Wishaw Community Profile

The Wishaw Community board is made up of 2 wards – Wishaw and Murdostoun, 9 intermediate datazones and 52 datazones.

Population

The 2019 population for the Wishaw Community Board area was 36,410.

Age group as % of total population			
	Wishaw	NLC	Scotland
0-15	17.3%	18.4%	16.9%
16-64	63.7%	64.3%	64.0%
65+	19.0%	17.3%	19.1%

Households and Housing

In 2018, there were 17,139 dwellings in Wishaw area

- 40% of occupied households are single adult households
- 2% of the area's housing stock are empty or vacant
- Flats account for 38% of the housing stock in Wishaw ward
- Terraced houses dominate the housing stock in Murdostoun
- Owner occupation is the dominant tenure, at 54% in Wishaw ward and 64% in Murdostoun. The national average is 63%



Labour Market

Deprivation

Across the community board, around 6,000 people are income deprived, 16% of the board population.

- 30 of the 52 datazones have a higher percentage of income deprivation than the council average of 15% and 34 have a higher percentage than the Scottish average of 12%
- 2,945 (12.5%) working age people are employment deprived, this is 11% across North Lanarkshire and 9% in Scotland
- 8 of the 15 primary schools in the Wishaw Community Board area have a higher percentage of pupils in years P4-P7 receiving free school meals than the North Lanarkshire (19%) average and 9 have a higher percentage than the Scottish average (17%).
- All 3 secondary schools in the area are above the North Lanarkshire average for secondary schools (14%).



The maps below show levels of education deprivation across the board area

Older People

In Wishaw Community Board, Wishaw South and Wishaw North intermediate datazones have the highest percentage of older people in receipt of Attendance Allowance. All areas are above the Scottish average.





Pension Credit is awarded to older people to bring their weekly income up to a minimum level and is a good indicator to gauge low income levels in the older population.

In Wishaw, the two wards have pension credit rates on and below the North Lanarkshire average, and both are higher than the Scottish average of 14%.



Culture

In Wishaw schools in 2018, 38 languages were spoken in the student body of 5,500 pupils. After English (5,040), the most common languages included:

- Polish
- Punjabi
- Urdu
- Scots
- Cantonese

- Malayalam
- Spanish
- French
- Italian
- Malayalam

- German
- Gaelic (Scottish)
- Czech
- Igbo
- German