

**PRESTON, SETON and  
GOSFORD  
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.

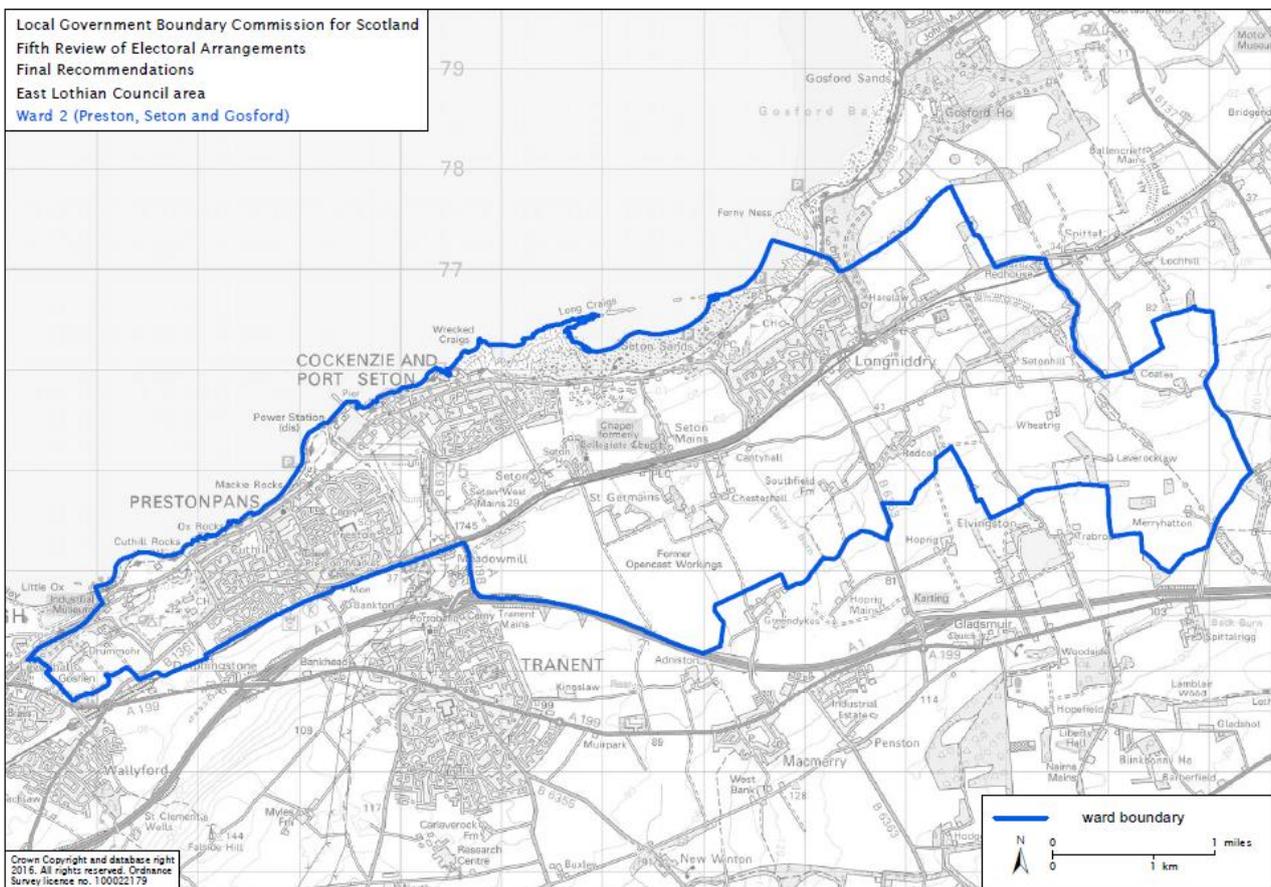
In preparing this profile every attempt has been made to use the most recent information publicly available for each theme and therefore the information here has come from a variety of sources including:

## The Preston Seton Gosford Ward

Preston Seton Gosford (PSG) is one of East Lothian Council's multi-member wards. It stretches along the Forth coast in the east of the county and includes the settlements of:

Prestonpans, Cockenzie/Port Seton and Longniddry

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** (sometimes referred to as Intermediate Geographies) are also used to present variations within the ward. In this case the ward is divided into the **Prestonpans East, Prestonpans West, Cockenzie & Port Seton, and Longniddry/Aberlady**.

**Data zones** are the smallest geographic areas at which data is collected and analysed. There are 24 data zones in the Preston Seton Gosford ward.

## Population

Scotland's Census 2022 states that **18,729** people live in the Preston Seton and Gosford ward. Accounting for 16.7% of the total population of East Lothian.

### Headlines

- 16.7% of the population of East Lothian live in the PSG ward.
- 84.6% of the population of the ward live in Prestonpans and Cockenzie.
- Like the rest of East Lothian there are proportionally more people of pensionable age living in the ward than there is across Scotland and more children aged 0-15.
- English is the main language of 97.1% of the population in this ward, higher than the rate for East Lothian or Scotland.
- 85.8% of the population in this ward were born in Scotland - higher than the rate for East Lothian or Scotland as a whole.
- 2.4% of this ward were from minority ethnic groups, lower than the rate for East Lothian and across Scotland as a whole.

### Population Distribution

- 56.7% (10,620) of the population of the ward live in Prestonpans.
- 27.9% (5,234) reside in Cockenzie.
- 13.9% (2,599) reside in Longniddry.
- In this ward 48% are male and 52% are female.
- Like the rest of East Lothian there are proportionally more people of pensionable age living in the ward than there is across Scotland and more children aged 0-15.

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

	PSG	East Lothian	Scotland
% of the population (0-15)	17.1%	18.0%	16.4%
% of the population that are (16-64)	61.9%	60.9%	63.6%
% of the population that are 65 or over	21.0%	21.1%	20.0%

[Search | Scotland's Census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](#)

### Country of Birth and Ethnicity

According to Scotland's Census 2022 figures:-

- 2% of the ward were born outside of Europe, lower than the 3.1% for East Lothian and lower than the 5.5% across Scotland.
- In this ward 85.8% 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.
- 94.6% of this 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
Preston, Seton and Gosford	98.0%	0.1%	3.3%	94.6%	85.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%
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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- 85.2% of % of people in this ward identify as White Scottish – higher than the rate for East Lothian and across Scotland as a whole.
- 2.4% of people in this ward were from minority ethnic groups lower than the rate for East Lothian and across Scotland as a whole.

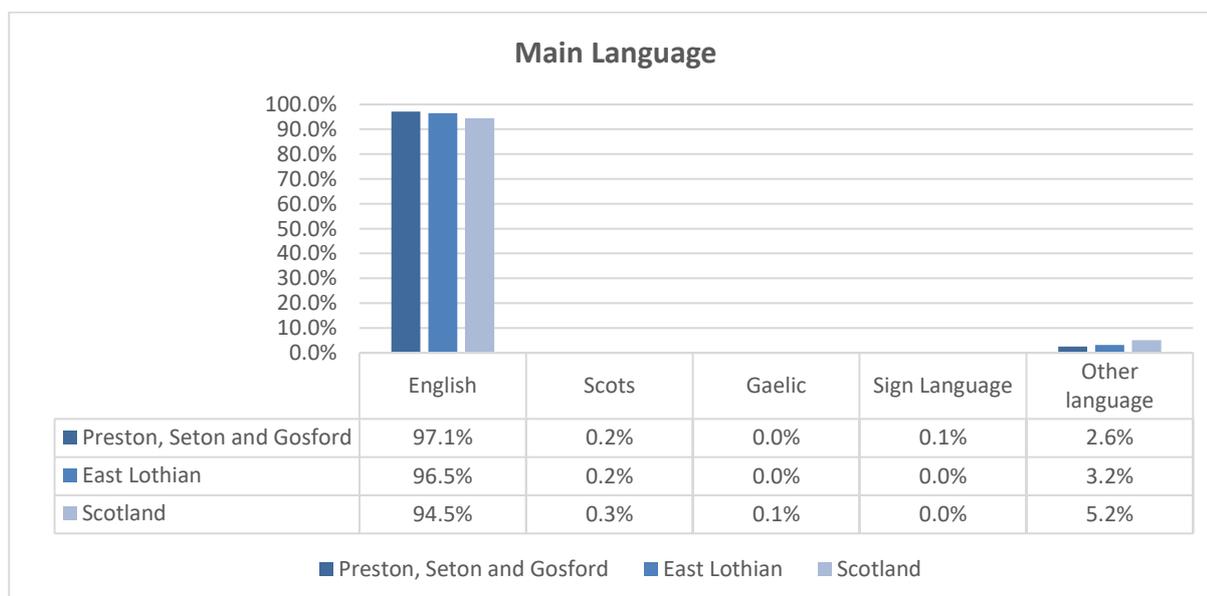
**Table 3 – Ethnic identity (Scotland's Census 2022)**

Ethnicity	White Scottish	White Other	Minority Ethnic Groups
Preston, Seton and Gosford	85.2%	12.4%	2.4%
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 97.1% of all people (aged 3 and over) living in the PSG 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.

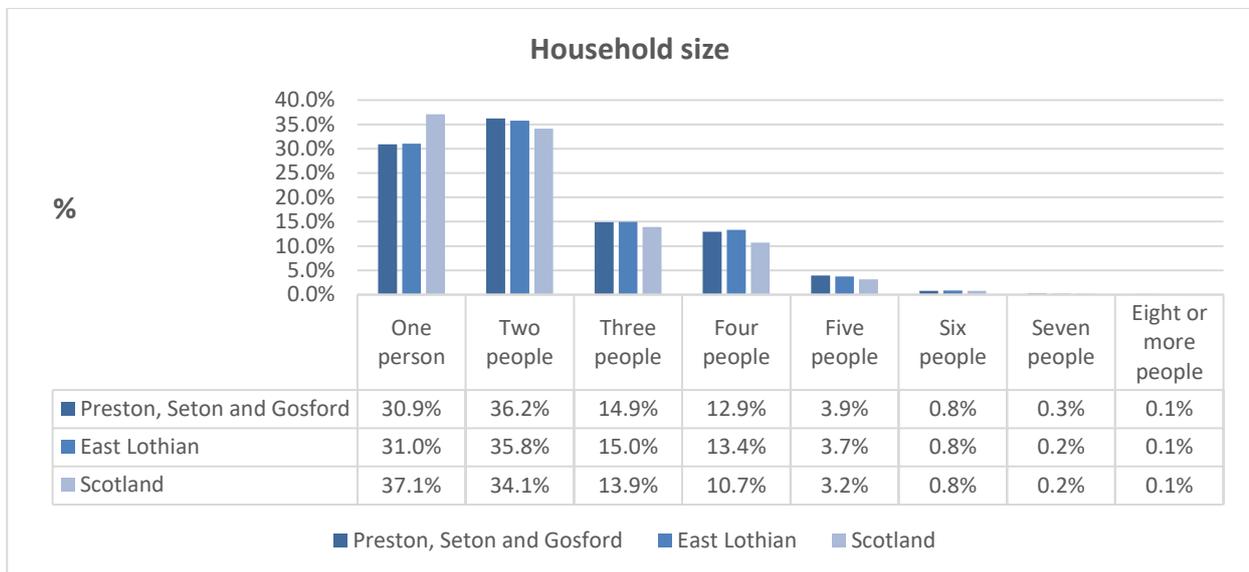
In the PSG ward:

- 36.8% of the population declared that they were Christian (East Lothian 35%).
- 0.7% reported their religion as Muslim (East Lothian 0.8%).
- 56.2% stated they had no religion (East Lothian 57.5%).

## Household Size

Figure 3 shows that this ward has a similar number of people per household in all categories to that of East Lothian as a whole.

**Figure 3 - Household Size (Scotland's Census 2022)**



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## Deprivation in the Ward

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

- 3 of the Preston Seton Gosford data zones fall within the 20% most deprived in Scotland.
- 6 data zones in this ward are within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian.
- 8 data zones in this ward are ranked within the 20% least deprived in Scotland and East Lothian.

The map below) shows all of the data zones in the Preston Seton Gosford ward and illustrates their ranking 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 – SIMD 2020 Overall Deprivation in the Preston Seton Gosford ward (East Lothian Council)

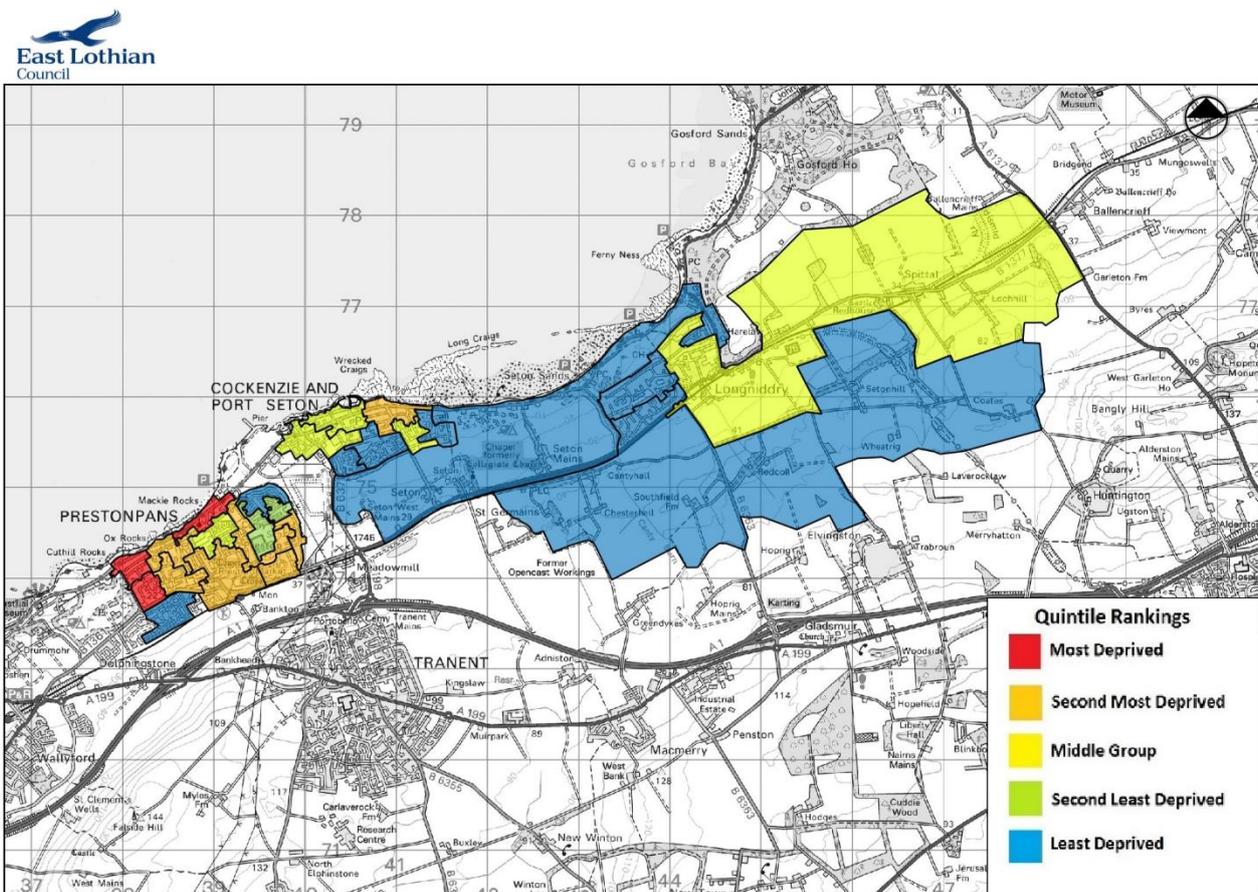


Table 4 shows that:

- 3 of the Preston Seton Gosford data zones fall within the 20% most deprived in Scotland.
- 6 data zones in the Preston Seton Gosford ward are within the 20% most deprived in East Lothian.
- 8 data zones in the Preston Seton Gosford ward are ranked within the 20% least deprived in Scotland and East Lothian.

**Table 4 – SIMD2020 ranking for data zones in the Preston Seton Gosford ward**

Data_Zone	Data Zone Name	SIMD2016 Rank	SIMD2020 Rank	Overall East Lothian Rank 2020
S01008203	High St East / Robertson Av	1097	688	2
S01008199	Cuthill / North Bank Rd	1380	1089	4
S01008200	Inchview North / Prestongrange Terr	1338	1182	7
S01008201	High St West / Rope Wk	1508	1534	14
S01008207	Preston Cr / Middleshot Sq	2216	1553	15
S01008206	Polwarth Cr / Preston Rd / Shaw Rd	2336	2029	25
S01008198	Pennypit / South Grange Av	2767	2090	28
S01008205	Shaw Rd / Gardiner Cr / Bankton Terr	2353	2180	29
S01008214	Links Rd / Golf Dr	1973	2205	30
S01008204	West Lo / East Lo / Mercait Gait	2289	2269	32
S01008210	Cockenzie	3895	3003	51
S01008211	High St / Gosford Rd	2583	3031	52
S01008202	Harlawhill / Infant Sch	3158	3473	55
S01008215	Fishers Rd / Castle Wk / Longcraigs	4540	3874	69
S01008242	Longniddry East / Spittal	4031	4085	76
S01008208	Preston Lodge / Cameron Way / Struan Wy	4715	4498	85
S01008197	Prestonfields / Mid Road	6498	5619	107
S01008209	Appin Dr / Atholl Vw	5742	5689	108
S01008212	Cedar Dr / Rowanhill	5711	5712	109
S01008217	Seton Mains / Seton Sands / Longniddry Bents	5496	5726	110
S01008216	Forths / Links Vw / Setons	5970	5835	111
S01008213	South Seton Pk / Alder Rd	6253	5936	115
S01008240	Longniddry South / St Germain's / Redcoll	6576	6371	122
S01008241	Longniddry West / Kings Rd	6540	6633	130

[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-index-multiple-deprivation-2020/pages/2-introduction.aspx)

## 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

- 9% of the working age population of the PSG ward is considered to be employment deprived, compared to East Lothian (8.1%) and Scotland (9.3%).
- The proportion of the working age population considered to be employment deprived in the ward ranges from 2% to 18%.
- 10.9% of the population in this 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 27%.
- 14.3% of the working age population in this ward claimed universal credit in September 2024 higher than the pre Covid figure of 9.2% in February 2020.

