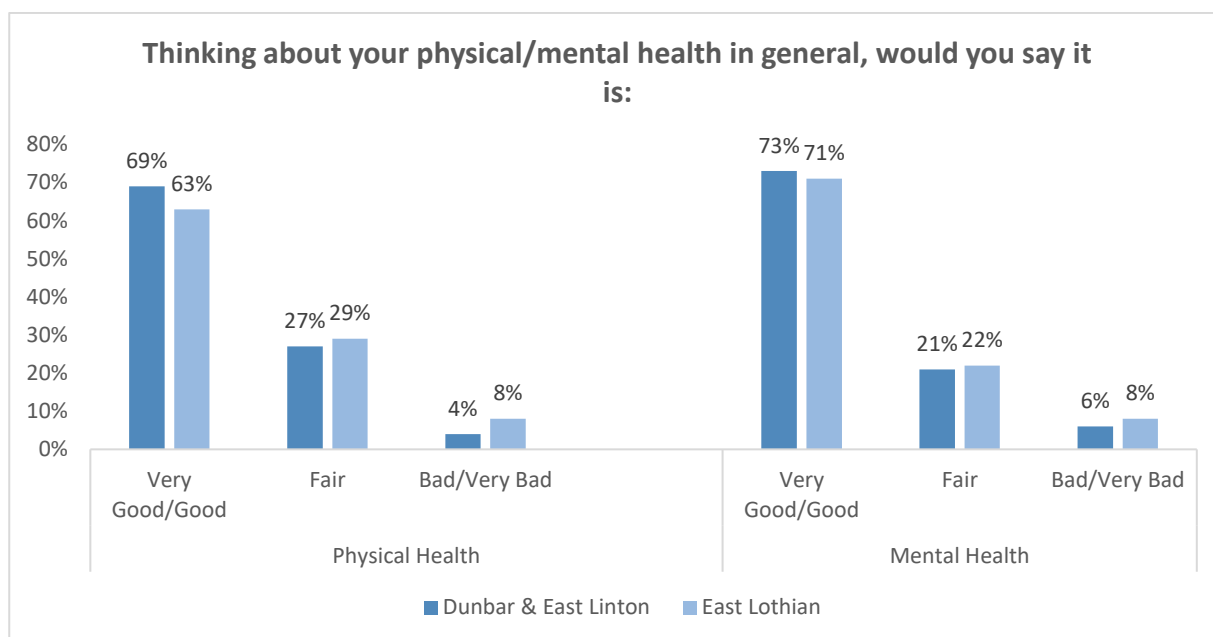
Life Expectancy	Dunbar East (IZ)	Dunbar West (IZ)	East Linton Rural (IZ)	East Lothian	Scotland
Female	84.7	81.1	86.3	82.4	80.7
Male	77.7	77.4	80.0	78.7	76.5

[ScotPHO profiles \(shinyapps.io\)](https://shinyapps.io)

Across this ward the majority of people (69%) described their physical health as Very Good/Good, compared with the East Lothian figure of 63%.

73% of respondents in this ward stated their mental health as very good/good (East Lothian 71%).

Figure 14- Self-assessment of Health (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



Illness, Mortality and Hospital Admissions

As shown in the table below hospital admissions for East Lothian as a whole were below the Scottish average. There is however a large variation between the wards and intermediate zones within East Lothian.

- The East Linton Rural intermediate zone had the lowest rates in the ward in all categories, with the exception of asthma.
- Dunbar West had higher rates for alcohol related admissions, COPD and CHD when compared to the other intermediate zones in the ward, and above the East Lothian average, but lower than the Scottish average.

Table 18 Hospital Admissions (ScotPHO)

Alcohol stays (2021/2022), COPD (2019/20), CHD(2019/20), Asthma (2019/2020)

Hospital admissions per 100,000 people (age standardised)	Dunbar East IZ	Dunbar West IZ	East Linton Rural IZ	East Lothian	Scotland
Alcohol-related hospital admissions	410	502.6	276.3	437	611.1
Patients hospitalised with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	119.9	169.6	68.6	145.1	207.5
Coronary heart disease (CHD) patient hospitalisations	254.1	295.4	216.5	265.7	341.6
Asthma patient hospitalisations	68.5	14.9	41.2	67.9	68.4

[ScotPHO profiles \(shinyapps.io\)](https://shinyapps.io/scotpho/)

SIMD Health Domain

The health domain identifies areas with a higher than expected level of ill health or mortality given the age-sex profile of the population.

The Health Domain gives a Health deprivation rank using the following indicators:

- Standardised Mortality Ratio
- Hospital Episodes Related to alcohol use
- Hospital Episodes Related to drug use
- Comparative Illness Factor
- Emergency admissions to hospital
- Proportion of population being prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis

- No data zones in the ward are in the 20% most deprived in Scotland in terms of the health domain, one data zone is in the 20% most health deprived in East Lothian.
- 6 data zones in the ward are in the 20% least deprived in Scotland in terms of the health domain, 4 of which are in the 20% least health domain deprived in East Lothian.

Dunbar and East Linton Data zones – ordered by Health Domain ranking

Table 19 – SIMD 2020 Health Domain

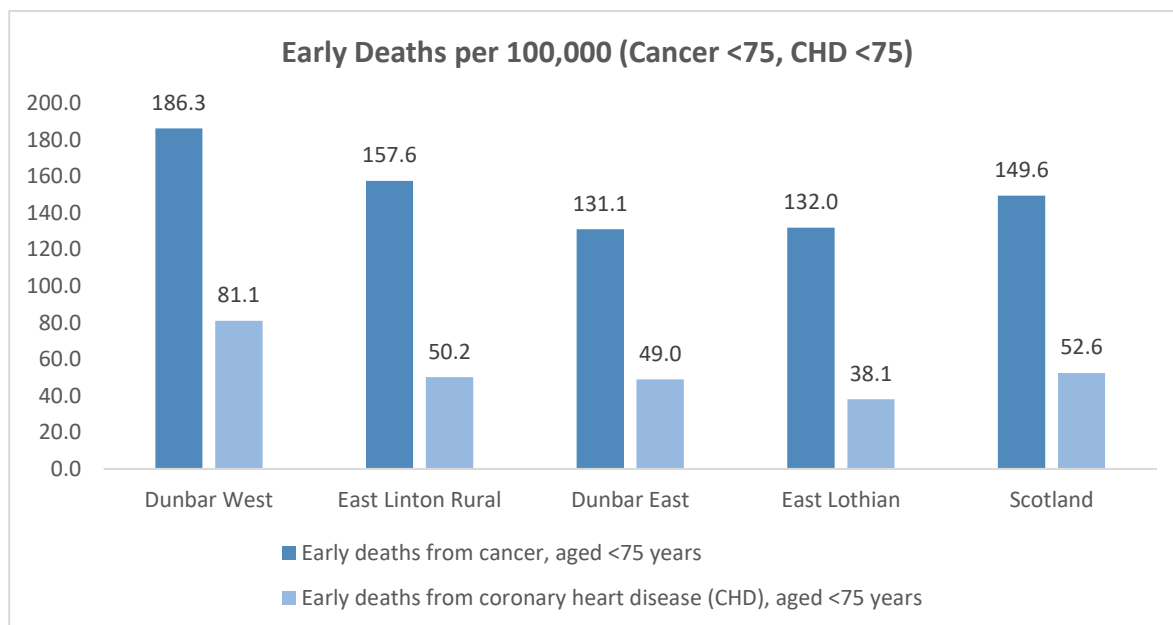
Data zone	Data zone name	Main Town	SIMD Health 2016 rank	SIMD Health 2020 rank	East Lothian Health 2020 Rank
S01008285	Lammermuir Cr / Countess Cr	Dunbar	2334	2489	22
S01008286	Belhaven Park / Dunbar Grammar	Dunbar	3246	3496	51
S01008289	Harbour / Victoria St / Castle St	Dunbar	2696	3530	53
S01008292	Spott Rd	Dunbar	4337	3567	54
S01008288	Winterfield Pk / North Rd / Delisle St	Dunbar	3899	3856	58
S01008290	High St / Queen's Rd / East Links	Dunbar	4333	4000	61
S01008279	East Linton Village Centre	East Linton	3874	4424	73
S01008284	West Barns / Eweford / Lochend Wood	Dunbar	4690	4500	75
S01008291	Countess Rd / Station Rd / Newhouse Pl	Dunbar	5155	4763	77
S01008287	Belhaven Hill / Back Rd	Dunbar	4318	4799	79
S01008282	Innerwick / Oldhamstocks	Rural	4796	4926	83
S01008280	East Linton South / Traprain / Papple	Rural	5119	5664	94
S01008281	Stenton / Pressmenan / Needle Hill	Rural	5460	5757	96
S01008294	Kellie Rd / Middlemas Rd	Dunbar	4863	6301	118
S01008283	Spott / Broxburn	Rural	6602	6444	121
S01008278	East Linton North / Tynninghame / Newbyth	Rural	6845	6762	130
S01008293	Lochend Rd	Dunbar	6476	6838	132

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Early deaths across the ward are illustrated below in Figure 15

- Early deaths from cancer in the Dunbar West & East Linton Rural intermediate zones are above the East Lothian rate.
- Early deaths from coronary heart disease (CHD) in all three Intermediate zones in the ward are higher than the East Lothian rate.

Figure 15 - Early deaths Cancer & CHD / 100,000 (ScotPHO) (2019 to 2021 3 year aggregate)



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Maternity and Child Health

The 2022 Scotland Census showed that there were 772 children aged 0-4 years living in the Dunbar & East Linton ward.

- East Lothian had higher percentages in all categories when compared to Scotland, with the exception of Healthy birth weight.
- All intermediate zones in the Dunbar and East Linton ward percentages were above the East Lothian average for Babies breastfed and Child dental health P7.
- East Linton Rural had the highest percentage of Babies breastfed, Child dental health P1 and Child healthy birth weight.
- Dunbar East was the highest percentage in the ward for Child dental health P7 and Child healthy weight P1.
- Dunbar East was the lowest percentage for Child dental health P1 and Healthy birth weight.
- Dunbar West was the lowest percentage for Babies breastfed.
- East Linton Rural was the lowest for Child dental health P7 and Child dental health.

Table 20 – Breastfed (18/19 TO 20/21), Child dental health (22/23), healthy birth weight(20/21) (ScotPHO – Community Health and Well-being Profile)

Dunbar and East Linton (IZ's)	Dunbar East	Dunbar West	East Linton Rural	East Lothian	Scotland
Babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks (%)	44.4	37.9	54.4	37.8	31.8
Child dental health in primary 1 (%)	78.1	83.8	98.0	79.2	73.8
Child dental health in primary 7 (%)	90.2	83.3	82.4	79.8	75.2
Child healthy weight in primary 1 (%)	75.7	75.0	63.5	69.9	69.8
Healthy birth weight (%)	74.5	76.4	82.8	81.5	84.6

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Young People's Attitudes to Health

In the 2023/24 Students Evaluation of Experience Survey:

- The Dunbar & East Linton schools were below the East Lothian average for all questions, with the exception of the P6 response to "I have heard of the Wellbeing Indicators"
- The Dunbar & East Linton schools had the lowest S2,S4 & P6 scores in East Lothian for "People at school help me make healthy choices" and the lowest S2 & P6 scores for "In school I can learn about healthy relationships"

Table 21 – Young People's Attitudes to Health (SEE Survey Results 2023/24)

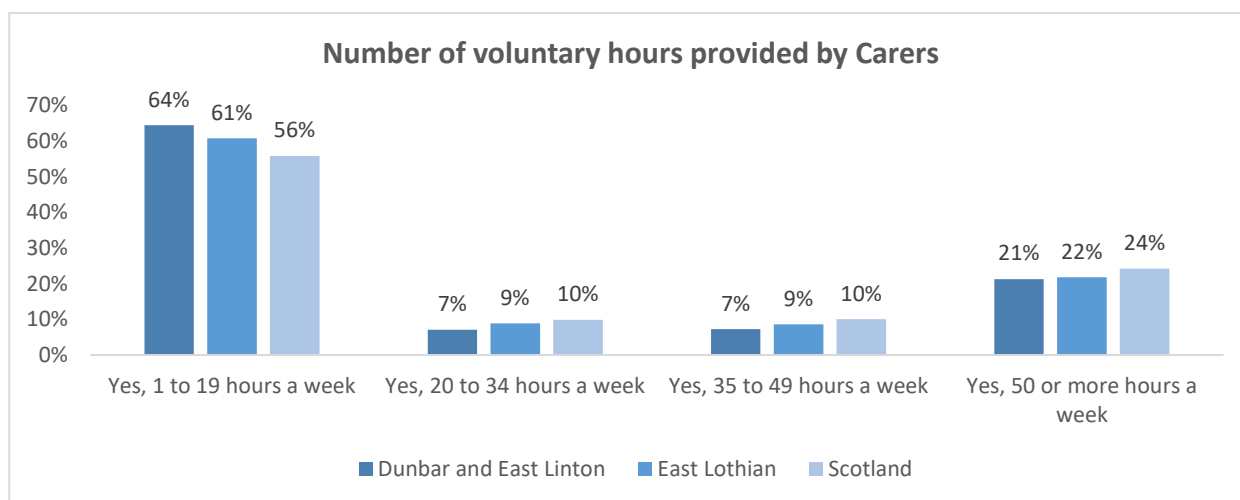
SEE Survey Results (April 2023-24)	Stage	Dunbar	Haddington	Musselburgh	North Berwick	Prestonpans	Tranent	East Lothian
People at school help me to make healthy choices	S2	56.7%	66.4%	70.6%	73.0%	72.2%	82.8%	70.2%
	S4	52.8%	62.0%	58.7%	68.4%	60.8%	87.2%	66.8%
	P6	77.8%	86.7%	82.6%	88.1%	85.9%	80.2%	83.7%
In school, I can learn about healthy relationships including about friendships	S2	71.3%	76.1%	86.9%	81.1%	85.7%	93.0%	82.5%
	S4	71.9%	63.0%	84.6%	76.8%	72.2%	91.5%	78.0%
	P6	82.1%	96.7%	91.7%	94.3%	93.8%	88.7%	91.6%
I am able to get information about my physical health in East Lothian	S2	72.6%	82.1%	80.4%	70.5%	81.2%	84.1%	78.6%
	S4	65.2%	70.0%	73.1%	82.1%	74.7%	85.1%	75.8%
	P6	82.9%	90.0%	87.6%	91.2%	85.0%	82.5%	86.5%
I have heard of the "Wellbeing Indicators"	S2	72.6%	58.2%	75.8%	81.1%	75.9%	88.5%	75.6%
	S4	68.5%	46.0%	80.8%	82.1%	53.2%	78.7%	69.4%
	P6	86.3%	86.7%	81.0%	73.6%	81.5%	90.4%	82.8%

Care and Social Care

Figure 16 show that:

- Across the ward 1,689 people (or 11% of the population) provide unpaid care to a friend or family member.
- 21% of these carers were providing more than 50 hours of care per week.

