

MUSSELBURGH WARD PROFILE

2024

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Introduction

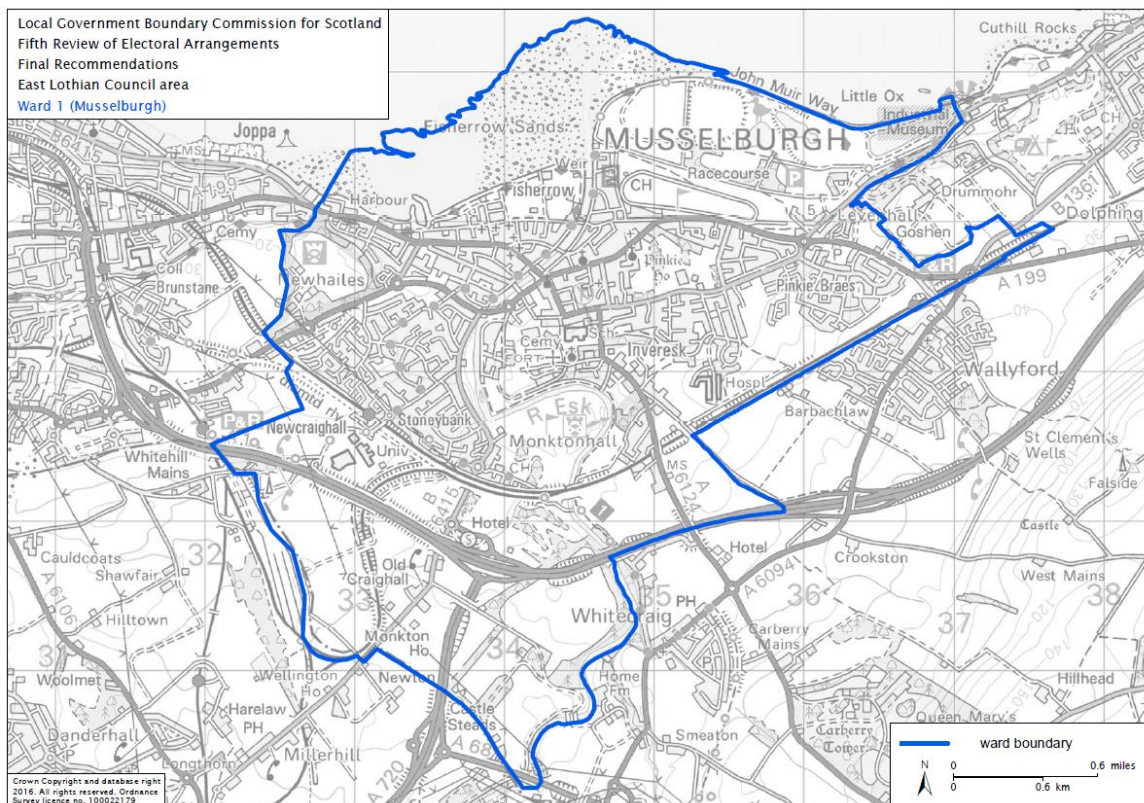
This profile is one of six ward area profiles prepared to support the work of the East Lothian Partnership and compliment the East Lothian Profile.

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 Musselburgh Area

The Musselburgh Ward is situated at the western end of East Lothian. It includes the town of Musselburgh, which is the largest settlement in East Lothian.

Figure 1 - Ward Map (Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland)



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;

- **Intermediate zones** (also known as Intermediate Geographies) are also used to present variations within the ward. In this case Musselburgh is divided into the **Fisherrow zone** (covering Goosegreen and the North section of Fisherrow), **Inveresk zone** (covering the Stoneybank to Inveresk areas), **Musselburgh zone** (covering the Windsor Park to Stoneybank areas), **Musselburgh West zone** (covering the Newhailes and Whitehill areas), the **Wallyford and Whitecraig zone** and the **Levenhall and Rigley Hill zone** (covering the Ash Lagoons and Ravensheugh).
- **Data zones** are the smallest geographic areas at which data is collected and analysed. There are 27 data zones across the Musselburgh area .
- **Area Partnership:** The Musselburgh Area Partnership combines the old East Lothian multi-member wards of Musselburgh West and Musselburgh East & Carberry, which include Wallyford and Whitecraig (Wallyford and Whitecraig were ceded to the TWM ward in 2016).

Population

HEADLINES – Population

- 19.3% of East Lothian’s population live in the Musselburgh area.
- There are proportionally more people aged 16-64 living in this ward than there are across East Lothian and Scotland.
- English is the main language of 94% of the population in the Musselburgh ward, lower than the rate for East Lothian or Scotland.
- 79.3% of the population in this ward were born in Scotland - lower than the rate for East Lothian as a whole.
- 4.8% of the Musselburgh ward were of a non white ethnic minority, higher than the 3.1% for East Lothian and lower than the 7.1% across Scotland.

21,695 people live in the Musselburgh ward, which accounts for 19.3% of the county’s population. (Scotland’s Census 2022).

- In the Musselburgh ward 46.1% of the population are male and 53.9% are female.
- There are proportionally more people aged 16-64 living in the ward than there are across East Lothian.

Table 1 - Age Distribution (Scotland’s Census 2022)

	Musselburgh Ward	East Lothian	Scotland
% of the population (0-15)	16.1%	18.0%	16.4%
% of the population that are (16-64)	65.1%	60.9%	63.6%
% of the population that are 65 or over	18.8%	21.1%	20.0%

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Country of Birth and Ethnicity

The results from the 2011 Census in Scotland show that East Lothian is becoming more ethnically and religiously diverse, with an increasing number of people who live in East Lothian being born outside of the UK.

According to Scotland’s Census 2022:

- 4.2% of the ward were born outside of Europe, higher than the 3.1% for East Lothian and lower than the 5.5% across Scotland.
- In this ward 79.3% 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.
- 88.7% of the Musselburgh ward were born in the UK, lower 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
Musselburgh	95.9%	0.5%	6.6%	88.7%	79.3%	0.9%	1.9%	0.9%	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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- 78.1% of people in this ward identify themselves as White Scottish – below the rates for East Lothian and higher than the rate for Scotland as a whole.
- 4.8% of people in this ward were from minority ethnic groups higher than the rate for East Lothian and lower than the rate for Scotland as a whole.

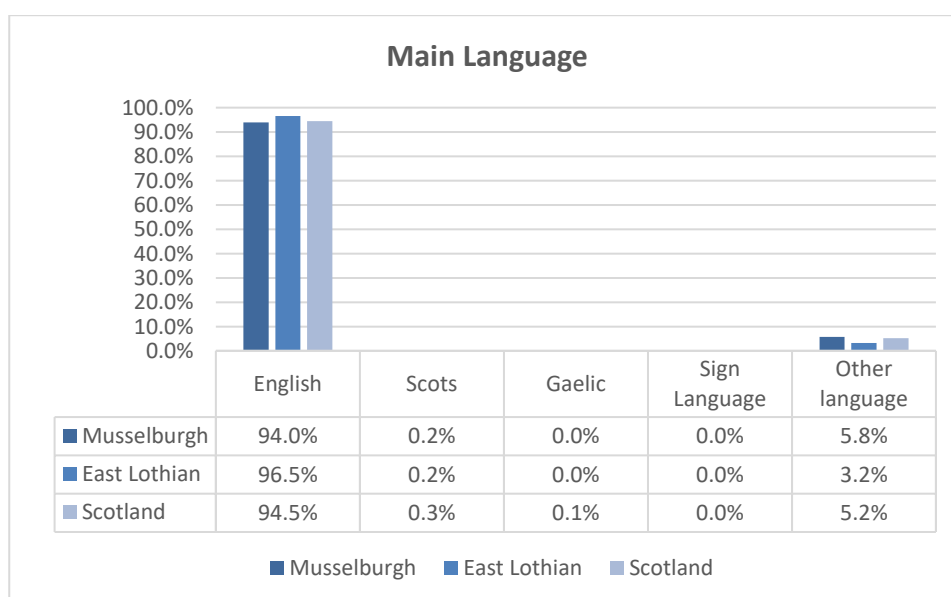
Table 3 - Ethnic identity (Scotland’s Census 2022)

Ethnicity	White Scottish	White Other	Minority Ethnic Groups
Musselburgh	78.1%	17.0%	4.8%
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 94.0% of all people (aged 3 and over) living in this 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.

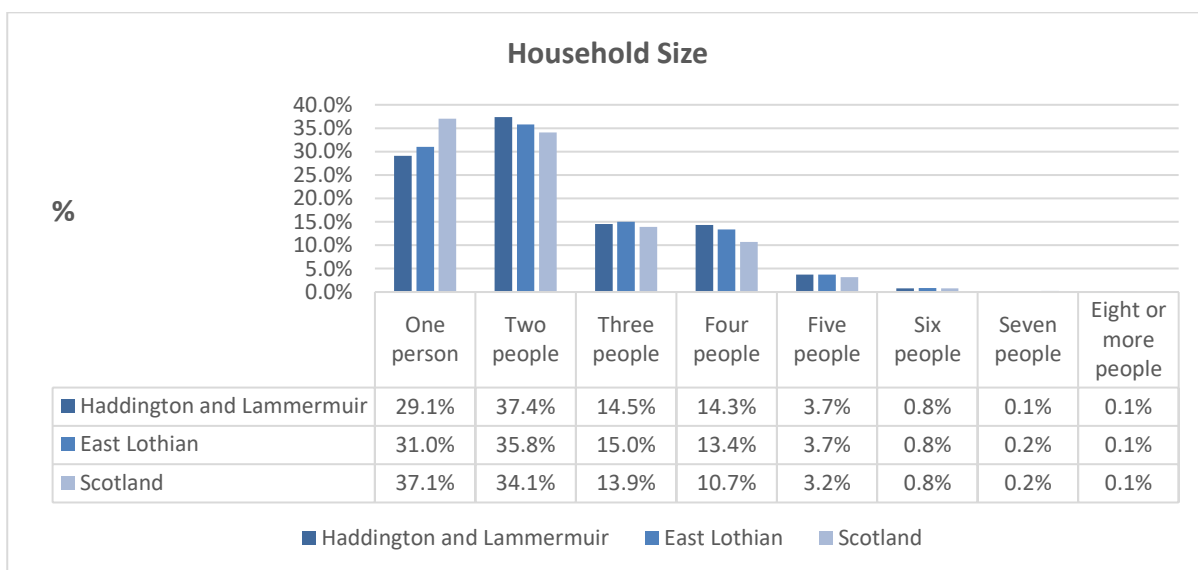
In the Musselburgh ward:

- 34.1% of the population declared that they were Christian (East Lothian 35%).
- 1.1% reported their religion as Muslim (East Lothian 0.8%).
- 57.1% stated they had no religion (East Lothian 57.5%).

Household Size

Figure 3 shows that there are less one person households in this 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.

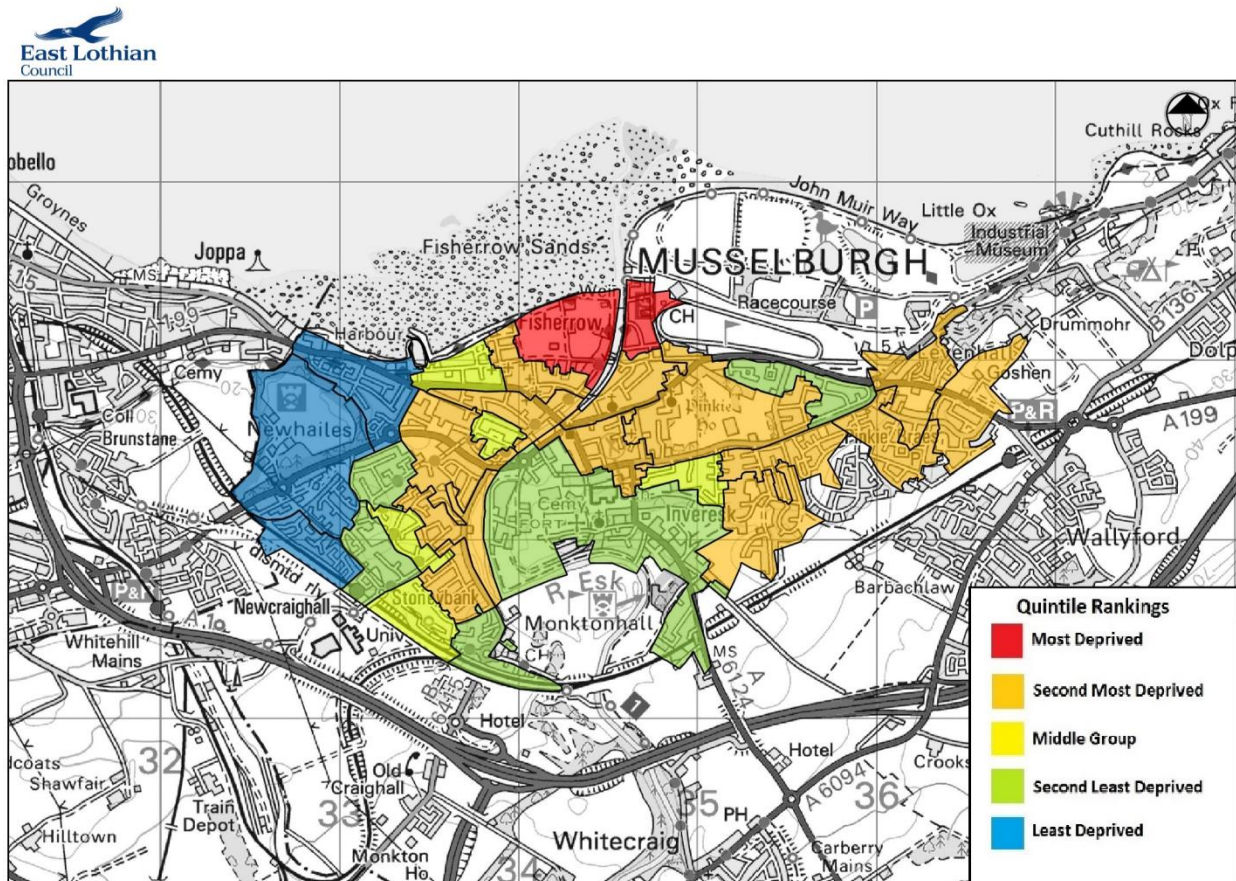
It is important to note that the SIMD only identifies concentrations of deprivation. Therefore not all people who are deprived live in a data zone highlighted by the SIMD, and not all people living within an identified data zone are deprived.

HEADLINES – Deprivation in the ward

- One data zone in the ward is within the 20% most deprived in Scotland.
- 9 data zones are within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian.
- 3 data zones are within the 20% least deprived in East Lothian and Scotland.

Figure 4 shows the data zones in the Musselburgh ward and illustrates the overall deprivation by quintile out of the 6,976 data zones in Scotland. It can be used to identify geographic clusters of relative deprivation in the ward.

Figure 4 – Overall Deprivation in the Musselburgh Ward SIMD2020 by quintile (East Lothian Council)



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Table 4 below further illustrates the relative spread of deprivation, by showing the 2016 and the 2020 Scottish rank out of 6,976 data zones and the East Lothian rank out of 132 data zones.

- One data zone in the ward is within the 20% most deprived in Scotland.
- 9 data zones are within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian, 5 of which are within the 10% most deprived in East Lothian
- 3 data zones are within the 20 % least deprived in East Lothian and Scotland.

Table 4 – Overall SIMD ranking for data zones in the Musselburgh area (SIMD2020)

Data zone No.	Data zone Name	2016 Rank	2020 Rank	East Lothian Rank 2020
S01008187	Goosegreen / Fisherrow Links	1437	1017	3
S01008190	Edenhall / Pinkie Terr	1770	1417	9
S01008196	Delta Dr / Galt Av / Battlefield Dr	1639	1434	10
S01008188	Dalrymple Lo / Mansfield	1491	1484	12
S01008195	Macbeth Moir Rd / Moir Cr	1460	1525	13
S01008192	Wanless Ct / Windsor Pk / Loretto	1998	1662	19
S01008185	Fisherrow / Beach Ln / Brunton	2349	1716	21
S01008171	Stoneybank Cr / Monktonhall Terr	2635	1823	23
S01008175	Eskview Terr / Haugh	2853	2037	26
S01008191	Park Gr / Pinkie Farm	2663	2323	34
S01008177	Olivebank / Eskview	2737	2471	37
S01008184	North High St / Eskside West / Hercus Lo	2974	2554	40
S01008194	Levenhall	3175	2733	45
S01008186	Millhill / Eskside East	3164	2743	46
S01008182	New St / North High St / Prommenade	2519	2817	49
S01008172	Mucklets / Mayfield Cr	3893	3585	58
S01008189	Rothesay Pl / Park Ln	3617	3591	59
S01008174	Stoneybank Terr / Whitehill Dr	4087	3673	61
S01008183	West Holmes Gdns / Market St	4267	3725	64
S01008193	Linkfield Rd / Woodside	3667	4288	81
S01008176	Inveresk / Eskmills / Lewisvale	5593	4333	83
S01008178	Stoneyhill	4573	4852	86
S01008173	Whitehill / Stoneyhill Sch	5090	4995	88
S01008170	Monktonhall	5280	5497	105
S01008179	Denholms	6645	6460	125
S01008181	Newhailles Cr / Edinburgh Rd	6435	6470	126
S01008180	Newhailles Rd / Clayknowes / Newhailles House	6557	6471	127

[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

- 10.2% of the population of the working age population of the Musselburgh 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 2% to 19%.
- 13.4% of the population of the working age population of the Musselburgh ward is considered to be income deprived.
- The proportion of the population considered to be income deprived in the ward ranges from 1% to 26%.
- 16.5% of the working age population in the Musselburgh ward claimed Universal Credit in September 2024, which is below the East Lothian average of 14.8%.

Employment Patterns in the Musselburgh Area

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

In relation to employment across Occupational Groups Figure 6 shows that more people in this ward were employed in sales and customer services and less were employed as managers directors and senior officials than across East Lothian as a whole.