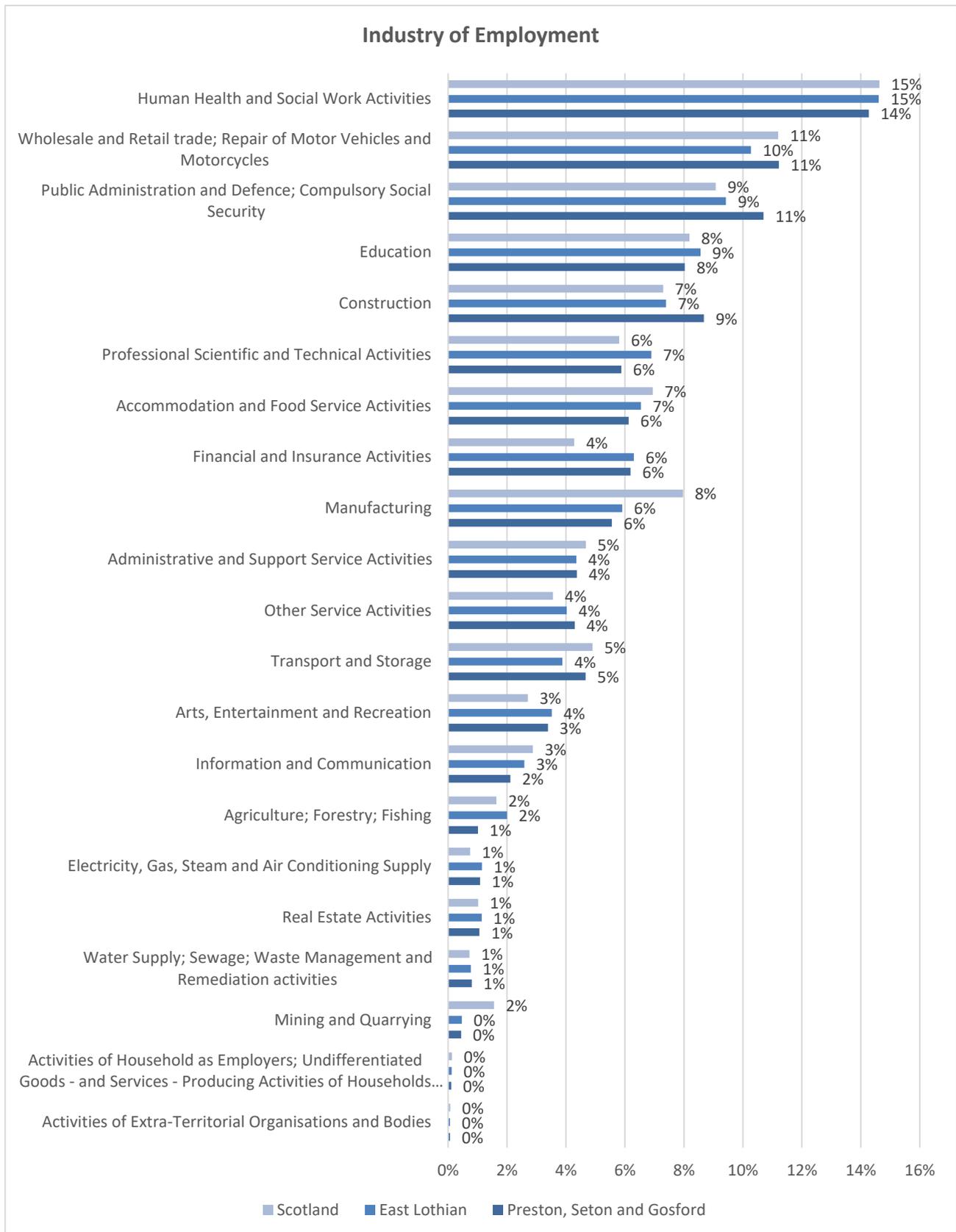
### Employment Patterns in the Ward

Figure 5 shows the breakdown of employment across different industry sectors in the PSG ward.

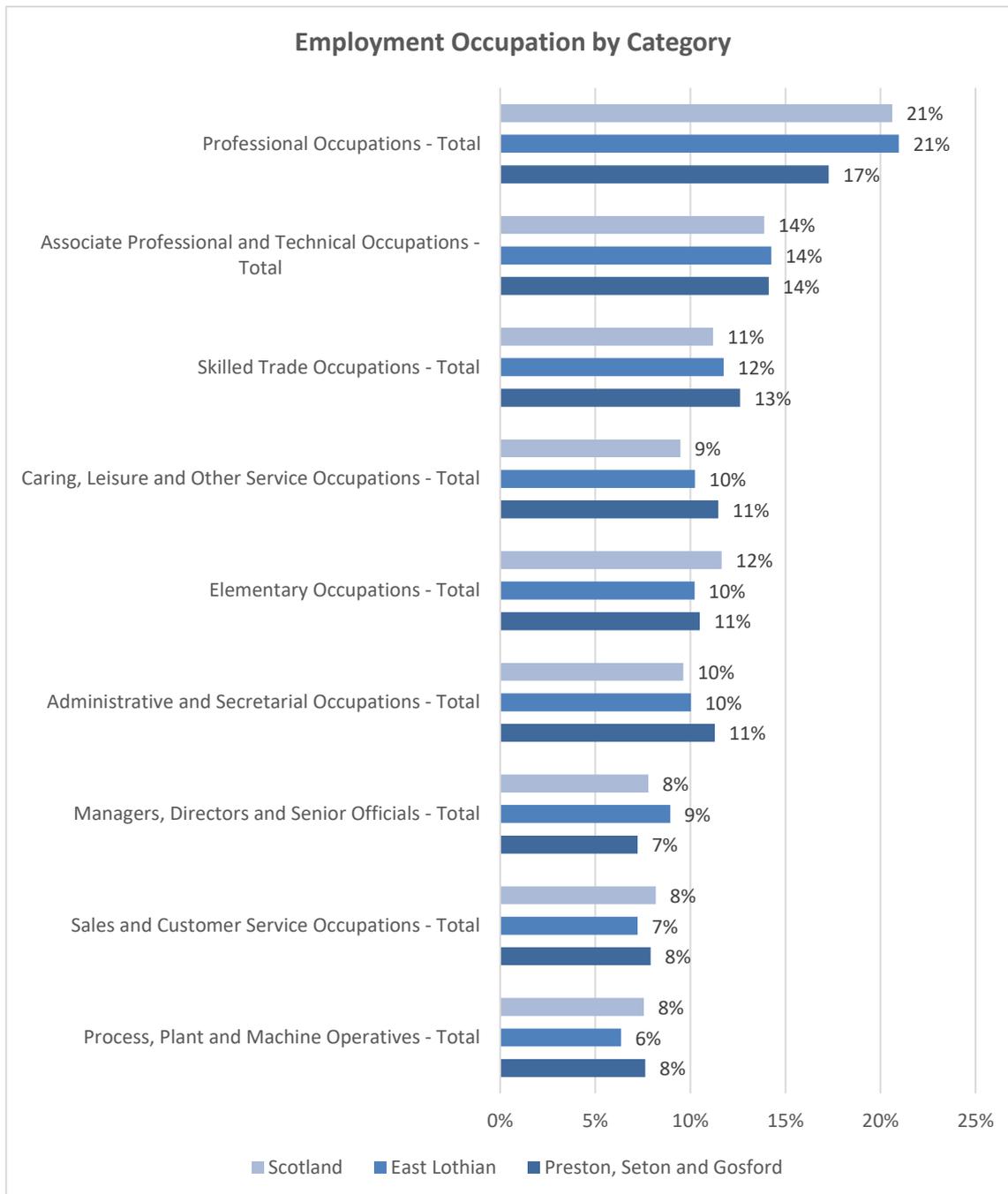
In this ward a higher percentage of people worked within public administration/defence /compulsory social security and construction than across East Lothian as a whole.

In relation to employment across Occupational Groups Figure 6 shows that less people in this ward were employed in Professional occupations and more were employed as process plant and machine operatives than across East Lothian as a whole.

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



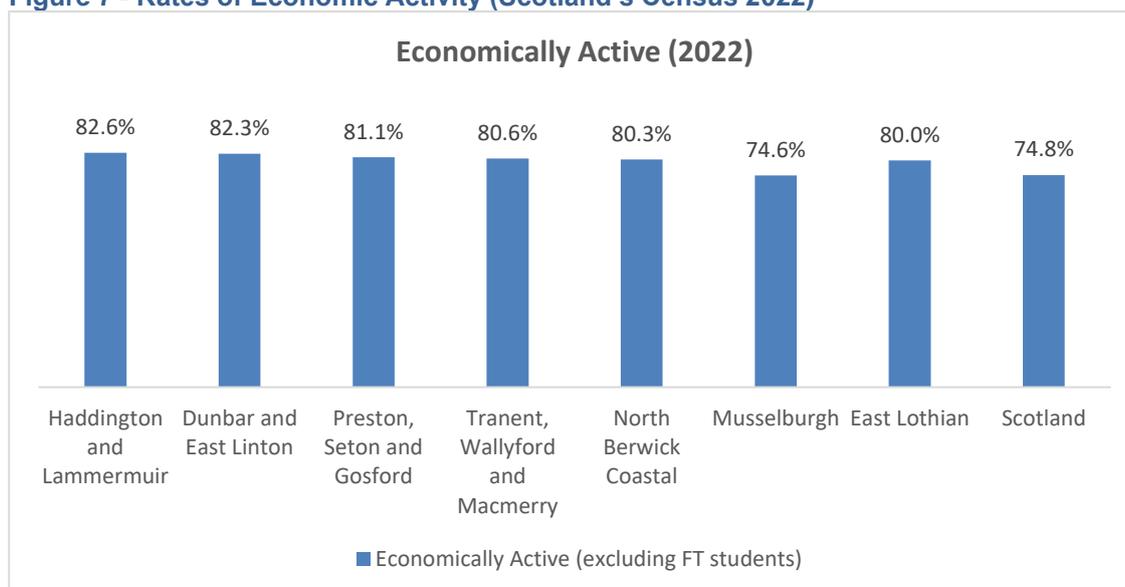
**Figure 6 - Employment across Occupational Groups (Scotland's Census 2022)**



**Economic Activity in the Preston Seton Gosford Ward**

Figure 7 shows that rates of economic activity across East Lothian were higher than across Scotland as a whole. 81.1% of the working age population were economically active in this 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 higher than across East Lothian as a whole.

**Table 5 – Economic Activity, 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 PSG ward had the highest rate of employees in East Lothian.

**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%
<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>54754</b>	<b>82.4%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>2587707</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

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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 percentage of students in the PSG ward is the lowest of all the East Lothian wards.

**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%
<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>34786</b>	<b>67.5%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>1780416</b>	<b>59.6%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

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### Employment Deprivation

The SIMD Employment Domain is based on the following methodology:

- Unemployment Claimant Count averaged over 12 months
- Working Age Incapacity Benefit or Employment Support Allowance recipients
- Working Age Severe Disablement Allowance recipients

- 9% of the working age population of the Preston Seton Gosford ward is considered to be employment deprived.
- The proportion of the working age population that is employment deprived in the ward is higher than East Lothian rate (8.1%) and lower than the figure for Scotland (9.3%).
- The proportion of the working age population considered to be employment deprived in the ward ranges from 2% to 18%.
- 4 data zones in the ward are within the 20% most employment deprived in Scotland.

**Table 8 - Employment Deprivation (SIMD2020)**

Data Zone	Data Zone Name	Employment rank 2016	Employment rank 2020	Employment rate 2016	Employment rate 2020
S01008203	High St East / Robertson Av	1107	929	19%	18%
S01008200	Inchview North / Prestongrange Terr	1469	1026	17%	17%
S01008199	Cuthill / North Bank Rd	1693	1036	16%	17%
S01008201	High St West / Rope Wk	1353	1220	18%	16%
S01008207	Preston Cr / Middleshot Sq	2572	1524	12%	15%
S01008214	Links Rd / Golf Dr	1568	1628	17%	14%
S01008205	Shaw Rd / Gardiner Cr / Bankton Terr	2156	1673	14%	14%
S01008204	West Lo / East Lo / Mercat Gait	1628	2121	16%	12%

S01008206	Polwarth Cr / Preston Rd / Shaw Rd	2543	2188	12%	12%
S01008211	High St / Gosford Rd	2287	2572	13%	10%
S01008198	Pennypit / South Grange Av	2859	2648	11%	10%
S01008210	Cockenzie	3753	2658	8%	10%
S01008242	Longniddry East / Spittal	2896	3248	11%	8%
S01008202	Harlawhill / Infant Sch	3314	3469	9%	8%
S01008215	Fishers Rd / Castle Wk / Longcraigs	4418	3747	6%	7%
S01008208	Preston Lodge / Cameron Way / Struan Wy	4608	4007	6%	6%
S01008197	Prestonfields / Mid Road	6416	4714	2%	5%
S01008212	Cedar Dr / Rowanhill	5045	4839	5%	4%
S01008209	Appin Dr / Atholl Vw	5991	4949	3%	4%
S01008216	Forths / Links Vw / Setons	5230	5405	5%	4%
S01008217	Seton Mains / Seton Sands / Longniddry Bents	5181	5803	5%	3%
S01008213	South Seton Pk / Alder Rd	6256	5823	3%	3%
S01008240	Longniddry South / St Germain's / Redcoll	6589	6564	2%	2%
S01008241	Longniddry West / Kings Rd	6839	6644	1%	2%

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

### 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 14.3% of the working age population in the PSG ward claimed Universal Credit in September 2024, higher than the pre Covid figure of 9.2% in Feb 2020. The Sep 2024 level of 14.3% is below the East Lothian average of 14.8% and Scotland 16.4%. The current number of people on Universal Credit in this ward is 63% higher the pre covid figure of 1020 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 the PSG 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 19.3% lower than the pre covid figure of 290 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%
<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>5842</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>10,151</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>73.8%</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>256083</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>568,303</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>312,220</b>	<b>121.9%</b>

[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%
<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>1668</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>-155</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>98265</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>105162</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>6897</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

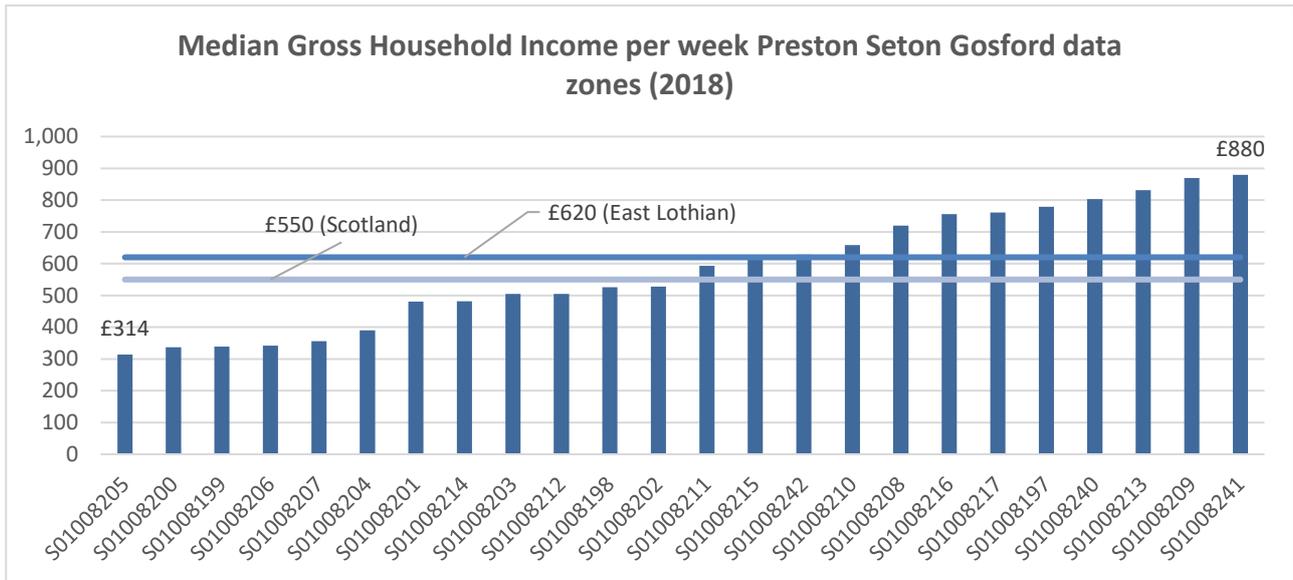
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### How is the ward coping financially?

Estimated household income varies across the ward, with a gap of £566 per week between the most deprived data zone and the least deprived.

11 of the 24 Preston Seton Gosford data zones have median, or middle of the range, household incomes above the East Lothian data zone average.