Figure 16- Voluntary hours of care provided (Scotland's Census 2022)



Older people

Older people make up a growing segment of the population. The 2018 based population projection shows that the 20.3% of the population in this ward were aged 65 and over, and 8.4% were aged 75 and over in 2018, this is projected to increase to 24.7% and 11.5% respectively in 2030.

In 2022, East Lothian had an estimated 2104 people with dementia. Of those diagnosed in 49% were aged between 75-84, with 58% living in the West of the county, and 42% in the East. Statistics also indicated that, in line with national trends, there is a higher prevalence of dementia in women, than in men.

East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership has developed a dedicated dementia strategy providing a clear strategic framework to improve the offer and provision of dementia services across East Lothian in line with local need.

The strategy sets out the needs and intended actions to help support people living with dementia and their families covering information provision, diagnosis and post diagnostic support, dedicated support for carers, expanding community connections, maintaining independence, transport, housing, staying safe and understood as well as care services and end-of-life care.

[East Lothian launches dedicated dementia strategy | East Lothian Council](#)

There are two Older People's Day Centres in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward:

- Dunbar Day centre offers 90 places per week for older people, currently benefitting 60-70 people.
- The Lynton Centre in East Linton provides a further 72 places each week taken up by an average of 52 local residents.

Table 22 – Population Projections for Older People (2018 based ward population projections (Improvement Service))

Dunbar and East Linton Ward	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028	2030
65 and over	2,990	3,195	3,394	3,628	3,867	4,108	4,380
75 and over	1,242	1,329	1,463	1,625	1,780	1,900	2,037
All ages	14,758	15,269	15,768	16,262	16,756	17,243	17,723
65 and over % of ward population	20.3%	20.9%	21.5%	22.3%	23.1%	23.8%	24.7%
75 and over % of ward population	8.4%	8.7%	9.3%	10.0%	10.6%	11.0%	11.5%

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Neighbourhood and Place

HEADLINES – Neighbourhood and Place

- The 2024 East Lothian Residents Survey showed that 98% of people in the Dunbar and East Linton ward rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live.
- Road and pavement repair was the top priority for improvement in the Dunbar & East Linton ward and across East Lothian as a whole.
- 16% of respondents in the ward felt that they could influence decisions in their local area compared to 12% for East Lothian as a whole.
- 44% reported that they would like to be more involved in Council decisions affecting their area, less than the 49% across East Lothian as a whole.

The 2024 East Lothian Residents Survey showed that 98% of people in the Dunbar and East Linton ward rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live, higher than the 93% across East Lothian as a whole.

Figure 17 - Perception of their neighbourhood (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)

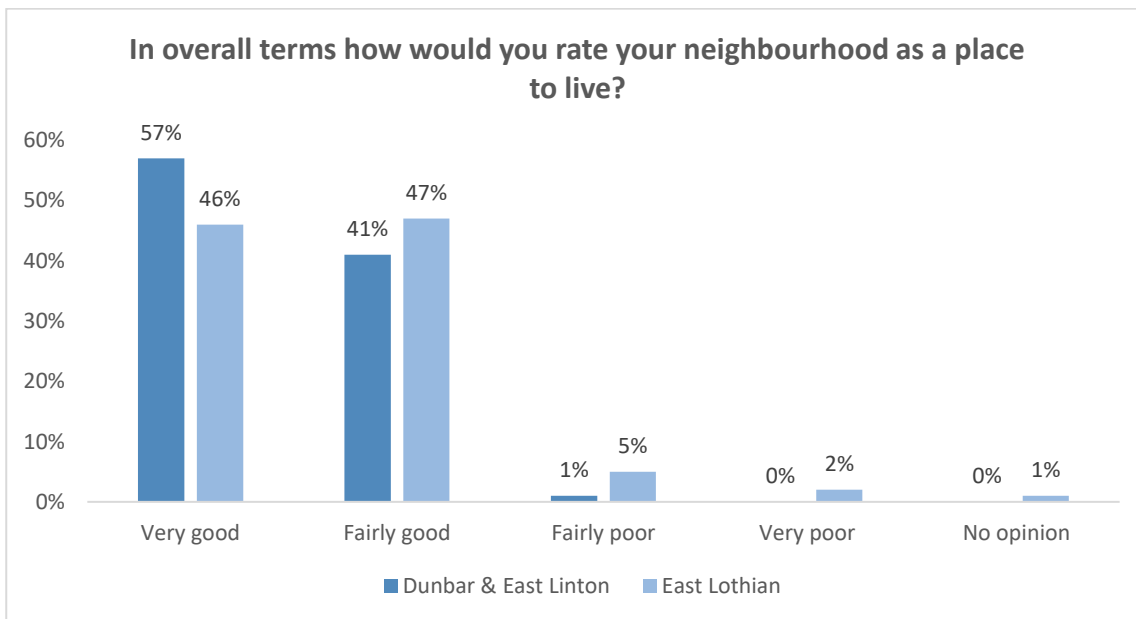
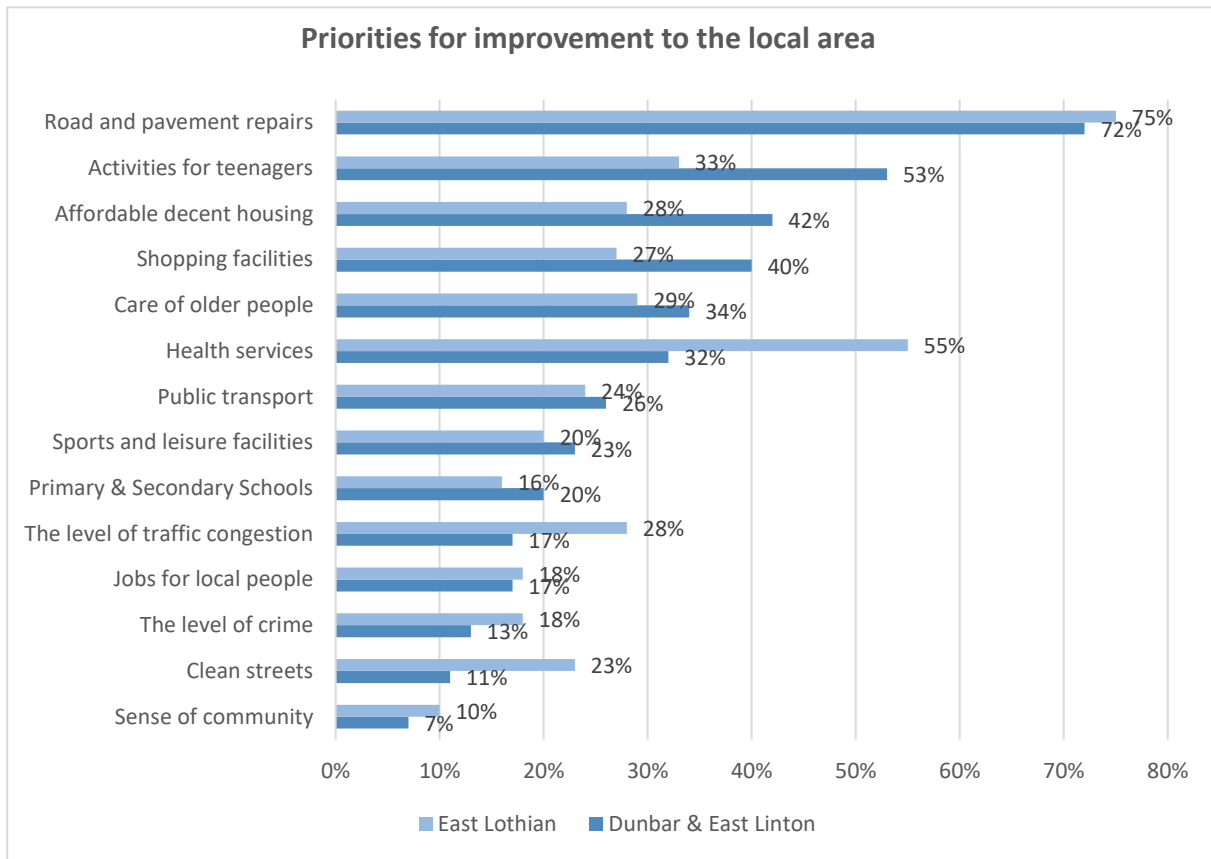


Figure 18 below shows that road and pavement repairs was the top priority for improvement in the Dunbar & East Linton ward and across East Lothian as a whole.

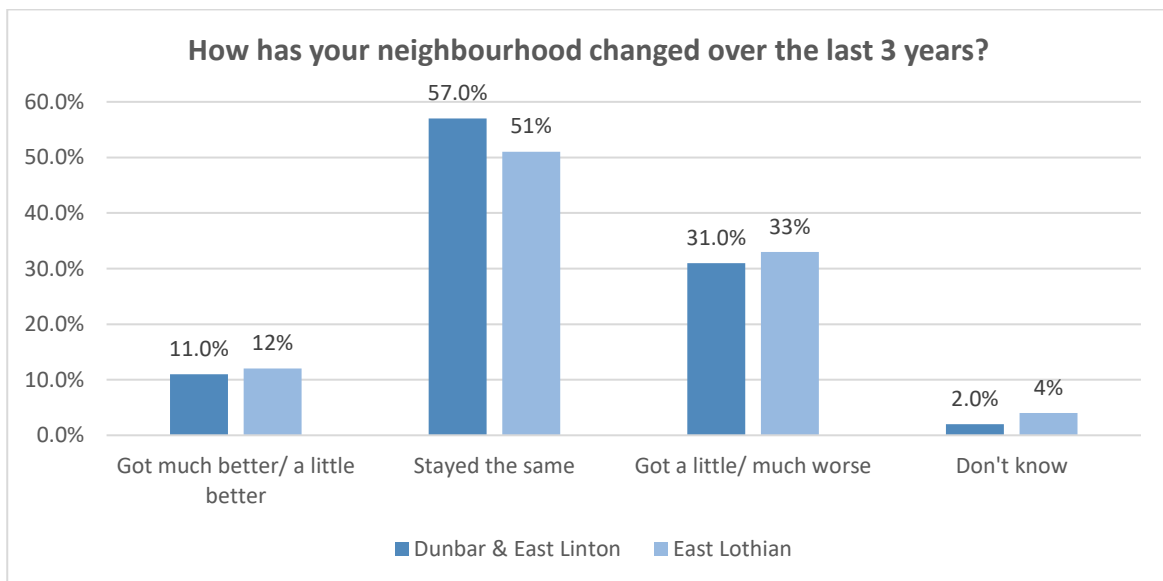
There were large differences in some areas with 55% of East Lothian residents stating health services was a priority compared to 32% in the Dunbar & East Linton ward. Whereas 53% of Dunbar & East Linton residents felt that activities for teenagers was a priority compared to 33% across East Lothian.

Figure 18 – Priorities for improvement to the local area (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



The East Lothian Residents' Survey (2024) also asked people how they felt their neighbourhood had changed over the last 3 years. More people in this ward stated that things had stayed the same than across East Lothian as a whole.