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

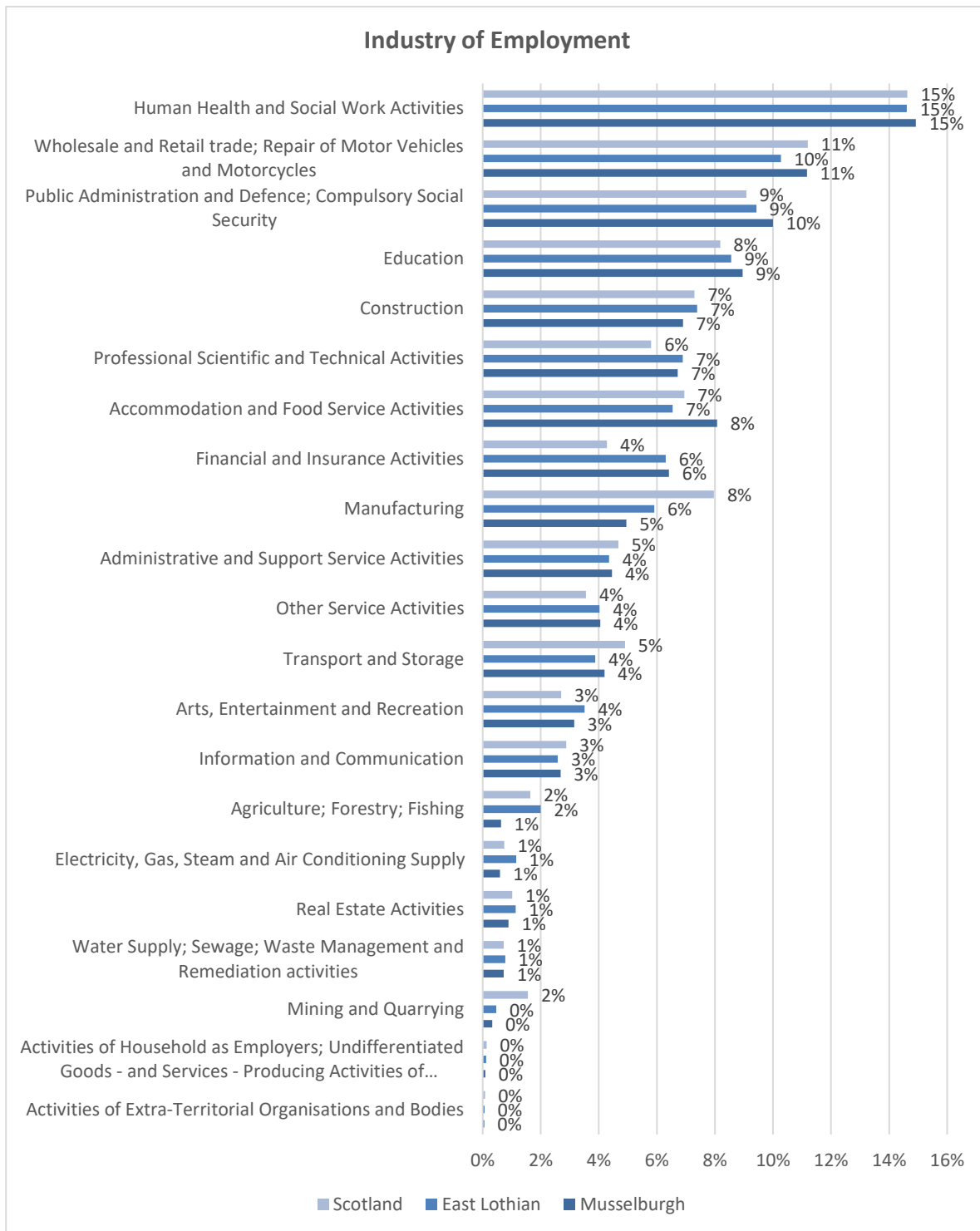
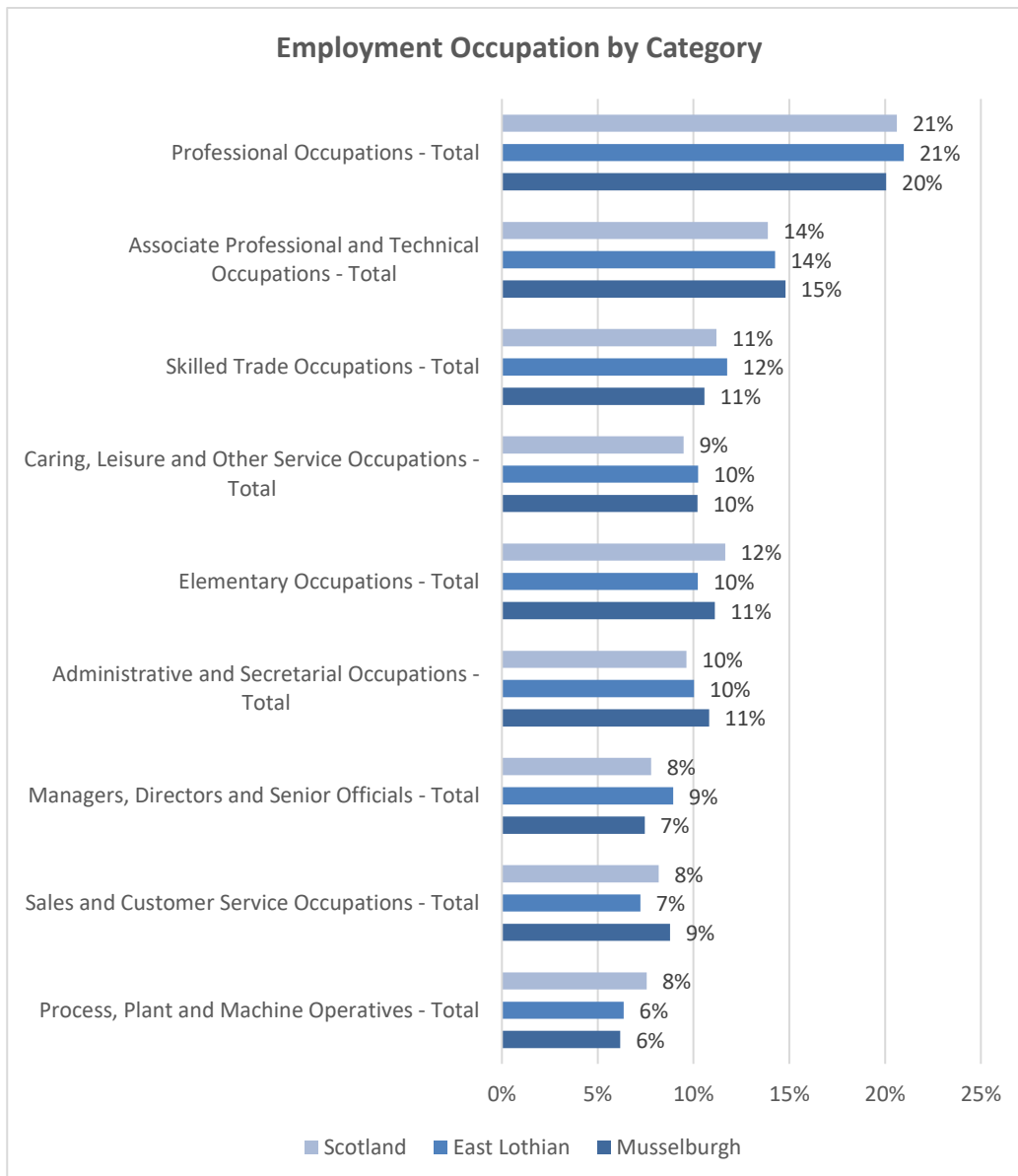


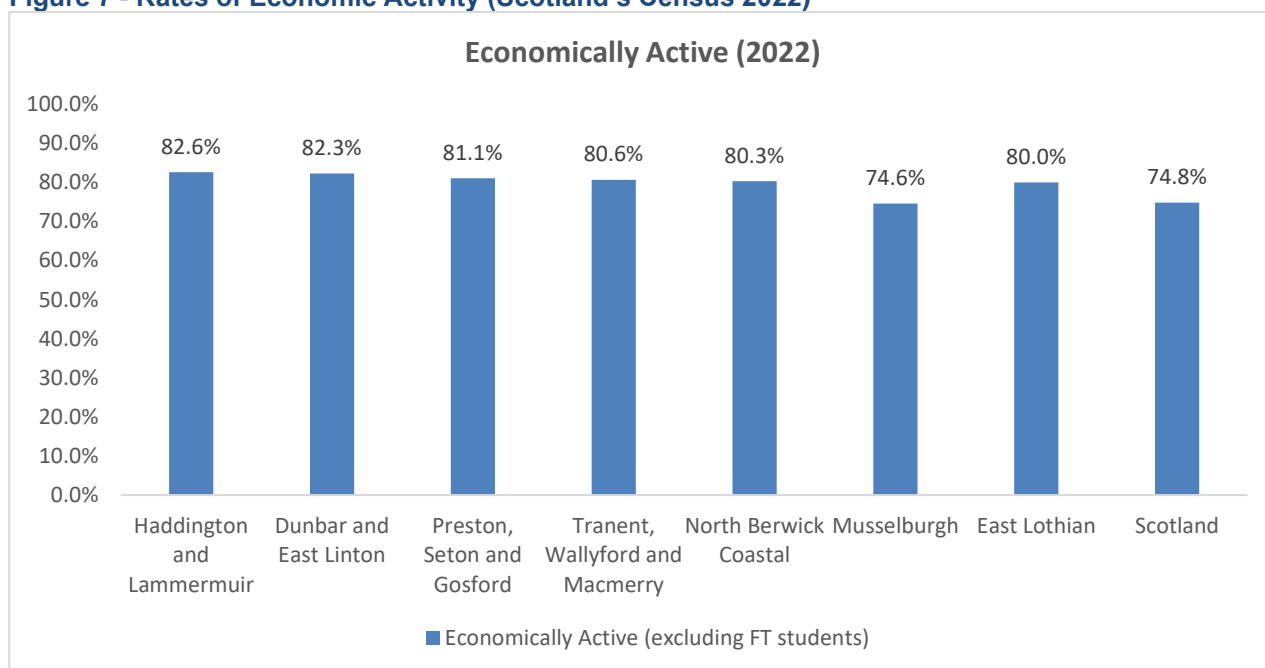
Figure 6 - Employment across Occupational Groups (Scotland's Census 2022)



Economic Activity in the Musselburgh area

Figure 7 shows that rates of economic activity across East Lothian were higher than across Scotland as a whole. 74.6% of the working age population were economically active in the Musselburgh ward, which was the lowest of all the wards. However Musselburgh has the largest proportion of students, as can be seen in Table 7: Rates of Economic Activity.

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



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Table 5 shows that the that a lower percentage of the working age population in the Musselburgh ward are full time workers when compared to East Lothian as a whole.

Table 5 - Full Time and Part Time workers % of working age population (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 Musselburgh ward had higher rates of employees 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 and 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 Musselburgh ward has a higher level of students when compared to East Lothian as a whole.

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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Employment Deprivation

The SIMD Employment Domain includes four indicators that act as proxies for levels of unemployment or employment deprivation:

- Working Age Unemployment Claimant Count averaged over 12 months;
- Working Age Incapacity Benefit claimants, men aged under 65, women aged under 60;
- Working Age Severe Disablement Allowance claimants;
- Working Age Compulsory New Deal participants - New Deal for the under 25s and New Deal for the 25+ not included in the unemployment claimant count

- 10.2% of the population of the working age population of the 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 does however range from 2% to 19%.

Table 8 - Employment Deprivation SIMD 2020

Data_Zone	Data Zone Name	Employment Domain Rank 2016	Employment Domain Rank 2020	% Employment deprived 2016	% Employment deprived 2020
S01008187	Goosegreen / Fisherrow Links	1437	760	16%	19%
S01008185	Fisherrow / Beach Ln / Brunton	2349	1234	15%	16%
S01008188	Dalrymple Lo / Mansfield	1491	1238	17%	16%
S01008196	Delta Dr / Galt Av / Battlefield Dr	1639	1340	16%	16%
S01008171	Stoneybank Cr / Monktonhall Terr	2635	1439	13%	15%
S01008192	Wanless Ct / Windsor Pk / Loretto	1998	1526	13%	15%
S01008195	Macbeth Moir Rd / Moir Cr	1460	1590	14%	14%
S01008190	Edenhall / Pinkie Terr	1770	2004	12%	13%
S01008175	Eskview Terr / Haugh	2853	2113	10%	12%

S01008182	New St / North High St / Promenade	2519	2370	12%	11%
S01008194	Levenhall	3175	2449	10%	11%
S01008177	Olivebank / Eskview	2737	2542	11%	11%
S01008186	Millhill / Eskside East	3164	2866	9%	10%
S01008183	West Holmes Gdns / Market St	4267	3052	7%	9%
S01008189	Rothsay Pl / Park Ln	3617	3090	9%	9%
S01008184	North High St / Eskside West / Hercus Lo	2974	3116	11%	9%
S01008172	Mucklets / Mayfield Cr	3893	3206	8%	9%
S01008191	Park Gr / Pinkie Farm	2663	3308	9%	8%
S01008174	Stoneybank Terr / Whitehill Dr	4087	3480	10%	8%
S01008193	Linkfield Rd / Woodside	3667	3798	8%	7%
S01008176	Inveresk / Eskmills / Lewisvale	5593	3917	5%	7%
S01008178	Stoneyhill	4573	4580	8%	5%
S01008170	Monktonhall	5280	5019	4%	4%
S01008173	Whitehill / Stoneyhill Sch	5090	5489	5%	3%
S01008181	Newhailles Cr / Edinburgh Rd	6435	6049.5	3%	3%
S01008180	Newhailles Rd / Clayknowes / Newhailles House	6557	6393.5	3%	2%
S01008179	Denholms	6645	6593	2%	2%

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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 16.5% of the working age population in the Musselburgh ward claimed Universal Credit in September 2024, which is above the East Lothian average of 14.8% (Scotland 16.4%). The current number of people on Universal Credit in this ward is 66.5% higher than the pre covid figure of 1397 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 2.7% 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 10.5% lower than the pre covid figure of 428 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 (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%

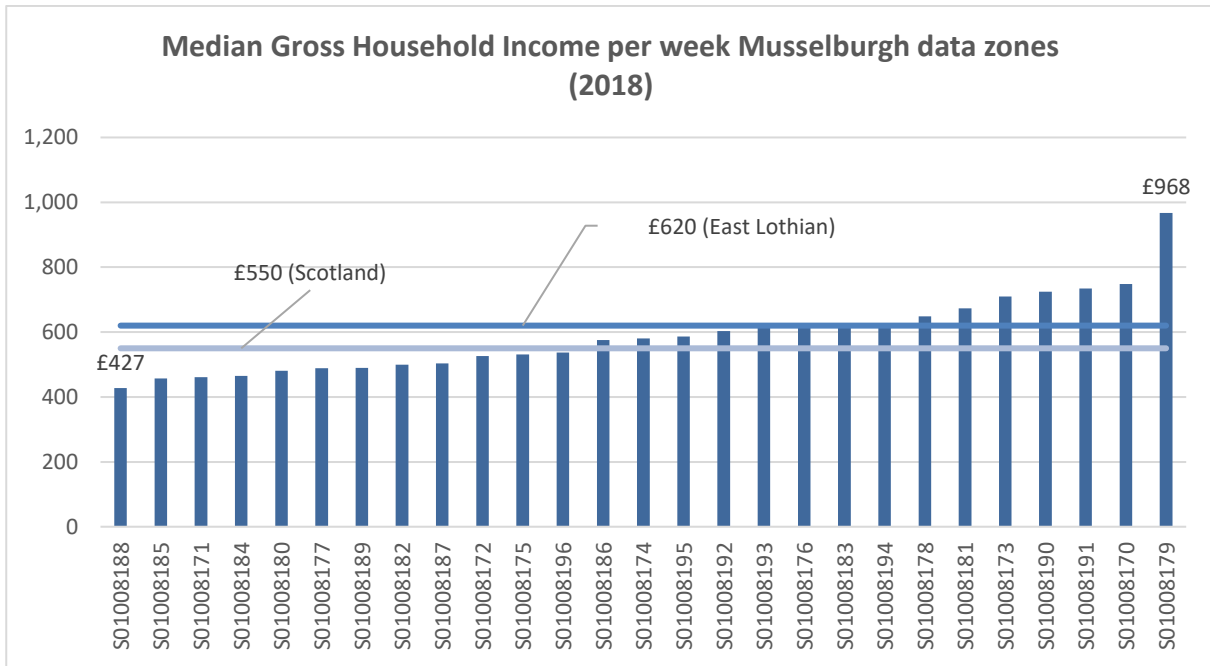
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How is the ward coping financially?

Estimated household income varies across the ward, with a gap of £540 per week between the most affluent data zone and the least.

9 out of the 27 Musselburgh data zones have a median, or middle of the range, household incomes above the East Lothian data zone average.

Figure 8 - Median gross household Income (Banded Income Statistics, Scot.Govt.)



Banded income statistics: 2018 - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)

Figure 9 shows that 47% of respondents in this ward said that they were “Managing very/quite well” higher than the East Lothian figure of 45%.

36% in this ward said they were getting by alright, lower than the 38% across East Lothian.