**Figure 8 - Median Household Income (Scot.Govt)**



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

Figure 9 shows that 41% of respondents in the PSG ward said that they were “Managing very/quite well” compared to the East Lothian figure of 45%. 42% 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)**

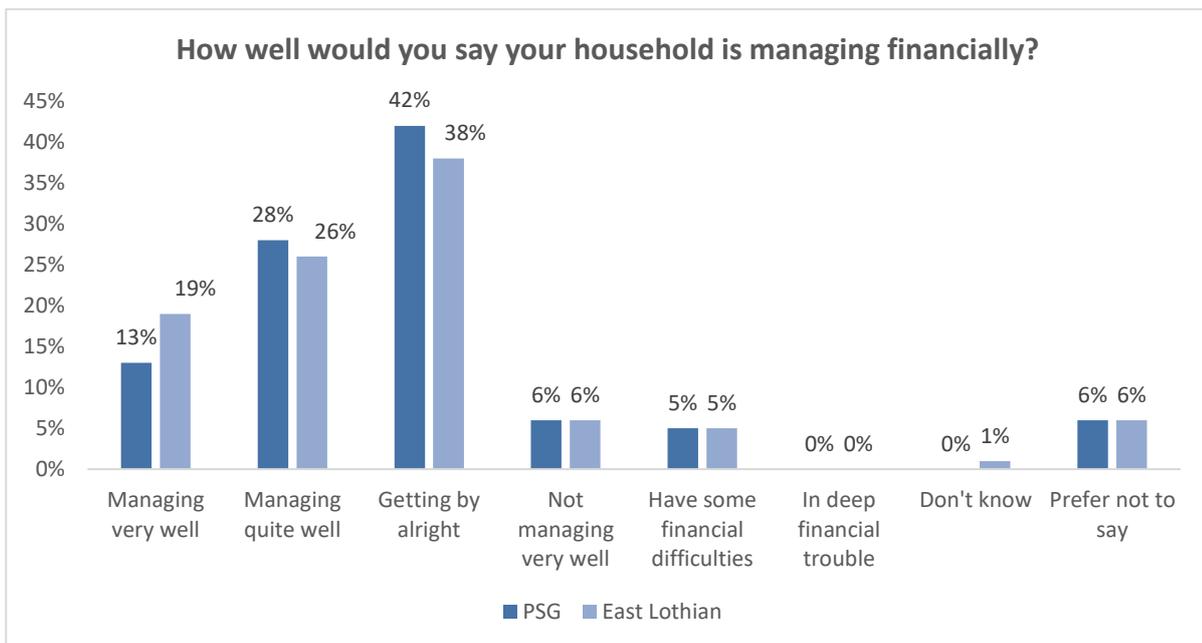
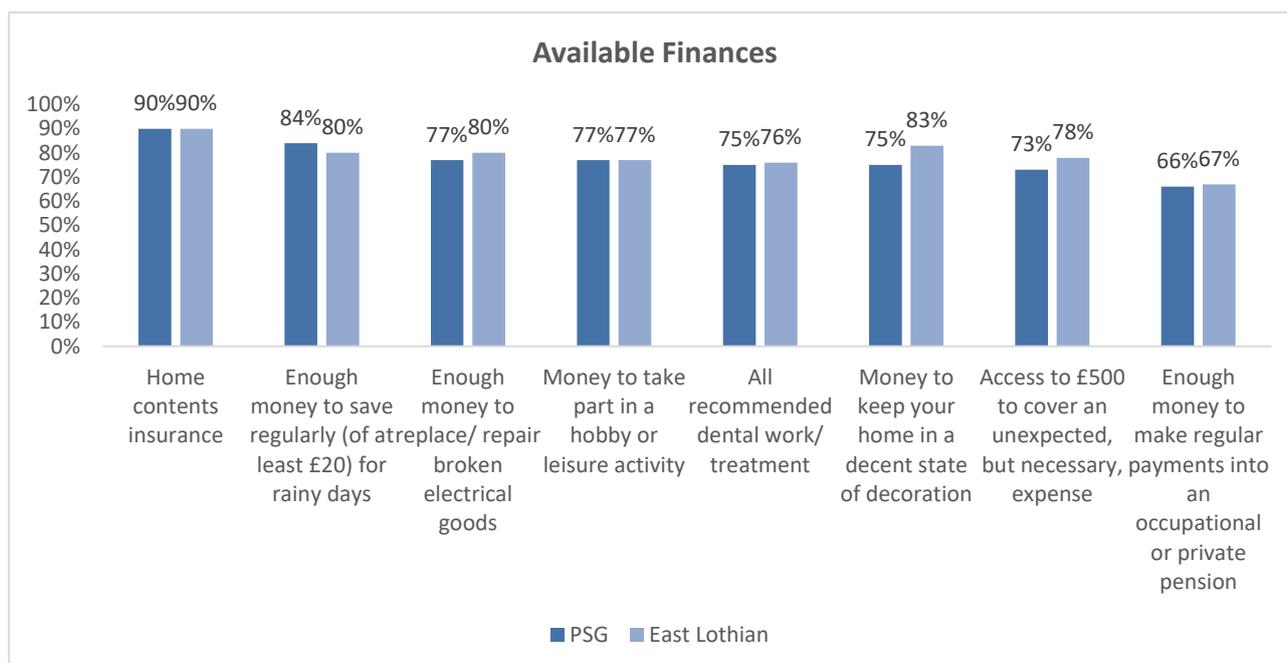


Figure 10 shows that the PSG residents had more available money for Home Contents insurance when compared to the other categories. Having money available for a private pension was the lowest affordable category for both this ward and across East Lothian as a whole.

**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

- 10.9% of the population of the Preston Seton Gosford Ward are considered to be income deprived in 2020.
- The proportion of the population that is income deprived in the Preston Seton Gosford Ward is higher than that of East Lothian (10.2%) and lower than Scotland as a whole (12.1%).
- Across the 24 data zones in the Preston Seton Gosford ward the proportion of the population that are considered to be income deprived ranges from 2% to 27%.

**Table 11 - Income deprivation (SIMD)**

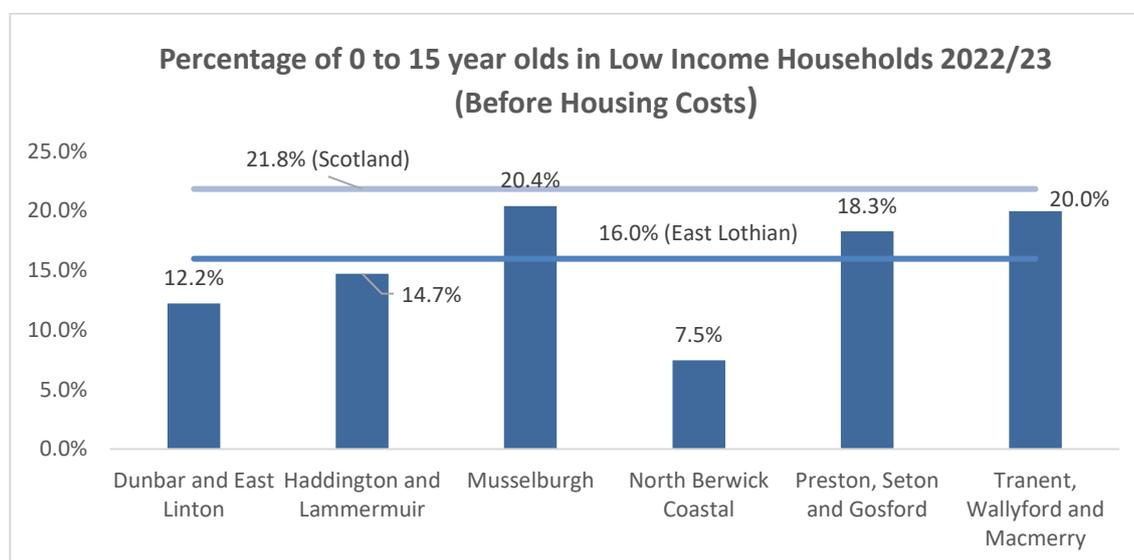
Data_Zone	Data Zone Name	Income domain SIMD 2020 rank	Income domain SIMD 2016 rank	% Income deprived SIMD2020	% Income Deprived 2016	East Lothian SIMD2020 rank (out of 132)
S01008203	High St East / Robertson Av	616	868	27%	25%	2
S01008200	Inchview North / Prestongrange Terr	1214	1278	22%	21%	8
S01008201	High St West / Rope Wk	1398	1578	20%	19%	12
S01008199	Cuthill / North Bank Rd	1462	1677	20%	18%	13
S01008207	Preston Cr / Middleshot Sq	1692	1960	18%	17%	20

S01008206	Polwarth Cr / Preston Rd / Shaw Rd	1771	2713	18%	13%	21
S01008205	Shaw Rd / Gardiner Cr / Bankton Terr	2362	2344	14%	15%	34
S01008204	West Lo / East Lo / Mercat Gait	2468	2598	14%	14%	38
S01008210	Cockenzie	2491	3658	14%	9%	40
S01008211	High St / Gosford Rd	2542	2294	14%	15%	42
S01008198	Pennypit / South Grange Av	2562	2663	14%	13%	44
S01008214	Links Rd / Golf Dr	2606	2388	13%	15%	46
S01008202	Harlawhill / Infant Sch	2817	2916	12%	12%	52
S01008215	Fishers Rd / Castle Wk / Longcraigs	3802	4434	8%	7%	70
S01008208	Preston Lodge / Cameron Way / Struan Wy	3955	4237	8%	7%	75
S01008242	Longniddry East / Spittal	4207	4201	7%	8%	78
S01008209	Appin Dr / Atholl Vw	4901	4796	5%	6%	91
S01008197	Prestonfields / Mid Road	5296	6250	4%	3%	102
S01008212	Cedar Dr / Rowanhill	5505	5752	4%	4%	109
S01008213	South Seton Pk / Alder Rd	5678	5959	4%	3%	113
S01008216	Forths / Links Vw / Setons	6032	5862	3%	3%	118
S01008241	Longniddry West / Kings Rd	6398	6352	2%	2%	125
S01008217	Seton Mains / Seton Sands / Longniddry Bents	6476	5740	2%	4%	126
S01008240	Longniddry South / St Germain's / Redcoll	6625	6833	2%	1%	128

[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/indicators/multiple-deprivation)

Figure 11 shows that 18.3% of 0 to 15 year olds in the PSG 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 (Stat-Xplore)**



[Stat-Xplore - Log in \(dwp.gov.uk\)](https://www.dwp.gov.uk/stat-xplore)

## Education and Training

### HEADLINES – Education and Training

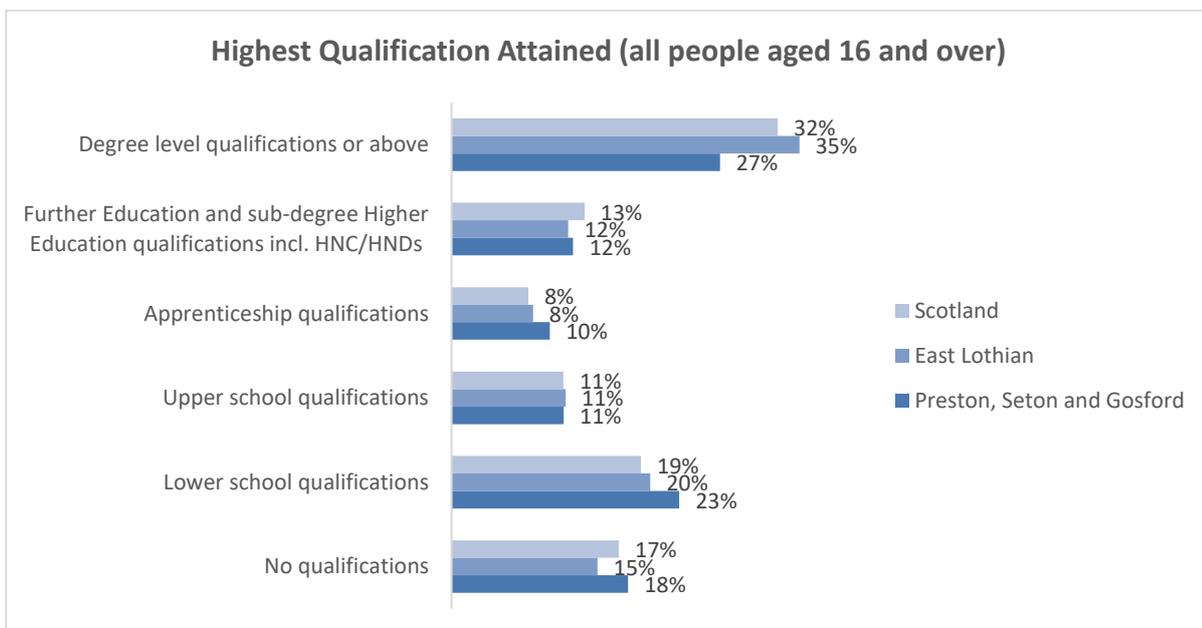
- 49% of people in the PSG ward aged 16 and over have an apprentice qualification, further education qualification or degree level or above qualification (lower than the East Lothian figure of 54%).
- 7 data zones in this ward are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland in terms of the SIMD 2020 Education domain.
- 79% of Preston Lodge High pupils achieved SCQF Level 5 or better, lower than the 82% for East Lothian and 88% for Scotland.
- The 87% Preston Lodge attendance rate was higher than 86% across East Lothian and similar to the 87.1% for Scotland.
- 98.4% of school leavers from Preston Lodge High were initially assessed as having a 'positive destination' upon leaving school.

### Education and Training among adults

According to the 2022 census:

- 49% of people in the PSG 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%).
- 27% have undertaken a degree level or above qualification (compared to 35% across East Lothian).
- 18% have no formal qualifications (below the East Lothian figure of 15%).

Figure 12 - Qualifications among adults (Census 2022)



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

### 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
- School pupil performance
- 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

Table 12 shows the SIMD deprivation levels of Education, Skills and Training.

- 7 data zones in the PSG ward are amongst the 20% most educationally deprived in Scotland, in terms of the SIMD 2020 Education domain. 5 of which are in the 10% most educationally deprived in East Lothian.
- 8 data zones in the ward are amongst the 20% least educationally deprived in East Lothian terms of the SIMD 2020 Education domain. 7 of which are in the 10% most educationally deprived in East Lothian.

**Table 12 - SIMD Education, Skills and Training domain (SIMD)**

Data_Zone	Data Zone Name	Education SIMD2020 rank	Education SIMD2016 rank	East Lothian Education Rank 2020
S01008203	High St East / Robertson Av	244	941	1
S01008199	Cuthill / North Bank Rd	324	556	2
S01008198	Pennypit / South Grange Av	360	1721	3
S01008207	Preston Cr / Middleshot Sq	525	1183	4
S01008200	Inchview North / Prestongrange Terr	540	454	5
S01008206	Polwarth Cr / Preston Rd / Shaw Rd	710	757	6
S01008201	High St West / Rope Wk	1087	1136	12
S01008205	Shaw Rd / Gardiner Cr / Bankton Terr	1612	1605	22
S01008204	West Lo / East Lo / Mercait Gait	2165	2800	34
S01008214	Links Rd / Golf Dr	2166	2288	35
S01008210	Cockenzie	2602	3030	46
S01008215	Fishers Rd / Castle Wk / Longcraigs	2698	3879	48
S01008211	High St / Gosford Rd	3324	2147	56
S01008208	Preston Lodge / Cameron Way / Struan Wy	3404	2872	57
S01008202	Harlawhill / Infant Sch	3729	2346	62
S01008216	Forths / Links Vw / Setons	3943	5380	68
S01008197	Prestonfields / Mid Road	4158	3529	71
S01008213	South Seton Pk / Alder Rd	4520	5064	76
S01008209	Appin Dr / Atholl Vw	4691	4161	82
S01008242	Longniddry East / Spittal	4808	4837	88
S01008212	Cedar Dr / Rowanhill	5213	4785	96
S01008240	Longniddry South / St Germaines / Redcoll	5930	6330	110
S01008241	Longniddry West / Kings Rd	6042	6699	113
S01008217	Seton Mains / Seton Sands / Longniddry Bents	6072	6458	114

[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-index-multiple-deprivation-2020/pages/2-introduction.aspx)

## Primary and Secondary School Pupils

In the 2022 school year there were 2,458 school aged pupils living in the Prestonpans school cluster, which is projected to increase by 23.7% to 3,040 in 2032. Across East Lothian as a whole the figure is projected to increase by 13.1%, from 15,092 to 17,067.

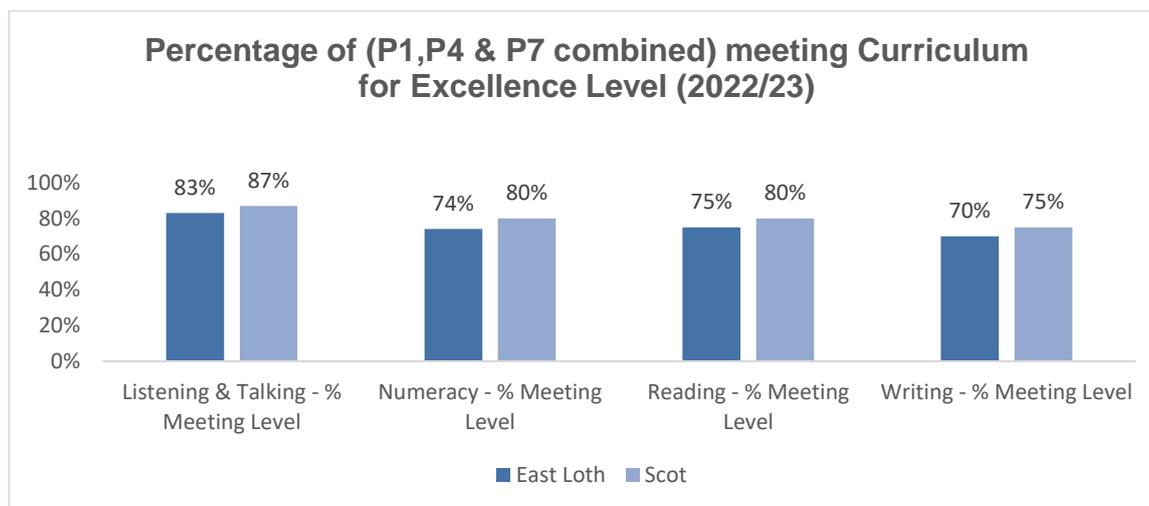
**Table 13: 2022 based, Projected school (P1 -S6) Roll (East Lothian Council Education Service)**

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
<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>15092</b>	<b>15258</b>	<b>15607</b>	<b>15779</b>	<b>16108</b>	<b>16433</b>	<b>16707</b>	<b>16785</b>	<b>16884</b>	<b>16967</b>	<b>17067</b>

## 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 a 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 79% of Preston Lodge High pupils achieved SCQF Level 5 or better, lower than the 82% for East Lothian and 88% for Scotland.

The 87% Preston Lodge High attendance rate was higher than 86% across East Lothian and similar to the 87.1% for Scotland.

The pupil teacher ratio for Preston Lodge High was 12.5, lower than the 12.8 for East Lothian.

**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
<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>86.0%</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>87.1%</b>	<b>12.5</b>

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### School Leavers

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

98.4% of school leavers from Preston Lodge High School were initially assessed as having a 'positive destination' upon leaving school. 40.1% of school leavers from this school went into employment, the 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
<b>% Positive Destination</b>	<b>96.06</b>	<b>96.57</b>	<b>94.62</b>	<b>97.86</b>	<b>98.35</b>	<b>95.53</b>

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## Health and Social Care

### HEADLINES – Health and Social Care

- Life Expectancy for males and females in the Prestonpans East and Prestonpans West Intermediate Zones is below the East Lothian average.
- Across this ward the majority of people (72%) described their physical health as Very Good/Good, compared with the East Lothian figure of 63%.
- 72% of respondents in this ward stated their mental health as very good/good (East Lothian 71%).
- No data zones in the PSG ward are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland in terms of the SIMD2020 health domain.