Figure 19 – Perceived change in local neighbourhoods (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)

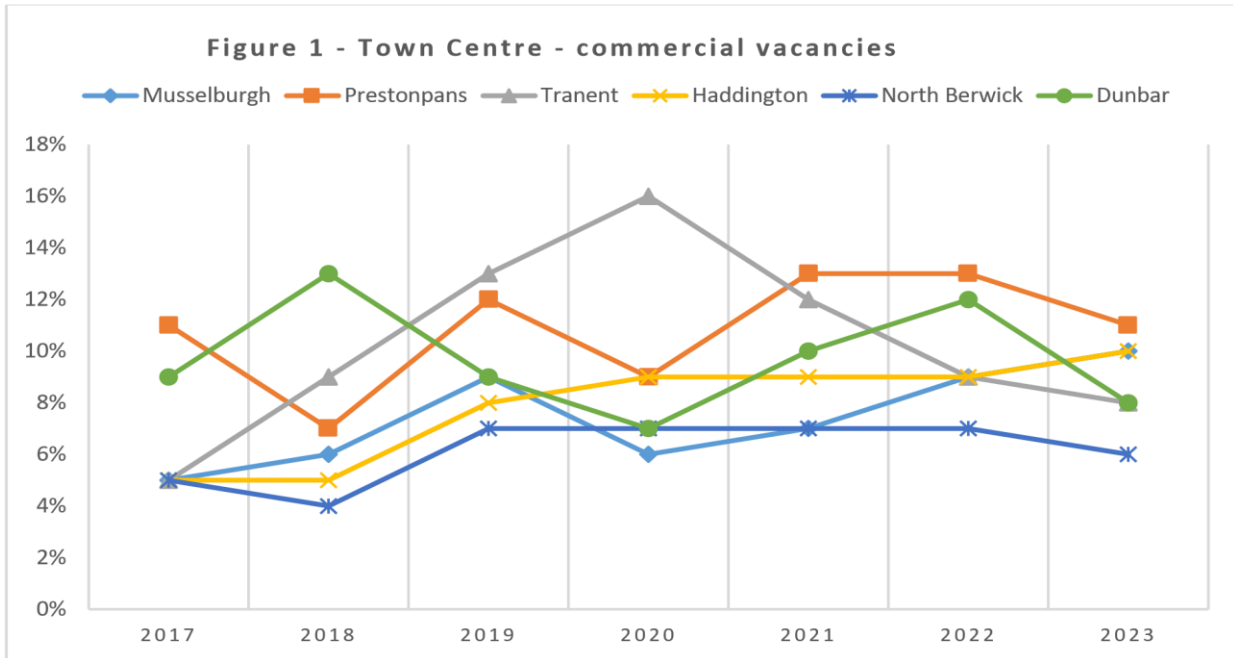


Local High Streets

Each of East Lothian’s wards is centred around a main town which is expected to provide retail and other key services to the community.

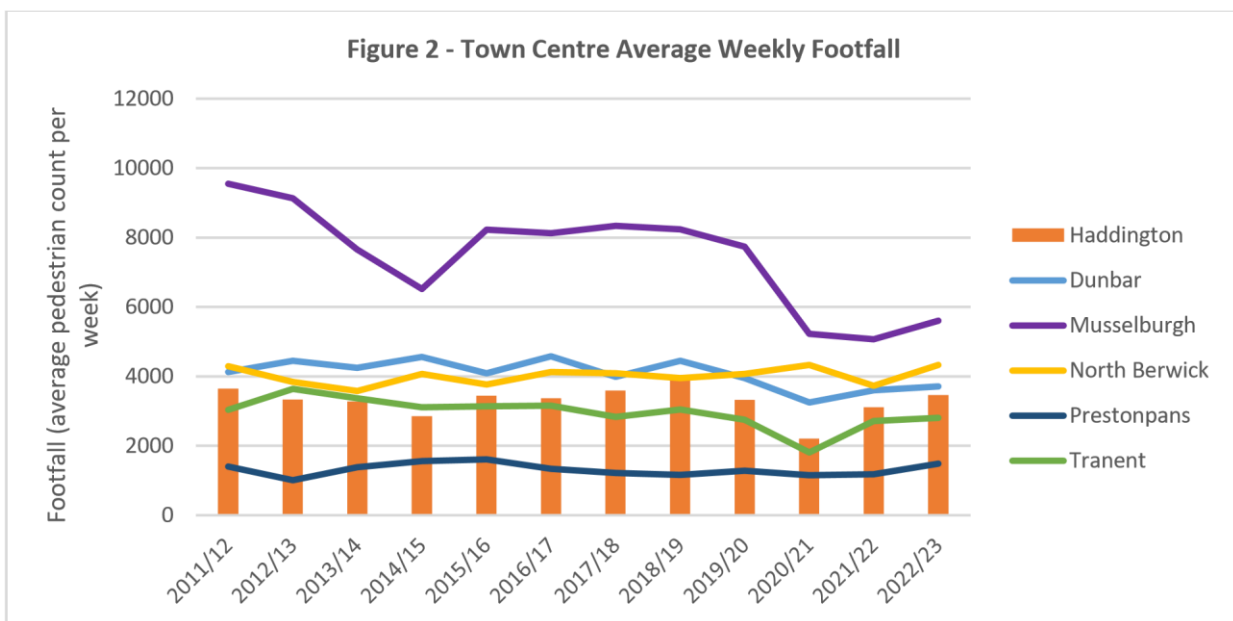
Vacancy rates (measured as a percentage of available retail units in the area) are a key indicator of the ‘health’ of local High Streets.

Figure 20 - Town Centre Vacancy Rates (Local Development Plan 2 – Town Centres and Retailing Issue No.16 East Lothian Council)



Pedestrian counts are undertaken annually in each town centre to establish weekly footfall rates for East Lothian’s High Streets. The observations are November based and are not reflective of seasonal differences.

Figure 21 - Town Centre Footfall (Local Development Plan 2 – Town Centres and Retailing Issue No.16 East Lothian Council)

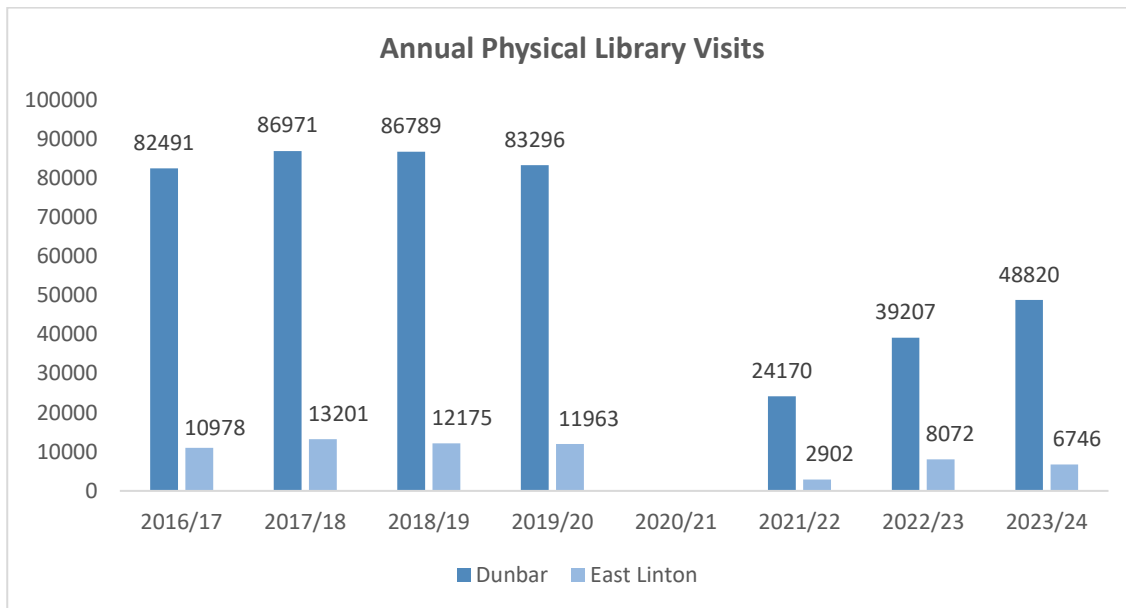


Library Visits

There are two East Lothian Council Libraries located in the Dunbar and East Linton ward. East Lothian Council’s usage figures show that:

- Despite increasing over the last 3 years, visits to Dunbar Library are well below the pre covid levels, with the 48,820 visits in 2023/24 being 41% lower than the 83,296 in 2019/20.
- Opening hours were reduced in a number of smaller libraries in 2023/24. Visits to East Linton Library in 2023/24 decreased by 16% when compared to the previous year. The 6,746 visits in 2023/24 were 44% lower than the 11,963 visits in 2019/20.

Figure 22 – Annual Library Visits (East Lothian Council 2024)

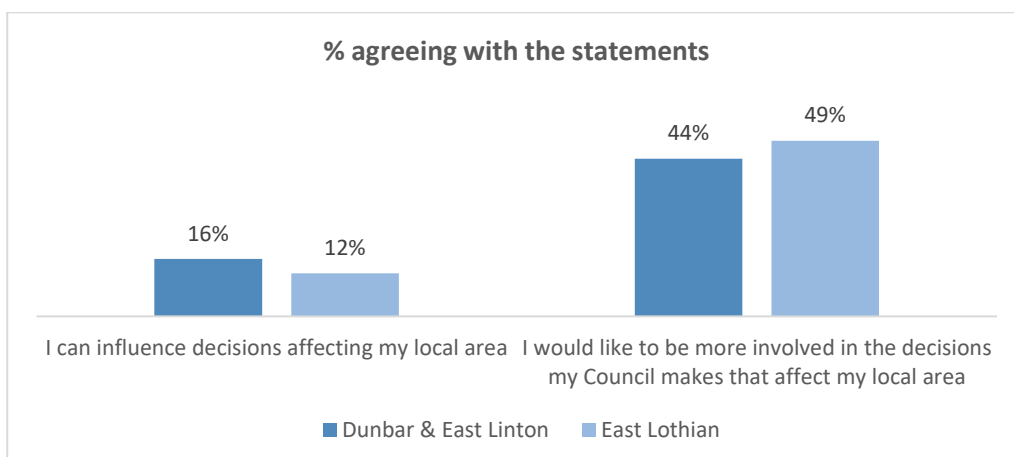


Participating in Decisions

The East Lothian Residents Survey (2024) asked how people felt about their ability to be involved in decisions that affect their local area.

16% of respondents in the ward felt that they could influence decisions in their local area compared to 12% for East Lothian as a whole. 44% reported that they would like to be more involved in Council decisions affecting their area, less than the 49% across East Lothian as a whole.

Figure 23 - Involvement in Local Decision Making (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



Housing

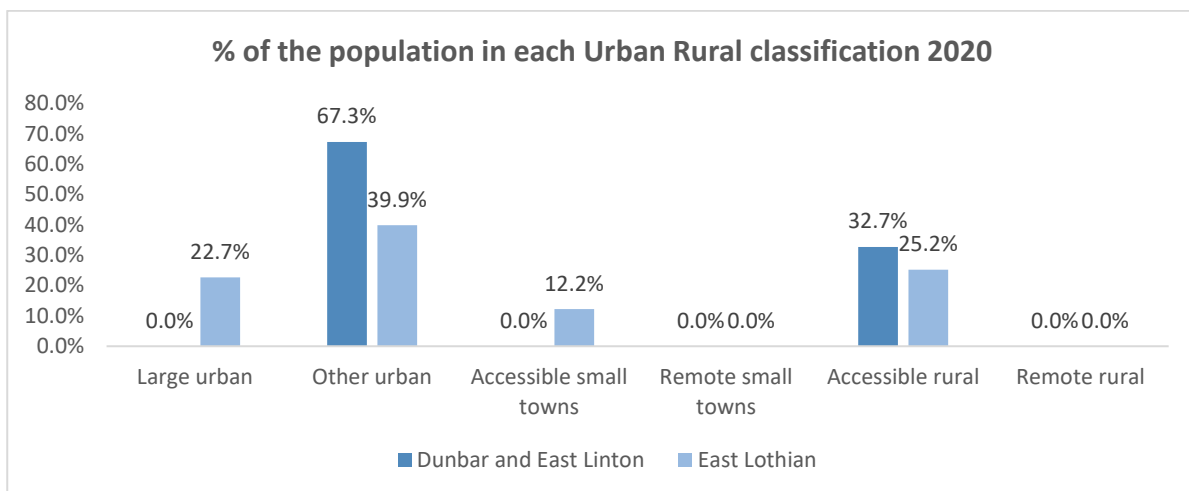
HEADLINES – Housing

- There were 6,738 dwellings in the Dunbar & East Linton ward, equal to 13.8% of the total number of dwellings across East Lothian.
- 38% of housing in the Dunbar & East Linton ward is detached, higher than the 26.5% across East Lothian
- Median house prices in this ward were the second highest in East Lothian.
- More houses in this ward had four or more bedrooms when compared to East Lothian as a whole.

The Scottish Government’s Urban Rural Classification system provides a standard way of defining different urban and rural settings and measuring the percentage of the population living within each.

Figure 24 shows that 67.3% of the population in the Dunbar & East Linton ward is classed as living in other urban areas, higher than the 39.9% across East Lothian as a whole.

