West Dunbartonshire in Numbers 2026



Our Communities

Population/Migration & Land Area

88,340 Population (2025)

84,231 – 2032 Population Projection (4.7% decrease)

Out Migration 2780 (2025)
In Migration 2570 (2025)

Net Migration = -210 (2025)

159 Sq km Land Area

Households

43,256 households (2025)

68% of Households have access to a car or van (2022)

29% WD Fuel Poverty Level in 2019 (24% Scotland)

Household Tenure (2022)

57.0% Owned
33.8% Social Rented
8.2% Private rented
1% Rent Free

Life Expectancy

Females - 79.7 years (81.1 years Scotland)

Males – 75.0 years (77.2 years Scotland)

Healthy Life Expectancy

Females - 53.0 years (59.4 years Scotland)

Males – 53.2 years (59.1 years Scotland)

Gender & Ethnicity

Females - 51.9%
Males - 48.1%

White Scottish - 89.4%
White Other British – 4.4%
White Irish – 1.1%
White Polish – 0.8%
Mixed Ethnic Group – 0.7%
Other Ethnic Group – 3.6%

Age Profile

0 to 15 – 16.5%
16 – 24 – 9.7%
25 – 44 – 24.9%
45 – 64 – 27.4%
65 – 74 – 12.2%
75 plus – 9.3%

Satisfaction

75% respondents thought WD was a good place to live (Citizen Panel 2026)

Education

93% of young people moved onto a positive destination after finishing school (24/25)

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Our Environment

Parks and Greenspaces	Household Recycling	C02 Emissions
4000 hectares of greenspace including 9 public/community parks 1.6 million visits to WDC parks with 68% satisfaction level (WDC Citizens Panel 2026)	38.2% of WDC Household waste was recycled 24/25 (Scotland 44.3%) Electric Cars WDC operate 12 public electric charging points	3.52 tonnes of C02 created per capita in WDC 24/25 (Scotland 4.29) 65% emissions are from commercial, industrial and transport sources, 35% from domestic sources

Our Economy

Enterprises	Labour Market	Employment
1825 active enterprises in WD (2026) 86.3% enterprises are Micro business's (less than 10 employees)	Gross weekly wages £737 (2025) Economically Active 74.8% (Jul 25 – Jun 26) Claimant Count 3.8% (Sept 2026)	Total Jobs 31,000 Full time – 20,000 Part time – 11,000 39% Jobs within Public Sector 2024 (Scotland 24%)
Largest Job Sectors	**Housing Market**	**WDC Council Tax Bands**
25.8% Health & Social Work 12.9% Wholesale/Retail 9.7% Public and Defence 9.7% Education 9.7% Manufacturing 8.1% Hospitality	£140k Median House Price, 25/26, (Scotland £198k) 1526 residential property sales (25/26)	A (16.1%) E (10.7%) B (36.7%) F (3.9%) C (17.0%) G (1.8%) D (13.6%) H (0.2%)

Our Council

Workforce	Commuting	Sex/Age Profile
5350 Full/Part time Employees 15.8% Employee Turnover 2025/26 5.5% Employee Absence 2025/26	69% employees live within WDC, 31% live outside WDC Satisfaction 49% overall satisfaction with Council services (WDC Citizens Panel 2026)	75% Female / 25% Male Age band % Workforce 16 – 24 = 3.6% 25 – 44 = 41.6% 45 – 64 = 49.8% 65 – 74 = 4.7% 75 plus = 0.4%