- East Lothian has a life expectancy above the national average for males and females.
- Life Expectancy for males and females in the Prestonpans East and Prestonpans West Intermediate Zones is below the East Lothian average.
- The variation in life expectancy across the ward’s intermediate zones is 5.7 years for males and 2.8 years for females.
- Females life expectancy was 5.5 years higher than male life expectancy in Prestonpans East, the highest difference of all the ward’s intermediate zones.

**Table 17 – Life Expectancy**

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

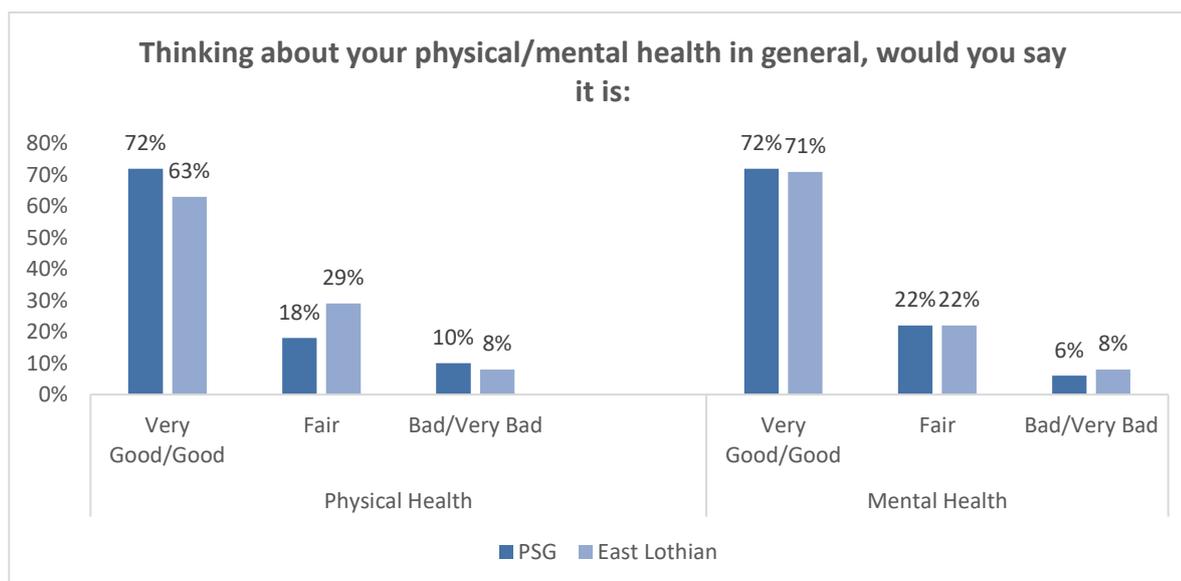
Life Expectancy	Cockenzie & Port Seton	Longniddry and Aberlady	Prestonpans East	Prestonpans West	East Lothian	Scotland
Female	83.8	83.8	82.2	81.0	82.4	80.7
Male	80.6	82.4	76.7	77.9	78.7	76.5

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Across the PSG ward the majority of people (72%) described their physical health as very good/good, higher than the East Lothian figure of 63%.

72% 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

- Hospital admissions in East Lothian were lower the national rate for all categories.
- Alcohol related hospital admissions were highest in Cockenzie & Port Seton and lowest in Longniddry & Aberlady.
- COPD hospital admissions were highest in Prestonpans East and lowest in Longniddry & Aberlady.
- CHD hospital admissions were highest in Longniddry and Aberlady and lowest in Prestonpans East.
- Asthma hospital admissions were highest in Cockenzie & Port Seton and lowest in Longniddry and Aberlady.

**Table 18 – PSG Intermediate Zones, Hospital Admissions, Alcohol stays (2021/2022), COPD (2019/20), CHD(2019/20), Asthma (2019/2020)**

Hospital admissions per 100,000 people (age standardised)	Cockenzie & Port Seton	Longniddry & Aberlady	P/pan East	P/pan West	East Loth	Scot
Alcohol-related hospital admissions	524.6	242.4	461.4	512.1	437	611.1
Patients hospitalised with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	233.9	76.2	319.2	172.1	145.1	207.5
Coronary heart disease (CHD) patient hospitalisations	291.7	305.3	202.8	243.4	265.7	341.6
Asthma patient hospitalisations	140.7	65.1	70.6	77.9	67.9	68.4

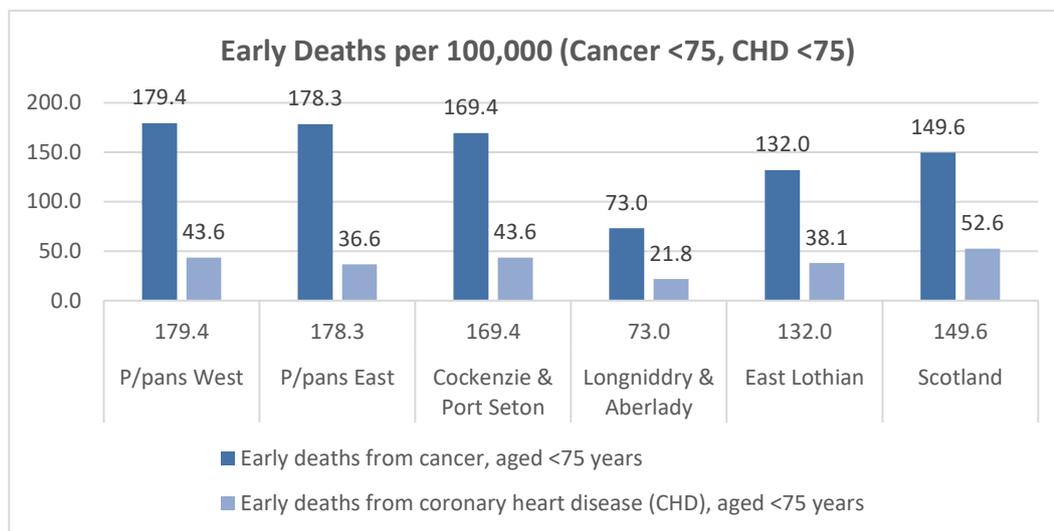
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Early deaths across the ward are illustrated in Figure 15

- Early deaths for cancer and CHD in East Lothian are below the Scottish rate.
- Early deaths from cancer in the Prestonpans East, Prestonpans West and Cockenzie & Port Seton Intermediate Zones were above the East Lothian rate.
- Early deaths from CHD were above the East Lothian rate in Prestonpans West and Cockenzie.& Port Seton

**Figure 15 – PSG Intermediate Zones, Early deaths from cancer & CHD (2019 to 2021, 3 year aggregate)**



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## Maternity and Child Health

Maternal and child health data in East Lothian is consistently better than the Scottish average. There is however, variation across the wards and intermediate zones.

- Cockenzie & Port Seton had higher or equal rates to those of East Lothian in all categories.
- Breastfeeding, child dental health P1, and child healthy weight P1 were lower than the East Lothian rate in Longniddry, Prestonpans East and Prestonpans West.
- Healthy birth weight in all of this ward's intermediate zones was above the East Lothian rate

**Table 20 – PSG Intermediate Zones Breastfeeding (18/19 to 20/21), Child dental health (22/23), Healthy birth weight (20/21)**

Preston, Seton and Gosford (IZ's)	Cockenzie & Port Seton	Longniddry & Aberlady	P/pans East	P/pans West	East Lothian	Scotland
Babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks (%)	39.3	32.5	22.5	23.2	37.8	31.8
Child dental health in primary 1 (%)	79.2	77.8	73.7	67.9	79.2	73.8
Child dental health in primary 7 (%)	83.6	88.5	81.1	66.7	79.8	75.2
Child healthy weight in primary 1 (%)	71.1	61.5	61.5	61.5	69.9	69.8
Healthy birth weight (%)	83.5	82.3	85.6	86.9	81.5	84.6

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## Young People's Attitudes to Health

2023/24 Students Evaluation of Experience Survey:

For all measures, Prestonpans schools had lower S4 scores, when compared to East Lothian.

Prestonpans schools had higher S2 scores when compared to East Lothian in all categories.

Prestonpans schools had higher P6 scores than East Lothian for "People at school help me make healthy choices" and "In school I can learn about healthy relationships"

**Table 21 – Young Peoples Attitudes to Health (SEE Survey Results 2023/24)**

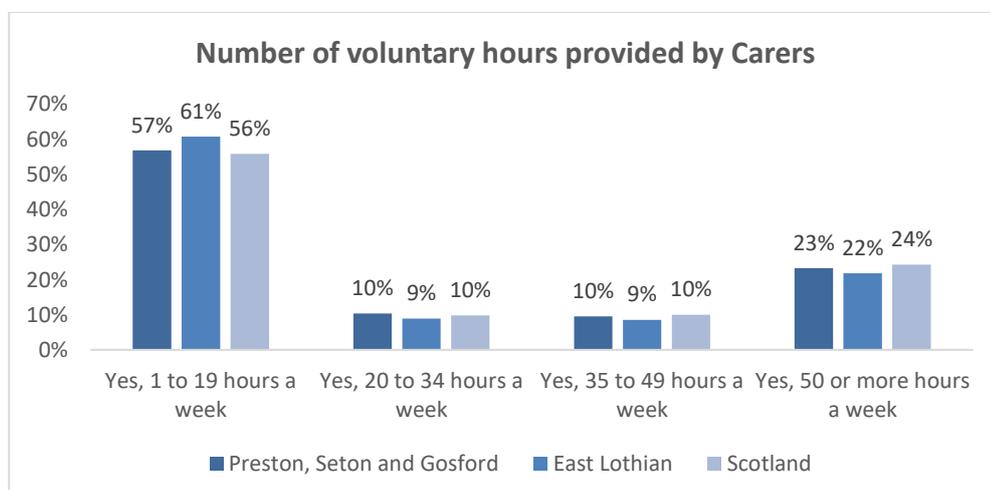
SEE Survey Results (April 2023-24)	Stage	Dunbar	Haddington	Musselburgh	North Berwick	Prestonpans	Tranent	East Lothian
People at school help me to make healthy choices	S2	56.7%	66.4%	70.6%	73.0%	72.2%	82.8%	70.2%
	S4	52.8%	62.0%	58.7%	68.4%	60.8%	87.2%	66.8%
	P6	77.8%	86.7%	82.6%	88.1%	85.9%	80.2%	83.7%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

- Across the Preston Seton Gosford ward 2,328 people (12% of the population) provided unpaid care to a friend or family member
- 23% of these carers were providing more than 50 hours of care per week

**Figure 16 – Voluntary hours of care provided (Scotland Census 2022)**



## Older people

Older people make up a growing segment of the population. The 2018 based population projection shows that the 19.9% of the population in this ward were aged 65 and over, and 8.7% were aged 75 and over in 2018, this is projected to increase to 26.1% and 11.6% 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 \(East Lothian Council\)](#)

Day Centres are among the services across East Lothian that support older people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible by providing respite for families and carers and stimulating activities for individuals designed to help reduce social isolation and improve mental wellbeing.

- There are two Older People’s Day Centres in Preston Seton Gosford:- Harlawhill in Prestonpans and the John Bellany centre in Port Seton. Each centre offers 90 full day places per week for older people, benefitting an average of 65 people per week in each area.
- There is also a Lunch Club – The Link – running in Prestonpans on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays which offers 30 places a week.

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

<b>Preston Seton &amp; Gosford</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2030</b>
65 and over	3,583	3,711	3,844	4,034	4,282	4,474	4,687
75 and over	1,557	1,621	1,730	1,855	1,952	2,002	2,085
All Ages	17,988	18,017	18,025	18,028	18,021	17,998	17,960
<b>65 and over % of ward population</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>26.1%</b>
<b>75 and over % of ward population</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>

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## Neighbourhood and Place

### HEADLINES – Neighbourhood and Place

- The 2024 East Lothian Residents Survey showed that 92% of people in the PSG 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 this ward and across East Lothian as a whole.
- 13% of respondents in this ward felt that they could influence decisions in their local area compared to 12% for East Lothian as a whole.
- 49% reported that they would like to be more involved in Council decisions affecting their area, the same as the figure for East Lothian as a whole.

The 2024 East Lothian Residents Survey showed that 92% of respondents in the PSG ward rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live, similar to the 93% across East Lothian as a whole.

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

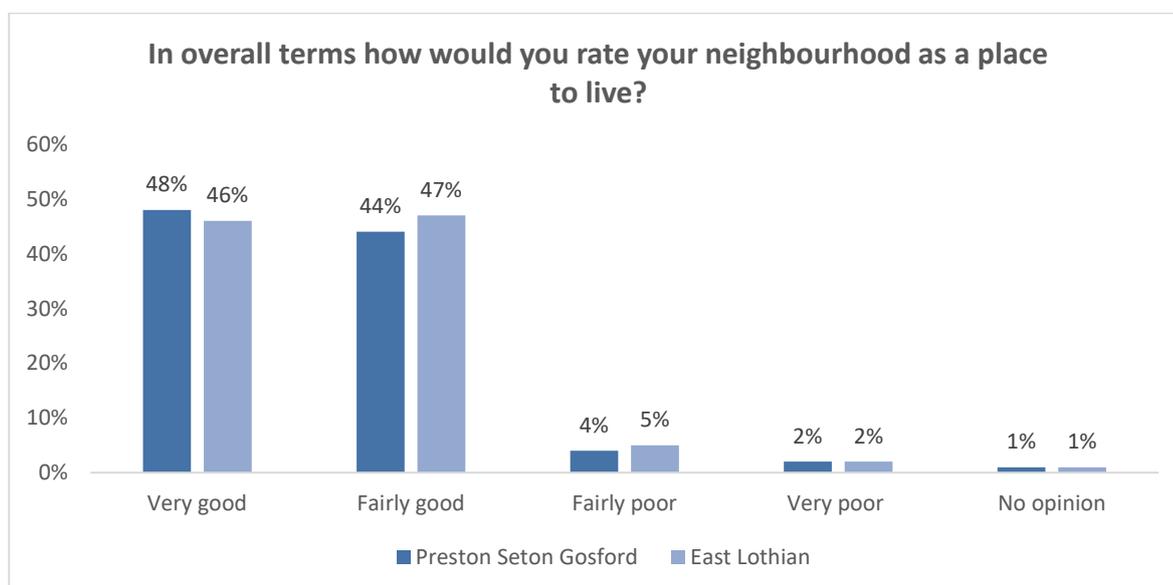
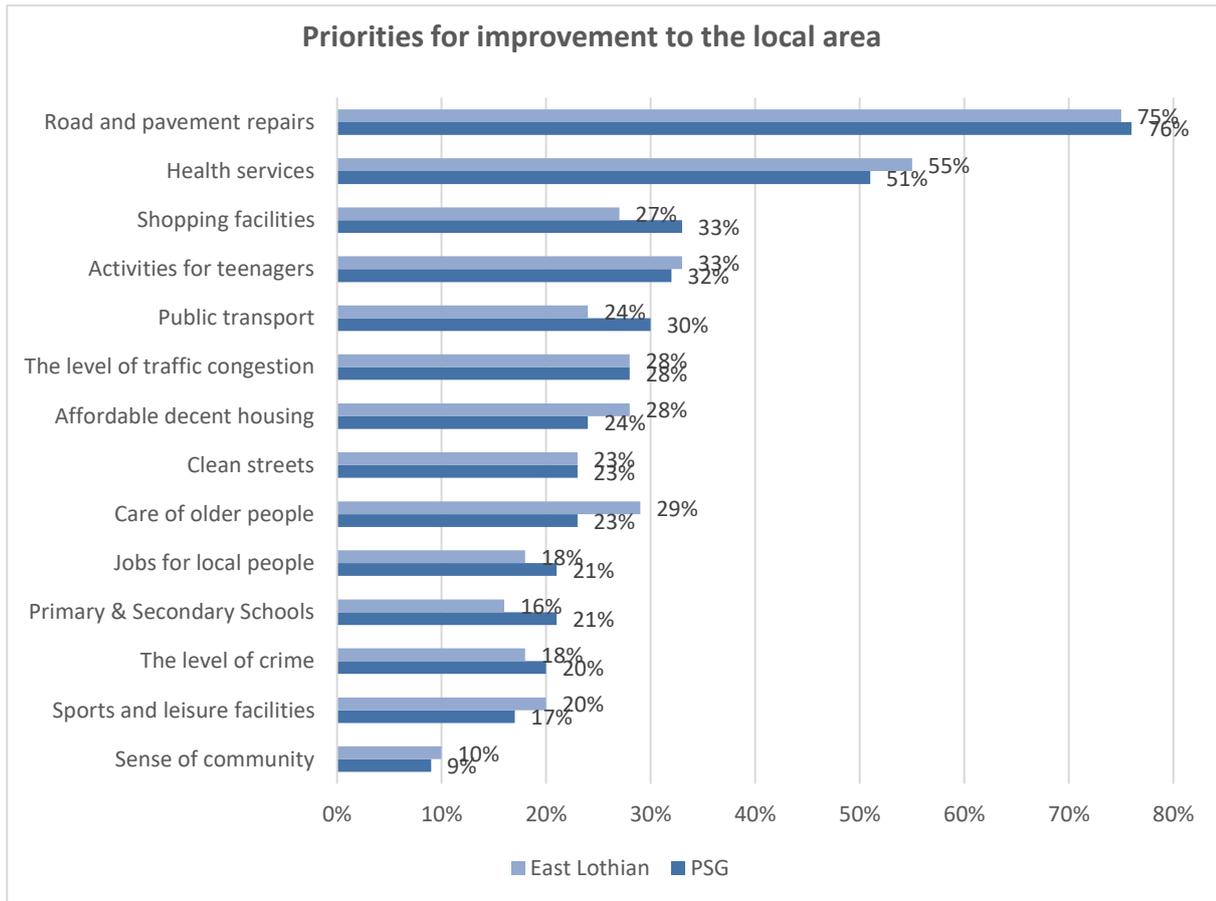


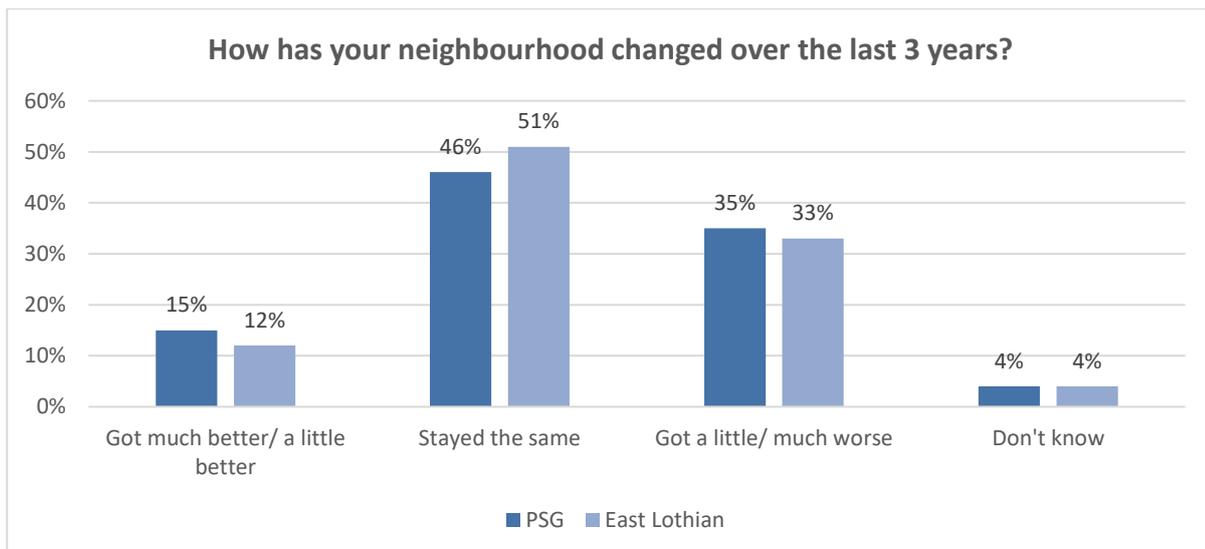
Figure 18 below shows that road and pavement repairs was the top priority for improvement in this ward and across East Lothian as a whole. A sense of community was the lowest priority for the ward and the county.