Figure 24 - Urban / Rural Classification (National Records of Scotland)



[Supporting documents - Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

- *Large Urban Areas Settlements of 125,000 people and over.*
- *Other Urban Areas Settlements of 10,000 to 124,999 people.*
- *Accessible Small Towns Settlements of 3,000 to 9,999 people, and within a 30 minute drive time of a Settlement of 10,000 or more.*
- *Remote Small Towns Settlements of 3,000 to 9,999 people, and with a drive time of over 30 minutes to a Settlement of 10,000 or more.*
- *Accessible Rural Areas Areas with a population of less than 3,000 people, and within a 30 minute drive time of a Settlement of 10,000 or more.*
- *Remote Rural Areas Areas with a population of less than 3,000 people, and with a drive time of over 30 minutes to a Settlement of 10,000 or more.*

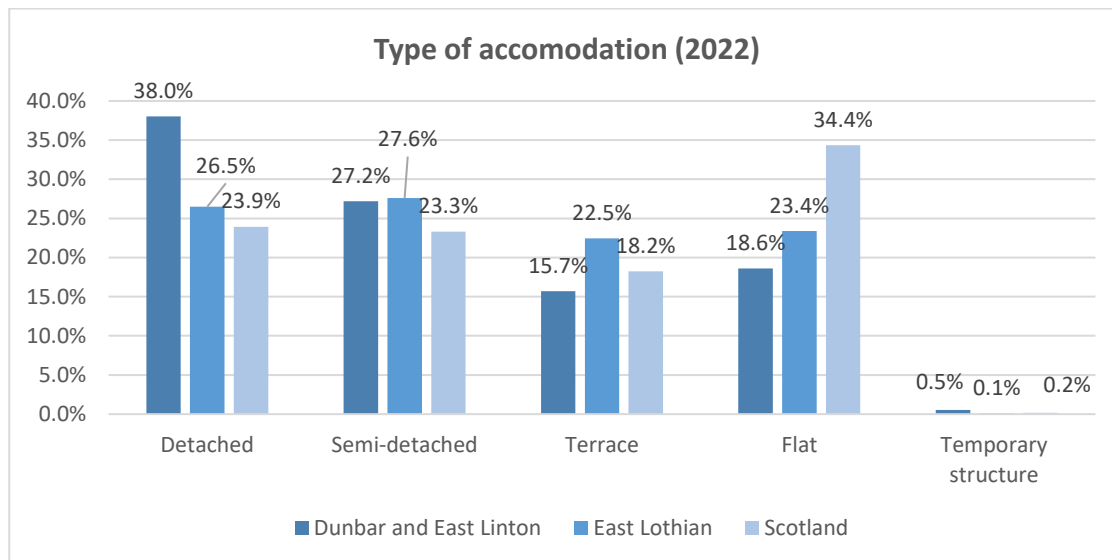
Housing type

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- 38% of housing in the Dunbar & East Linton ward is detached, higher than the 26.5% across East Lothian.

- 0.5 % of housing was classed as a temporary structure (caravan or other mobile structure). There were 48 temporary structures across East Lothian, 35 of which were in the Dunbar & East Lothian ward.

Figure 25 - Housing Type (Scotland's Census 2022)



[Search | Scotland's Census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](https://scotlandscensus.gov.uk)

97% of the dwellings were occupied in the Dunbar & East Linton ward. 1% (71) dwellings were classed as second homes.

Table 23:- Occupied/Vacant dwellings and Second homes 2023

Ward	Occupied dwellings	Vacant dwellings	Second homes
Dunbar & East Linton	97%	2%	1%
Haddington & Lammermuir	97%	2%	0%
Musselburgh	97%	2%	0%
North Berwick Coastal	93%	3%	4%
Preston Seton Gosford	98%	2%	0%
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	98%	2%	0%
East Lothian	97%	2%	1%
Scotland	96%	3%	1%

[Households and Dwellings in Scotland, 2023 | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://nrscotland.gov.uk)

Council tax bands are based on the value of the dwelling (from band A with the lowest value to band H having the highest value).

- Across East Lothian there are more dwellings in the upper Council tax bands than across Scotland as a whole.
- In the Dunbar and East Linton ward there are more dwellings in upper Council tax bands when compared to East Lothian as a whole.

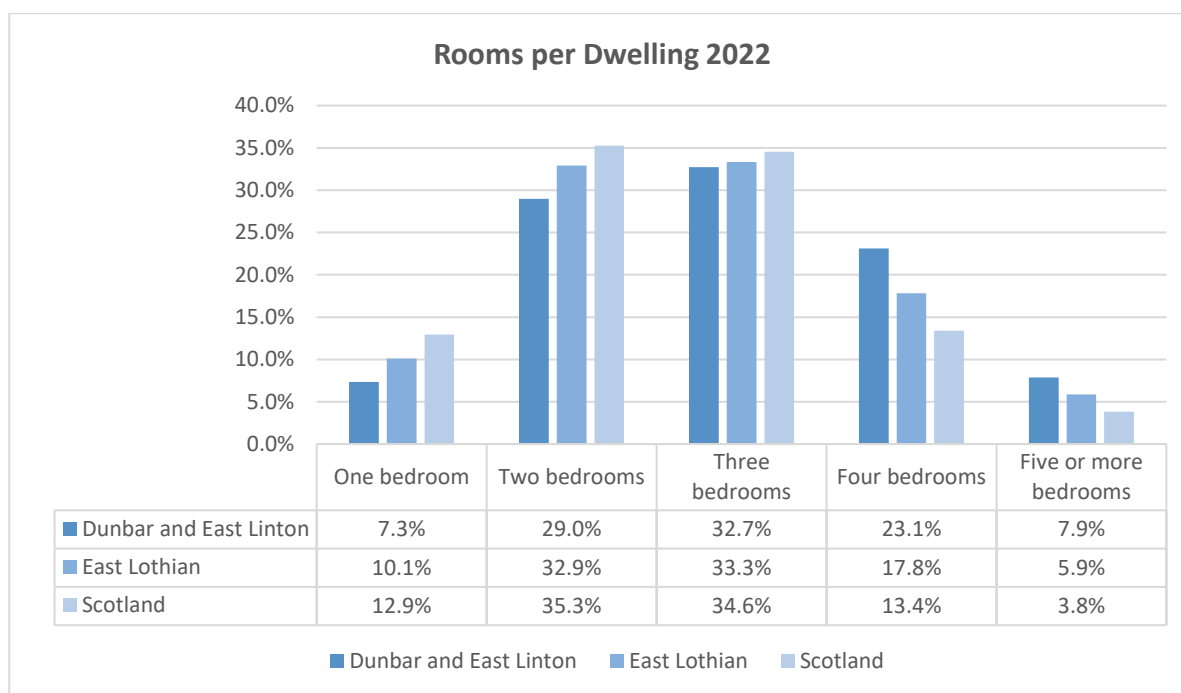
Table 24 – Dwellings by Council tax band (National Records of Scotland)

% of Dwellings by Council tax band (2023)				
Ward	Bands A-C	Bands D-E	Bands F-H	Total Dwellings
Dunbar and East Linton	44.2%	28.2%	27.6%	100.0%
Haddington and Lammermuir	46.3%	26.7%	27.0%	100.0%
Musselburgh	63.7%	27.0%	9.3%	100.0%
North Berwick Coastal	25.0%	27.9%	47.1%	100.0%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	58.2%	24.4%	17.4%	100.0%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	54.8%	28.4%	16.8%	100.0%
East Lothian	49.7%	27.1%	23.1%	100.0%
Scotland	58.7%	27.5%	13.8%	100.0%

statistics.gov.scot : [Dwellings by Council Tax Band Detailed \(Current Geographic Boundaries\)](#)

Figure 26 shows that more houses in this ward had four or more bedrooms when compared to East Lothian and Scotland as a whole.

Figure 26 – Number of Rooms per Residence (Scotland’s Census 2022)

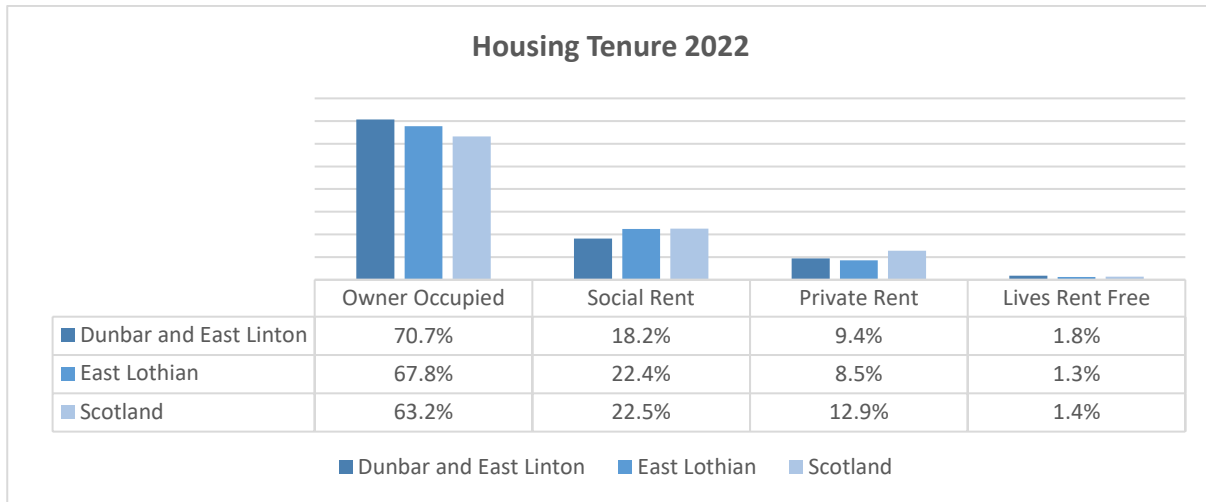


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Housing Tenure

Figure 27 shows that the Dunbar and East Linton ward has a higher percentage of owner occupied dwellings when compared to East Lothian and Scotland.

Figure 27 - Housing Tenure (Scotland's Census 2022)



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Table 25 shows that 949 (10.8%) of East Lothian’s council stock households are in the Dunbar & East Linton Ward (The Dunbar & East Linton ward has the same boundary as the Area Partnership). 13% of all dwellings are in this ward.

Table 25 – Council Housing Stock (East Lothian Council)

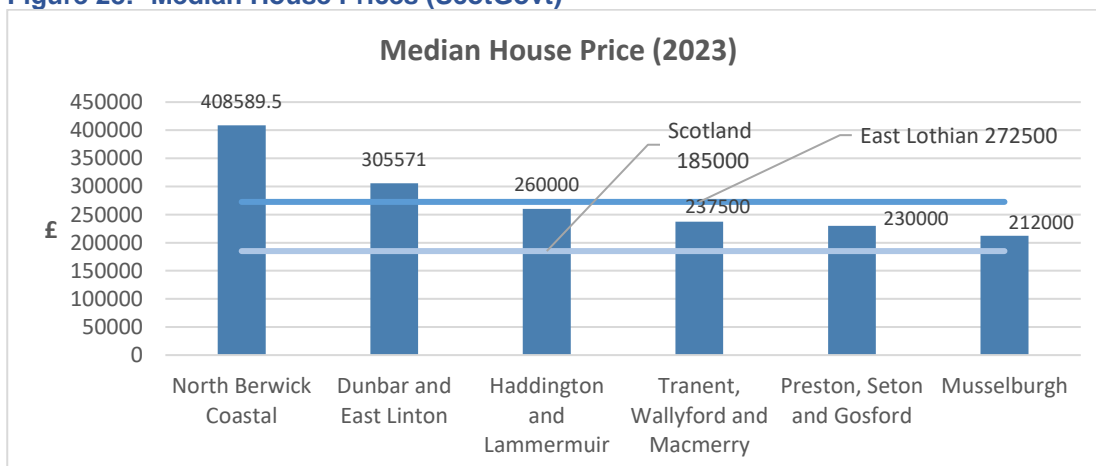
Area Partnership	Council Housing Stock
Dunbar & East Linton	949
Fa'side	2121
Haddington & Lammermuir	1117
Musselburgh	2099
North Berwick Coastal	645
Preston, Seton and Gosford	1847
East Lothian	8778

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House Prices

Figure 28 shows that the median house price in East Lothian was above the Scottish average. Median house prices in this ward were the second highest in East Lothian.

Figure 28:- Median House Prices (ScotGovt)

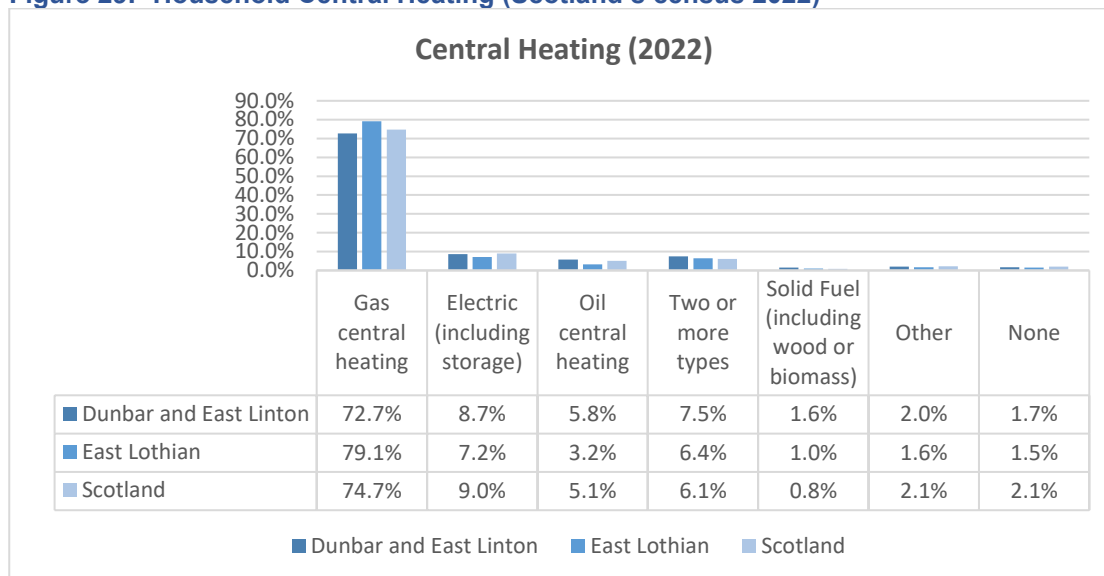


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Central Heating

Figure 29 shows that less households in this ward had gas central heating when compared to East Lothian and Scotland as a whole.

