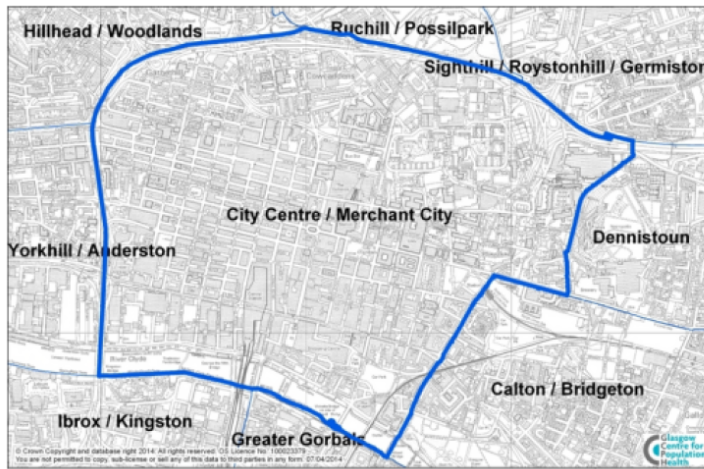


Children and young people’s profile - City Centre and Merchant City

City Centre and Merchant City has a population of 12,202 children and young people (aged 0–24 years).



Neighbourhood comparisons with Glasgow

In this area 18–24-year-olds account for 44% of the population, but under-18s only make up 6% of the population. In this area 35% of people aged under-25 come from minority ethnic backgrounds. The percentage of children living in relative poverty (41%) is 54% higher than the Glasgow average. Life expectancy is lower in 2022 for both sexes than the Glasgow and Scottish averages.

Group	Indicator	Time period	Count	Rate	Difference from Glasgow	Difference from Glasgow (% , years)	
Demography	Population aged 0–4	2024	449	1.8%	-60.4%		
	Population aged 5–11	2024	590	2.4%	-64.1%		
	Population aged 12–17	2024	464	1.9%	-67.3%		
	Population aged 18–24	2024	10,699	43.6%	+259.2%		
	Live births**	2024	97	4.0	-58.0%		
	Under-25s from minority ethnic backgrounds	2022	3,920	35.4%	+22.2%		
Infant health	Infants who sleep in the supine position	2022-24	240	98.4%	+0.2%		
	Babies exposed to second-hand smoke	2022-24	9	3.3%	-44.6%		
	Babies born small for gestational age	2022-24	17	5.6%	-8.0%		
	Babies exclusively breast-fed at 6–8 weeks	2024	33	37.9%	+17.1%		
	Babies born before 37 weeks	2022-24	25	8.3%	-3.9%		
	Primary carer smoking at health visitor’s first visit	2022-24	23	8.4%	-27.6%		
Crime & safety	Emergency hospital admissions due to assault**	2020-24	16	0.3	-33.4%		
	Emergency hospital admissions due to unintentional injuries**	2020-24	40	0.7	-82.1%		
Learning	Children with communication delay at 27–30 months	2022-24	25	14.0%	-20.4%		
	16-19-year-olds not in employment, education or training	2020	121	4.3%	-6.7%		
Socio-economic	Children living in relative poverty	2023	384	41.3%	+54.0%		
	Lone-parent households	2022	483	21.8%	-10.1%		
	Under-25s living in privately-rented or rent-free households	2022	3,557	32.1%	+38.6%		
Health	Under-25s whose day-to-day activities are limited by disability	2022	1,073	9.7%	-16.5%		
	Hospital admissions for dental treatment**	2020-24	22	3.6	-40.4%		
	Hospitalisations under an alcohol-related diagnosis**	2020-24	41	0.8	-31.0%		
	Hospital admissions under a mental health diagnosis**	2020-24	104	2.1	-52.5%		
	Primary 1 children living with obesity or severe obesity	2022-24	14	9.0%	+1.8%		
	Male life expectancy at birth	2022		68.3	-5.3		
	Female life expectancy at birth	2022		77.1	-1.2		