**Figure 18 - What makes somewhere a good place to live (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 got much better/a little better than across East Lothian as a whole.

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

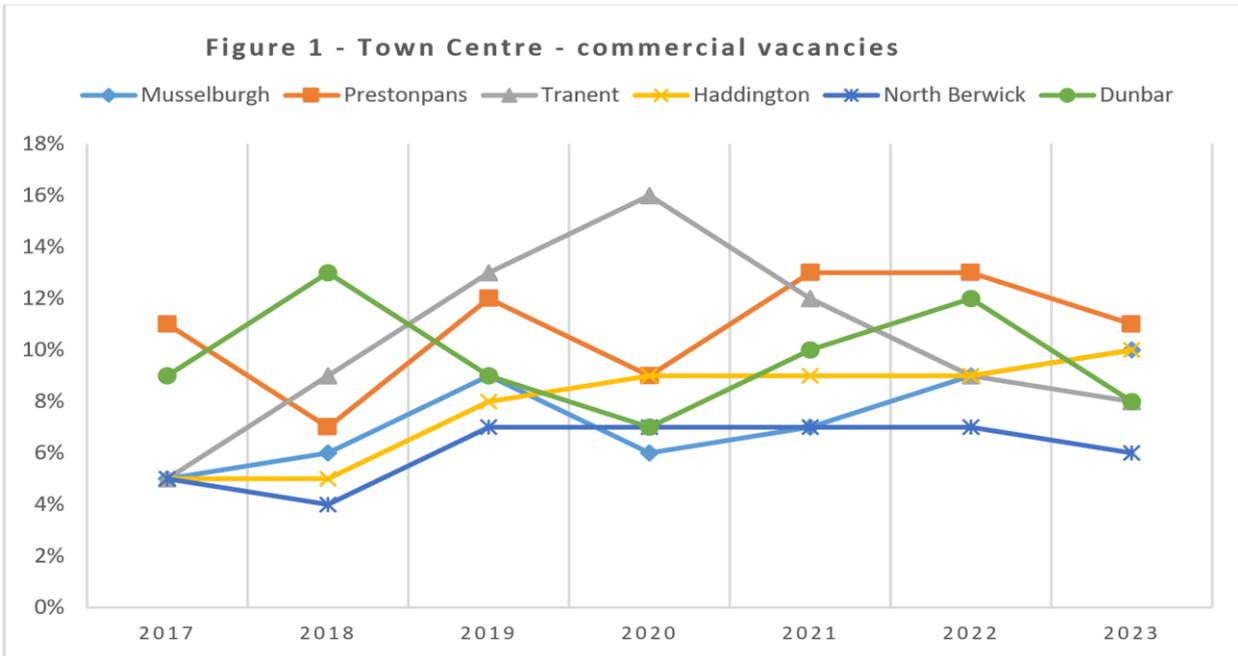


## Local High Streets

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.

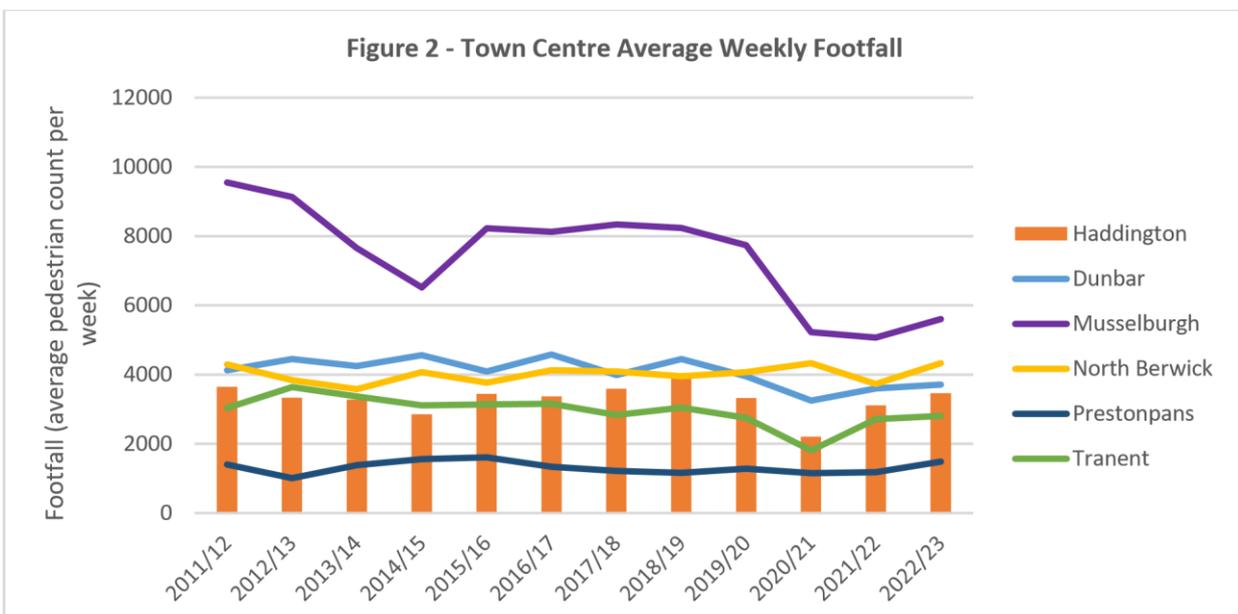
Vacancy rates (measured as a percentage of available retail units in the area) are a key indicator of the ‘health’ of local High Streets.

**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)**

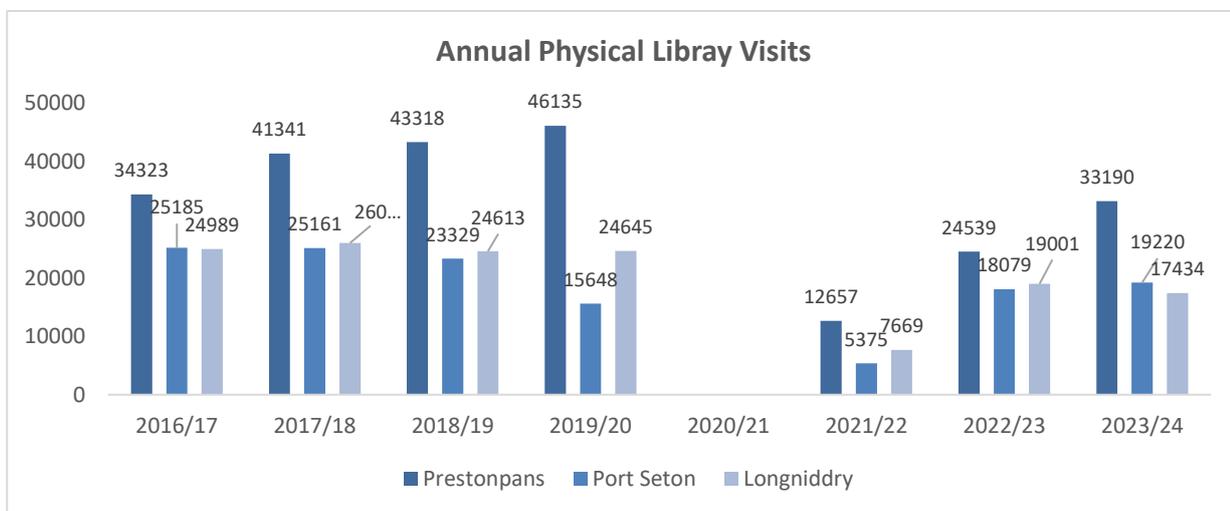


## Library Visits

There are three East Lothian Council Libraries located across the Preston Seton Gosford area – Prestonpans Library, Port Seton and Longniddry Library. East Lothian Council’s usage figures show that:

- Despite increasing over the last 3 years, visits to Prestonpans Library are below the pre covid levels, with the 33,190 visits in 2023/24 being 28% lower than the 46,135 in 2019/20.
- Visits to Port Seton Library in 2023/24 increased by 6% when compared to the previous year. The 19,220 visits in 2023/24 were 23% higher than the 15,648 visits in 2019/20, but were 18% lower than in 2018/19.
- Visits to Longniddry Library in 2023/24 decreased by 8% when compared to the previous year. The 17,434 visits in 2023/24 were 29% lower than the 24,645 visits in 2019/20.

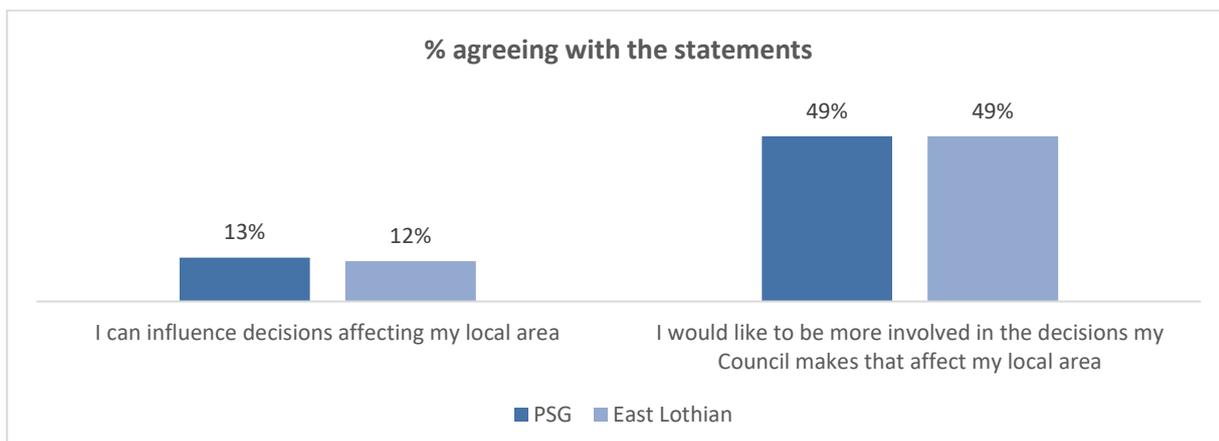
Figure 22 – Annual Physical Library Visits (East Lothian Council)



## 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. 13% of respondents in the ward felt that they could influence decisions in their local area similar to the 12% for East Lothian as a whole. 49% reported that they would like to be more involved in Council decisions affecting their area (East Lothian 49%).

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



## Housing

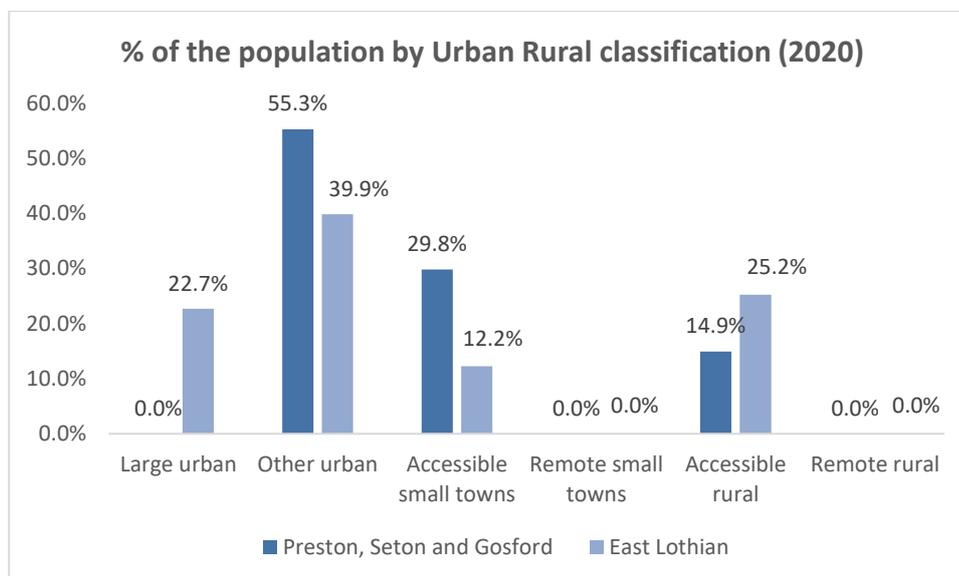
### HEADLINES – Housing

- There were 8,263 dwellings in this ward, equal to 16.9% of the total number of dwellings across East Lothian.
- There were more semi-detached and terraced houses in this ward when compared to East Lothian as a whole.
- Median house prices in this ward were the second lowest in East Lothian.
- More houses in this ward had two or three 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 55.3% of the population in the PSG 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 )**



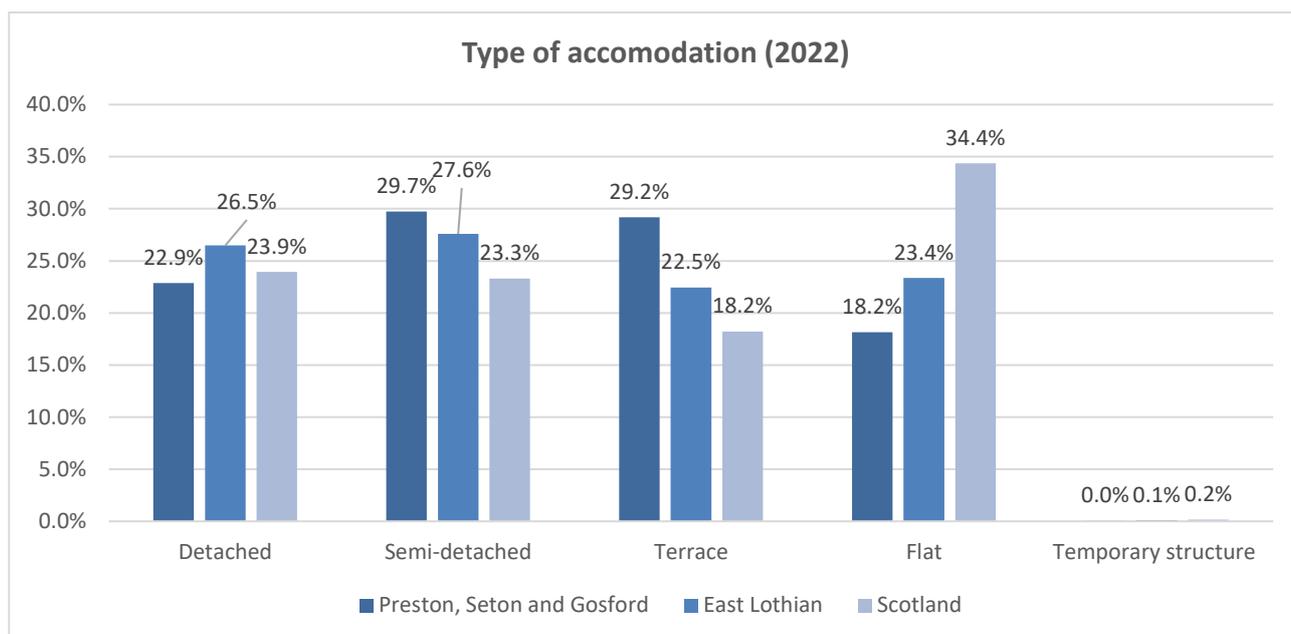
[Supporting documents - Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

- *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

There were 8,263 dwellings in Preston Seton Gosford, equal to 16.9% of the total number of dwellings across East Lothian. There were more semi-detached and terraced houses in this ward when compared to East Lothian as a whole.

**Figure 25 – Housing Type (Scotland's census 2022)**



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

98% of the dwellings in the PSG ward were occupied.

**Table 23 – Occupied/Vacant & Second dwellings (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 PSG ward there are more dwellings in lower Council tax bands when compared to East Lothian.