Figure 29:- Household Central Heating (Scotland's census 2022)



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Fuel Poverty

A household is considered to be in fuel poverty if :-

- More than 10% (20% for extreme fuel poverty) of net income is required to pay for their reasonable fuel needs after housing costs have been deducted.
- The remaining household income is not enough to maintain an acceptable standard of living, defined as at least 90% of the UK Minimum Income Standard (MIS) once childcare costs and disability or care benefits are deducted.

The Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 made provisions for 2040 fuel poverty targets:

- no more than 5% of households in Scotland are in fuel poverty
- no more than 1% of households in Scotland are in extreme fuel poverty
- the median fuel poverty gap of households in Scotland in fuel poverty is no more than £250 adjusted in accordance with section 5(5) to take account of changes in the value of money

Properties in rural areas are less energy efficient than those in an urban area with 65.8% banded EPC D or below. Properties in rural areas are less likely to be on the gas grid, reducing their energy efficiency and increasing their energy bills. 36% of homes in 'accessible rural areas' are off the mains gas grid and 13.2% of households are heated with oil.

Fuel poverty affects 25.2% of private households living in Dunbar town centre and 23.8% of residents in rural areas of the AP. Dunbar has been selected for the next CARS fund 2022- 2027. The fund will help to improve the fabric of historic buildings within the town centre; increase their energy efficiency and refurbish buildings at the 'back of the High Street'.

East Lothian Local Housing Strategy [Approved LHS 2024 2029.pdf](#)

24% of households across East Lothian and Scotland were classed as being fuel poor. Nationally households within the private rented (37%) and social rented sectors (38%) have far higher levels of fuel poverty than owner occupiers (16%). Within East Lothian older households aged (38%) and households living in the social rented sector (42%) were most likely to live in fuel poverty.

Table 26 – Fuel Poor Households by Tenure and Household Type (Scottish House Condition Survey 2017-2019)

	% of Households Fuel Poor						
	% of LA	Tenure			Household type		
		Owner-occupied	Social Housing	Private Rented	Older	Families	Other
East Lothian	24%	16%	42%	*	36%	15%	20%
Scotland	24%	16%	38%	37%	27%	17%	27%

[Scottish House Condition Survey: Local Authority Analysis 2017-2019 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

In East Lothian, post 1945 households, “houses,” and 3+ bedroom households were more likely to be fuel poor.

Table 27 – Fuel Poor Households by Household Attribute (Scottish House Condition Survey 2017-2019)

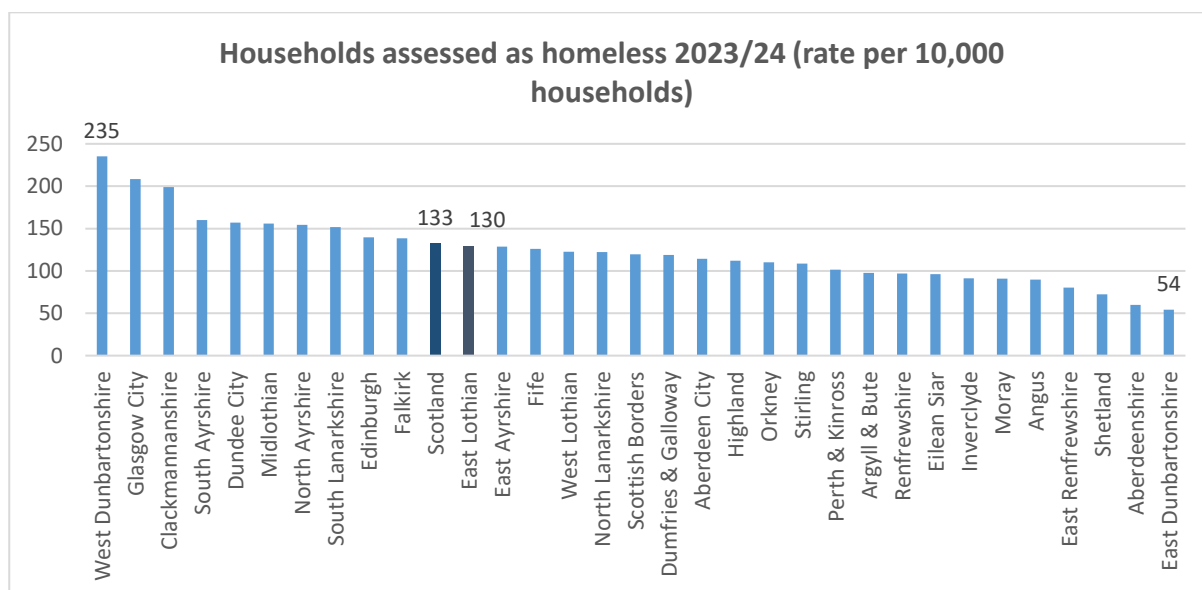
	% of Households Fuel Poor					
	Age of dwelling		House or flat		Number of bedrooms	
	Pre-1945	Post 1945	House	Flat	2 or fewer	3+
East Lothian	20%	26%	27%	15%	23%	25%
Scotland	26%	24%	21%	30%	29%	20%

[Scottish House Condition Survey: Local Authority Analysis 2017-2019 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Homelessness

In 2023/24, there were 645 households that were assessed as homeless or threatened with homelessness in East Lothian. This equates to 130 per 10,000 households, which is similar to the national rate of 133.

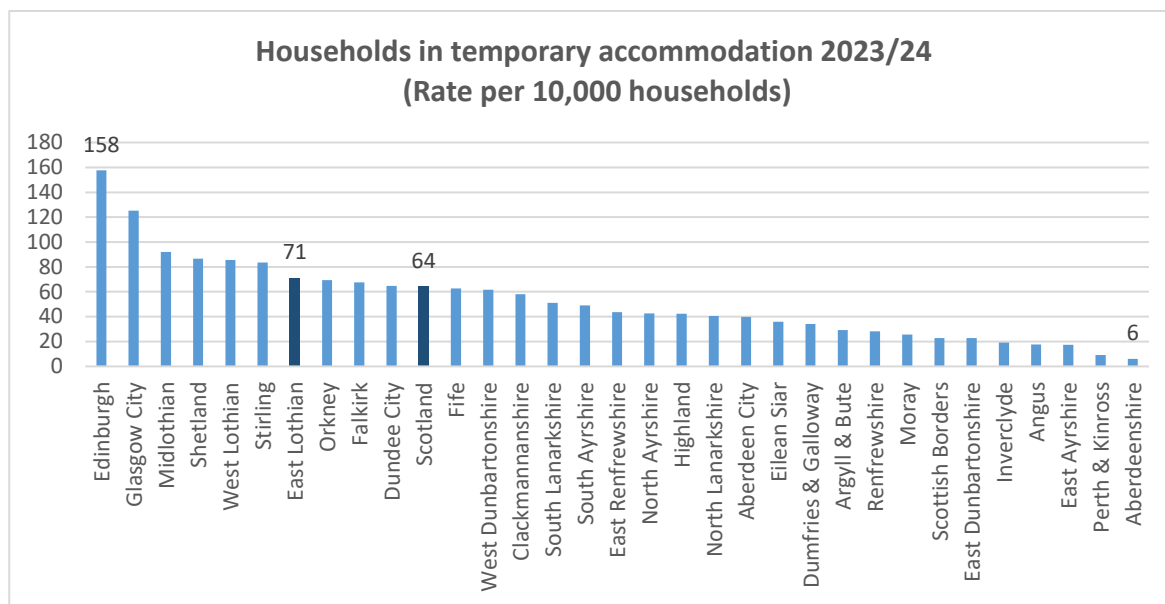
Figure 30 – Households assessed as homeless per 10,000 households (Scot.Gov)



[Homelessness statistics - gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot)

In 2023/24, there were 354 households in temporary accommodation in East Lothian. This is 71 per 10,000 households, which is higher than the national average of 64. Edinburgh, West Lothian, East Lothian and Midlothian have the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th highest rates in Scotland.

Figure 31 – Number of Households in Temporary Accommodation per 10,000 households (Scot.Gov)



[Homelessness statistics - gov.scot](https://gov.scot/homelessness-statistics)

Crime and Safety

East Lothian is a relatively safe place to live, with levels of serious crime and disorder that are significantly below the Scottish average. However, crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime can undermine community cohesion and have an impact upon local people’s quality of life. This section therefore focuses not only on official crime statistics but also how people feel about the safety of their area.

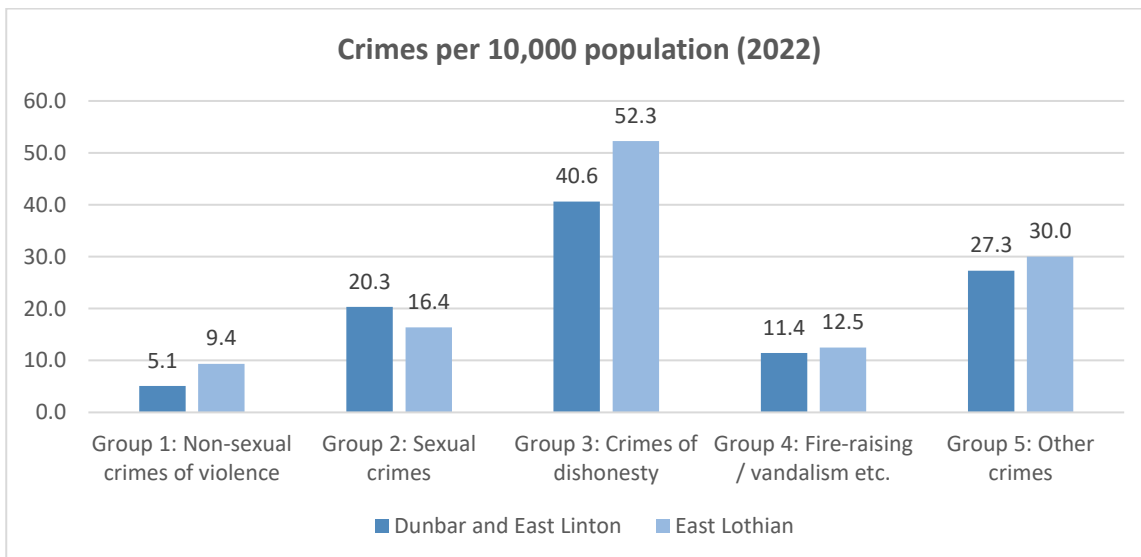
HEADLINES – Crime and Safety

- Crime levels in the Dunbar & East Linton ward in 2022 were below the East Lothian rate for all crime groups except sexual crimes.
- No data zones in the Dunbar & East Linton ward are within the 20% most affected by the SIMD 2020 crime categories in East Lothian or Scotland.
- 16% of adult residents in the ward felt threatened by crime “A great deal/A fair amount”, lower than the 22% across East Lothian as a whole.
- 83% of residents reported that they felt safe walking alone after dark in their area “a great deal or a fair amount, compared to 72% for East Lothian as a whole.
- The majority of respondents in this ward (68%) said that seeing police officers in the community makes them feel safer, similar to the 69% for East Lothian.
- The Dunbar & East Linton ward had the highest number of accidental fires and the second highest number of non accidental fires in East Lothian.

Reported Crimes in the Ward

Figure 32 shows the level of crimes in the Dunbar & East Linton ward in 2022 were below the East Lothian rate for all crime groups except sexual crimes.

Figure 32 - Rates of Reported Crime (datamap Scotland)



[East Lothian Council Ward Crime Map - Scotland's data on a map \(datamap-scotland.co.uk\)](https://datamap-scotland.co.uk)

Crime Domain

The SIMD Crime Domain is based on the following factors: Recorded SIMD crime rates for domestic house breaking, drug offences, common assault, crimes of violence, vandalism and sexual offences

- No data zones in the Dunbar & East Linton ward are within the 20% most affected by the SIMD 2020 crime categories in East Lothian or Scotland.
- 7 data zones are within the 20% least affected by the SIMD 2020 crime category in East Lothian and Scotland 3 of which are in the 10% least affected by crime in East Lothian and Scotland.