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

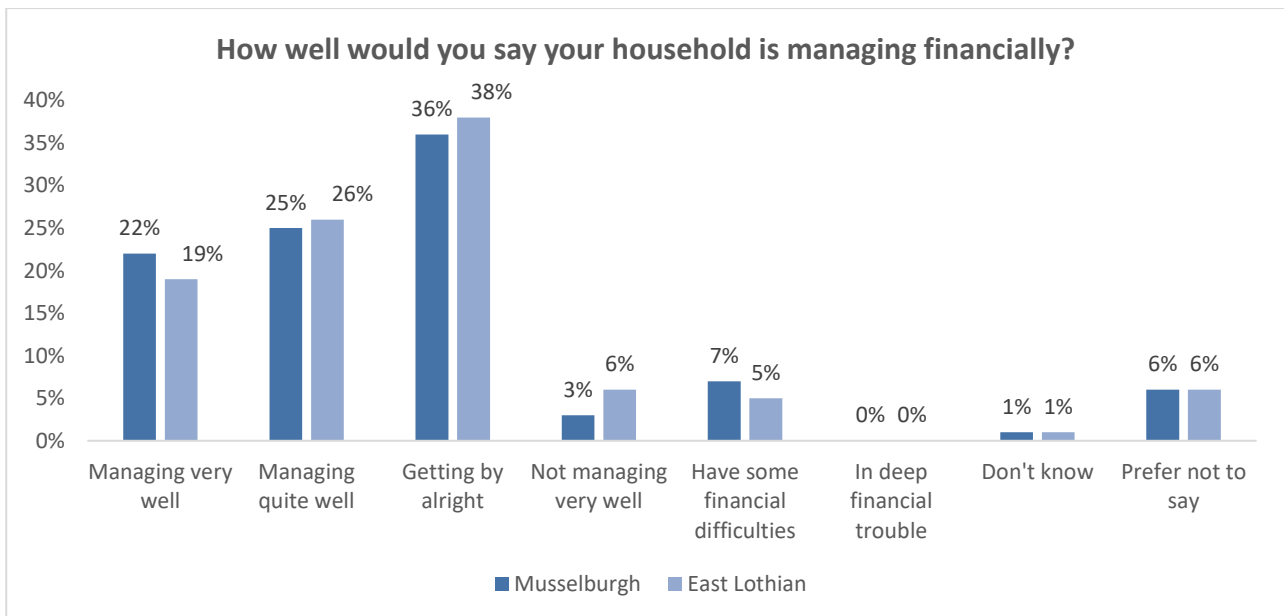
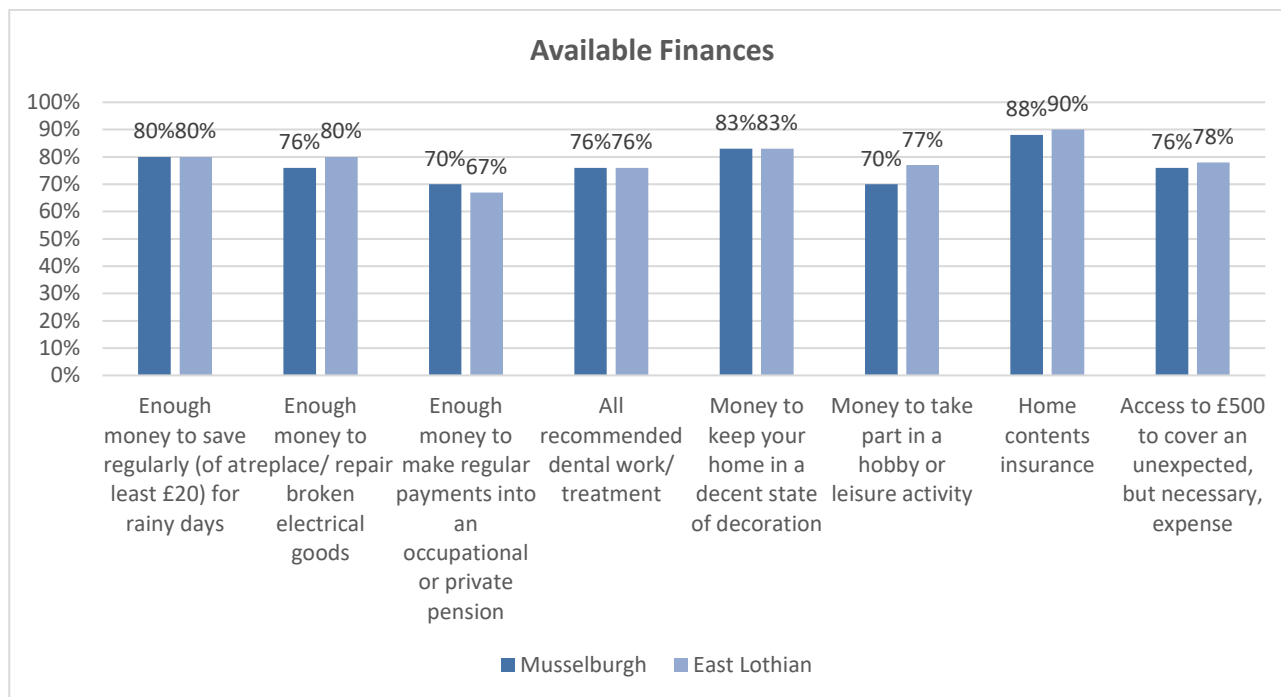


Figure 10 shows that 88% of this ward had enough money for home contents insurance, the highest of all the categories.

Having money available for a private pension and money for a hobby were the lowest affordable categories in this ward.

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

- 13.4% of the population of the working age population of the Musselburgh ward is considered to be income deprived.
- The proportion of the population that is income deprived in the ward is higher than for East Lothian as a whole (10.2%) and lower than the figure for Scotland (12.1%).
- The proportion of the population considered to be income deprived in the ward ranges from 1% to 26%.
- There are 4 data zones within the 20% most deprived in Scotland.
- There are 3 data zones within the 20% least deprived in Scotland.

Table 11 – Income deprivation SIMD2020

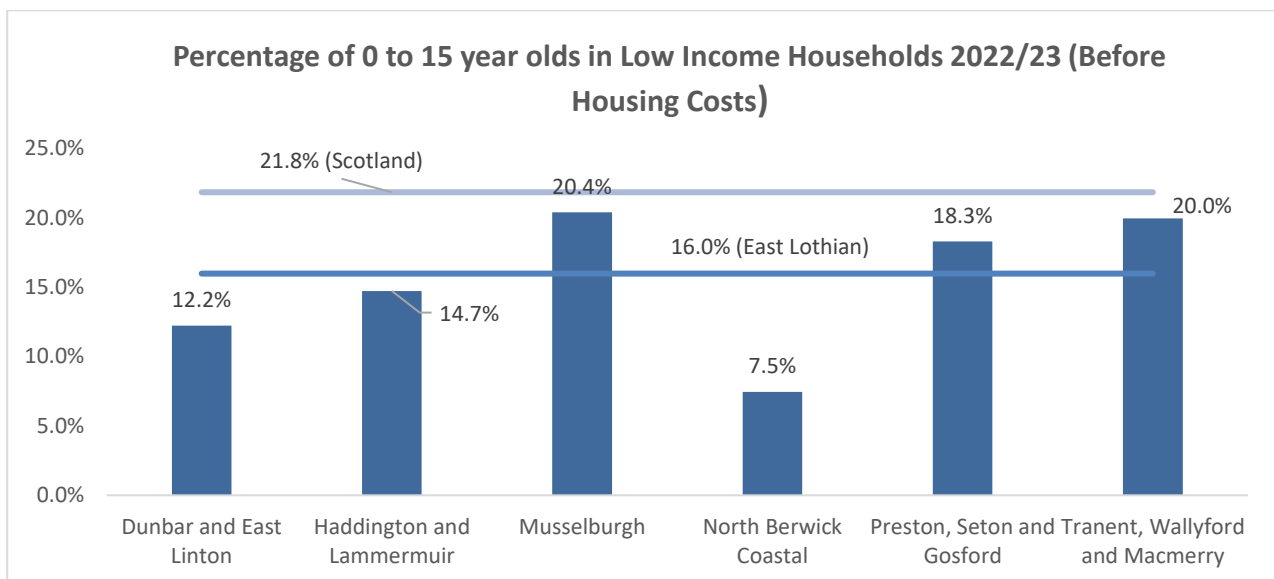
Data_Zone	Data Zone Name	Income domain 2016 rank	Income Domain Rank 2020	% Income Deprived 2016	% Income Deprived 2020
S01008190	Edenhall / Pinkie Terr	1658	781	18%	26%
S01008187	Goosegreen / Fisherrow Links	1316	1027	21%	23%
S01008188	Dalrymple Lo / Mansfield	1236	1355	22%	21%
S01008196	Delta Dr / Galt Av / Battlefield Dr	1600	1366	19%	21%

S01008195	Macbeth Moir Rd / Moir Cr	1233	1491	22%	20%
S01008192	Wanless Ct / Windsor Pk / Loretto	1899	1500	17%	20%
S01008185	Fisherrow / Beach Ln / Brunton	2213	1618	15%	19%
S01008171	Stoneybank Cr / Monktonhall Terr	2571	1887	14%	17%
S01008175	Eskview Terr / Haugh	3431	2021	10%	16%
S01008184	North High St / Eskside West / Hercus Lo	2781	2154	13%	15%
S01008177	Olivebank / Eskview	3227	2338	11%	14%
S01008191	Park Gr / Pinkie Farm	2380	2368	15%	14%
S01008186	Millhill / Eskside East	3075	2465	12%	14%
S01008194	Levenhall	3093	2480	11%	14%
S01008182	New St / North High St / Promenade	2376	2658	15%	13%
S01008183	West Holmes Gdns / Market St	3316	3001	11%	12%
S01008172	Mucklets / Mayfield Cr	3689	3284	9%	10%
S01008189	Rothsay Pl / Park Ln	3335	3594	10%	9%
S01008193	Linkfield Rd / Woodside	3937	3920	8%	8%
S01008174	Stoneybank Terr / Whitehill Dr	4200	4191	8%	7%
S01008176	Inveresk / Eskmills / Lewisvale	5421	4579	4%	6%
S01008178	Stoneyhill	3986	4609	8%	6%
S01008173	Whitehill / Stoneyhill Sch	4993	4694	5%	6%
S01008170	Monktonhall	5057	5209	5%	5%
S01008181	Newhailles Cr / Edinburgh Rd	6657	6615	2%	2%
S01008180	Newhailles Rd / Clayknowes / Newhailles House	6725	6867	1%	1%
S01008179	Denholms	6697	6895	2%	1%

[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot](#)

Figure 11 shows that 20.4% of 0 to 15 year olds in this 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



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Education and Training

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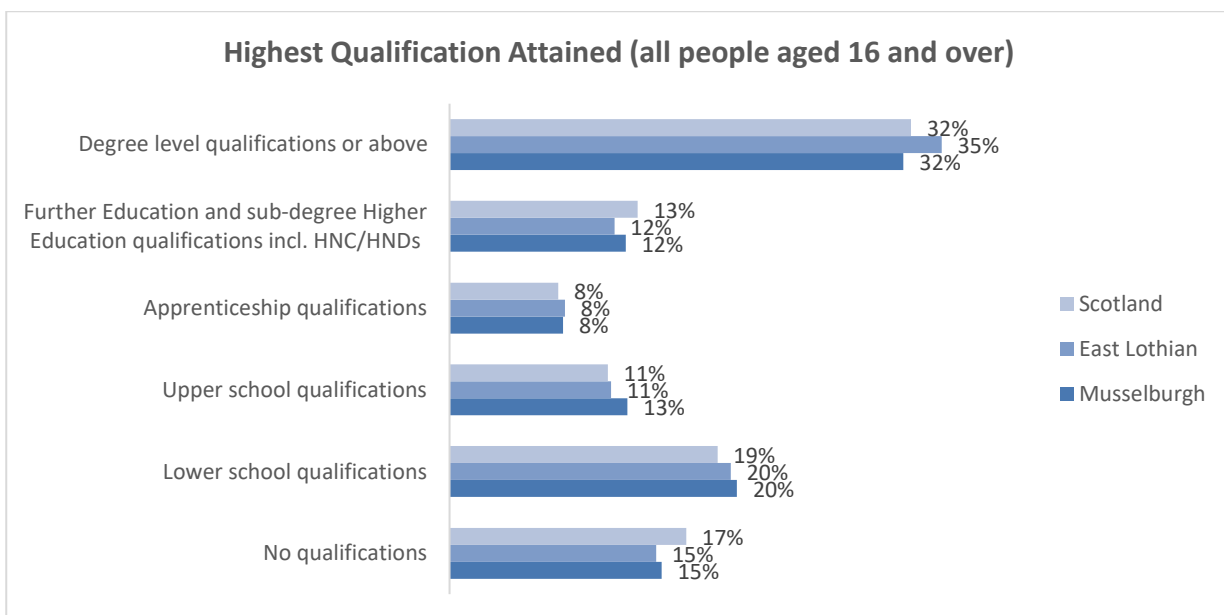
- 52% of people in this ward aged 16 and over have an apprentice qualification, further education qualification or degree level or above qualification (compared to the East Lothian figure of 54%).
- 5 data zones in this ward are within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian in terms of the Education domain. 3 of which are in the 20% most educationally deprived in Scotland.
- 3 data zones in this ward are ranked within the 20% least educationally deprived in East Lothian and Scotland.
- 73% of Musselburgh Grammar pupils achieved SCQF Level 5 or better, lower than the 82% for East Lothian and 88% for Scotland.
- The 82.4% Musselburgh Grammar attendance rate was lower than 86% across East Lothian and 87.1% for Scotland.
- 94.6% of school leavers from Musselburgh Grammar School were initially assessed as having a 'positive destination' upon leaving school.

Education and Training among adults

According to the 2022 census:

- 52% of people in this 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%).
- 32% have undertaken a degree level or above qualification (compared to 35% across East Lothian).
- 15% have no formal qualifications the same as the East Lothian figure of 15%

Figure 12 - Qualifications among adults (Scotland's Census 2022)



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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 absences
- Pupil performance on SQA at stage 4
- Working age people with no qualifications
- 17-21 year olds enrolling into higher education
- People aged 16-19 not in education, employment or training

- 5 data zones are within the 20% most educationally deprived in East Lothian, 3 data zones are within the 20% least educationally deprived in East Lothian
- 3 data zones are within the 20% most educationally deprived in Scotland, 3 data zones are within the 20% least educationally deprived in Scotland

Table 12 - SIMD Education, Skills and Training domain [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/resources/consultations-petitions/Publications/2020/06/SIMD2020-06-01-01.pdf)

Data Zone	Data Zone Name	Education domain SIMD2020 rank	Education domain SIMD2016 rank	East Lothian rank 2020
S01008196	Delta Dr / Galt Av / Battlefield Dr	1383	1473	20
S01008185	Fisherrow / Beach Ln / Brunton	2245	2720	38
S01008195	Macbeth Moir Rd / Moir Cr	1179	931	15
S01008192	Wanless Ct / Windsor Pk / Loretto	2586	1808	44
S01008187	Goosegreen / Fisherrow Links	1091	935	13
S01008177	Olivebank / Eskview	2838	2448	52
S01008184	North High St / Eskside West / Hercus Lo	2774	3799	49
S01008188	Dalrymple Lo / Mansfield	2188	1849	36
S01008190	Edenhall / Pinkie Terr	1739	973	25
S01008191	Park Gr / Pinkie Farm	1658	1734	24
S01008193	Linkfield Rd / Woodside	3870	3064	66
S01008182	New St / North High St / Promenade	3944	2736	69
S01008175	Eskview Terr / Haugh	2209	2564	37
S01008171	Stoneybank Cr / Monktonhall Terr	2600	3649	45
S01008173	Whitehill / Stoneyhill Sch	4711	4365	83
S01008186	Millhill / Eskside East	2275	4107	41
S01008189	Rothesay Pl / Park Ln	3456	2924	58
S01008183	West Holmes Gdns / Market St	4914	3648	90
S01008194	Levenhall	2652	2461	47
S01008176	Inveresk / Eskmills / Lewisvale	4788	5437	86
S01008172	Mucklets / Mayfield Cr	4613	3741	78
S01008178	Stoneyhill	3734	3912	63
S01008180	Newhailles Rd / Clayknowes / Newhailles House	6302	6283	119
S01008170	Monktonhall	5246	4963	97
S01008174	Stoneybank Terr / Whitehill Dr	4265	4746	73
S01008179	Denholms	6491	6442	123
S01008181	Newhailles Cr / Edinburgh Rd	6238	5532	118

Primary and Secondary School Pupils

In the 2022 school year there were 3,203 Primary School aged pupils living in the Musselburgh area which is projected to increase by 46.4% to 4,689 in 2032.

Across East Lothian as a whole the figure is projected to increase by 13.1%, from 15,092 to 17,067.

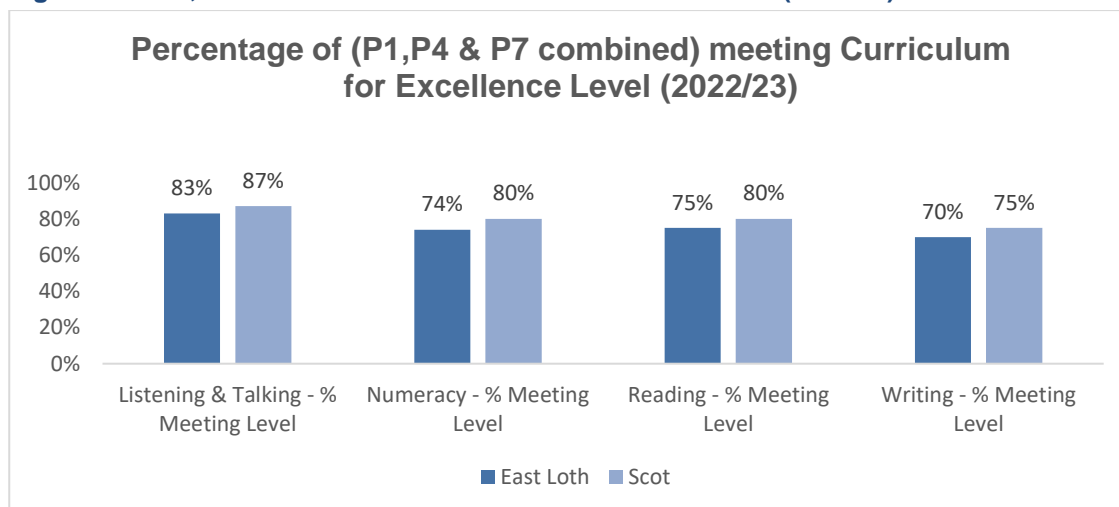
Table 13 – 2022 based population projections (East Lothian Council Education Service)

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)



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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

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Table 15 shows that 73% of Musselburgh Grammar pupils achieved SCQF Level 5 or better, lower than the 82% for East Lothian and 88% for Scotland.

The 82.4% Musselburgh Grammar attendance rate was lower than 86% across East Lothian and similar to the 87.1% for Scotland.

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

Table 15 – Secondary School Attainment, Attendance and 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:

94.6% of school leavers from the Musselburgh Grammar School were initially assessed as having a 'positive destination' upon leaving school. 33.9% of school leavers from this school were employed, the second highest rate 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

Across East Lothian male and female life expectancies are significantly higher than the Scottish average, and have been rising steadily over time, leading to a growing older population in the area. There is however variation in life expectancy of almost 8 years between communities across the county – a clear indicator of the significant health inequalities that persist across East Lothian.

This section focuses on a range of indicators which can be used to measure the health of a community, including illness and early deaths, child and maternal health, access to health services and the supports needed to enable people to maintain independent lives.

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- For females, life expectancy was below the East Lothian average in Musselburgh East and Pinkie Braes.
- For male life expectancy, only Musselburgh West was above the East Lothian average.
- The variation in life expectancy across the ward's intermediate zones is 5.6 years for females and 5.1 years for males.
- Female life expectancy was 10 years higher than male life expectancy in Musselburgh South, the highest of all the ward's intermediate zones.
- Across this ward, 59% of people described their physical health as Very Good/Good, compared with the East Lothian figure of 63%.
- 71% of respondents in this ward stated their mental health as very good/good. The same as the average for East Lothian as a whole.
- No data zones are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland in terms of the health domain.

- East Lothian has a life expectancy above the national average for males and females.
- For females life expectancy was below the East Lothian average in Musselburgh East and Pinkie Braes.
- For male life expectancy, only Musselburgh West was above the East Lothian average.
- The variation in life expectancy across the ward's intermediate zones is 5.6 years for females and 5.1 years for males.
- Female life expectancy was 10 years higher than male life expectancy in Musselburgh South, the highest of all the ward's intermediate zones.