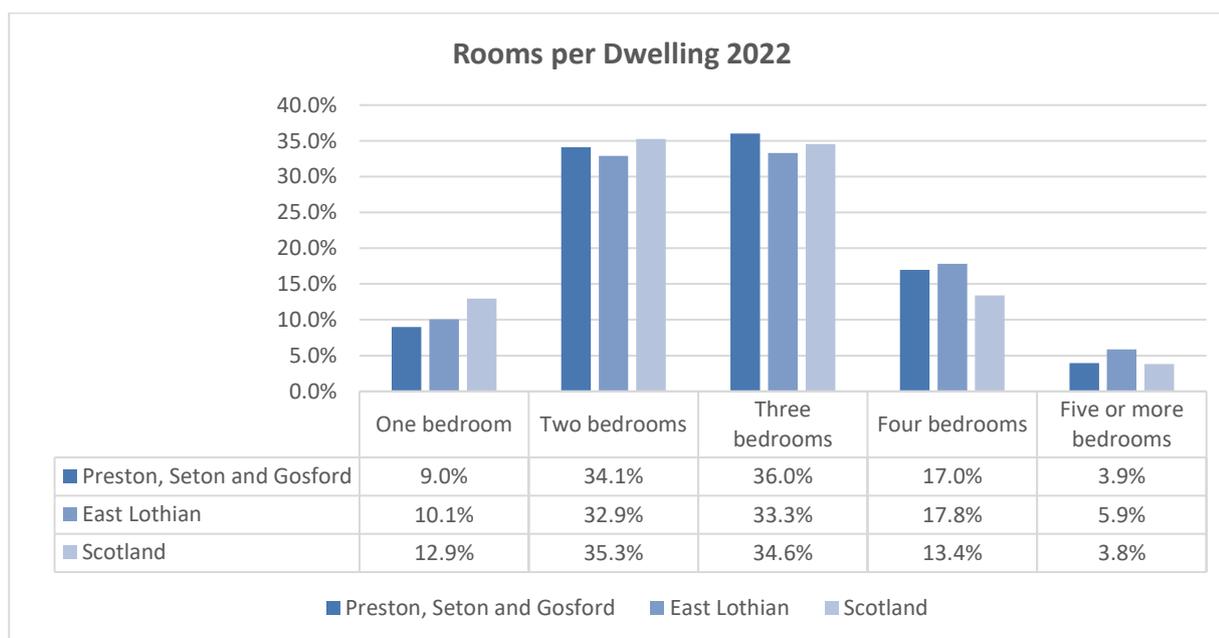
**Table 24– Dwellings by Council Tax Band (National Records of Scotland)**

<b>% of Dwellings by Council tax band (2023)</b>				
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Bands A-C</b>	<b>Bands D-E</b>	<b>Bands F-H</b>	<b>Total Dwellings</b>
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%
<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>49.7%</b>	<b>27.1%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>58.7%</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Figure 26 shows that there are more two and three bedroom properties in this ward 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 this ward has a higher percentage of social rent dwellings when compared to East Lothian and Scotland.

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



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Table 25 shows that 1847 (21%) of East Lothian’s council stock households are in the PSG ward (The PSG ward has the same boundary as the Area Partnership).

**Table 25 – Council Housing Stock**

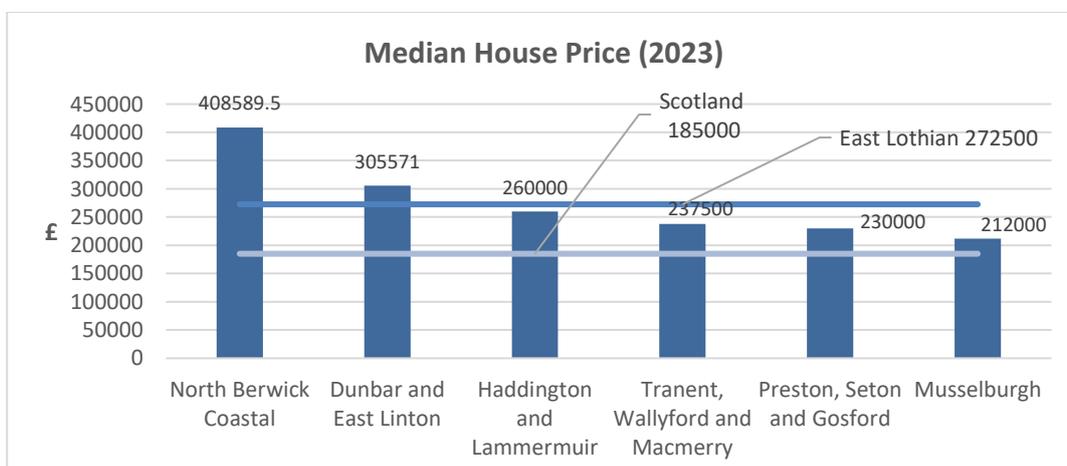
Area Partnership	Council Housing Stock No.	Council Housing Stock %
Dunbar & East Linton	949	10.8%
Fa'side	2121	24.2%
Haddington & Lammermuir	1117	12.7%
Musselburgh	2099	23.9%
North Berwick Coastal	645	7.3%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	1847	21.0%
East Lothian	8778	100.0%

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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 the PSG ward were the second lowest in East Lothian.

**Figure 28 - ESPC House Sales 2012 (Scottish Govt.)**

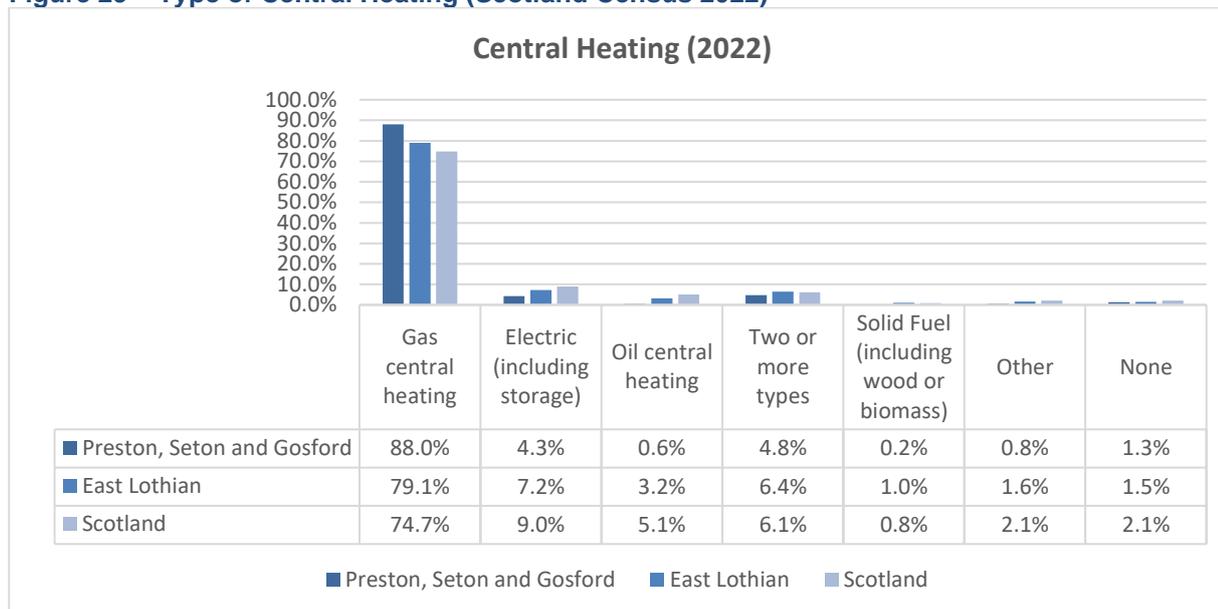


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## Central Heating

Figure 29 shows that more households in the PSG ward had gas central heating when compared to East Lothian and Scotland.

**Figure 29 – Type of Central Heating (Scotland 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.

28.8% of households in the PSG Area Partnership are classed as being fuel poor, higher 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%).

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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 \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

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

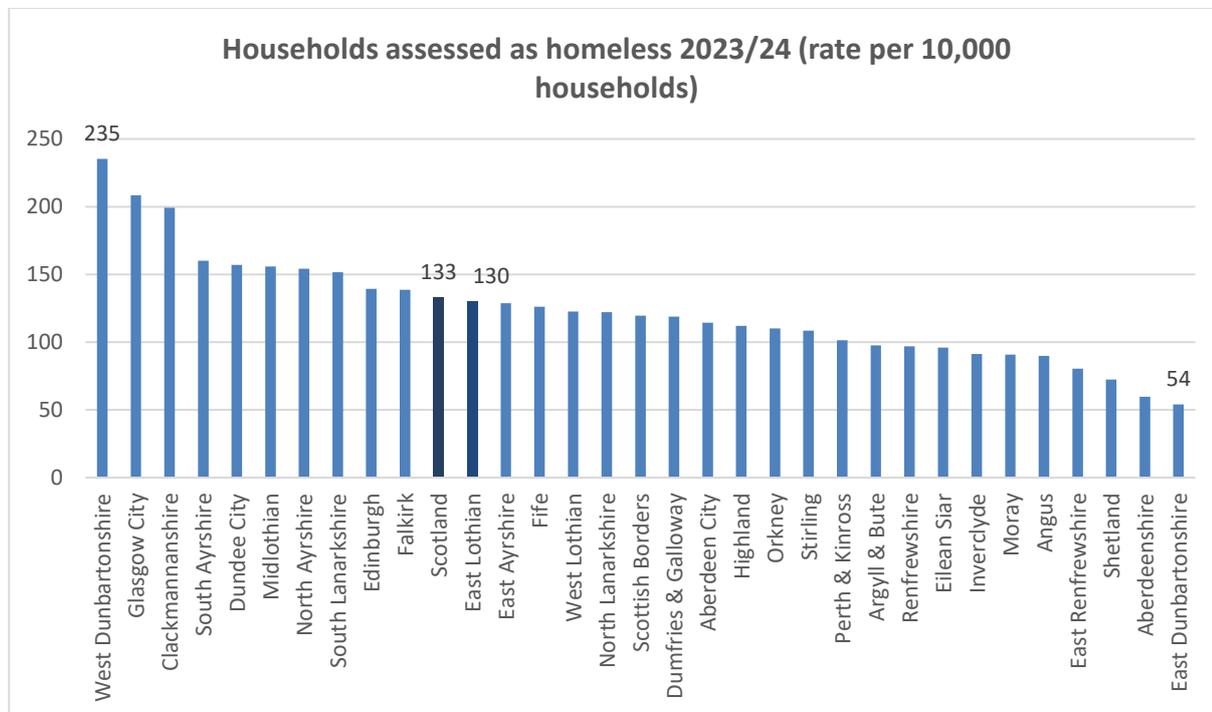
	% of Households Fuel Poor					
	Age of dwelling		House or flat		Number of bedrooms	
	Pre-1945	Post 1945	House	Flat	2 or fewer	3+
East Lothian	20%	26%	27%	15%	23%	25%
Scotland	26%	24%	21%	30%	29%	20%

[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.

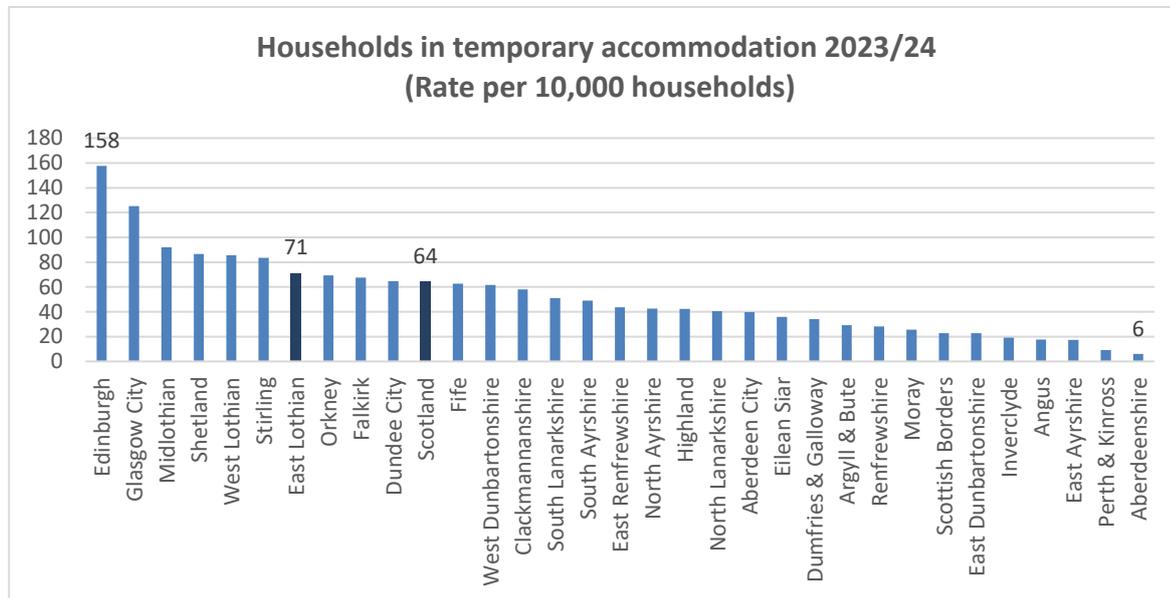
**Figure 30 – Households assessed as homeless per 10,000 households (Scot.Gov)**



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

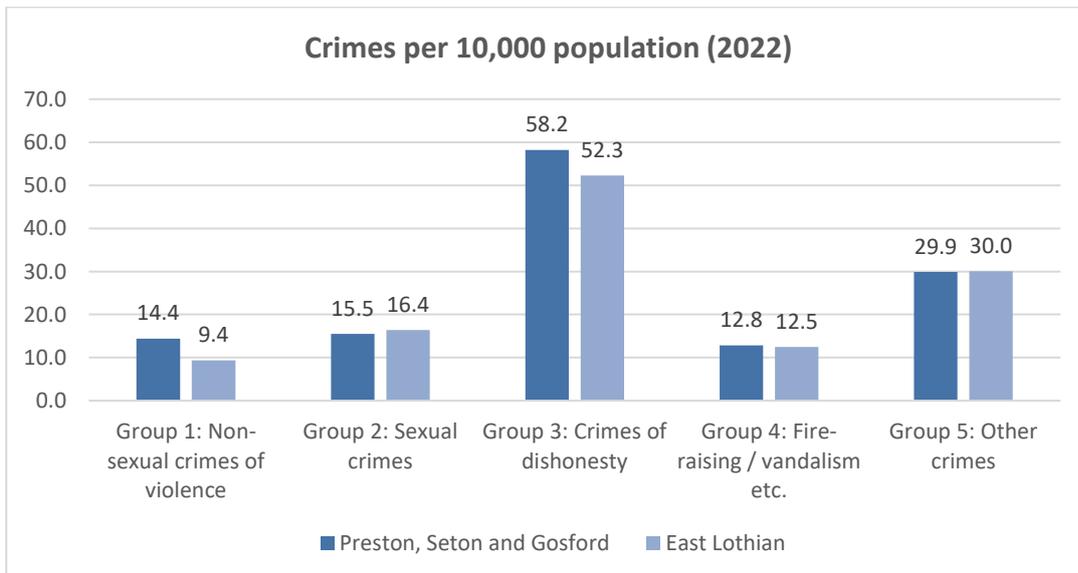
### HEADLINES – Crime and Safety

- Levels of crime in the PSG ward were above the East Lothian rate for non-sexual crimes of violence, crimes of dishonesty and fireraising/vandalism.
- 3 data zones in this ward are within the 20% most affected by the SIMD 2020 crime categories in Scotland.
- 27% 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.
- 72% of residents reported that they felt safe walking alone after dark in their area “a great deal or a fair amount, the same as the figure for East Lothian.
- The majority of respondents in this ward (62%) said that seeing police officers in the community makes them feel safer, lower than the 69% for East Lothian.
- This ward had a lower number of accidental fires and a higher number of non accidental fires when compared to East Lothian.

### Reported Crimes in the Ward

Figure 32 shows the level of crimes in this ward were above the East Lothian rate for non-sexual crimes of violence, crimes of dishonesty and fireraising/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)

### SIMD 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.

3 data zones in Preston Seton Gosford are within the 20% most affected by crime in Scotland. 1 of which is amongst the 10% most affected by crime in Scotland

5 data zones in the ward are within the 20% least affected by crime in Scotland. 3 of which are in the 10% least affected by crime in Scotland

**Table 28 - SIMD Crime Domain**

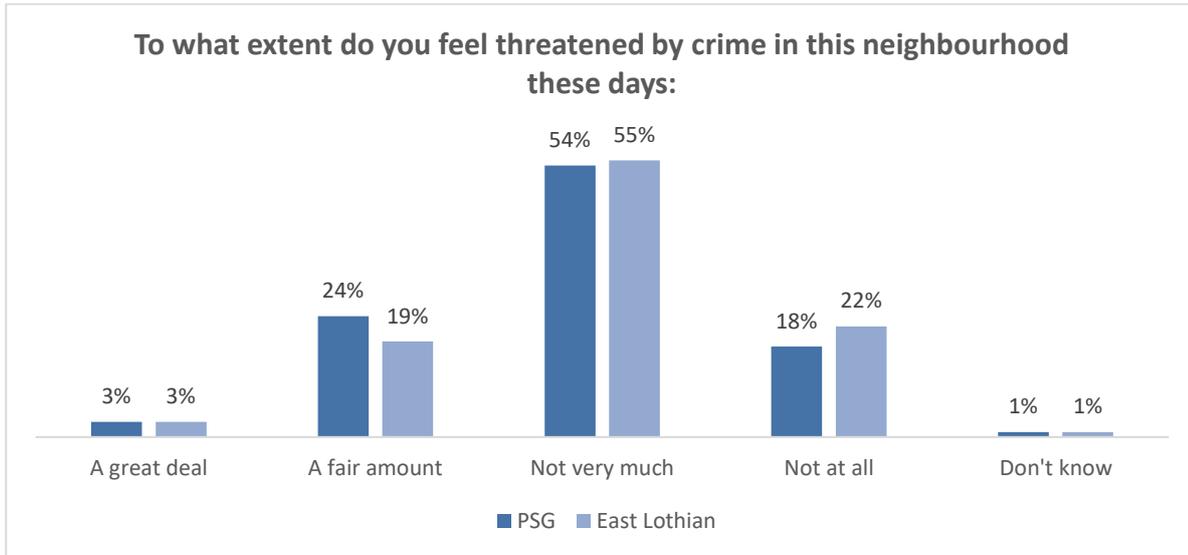
Data_Zone	Data Zone Name	SIMD2020 Crime rank	SIMD2016 Crime rank	East Lothian 2020 Crime rank
S01008203	High St East / Robertson Av	225	432	2
S01008204	West Lo / East Lo / Mercat Gait	938	3191	8
S01008198	Pennypit / South Grange Av	1075	1942	9
S01008200	Inchview North / Prestongrange Terr	1616	2934	16
S01008199	Cuthill / North Bank Rd	1629	1818	17
S01008217	Seton Mains / Seton Sands / Longniddry Bents	1786	2272	20
S01008214	Links Rd / Golf Dr	2111	2882	28
S01008211	High St / Gosford Rd	2400	3109	35
S01008201	High St West / Rope Wk	2715	1292	41
S01008207	Preston Cr / Middleshot Sq	2955	3410	46
S01008202	Harlawhill / Infant Sch	3213	3461	51
S01008208	Preston Lodge / Cameron Way / Struan Wy	3296	4278	52
S01008205	Shaw Rd / Gardiner Cr / Bankton Terr	3388	3725	55
S01008206	Polwarth Cr / Preston Rd / Shaw Rd	3634	3281	58
S01008242	Longniddry East / Spittal	4024	5666	70
S01008197	Prestonfields / Mid Road	4098	6312	72
S01008215	Fishers Rd / Castle Wk / Longcraigs	4213	4531	74
S01008210	Cockenzie	4357	3345	75
S01008241	Longniddry West / Kings Rd	5563	6018	98
S01008213	South Seton Pk / Alder Rd	5676	6760	102
S01008240	Longniddry South / St Germain's / Redcoll	5944	4963	108
S01008212	Cedar Dr / Rowanhill	6441	6935	123
S01008209	Appin Dr / Atholl Vw	6449	5237	124
S01008216	Forths / Links Vw / Setons	6700	6935	127