Dunbar and East Linton data zones ranked by Crime Domain

Table 28 - SIMD 2020 Crime Domain

Data zone 2011	Area	Main Town	SIMD 2016 Crime domain rank	SIMD 2020 Crime domain rank	East Lothian Crime domain 2020 rank
S01008289	Harbour / Victoria St / Castle St	Dunbar	2734	2086	27
S01008285	Lammermuir Cr / Countess Cr	Dunbar	2982	3130	50
S01008286	Belhaven Park / Dunbarr Grammar	Dunbar	4833	3867	64
S01008292	Spott Rd	Dunbar	3865	4096	71
S01008287	Belhaven Hill / Back Rd	Dunbar	4247	4382	77
S01008282	Innerwick / Oldhamstocks	Rural	4328	4738	86
S01008280	East Linton South / Traprain / Papple	Rural	4854	5075	89
S01008290	High St / Queen's Rd / East Links	Dunbar	3643	5091	90
S01008279	East Linton Village Centre	East Linton	6143	5116	91
S01008288	Winterfield Pk / North Rd / Delisle St	Dunbar	3052	5234	93
S01008293	Lochend Rd	Dunbar	6601	5836	106
S01008283	Spott / Broxburn	Rural	5731	6006	109
S01008291	Countess Rd / Station Rd / Newhouse Pl	Dunbar	5943	6052	112
S01008294	Kellie Rd / Middlemas Rd	Dunbar	6574	6071	113
S01008284	West Barns / Eweford / Lochend Wood	Dunbar	6380	6285	121
S01008281	Stenton / Pressmenan / Needle Hill	Rural	3962	6821	130
S01008278	East Linton North / Tynninghame / Newbyth	Rural	5747	6859	131

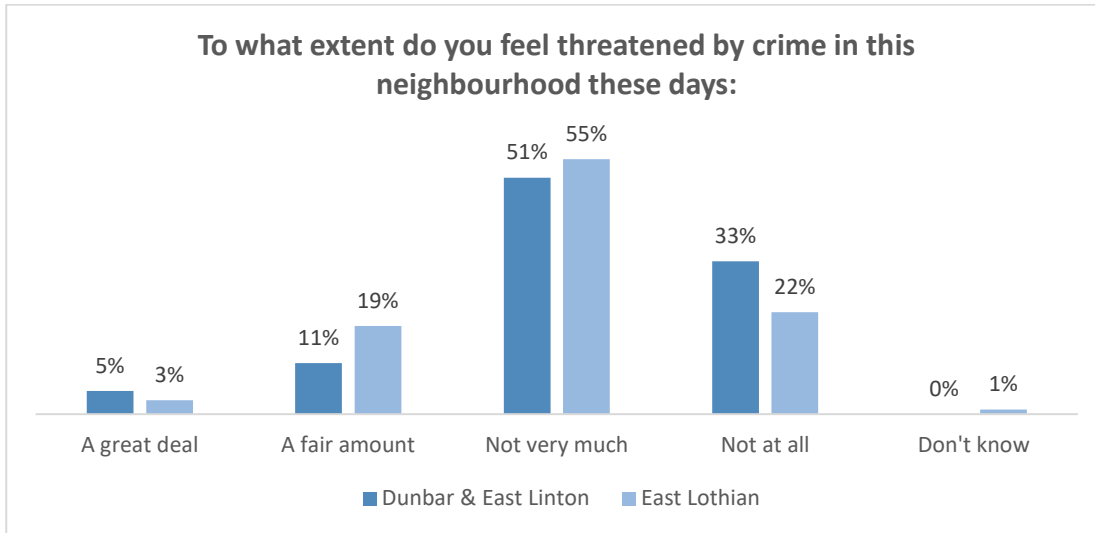
[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Fear of Crime

People's fear of crime does not always reflect the actual rate of crime occurring in their local areas. The East Lothian Resident Survey (2024)) asked 'To what extent do you feel threatened by crime in your neighbourhood these days?'

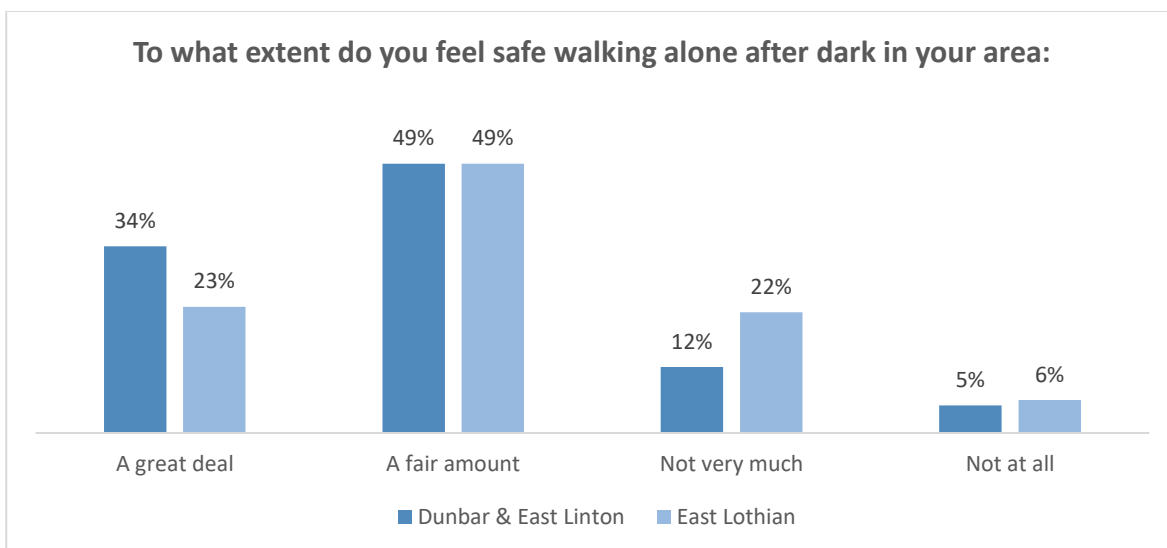
Figure 33 shows that 16% of adult residents in the ward felt threatened by crime "A great deal/A fair amount", lower than the 22% across East Lothian as a whole.

Figure 33 – Perceived Threat of Crime in Local Neighbourhoods (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



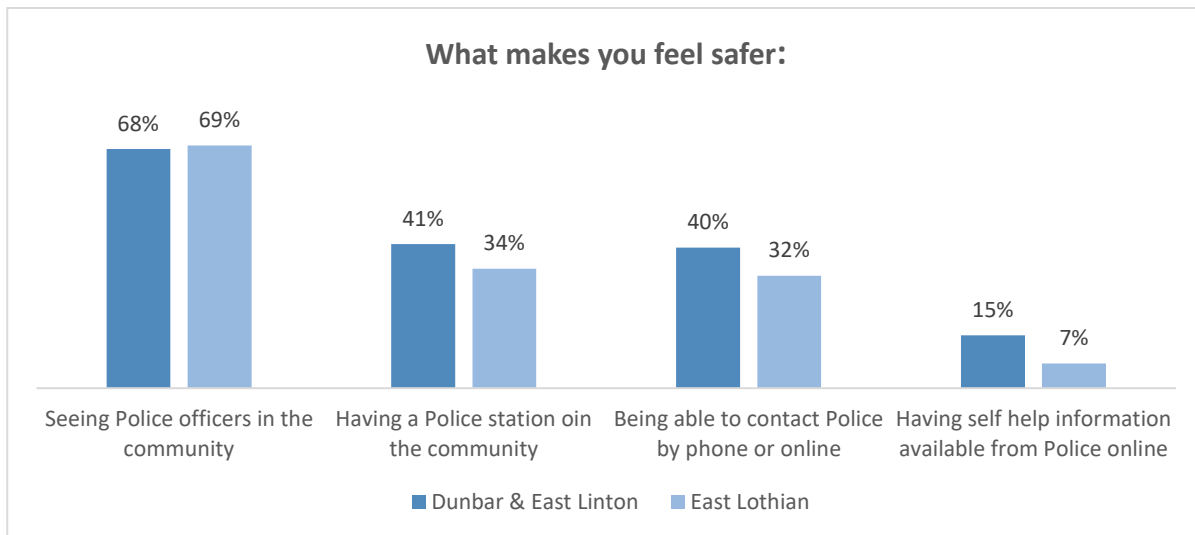
The East Lothian Resident Survey (2024) asked residents how safe they felt walking alone at night in their neighbourhood. 83% of Dunbar & East Linton residents reported that they felt safe “a great deal or a fair amount, compared to 72% in East Lothian as a whole.

Figure 34 - Perceptions of Safety after dark (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



The East Lothian Residents Survey 2024 asked residents what makes them safer. The majority of respondents in this ward (68%) said that seeing police officers in the community makes them feel safer, similar to the 69% for East Lothian.

Figure 35 – What makes you feel safer? (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



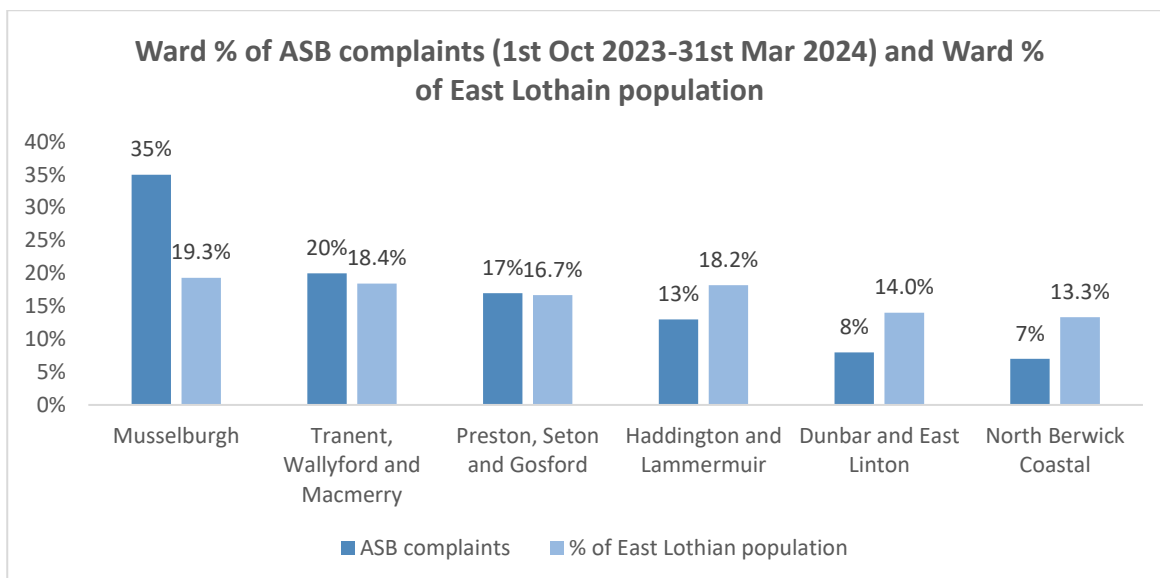
Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) covers a range of incidents reported to the police and East Lothian Council’s ASB Hotline.

Across all wards there was a total of 876 ASB complaints to the council during the period 01/10 2023 to 31/03/2024, 48% were in relation to noise, 14% youths, 11% drug misuse and 27% other.

The ward breakdown in Figure 36 shows that Musselburgh had a higher % of complaints relative to its share of the East Lothian population, with Haddington & Lammermuir, Dunbar & East Linton and North Berwick Coastal having a lower percentage of complaints.

Figure 36 – ASB complaints by ward (East Lothian Council) and population (Scotland’s Census 2022)

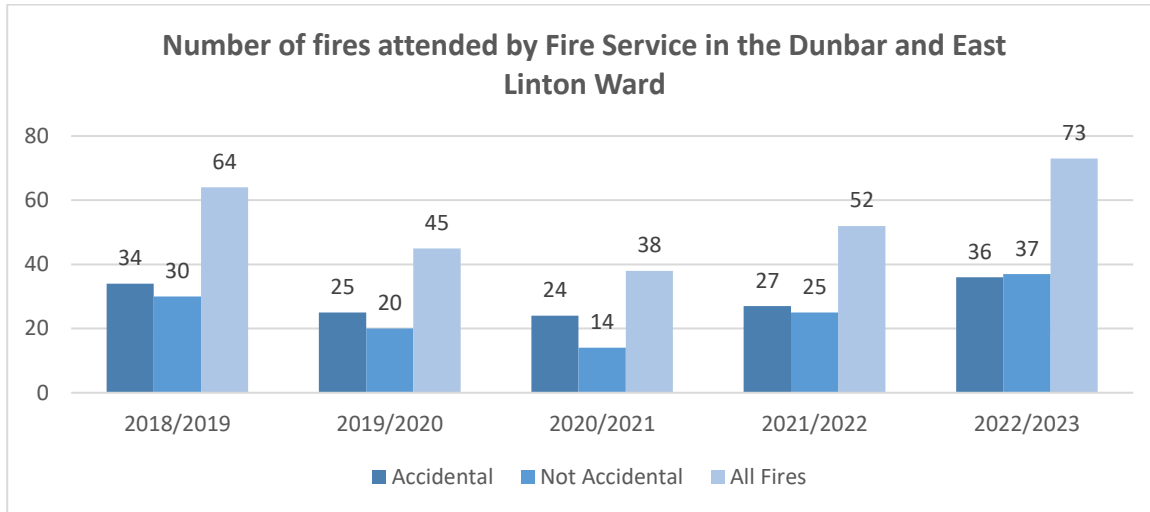


Fire incidences across the ward

Across East Lothian around 100 uniformed and support staff are employed by the Fire and Rescue Service within six community fire stations based at Musselburgh, East Linton, North Berwick, Tranent, Dunbar and Haddington.

- Figure 37 shows that the number of fires in the Dunbar & East Linton ward decreased during Covid, largely due to a decrease in non accidental fires. The figure increased to pre Covid levels in 2022/23.

