

Population Projections of 2018 – 2023

The population of Midlothian as of mid-2018 is around 91,000. Just over 80% of residents are aged 16 and over, meaning that approximately 74,000 people are eligible to vote in council elections.

Using the draft 2017/18 Housing Land Audit, we can expect the following numbers of residences to be built in Midlothian's Council wards between now and mid-2023:

- Penicuik: 251
- Bonnyrigg: 565
- Dalkeith: 1,144
- Midlothian West: 1,420
- Midlothian East: 633
- Midlothian South: 1,145.

Average household size in Midlothian (and Scotland in general) is expected to decline, from 2.30 in 2018 to 2.28 by 2023, meaning that residences built in the future will yield slightly lower numbers of eligible voters. Considering this alongside the expected housing completions as listed above provides the population projections shown in the following table.

Ward	Mid-2018 Population Aged 16 and Over	Projected Mid-2023 Population Aged 16 and Over	Increase in Population Aged 16 and Over, Mid-2018 to Mid-2023	% Increase in Population Aged 16 and Over, Mid-2018 to Mid-2023
Penicuik	11,570	12,046	476	4.0%
Bonnyrigg	14,661	15,695	1,034	6.6%
Dalkeith	10,578	12,681	2,103	16.6%
Midlothian West	12,870	15,555	2,685	17.3%
Midlothian East	13,193	14,351	1,158	8.1%
Midlothian South	11,168	13,268	2,100	15.8%

Notes on Methodology

- Base population figures for ward populations and the number of people aged 16 and over living in them are from National Records of Scotland (NRS) mid-2016 population estimates. These were used to calculate the percentage of each ward's population aged 16 and over.
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- Housing sites that had units completed on them over the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years were identified from previous year's Housing Land Audits (HLA) together with which ward they were in. The number of completed units was multiplied by NRS figures for average household size. The resulting figure was then multiplied by the percentage of people in each ward that were aged 16 and over, which allowed the number of eligible voters in each ward as of mid-2018 to be obtained.
- Housing sites that were due to have completions on them by 2023 were then identified alongside which ward they were located in. The number of expected home completions for each site were multiplied by NRS projections of average household size. The resulting figures were then multiplied by the percentage of these new residents that were expected to be aged 16 and over.