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

### Fear of Crime

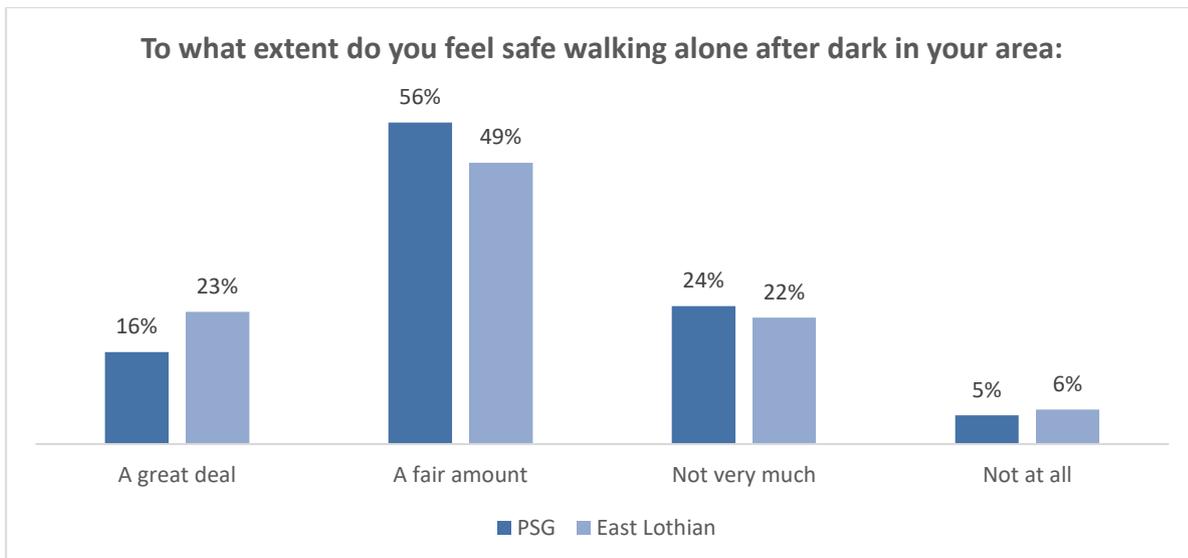
People's fear of crime does not always reflect the actual rate of crime occurring in their local areas. The East Lothian Resident Survey (2024) asked 'To what extent do you feel threatened by crime in your neighbourhood these days?' Figure 33 shows that 27% of adult residents in the PSG ward felt threatened 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)**



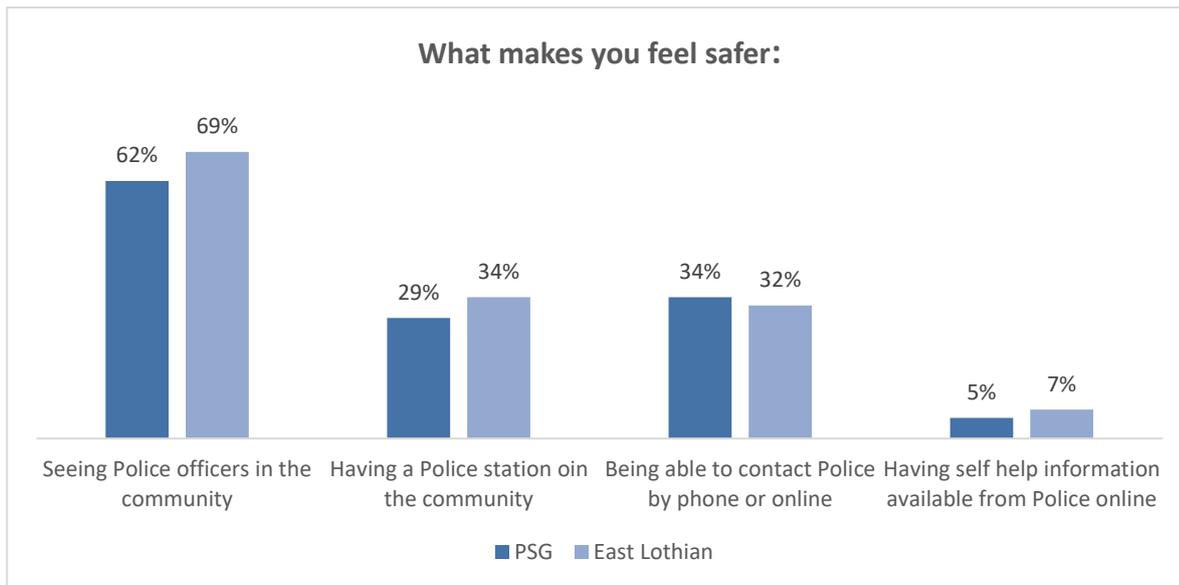
The East Lothian Resident Survey (2024) asked residents how safe they felt walking alone at night in their neighbourhood. 72% of PSG residents reported that they felt safe “a great deal or a fair amount, the same as the figure for East Lothian as a whole.

**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 (62%) said that seeing police officers in the community makes them feel safer, less than the 69% for East Lothian as a whole.

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



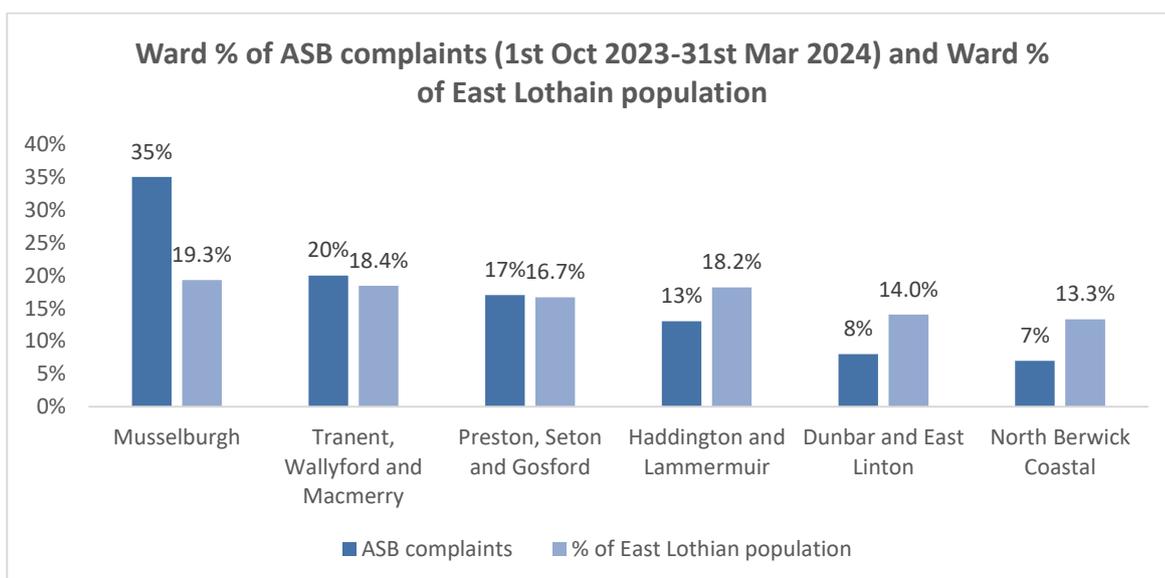
**Anti-Social Behaviour**

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) covers a range of incidents reported to the police and East Lothian Council’s Anti-Social Behaviour 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 the PSG ward had a similar percentage of complaints relative to its share of the population.

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

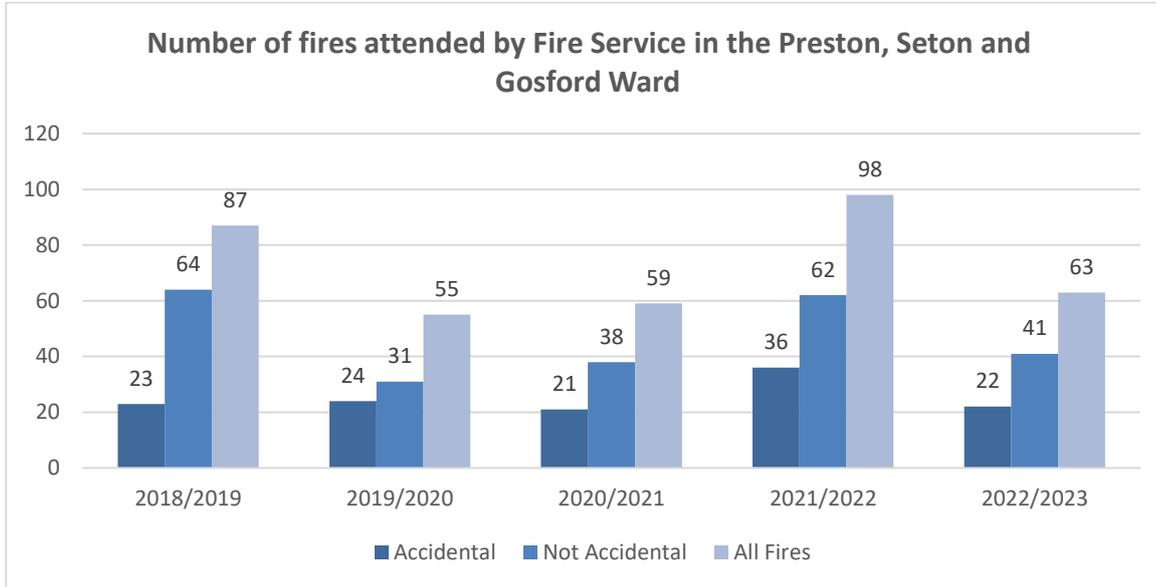


### Fire incidences across the ward

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 All fires decreased by 35.7% in 2022/23.

Figure 37 - Incidences requiring Fire Service attendance [statistics.gov.scot](https://statistics.gov.scot)

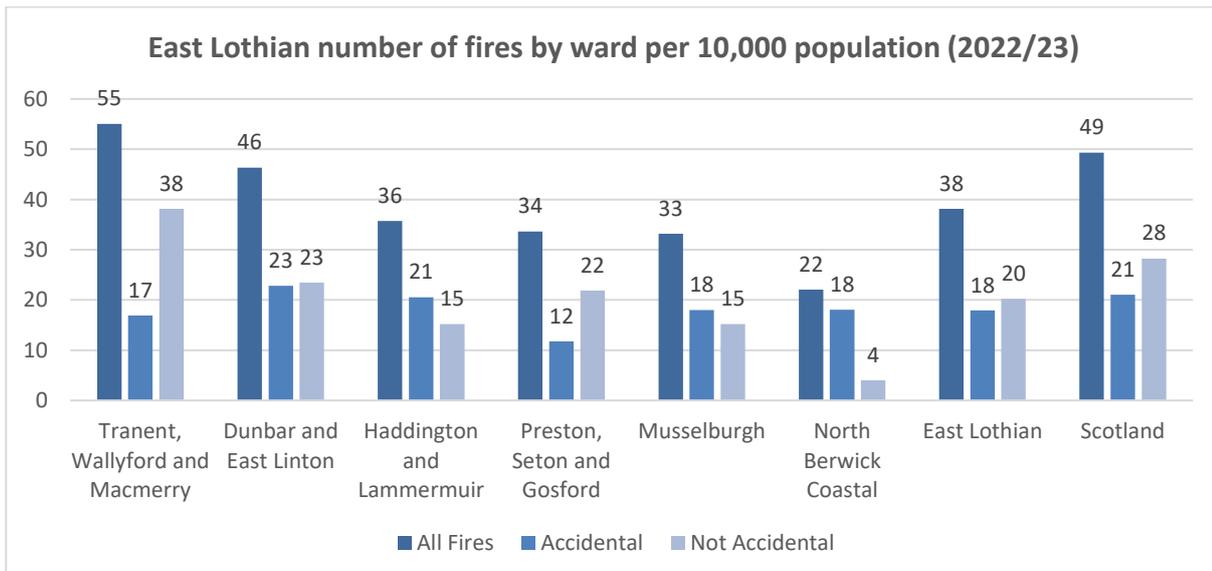


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Figure 38 shows the number of fires per 10,000 population in East Lothian in 2022/23

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

- 31.5% of people in the PSG ward work from home (East Lothian 33.9%).
- 25.1% of commuters in this ward travelled between 10km to less than 20 km to their place of work or study, higher than the East Lothian figure of 16.2%.
- 47.9% of commuters in this ward drive to work (East Lothian 44.5%)
- No data zones in this ward are within the 20% most access deprived in Scotland.

The East Lothian Residents Survey 2021 showed that 95% of respondents in the PSG ward had a car/light van in the household (East Lothian 90%).

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

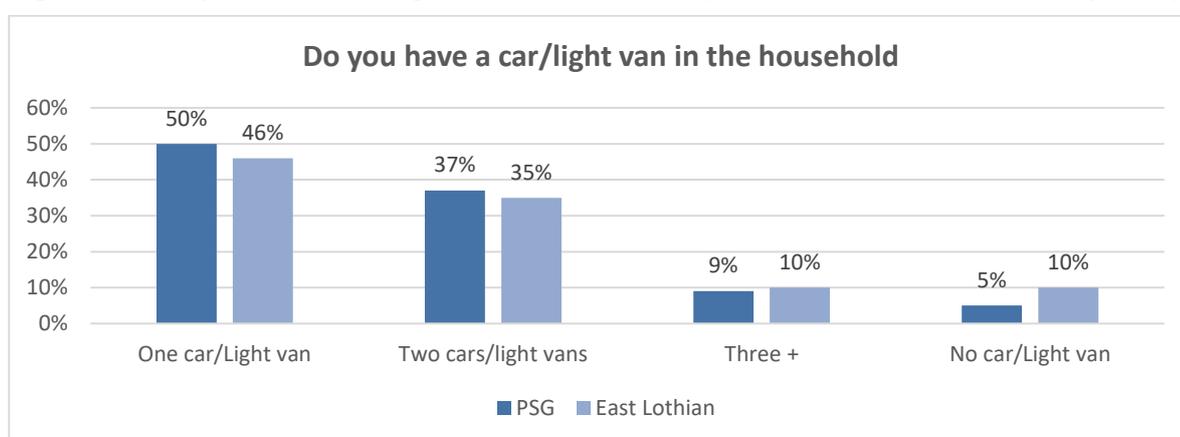
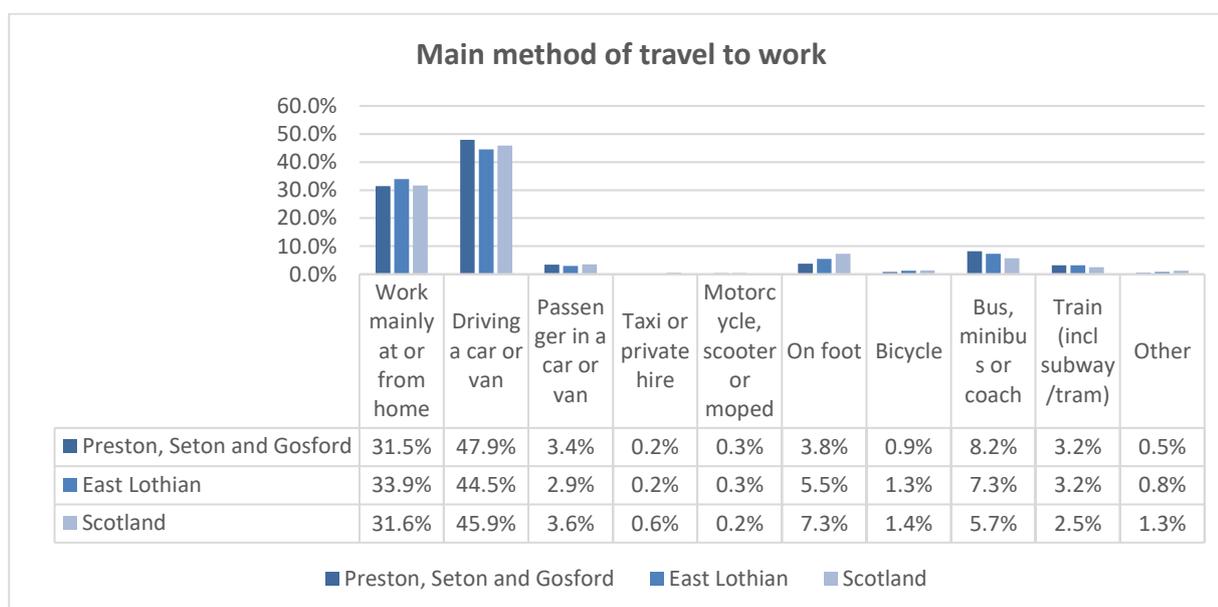


Figure 40 shows that a less people in this ward worked from home than across East Lothian as a whole. Driving a car/van was the most common mode of transport (47.9%) higher than the 44.5% for East Lothian. More people in this ward commuted by bus when compared to East Lothian.