Table 17 - Life Expectancy Scotpho

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

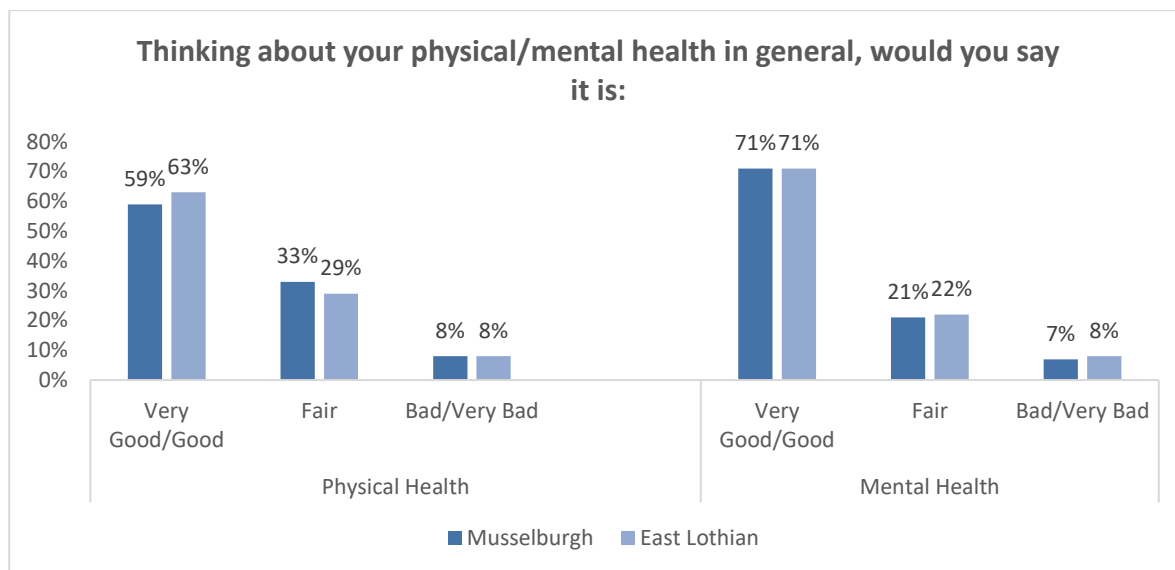
Life Expectancy	Musselburgh East (IZ)	Musselburgh North (IZ)	Musselburgh South (IZ)	Musselburgh West (IZ)	Pinkie Braes (IZ)	East Lothian	Scotland
Female	81.3	82.4	86.5	84.4	80.9	82.4	80.7
Male	77.5	77.5	76.5	81.6	77.6	78.7	76.5

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

Across this ward the majority of people (59%) described their physical health as Very Good/Good, compared with the East Lothian figure of 63%.

71% of respondents in this ward stated their mental health as very good/good, the same as the average for East Lothian as a whole.

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.

- Table 18 shows that Musselburgh North has the highest rates in the ward for alcohol related hospital stays
- Musselburgh East had the highest rates in the ward for COPD and CHD
- Pinkie Braes had the lowest rates in the ward in all categories with the exception of CHD

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)	Muss North	Muss South	Muss East	Muss West	Pinkie Braes	East Lothian	Scotland
Alcohol-related hospital stays	722.4	425.5	387.3	420.7	265.5	437	611.1
Patients hospitalised with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	211.7	186.2	275.8	124.2	100.4	145.1	207.5
Coronary heart disease (CHD) patient hospitalisations	296.6	238.8	382.2	243.4	356.1	265.7	341.6
Asthma patient hospitalisations	64.4	64.5	67.7	65.9	43.7	67.9	68.4

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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
- Proportion of live single births of low birth weight

- No data zones are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland in terms of the health domain, 5 data zones are in the 20% least deprived in Scotland in terms of the health domain.
- 5 data zones are within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian in terms of the health domain, 4 data zones are in the 20% least deprived in East Lothian in terms of the health domain.

Musselburgh Data zones – ordered by Health Domain ranking

Table 19- SIMD 2020 Health Domain

Data_Zone	Data Zone Name	SIMD2020 Health Domain Rank	SIMD2016 Health Domain Rank	East Lothian Health Domain rank 2020
S01008196	Delta Dr / Galt Av / Battlefield Dr	2342	2119	17
S01008185	Fisherrow / Beach Ln / Brunton	2916	2801	34
S01008195	Macbeth Moir Rd / Moir Cr	2862	2585	32
S01008192	Wanless Ct / Windsor Pk / Loretto	2974	2706	38
S01008187	Goosegreen / Fisherrow Links	2112	2253	10
S01008177	Olivebank / Eskview	3321	2841	49
S01008184	North High St / Eskside West / Hercus Lo	2859	2603	31
S01008188	Dalrymple Lo / Mansfield	1469	1243	1
S01008190	Edenhall / Pinkie Terr	2973	2427	37
S01008191	Park Gr / Pinkie Farm	2582	3362	23
S01008193	Linkfield Rd / Woodside	4413	3826	72
S01008182	New St / North High St / Prommenade	3528	2879	52
S01008175	Eskview Terr / Haugh	2735	3033	28
S01008171	Stoneybank Cr / Monktonhall Terr	2602	2641	24
S01008173	Whitehill / Stoneyhill Sch	4359	4197	69
S01008186	Millhill / Eskside East	4003	2848	62
S01008189	Rothesay Pl / Park Ln	4341	3818	68
S01008183	West Holmes Gdns / Market St	4315	4710	67
S01008194	Levenhall	4412	4523	71
S01008176	Inveresk / Eskmills / Lewisvale	5032	6133	85
S01008172	Mucklets / Mayfield Cr	4855	4592	81
S01008178	Stoneyhill	5587	5803	92

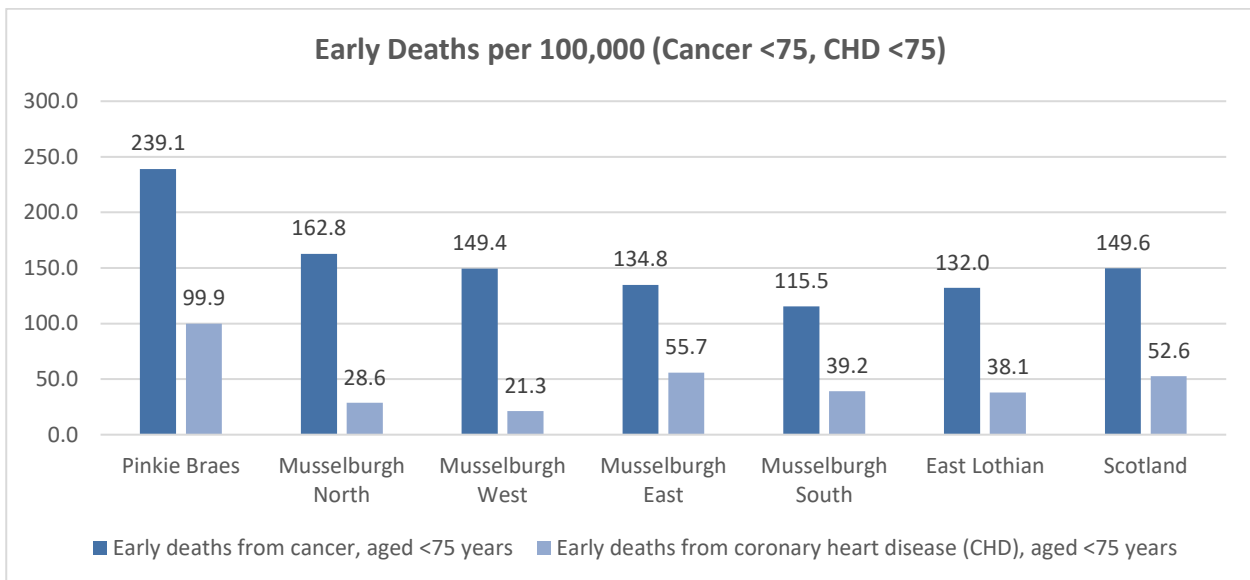
S01008180	Newhailles Rd / Clayknowes / Newhailles House	6287	6782	117
S01008170	Monktonhall	6184	5298	112
S01008174	Stoneybank Terr / Whitehill Dr	3585	3950	55
S01008179	Denholms	6177	6359	111
S01008181	Newhailles Cr / Edinburgh Rd	6572	6510	127

[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/consultations-petitions/Publications/2020/05/20200513-Index-of-Multiple-Deprivation-2020.pdf)

Early deaths across the ward are illustrated below in Figure 33.

- Musselburgh West has the lowest incidence of early death from coronary heart disease (CHD) in the ward, Pinkie Braes has the highest.
- Musselburgh South has the lowest incidence of early deaths from cancer in the ward, Pinkie Braes has the highest.

Figure 15 - Early deaths Cancer & CHD, Scotpho (2019 to 2021, 3 year aggregate)



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Maternity and Child Health

The 2022 Scotland Census showed that there were 1,017 children aged 0 – 4 years living in the Musselburgh ward.

- Table xx shows that East Lothian had higher rates in all categories when compared to Scotland as a whole, with the exception of healthy birth weight.
- Musselburgh North had the highest rates in the ward for breastfeeding, child dental health P7 and healthy weight P1.
- Pinkie Braes had the lowest rates in the ward for breastfeeding, child healthy P1 and healthy birth weight.
- Pinkie Braes had lower rates in all categories when compared to East Lothian as a whole. Musselburgh East had lower rates than East Lothian in all categories with the exception of healthy birth weight.

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)

Musselburgh (IZ's)	Muss North	Muss South	Muss East	Muss West	Pinkie Braes	East Lothian	Scotland
Babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks (%)	44.3	43.2	28.3	39.6	22.6	37.8	31.8
Child dental health in primary 1	68.4	62.5	73.6	84.2	78.1	79.2	73.8
Child dental health in primary 7	88.6	74.2	67.2	87.5	67.9	79.8	75.2
Child healthy weight in primary 1	76.5	61.7	64.1	65.5	58.6	69.9	69.8
Healthy birth weight	80.9	88.0	83.7	80.4	75.3	81.5	84.6

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Young People's Attitudes to Health

In the 2024 Students Evaluation of Experience Survey:

- Musselburgh scored highly for S2 "I have heard of the Wellbeing Indicators" and S2 & S4 "In school, I can learn about healthy relationships".
- Musselburgh scored lowly for S4 "People at school help me make health choices".

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

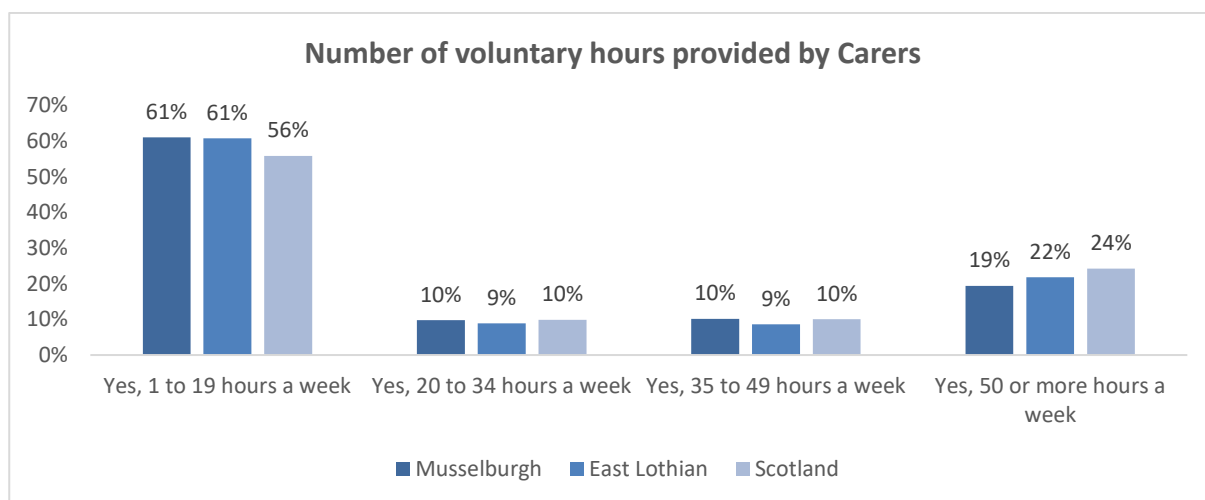
SEE Survey Results (April 2023-24)	Stage	Dunbar	Haddington	Musselburgh	North Berwick	Prestonpans	Tranent	East Lothian
People at school help me to make healthy choices	S2	56.7%	66.4%	70.6%	73.0%	72.2%	82.8%	70.2%
	S4	52.8%	62.0%	58.7%	68.4%	60.8%	87.2%	66.8%
	P6	77.8%	86.7%	82.6%	88.1%	85.9%	80.2%	83.7%
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

According to the 2022 census:

- In this ward 2,445 people (or 11% of the population) provide unpaid care to a friend or family member.
- 19% of these carers were providing more than 50 hours of care per week.

Figure 16 - Hours of voluntary 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 19.1% of the population in this ward were aged 65 and over, and 8.6% were aged 75 and over in 2018, this is projected to increase to 23.9% and 10.6% respectively in 2030. (see Figure 38)

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](#) (East Lothian Council)

- There is one Older People’s Day Centre in the Musselburgh area, the Hollies, offering Day Centre and Lunch Club facilities and providing support for approximately 120 people per week
- There are also two Lunch Clubs hosted within Sheltered Housing complexes that offer places to older people living in the local area.

Table 22 - Population Projections for Older People (Improvement Service)

Musselburgh Ward	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028	2030
65 and over	3,711	3,747	3,893	4,091	4,306	4,485	4,654
75 and over	1,675	1,695	1,811	1,888	1,976	2,028	2,068
All	19,410	19,434	19,444	19,460	19,473	19,472	19,453
65 and over % of ward population	19.1%	19.3%	20.0%	21.0%	22.1%	23.0%	23.9%
75 and over % of ward population	8.6%	8.7%	9.3%	9.7%	10.1%	10.4%	10.6%

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Neighbourhood and Place

HEADLINES – Neighbourhood and Place

- The 2024 East Lothian Residents Survey showed that 89% of people in this ward rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live.
- 71% of Musselburgh residents stating health services were a priority compared to 55% across East Lothian. 44% of Musselburgh respondents stated traffic congestion was an issue compared to 28% in East Lothian.
- 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.
- 48% reported that they would like to be more involved in Council decisions affecting their area, similar to the 49% across East Lothian as a whole.

The 2024 East Lothian Residents Survey showed that 89% of people in the Dunbar and East Linton ward rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live, lower than the 93% across East Lothian as a whole.

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

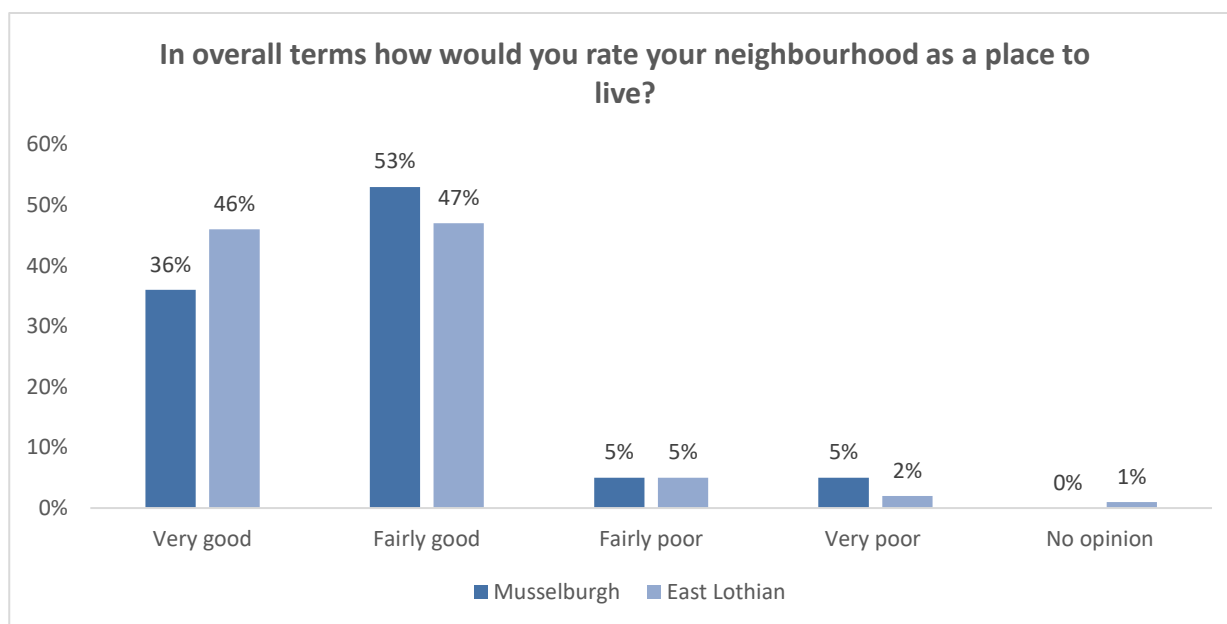
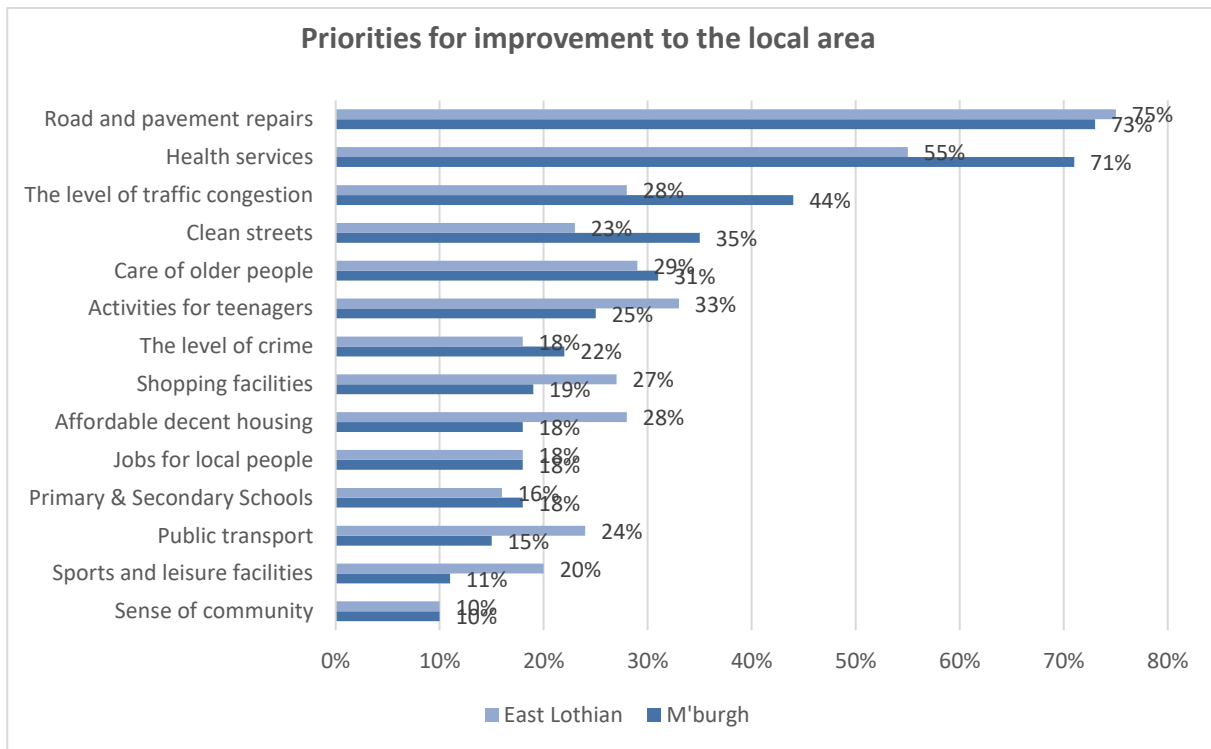


Figure 18 below shows that road and pavement repairs was the top priority for improvement in this ward and across East Lothian as a whole.