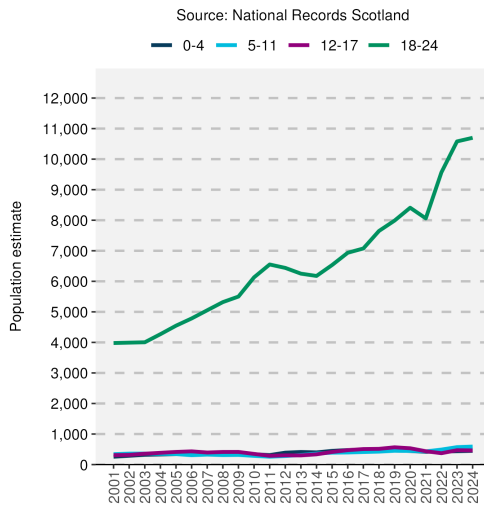
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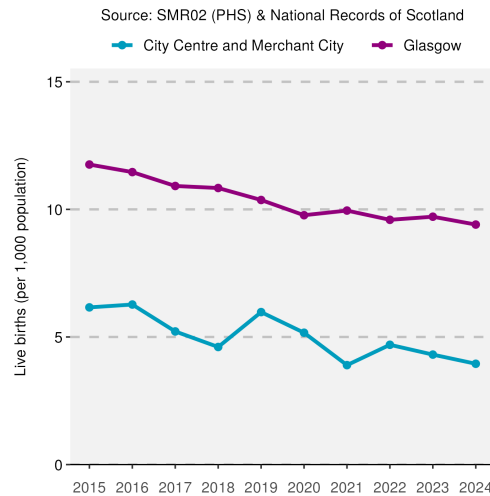
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Neighbourhood/Area trends

Population by age group

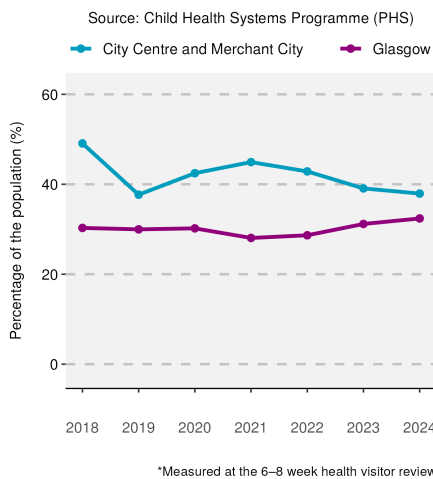


Live births (per 1,000 population)

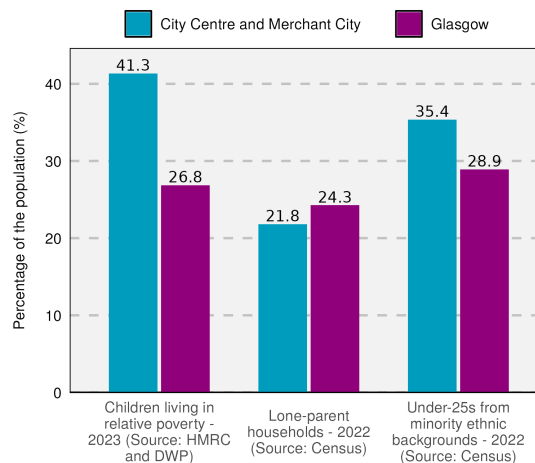


Although 18–24-year-olds in the City Centre and Merchant City continue to dominate the 0–24 age group (169% increase), all age groups have contributed to the overall population increase of 150% since 2011. Live births have fallen in line with Glasgow since 2015 and remain below the average for this area.

Percentage of babies exclusively breast-fed*



Selected indicators compared to Glasgow



Although showing a general decrease in recent years, babies exclusively breast-fed at 6-8 weeks generally continue to fluctuate above the Glasgow average, at 38% in 2024. The percentage of children living in relative poverty and under-25s from minority ethnic backgrounds are above the Glasgow average, whereas lone-parent households is below the average.

Notes

1. Data sources: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020; Census (2001, 2011 and 2022); National Records of Scotland (NRS); Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR01 and SMR02); Child Health Systems Programme (CHSP) and CHSP Schools; Department for Work and Pensions (DWP); HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).
2. All count figures of less than 5 (denoted as *) have been suppressed to avoid any potential identification.
3. This publication has used small area population estimate data published by the NRS on 24 February 2026. This is presented in the population trend chart and used to calculate life expectancy estimates. The NRS update their small area population estimates and previous estimates on an annual basis therefore this data is only representative of the data published upon this date. For further information see: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/publications/small-area-population-estimates-mid-2023-and-mid-2024-2011-data-zones/>
4. Life expectancies are calculated based on population estimates and death registrations. 95% confidence intervals have been added on the graphs to the neighbourhood data to give an indication of their accuracy. The 95% confidence interval for the Glasgow and/or Scotland comparison line has been removed due to the size of the population. This resulted in the confidence interval sitting on the data line making it unreadable. The x-axes of the life expectancy graphs give the mid-year for each life expectancy estimate e.g. 2020 represents the life expectancy estimate for the period 2018-2022.
5. A notes and definitions document providing further information on the variables presented in the profile can be found in the Profiles section of the Understanding Glasgow website: <https://www.understandingglasgow.com/profiles/children-young-people-s-profiles>.