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

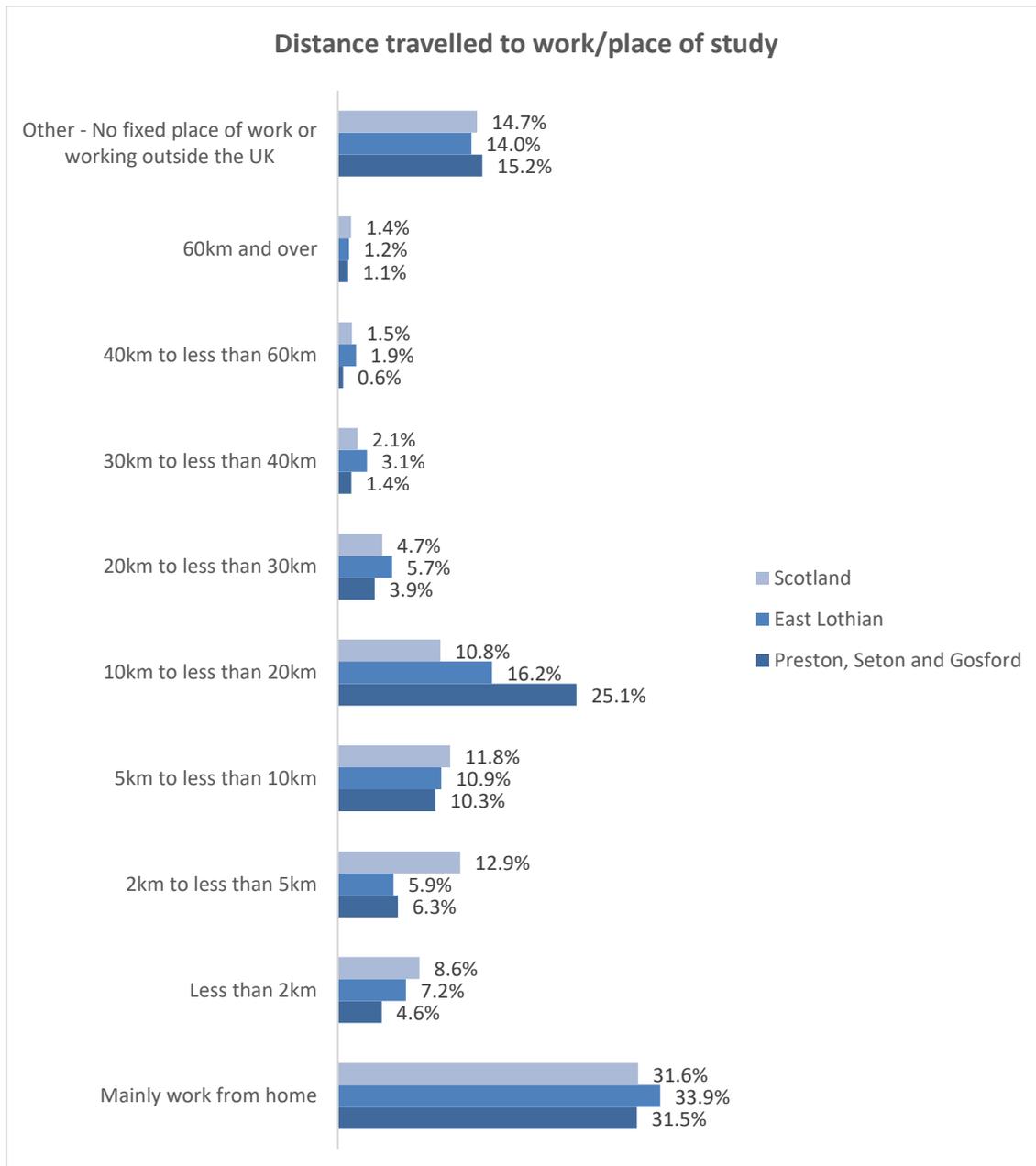


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Figure 41 shows that:

- 25.1% of commuters in this ward travelled between 10km to less than 20 km to their place of work or study, higher than the East Lothian figure of 16.2%, suggesting that these commuters travel to Edinburgh.
- 31.5% of people worked from home (East Lothian 33.9%).
- 15.2% 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

### 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.

No data zones in the PSG ward are amongst the 20% most access deprived data zones in Scotland.

9 data zones in Preston Seton Gosford are in the 20% least deprived in Scotland, 5 of which are in the 10% least deprived in Scotland.

**Table 29 - Access Deprivation (SIMD 2020)**

Data Zone	Data Zone Name	SIMD2016 Access Rank	SIMD2020 Access Rank	East Lothian Access rank 2020
S01008240	Longniddry South / St Germain's / Redcoll	1630	1414	31
S01008217	Seton Mains / Seton Sands / Longniddry Bents	1638	1428	33
S01008241	Longniddry West / Kings Rd	1256	2182	55
S01008212	Cedar Dr / Rowanhill	2159	2398	58
S01008213	South Seton Pk / Alder Rd	2446	2670	64
S01008216	Forths / Links Vw / Setons	2903	2786	68
S01008242	Longniddry East / Spittal	3356	3155	74
S01008215	Fishers Rd / Castle Wk / Longcraigs	3061	3434	77
S01008209	Appin Dr / Atholl Vw	3462	3889	88
S01008208	Preston Lodge / Cameron Way / Struan Wy	3980	4433	94
S01008207	Preston Cr / Middleshot Sq	4558	4784	101
S01008214	Links Rd / Golf Dr	4516	4946	102
S01008197	Prestonfields / Mid Road	4806	5164	104
S01008199	Cuthill / North Bank Rd	4566	5182	105
S01008200	Inchview North / Prestongrange Terr	4888	5210	106
S01008202	Harlawhill / Infant Sch	5490	5674	115
S01008210	Cockenzie	5406	5882	116
S01008203	High St East / Robertson Av	6578	6002	117
S01008211	High St / Gosford Rd	5969	6139	121
S01008198	Pennypit / South Grange Av	5955	6290	124
S01008205	Shaw Rd / Gardiner Cr / Bankton Terr	6421	6435	125
S01008206	Polwarth Cr / Preston Rd / Shaw Rd	6347	6497	126
S01008204	West Lo / East Lo / Mercat Gait	6474	6768	129
S01008201	High St West / Rope Wk	6707	6813	130

## Environment

### HEADLINES – Environment

- 84% of respondents in the ward (East Lothian 77%) reported that they understood what action they should take to help tackle climate control.
- 63% 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.

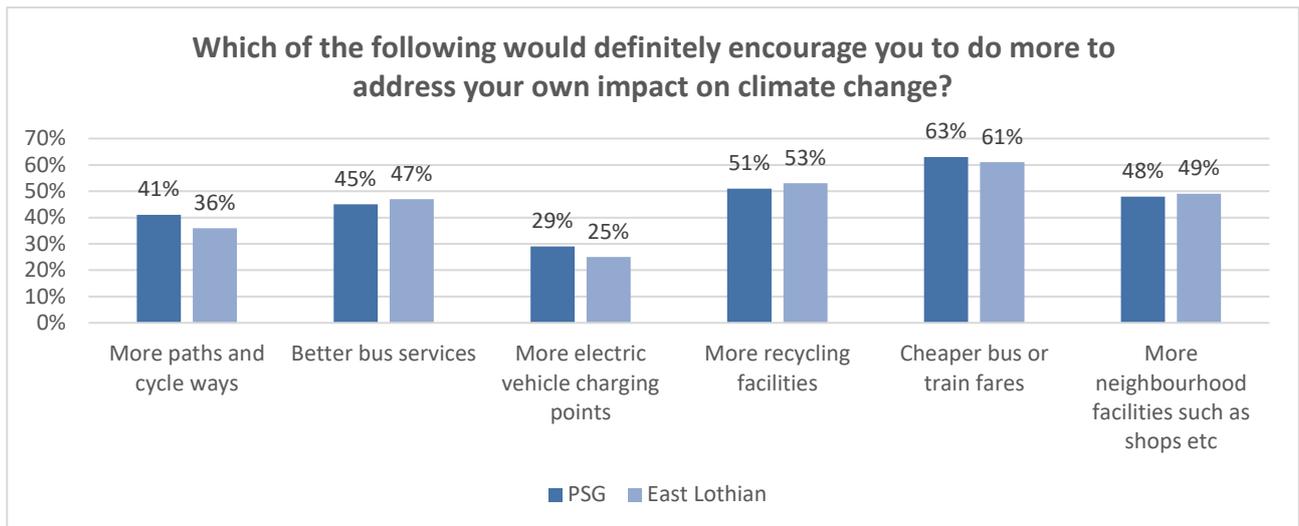
Table 30 shows that 84% of respondents in the PSG ward reported that they understood what action they should take to help tackle climate control, higher than the 77% for East Lothian as a whole.

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

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?	Agree/Disagree	PSG	East Lothian
It's not worth me doing things to help the environment if others don't do the same	% agree	26%	22%
	% disagree	62%	67%
I don't believe my behaviour and everyday lifestyle contribute to climate change	% agree	31%	25%
	% disagree	55%	58%
Climate change will only have an impact on other countries, there is no need for me to worry	% agree	9%	5%
	% disagree	84%	87%
I understand what actions people like myself should take to help tackle climate control	% agree	84%	77%
	% disagree	6%	12%

Figure 42 shows that 63% 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 29% 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 Council Residents Survey 2024)**

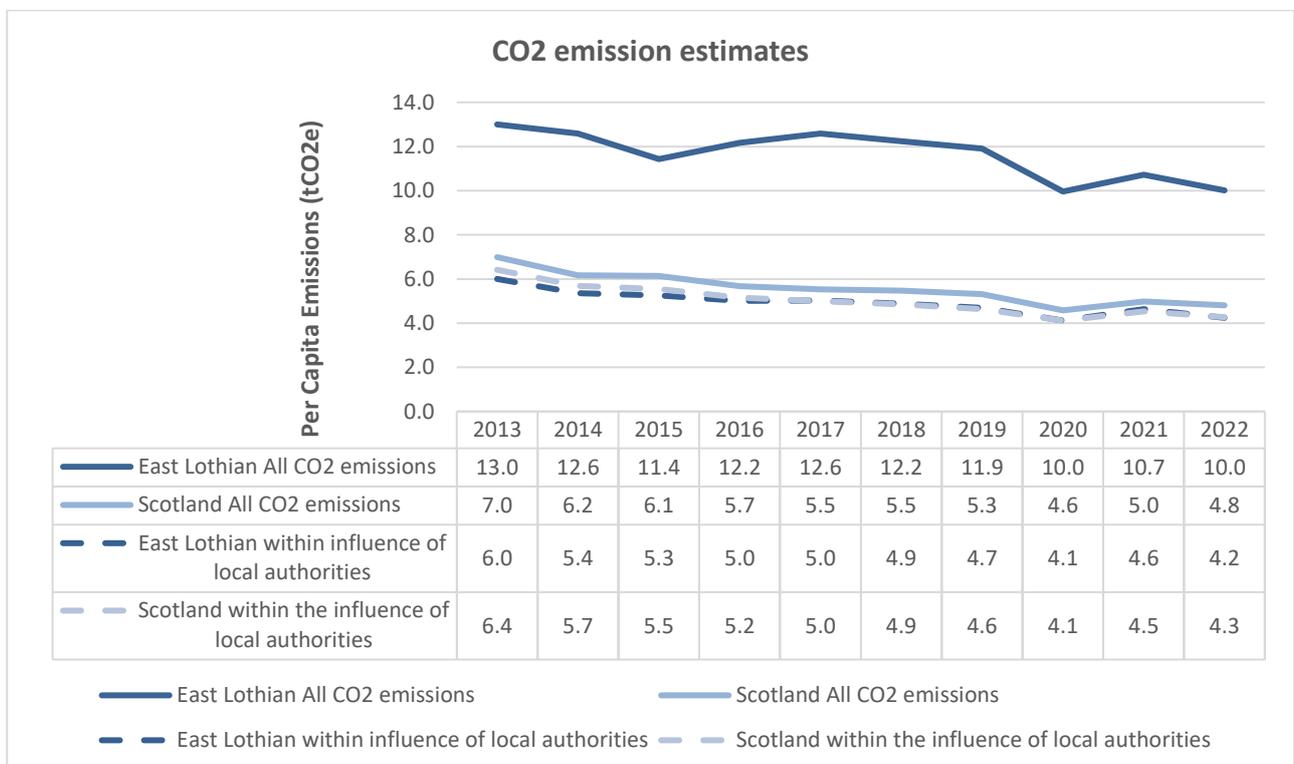


### CO2 Emissions

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 Government 2016)**



[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)

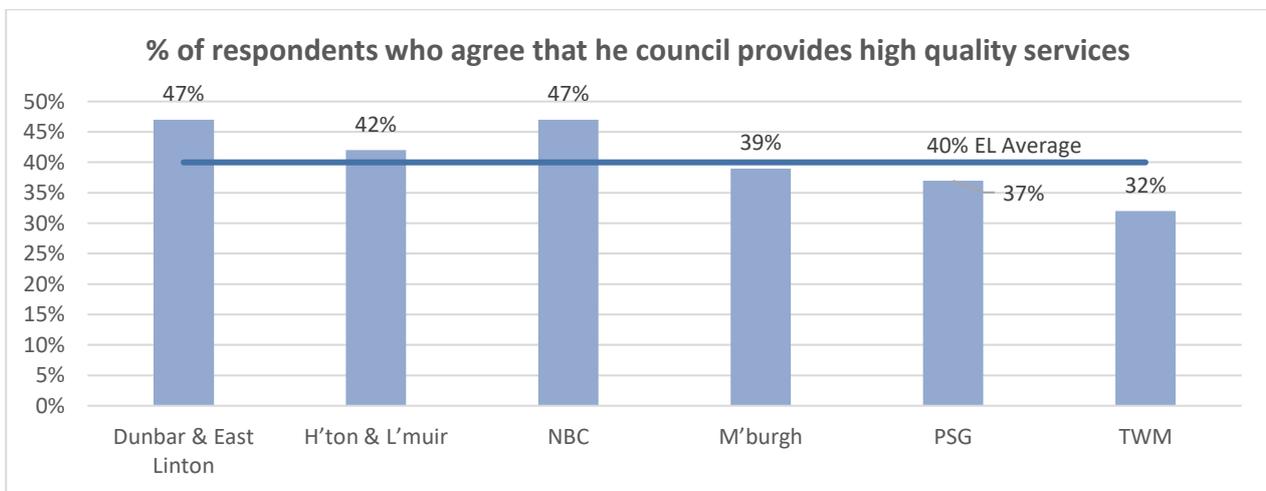
## Perceptions of East Lothian Council & satisfaction with services

### HEADLINES – Perceptions of ELC & satisfaction with services

- 37% of respondents in the PSG ward felt that the council provided a high quality service (East Lothian 40%).
- Residents in the PSG ward expressed higher levels of satisfaction for pharmacies and parks, gardens & open spaces, and lower levels of satisfaction for police and council house repairs.

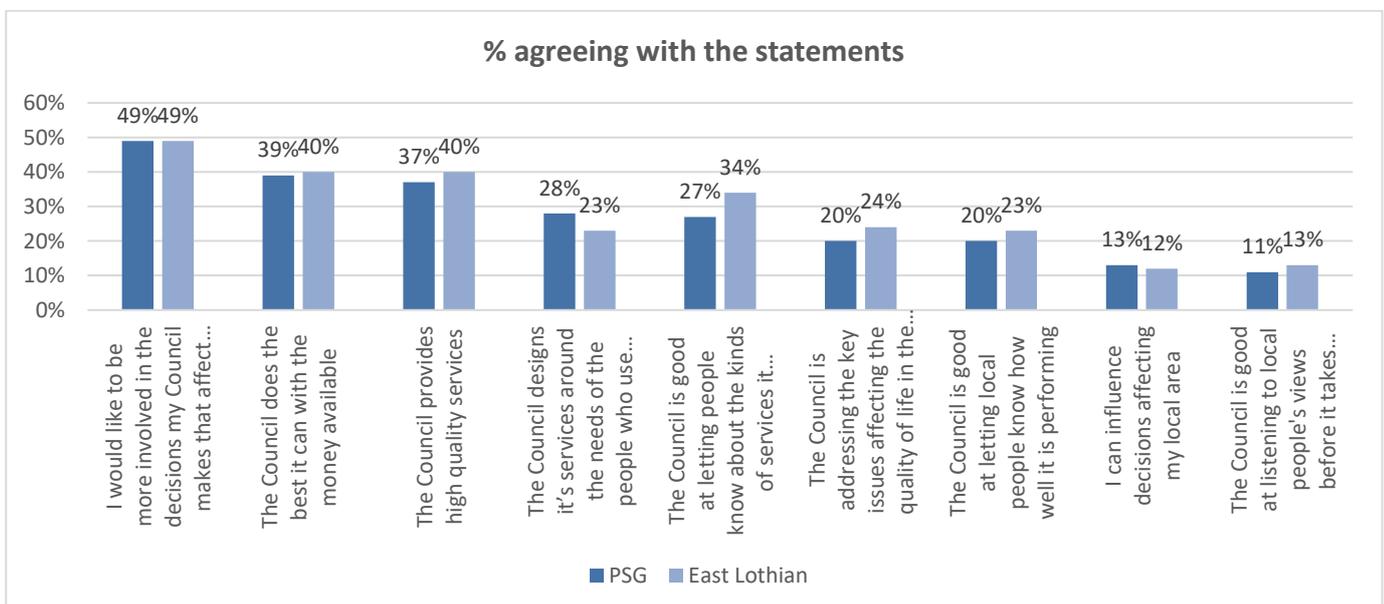
The East Lothian Residents Survey (2024) showed that 37% of respondents in the Preston Seton Gosford ward felt that the council provided a high quality service, compared with the overall East Lothian average of 40%.

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



Respondents were also asked whether they agreed with a range of statements about the Council. PSG residents were most likely to agree that they would like to be more involved in council decisions and least likely to agree that the council was good at listening to people's views before it takes decisions (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 PSG ward expressed higher levels of satisfaction for pharmacies and parks, gardens & open spaces, and lower levels of satisfaction for police and council house repairs.

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