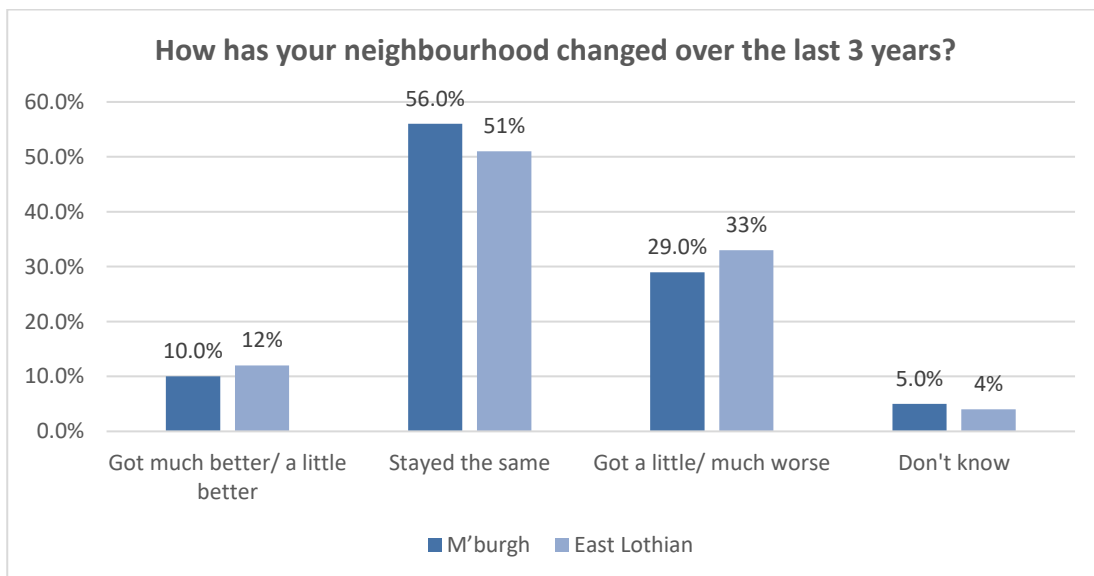
There were large differences in some areas with 71% of Musselburgh residents stating health services were a priority compared to 55% across East Lothian. 44% of Musselburgh respondents stated traffic congestion was an issue compared to 28% in East Lothian.

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)

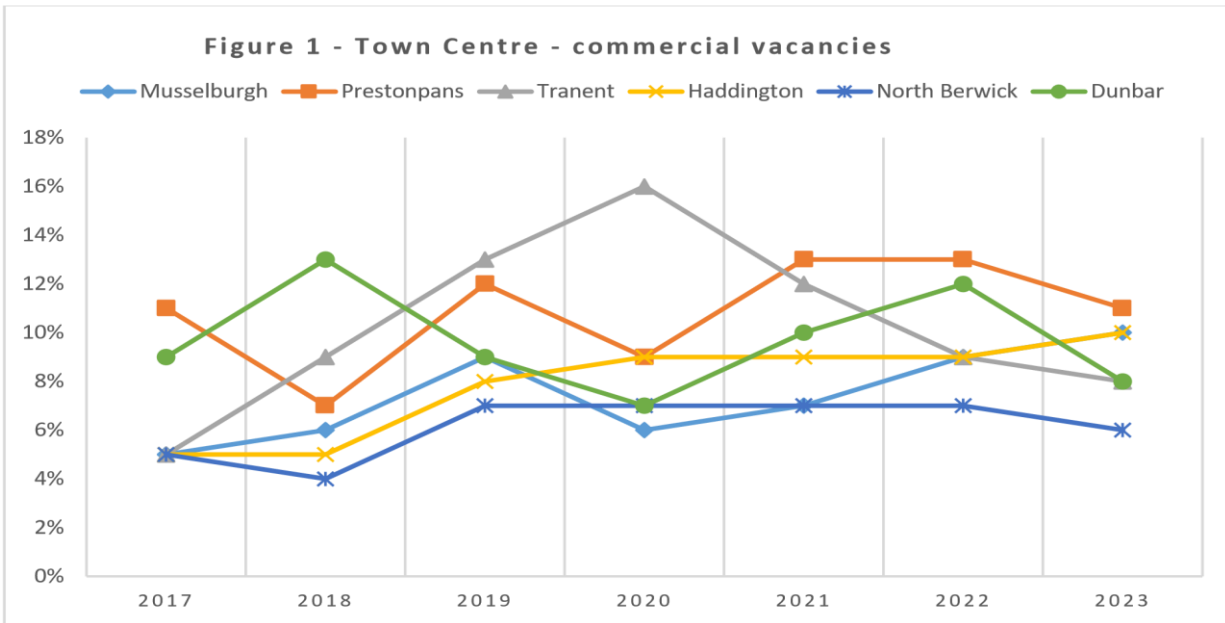


Local High Streets

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.

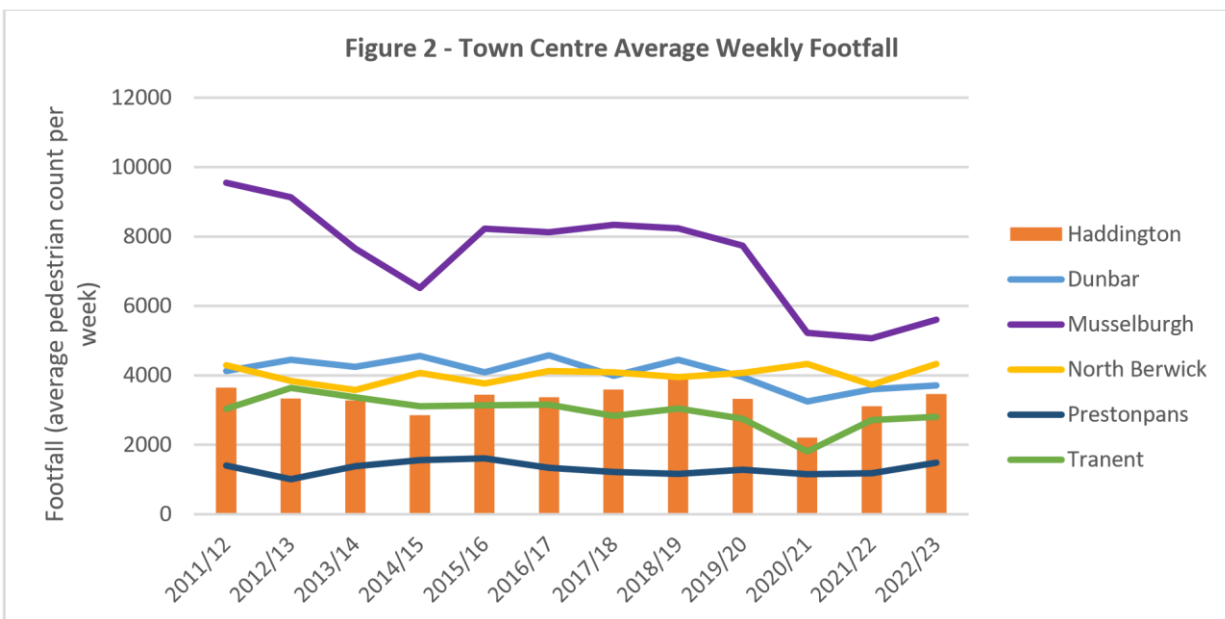
Vacancy rates (measured as a percentage of available retail units in the area) are a key indicator of the ‘health’ of local High Streets.

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.

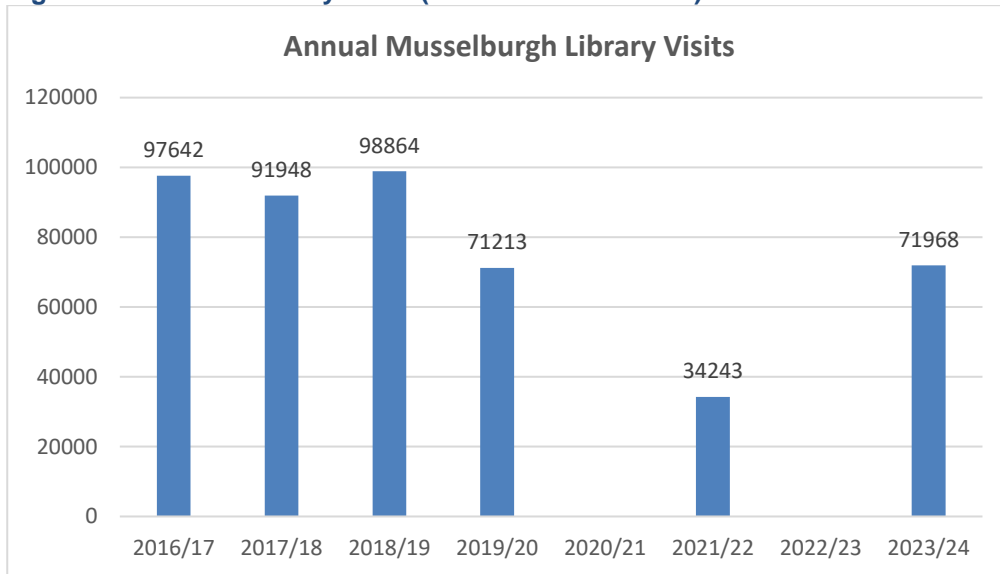
Figure 21 – Town Centre Footfall (Local Development Plan 2 – Town Centres and Retailing Issue No.16 East Lothian Council)



Library Visits

Visits to Musselburgh Library visits increased in 2023/24 to a level similar to the number of visits in 2019/20. The 71,968 visits were however 27% lower than the 98,864 visits in 2018/19.

Figure 22 - Annual Library visits (East Lothian Council)



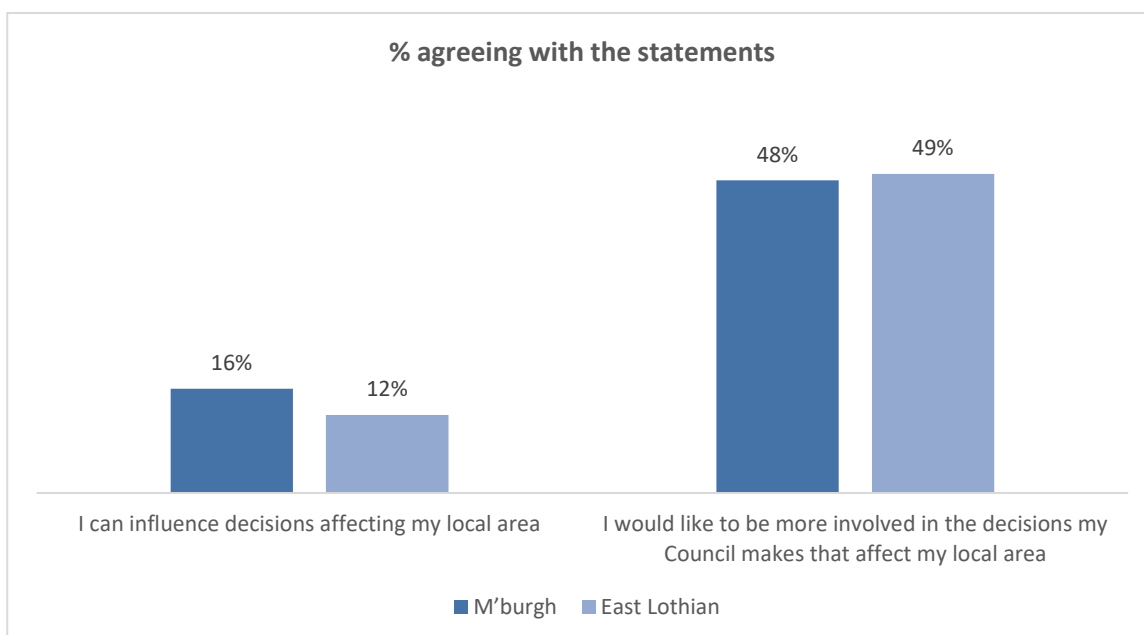
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Participating in Decisions

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. 48% reported that they would like to be more involved in Council decisions affecting their area, similar to the 49% across East Lothian as a whole.

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



Housing

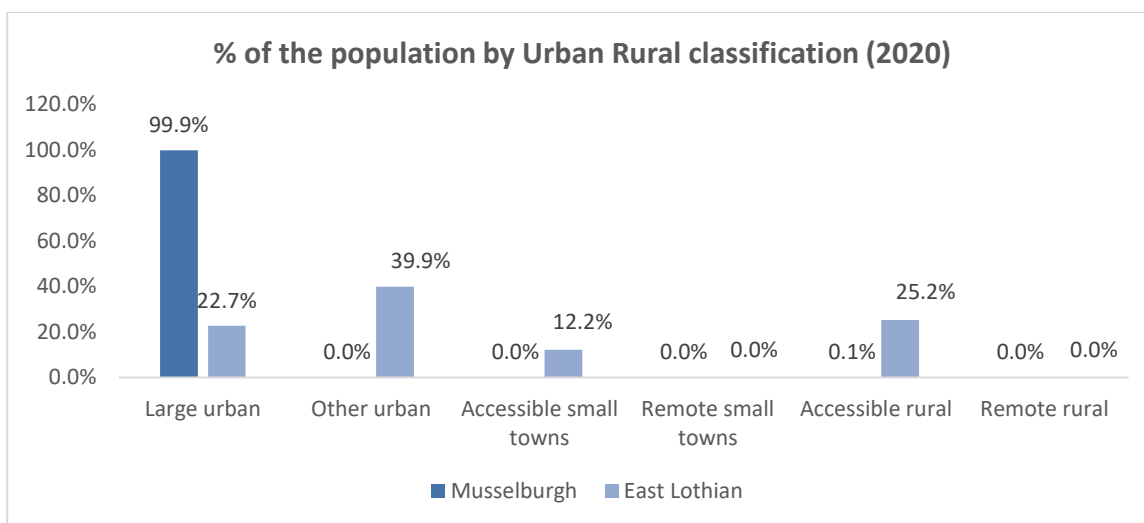
HEADLINES – Housing

- There were 9,785 dwellings in the Musselburgh ward, equal to 20.1% of the total number of dwellings across East Lothian.
- 45.1% of houses in the Musselburgh ward are flats, higher than the 23.4% across East Lothian and 34.4% across Scotland.
- Median house prices in this ward are the lowest in East Lothian.
- More houses in this ward had four or more bedrooms when compared to East Lothian as a whole.
- In Musselburgh a larger proportion of houses consist of 1-2 rooms 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, due to the close proximity of Edinburgh, 99.9% of the population in this ward are classed as living in a large urban area.

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



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

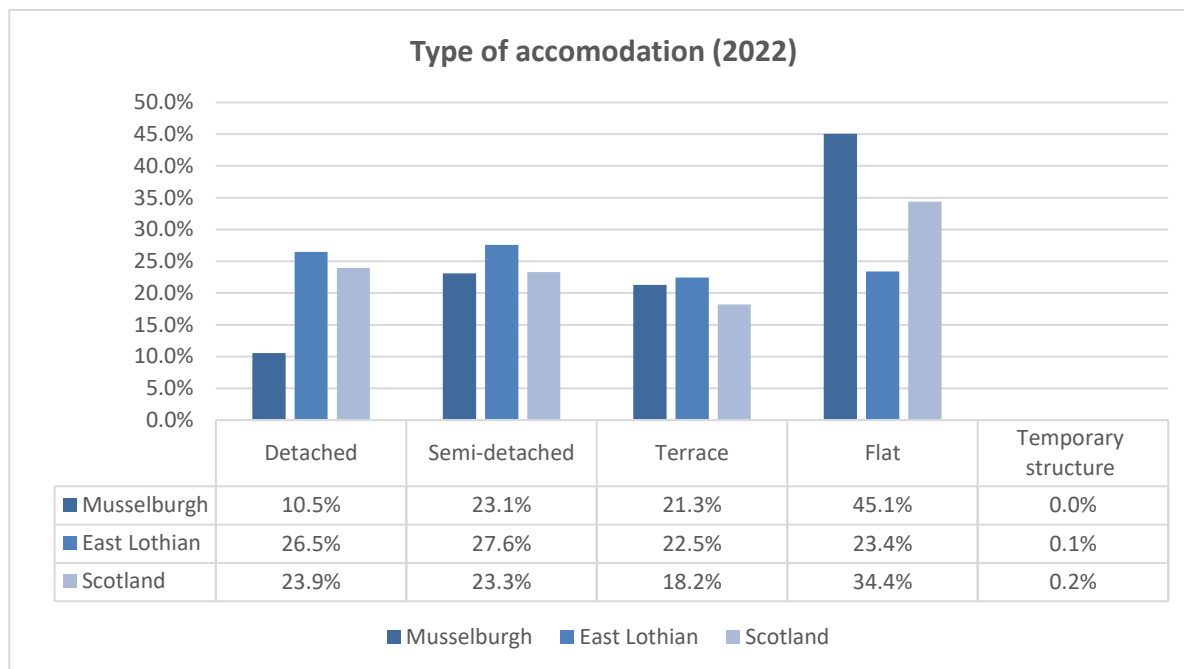
- *Large Urban Areas Settlements of 125,000 people and over.*
- *Other Urban Areas Settlements of 10,000 to 124,999 people.*
- *Accessible Small Towns Settlements of 3,000 to 9,999 people, and within a 30 minute drive time of a Settlement of 10,000 or more.*
- *Remote Small Towns Settlements of 3,000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

There were 9,785 occupied dwellings in the Musselburgh ward, equal to 20.1% of the total number of dwellings across East Lothian. (Scotland's Census 2022)

45.1% of houses in the Musselburgh ward are flats, higher than the 23.4% across East Lothian and 34.4% across Scotland.

Figure 25 - Types of Housing (Scotland's census 2022)



<https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/search-the-census/>

97% of the dwellings were occupied in this ward.

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://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/publications/households-and-dwellings-in-scotland-2023)

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).

In the Musselburgh ward there are more dwellings in lower Council tax bands when compared to East Lothian as a whole.