Figure 37 - Incidences requiring Fire Service attendance (Scot Govt)

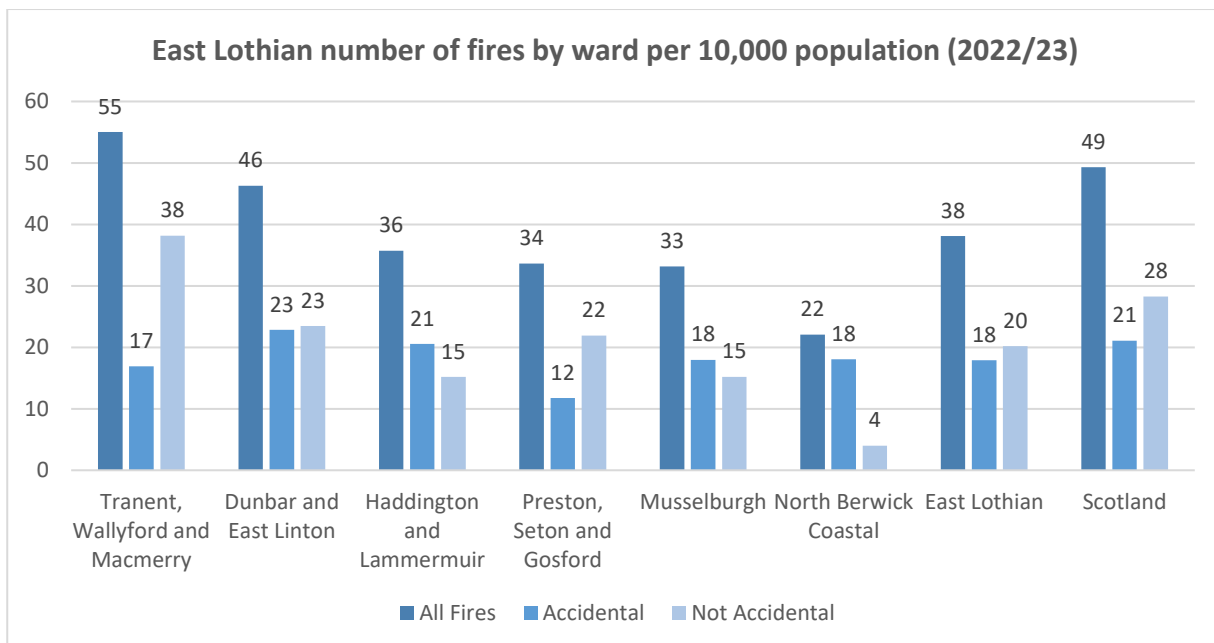


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Figure 38 shows the number of fires per 10,000 population in East Lothian in 2022/23

- East Lothian had a lower number of accidental and non accidental fires when compared to Scotland.
- The Dunbar & East Linton ward had the highest number of accidental fires and the second highest number of non accidental fires in East Lothian.

Figure 38 – Incidences requiring Fire Service Attendance per 10,000 pop by ward



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Transport and Travel

HEADLINES – Transport and Travel

- 35.3% of people in this ward work from home.
- 9.5% of commuters in this ward travelled between 40km to 60km to their place of work or study, higher than the East Lothian figure of 1.9%.
- 45.1% of commuters in this ward drive to work.
- 7 data zones in this ward are in the 20% most access deprived in Scotland.

The East Lothian Residents Survey 2021 showed that 92% of respondents in the ward had a car/light van in the household.

Figure 39 – Do you have a car/light van in the household (East Lothian Residents Survey 2021)

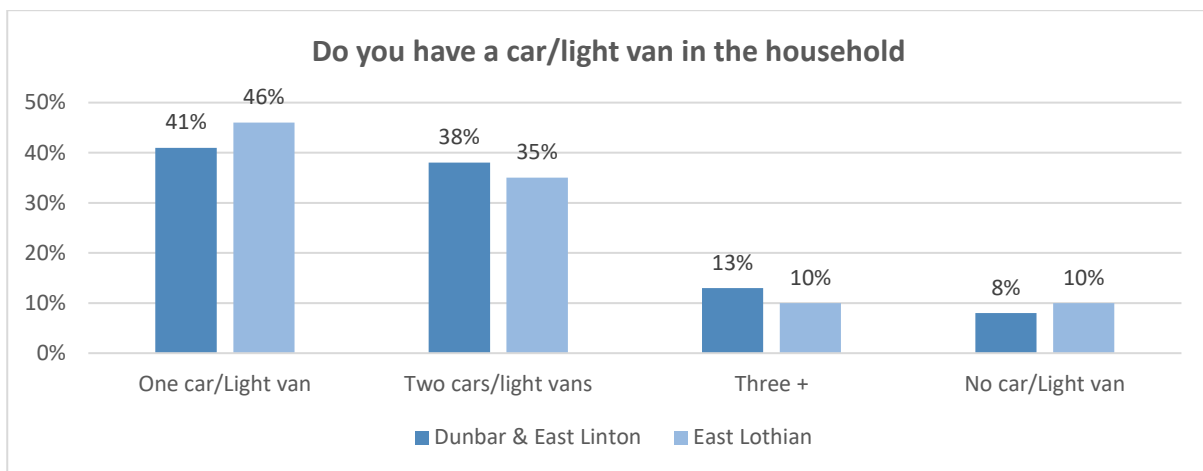
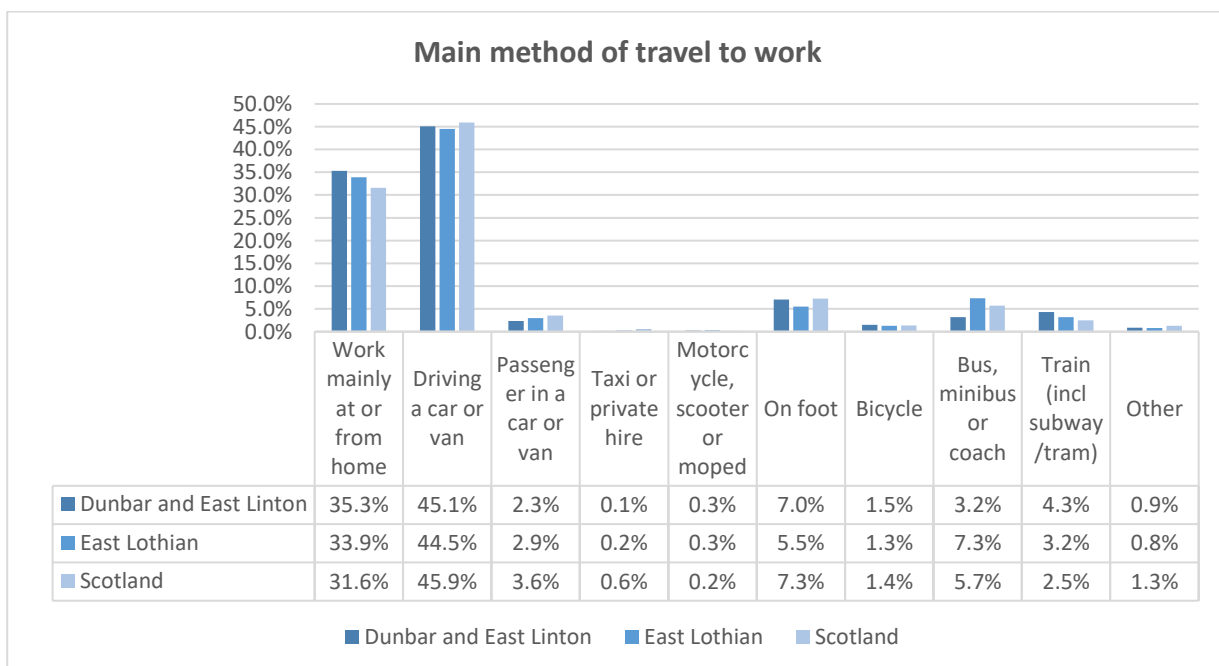


Figure 40 shows that a higher percentage of people in this ward worked from home than across East Lothian as a whole. Driving a car/van was the most common mode of transport. More people in this ward commuted by train when compared to East Lothian.

Figure 40 – Main Method of Commuting to Work (Scotland's Census 2022)

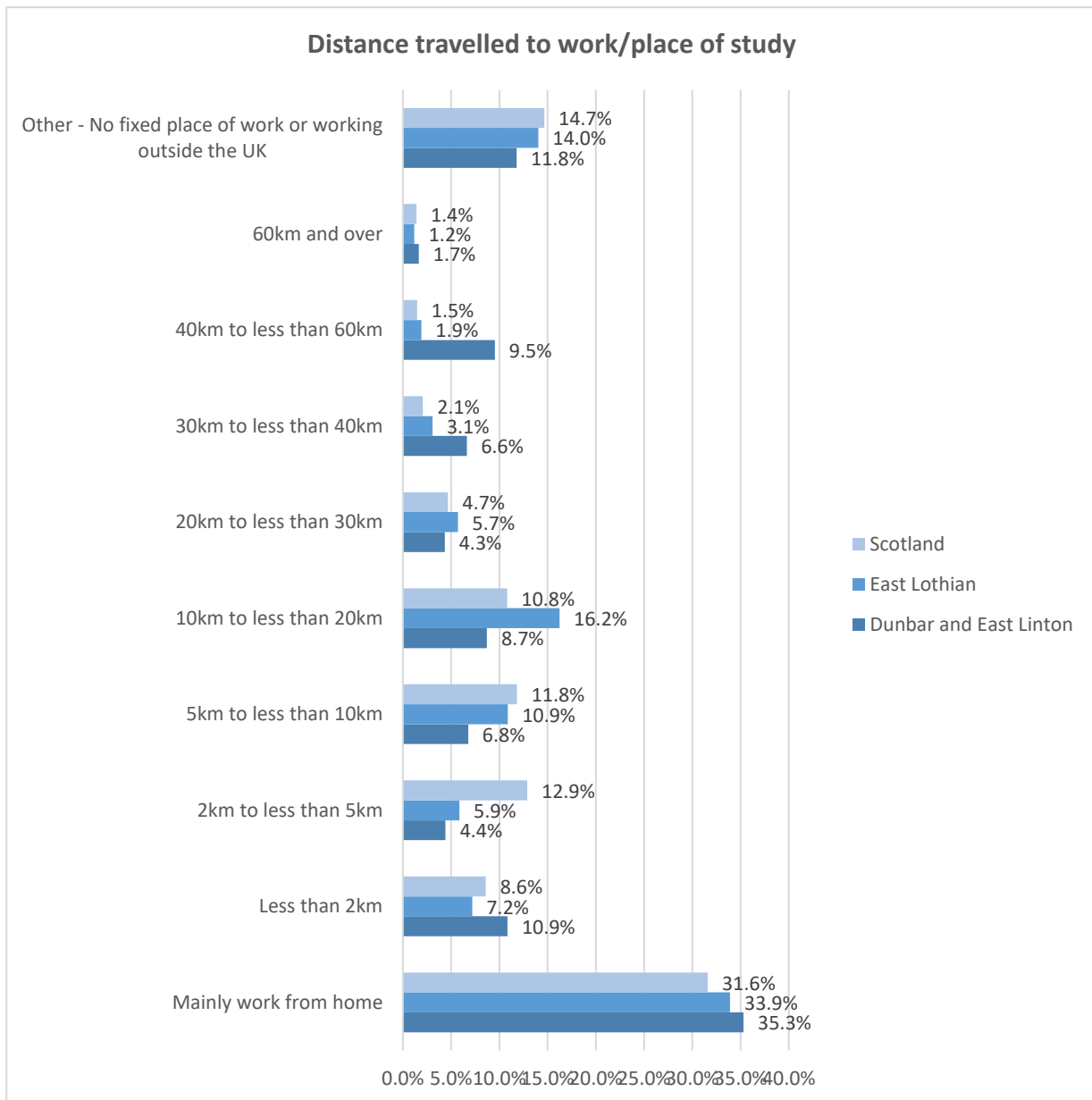


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Figure 41 shows that:-

- 9.5% of commuters in this ward travelled between 40km to 60km to their place of work or study, higher than the East Lothian figure of 1.9%, suggesting that these commuters travel to Edinburgh.
- 35.3% of people worked from home (East Lothian 33.9%).
- 11.8% of people had no fixed workplace or worked out with the UK (East Lothian 14.0%).

Figure 41 – Distance travelled to work/study (Scotland’s Census 2022)



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Access Deprivation

SIMD Geographic Access Domain

This domain is intended to capture the issues of financial cost, time and inconvenience of having to travel to access basic services, and is based on travel time to 6 key services

It consists of two sub-domains, one for public transport journeys and one for journeys made by private car. This accounts for the fact that not everyone will have access to a car and therefore may be dependent on public transport.

- 7 data zones are in the 20% most access deprived in Scotland.
- 3 data zones are in the 20% least access deprived in Scotland.
- High St/Queen's Road/East Links is the least access deprived data zone in East Lothian.

Dunbar and East Linton Data zones – ranked by Geographic Access Domain

Table 29 – SIMD2020 Access Deprivation

DZ2011	DZ2011 Name	Main Town	SIMD 2016 Access domain rank	SIMD 2020 Access domain rank	East Lothian Access Rank 2020
S01008282	Innerwick / Oldhamstocks	Rural	267	281	2
S01008281	Stenton / Pressmenan / Needle Hill	Rural	295	308	4
S01008283	Spott / Broxburn	Rural	650	764	12
S01008278	East Linton North / Tynninghame / Newbyth	Rural	854	851	15
S01008284	West Barns / Eweford / Lochend Wood	Dunbar	832	927	16
S01008280	East Linton South / Traprain / Papple	Rural	1081	1074	18
S01008293	Lochend Rd	Dunbar	1355	1390	29
S01008294	Kellie Rd / Middlemas Rd	Dunbar	2043	2829	69
S01008292	Spott Rd	Dunbar	2283	2954	72
S01008279	East Linton Village Centre	East Linton	3346	3828	86
S01008286	Belhaven Park / Dunbarr Grammar	Dunbar	4354	4496	96
S01008287	Belhaven Hill / Back Rd	Dunbar	4125	4618	98
S01008291	Countess Rd / Station Rd / Newhouse Pl	Dunbar	4943	5032	103
S01008285	Lammermuir Cr / Countess Cr	Dunbar	6051	5469	112
S01008288	Winterfield Pk / North Rd / Delisle St	Dunbar	5551	6200	122
S01008289	Harbour / Victoria St / Castle St	Dunbar	5354	6511	127
S01008290	High St / Queen's Rd / East Links	Dunbar	6575	6912	132

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Environment

HEADLINES – Environment

- 78% of respondents in the ward reported that they understood what action they should take to help tackle climate control.
- 70% of respondents in the ward (East Lothian 61%) reported that cheaper bus or train fares would definitely encourage them to address their impact on climate change.