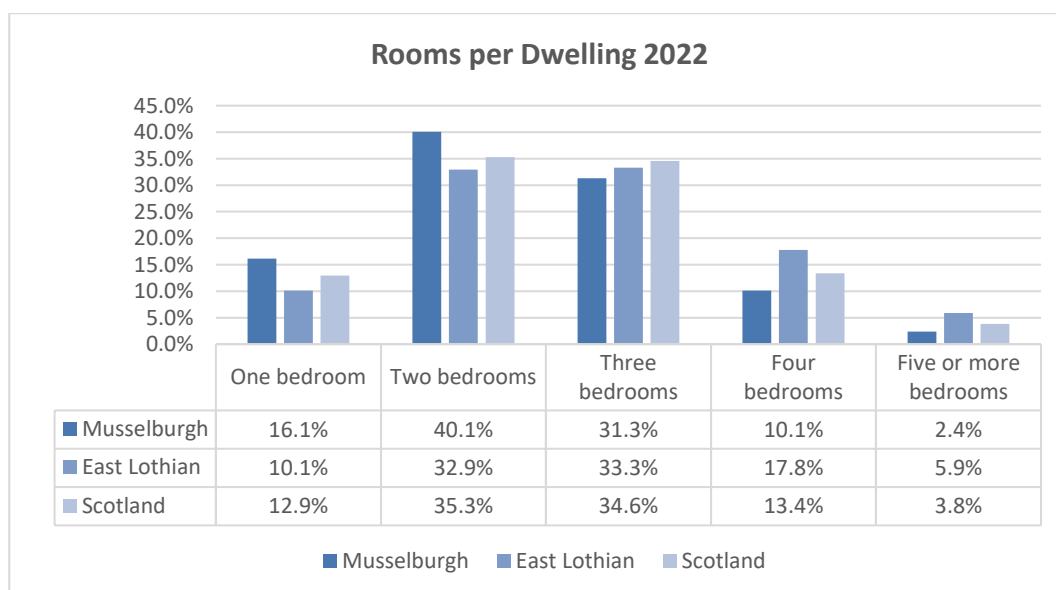
Table 24 - Dwellings by Council Tax band (National Records of Scotland)

% 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 \(Current Geographic Boundaries\)](#)

In Musselburgh a larger proportion of houses consist of 1-2 rooms when compared to East Lothian as a whole.

Figure 26 - Number of Rooms per Residence (Scotland's Census 2022)

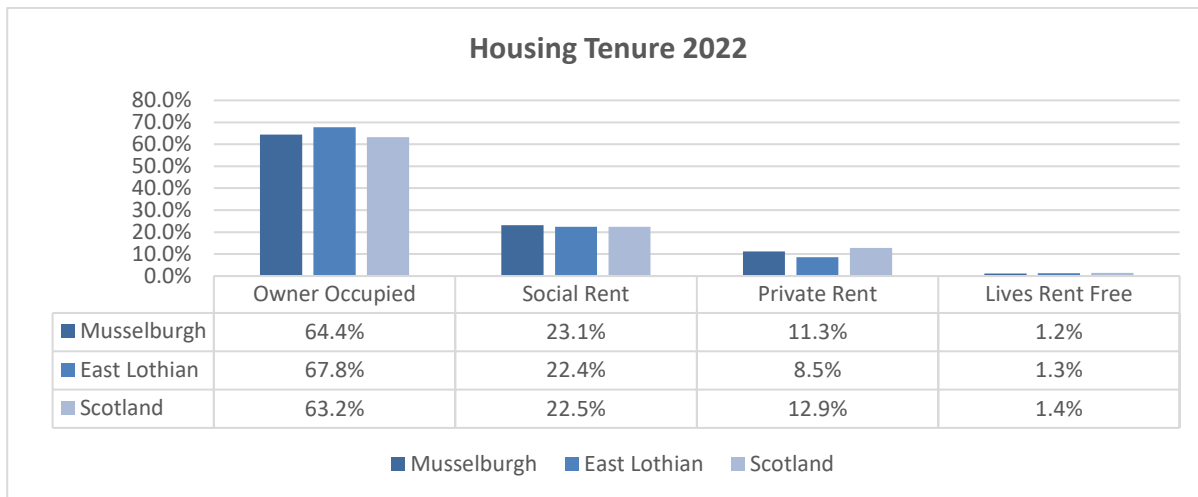


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Housing Tenure

Figure 27 shows that Musselburgh has a lower rate of owner occupied homes and a higher rate of private rentals when compared to East Lothian.

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



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Table 25 shows that 2099 (23.9%) of East Lothian’s council stock households are in this Area Partnership.

Table 25 – Council Housing Stock

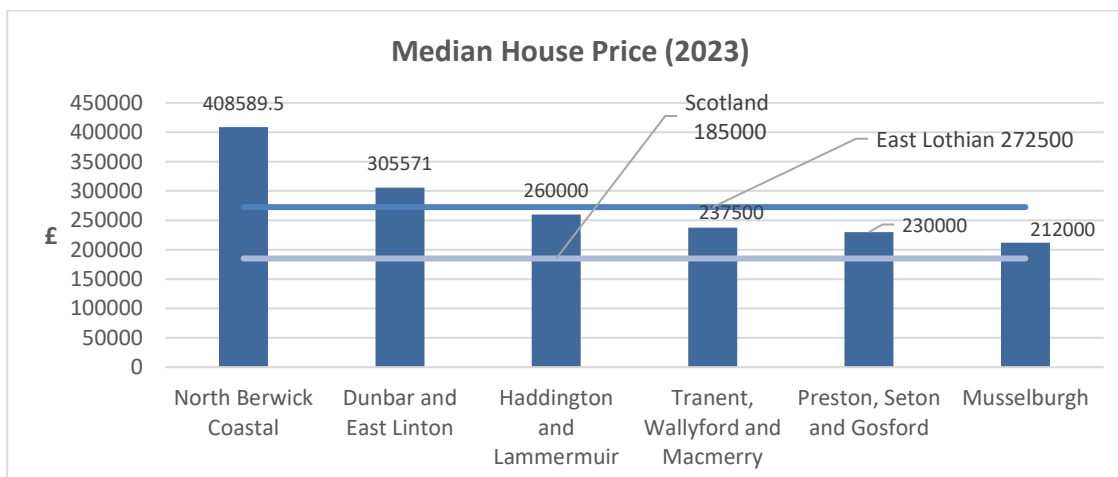
Area Partnership	Council Housing Stock
Dunbar & East Linton	949
Fa'side	2121
Haddington & Lammermuir	1117
Musselburgh	2099
North Berwick Coastal	645
Preston, Seton and Gosford	1847
East Lothian	8778

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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 lowest in East Lothian.

Figure 28 - Median House Prices (Scot. Govt.)

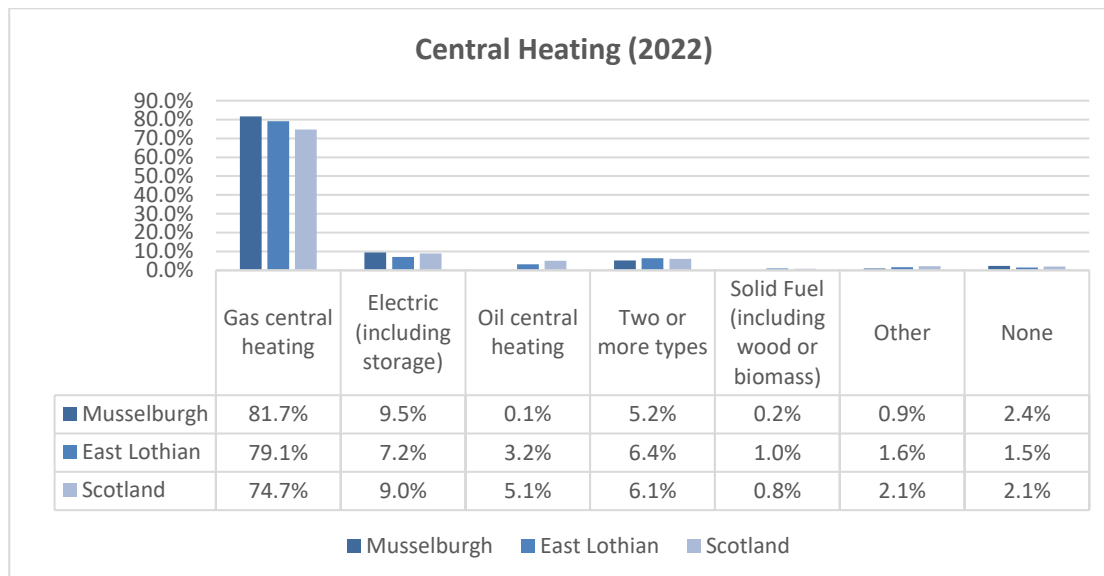


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Central Heating

Figure 29 shows that more households in this ward have 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.

22% of households in the Musselburgh ward were classed as being fuel poor, lower than the 24% for East Lothian and Scotland. Nationally households within the private rented (37%) and social rented sectors (38%) have far higher levels of fuel poverty than owner occupiers (16%). Fuel poverty affects 22% of households in the Musselburgh Area Partnership.

Within East Lothian older households aged (38%) and households living in the social rented sector (42%) were most likely to live in fuel poverty.

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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 \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

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

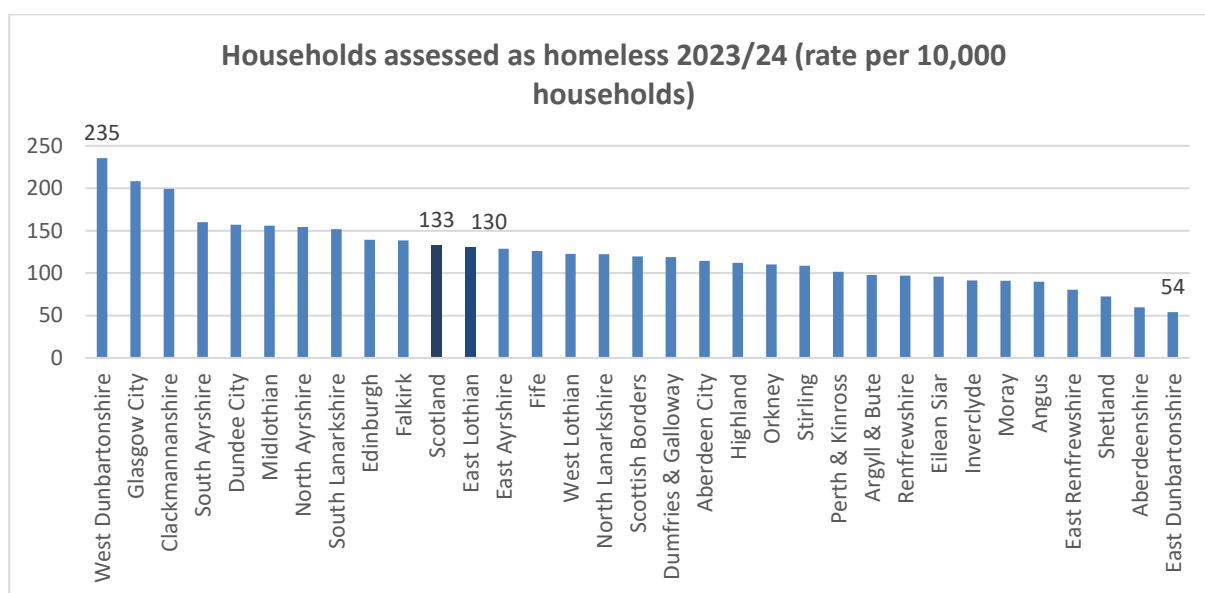
	% of Households Fuel Poor					
	Age of dwelling		House or flat		Number of bedrooms	
	Pre-1945	Post 1945	House	Flat	2 or fewer	3+
East Lothian	20%	26%	27%	15%	23%	25%
Scotland	26%	24%	21%	30%	29%	20%

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

Homelessness

Since 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.

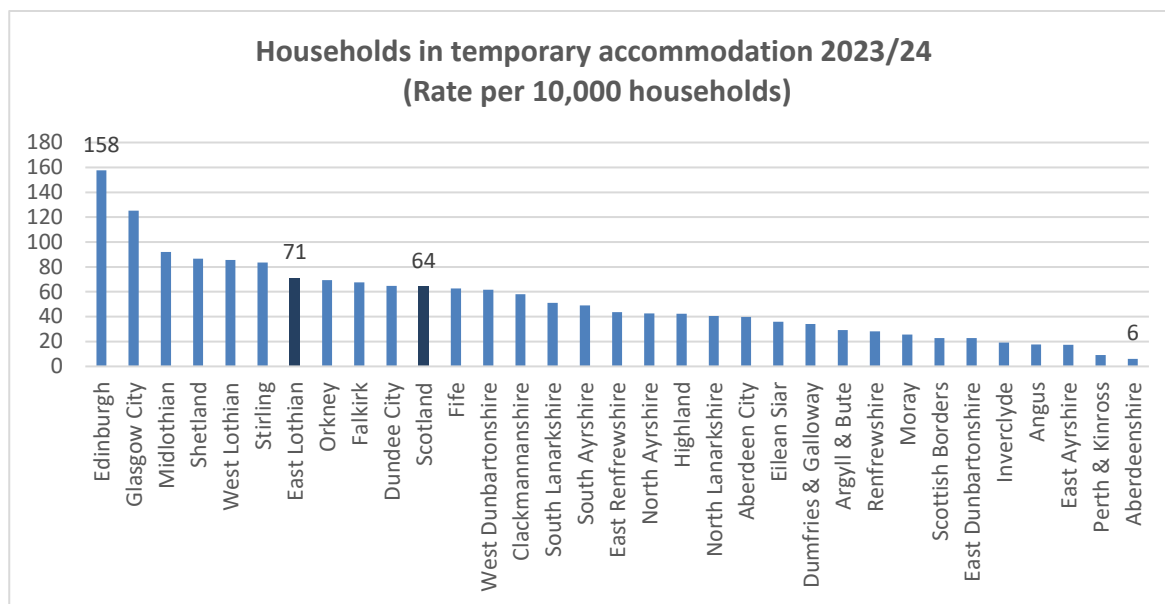
Figure 30 – Households assessed as homeless per 10,000 households (Scot.Gov)



[Homelessness statistics - gov.scot](#)

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://www.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

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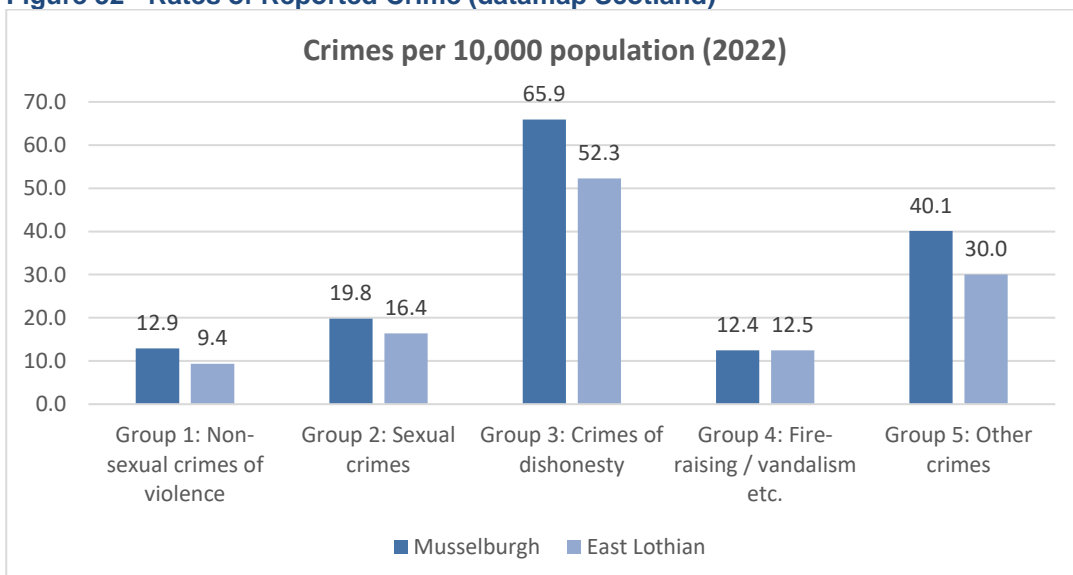
- Crime levels in the Musselburgh ward in 2022 were above the East Lothian for all crime groups except for fire-raising/vandalism.
- 5 data zones in this ward are within the 20% most affected by the SIMD 2020 crime categories in Scotland.
- 29% of adult residents in the ward felt threatened by crime “A great deal/A fair amount”, higher than the 22% across East Lothian as a whole.
- 64% of residents reported that they felt safe walking alone after dark in their area “a great deal or a fair amount, lower than the 72% for East Lothian as a whole.
- The majority of respondents in this ward (73%) said that seeing police officers in the community makes them feel safer, similar to the 69% for East Lothian.
- The Musselburgh ward had a lower number of accidental fires and non accidental fires when compared to East Lothian.

quality of life. This section therefore focuses not only on official crime statistics but also how people feel about the safety of their area.

Reported Crimes in the Ward

Figure 32 shows that crime levels in the Musselburgh ward in 2022 were above the East Lothian for all crime groups except for fire-raising/vandalism.

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.

- 5 data zones in this ward are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland in terms of the SIMD2020 crime domain.
- 10 data zones in this ward are within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian in terms of the SIMD2020 crime domain.
- 5 data zones in this ward are in the 20% least deprived in Scotland in terms of the SIMD2020 crime domain.
- 4 data zones in this ward are in the 20% least deprived in East Lothian in terms of the SIMD2020 crime domain.

Table 28 – SIMD2020 Crime Domain

Data_Zone	Data Zone Name	SIMD2020 Crime Domain Rank	SIMD2016 Crime Domain Rank	East Crime Lothian Rank 2020
S01008192	Wanless Ct / Windsor Pk / Loretto	172	849	1
S01008184	North High St / Eskside West / Hercus Lo	540	881	4
S01008176	Inveresk / Eskmills / Lewisvale	805	1606	6
S01008186	Millhill / Eskside East	1093	663	10
S01008185	Fisherrow / Beach Ln / Brunton	1248	2965	11
S01008188	Dalrymple Lo / Mansfield	1515	2158	14
S01008187	Goosegreen / Fisherrow Links	1638	1890	18
S01008196	Delta Dr / Galt Av / Battlefield Dr	1827	3302	22
S01008182	New St / North High St / Promenade	1854	1402	23
S01008195	Macbeth Moir Rd / Moir Cr	1944	2166	25
S01008189	Rothesay Pl / Park Ln	2216	3939	31
S01008194	Levenhall	2218	4529	32
S01008171	Stoneybank Cr / Monktonhall Terr	2227	2423	33
S01008177	Olivebank / Eskview	2676	752	40
S01008190	Edenhall / Pinkie Terr	2720	2607	42
S01008175	Eskview Terr / Haugh	2761	1645	43
S01008174	Stoneybank Terr / Whitehill Dr	2905	6090	45
S01008191	Park Gr / Pinkie Farm	2975	4900	47
S01008183	West Holmes Gdns / Market St	3320	3177	53
S01008181	Newhailles Cr / Edinburgh Rd	3828	1821	61
S01008172	Mucklets / Mayfield Cr	4619	6235	82
S01008180	Newhailles Rd / Clayknowes / Newhailles House	4989	3466	87
S01008193	Linkfield Rd / Woodside	5696	2620	104
S01008179	Denholms	6027	5787.5	111
S01008173	Whitehill / Stoneyhill Sch	6241	6645	118
S01008178	Stoneyhill	6482	5310	125
S01008170	Monktonhall	6750	4935	129

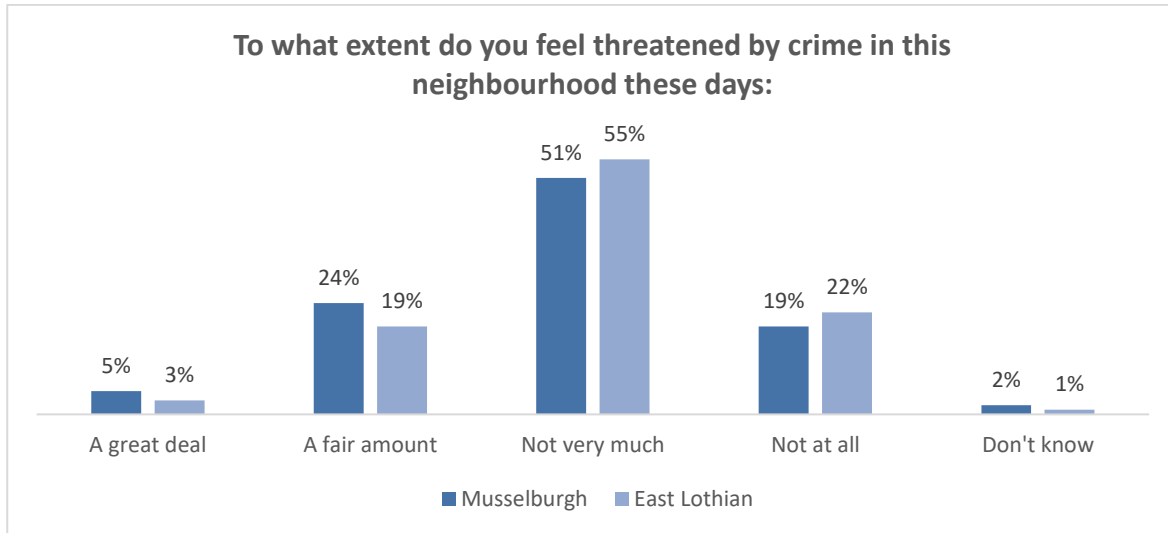
[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

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?’

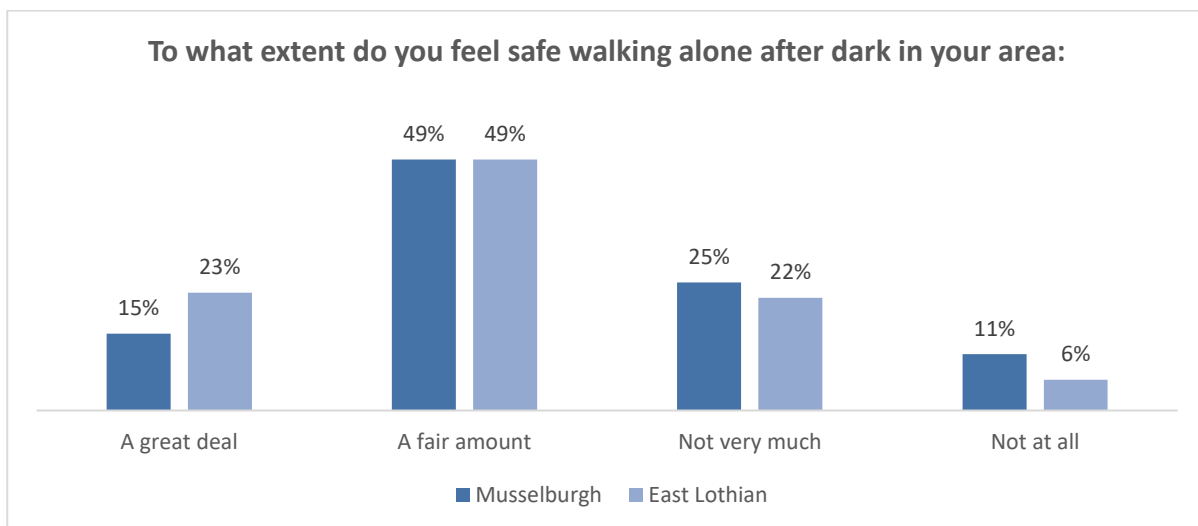
Figure 33 shows that 29% of adult residents in the ward felt threatened by crime “A great deal/A fair amount”, higher than the 22% across East Lothian as a whole.

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



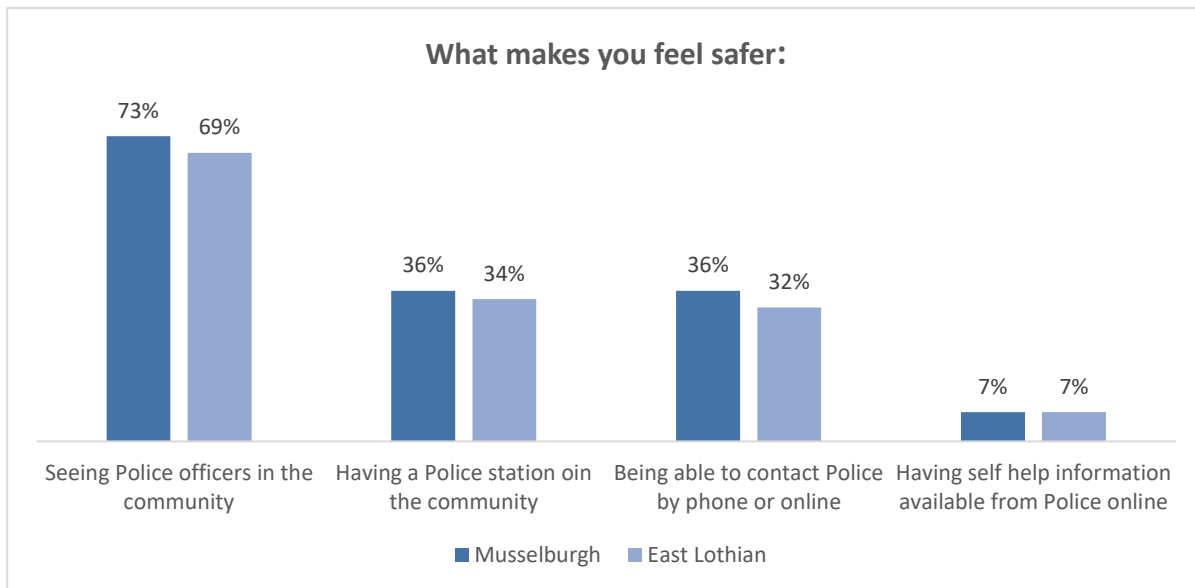
The East Lothian Resident Survey (2024) asked residents how safe they felt walking alone at night in their neighbourhood. 64% of residents in this ward reported that they felt safe “a great deal or a fair amount”, lower than the 72% across East Lothian as a whole.

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 (73%) said that seeing police officers in the community makes them feel safer, higher than the East Lothian figure of the 69%.

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



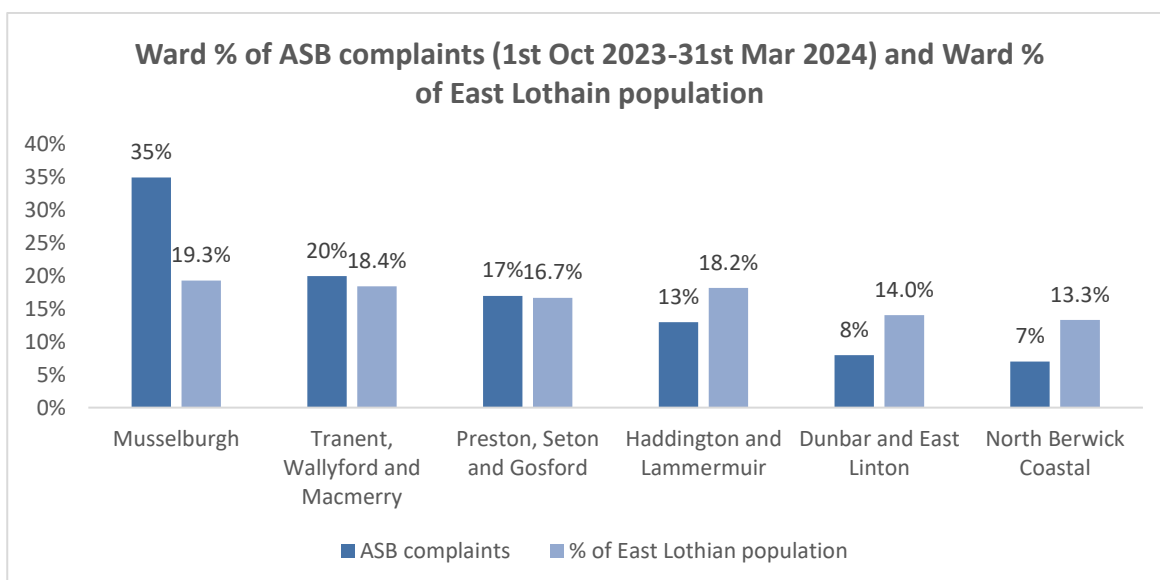
Anti-Social Behaviour

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

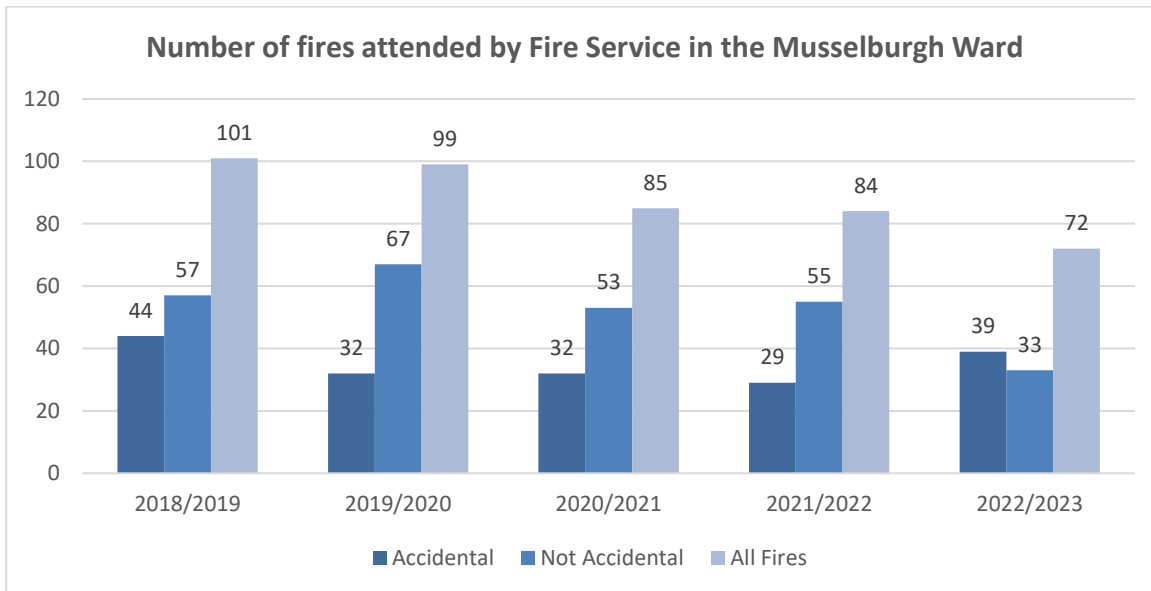


Fire incidences across the ward

Across East Lothian around 100 uniformed and support staff are employed by the Fire and Rescue Service within 6 community fire stations based at Musselburgh, East Linton, North Berwick, Tranent, Dunbar and Haddington.

- Figure 37 shows that the overall number of fires in the Musselburgh ward decreased over the last 5 years
- The 2022/23 figure of 72 for all fires, is 28.7% lower than the pre Covid figure of 101 in 2018/19. This was mainly due to a 42.1% decrease in non accidental fires.

Figure 37 - Fire Service attendances Musselburgh East (Scot.Gov.)

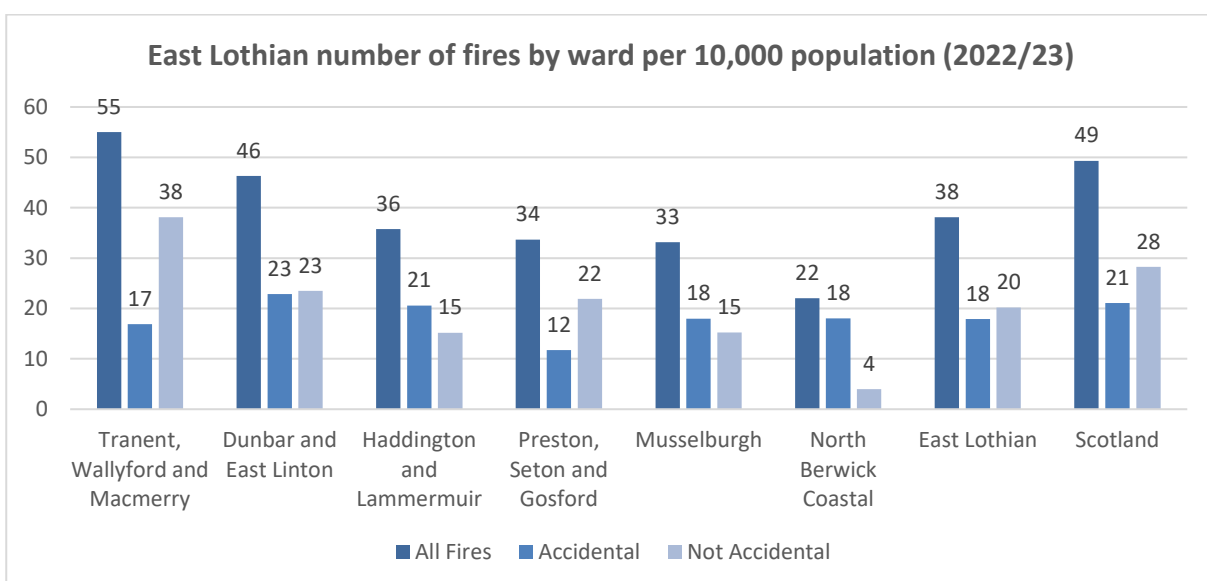


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Figure 38 shows the number of fires per 10,000 population in East Lothian in 2022/23

- East Lothian had a lower number of accidental and non accidental fires when compared to Scotland.
- The Musselburgh ward had a lower number of accidental fires and non accidental fires when compared to 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

- 33% of people in this ward work from home.
- 20.9% of commuters in this ward travelled between 5km to less than 10 km to their place of work or study, higher than the East Lothian figure of 10.9%,
- More people in this ward commuted by bus (13.5%) than across East Lothian 7.3%.
- 6 data zones are in the 20% most access deprived in Scotland.

The East Lothian Residents Survey 2021 showed that 77% of respondents in the ward had a car/light van in the household, the lowest car ownership rate in East Lothian (East Lothian average 85%).

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

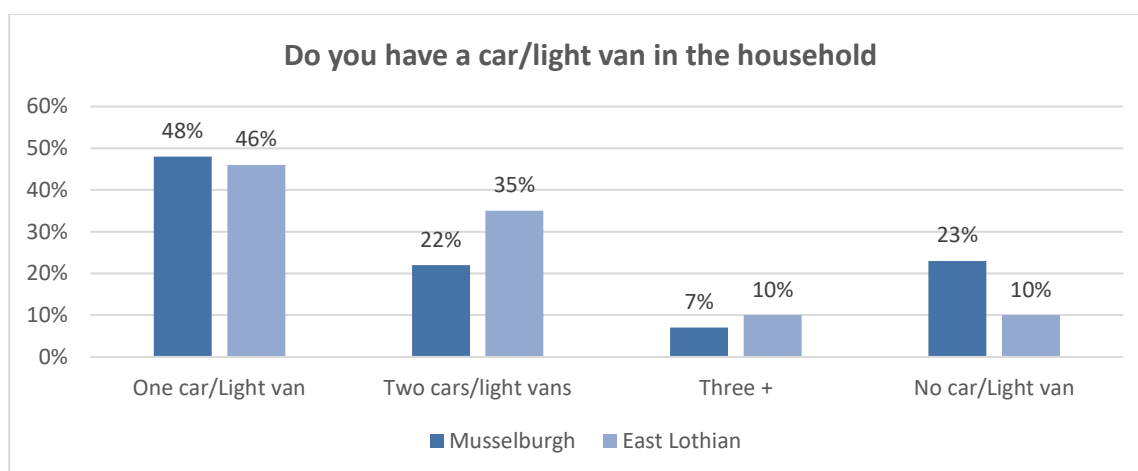
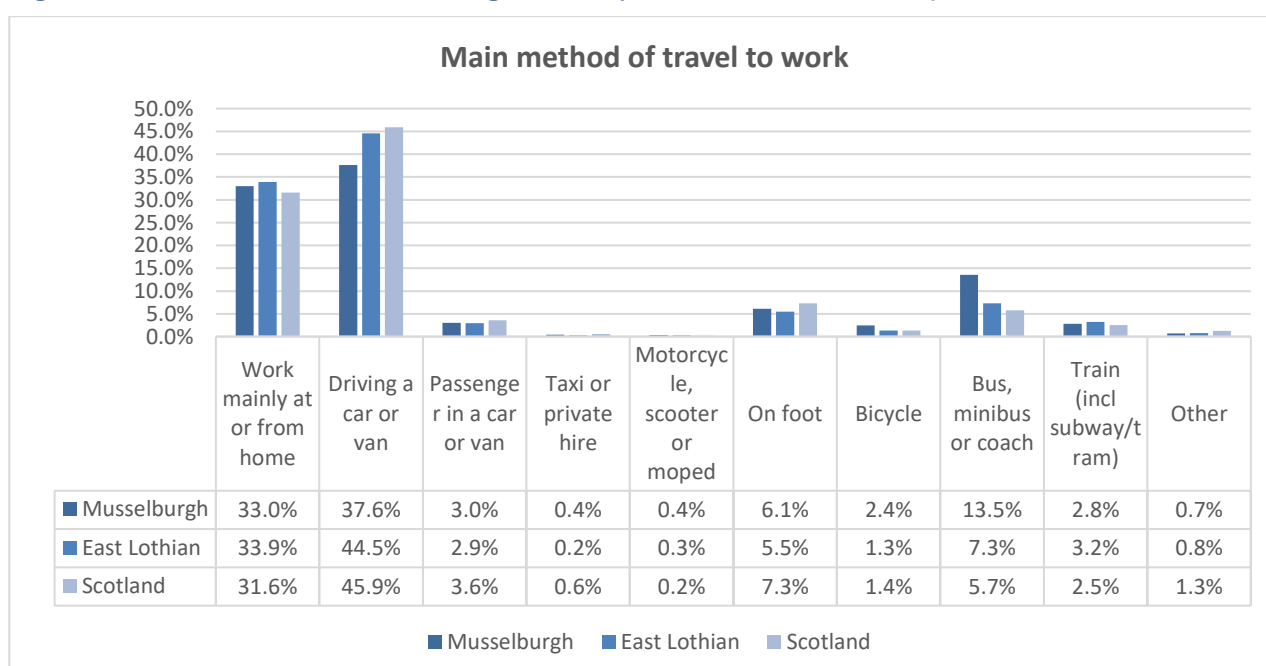


Figure 40 shows that a similar percentage of people in this ward worked from home when compared to East Lothian. Driving a car/van was the most common mode of transport (37.6%), but lower than the East Lothian figure of 44.5%. More people in this ward commuted by bus (13.5%) than in East Lothian 7.3%.