Climate Change

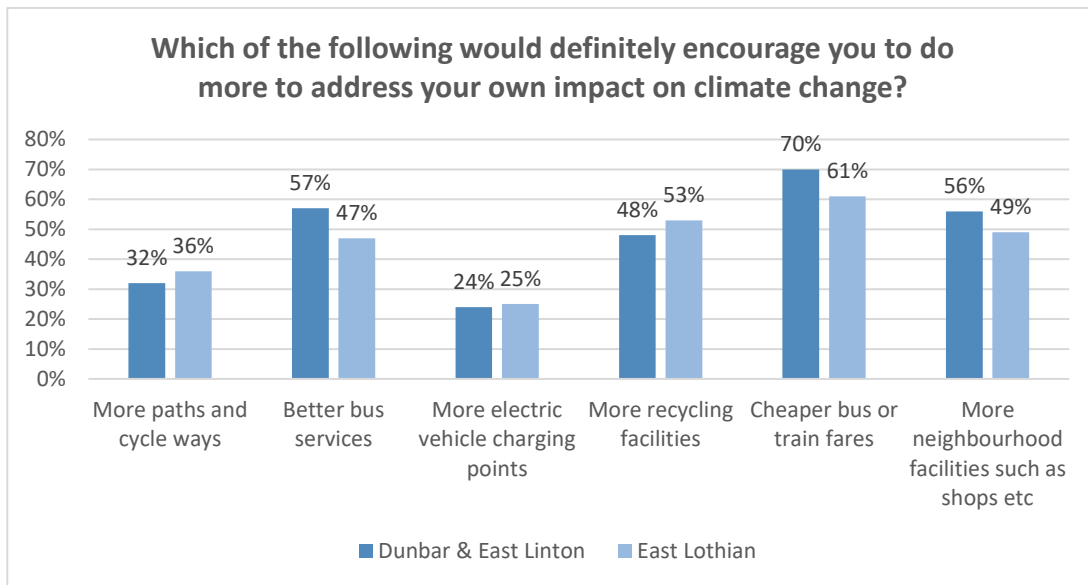
Table 30 shows that 78% of respondents in the ward reported that they understood what action they should take to help tackle climate control, similar to the 77% for East Lothian as a whole.

Table 30 – Perceptions of climate change (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?	Agree/Disagree	Dunbar & East Linton	East Lothian
It's not worth me doing things to help the environment if others don't do the same	% agree	21%	22%
	% disagree	68%	67%
I don't believe my behaviour and everyday lifestyle contribute to climate change	% agree	31%	25%
	% disagree	56%	58%
Climate change will only have an impact on other countries, there is no need for me to worry	% agree	6%	5%
	% disagree	89%	87%
I understand what actions people like myself should take to help tackle climate control	% agree	78%	77%
	% disagree	11%	12%

Figure 42 shows that 70% of respondents in the ward (East Lothian 61%) reported that cheaper bus or train fares would definitely encourage them to address their impact on climate change, the highest of all options. On the other hand, only 24% in the ward (East Lothian 25%) said that more electric charging points would definitely encourage them to address their own impact on climate change.

Figure 42 –Impact on climate change (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)

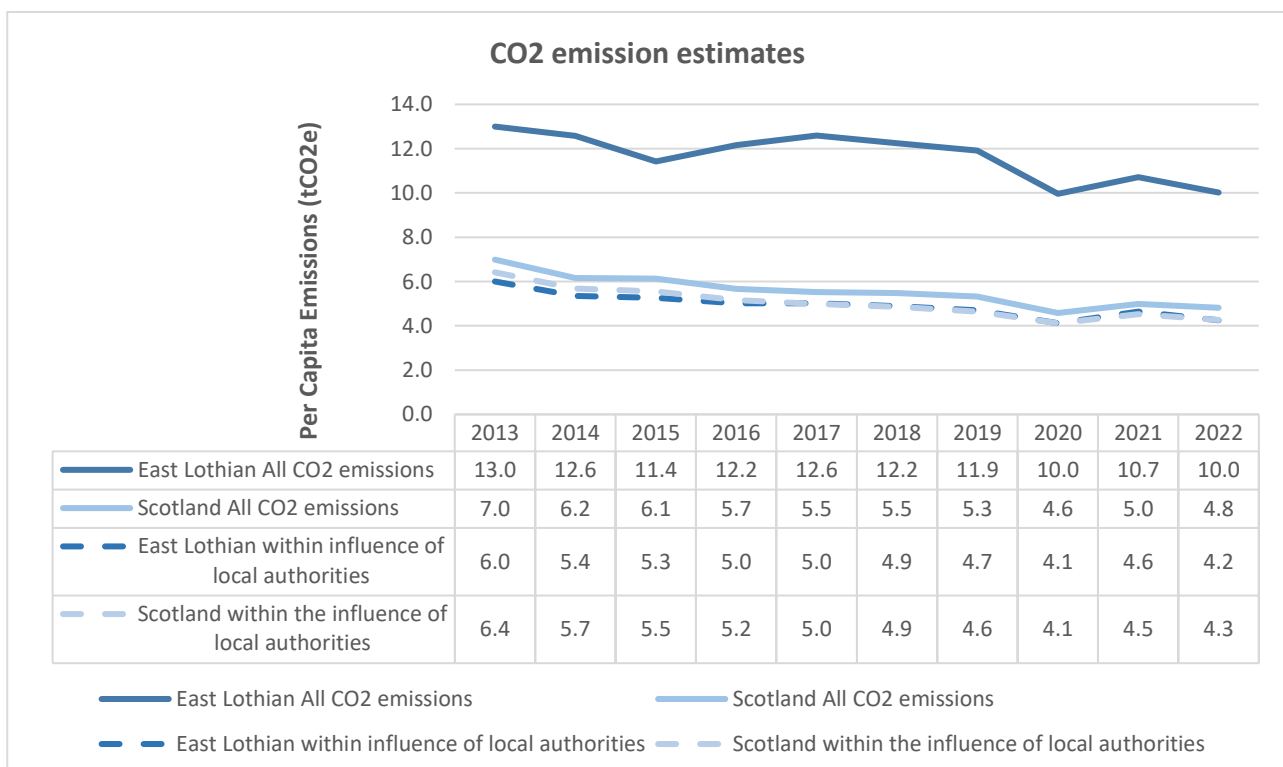


CO2 Emissions

Figure 43 shows that, in East Lothian between 2013 and 2022 there was a 23% decrease in the overall CO2 emissions, compared to a Scottish decrease of 31%. The East Lothian figure is consistently higher than the Scottish rate for areas that do not fall under the influence of East Lothian Council.

For areas that are within the influence of the Council, East Lothian has a similar level to that of Scotland. The East Lothian rate fell by 29% between 2013 and 2022, compared to 33% across Scotland as a whole.

Figure 43 – CO2 Emission estimates per capita (tonnes per capita) in East Lothian and Scotland (UK Govt).



[UK local authority and regional greenhouse gas emissions statistics - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-local-authority-and-regional-greenhouse-gas-emissions-statistics)

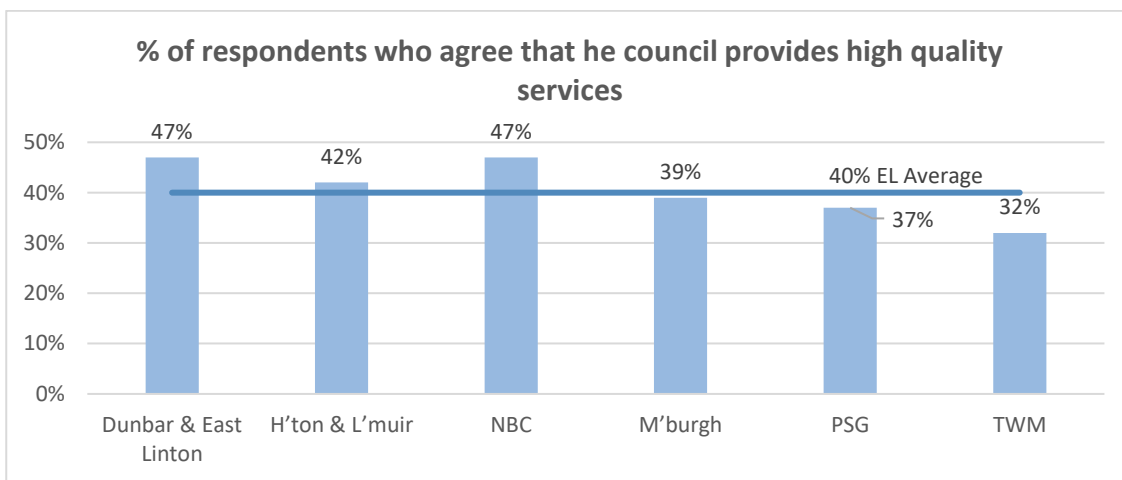
Perceptions of East Lothian Council & satisfaction with services

HEADLINES – Perceptions of East Lothian Council & Satisfaction with Services

- 47% of respondents in the Dunbar & East Linton ward felt that the council provided a high quality service (East Lothian 40%).
- Residents in the Dunbar & East Linton ward expressed higher levels of satisfaction for pharmacies and parks, gardens & open spaces, and lower levels of satisfaction for dental services and council house repairs.

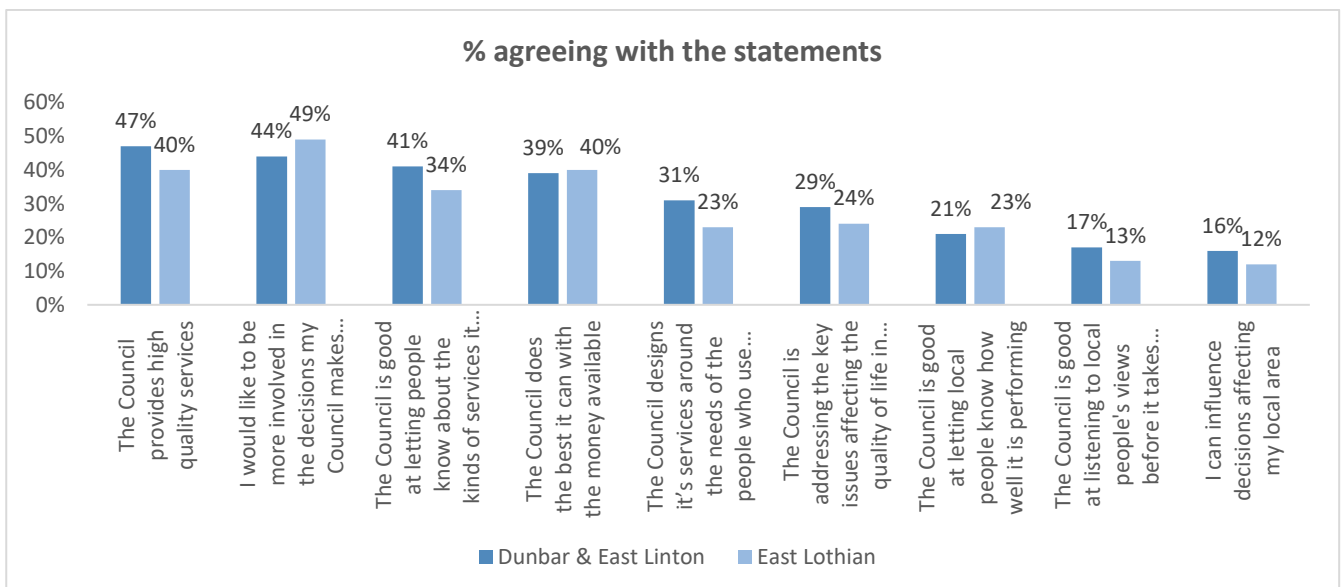
The East Lothian Residents Survey (2024) showed that 47% of respondents in the Dunbar & East Linton ward felt that the council provided a high quality service, compared with the overall East Lothian average of 40%.

Figure 44 - % of respondents agreeing that ELC provides high quality services (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



Respondents were also asked whether they agreed with a range of statements about the Council. Dunbar & East Lothian residents were most likely to agree that the council provides high quality services and least likely to feel they could influence decisions affecting their local area (as shown in Figure 45).

Figure 45 – Level of Agreement with statements about ELC (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



The survey also asked people about their level of satisfaction with the East Lothian Council Services they used. Residents in the Dunbar & East Linton ward expressed higher levels of satisfaction for pharmacies and parks, gardens & open spaces, and lower levels of satisfaction for dental services and council house repairs.

Figure 46 – Satisfaction with Council Services (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)