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

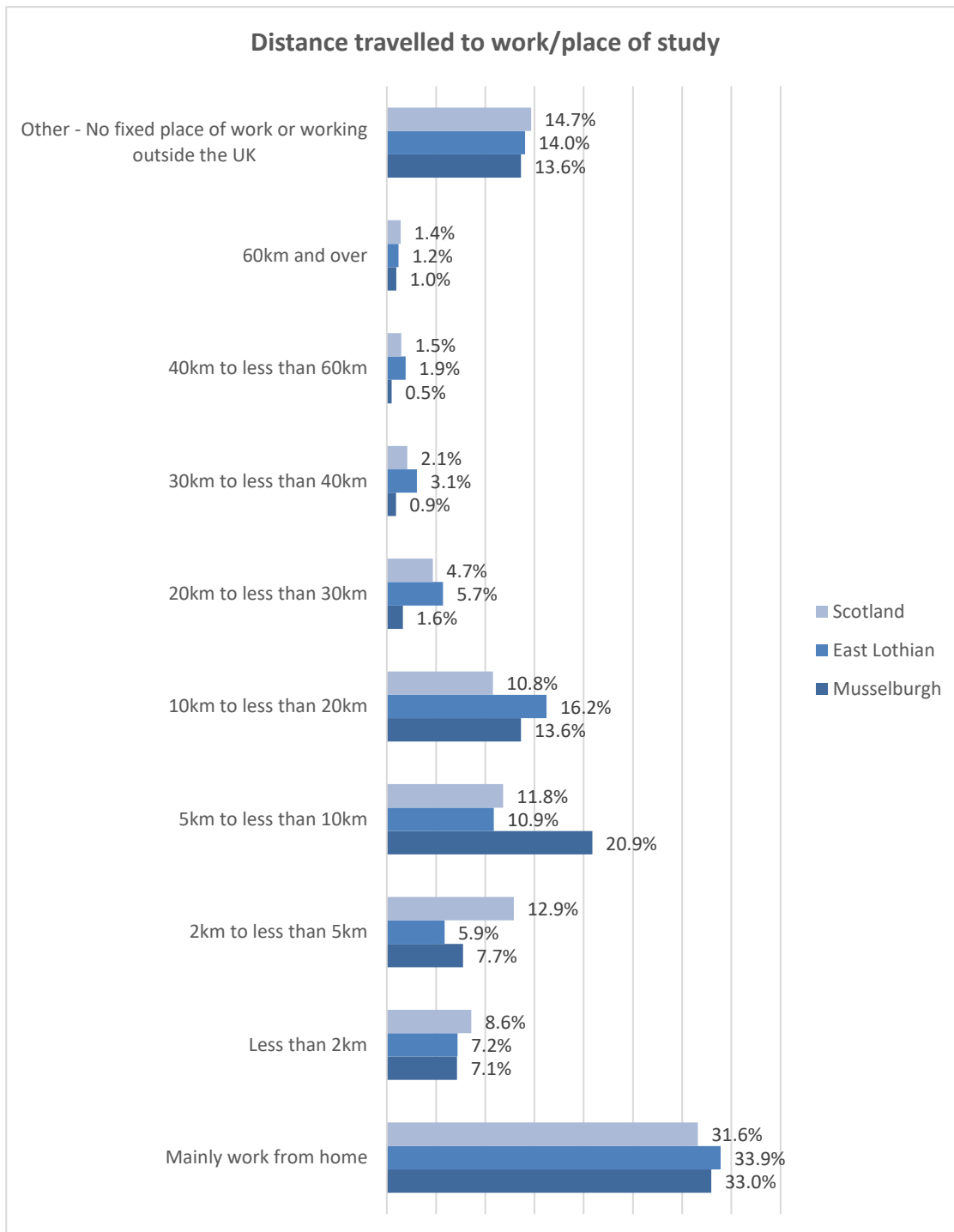


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Figure 41 shows that:-

- 20.9% of commuters in this ward travelled between 5km to less than 10 km to their place of work or study, higher than the East Lothian figure of 10.9%, suggesting that these commuters travel to Edinburgh.
- 33% of people worked from home (East Lothian 33.9%).
- 13.6% of people had no fixed workplace or worked out with the UK (East Lothian 14.0%).

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



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Access Deprivation

As would be expected in a predominantly urban area there is very little evidence of access deprivation across the Musselburgh area.

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.

- 6 data zones are in this ward in the 20% most access deprived in Scotland.
- 5 data zones are in this ward in the 20% most access deprived in East Lothian.
- 2 data zones are in this ward in the 20% least access deprived in Scotland.
- 0 data zones are in this ward in the 20% least access deprived in East Lothian.

Table 29 - Access Deprivation

Data Zone	Data Zone Name	SIMD2020 Access Domain Rank	SIMD2016 Access Domain Rank	East Lothian Access rank 2020
S01008190	Edenhall / Pinkie Terr	1219	1274	20
S01008172	Mucklets / Mayfield Cr	1282	1461	23
S01008174	Stoneybank Terr / Whitehill Dr	1303	2002	24
S01008179	Denholms	1312	1836	25
S01008175	Eskview Terr / Haugh	1315	2141	26
S01008173	Whitehill / Stoneyhill Sch	1387	2151	28
S01008191	Park Gr / Pinkie Farm	1449	2334	34
S01008171	Stoneybank Cr / Monktonhall Terr	1596	2684	38
S01008180	Newhailles Rd / Clayknowes / Newhailles House	1641	2490	39
S01008170	Monktonhall	1675	1516	40
S01008177	Olivebank / Eskview	1902	3737	46
S01008178	Stoneyhill	2059	3187	49
S01008195	Macbeth Moir Rd / Moir Cr	2111	1779	53
S01008187	Goosegreen / Fisherrow Links	2258	1959	56
S01008181	Newhailles Cr / Edinburgh Rd	2486	4005	59
S01008193	Linkfield Rd / Woodside	2569	1867	61
S01008196	Delta Dr / Galt Av / Battlefield Dr	2635	2224	63
S01008194	Levenhall	2728	1894	65
S01008176	Inveresk / Eskmills / Lewisvale	2903	3675	70
S01008189	Rothesay Pl / Park Ln	2926	3589	71
S01008183	West Holmes Gdns / Market St	3636	4804	80
S01008192	Wanless Ct / Windsor Pk / Loretto	3684	3394	83
S01008185	Fisherrow / Beach Ln / Brunton	3764	5119	84
S01008182	New St / North High St / Promenade	4184	5367	91
S01008186	Millhill / Eskside East	4598	4612	97
S01008184	North High St / Eskside West / Hercus Lo	5346	6431	109
S01008188	Dalrymple Lo / Mansfield	5392	5834	110

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

Environment

HEADLINES – Environment

- 73% of respondents in the ward (East Lothian 77%) reported that they understood what action they should take to help tackle climate control.
- 57% 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

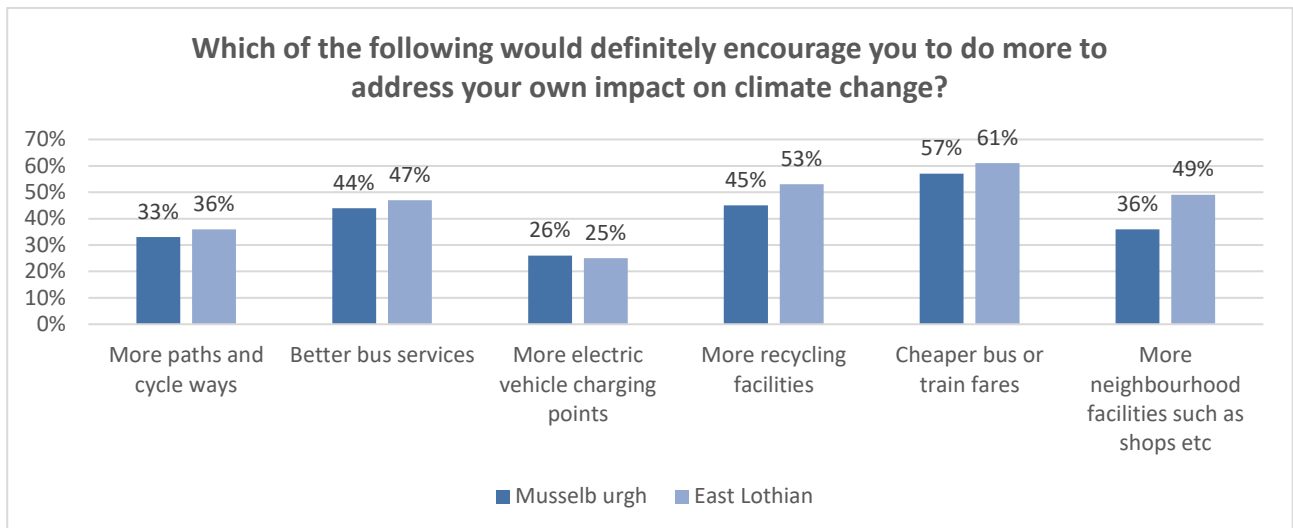
Table 30 shows that 73% of respondents in the ward reported that they understood what action they should take to help tackle climate control, lower than the 77% for East Lothian as a whole.

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

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?	Agree/Disagree	Musselburgh	East Lothian
It's not worth me doing things to help the environment if others don't do the same	% agree	23%	22%
	% disagree	67%	67%
I don't believe my behaviour and everyday lifestyle contribute to climate change	% agree	21%	25%
	% disagree	56%	58%
Climate change will only have an impact on other countries, there is no need for me to worry	% agree	5%	5%
	% disagree	87%	87%
I understand what actions people like myself should take to help tackle climate control	% agree	73%	77%
	% disagree	14%	12%

Figure 42 shows that 57% 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 26% 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)

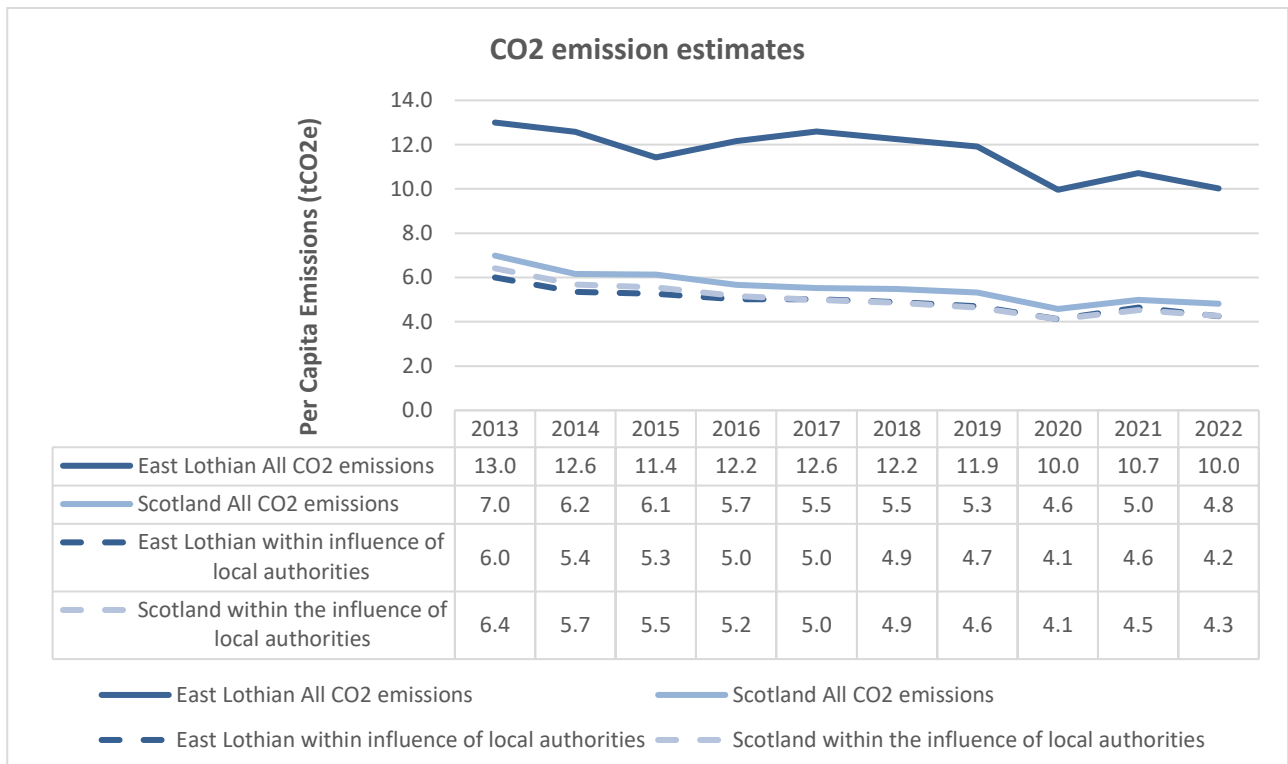


Air quality and pollution

Figure 69 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)

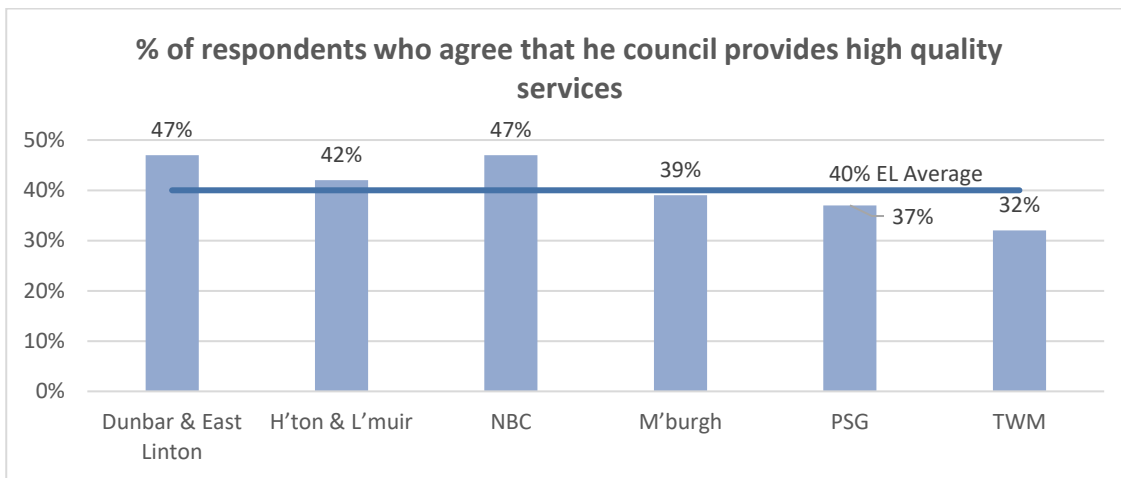
Perceptions of East Lothian Council & Satisfaction with Services

HEADLINES – Perceptions of East Lothian Council & Satisfaction with Services

- 39% of respondents in the Musselburgh ward felt that the council provided a high quality service (East Lothian 40%).
- Residents in the Musselburgh ward expressed higher levels of satisfaction for pharmacies and local bus services, and lower levels of satisfaction for GP services and council house repairs.

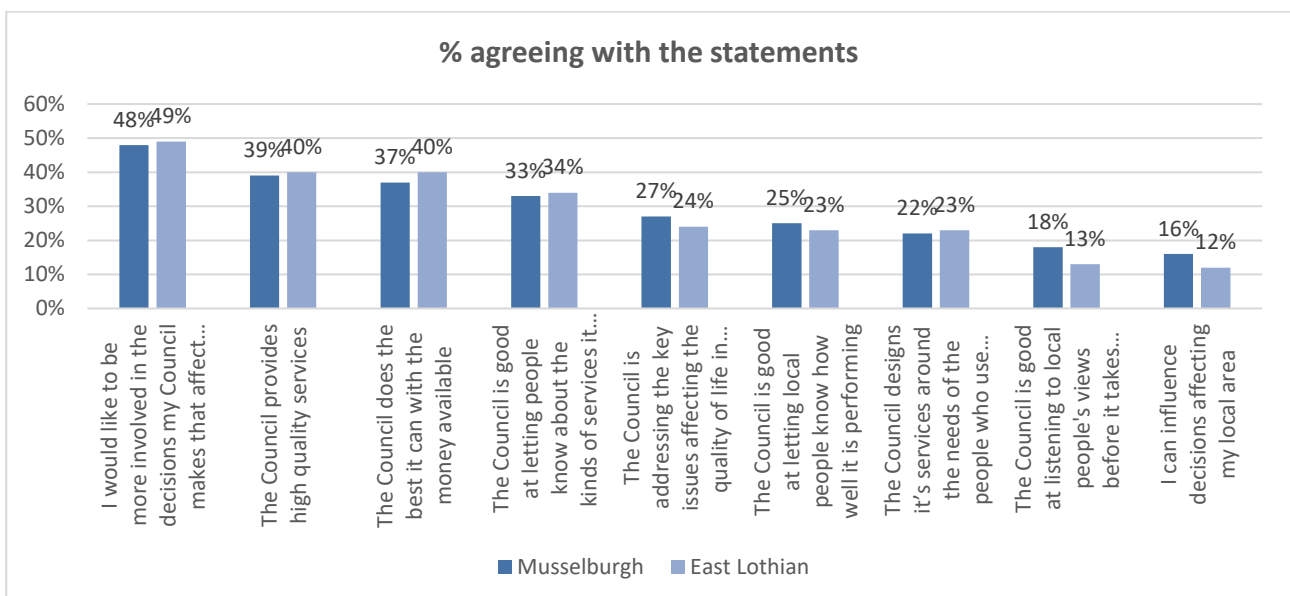
The East Lothian Residents Survey (2024) showed that 39% of respondents in the Musselburgh ward felt that the council provided a high quality service, similar to the overall East Lothian average of 40%.

Figure 44 - Overall satisfaction with ELC's Performance (East Lothian Residents Survey 2024)



Respondents were also asked whether they agreed with a range of statements about the Council. Musselburgh residents were most likely to agree that they would like to be more involved in the decisions the council makes, and least likely to feel they could influence decisions affecting their local area (as shown in Figure 45).

Figure 45 – % agreeing with the statements (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 this ward expressed higher levels of satisfaction for pharmacies and local bus services, and lower levels of satisfaction for GP services and council house repairs.

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

